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County makes second EMS offer

Board of Supervisors also turns down latest used ambulance offer from current provider

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors are hoping the second time is the charm when it comes to hiring an EMS director for the county-owned ambulance that is scheduled to begin service at the start of 2023.

Board members voted Tuesday to offer the position to "Candidate 1"

at an annual salary of \$70,000 after "Candidate 3" apparently turned down the job offer last week.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn confirmed that an offer — contingent on a background check — was made to a second candidate after supervisors "re-interviewed" two candidates Tuesday morning, a day after the board did not act on the latest offer from the county's current ambulance provider to sell Chickasaw

County EMS a used ambulance.

Kuhn, however, would not confirm nor deny that the first candidate who was offered the EMS position had rejected the position. Supervisors last week made an offer to that candidate that included a \$75,000 annual salary.

"All I can say is that we interviewed two candidates today," he said, "and made an offer, with a tentative start date of Nov. 7."

The job offer came a day after Kuhn told his fellow board members that Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath had approached him about selling his 2016 rig with 145,000 miles on it.

Kuhn explained that McGrath had misunder-

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Plainfield city leaders earn a pie from auditor

City wins state auditor's Public Innovations and Efficiencies' being best performing city award

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Plainfield city leaders will receive a pie for being the "best performing" city in the Iowa State Auditor's Office Public Innovations and Efficiencies (PIE) Award.

Auditor Rob Sand will present the pie to city leaders this coming Monday at City Hall in a program that will begin at 3 p.m. after Plainfield's performance won the "Fourth-Fifth" category in the annual contest.

Sand created the PIE program in 2019 to encourage government entities to implement cost-cutting measures and spark innovative ideas to save public funds. Those cost-cutting measures include everything from "shutting off the lights" to reducing energy costs to the creation of policies that reduce travel expenses.

Sand, a Democrat who is running for re-election this year, said in the last year, PIE participation increased by more than 55 percent. He added that 84 counties and 310 cities submitted entries in 2021, and for the first time, 121 school districts participated in the program.

He also pointed out that because Iowa's PIE program has been so successful that the Mississippi state auditor, who is a Republican, launched the program in his state.

Band brings home a Division II rating

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The goal for the Nashua-Plainfield Marching Huskies every year is a Division I rating, but although the band came up short this past Saturday at the state marching band contest, longtime Band Director Scott Stroud had plenty of positive things about his band.

I am very proud of the Marching Huskies," he said after the band received a Division II, or excellent, rating at the contest that was held at Dubuque Senior High School. "They did everything I asked and did a great job. The band looked good and sounded good.

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Nashua Fire Department volunteer Kent Olsen gives Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students a look at what a firefighter looks like when all "dressed out" during a visit to the school on Thursday morning.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

A FUN LESSON IN FIRE SAFETY

FIREFIGHTERS FIND OUT KIDS REALLY DO SAY THE DARNEST THINGS

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Nashua Fire Chief Tom Johnson leaned over to the reporter and smiled.

"I'm telling you, the best part of coming to the school is hearing the comments," Johnson said. "They crack us up every year."

And 2022 wasn't an exception when it came to Fire Prevention Week at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School.

As Johnson talked, Nashua firefighter Kent Olsen was "dressing out," i.e., putting on all of his gear — the coat, the oxygen tank, the face covering, the helmet, etc. — and as soon as he started talking, one of the kids shouted out.

"You sound like Darth Vader."

Earlier in the talk given by Johnson and Olsen, they had gone over fire safety tips, including jhaving a "meeting place" when they had exited a burning home.

One child said a tree. Good answer.

Another child said a car. Not-so-good answer. "Because if the car is gone, then you don't have a meeting place," Johnson said.

A young girl, though, told the Nashua fire chief that wouldn't be a problem at our house.

"We have a lot of junky cars that won't even start."

Remember what Johnson said earlier in this story? Well, he wasn't wrong, was he?

But like firefighters from all over the country, the two in that Nashua-Plainfield appreciate the

SEE FIRE LESSONS, 9



Photo by Jenn Kalainoff

You're looking at a playoff team!

Coach Andrew Christensen (center) talks to his Huskies after they beat AGWSR 42-8 last Friday night to clinch a second-straight trip to the state football playoffs.

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Melvin 'Mel' Anderson, 88

Melvin "Mel" Anderson, age 88 of Ionia, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at The United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Sarah Namukose officiating. For those unable to attend in person please join the family via Livestream at the following link: <https://foveo.stream/hugeback-johnson/melvin-john-anderson>.

Interment will be held at Sunnyside Memory Gardens, rural Charles City with Rick Anderson, Terry Anderson, Kelly Anderson, Justin Hintz, Zach Anderson, and Trevor Hintz serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Duane Lines, Gary Baxter, Corwin Dunlap, and Bill Reams.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at the Methodist Church on Saturday.

Mel was born in rural Worth County on Aug. 30, 1934, to Andrew and Ida Anderson. Mel graduated from Mitchell High School in 1953.

He married Dallas Beyer in 1954 and they had four children before divorcing.

Mel spent his life working on the land. He worked at the local Coop for 55 years helping area farmers. He and Joyce worked together on their family farm near Chickasaw Park until 2021.

When they weren't busy with the farm work, Mel loved to root on the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies and the Iowa Hawkeyes. He and Jenn spent many years at Kinnick Stadium. They also loved watching the grandchildren at their sporting, school and show calf events. He was so proud of his family.

Mel was an active servant of Christ as a member of the Nashua United Methodist



Mel Anderson

Church.

Mel was joined in marriage to Joyce (Franke) on Sept. 24, 1972, and they were blessed to have 50 years together and they were parents to two daughters.

Mel is survived by six children, Donna (Al) Anhorn of Mitchell, Rick (Pat) Anderson of Woodbury, Tennessee, Terry Anderson of Osage, Kelly (Stacy) Anderson of Osage, Jenn Anderson of Vinton, and Marcy Anderson of Somerset, Kentucky; grandchildren, (Ken), Justin (Jessica), Trevor, Jacob, Ashley (Tanner), Zach, and William. Great grand children include Taylor (Ethan), Morgan, Alyssa, Addy, Aaron, Jayson, Jackson, Joslyn, Paisley, Huxley, and Briley; great-grandchildren, Elijah and Daphne; and his brother, Arnie and his family in Arizona.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings, Gladys, Adeline, Bernice, Darlene, Kate, and Glen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family. These memorials will be used to support the Nashua United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Miracle League baseball and Sleep in Heavenly Peace as these were organizations that were dear to Mel.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors look over documents as EMS Advisory Committee member Bridget Edson gives her weekly update during Monday's meeting.

