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Color the area red, dark red

Area Republicans have plenty to celebrate in the 2022 mid-term election

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

If Tuesday's election was like a high school football game, it probably would have had a running clock — both in the area and statewide. Let's put it this way: The Republicans blew out the Democrats, who had a reason to be

feeling pretty blue when Wednesday dawned.

The GOP swept almost all the federal and state races — the lone exception, as of Wednesday at least, was a too-close-to-call race between incumbent Democrat Rob Sand and Republican challenger Todd Halbur in the race for state auditor.

Otherwise, it was pretty much a

sea — no, make that an ocean — of red.

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley won an eighth term, all four of Iowa Congressional Districts went Republican, Gov. Kim Reynolds easily won a second full term and the GOP finally got a win over long-time Attorney General Tom Miller, the Democrat who has held the

office for all but four years since 1975.

Locally, Republicans swept all three Iowa Legislature races as Charley Thomson and Pat Grassley easily won Iowa House seats and Sandy Salmon claimed the area's

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City to use ARPA funds for ambulance

Council votes to accept 237,000 for new Nashua Area EMS Service

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

The vote was unanimous. Nashua City officials all voted to accept \$237,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds that have been allocated to the city of 1,500 residents.

The funds can be used to replace public sector revenue to provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic.

Nashua created and then passed a resolution to accept the funds and the funds must be determined by Dec. 31, 2024 and expended by Dec. 31, 2026.

Other important action taken by all five Council members in attendance at last Monday's meeting held at the Nashua Welcome Center included passing an ordinance to establish a volunteer ambulance service in the city.

The city is hoping to have Nashua Area EMS operational and up and running by the start of the New Year after the contract with its current provider runs out on Dec. 31, 2022.

The town has been in limbo and concerned about the future of its EMS (emergency medical services) after it chose to withdraw from the Chickasaw County proposed publicly-owned ambulance service that is scheduled to begin providing service to rural residents in the county, as well as to city residents in Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler, New Hampton and North Washington.

Nashua is also working toward an agreement with AMR (American Medical Response), Floyd County and Charles City to use that EMS as a back-up to its newly-created volunteer ambulance service.

Nashua Area EMS has already established its interim chief in Zenda Vikturek.

Dr. David Schrodt, with the Floyd County Medical Center, has verbally agreed to be

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua's Veterans Memorial Park, just off the lake created by the dam, honors all those who have fought and served in America's armed forces — the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Veterans appreciate their holiday

Nashua-Plainfield will celebrate those that served with two programs on Friday

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Charlie Dietz and his fellow veterans wouldn't miss Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools' annual Veteran Day observances for the world.

"They could have it at 4 in the morning and we'd be there," Dietz said with a laugh. "Now, I'm glad it's at 8:30, but it does mean a lot to us."

And in all seriousness, the two programs — one put on by the students of Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School and the other put on by the

veterans at Nashua-Plainfield Junior and Senior High — is one that veterans look forward to each year.

Some of that anticipation is the fact that veterans can educate the youth on what they went through as they served their country.

Some of it is that the students — both the young ones and the older kids — are always genuine with their thankfulness.

And some of it is this: Many veterans, especially ones during the Vietnam War Era, never

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**Celebrating
our veterans**

Check out annual Veterans Day Commemorative Edition in this edition of the Reporter.



Supervisors remain unsure which fund will be used for EMS

County attorney tells board it can use rural funds to pay the county portion of new ambulance service

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors got the legal go-ahead Monday from County Attorney David Laudner to pay its portion of the new ambulance service with Rural Services Basic (RSB) funds, but board members took no action

on how or if they'll contribute funds to Chickasaw County EMS.

"You've asked whether you can use RSB to cover these costs, and my answer is on the front page and it's yes if you make some determinations and some limits," Laudner told supervisors. "I'm not opining at all as to whether or not that's good policy ... that's up to you guys

to decide. My only answer is a legal answer, not the political answer."

The discussion about how the county would fund its portion of the service that is scheduled to begin on Jan. 1 came after board members approved a number of purchases — including liability insurance and laptop computers — and also approved two agreements with

MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Board members had asked Laudner to prepare an opinion on using RSB, which is funded through rural property taxes, to pay for ambulance service, and in a letter he wrote to supervisors, he said they

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Hope you enjoyed it!

That 66-degree weather we had on Wednesday isn't sticking around; instead, it's going to feel a lot like winter — or at least early winter — this weekend when highs will struggle to get into the 30s and lows will drop into the teens.



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Republicans have plenty to celebrate

ELECTION: FROM 1

State Senate seat. How much of a rout was it for Republicans in Chickasaw and Bremer counties? In both counties where Democrats and Republicans both had candidates, the GOP went 12-1.

The lone Democrats to garner more votes than Republicans were the above-mentioned Sand in Bremer County and incumbent Chickasaw County Recorder Shirley Troyna.

About the only "blue news" for Republicans was the fact that it still wasn't known if the GOP would take control of either the U.S. House or the U.S. Senate.

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will have two new members when the calendar flips to 2023; one was given while the other was up in the air until Tuesday evening when the unofficial vote totals were tabulated.

In District 5, which covers much of the eastern part of the county, Republican challenger Travis Suckow knocked off Democratic incumbent Jason Byrne, who was seeking a third term on the county board.

Suckow garnered 576 votes, or 54.9 percent of the vote, while Byrne was the choice of 473 voters, of 45.1 percent. Byrne had first been elected to the board in 2010, and after losing his seat to Dan Carolan in 2014, he won a rematch in 2018.

Suckow's win was part of a red wave that roared through the county as Republicans were the choice of voters in almost every race.

The Fredericksburg resident will be joined on the board by fellow Republican Scott Cerwinski, the former Nashua city councilman who knocked off incumbent Tim Zoll in the June primary and ran unopposed in Tuesday's general election.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Voters fill in their ballots in Chickasaw County on Tuesday, when Republicans scored major victories over their Democratic rivals.

That will leave the board with four Republicans and just one Democrat, Steve Breitbach, who won a March special election by just two votes.

Meanwhile, the GOP also got a win in the race for country treasurer as Matt Ysbrand received 2,837 votes, or 58.3 percent, to easily turn back Democrat Keith Hoey, who received 1,684 votes, or 34.6 percent. Jackie Bohr, who lost the Republican primary, mounted a write-in campaign, and although the Auditor's Office did not release the names of the write-ins, 349, or 7.2 percent, of voters did cast write-in ballots for the office.

Ysbrand will replace Sue Breitbach, the Democrat who announced earlier this year that she will retire at the end of the year.

The lone Democrat to win in the county was Recorder Shirley Troyna.

She received 2,891 votes, or 58.8 percent, while Zoll, who was nominated by a special Republican convention, garnered 2,016 voters, or 41 percent.

Auditor Sheila Shekleton and County Attorney David Laudner, both ran unopposed.

And Republicans dominated the rest of the county vote to, helping Charley Thomson win the Iowa House of Representatives District 58 race and current State Rep. Sandy Salmon claim the State Senate District 29 seat.

Turnout for the election was relatively high, especially for a mid-term election, as 5,026 ballots were cast, meaning 60.6 percent of registered Chickasaw County voters either voted early or headed to the polls on Tuesday.

The Auditor's Office reported that it received 2,153 absentee ballots by the time polls closed. Under a law passed in 2020, absentee ballots must be returned to the Auditor's Office by that time.

