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County buys third ambulance

Board of Supervisors unanimously approve purchasing 'remounted' vehicle

BY BOB FENSKE
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The saga of the third backup ambulance for Chickasaw County EMS came to an end Monday when the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved spending a little more than \$200,000 to purchase a "remounted" rig.

After a lengthy discussion that followed the opening of three bids

for used ambulances, board members agreed to use \$204,415 of the county's American Rescue Plan Act funds to purchase a 2023 chassis that will have a 2009 "ambulance box."

"It's great news for our service and for our county," Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson said after board members approved the purchase. "Anyone who has attended the meetings I've been at

knows how important I felt having a third ambulance was for the long-term viability of our service."

Since being named as the service's director last fall, Knutson has lobbied long and hard for the county to have a third "backup" rig to go with the two new ambulances that it purchased for the county-owned service that also provides service to the cities of New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and

North Washington.

Supervisors discussed purchasing three new vehicles last fall but ended up buying just two from Klocke's Emergency Vehicles. Over the course of several months, they turned down Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath's offer to

SEE SUPERVISORS, XX

Farmers breathe a sigh of relief as planting nears end

Growers take advantage of window provided by Mother Nature to get 2023 crop in ground

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

It may not be completely done, but ask ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basil how his territory's farmers are feeling right now and he'll have a one word answer.

Whew.

"Once we got through that cold spell [last month]," Basol said, "the weather was almost perfect and the guys really got a lot of work done in a relatively short amount of time."

"There's always a sense of relief when you can get through planting season with a year like this one. Great weather, timely rains, you can't just ask for a lot more than what Mother Nature gave our farmers this spring."

SEE PLANTING, 3



Nashua veterans to hold three Memorial Day events

Nashua's Ralph Nicholson VFW Post 6792 will hold three Memorial Day programs on Monday, May 29, to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those veterans who have passed away in the past year.

The day will begin with a program at 8:45 a.m. in Riverton Cemetery before moving to Veterans Park for a 10 a.m. ceremony. Immediately following that ceremony, veterans will go to Oak Hill Cemetery for the final program.

Two-time National History Day national champion Caleb Sinnwell will be the featured speaker at both the Veterans Park and Oak Hill programs.

BACK TO BACK! NASHUA-PLAINFIELD'S HUCK BLOWS AWAY THE FIELD TO CLAIM OPEN 400 TITLE AT STATE TRACK MEET

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Was there any doubt as to who the best 400 runner was in Class 1A after Thursday's lap around the track at Drake Stadium?

Kadence Huck — Nashua-Plainfield's most decorated track and field runner ever — slammed the door shut on the 1A field that tried to keep up with her blistering pace.

In the process, the N-P super-

star continues on a path toward greatness.

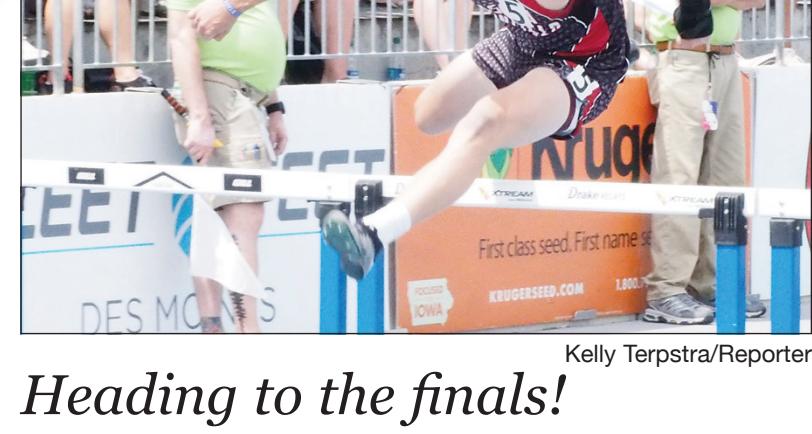
Oh, many expected Huck to win; after all, she came in as the prohibitive when it came to the 400-meter dash.

But it's how she crossed the tape first that might be the most impressive accomplishment of her sophomore season — that's not done quite yet.

Huck almost eclipsed the 1A all-

SEE HUCK, 2

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck steals a look at the timer as she nears the finish line during the 400-meter dash at the Class 1A state track and field meet in Des Moines on Thursday.



Heading to the finals!

Nashua-Plainfield's Titus Evans clears a hurdle Thursday afternoon as he runs the anchor leg for the Huskies during the shuttle hurdle relay prelims.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
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County's Cemetery Commission is looking to add some 'youth'

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The reporter looked for the right word — seasoned, experienced, something along those lines — as the members of the Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission gathered at the courthouse for a group picture.