McGrath's offer turned down for lack of motion

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

stood the appraisal he had received for the equipment and that the cot, mounting hardware, charger and two batteries should have been included in the \$65,000 price for the ambulance.

In his original offer he, McGrath was asking for \$65,000 for the ambulance and around \$14,000 for the cot and its accessories.

The county in late August turned down an offer from McGrath to purchase his rigs and instead purchased two new ambulances and the equipment they will need.

And while Kuhn said that McGrath's offer "would work as a third backup rig," he still expressed doubts about accept-

ing it.

"The part that kind of frustrates me is we were told that we had to make a decision like how many weeks ago? ... All these people want to buy the equipment. It's essentially the way I took it as if it's sold if you don't want it. The next meeting was that Jeremy was going to start his own service. Then the next meeting was [Supervisor] Jason [Byrne], and I had a conflict of interest ... it's just been one thing after another ... It's getting old."

That led to a discussion about if the new service that will provide service to six Chickasaw County cities needed a third rig.

"We do have enough calls that both rigs are used simultaneously," Chickasaw County Advisory Committee member Bridget Edson said. "I can't say

it happens once a week ... but given our population and looking at our neighbors and how often they use multiple rigs, it seems like a prudent decision to have a third rig."

Supervisor Jason Byrne said that because the 28E agreements the county signed with New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington stipulate that county must always have two working ambulances, purchasing a third vehicle is vital.

"That's what scares me," Byrne said. "If one goes down, we're in violation of our 28E. ... I'm not saying buy his; I'm just saying we need a third rig."

That led Supervisor Jake

Hackman to question if three ambulances was enough.

"Anything can break down at any time," he said. "If we have to have two always operating, we'd better get seven of them because that's the reality, right? I could lose a tractor tomorrow, I could lose a tractor today."

Byrne scoffed at Hackman's comment, saying that "if you have that bad of luck, then I guess you rent one."

Edson said that "I don't think we need seven, but to me it would make sense for routine maintenance to have three."

Still, no supervisor made a motion to purchase McGrath's ambulance, which essentially means that the board rejected the offer ... at least for now.

Beth Ellen Madden, 94

Beth Ellen Madden, age 94 of St. Ansgar and formerly of Nashua, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, surrounded by her family at home.

A private family service will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olsen Chapel in Nashua.

Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Nashua with Brian Madden, Derek Madden, Cody Madden, Mike Dillard, Doug Tesch, and Jason Tesch serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Eric Tesch, Cory Tesch, Tony Dillard, and Keith Madden.

Beth Ellen Madden was born on Dec. 17, 1927, and was the only child of John and Zatha (Caswell) Mellman. She grew up in Nashua and was a member of the Class of 1946 at Nashua High School.

After graduating, she attended cosmetology school in Waterloo, where she also received training as a CNA while working at a hospital. She spent much of her career as a CNA at a number of hospitals in northeast Iowa and worked for a number of years at the hospital in Osage.

She met Ervin Mellman at a dance, and the two hit it off almost immediately and the two were married on April 4, 1954, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Ervin had two daughters Becky and Sharon, and the couple had four children



Beth Madden

of their own — Gail, Cynthia, Calvin and Blair.

Beth loved to crochet and tat and spent countless hours on her projects. She also was an expert canner and, as she put it, "watching her birds." Beth would sit outside and it was rare — if ever — that she couldn't come up with the species of birds that flew by her home.

She was the proud grandmother to 14 grandchildren and several greats.

Beth is survived by her daughter, Gail Schorg of St. Ansgar; two step-daughters, Becky Sylver of Osage, and Sharon Fariss of California; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ervin; and three children, Cynthia, Calvin and Blair.

First Security advertising and public relations specialist earns certification

First Security Advertising and Public Relations Specialist Katelyn Marion has earned the designation of Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP).

The CFMP designation is administered by the American Bankers Association (ABA).

Marion joined First Security in 2014 as human resources and marketing assistant. She transitioned to advertising and public relations specialist in 2016 and has led the bank's outreach efforts regarding community event participation for several years.

Her roles also include graphic design, copywriting, and advertisement planning. Marion's CFMP designation is the culmination of months of study and preparation that began with her attending and graduation from the ABA Bank Marketing School this spring.

Briefs

Community Foundation now taking grant applications

Grant applications can now be submitted to the Chickasaw County Community Foundation's 2023 grant cycle with a deadline to submit applications by 5 p.m. on Dec. 31.

The online grant application can be found on the Community Foundation's website at www.chickasawccf.org. Grants are awarded to projects within the program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, health and human service. Grant recipients will be announced in March 2023.

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and government entities. Tax-exempt organizations classified as other than 501(c)(3) are also eligible, if and only if, the project is deemed charitable; please contact Dotti Thompson at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org to discuss the project's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal.

Grants selections are made in an effort to create a better quality of life for people in Chickasaw County.

More information about the Chickasaw County Community Foundation can be found at www.chickasawccf.org.

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging holding tai chi class

Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A) is offering Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention classes in Fredericksburg from Nov. 1 through Dec. 22. Classes will be held at the Fredericksburg Community Center (151 West Main Street) each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

This class is offered on a \$4 suggested contribution per class for those aged 60 and over. For participants under age 60, there will be a \$4 charge per class. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please register by calling Carol Mackintosh at 319-269-0509 or email handcmack63@gmail.com by Oct. 28.

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Conservation Board's county campground plan hits snag

Supervisors believe they should have opened bids, also approve hiring a full-time custodian to work mostly at the Heritage

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board is moving ahead with the installation of 12 new seasonal campsites at Airport Lake Park near New Hampton, but it may have jumped the gun a little bit.

That's because at least one member of the Board of Supervisors believes the wrong board opened the plumbing and concrete bids for the project.

During Monday's meeting, Supervisor Jake Hackman told Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal that "when we use Country Betterment funds, we open those bids, not you."

And here's the rub: The Conservation Board not only opened the bids but also awarded them to Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating for the sewer work and Jerry Tank Masonry for the concrete work.

The issue Hackman had was the fact that the Conservation Board did not accept the lowest bid; instead, it awarded the concrete work for a bid that was \$5,330 more than the lowest bid that was presented by a Dennis Steinlage.