All results from Tuesday's election are unofficial until the Board of Supervisors canvass the election, which is expected to take place next week.

Floyd County voters turn down proposed EMS levy

By Bob Steenson
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Floyd County voters decidedly turned down a question of whether to allow the county to collect taxes to support emergency medical services (EMS) in Tuesday's election.

They also elected three new county supervisors - two of them entirely new to the board, but the third someone who has served previously for several terms.

Voters not only failed to give the EMS levy the necessary 60

percent needed to pass, it didn't even reach a majority, failing with 2,813 "no" votes to 2,622 "yes" votes in unofficial results released Tuesday evening by the Floyd County Auditor's Office.

Supporters of the levy, which would have used a combination of property taxes and an Iowa income tax surtax to raise up to \$556,000 annually for 10 years to support EMS services throughout the county, have said that without the tax, cities and the county will struggle to come up with the funds to support ambulance service and other EMS services in the county.

Opponents questioned where the numbers for the proposed maximum tax came from, arguing that the amount proposed was more than twice

the amount (\$200,000) that Charles City and Floyd County currently pay for ambulance service from American Medical Response (AMR).

With the levy failing, the designation of EMS as an "essential service" in Floyd County that the current Board of Supervisors had passed, becomes void, and a future board would need to begin the essential service process from the beginning if it wanted to go for another EMS levy vote.

In the county supervisor race, where all three seats were open because of new districting, the only incumbent running, Doug Kamm, was defeated in Supervisor District 1, coming in third to the winner, former supervisor and state legislator Mark Kuhn, and to

second-place finisher Julius Bryant. Kuhn had 875 votes (42.8 percent), Bryant had 708 (34.7 percent) and Kamm had 459 (33.5 percent).

Kuhn was a county supervisor for 2 1/2 terms from 1992 to 1998 before being elected to the Legislature and serving in the Iowa House from 1999 to 2010. He was elected to two more terms as a supervisor from 2011 to 2018.

Political newcomer Dennis Keifer handily defeated Josh Mack, who is also currently a Charles City school board member, by a vote tally of 940 to 779, (54.6 percent to 45.3 percent) in Supervisor District 2.

In the Supervisor District 3, Jeff Hawbaker defeated James Lundberg and Jayson Ryner, with votes of 875 Floyd County voters turn down EMS levy, install three new supervisors (45.6 percent), 716 (37.4 percent) and 320 (16.7 percent) respectively.

The supervisor candidates have all said that political parties don't mean much and have little influence on how decisions are made at that level of government, but for the record the two newcomers, Keifer and Hawbaker, are Republicans, and Kuhn is a Democrat.

A big thank you to everyone who supported me in the election. I appreciate it very much.
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U.S. SENATE	ATTORNEY GENERAL
Michael Franken (D).....1,665	Tom Miller (D).....5,094
Chuck Grassley (R).....3,274	Brenna Bird (R).....5,765
U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2	STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29
Liz Mathis (D).....1,746	Jenn Wolff (D).....4,273
Ashley Hinson (R).....3,197	Sandy Salmon (R).....6,710
GOVERNOR	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 57
Deidre DeJear (D).....1,292	Carissa Forum (D).....3,307
Kim Reynolds (R).....3,568	Pat Grassley (R).....4,446
Rick Steward (Lib).....76	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58
SECRETARY OF STATE	Dene Lundberg (D).....920
Joel Miller (D).....1,389	Charley Thomson (R)....2,215
Paul Pate (R).....3,433	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 2
STATE AUDITOR	Corey Cerwinski (R)....3,082
Rob Sand (D).....2,222	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 3
Todd Halbur (R).....2,606	Dewey Hildebrandt (R) 2,663
STATE TREASURER	Timothy Neil (NP).....837
Michael Fitzgerald (D)....2,049	COUNTY TREASURER
Roby Smith (R).....2,777	Erin Pratt (D).....4,206
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	Adam Hoffman (R).....6,569
John Norwood (D).....1,202	COUNTY RECORDER
Mike Naig (R).....3,634	Missy Thurm (R).....9,078
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Jill Dashner (D).....4,851
Tom Miller (D).....2,155	Darius Robinson (R)5,732
Brenna Bird (R).....2,726	FEDERAL AND STATE TOTALS
STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29	U.S. SENATE
Jenn Wolff (D).....1,548	Michael Franken (D)....531,744
Sandy Salmon (R).....3,265	Chuck Grassley (R) ..679,040
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58	U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2
Dene Lundberg (D).....1,710	Liz Mathis (D).....146,259
Charley Thomson (R)....3,044	Ashley Hinson (R)172,336
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 2	GOVERNOR
Scott Cerwinski (R).....718	Deidre DeJear (D).....481,538
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 5	Kim Reynolds (R)706,622
Jason Byrne (D).....473	Rick Steward (Lib).....28,893
Travis Suckow (R).....576	SECRETARY OF STATE
COUNTY TREASURER	Joel Miller (D).....479,003
Keith Hoey (D).....1,684	Paul Pate (R).....720,700
Matthew Ysbrand (R)....2,837	STATE AUDITOR
COUNTY RECORDER	Rob Sand (D).....598,818
Shirley Troyna (D).....2,891	Todd Halbur (R).....595,700
Tim Zoll (R).....2,016	STATE TREASURER
COUNTY ATTORNEY	Michael Fitzgerald (D) 582,200
David Launder (R).....4,211	Roby Smith (R).....612,717
BREMER COUNTY	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. SENATE	John Norwood (D).....462,200
Michael Franken (D).....4,334	Mike Naig (R).....727,723
Chuck Grassley (R).....6,628	ATTORNEY GENERAL
U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2	Tom Miller (D).....589,081
Liz Mathis (D).....4,418	Brenna Bird (R).....609,190
Ashley Hinson (R).....6,652	STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29
GOVERNOR	Jenn Wolff (D).....9,089
Deidre DeJear (D).....3,811	Sandy Salmon (R)17,217
Kim Reynolds (R).....6,975	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 57
Rick Steward (Lib).....275	Carissa Forum (D).....4,885
SECRETARY OF STATE	Pat Grassley (R).....8,889
Joel Miller (D).....3,620	STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58
Paul Pate (R).....7,255	Dene Lundberg (D).....5,086
STATE AUDITOR	Charley Thomson (R)....7,365
Rob Sand (D).....5,461	SOURCE: Iowa Secretary of State Office
Todd Halbur (R).....5,384	
STATE TREASURER	
Michael Fitzgerald (D)....4,811	
Roby Smith (R).....5,991	
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE	
John Norwood (D).....3,441	

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary to kick off Veterans Day programs

VETERANS DAY: FROM 1

received the welcome home they deserved for giving so much to their fellow countrymen.

"A lot of guys I know, they didn't get any kind of welcome, any kind of thanks for what they did," said Dietz, who served in the Army Reserves from 1965 to 1971, "and that's not right. Some guys didn't come home, but when you're serving, you give up a lot - time with family, those special days and all that stuff."

A year ago, Dietz was the keynote speaker at the program put on by the veterans.

His message in 2021 was

simple.

"If you need a meal, thank a farmer," he said. "If you have food on the table, thank a trucker, and if you eat in peace, thank a veteran. ... We are home of the free because of the brave."

As he and fellow veterans prepare for "their holiday," they are appreciative that they live in as part of the country that honors their service.

Put it this way: At the 8:30 a.m. elementary program and the 10 a.m. high school program, they will hear two words - thank you - over and over.