"It's OK, you can call us old," Adis Lee said, "because there's not a spring chicken in the bunch."

But for the members of the commission that is in charge of 17 pioneer cemeteries located throughout the county, there's no better time to go on the recruitment trail than May, which is Cemetery Appreciation Month.

"We're looking for some young retirees, that's our target audience," said Diane Murphy, the commission's treasurer, "but we'll take anyone really. If a student wants to get some volunteer hours in and do some-

thing that is really important, we've got something they might be interested in."

Once a week, usually on Tuesdays, the commission members meet at a pioneer cemetery and go to work. They clear brush, they trim trees, they fix broken and dilapidated stones. It is, quite simply, work for the young.

Yet, the 11 volunteers who make up the commission are all in their 60s and 70s. Heck, some might be in their 80s, but since discretion is the better part of valor, the reporter looking for that right word decided not to go there.

Commission members, though, are dedicated to those who long ago called Chickasaw County home and want to make sure that their final resting place is well-kept.

"It can be really hard, back-breaking work,"

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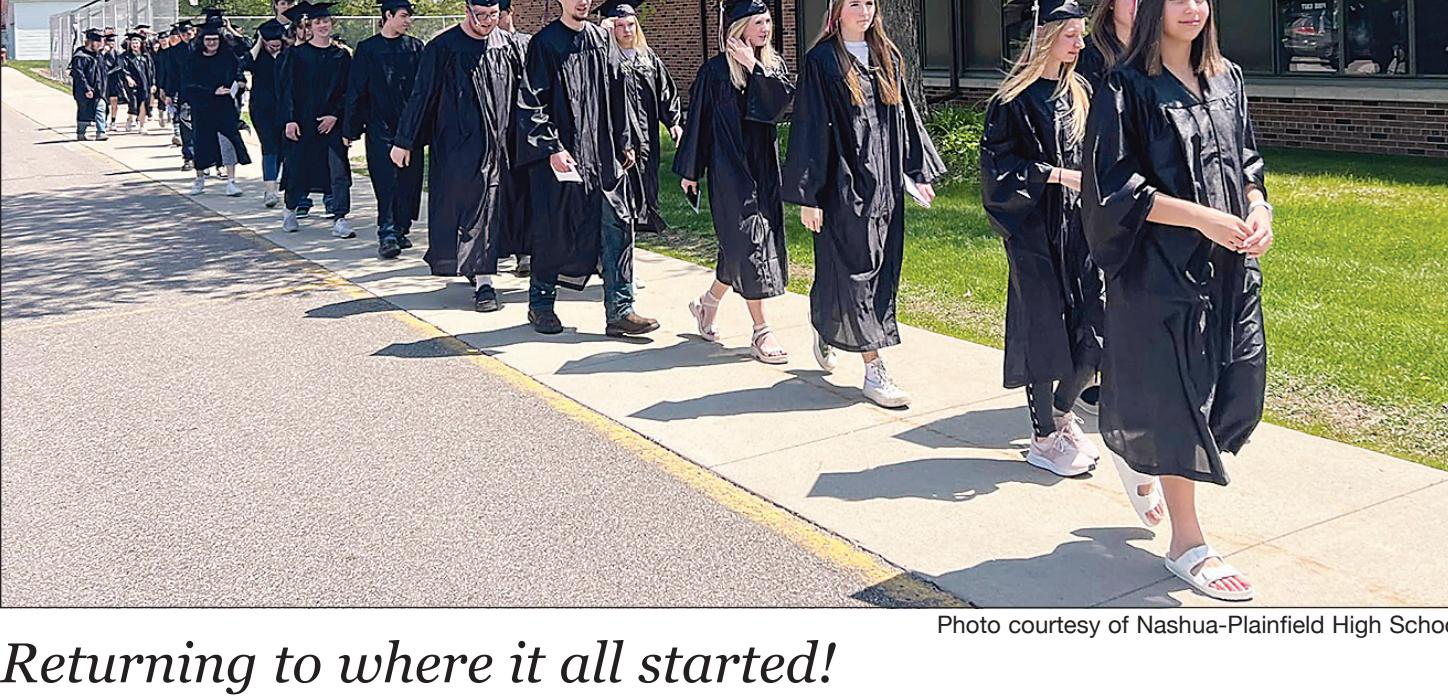


Photo courtesy of Nashua-Plainfield High School

Returning to where it all started!