During Monday's meeting and during a followup interview on Tuesday, Humpal said that the Conservation Board cited three reasons — a guaranteed concrete price, the fact that Tank Masonry would provide "relief cuts" on the pads and the offer of a one-year warranty on the concrete work — for going with the second lowest of the five bids it received.

"That's real money, though," Hackman said, "and we really should have opened the bids."

The seasonal campsites were originally part of a larger project in which Humpal had hoped to add three cabins — two at Airport Lake and one at Split

Rock — and add a handicap accessible dock at Airport Lake to Chickasaw County's camping offerings. Those cabins, though, were contingent on the county receiving a state grant, which did not materialize.

So in August, Humpal asked the Board of Supervisors to still allow the Conservation Board to use the county's "matching funds" for the grant so that it could construct the seasonal campsites at Airport Lake. Supervisors agreed and committed \$60,000 from County Betterment, which is funded by the local option-sales tax.

"That's the bad thing," Hackman said. "The money isn't in your budget, it's in our budget."

Humpal apologized for the error and said that "if my board doesn't have the authority to accept the bids, they don't have the authority to accept the bids. ... So where do we go from here?"

The Board of Supervisors did move ahead with accepting the bid from Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating, which Humpal said was the most time-sensitive one because he'd like the sewer lines put in this fall.

The Conservation Board director said he would also contact the concrete contractors, as well as County Attorney David Laudner, who was not at Monday's meeting, to discuss how to proceed.

But on Tuesday, he said the plan remained to have the seasonal sites up and running by the time the 2023 camping sea-

son kicks off next spring.

"That's the plan at this point in time," Humpal said. "We feel like these are going to be a great addition to the campground, and as much as we hoped for the cabins, I'm appreciative that the Board [of Supervisors] supported us in doing at least this."

Also on Monday, the Board of Supervisors gave the go-ahead for the county's head custodian, Dave Gorman, to hire a new full-time custodian.

Gorman told the Board of Supervisors that with the resignations of a part-time cus-

todian and a PRN custodian, which were acknowledged by the board on Monday, and the county taking over the Heritage building, he felt it was best to hire a full-time custodian.

He said he expected the full-time custodian to spend about 80 percent of his or her time at the Heritage.

Gorman told board members that his staff has two offices "almost ready" for Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs and Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral, two offices that are currently located at 910 E. Main St. in New Hampton.

Marching Huskies will return 'more determined'

BAND: FROM 1

The state festival is very subjective, so the ratings could go either way."

Stroud pointed out that the band scored well; in fact, Nashua-Plainfield had the second-highest score of the Class 1A and 2A bands at the festival. The band, which won the Oktoberfest Parade in Marshalltown for a 10th straight year, will end its season tonight with a halftime performance during the Huskies' football game with Hudson.

The veteran band director said one of the thing he annual emphasizes to his band members is not to get too hung up on the state contest because of the subjective nature of band contests.

"We go into this festival each year with that mindset, so it doesn't feel devastating if we do not get a Division I rating," he said. "Statistically, a Division II rating will happen at some point. You can't always come out on top. We will go into next year's marching season even more determined."



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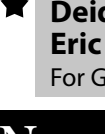
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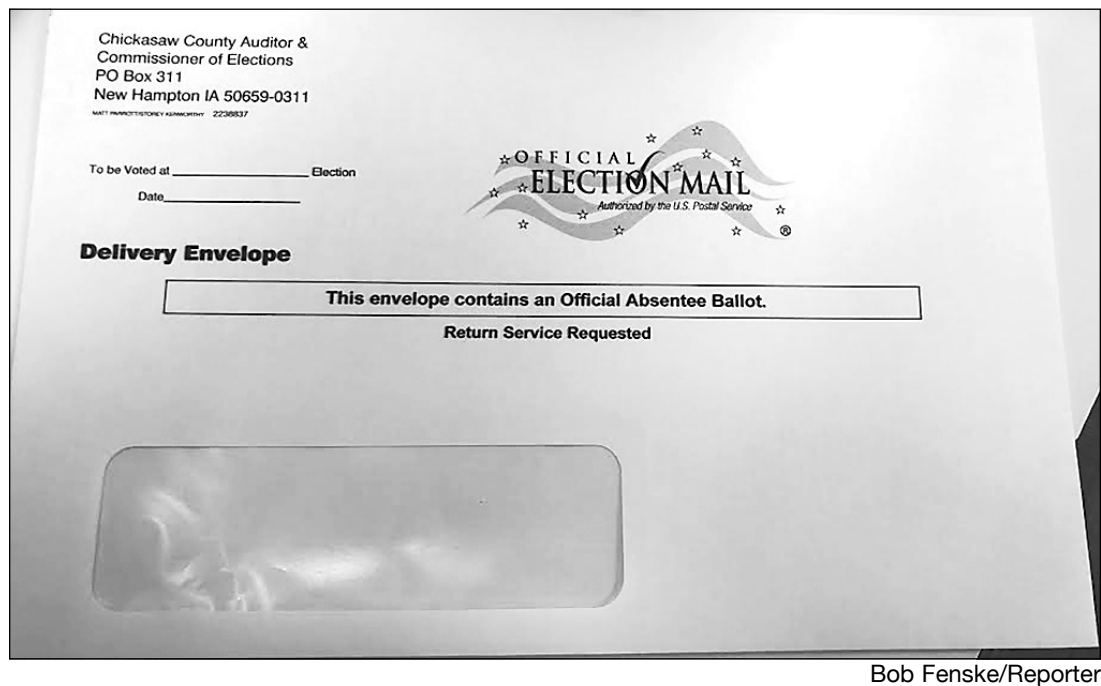
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But for those who are veterans of mail-in ballots, there's a change this year as the ballots will be delivered in smaller envelopes, according to Chickasaw County Deputy of Elections Laura Wickham, who also added that the deadline to pre-register for this year's election will be Monday, Oct. 24.