"Those, to a veteran, are the two best words," Dietz said. "It shows us that people appreciate what we did, what we gave up."

New Hampton church to serve Thanksgiving dinner on holiday

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner in New Hampton is slated for Thursday, Nov. 24 on Thanksgiving Day at the Trinity Lutheran Church's fellowship hall located at 223 S. Water Avenue.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a free-will donation and proceeds from the meal will help benefit the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

The dinner consists of a full turkey and ham dinner with dessert. No reservations are needed.

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Sheriff shares report with Nashua council

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Nashua's medical director on a volunteer basis.

Nashua City Clerk John Ott stated the labor costs to run Nashua's new EMS would run about \$10,000 a year based on the per-average call rate for a 12-month period from prior years.

Nashua has tentatively purchased an ambulance from Life Ambulance Network – a company based out of Illinois. The ambulance is a 2004 Ford Diesel with 85,000 miles on it.

Nashua has determined its suggested compensation for the EMS crew and that boiled down to a pay rate of \$30 an hour for an EMT (emergency medical technician), \$25 an hour for a driver, and \$20 an hour for an attendant. The medical director and crew chief would each be paid \$150 a month.

Council members also voted to purchase \$3 million in insurance legal liability for automobile claims and general liability claims, as well as public officials wrongful acts and law enforcement claims.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann also informed the Council during his monthly report that two individuals were arrested in early October in Nashua on burglary charges.

Harley Ray Onken, an 18-year-old with a Charles City

address, was taken into custody after being charged with burglary third-degree (aggravated misdemeanor) and attempted burglary third-degree (serious misdemeanor). Hemann said Onken is suspected of breaking into cars on Monday, Oct. 3 in the 400 block of Brasher inside the Nashua city limits. Hemann said the case remains under investigation with more arrests/charges pending.

Later that week on Friday, Oct. 7, Destiny Dawn Olson of Nashua was arrested and charged with burglary third-degree (Class D felony) and criminal mischief fourth-degree (serious misdemeanor) as a result of an ongoing investigation into several burglaries at the Nashua Area Food Pantry.

City officials also discussed at length Nashua's policy in its city ordinance as it pertains to utility billing toward absentee residents/snowbirds.

There was also a decent amount of discussion about the city's snow dumping/removal policy.

Council members all agreed to take a look at these city policies and come up with more detailed and specific language for each ordinance in the near future.

Hal Kelleher acted as Mayor Pro Tem as Mayor Alex Anthofer was not present.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Not quite there yet ...

A farmer gets some post-harvest fieldwork completed Wednesday afternoon east of Nashua, and although there are growers who have completed their harvest, there are others still working to get their corn, and even a few soybeans, out of their fields. According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's weekly Iowa crop report, farmers in the Northeast District have harvested 98 percent of their beans and 76 percent of their corn while in the North Central District, all the soybeans have been harvested and just 6 percent of the corn crop remains.

Applications now being taken for heating bill assistance

With the winter heating season around the corner, applications for the state-administered, federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, are open. The funding is available for those who are struggling financially and qualify for state assistance.

In addition to LIHEAP, there may be other assistance available. Customers are urged to contact their local community action agency about payment assistance options, as well as the state agency that administers low-income energy assistance.

"We encourage customers who are facing financial challenges to apply for LIHEAP

funds and other assistance through their local community outreach office or state LIHEAP administrator," Mike Gehringer, vice president of customer operations for MidAmerican Energy, said. "For qualifying households, these extra funds can help ease the strain on monthly budgets."

To be eligible for LIHEAP in Iowa, the total household income for an applicant must be at or below 200 percent of the 2022 federal poverty guidelines.

For example, a single-person household is eligible with an annual gross income at or below \$27,180.

A family of four is eligible with an annual gross income

at or below \$55,500. The program began taking applications October 1 for those 60 years old or older and will accept applications beginning November 1 for all others. The program accepts applications through April 30,

2023. Chickasaw County residents should call 641-394-2007 while Bremer County residents should call 319-352-4532 for more information on the program.

Leslie Eugene Havens, 66

Leslie Eugene Havens, age 66 of Plainfield and formerly of Fredericksburg, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Waverly Health Center, surrounded by family.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg with Pastor Scott Smith presiding.

Interment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022.

County can't use rural funds to pay 'overages'

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

could ... to an extent.

The idea behind starting a county-owned ambulance service began with the county paying 40 percent of the costs with the eight cities in the county contributing 60 percent on a per capita basis. When Alta Vista and Nashua decided not to join the new service, an agreement was reached in which the remaining cities would not be charged more with the loss of two cities.

Under 28E agreements the county signed with the cities of New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington, the cities agreed to pay the county the rates first proposed, but technically, the agreements only require to provide there service.

"The bottom line is you're responsible for the service, you're responsible for the service whether it costs you \$100,000, \$400,000 or \$4 million a year," he said. "You're responsible for the service with the assistance of the money from the cities so if the money is sufficient to cover the service, then that's sufficient. Then you don't have to kick in anything, quite frankly. ... That's

how the 28Es work."

Supervisor Jake Hackman, who has opposed using RSB to fund the new service, asked what happens if the county has to cover more than it's original costs?

"What my answer is that you can only use rural services money up to the extent that it's covering 'the rural people' based upon the proportion of the people that are part of the 28E agreements and the project in general. So if in fact the cities are paying X and you're rural services, if you decide, to pay Y and the bill is 2X and 2Y, then you're going to have find the rest of that money from somewhere else."

Hackman wondered aloud about the residents of the two non-participating cities if the county had to use General Basic/General Service funds to cover shortfalls.

"If it did have to come from GB/GS," he said. "what about the poor cities of Nashua and Alta Vista? Because they pay into GB/GS."

Laudner said "that's a political question, not a legal question. If they feel like there's legal action to be taken, so be it."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn

said that he supported using the RSB to fund the county's share.

"I support up to that 40 percent, which is what we did the numbers off of, to come from rural Basic and County Betterment, as it is done now," he said. "If there's overages, if we need more than that 40 percent, then we have to do some thinking. Hopefully, we don't get to that point."

He got support from both Jason Byrne and Steve Breitbach.

"I'm with you," Byrne said. "I think it's our duty to put in our portion as well ... however, we're doing it now."

Breitbach chimed in with just two words – "I agree."

Hackman, though, said before the county decides how to fund its portion of the service, the county needs to have a budget for the new service.

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson said he has started working on a budget and when Hackman said the board needs to see a budget by next week, Knutson said he would try to have one ready.

Hackman also asked what would happen if rural townships decided to opt for EMS services out of Nashua or Elma,

which will provide service to Alta Vista, and also brought up the 12 sections in the southeastern part of the county that currently use SEMS Ambulance Service.

In the end, when Kuhn asked if anyone wanted to make a motion, the room went silent.

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The following list includes age appropriate milestones. This may be helpful in determining if a child could benefit from pediatric occupational therapy.

- Doesn't reach for/interact with toys by 6 months of age
- Doesn't bring hands together at midline by 6 month of age
- Unable to complete finger feeding by age 1
- Unable to use utensils to feed self by age 2
- Unable to draw/copy simple shapes by age 4
- Difficulty cutting paper by age 4
- Unable to complete buttons or zippers by age 5
- Unable to write letters by age 5 or poor handwriting in older children
- Upper extremity weakness or discoordination
- Demonstrates dislike of clothing or textures
- Becomes anxious or distressed when brushing teeth/hair, taking baths, etc.
- Sensitivity to bright lights
- Sensitivity to loud noises
- Difficulty sitting still and/or focusing

If you feel your child is behind in meeting these milestones, it might be time to discuss a referral to occupational therapy with your pediatrician. Advocating for your child's development is the best way to ensure they reach their highest potential!

