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Nashua mayor backs ARPA funding for Alta Vista

Anthofer submits letter supporting county giving fellow Chickasaw County City more than \$28,000 of federal funds

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The subject of Chickasaw County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars wouldn't go away on Monday; in fact, one could say it was an almost ARPA-themed Board of Supervisors meeting.

From the public comment portion of the meeting to almost the

end of it, ARPA kept coming up a week after the board voted 3-2 to commit almost 90 percent of the county's remaining ARPA funds — \$600,000 — to a Secondary Roads paving project to be determined by the county engineer.

To be fair, the ARPA dollars were on the agenda as Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer was on hand to discuss his letter of support to the

county providing the city of Alta Vista \$28,835.26 from its ARPA fund for road projects.

Supervisors in recent weeks have come under fire for giving Nashua \$50,000 for engineering costs as the city tries to fix the dam that is located in the city. Like Nashua, Alta Vista did not sign a 28E agreement last year to be part of the county-owned ambulance service that

began on Jan. 1.

The mayor said he arrived at the number for Alta Vista by estimating that the county has spent \$1.3 million to start and get Chickasaw County EMS running and that based on population, the city should receive

SEE SUPERVISORS, 5

Harvest comes with plenty of questions

Agronomist: Drought to no doubt affect '23 yields

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Overheard at the Chickasaw County Courthouse on Monday morning.

"Now, it'll decide to start raining and we won't even be able to get the crops out."

The frustration in the farmer's voice was dang near palatable, and for good reason, too. It has been a growing season that can be summed up with one word: Frustrating.

Still, as farmers get ready to bring in an "uncertain" crop, an Iowa State University Extension agronomist said that as much as he'd hate to see farmers' harvest plans get delayed by rain, the area desperately needs precipitation.

"Honestly, it's too late to help the corn," Terry Basol said earlier this week, "and even with the soybeans, I'm not sure unless you have a late-planted field on really good soil. But we could use a two-, three-day soaker just to get start building for next year. The drought's bad enough right now that we're not going to say no to any kind of moisture."

The fact is, our little corner of the world hasn't been this dry in 11 years. And the Drought of 2023 is doing everything it can to catch up with the Drought of 2012.

In this week's USDA National Agriculture Statistic Service's Iowa Crop Progress and Condition report, 50 percent of farmland in the Northeast Iowa District, which includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties, is "very short" and 33 percent is "short" of topsoil moisture. One must go back 11 years to find drier conditions at this time of the year as the Sept. 10, 2012, report showed 52 percent of Northeast Iowa farmland was "very short" of moisture and 40 percent was "short."

The U.S. Drought Monitor report released Thursday showed the area of "extreme drought" grew in the past

SEE DROUGHT, 4

Conservation Board celebrates Twin Ponds and its 'value,' too

Nature center's 20th anniversary party draws big crowd

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

As the cars kept coming Sunday, Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal couldn't help but smile.

The 20th anniversary celebration for Twin Ponds Nature Center obviously meant a lot to the board, its director and his employees, but to see that it meant so much to the residents of the county, that meant the world to folks like Humpal.

"You know, we weren't quite sure what to expect," the Conservation Board director

said, "because it's been a few years since we really had a large event. And then to have more than 200 people come out, it was impressive. And there were a lot of young kids, too, and that always makes it more exciting."

The anniversary party included a pair of live raptor programs, kayaking, archery, slingshotting and creating your own owl call, and Humpal told the Board of Supervisors on Monday the board may consider putting together a similar event next year.

Before Twin Ponds was

SEE TWIN PONDS, 3



Chad Humpal/Cickasaw County Conservation Board
A large crowd turns out for one of two "raptor" programs Chickasaw County Conservation Board Naturalist Matt Crayne put on Sunday, when the board celebrated the 20th anniversary of Twin Ponds Nature Center.