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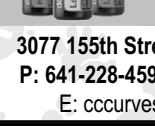
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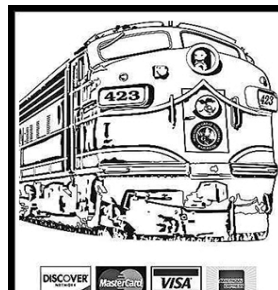
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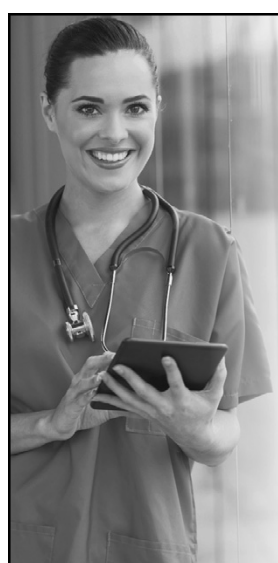
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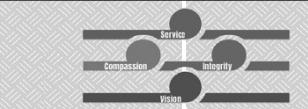
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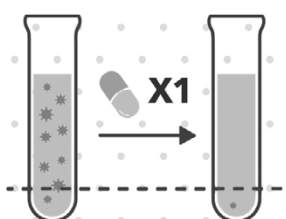
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N-P to play last home game before playoffs

FOOTBALL: FROM 10

The Huskies clinched a playoff berth – the seventh in N-P's school history – with a 42-8 dismantling of AGWSR last week in the last regular-season road contest of the fall. N-P demonstrated its fully capable of putting a whooping on a lesser squad in all three major phases of the game – rushing, passing and on defense.

The Huskies forced six turnovers – highlighted by Titus Evans, who brought a 32-yard interception to the house against the Cougars for N-P's penultimate score.

N-P (5-2, 3-2) once again pulverized the competition on the ground out of its wing-T offensive set with 292 yards rushing. The Huskies are the 11th-best rushing team in Class A – on the outside looking in of a list of the top 10 rushing squads, many of them ranked for powerhouse programs.

The list of perennial-powers that top the list of the best rushing teams currently in Class A is as follows: Columbus-Junction, East Buchanan, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn, St. Ansgar, defending state champ West Hancock, Belle Plaine, Madrid, Westwood, Southwest Valley, and AHSTW.

The final acronym – FYI – is short for Avoca, Hancock, Shelby, Walnut and Tennant.

That's a proud list to be a part of if you're anyway associated with N-P football. Now the task at hand is to do something with those stats and rack up a season-defining win that really counts for something.

While N-P will be a distinct favorite tonight over the Pirates – the buccaneer bunch lost to N-P last year in a 20-18 overtime thriller – jockeying for playoff position is tantamount at this juncture of the season when the leaves start changing colors.

"The No. 3 seed is very important to us. I think it just means that these kids have bought in. We've had good leadership and the kids have played hard and had fun. I don't know where that puts us in N-P history, but I do know that we should be looked at as one of the more successful teams," said Christensen.

That much is obvious. But, N-P is playing to become just the third team in school history since the merger of Nashua and Plainfield in 1992-1993 (when both schools started playing sports together) to lose no more than two regular season games in a season.

The 2014 N-P squad went 10-2 and lost to Denver in the state quarterfinals, 27-6. The 2005 Husky football squad also only lost two games during the regular season.

Back to the AGWSR game – which was played in Ackley. The Cougars – which see its school district draw students from the towns of Ackley, Geneva, Wellsburg and Steamboat Rock – actually took the lead over the Huskies in the second quarter.

AGWSR held an 8-6 lead before N-P rattled off 36 unanswered points.

Evans, who is the second-best rusher in the district at 705 yards on the season, scored the game's first touchdown. He racked up 115 yards on the ground. He was complemented by sophomore tailback Aiden Gelner, who also scored once on the ground and tallied 73 yards rushing.

But it was the play of senior signal caller Bo Harrington that may really make this offense go if N-P wants to get past the first round of the playoffs. Harrington played his best game of the season against AGWSR in what Christensen said was his team's top performance of 2022.

Harrington – a lock-down corner for N-P – is in his second season as starting quarterback. He tossed two touchdowns through the air and ripped off a 40-yard scoring jaunt into the end zone for the first score of the second half. He was 6-10 passing and threw touchdowns and Tucker Franzen (10 yards).

Harrington rushed for 76 yards



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P senior defensive end Aiden Lamborn makes a tackle against AGWSR.

on just five carries against the Cougars (3-4, 2-4).

"Bo is one of the best leaders on the team, and he just understands the game so well. That is probably true for everything he plays. He is much more confident this year, especially running, and I think he is also a top three DB in the district as well," Christensen said.

N-P had a field day on defense as the Huskies forced four fumbles – recovered by Eli Kalainoff, Jackson Carey, Joel Winers and Aiden Sullivan. N-P also intercepted AGWSR twice – the other turnover outside of Evans' pick-six coming from Geise. Geise leads the team in interceptions with four and is one of N-P's top targets at receiver (11 catches, 185 yards).

The Huskies managed 10.5 tackles for loss versus the Cougars.

Carey has come on to the scene in a big way. The sophomore linebacker led N-P in tackles with 9.5 last week. He is second on the team in tackles (40) to all-district standout – senior Tate White (58 tackles).

Christensen didn't hold back in heaping praise on his two starring linebackers – Carey and White.

"Jackson is just a kid that has a nose for the ball. Early in the season he didn't take that job right away, but since he's been in there he has been in on every tackle it seems. Him and Tate together are two of the best in the state," said Christensen.

Christensen also gave props to senior lineman Landon Pratt, who is pushing through a knee injury and made big plays on both sides of the ball. He racked up 4.5 tackles last week against the Cougars.

"Landon hasn't been able to

go as much on both sides of the ball this year because of injury, but he looked really good Friday," said Christensen.

N-P did not commit a turnover on offense.

"We really kind of wore them down and forced them to make mistakes," said Christensen. "Friday was the best overall game we have played, but we did have a 10-minute stretch where we didn't look our best. I think we can still do more, but I was very pleased with how we played."

N-P currently sits in third place in Class A, District 3. Second-ranked Grundy Center (7-0, 4-0) won the district with a 56-8 thrashing over BCLUW last week. The three-time defending state runner-up Spartans clinched the district crown as they already have a head-to-head 20-7 win over Wapsie Valley (5-2, 4-1). The Huskies can get no higher than the No. 3 seed as Wapsie Valley defeated them in the second game of the season, 41-6.

Outside of N-P's two losses – N-P has outscored its competition 182-50. That averages out to around 36 points of offense in those five wins versus 10 points accumulated by the opponents. The combined record of N-P's opponents that they have defeated is 12-23. The teams that the Huskies have lost to (Grundy Center and Wapsie Valley) have a cumulative mark of 12-2.

N-P has qualified for the playoffs in 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2021. The Huskies are 3-6 all-time in the postseason.