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The full vacancy announcement with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at www.usajobs.gov by searching in the keywords vacancy announcement number #FSACO-11708603-23-IA-KW.
This vacancy has an opening date of November 3rd, 2022, and a closing date of November 16th, 2022.
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Huskies reap rewards after second straight trip to playoffs

ALL-DISTRICT: FROM 6

the charge for N-P under center at quarterback. The stellar multi-sport Husky star was also one of Class A's best defensive backs.

"Bo is a great all-around player and athlete, but maybe a better leader. He was asked to do a lot for us this year and met every challenge," said Christensen. "Personally, I think he is one of the best DBs in the state, even though his stats aren't that impressive. That is because people hardly challenged him."

Harrington – guiding Christensen's explosive wing-T offense – still found time to rack up decent numbers through the air in addition to his 311 rushing yards and four scores on the ground. Harrington completed 50 percent of his passes (45-90) and threw for eight touchdowns against nine interceptions. He also averaged around 36 yards as N-P's punter.

"As a quarterback he led our offense so well, understanding what was needed, and he stepped up for us in a real area of need and was one of the best punters in the state," said Christensen.

Harrington also intercepted two passes (one for a touchdown) at his cornerback position and racked up 25 tackles.

Lamborn was an absolute beast at his defensive end position in his final year for the Huskies. The 6-7 disrupter on the edge led Class A in tackles for loss (20.5) – tied with East Buchanan's Cody Fox. Lamborn led his district in sacks with 8.5. "Overall he was one of the best defensive players in the district, and that is truly saying something with how difficult our district was top to bottom. Beyond that he really transformed himself in the weight room this year and was another great leader as a senior," said Christensen.

N-P will have two pivotal pieces back next fall in 2023 as White and Evans return to help solidify what the Huskies have been able to accomplish with two postseason berths in the last two seasons.

White was third in the district in tackles (80.5) and registered 7.5 tackles for loss. He is an extremely adept offensive lineman who is quick and nimble on his feet. He was N-P's main pulling guard that helped the Huskies rack up a district-leading 2,081 yards on the ground.

White was second-team all-district in 2021.

"Tate was one of the most physically imposing players in our district. Tate was a kid we always found a way to run behind if we needed a big run, and he almost always came through," said Christensen. "On defense he lead the team in tackles, and is always around the ball, even when he didn't make the tackle."

Evans, with his tall, lanky frame, was a punishing runner at fullback and could inflict just as much damage to opposing offenses at his strong-side linebacker/safety spot.

Evans led the team in rushing with 827 yards (eight touchdowns) and gained 100 yards receiving on six catches. He made 45.5 stops on defense



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield head coach Andrew Christensen and his staff led the Huskies to a second-straight state football playoff appearance this fall.

and picked off three passes – returning one for a touchdown. Evans blocked several extra-point attempts and led the Huskies in kickoff return yardage (169).

"Titus is another hard-nosed kid who did so much for us this year. He wasn't a runner that you could bring down with one guy," said Christensen. "He grew a ton as a player in pass coverage and he was already good against the run. Then he was asked to return kicks and be on most of the special teams."

Pratt was a repeat selection on the second team and like Lamborn – battled injuries over the course of the season. While Pratt wasn't 100 percent healthy, he pushed through the pain and had an impressive end to his Husky career. He was a stalwart up front on the offensive line and plugged holes when he was called upon in the trenches on the defensive side of the ball. He finished with 10.5 tackles (1.5 of those for loss).

It was Pratt's intangibles – like his mentally strong game – that really benefitted the Huskies.

"He's by far the smartest football player we have. Often times 'Lando' was like having another coach on the field. He was slowed by an injury this year, but gutted through it," said Christensen. "You really never saw what he was fully capable of because of the injury, which was unfortunate. Again, like every other senior, he was a great leader and will be missed."

Winters came up with big plays again this year for the Huskies. He nabbed an honorable-mention spot on the all-district team last year, but upped his game to reel in a second-team selection.

Winters moved to strong-side defensive end this fall and also hauled in big pass plays at his tight end slot. He also carried the ball for 75 yards on just six carries to go along with a touchdown. He caught 11 passes for 176 yards and three scores.

Winters accumulated 23 tackles (four TFL).

"Joel was asked to play a much bigger role this year and did so very well. As the strong-side end, sometimes a player's numbers aren't as good, which you could kind of see this year



Franzen Gelner Pratt Winters Carey Geise

with Joel. But as coaches we understood how valuable he was. As a tight end he was always able to get open and was a key blocker in the run game," Christensen said.

Franzen did a little bit of everything – whether that was running, catching, returning kicks or making plays at his safety position. He caught seven balls for 111 yards and two scores. He also generated 19.5 tackles.

"Tucker's another very intelligent all-around athlete that gets the most out of his abilities. He understands so well what his job is that he's able to use that to his advantage and be successful in all areas of the game. He is also a kid you can trust in just about any spot to make the correct play and help the team out," said Christensen.

The future is very bright for Gelner after a sensational sophomore campaign. Gelner was the fourth-best rusher (right behind Evans) in the district with 805 yards. He averaged six yards a pop and tied with Evans for the team lead in rushing touchdowns (eight). Gelner also returned a kickoff 87 yards for a score in the season opener versus North Butler.

"He was asked to play a huge role in our offense this year as a sophomore and more than met the challenge. He was a player that did a great job of getting himself ready for the season. He has a natural ability as a running back to read blocks and get the most out of carries. That isn't easily taught," said Christensen.

Christensen will have even loftier expectations for Gelner when he becomes an upperclassman and starts to understand and excel at the game at an even higher level.

"I think over the next two years, as he continues to get more confident and bigger and stronger, he could be one of the best backs in the state," Christensen added.

Former Nashua-Plainfield star on Wartburg basketball team

Austin Bienemann is back on the basketball court, and the former Nashua-Plainfield star saw his college action this past Monday during the Knights game at the University of Northern Iowa.

The D-I Panthers rolled to a 105-49 win over Division III Wartburg, but Bienemann, who graduated from N-P in 2021, did score four points, dished out a pair of assists and a rebound in his first competitive

basketball game in more than 20 months.

Wartburg has two more road games on tap before the Knights open their home season with a game against Concordia University next Friday.

News Briefs

Sheriff's Office arrests Wisconsin man with active warrant in Ionia

The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office arrested a Wisconsin man who is a convicted felon and had an active arrest warrant out of Wisconsin's Dane County.

Elijah Enoch John Caldwell of Delavan, Wisconsin, was arrested Monday after deputies received a report of an assault and a felon in possession of a firearm at 1525 210th Street, Ionia.

At 5:30 p.m., with the assistance of the Iowa State Patrol Tactical Team, an arrest warrant for a felon in possession of a firearm, a Class D felony, was served on Caldwell.

He was taken into custody without incident, and he was also charged with domestic abuse assault while displaying a weapon.

Caldwell is currently behind held on a \$25,000 cash-only bond.