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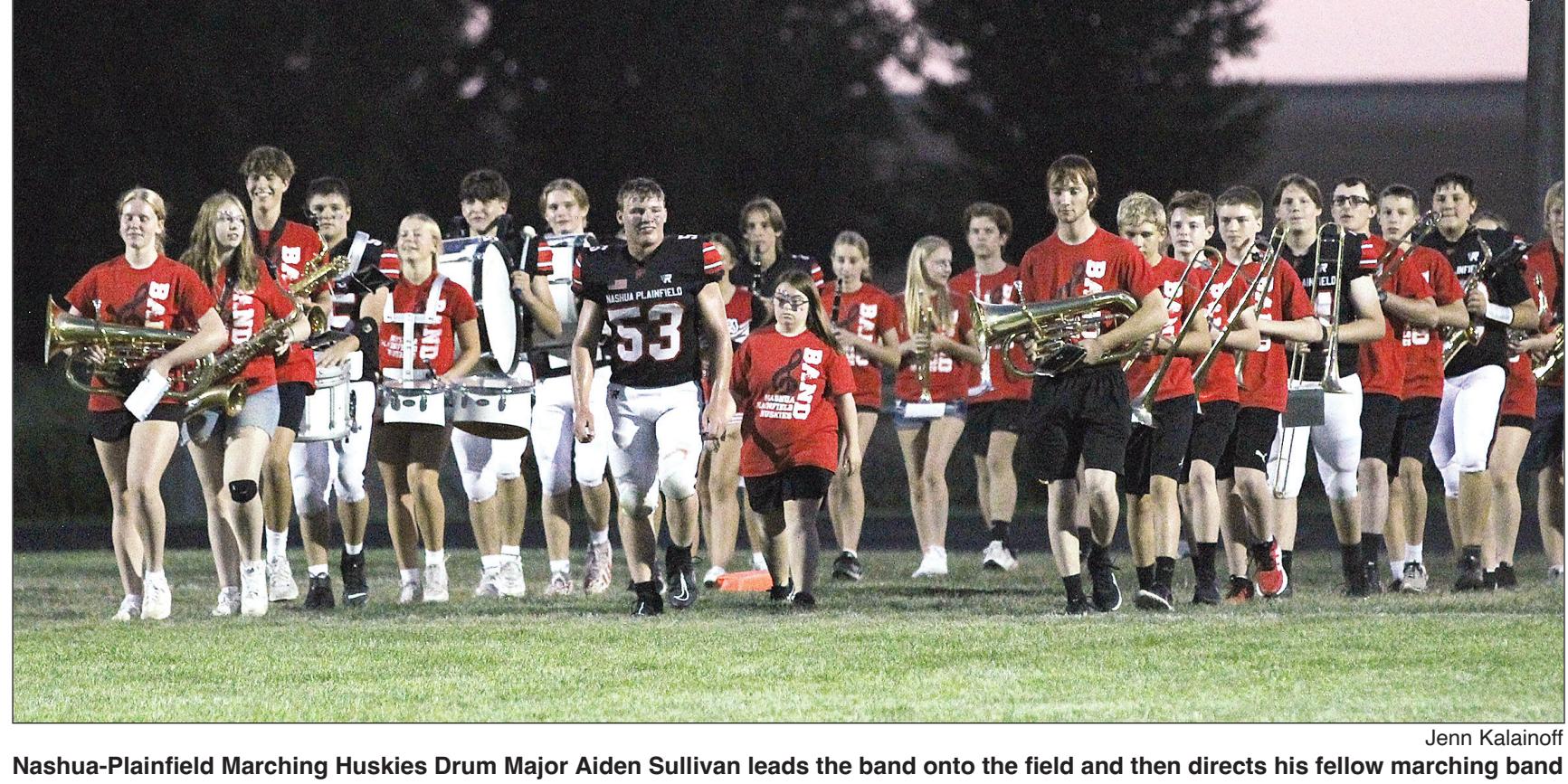
Huskies go on the road, post dominating district win

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Nashua-Plainfield Marching Huskies Drum Major Aiden Sullivan leads the band onto the field and then directs his fellow marching band members during their halftime show on Sept. 1 when he also helped the Huskies to a 22-20 victory over North Tama in the football game.

PULLING DOUBLE DUTY ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SENIOR NOT ONLY EXCELS ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD BUT ALSO LEADS THE MARCHING HUSKIES

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

When Nashua-Plainfield hits the road to play a football game, Aiden Sullivan has a busy night ahead of him; after all, he's the Huskies' starting center on offense and one of the team's starting defensive ends on the other side of the ball.

But honestly, those road games are Sullivan's "light nights."