Members of Nashua-Plainfield High School's Class of 2023 walk down the sidewalk by the district's elementary school Wednesday when they took part in their school's annual "Senior Parade." Later in the day, the seniors took part in a baccalaureate service and were honored during Awards Night, but the big day is this Sunday, when they take part in the school's commencement ceremony and officially become alums.

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Jennifer Kalainoff and Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

The jubilation on the face of Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck (left) says it all after the Husky sophomore claimed the 400-meter dash title at the state meet Friday, and after her victory, she gets a hug (above) from AGWSR's Brynn Smith, the former Nashua-Plainfield student who took third in the race.

Huck celebrates mom's birthday with state title

HUCK: FROM 1

time record in her marquee event as she was all alone it seemed down the home stretch and reeled in state title No. 2 in the 400-meter test of endurance and speed.

Huck's brilliant display in front of a packed house clipped out to 55.94 seconds — just a few steps off the all-best mark in the small-school class.

That record could well be shattered next year by Huck.

It's still held — for now at least — by Ellie Herzberg of Manson-Northwest Webster (55.75), who set the mark in 2013.

"If I just would have cut off a few milliseconds I could have got it," said Huck about the record. "It's alright, because I'm very happy with that time. I'm excited for next year."

But the simple truth is, Huck's just getting started in her record-breaking career.

Don't expect Herzberg to hold the all-time title for fastest clip in the 400 for long as Huck continued her historic run in Des Moines by claiming state title No. 4 in her career. She helped lead N-P to its first ever team state title in a girls sport last year as

the Huskies won the 1A crown.

"I was hoping, expecting to win. But that time, I was not expecting that at all," said Huck. "It was really good."

Down the home stretch with a head of steam — Huck was rollin'.

No one was in sight and not one runner was gonna catch the Nashua-Plainfield superstar at the finish line.

"It was my goal all season. I don't really know what else to say. It's not my goal to go out and get beat ever," said Huck. "Hopefully, I'll take it all four years, but this is just another step to that."

But this is also a different Huck than the freshman from the year prior that not many track followers knew outside of northeast Iowa.

"Last year I was kind of a nobody, no one was expecting," said Huck. "I think that gave me a little bit of a one-up. Here - everybody's chasing me instead of the other way around."

She's bigger, stronger, faster and willing to put the hard work in to get better.

"It's definitely surreal. I think I work for it," said Huck. "I put quite a bit of time into my athletics."

Huck's closest competitors in the 400 on Thursday were seniors Myla Murphy of Graettinger-Terril/Ruthven Ayrshire (58.54) and Brynn Smith of AGWSR third in 58.62.

The icing on the cake for Huck?

It was her mom Jessica's birthday on Thursday.

Now the stage is set for the ultimate showdown on the girls side in 1A.

Huck will aim to take down Calamus-Wheatland's Noelle Steines - who won the 3,000 run earlier in the day. Steines - also a sophomore - holds the fastest time in all four classes in the 1,500, a race she's beaten Huck twice in this spring.

But Huck is 2-for-2 in defeating Steines in the open 800 — first at the Eastern Iowa Track Festival in Iowa City and the other at the Drake Relays.

Both races (800, 1,500) will be run on Saturday.

"We'll see who comes home with more golds this weekend," smiled Huck

Huck will anchor N-P's distance medley at 9 a.m. this morning (Friday). The Huskies sport the fifth-fastest qualifying time (4:19.88).

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Blame Canada

It's actually not cloudy, it's smoky on Tuesday evening, when the Reporter's editor snapped this photo just east of Bassett.

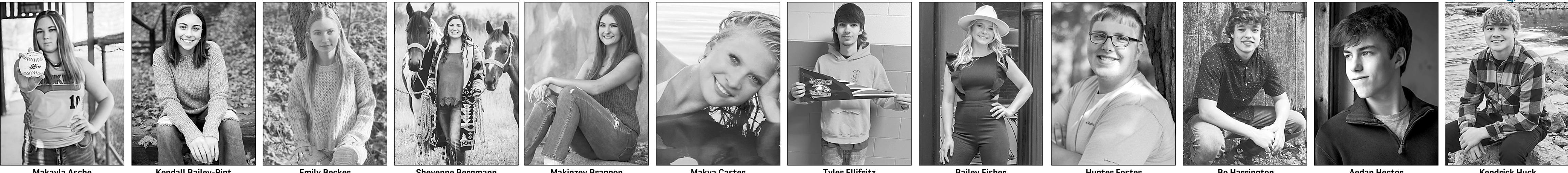
Several wildfires in the Canadian province Alberta are sent plumes of smoke into the atmosphere, where it remained for several days. Health experts, though, said the smoke was high enough in the atmosphere that it didn't cause any air quality issues.