In addition to the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and the State Patrol Tactical Team, others assisting during the incident included the Iowa State Patrol K-9 units, the New Hampton Fire Department, Chickasaw Ambulance Service, the Wisconsin Department of Probation and Parole and the Chickasaw County Attorney's Office.

County recorders don't want area veterans to be scammed

The Iowa County Recorders Association is reminding all veterans that recording or requesting military records or always free of charge.

In recent weeks, the association said there have been reports of a third-party company that has been charging veterans to record these documents.

Iowa law requires that recorder's offices have on permanent record military discharges that have been presented for recording by the veterans themselves.

Those records are confidential except for a few cases, and veterans are also eligible to submit legal copies of their DD214 to the county recorder's office in the county in which they reside.

Veterans and entitled immediate family members may request in-person or complete a military discharge application.

Association members are reminding veterans that all records not recorded in a local county can be requested from the National Personnel Records Center.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw County Recorder's Office at 641-394-2336.

Ernst staff to hold traveling office hours next week in Northeast Iowa

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) announced that her office will be holding traveling office hours in every county throughout the state during the month of November.

Senator Ernst will not be at the traveling office hours.

Representatives from Senator Ernst's office will be available to assist Iowans with problems or questions about issues involving Social Security, veterans' benefits, military affairs, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs.

Constituents seeking assistance with federal agencies who are unable to attend the traveling office hours can contact one of the senator's offices directly or submit a casework request online at www.Ernst.senate.gov.

- Area sites are as follows:
- Chickasaw County: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the New Hampton Public Library, 20 West Spring Street in New Hampton.
 - Fayette County: Thursday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the West Union Community Library Conference Room, 210 North Vine Street in West Union.
 - Winneshiek County: Thursday, Nov. 17, noon to 1 pm., Decorah Public Library Public Meeting Room, 202 Winnebago Street in Decorah.



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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW IN THE DEC. 2 REPORTER

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City of Nashua NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa located at Nashua City Hall 402 Main Street in Nashua, Iowa at 7:00 PM on November 21, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to solicit citizen input on a Special Permit for Chickasaw County to utilize 25 acres of land purchased in Nashua to construct a Land Mobile Radio Communication Tower approximately 300' in height to be used by all local Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Emergency Management, Secondary Roads, City Works, and State agencies using the ISICS system.
Any persons wishing to be heard on this matter will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through the day of the public hearing at the Nashua City Hall PO Box 38 Nashua, Iowa 50658. Oral questions or comments can be directed to City Hall at 641.435.4156.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

October 31, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, October 31, 2022, at 9:00 am with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Bridgette Edson, Kathy Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing, Custodian Dave Gorman, New Hampton Economic Development Megan Baltes and Tara Hackman, Vrzak Insurance Bob Vrzak.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for October 31, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from October 24, 2022 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Public Comment
Chairman Kuhn discussed why we did not go into close session last week. The motion failed due to needing a 2/3 vote to enter closed session.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to act and have chair sign the Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for **Highway Safety Improvement Program - Secondary Federal-aid SWAP Project (HSIP-SWAP-CO19(112)-FJ-19**. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to authorize County Engineer to approve quote for two **Mack Granite 64FR Tandem Axle Dump Trucks for \$552,614.00** by GATR of Cedar Rapids, Inc./Henderson Product, Inc. pending budget approval. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to pledge \$5,000.00 to the TRIBE Trail project phase 3 from Betterment Fund pending approval of the Enhance Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism grant and budget amendment. Roll Call Aye-Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman. Motion Carried.

Discussed the New Nashua Tower Project.

Discussed radio project and Jeff Bernatz has been updating firmware and helping everyone get up and going.
Discussed Northeast Iowa Response Group 28E and we are checking to see if we get a refund.

Discussed Chickasaw County Ambulance Service insurance

VFIS came in with a bid of \$16,816.00 (Which includes Portable Equipment \$469.00, Auto \$8,373.00, General Liability \$3,667.00, Management Liability \$2,768.00 and Excess Liability \$1,539.00) and National indemnity Company came in with \$15,615.00 (Which includes Liability \$3,063.00, UM – BI only 252.00, UIM – BI Only N/A, Medical Payments \$102.00 and Physical Damage \$12,198.00).

Discussed recruitment event, November 3, 2022, at the Chickasaw Event Center, 301 North Water Ave, NH starting at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to readvertise the PT EMS positions on the county website till filled. Roll Call. Aye-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll. Nay-Hackman.

Discussed Chickasaw County Ambulance Service with regards to disposable equipment, Airgas Contract, director spending authority and credit card, job applications received for the EMS; Drivers 3, EMT 14 and Paramedics 3, and funding mechanisms.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to acknowledge Deb Rosonke as the new hire for the custodial position at \$18.50 per hour full time and start date

November 15, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussed letter to Department Heads about budget work session for FY23-24.

Discussed location for Rural Recycling is good at 910 E Main till December 31, 2022.

Committee Assignment
Supervisor Kuhn – Ambulance Advisory Committee 10-25-22
Supervisor Hackman- Pathways 10-24-22 CSS 10-26-22

Supervisor Byrne- Iowa Workforce 10-27-22
Supervisor Zoll – FMC Landfill 10-25-22 and Heartland 10-27-22
Supervisor Breitbach – NEI Community Action 10-24-22

Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to adjourn at 11:16 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, Breitbach. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
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Nashua-Plainfield's Class A, District 3 first-team selections includes seniors Bo Harrington (above) and (from left) Aiden Lanborn and juniors Titus Evans and Tate White.

Nashua-Plainfield's Harrington, Lamborn, Evans, White named to the first team by district coaches

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The stats will tell one story. But the Nashua-Plainfield football season was so much more than what one could explore from a box score.

There were highs and there were lows – winning moments and setbacks that tested even the best of a player's resolve.

In the end, 2022 added up to another postseason berth for Andrew Christensen's Huskies in what was an award-winning season all the way around.

Christensen – in his third year of building the Husky program back up to a higher standard of winning – saw 10 of his players crack the all-district squad.

This is the second year in a row that the Huskies have garnered 10 selections on the three-team district squad. On the first team this fall were seniors Bo Harrington and Aiden Lamborn, as well as juniors Tate White and Titus Evans.

Filling out the second team were seniors Landon Pratt, Joel Winters,

junior Tucker Franzen and sophomore Aiden Gelnor.

Two Huskies were tabbed for the honorable mention team in junior Trae Geise and sophomore Jackson Carey.

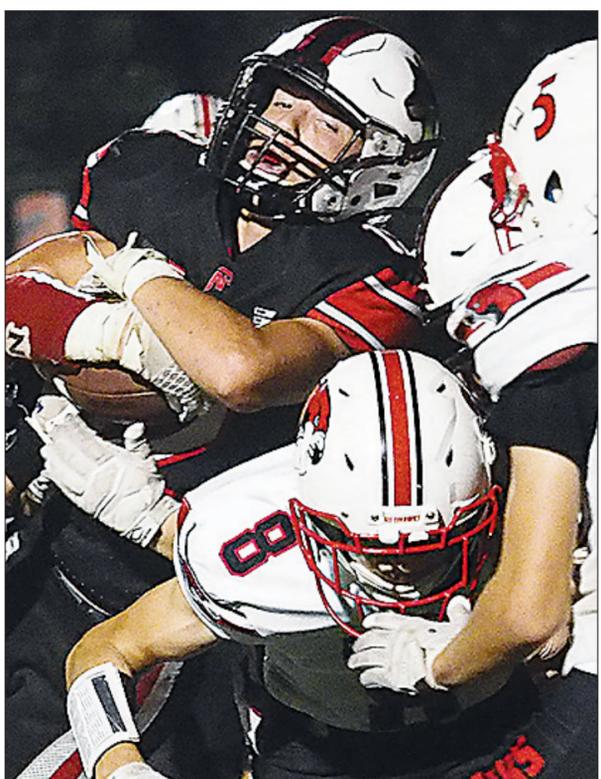
"This was a team where there were some very deserving players that did not get recognized. Some years that is not the case," said Christensen.