Hudson is 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the district. Kickoff is set

for 7 p.m. at Lloyd Koob Field in Nashua.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 42, AGWSR 8

NP 6 16 14 6 - 42
AGWSR 0 8 0 0 - 8

FIRST QUARTER

NP - Titus Evans 2 run (conversion failed)

SECOND QUARTER

AG - score (conversion good)

NP - Aiden Gelner 9 run (Bo Harrington run)

NP - Tucker Franzen 10 pass from Harrington (Gelner run)

THIRD QUARTER

NP - Harrington 40 run (Gelner run)

NP - Evans 32 interception return (conversion failed)

FOURTH QUARTER

NP - Trae Geise 35 pass from Harrington (conversion failed)

TEAM STATS

NP AGWSR

Rushes-yards 39-292 44-153

Passing yards 105 23

Total yards 397 176

Att-Comp-Int 10-6-0 9-1-2

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Rushing - Titus Evans 14-115, Aiden Gelner 14-73, Bo Harrington 5-76, Joel Winters 2-7, Tucker Franzen 1-14, Eli Kalainoff 1-6, Navarii Williams 1-1, Hayden Munn 1-0.

Passing - Harrington 6-10-0 - 105.

Receiving - Trae Geise 4-78, Winters 1-17, Franzen 1-10.

Tackles - Jackson Carey 9.5, Tate White 9, Aiden Lamborn 5, Landon Pratt 4.5, Winters 4, Aiden Sullivan 4, Geise 3.5, Kalainoff 3.5, Evans 3.5, Kaden Wilken 3.5, Harrington 2.5, Franzen 1.5, Isaac Jones 1.5, Jackson Zwanziger 1, Munn 1, Devon Blanchard 1, Matthew Malven 1, Braeden Mitchell 0.5, J.R. O'Neill 0.5, Blaine Brannon 0.5.

Sacks - Winters 1, Lamborn 1.

Tackles for loss - Lamborn 2.5, Winters 2, Carey 2, Kalainoff 1, Jones 1, White 1, Pratt 0.5, Wilken 0.

Fumble recoveries - Kalainoff 1, Carey 1, Winters 1, Sullivan 1.

Interceptions - Evans 1-32, Geise 1-14.

Kickoffs - Lamborn 7-255.

Kickoff returns - Williams 1-0.

Punts - Harrington 4-124.

Riceville will be a test for Huskies in regional play

VOLLEYBALL: FROM 10

very flat and on our heels, but as the night went on we started to play the volleyball that this team is capable of," said Foelske. "We need to really focus on getting out to a good start and not letting other teams control the first eight points of the game."

The Riceville match will pose a serious challenge for the Huskies. While the Wildcats finished second from the bottom of the the Iowa Star North Conference, Riceville has played to 20-15 record overall. N-P has not played Riceville this season but the Wildcats did sweep Northwood-Kensett (2-16, 0-8) in the first

match of the season – a TIC East squad that defeated N-P in five sets. That's a match that the Huskies would love to play again as N-P is a much different squad than it was back in August.

Another huge incentive to get past Riceville is N-P would more than likely face conference foe Rockford – another match that N-P let slip away early in the season. Rockford plays TIC East eighth-place finisher West Fork in its Class 1A, Region 5 opener. The winner between that match and the victor of the contest up at Riceville will play at Rockford on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Rockford defeated N-P in Nashua back in August by scores of 25-20, 25-23, 19-25, 25-16.

"Our girls definitely want that rematch with Rockford. We played them early in the season before we found the consistent line up we run now. I think it would be a good rematch," said Foelske.

The Wildcats are led by sophomore outside hitter Tillotti Fair. She has recorded 135 kills on the season. Two other players have generated at least 100 kills in junior Camdyn



Jalynn Pratt

Orth and sophomore Samantha Wilberding.

"Riceville should be a good match for us. They have the better record, but when you look at our schedule compared to theirs we are playing some tough 2A and 3A schools," Foelske said.

Not counting the three matches just recently at North Butler, N-P is paced by junior Jalynn Pratt (107 kills) on the outside and senior Bailey Fisher (97 kills) in the middle. Senior setter Paige Ripley has recorded

339 assists and

in addition to her all-around all-conference play, is one of the best servers in the TIC East with 35 aces.

"Honestly, Bailey and Paige have stepped up a

lot in the last few weeks. They have become the leaders we are needing and have started to really connect on hits. They both hustle and put their bodies out there to try and save a play. Bailey has become more consistent with her swing and pass," said Foelske.

Paige Franzen, a sophomore, leads the Huskies in serve efficiency (95 percent) and is third on the team in kills (69).

LAKE MILLS 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

Lake Mills 25 25
Nashua-Plainfield 19 8

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD LEADERS

Kills - Bailey Fisher 7.

Assists - Paige Ripley 11.

Digs - Ripley 6, Paige Franzen 6.

Serving - Lily Eiffler 5-6.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2, HAMPTON-DUMONT 1

Nashua-Plainfield 25 19 15
Hampton-Dumont 9 25 11

Kills - Franzen 8, Fisher 7, Pratt 6.

Assists - Ripley 17.

Digs - Franzen 8, Kami Hannemann 7.

Serving - Lily Eiffler 20-21, Hannemann 10-11, Franzen 10-11.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2, NORTH BUTLER 0

Nashua-Plainfield 25 26
North Butler 15 24

Kills - Pratt 7, Franzen 5.

Assists - Ripley 13.

Digs - Fisher 10.

Serving - Ripley 13-14, Hannemann 11-12.

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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sophia A. Locky, Deceased, who died on or about June 15, 2022:

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

October 3, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 8:30 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 Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Terry Johnson, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Kathy Shekleton, Bridget Edson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Attorney David Laudner, Engineer Roman Lensing, Custodian Dave Gorman, Nashua Librarian Heather Hackman and New Hampton Librarian Carrie Becker, Treasurer Sue Breitbach, and Sheriff Marty Hemann.

Motion by Byrne, second by Zoll to approve the agenda for October 3, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to approve the meeting minutes from September 29, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the meeting minutes from September 26, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to acknowledge the hiring of Kayla Flick, clerk, starting on October 3, 2022 at \$16.50 per hour for Chickasaw County Treasurer's office. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll. Hackman Abstained Motion carried.