That's because when Nashua-Plainfield plays football in the friendly confines of Lloyd Koob Field, Sullivan takes on one extra duty — drum major of the Nashua-Plainfield Marching Huskies.

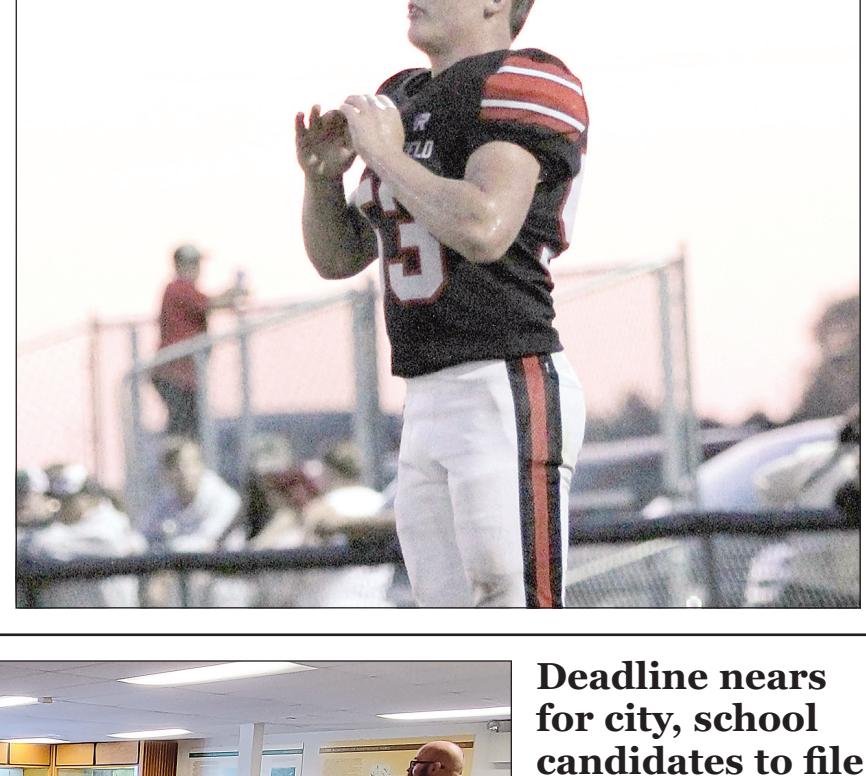
"It gets a little hectic, but basically at halftime, I go over to the band and put on a different hat, I'd guess you say," the senior said. "I think that's one of the things I love about my school. You can participate in both music and sports and no one really

thinks about it. That's because our coaches, teachers and the administration work together to make sure we can be in as much as possible."

Trust us, it doesn't happen everywhere; in fact, the scene Husky fans see under the Friday Night Lights that includes band members dressed in football uniforms and cheerleading outfits is a testament to the district's goal to turn out well-rounded students.

"Nashua-Plainfield students are so lucky to have the opportunity to be in band and sports," Band Director Scott Stroud said. "Coaches and sponsors work together to make sure students can participate in all N-P activities without conflict. This year, we have 12 football players in high school band. On Friday nights, the audience sees a mixture of football, cheerleader, and band uniforms marching

SEE SULLIVAN, 2



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Football star serves as drum major for Marching Huskies

SULLIVAN: FROM 1

together at halftime." Stroud paused and emphasized his next sentence.

"This is one of the reasons that makes Nashua-Plainfield a great place for students."

THIS FALL MARKS the second consecutive year that Aiden Sullivan has pulled, if you will, "double duty" as a starting football player and the marching band's drum major.

His fall is pretty much filled with football and band; actually, his work — like that put in by his football teammates and fellow band members — began this summer when both groups reported to their respective preseason camps.

A starting center a year ago, Sullivan picked up a new position on defense and worked on mastering it. Meanwhile, he was just as busy at band camp.

"I kind of run around and help the underclassmen," he said of his work during the week-long camp Stroud holds each year to get his Marching Huskies ready for another season of halftime shows and contests. "A field show is different than what we did in junior high because then, we're just marching down a street. We're going straight."

He paused and laughed.

"And on a field, you're going straight, backwards, to the side and it can get a little tricky," he said, "so I'm there to kind of help out the young ones."