N-P (5-4, 3-3) tangled with two of the better teams in Class A, District 3 in three-time defending state runner-up Grundy Center and ninth-rated Wapsie Valley. The No. 2 Spartans defeated N-P, 35-8, and Wapsie Valley took down the Huskies 41-6 in the second game of the regular season. N-P also lost to Hudson, 20-14, in the regular season finale. The Huskies also encountered a 44-16 setback at the hands of the defending state champ – No. 1 West Hancock – in the first round of the playoffs.

The Huskies outscored their other five opponents – all victories – 182 to 50.

Harrington – a second-team all-district selection as a junior – helped lead

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We all have veterans who mean the world to us

It's probably my most prized possession, and it's a daily reminder to me that we all have our favorite veteran.

It's really simple actually. A flag, a flag display case, a picture and dog tags that belonged to my father, who proudly served his country for 21 years in the United States Air Force.



Bob Fenske is the editor of the New Hampton Tribune and the Nashua Reporter; he can be reached by email at editor@nhtrib.com.

The display case was a gift from the members of the Forest City American Legion post and was given to me shortly after my father passed away in October 2005.

We hadn't lived in Forest City very long — less than a year — when my father lost his valiant battle against lung cancer, but in his one and only trip to see our new hometown, Dad had a chance to meet several of

the fellas.

He and my step-mom, Nadine, had come down to visit one day, and after lunch, I wanted to show him my office at the Forest City Summit. Hell, I had spent a couple of hours cleaning it the day before just to make a good impression on him.

He never did see the office, because as we got out of the car, he noticed the sign for the Legion Hall.

"Hey, let's stop in and see if anyone's around," he said.



The author's father — Melroy Fenske — served his country in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1972.



“Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, a Veteran doesn't have that problem.”

– Ronald Reagan

What do you see when you close your eyes and imagine a Veteran? Do you see the kindly old gentleman that might be handing out the Poppy Flowers at store fronts? Do you see those fellows with cap, shirts, or stickers that say “Vietnam, I was there”? Do you see the Grave Markers that say WWI, WWII, Korea or Gulf War? When I think about a Veteran, I see a young person sitting in a foxhole praying they might live another day or see their family and friends again. I think about the Veteran that suffers from PTSD and is contemplating ending the very life within themselves. When I think about a Veteran, I see a young individual that signed a contract with the United States of America to protect her and her residents from enemies, Foreign and Domestic, to such a degree that they would lay down their life for her! The next time you pick up your cell phone, get in your car or walk free down the street, Thank a Veteran for that right! Do it frequently and remember just what these people sacrificed so that you may have those freedoms that we take for granted. God Bless every Veteran, keep them safe, make sure they know they are appreciated! We owe them that as American Citizens!

Keith Elenz

Chickasaw County Veterans Service Officer



Invitation to our Community for Veterans Day

Friday, November 11th

11:00 am - Program/Ceremony at Chickasaw County Court House

The program will feature New Hampton High School Band, Brian Quirk, Clark Budweg & Firing Squad from Fae Stine Post 38. Keynote Speaker will be Nick Shatek, USAF, Sue Sira, Pastor with Zion Immanuel Lutheran Church for benediction and invocation. If inclement weather, the event will be held in the Chickasaw Event Center.

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It wasn't really a suggestion because he was already headed toward the door, and sure enough, there was a card game or two or three going on.

I walked in behind Dad, thinking maybe I should introduce him to the guys, but if there was one truth about Mel Fenske, it was this: He was most at home when he was with his fellow veterans.

Before I could say a word, he was introducing himself to the veterans of Forest City.

I knew at that very moment that I had lost, and that my office — my sparkling, pristine office — was no match for a group of veterans and the stories they could swap.

"You play cards, Mel," Bob Rollefson asked? "Is the Pope Catholic?"

And with that, Dad sat down at the table and said, "Hey, you go get some work done and I'll be over in a little bit, OK? I'm just going to play a hand or two."

Two hours later, my cell phone rang.

My wife at the time asked me if I was teaching my dad how to put out a paper?

"He's at the Legion," I told Robin, and she couldn't help but laugh.

"That's your Dad to a T; tell him Nadine got up from her nap and she's wondering if her husband is going to ever return."

I trooped the two "storefronts" down to the Legion and told dad that we needed to get home. One of his new-found best friends had to leave, and they were in the middle of a game of 500.

"Hey Bobby, sit down and help me finish these guys off," he said. "It should only take a hand or two."

So I sat down, thinking we had like 450 or so points and I looked at the score sheet and saw we were at 450 ... a minus 450.

We hung on for about five or six hands — and about five or six dozen stories in between hands — before we finally went out ... as in reaching a minus 500.

A couple of months later, Dad would be gone, and as we greeted friends, family and enough Legion members to form a division, I looked up and saw six or seven guys from the Forest City American Legion.

I hadn't cried much, but for some reason, seeing those guys — knowing that they had given my dad one of the best days of his waning life — opened the tear ducts.

On these pages are the names of hundreds of veterans from Chickasaw County, some who served the Union in the Civil War; some who are serving our county today.

Each year that we put out this Veterans Day Commemorative Edition, I see those names and realize that each one was or is someone's favorite veteran.

My favorite veteran isn't from Chickasaw County so there is no Melroy W. Fenske listed on these pages.

But I think his story is like so many others who are listed on these pages.

He grew up on a farm near the small southern Minnesota town of Gibbon — home to the coolest eight-lane bowling alley and the famous Gibbon Ballroom.

Dad enlisted in the Air Force soon after graduating from high school in 1951, and found a way of life he loved.

Well, after basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he did.

"Hottest six months of my life," he told me one day, and I looked at him with a strange look. "Geez, Dad, how many times did you fail basic training?"

"Trust me," he replied, "when you're running around in 100-degree heat, you lose all track of time."

But he made it through basic and went on to serve his country until 1972.

The service was my Dad's life. He met his wife, my mom, in London. My older sis-

ter was born in the British capitol. I came along a few years later and said hello to the world in a hospital on an Air Force base in Wiesbaden, West Germany.

Dad was proud of his service, at a time when it was easy to serve. He volunteered to go to Vietnam, a war that tore this country apart. When he came home, they told him that it might not be wise to wear his uniform.

"The hell with that," he said. "I'm proud to be an American serviceman. Period."

It's been 17 years since Dad has told me a service story — be it about the many bowling tournaments he participated in, representing the Air Force, or the time he came to the base housing in London and told my mom that he was going to be gone for a while and he'd be home as soon as he could.

It was October 1962, and only 10 days later did my mom and her fellow service wives find out about the Cuban Missile Crisis.

I guess what I'm saying is I miss my favorite veteran, and as we get ready to celebrate Veterans Day, I'd like you to do me a favor.

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Ron Pethoud, who served in the United States Air Force from 1987 to 2014, salutes the flag during the playing of the National Anthem at a Veterans Day observance that was held in the new commons area at New Hampton Middle School.