Discussion with Engineer Roman Lensing about department activities and the potential paving of V18.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to acknowledge the hiring of Braxton Rash, as deputy sheriff, per union contract, effective October 31, 2022 per the recommendation of Sheriff Martin Hemann. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve contract agreement, per purchase policy, and authorize Chair Signature on contract between Chickasaw County and new deputy, Braxton Rash in the amount of \$6,595.13. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to acknowledge the employment status of a part-time/on-call dispatcher/jailer, Tonya Liddell-Tiedt to full time dispatcher/jailer effective November 1, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by

Byrne to acknowledge the hiring of Merry Wilcox as a part-time/on-call dispatcher/jailer as of October 3, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

9:17 AM Motion by Byrne, second by Hackman to open the PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY2022-2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Motion carried.

Discussed Budget Amendment and no written comment.

9:28 AM Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to close the PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY2022-2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve Resolution 10-03-22-64 to Amend Departmental Appropriations.

Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Nay- Zoll. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to send out invoices to the county libraries; New Hampton Public Library, Alta Vista Public Library, Upham Memorial Library, Lawler Public Library, Nashua Public Library, and Ionia Community Library for over payment of contract between Chickasaw County and libraries, to be paid by January 1, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Motion carried.

Discussion of snow removal bids, no action taken.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to have Custodian Gorman start the process of researching wages and job description for potential new hire for a custodial position. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussed Jeff Bernatz will get Land Mobile Radio Equipment Transfer Agreements from cities of Lawler and Fredericksburg.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to authorize Chairman Kuhn signature on a Purchase Order from Bound Tree for \$22,519.40 for medical supplies. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve five job descriptions; Paramedic/Nurse Exception, Driver EMR Certified, EMT, Driver CPR Certified, and Advanced EMT (AEMT). Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to post the five job descriptions; Paramedic/Nurse Exception, Driver EMR Certified, EMT, Driver CPR Certified, and Advanced EMT (AEMT) on websites and New Hampton Tribune.

Nashua Reporter, and Fredericksburg Review. Closing date November 4, 2022 and interviews week of November 7, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Supervisor Breitbach abstained from closed sessions due to a conflict of interest.

10:13 AM INTERVIEW EMS DIRECTOR CANDIDATE 1

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll. To open closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach. Motion carried.

10:48 AM Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll. To end close session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach. Motion carried.

10:50 AM INTERVIEW EMS DIRECTOR CANDIDATE 2

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne. To open closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach. Motion carried.

11:22 AM Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll. To end closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach. Motion carried.

No Action Taken

11:24 AM INTERVIEW EMS DIRECTOR CANDIDATE 3

Motion by Hackman, second by

Byrne. To open closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach. Motion carried.

12:25 AM Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne. To end closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach. Motion carried.

No Action Taken

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to hire EMS DIRECTOR CANDIDATE 3 pending reference check and background check and offer salary of \$75,000.00 exempt. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve DRAWINGS FOR NEW ELEVATOR AT THE COURT HOUSE FROM SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR CO and to go with the standard grey in color for the elevator Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll. Absent Breitbach Motion carried.

Discussed Heritage updates seven rooms will be used for offices.

Committee Assignments

Chairman Kuhn- Ambulance Advisory Committee, September 29, 2022

Supervisor Hackman- CSS meeting, September 28, 2022

Supervisor Breitbach- Northeast Iowa Community Action Program, September 26, 2022

Supervisor Zoll - First Judicial District of Corrections, September 30, 2022

Supervisor Byrne-Workforce Development, by phone

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to adjourn at 12:52 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

No

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

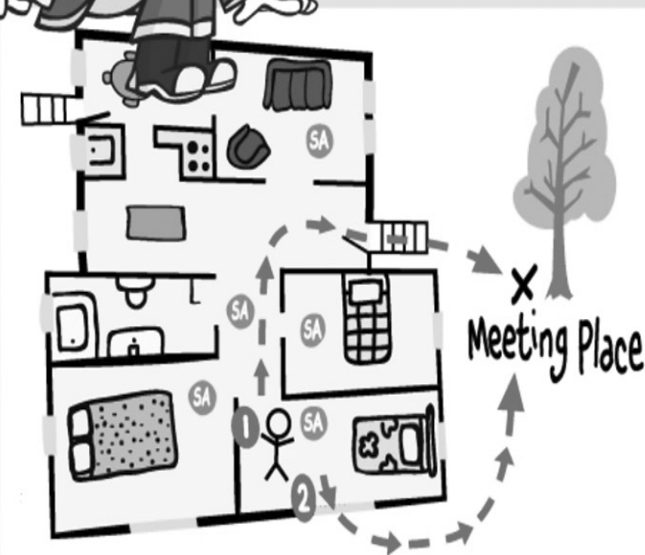


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Fire Prevention Week celebrates 100th anniversary

Area fire departments are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) this week.

This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

"Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

Area firefighters encourage all residents to embrace the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme.

"It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different," National Fire Protection Association officials said in a recent press release.

"Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!"

Fire departments want to share these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

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Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Firefighters not only answer pages but they serve their communities

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young children not only lessons on fire prevention but they also make sure that if, God forbid, a fire ever breaks out in their homes, they know that someone's coming for them.

Eleven years ago, my phone rang early one Sunday morning. I answered and heard the voice of our advertising consultant, Laurie Tiemessen.

"There's a fire at the Blue Iris," she said, "and it doesn't sound good."

I raced out of the house, and even before I could hop into my car, I could smell the smoke. Back then we lived just a few blocks from the downtown New Hampton area, but the area of South Walnut Avenue we called home was plush with trees.

So it wasn't until I got to Hamilton Street that I saw the smoke. I hope the statute of limitations is up on speeding, because I'm about to confess to doing just that. Same goes for stop signs and red lights, too.

I dashed into the old Tribune office on North Chestnut, grabbed a camera and sprinted down the street.

My heart broke for the owners of the two businesses, but fires, thank God, like this don't come around every day. This was one of the biggest stories I had covered in my 19 months in Chickasaw County, and I wanted to do a good job.

What I saw were scores of firefighters from all over the county, including Nashua, and beyond giving up their Sunday morning to make sure the rest of us were safe.

Who takes on a job that means you could be called at

anytime in the day or night? Who willingly goes into a burning building? Who says I'll go even if it's 99 degrees outside? Heck, who says I'll go when it's 30 below and the wind's blowing 40 miles per hour?

I'll tell you who.

People like Johnson, Steve Sudol, Rick Sinnwell, Kevin Zwanziger, Josh Sinnwell, Terry Hillshesheim, Darin Dietz, Chad Nelson, Kurt Nelson, Mike Hannemann, Don Fisher, Chad Sudol, Brian Bilharz, Josh Caster, Dannon Mohs, Ian Johnson, Collin Sudol, Olsen, Jake Johnson, Boe Brown, Jesse Brown, Caleb Wilken, Kyle Lane, Dan Miller, Shea Gerber, Griff Poppe, Devin Auchstetter, Nick Henningsen, Jason Fisher and Zade McCall, the current member of the Nashua Volunteer Fire Department.