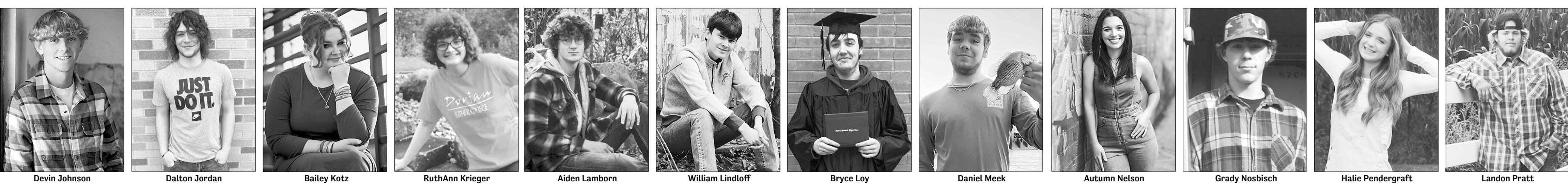
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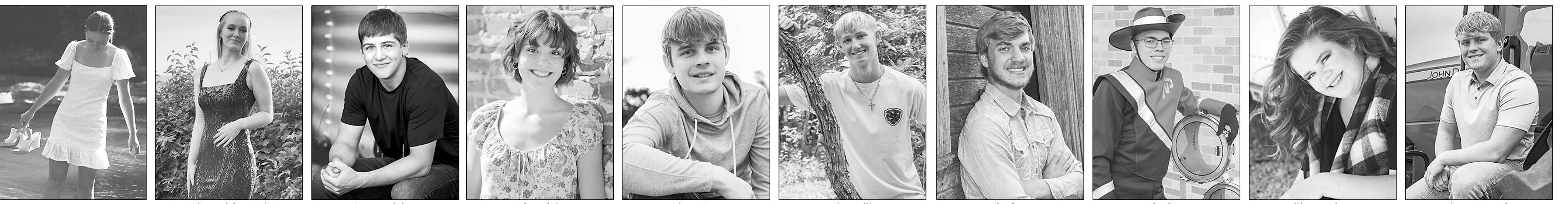
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Each graduate has received up to six tickets for "floor seating" in the gymnasium but
there will also be seating in the gym bleachers available.

The graduation program will include student speakers, performances
by the Nashua-Plainfield Concert Choir and Concert Band and, of course,
the awarding of diplomas to those students featured on this page.

Check out our commencement coverage in next week's Reporter!



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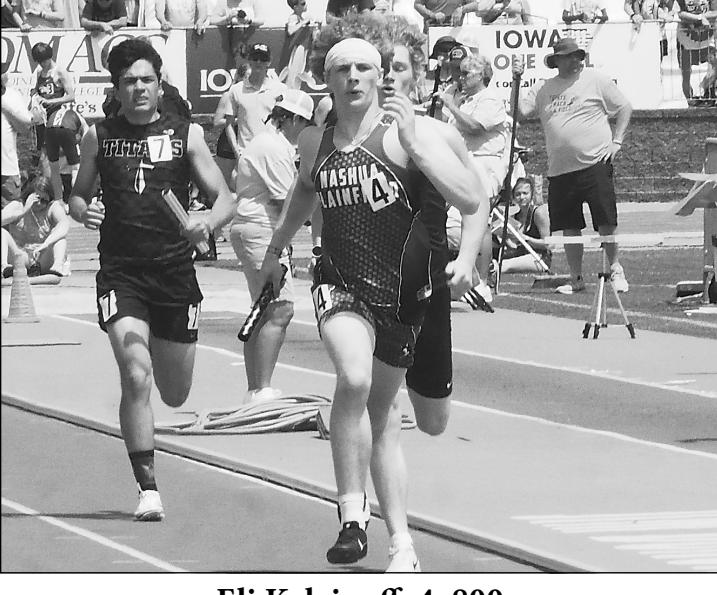
Congratulations to all of our state track and meet qualifiers, congratulations on a great season and thanks for representing N-P so well



Bo Harrington: Shuttle hurdle, 4x800, 4x400



Kadence Huck: 400 state champion, 800, 1,500, distance medley relay



Eli Kalainoff: 4x800



Kaden Wilken: Shuttle hurdle,
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Titus Evans: Shuttle hurdle, 4x400

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