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PETHOUD STAYS CONNECTED WITH FORMER MILITARY LIFE THROUGH THE AMERICAN LEGION

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Ron Pethoud laughed when he was asked about the number of times he moved during his long career in the United States Air Force.

"Well, let's put it this way, when we moved to New Hampton, it was probably the first time Catherine [his oldest daughter] ever got a chance to re-arrange her room," he said, "because before that, we moved every two or three years. It's a different life, the service is, and families go through a lot."

But Ron Pethoud has no regrets about choosing the service back in 1986.

He was a year away from graduating from Harlan High School in southwest Iowa when he went through the Air Force's "delayed enlistment" program.

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— AIR FORCE VETERAN RON PETHOUD
 ON HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION

"Basically, I signed up, went to school for my senior year and then went to Lackland for basic training," the New Hampton resident said. "The idea was it would help me get my college paid for, and honestly, I was a kid who probably needed to grow up and mature a little."

But the Air Force turned into a career for Pethoud, and he still got plenty of his college covered — earning an associate's degree, a bachelor's and two master's degrees (in criminal justice and military science — while serving his country.

He spent much of his Air Force career with security forces, beginning as a law-enforcement officer and then serving in nuclear security. He spent years overseas — including three years in England and four tours in the, as he put it, the "desert."

For 27 years, Pethoud traveled the country and the world. He met his wife, Shannon, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and both his children — Catherine, a senior at New Hampton High School and Ron III, who goes by RW and is a high school freshman — were born while he was serving his country.

"I think one of the things that people don't always

understand about the service is how much your family goes through," Pethoud said. "We joke about Catherine's re-arranging her room, but we moved to New Hampton when she was in sixth grade and it was her fifth school she had attended. I'm so appreciative that they supported me. Families are the unsung heroes in the military."

When Pethoud retired in 2014, he landed a job with the Farm Service Agency, which brought him back home to Iowa, albeit in a different corner of the state.

He is one of the more active members of the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38, and it's not an uncommon sight to see Pethoud at events ranging from Veterans Day and Memorial Day observances to parades to serving on the color guard at various sporting events.

In other words, he's a big believer in the Legion in particular and all veterans groups in general.

"I think it's one of those things where you find that same camaraderie you had in the service," he said. "We've been through the same things, we've faced a lot of the same challenges and obviously the Legions and VFWs and the groups do a lot for veterans."

Veterans Day is a special day for Pethoud, and not just because it's a day in which he and millions of other Americans who have served in the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard are honored.

"I love Veterans Day," he said, "but then again, it's my son's birthday so that's another big reason to love Nov. 11."

But he also appreciates one more thing about his son's birthday.

"You know, it is nice when people come up and say thank you," he said. "It means a lot to all of us veterans, and it's appreciated. I went into the military to grow up and help get my college paid for, but I got so much more out of it. Even without the thank yous, I'd have no regrets, but it's nice to hear people appreciate what you did."



Air Force veteran and American Legion Post 38 member Ron Pethoud presents a folded flag to the family members of James L. Woods Jr. II during a Memorial Day observance.

Bob Fenske



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Members of the firing squad fire the salute during the 2021 Veterans Day observance, and this year's program will be held this Friday at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse grounds in New Hampton.

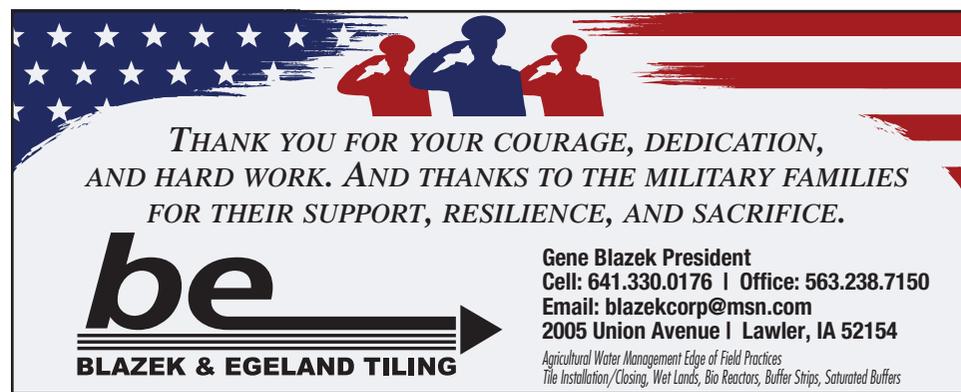


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Ten years ago, Noah Stoical played in one of the strangest high school football games ever contested.

A recent conversation between a reporter and the 2013 New Hampton High School graduate started with a little reminiscing about that Class 2A state playoff football game played between the Chickasaws and Cascade on Oct. 24, 2012.

That was an unforgettable night for Stochl, who threw two touchdown passes and ran for two more in New Hampton's



On the day that he was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army, Noah Stochl (above) poses for a family picture with his wife, EmmaGrace, and their son, Owen, at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, where Stochl and a group of his Army buddies get ready to go for a “jump” in an effort to earn their airborne wings.

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Noah Stochl is “geared up” inside a hangar and ready to take part in airborne training at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

35-22 win over the Cougars, but what made the game special wasn't the stats or even the score; instead, it was the fact that the two teams kicked off at 7 p.m. and didn't hear the final horn until 1:06 the following morning.

So the reporter posed the question: If I would have told you back then you'd be doing what you do now, would you have believed it?

“The attorney part, definitely, and the army part, probably,” Stochl said with a laugh, “but the jumping out of airplanes? That might have been a different story.”

Ten years after that football night that would never end, Stochl is serving his country as a member of the U.S. Army's Judge's Advocate General's Corps. He's come a long way in a relatively short amount of time — graduating from Central College in 2017, finishing law school at the University of Iowa in 2 1/2 years, getting married, having a son and rising to the rank of captain.

And he wouldn't have it any other way.

“I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer,” he said during the recent phone interview from his home near Fort Bragg, North Carolina, “and the more and more I thought about it, the more and more the JAG Corps felt like the right fit to me.”

He recalled interning at a law firm and asking one of the firm's attor-

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neys what her goal was for the next year.

“I still remember her saying something like ‘I really hope I get to do a deposition’ and that really hit me,” he said. “I mean, I wanted to be a lawyer, I wanted to get right into it. And with the JAG Corps, that’s exactly what I get to do.”

THE ARMY TOUTS the JAG Corps with a quick and catchy slogan: “Join a Firm Unlike Any Other.”

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But what really hooked Stochl was what the website terms “the army lawyer advantage.”

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The JAG Corps also offers attorneys like Stochl a chance to rotate through different legal disciplines giving him a wide range of experiences.

The day before the interview, for example, he wrapped up a three-day trial in which he prosecuted a sexual abuse case.

“I’ve had the chance to do a lot of things I know I wouldn’t have been able to do in a civilian firm,” he said, “and that’s what really drew me to JAG. I didn’t want to write memos for partners for 10 years. I can’t think of a better way to start a legal career than with what I get to do here.”

HE ENTERED MILITARY service after a whirlwind weekend in May 2017.

He played his last baseball game for the Central Dutch, asked EmmaGrace Walter to marry him, received his Central diploma and headed to basic training.

“I got engaged, graduated, left for the Army and when I came home, I started law school,” he said. “Yeah, kind of a busy weekend, kind of a busy summer.”

