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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 Schrott, 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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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 Tronya. 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.

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will have two new members when the calendar flips to 2023; one was a 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 northeastern part of the county, Republican challenge 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 Cervinske, the former Nashua city councilman who knocked off incumbent Tim Zoll in the June primary and ran unopposed in Tuesday’s general election.

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



A big thank you to everyone who supported me in the election. I appreciate it very much.
Sincerely,
Sandy Salmon
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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.

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 2½ 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.

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

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary to kick off Veterans Day programs

VETERANS DAY: FROM 1

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.”

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

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. Everyone is welcome to attend and take out is available. For more information call the Trinity Church Office at 641-394-2552.

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Sheriff shares report with Nashua council

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

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.

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.



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 action 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.

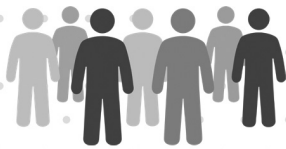
A family of four is eligible with an annual gross income

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.

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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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Pediatric occupational therapy is a specialty that is foreign to many, unfortunately this often means we don't recognize when children could benefit from it. Pediatric occupational therapy focuses on assisting children in developing the skills they need to be as independent and functional in all of their daily occupations as possible. Children's occupations include activities such as play, school, and self-care tasks. Pediatric occupational therapists work with families to determine a child's strengths, areas for improvement, and overall goals.

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
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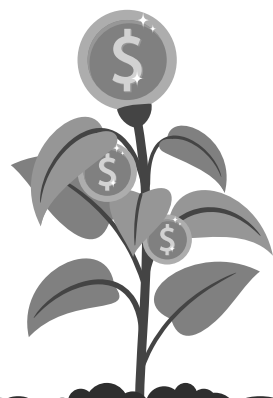
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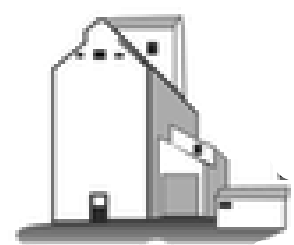
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Huskies reap rewards after second straight trip to playoffs

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 players numbers aren't as good, which you could kind of see this year



Franzen



Gelner



Pratt



Winters

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 upper-classman 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.



Carey



Geise

Geise is also primed for another big year for the Huskies next fall. Fans witnessed Geise's play-making capability in the passing game and in the secondary. Geise led all Husky receivers with 230 yards receiving (two touchdowns) and picked off four passes in the secondary to lead N-P. The tall, yet agile safety, came up with 31 tackles.

"Trae is a very talented receiver when it comes to being a natural at catching the ball. He was asked to play a new position on defense and really grew in that position as the year went on. He will be asked to do even more next year," said Christensen.

Carey didn't start right away at linebacker, but after a few games it didn't take long for him to showcase his talent. He ended up being the second-leading tackler on the team with 50 tackles. He produced 4.5 tackles for loss.

"Jackson also has a nose for the ball. He stepped into the other middle linebacker spot when we had some injuries and never let the job go," said Christensen.

Legal Notice

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.

No. 22455
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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 p.m., Decorah Public Library Public Meeting Room, 202 Winnebago Street in Decorah.

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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 Warburg, 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.

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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, Bridget 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.

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. Discuss 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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ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton
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10 Huskies land on all-district teams



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
Of the Reporter

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 Gelner.

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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