Asked if he missed playing and marching, Sullivan's answer was quick.

"I know I shouldn't say this because I really do like playing [the saxophone] but after playing a half of football, not really," he said. "It's easier to wave your arms than marching around the field, especially knowing I've got another half to play football."

Stroud is quick to point out that Sullivan does much more than a "conductor."

"Aiden also does a lot behind the



Jenn Kalainoff

One of the hallmarks of the Nashua-Plainfield Marching Huskies is that it includes students involved in numerous other school activities.

scenes to help the band," said Stroud, who pointed out that Sullivan is in charge of the band's "field helpers" who make sure the field and pit get set up correctly for class and also helps them "tear it down" after class.

The longtime Nashua-Plainfield band director also said his drum major serves as an "extra pair of eyes" on the band that has garnered 17 Division I ratings in the past 22 years at the state marching band contest.

"When we are learning the marching show drill, Aiden helps the drill leaders set the students in the correct spots on the field," Stroud said.

"He helps me keep an eye on correct marching posture, horn positions, if students are out of step, etc. As the director, it is nice to have that extra set of eyes, because I can't see everything all the time."

Sullivan, who is also a standout wrestler for the Huskies and an active member of the school's FFA chapter, is characteristically humble when he talks about his work with the band.

"We've got a lot of good players," he said, "and hopefully I help them a little bit but they're the reason we sound the way we do, march the way we do."

His teacher, though, said Sullivan deserves credit because of his leadership skills.

"The band students respect him and value his opinion," Stroud said, "and he

is a great conductor on the podium."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD is off to its best start on the gridiron in nine years, and Sullivan is a big part of the Huskies being 3-0 heading into tonight's game at AGWSR.

He and his linemates — Trent Rodruck, Tate White, Dylan Blanchard and Isaac Jones — have cleared the holes that have led to the Huskies amassing 913 rushing yards, which ranks third in the state.

"When Aiden [Gelner] and Titus [Evans] are getting 100-yard games," he said, "that's our stat in a way. We take a lot of pride in that, but we know we have to keep getting better. We want this season to go on for a while."

Meanwhile, on defense, he has recorded 10.5 tackles, which ranks third on the team that is 3-0 and leads the Huskies with four tackles for loss.

But his football coaches, like Stroud, talk first about Sullivan's leadership abilities.

"Aiden is one of the hardest working kids I have ever coached," Nashua-Plainfield head coach Andrew Christensen said. "He never skips a rep in the weight room and always pushes himself to be the best he can be. He's always been a lead-by-example kid, but this year he has stepped up and become more of a vocal leader as well."

Nashua-Plainfield defensive coordinator Nick Henningsen echoed those thoughts.

"Give me 11 Aiden Sullivans and we don't lose," he said. "As a coach, what you love about Aiden the most is that he always — and I mean always — puts

the team first."

LIFE IS ABOUT to get especially busy for the football player/drum major.

After playing three of their first four football games on the road, the Huskies play three of their final home games in Nashua. Throw in the Marshalltown Oktemberfest Parade Contest that will be held a week from this Saturday and the Iowa High School Music Association's state marching band contest that is set for Saturday, Oct. 7, in Waterloo, and it's going to be a hectic several weeks for Sullivan.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything," he said. "I mean don't get me wrong, I'm pretty competitive and that goes for anything I do — football, wrestling, band, everything — but it's also a lot of fun. I'll say it again, being able to be a part of a lot of things is why I love going to school here."

And when his frantic fall does come to an end, he'll still have wrestling and FFA, but he also has an eye on his future.

His dream is to receive an appointment to the United States Military Academy, and he visited West Point this past summer.

"I guess for me, it would be a chance to lead and serve," he said, "and that's what I'm already kind of doing here in high school. I'd just really would love to take it to the next level."

Wherever he ends up, his coaches, directors and teachers know Nashua-Plainfield will be losing a good one when he walks across the stage next spring and receives his high school diploma.

Maybe his football coach summed it up best.

"Ultimately," Christensen said, "I would say that the world could use more people like Aiden Sullivan."



Marlys Cagley

Cagley 80th birthday

Marlys Cagley will celebrate her 80th birthday on Oct. 3, and her family would like to mark the milestone birthday with a card shower.