While he headed to law school, his fiance finished up her final year at Central — EmmaGrace graduated in three years — and then set off for Des Moines University to earn a degree as a physician’s assistant.

Even after they were married in May 2019, the Stochls lived in separate cities — Noah in Iowa City and EmmaGrace in Des Moines



Noah Stochl has come a long ways in 10 years — going from the quarterback (above) who led his team to victory on “The Longest Night” in New Hampton to earning his airborne wings (below) with his Army buddies.

— but the fact that Noah had an internship with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Des Moines helped.

“We’re both very goal orientated people so we knew we’d have to get through that part,” he said. “We went into it eyes wide open.”

Stochl, though, had a decision to make. Would he remain in the National Guard, work in a field like intelligence and practice law in the civilian sector or would he go into active service as a member of the JAG Corps.

And in the end, he chose to join a firm unlike any other.

IN SOME WAYS, Noah Stochl is blazing his own trail.

Yes, his father has built a career in the law — first as an attorney and now as a district court judge, but the Stochls are not a family steeped in military tradition.

Yet, he says his parents — Rich and Kathy — taught their oldest son values like “love of country” and “love of service.”

“I don’t think they were really surprised that I went into the military,” he said, “and I think when it came right down to it, neither was I. It’s something — I wouldn’t say I was called to do — I thought would fit for me.”

Granted, he probably doesn’t want to relive his basic training days at Fort Jackson in South Carolina.

“Going from college athletics and being a college graduate to drill sergeants wasn’t always fun,” he said before adding with a laugh, “you know, getting yelled at and then getting yelled at more because someone did something stupid. Law school had nothing on



a drill sergeant.”

WHEN HE MADE the decision to join that firm unlike any other, it was — as he puts it — a “joint decision.”

“You know, there’s no way the Army works if EmmaGrace wasn’t for it,” he said. “It’s a different life. There’s a chance we’ll get moved around. OK, that’s just a fact, right? I am really grateful that she was willing to ‘sign on’ for this because it isn’t always easy.”

Today, EmmaGrace Stochl works as a physician’s assistant at an urgent care clinic near Fort Bragg, and the couple stays busy not only with their careers but with their 18-month-old son, Owen.

“He’s always on the go, hitting golf balls, running around like a crazy man,” Stochl said. “He’s fun being around, but I’ll tell you, I’m glad he takes naps because he tires the old man out.”

FORT BRAGG IS one of the

world’s largest military installations in the world, with more than 54,000 military personnel. It is home to scores of units, including the famed 82nd Airborne Division.

And that is how Stochl became a paratrooper.

“It’s kind of a badge of honor around here,” he said, “and you know if you don’t have your airborne wings, I don’t know if I’d say they look down at you ... well, trust me, they do.”

So he went through airborne school not just to earn that badge of honor but because one day, he may literally have to jump out of a plane in a combat zone to answer legal questions Army officers might have.

“I wouldn’t say I’m used to it,” he said with a laugh, “and I haven’t done it a lot but let’s just say, the 11 or so times I’ve jumped, yeah, there’s been an adrenaline rush. I’ll tell you this much, landing’s nice.”

THE FUTURE IS bright for the young Stochl family, but where it leads is anybody’s guess.

They enjoy returning to Iowa, and Noah Stochl especially enjoys returning to his hometown each summer for the Josie’s Midsummer Classic.

“I watched my dad and grandpa play in it for years,” he said, “and it’s just like a tradition. Trust me, unless I’m deployed, which very well could happen, I’ll be back every year. It’s like the perfect homecoming.”

In many ways, he’s still competing, just like he did in high school, when he played football, basketball and baseball for the Chickasaws.

“It’s one of the things I really love about the law,” he said. “It’s competition.”

He does, however, lose out to one member of the family when it comes to military rank.

One of the Stochls’ dogs is named Captain, and based on the date of rank, the four-legged captain out ranks the two-legged one.

“Yeah, I can’t get around that one,” he said with a laugh.

But as much as he enjoys the almost year-round golf that North Carolina provides, he’s just as happy that he took up the Army and joined that firm unlike any other.

“I think it’s the best experience for a young attorney,” he said. “It’s different, don’t get me wrong. It is very formal, we have rules and regulations that are different, and our soldiers have more rights probably, but I’m learning a lot. We’ll see where it goes from here, but I can tell you this much ... I have no regrets.”



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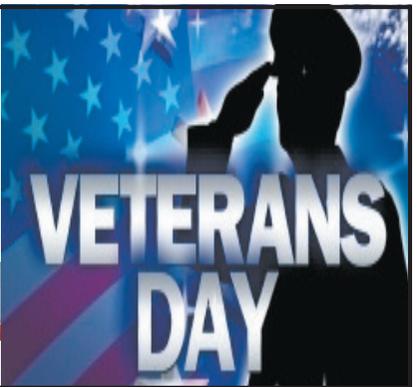
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Nashua veteran Dan Bilharz joins fellow veterans in a receiving line in which Nashua-Plainfield High School students thank area men and women for their service.

The history of a holiday filled with ‘thank yous’

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Shortly after the annual Veterans Day observance came to an end at Nashua-Plainfield High School last year, Dan Bilharz was stopped for a quick interview — emphasis on quick.

“It’s probably my favorite part of the program,” the Nashua VFW quartermaster said, “so I’ve got time for one or two questions ... at the most.”

That’s because he had a receiving line to get to. It’s tradition at Nashua-Plainfield to have two Veterans Day programs, one is put on by the students of the elementary school while the second takes place in the high school gymnasium, and when the latter is complete, when the firing squad has done their salute just outside the gym doors, the Nashua-area veterans gather in the corner of the gym and scores of students go through the line.

“I think what gets to me the most is that it’s so genu-

ine,” Bilharz said, “and for a lot of us guys, that means the world to us because some of these fellas didn’t get a very nice welcome home back in the day. To have young high school students shake your hand and look you in the eye and say ‘thank you for your service’ means the world to us.”

VETERANS DAY IS a holiday that doesn’t “move around” on the calendar.

Each year, it is celebrated on Nov. 11. It doesn’t move to the second Monday or the last Monday; it’s always on Nov. 11, the day that marks the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when World War I unofficially ended in 1918.

World War I — known at the time as “The Great War” — officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied



Dorothy Huber

Veterans appreciate having a chance to meet students on their special day, and many area schools — including Turkey Valley — often hold observances and receptions for their favorite veterans.



nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

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One of the ways Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School "personalizes" its Veterans Day program is to have students bring in photos of family members who have served or are continuing to serve there county in the armed forces.

of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

AN ACT APPROVED May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday — a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans."

With the approval of this legislation (Public Law

380) on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on Oct. 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

THE UNIFORM HOLIDAY BILL (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day,

Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978.

This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls.

The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the import-

ant purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

THAT BRINGS US back to that receiving line that one sees every year when Nashua-Plainfield students say thank you.

As Bilharz stood in that line in 2021, he smiled more than a few times.

"Sometimes a simple thank you," he said, "is just perfect."

A couple of hours earlier, he sat in the multi-purpose room at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School and a young student walked up to him and said, "Thank you for what you did."

The veteran smiled; in fact, his face beamed.

"You're welcome, young man."

And that is a Veterans Day memory that will last a lifetime.

— *This story includes information from the Veterans Affairs Department's Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs*



Dorothy Huber

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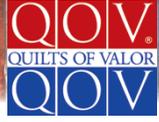
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