I know a lot of them.

The Sudols have fixed my cars.

Johnson cuts my hair, what little I have.

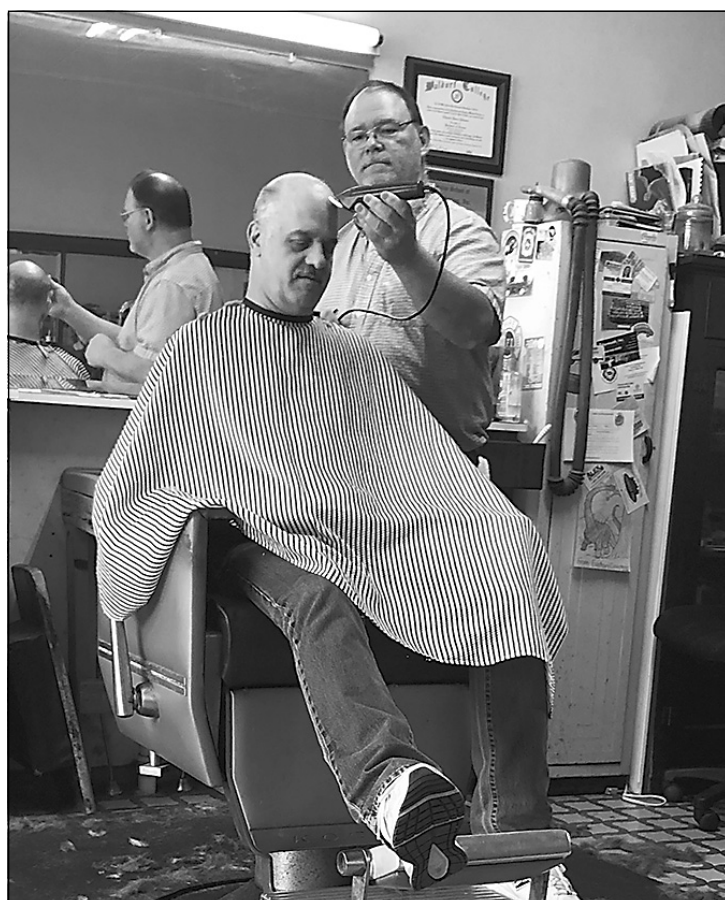
A number of the younger firefighters were members of sports teams I've covered.

Fisher and I endured some really cold track meets for a couple of years.

They have businesses they own. They have their jobs to do. They have their families to tend to, yet, when that pager goes off, they rush out the door. Every. Single. Time.

So to the men and women of all of our fire departments — and yes, to their families — I'm sending a big thank you.

And Mr. Johnson, don't shoot me the next time I see you in the barber shop, especially since there are two photos of you in this paper.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua Fire Chief Tom Johnson (above) works in his barber shop, and one of his firemen is a young man named Jason Fisher (below, who the columnist covered back in his football playing days).



For older adults, it's good to have home fire escape plan

Making a home fire escape plan for yourself and/or the older adults in your household means making plans for your abilities and home environment:

- Remove clutter in the hallways, stairways, and near exits/windows for a clear, safe path out of your home.
- Keep your walker, scooter, cane, or wheelchair by your bed/where you sleep to make sure you can reach it quickly
- Keep your eyeglasses, mobile phone, and a flashlight by your bed/where you sleep to be able to reach them quickly in an emergency.

• If you cannot escape safely, keep your door shut, place a towel or blanket at the bottom of the door and stand near the window for fire service to reach you. Call 911 to let the fire department know you are inside the home.

• If you are deaf, hearing impaired, or have trouble hearing, install a bedside alert such as a bed shaker alarm that works with your smoke alarm to alert you of a fire. Strobe light alarms can be added to your smoke alarms for a visual alert.

• For people who are visually impaired or blind, the sound of the smoke alarm can become disorienting in an emergency. Practice the escape plan with the sound of the alarm to become familiar with, and practice with the extra noise.

• When looking for an apartment or high-rise home, look for one with an automatic sprinkler system

• For people with cognitive disabilities, work with their healthcare providers and local fire department to make a plan that works for their needs.

Then again, it's important for all of us to practice!

It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape.

Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.

For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound.

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We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our firefighters

Let's get one thing out the way: I'm probably on Nashua Fire Chief Tom Johnson's naughty list right about now.

Before I headed out the door of the Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School classroom Thursday morning, he whispered to me, "Don't put my picture in the paper; just Kent's."

So I'm sure Mr. Johnson breathed a sigh of relief when he saw the front page of this edition of the Reporter, but my guess is he's not going to be enamored by this page.

Sorry Tom. Really, I am.

Please don't take it out on me when you give me my next haircut, although truth be told, my youngest son already took care of that the last time I traveled out west to see him in Colorado.

That haircut went so well that before we got to the end of it, we decided to get the clippers out.

So the good news is I won't be seeing Tom in the barber shop for a while, and at his age, maybe he'll have forgotten that his picture was indeed in this Reporter. Just joking, Tom, just joking.

But as we mark Fire Prevention Week, I wanted to take a different tack here in the Reporter. Firefighters in small towns like ours are not professionals.

They work other jobs, they coach our kids, they don't spend the night at the fire station. Instead, when the pager goes off, they drop everything — be it a birthday party, a game, a family celebration or their job — and rush to the station, pile into their trucks and race to the scene.

Sometimes, they find fires destroying not only homes but countless memories. Sometimes, they go to an accident scene and see people — some of whom they know well — suffering from massive injuries or worse. Sometimes, it's not that bad, it's just a carbon monoxide scare that turns out to be nothing.

The point is, though, they answer those pages. As we marked National Fire Prevention Week, though, what hit me is the almost infinite times I see our local firemen give back to their communities. They drive their trucks in the parade, they deliver the Easter Bunny to the Easter Egg Hunt, they teach

SEE FIREFIGHTERS, 8



Bob Fenske has been the editor of the Reporter since 2010, and he can be reached by email at editor@nhtrib.com.



Not only do our area fighters answer their pages at all times of the day and in all kinds of weather, but they also give back to their communities in a variety of ways — like Nashua fireman Kent Olsen and his chief, Tom Johnson (above) giving a Fire Prevention Week talk at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School and the Nashua fire truck making sure the Easter Bunny found the Easter Egg Hunt earlier this year.



N-P Elementary student says fireman sounds a little like Darth Vader

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fact that schools allow them to share some tips and to show kids what they'd look like

if, God forbid, a fire broke out in their house. "I know sometimes we might look scary and our voices are different," Olsen said, "but remember, we're there to help you.

Don't hide, stay low and remember, we'll come and get you, OK?" And the little boy couldn't help but smile. "Darth Vader's going to save me."

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N-P lands two on all-TIC cross country teams

Huck takes second, Hansen makes second team at one ‘freaking cold’ conference meet

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

It may not have been the frozen tundra of the Green Bay Packers’ Lambeau Field, but it was pretty dang raw on the campus of North Iowa Area Community College late Thursday afternoon. And here’s what we learned: It turns out blustery weather doesn’t bother Nashua-Plainfield’s Kadence Huck or Jase Hansen, who earned all-league honors at the Top of Iowa Conference meet. “It was freaking cold,” Nashua-Plainfield coach Jenn Kalainoff



Photos by Jenn Kalainoff
Nashua-Plainfield’s Jase Hansen (above) shows off his second-team all-conference certificate while Kadence Huck (below) is poses with her fellow all-TIC first-team runners.

“Nothing ever seems to phase Kadence,” Kalainoff said. “She just goes out and does her thing. There was a North Iowa [High] girl there that we had never heard of and Kadence had to sprint to beat her for second, but either way, she ran a great race.” The timing issues meant that Kalainoff didn’t have final team standings or other results from the race. “The timing guy was literally on his hands and knees reading the chips,” she said, “so who knows when we’ll get all the results. But I thought all of our kids did a nice job. It was not a fun day to run. I mean not fun at all. You know, NIACC, there’s no wind break so even though the course is pretty flat, it was tough.” Hansen, meanwhile, led the boys with a 28th finish, good for second-team all-TIC, in a personal-best time of 18:45. “He keeps getting better and better,” Kalainoff said. “What we want to see at this time of the year is improvement, and he’s done that all season long.” Nashua-Plainfield will now have a week off before heading to Manly next Thursday for the Class 1A state qualifying meet that will be held at the Pioneer Town and Country Club.



said with a laugh, “and seriously, I’m still trying to thaw out. But I thought we ran really well, especially considering the conditions.” Issues with the timing system meant Kalainoff had little information after the meet, but Huck continued her sensational sophomore season with a second-place finish in 19:44, which was not only a personal-record but broke her own school record. Only Osage’s Katelyn Johnston, who is ranked second in the latest Class 2A individual rankings, bested the Husky star, who is ranked 15th in Class 1A.



Photos by Jenn Kalainoff
Nashua-Plainfield running back Aiden Gelner (above) stretches for an extra yard while teammates Kaden Wilken and Joel Winters (below) take down an AGWSR runner during last Friday’s game.



N-P TAKES DOWN AGWSR TO EARN A SECOND STRAIGHT TRIP TO THE POSTSEASON

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

It’s far from becoming old hat – because qualifying for the state prep playoffs should never be a hum-drum accomplishment. **Class A, District 3 Football**

	Dist.	All
Grundy Center	5-0	7-0
Wapsie Valley	4-1	5-2
Nashua-Plainfield	3-2	5-2
BCLUW	2-3	4-3
Hudson	2-3	3-4
AGWSR	2-4	3-4
North Tama	0-5	1-6

FRIDAY, OCT. 7, RESULTS
Nashua-Plainfield 42, AGWSR 8
Grundy Center 56, BCLUW 8
North Linn 35, Hudson 0
Wapsie Valley 41, North Tama 0

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, GAMES
Hudson at Nashua-Plainfield
Grundy Center at North Tama
Wapsie Valley at BCLUW
AGWSR at West Fork

But Andrew Christensen has certainly helped raise the bar for Nashua-Plainfield football program. This much is true with a Senior Night contest versus Hudson tonight (Friday) that will wrap up the regular season for the high-rising Huskies. N-P is in. Now it’s just a matter of how favorable a postseason matchup Christensen’s squad can haul in when it plays in its 10th all-time playoff contest a week from tonight against an undetermined opponent. That game will be on the road as district champions and runners-up host first-round playoff games.

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Huskies heating up at the right time

Nashua-Plainfield takes two out of three at North Butler, opens regional play on Monday

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Can a strong finish to the regular season equate to an even better run once regional play starts? Mindy Foelske and her Nashua-Plainfield volleyball team sure hope so. The Huskies have pulled through and will carry plenty of momentum into Monday night’s opening round regional contest at Riceville. After only claiming two wins in its first 16 matches, N-P closed out the regular season with seven wins in its last 10 matches. “We are playing some really good volleyball right now. We have finally found some consistency on the court and are getting people where they benefit the team the most. Also, as the season is coming to a close we now have experience on the court. Court time is the best thing you can do to become better,” said Foelske in her second year of guiding the Huskies. Nashua-Plainfield now sports a record of 9-17 overall after winning two of three matches at a quad that took place in North Butler this past Tuesday. The Huskies stopped the host Bearcats in two – 25-15 and 26-24. It’s the second time this season the Huskies have defeated their top rival. N-P also defeated Hampton-Dumont-CAL in three – 25-9, 19-25, 15-11. “Against Hampton we came out strong and really took control of the game. They struggled on serve receive and our servers were able to capitalize to get some big runs,” said Foelske. “The one thing we



have to find is consistency with each set. We have a great set and then turn around and can’t seem to make a play.” N-P’s lone loss in the quad came against Lake Mills (26-4) – the champion of the Top of Iowa West with a perfect 8-0 record. The Bulldogs turned back the Huskies by scores of 25-19 and 25-8. “We did not come into the first game with Lake Mills with any type of energy. We started

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ON TAP FOR THE NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES

FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Varsity football vs. Hudson, Senior Night, 7 p.m.	1A regional, 7 p.m.	Varsity cross country at Class 1A
MONDAY	Varsity volleyball vs. Rockford or West Fork, if qualified, Class 1A regional quarterfinal, Rockford, 7 p.m.	
Junior varsity football at Wapsie Valley, 6 p.m.		
Varsity volleyball at Riceville, Class		

state qualifying meet, Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

Varsity football in Class A state playoffs, opponent and site to be announced by Iowa High School Athletic Association on Saturday, 7 p.m.