Cards can be sent to Marlys at 908 8th Ave., Charles City, IA 50616.

Briefs

Leah's breakfast set for Saturday

The family of a longtime 4-H volunteer who was a mainstay at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show will honor the memory of Leah Schwickerath with a fundraising breakfast this Saturday.

"Leah's Annual Pancake Breakfast" will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Mikkelsen Park, which is located on the east end of New Hampton off of Highway 24.

The freewill donation for pancake and sausage, with authentic maple syrup, will go to Leah's Memorial Fund to benefit local causes.

Pork producers to hold event Sept. 21

The Chickasaw County Pork Producers is working with New Hampton's New Horizons-Chamber to say "So Long Summer."

The Chickasaw County Pork Producers will grill and donate another Lunch for a Cause event similar to last year for Kindness Square, an all-inclusive park being built in New Hampton.

This year the proceeds will go to the Chickasaw Sno-Riders Club who are raising funds to build a permanent shed to ensure timely grooming for the public snowmobile trails in Chickasaw County.

A pork sandwich meal, which includes chips, dessert and drink will be available for \$10, with \$7 charged for the sandwich alone. Serving will be on Main Street from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., or until the food is gone.

Pre-orders are welcome and appreciated. Deliveries of 10 meals or more available.

Submit your order/quantity to LeeAnne at slschulz.85@gmail.com by Monday.

FMC Landfill to celebrate 50 Sept. 23

The Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the FMC Landfill on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The landfill will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fishing at the front pond.

In addition, a meal provided by the Mitchell County Cattlemen's Association and there will be tours of the facility that first opened in 1973.

The facility is located at 3354 330th St., Elma, about seven miles west of Elma.

Hawkeye graduate

The following are Hawkeye Community College summer graduates and their programs of study.

Nashua: Brynn Wright, AA, Elementary Education.

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If your name did not appear in our Chickasaw County Veterans' Honor Roll listing from the 2022 New Hampton Tribune's Veterans Tab, We want to know who you are and want to include your name FREE of charge.

The Chickasaw County Honor Roll will be published in the New Hampton Tribune's Veterans Day Special Section that will be part of the Tribune's November 9th issue and the Nashua Reporter's November 10th issue.

As a Veteran, if you would like to have your name or a family member's name included on our Chickasaw County Veterans Honor Roll, please fill out the form below and return it to the New Hampton Tribune by October 20, 2023.

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Funeral home welcomes back speaker who visited Heaven

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Almost as soon as Jim Woodford finished his last seminar at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory last fall, Gayla Hugeback knew she wanted him to return to Chickasaw County.

"We had a lot of people who were unable to make it," she said, "and they just wanted a chance to meet him and hear his story. I think they heard from their friends how amazing Jim was."

Woodford is a Canadian who became a successful commercial pilot, and he'll share his story of his near-death experience when he visited Heaven for 11 hours. Hugeback said, like a year ago, he'll offer both "strength for today and hope for tomorrow" to those who attend one of the four seminars that

will be held at the funeral home. Sunday's seminar will be held at 1 p.m. while the seminars on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday all begin at 7 p.m. Because seating is limited, those attending need to make reservations by calling the funeral home at 641-394-4334.

All four seminars will be held at the funeral home in New Hampton.

"I think one of the best things we learned from last year," Hugeback said, "is that because the questions Jim gets are always different, every seminar is different."

"What makes him such a powerful speaker, in my mind, is his story obviously but also the fact that he takes time to answer every single question. Every one of his programs last year was so powerful, and we're so excited that he is coming back to New Hampton."

Briefs

Board of Supervisors vote 3-2 to give county treasurer second deputy

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 Monday to approve a request from County Treasurer Matt Ysbrand to name one of his clerks as a "deputy."

Ysbrand made the recommendation to move Brenda Schnoebelin from a clerk to deputy in his office. Schnoebelin has been with the county for more than 20 years and is one of two drivers license examiners in Ysbrand's office.

County policy allows for the Board of Supervisors to approve the pay of clerks, but deputies' pay is set by the various department heads. Ysbrand said if Schnoebelin became a deputy, she would receive a salary equivalent to 70 percent of the treasurer's salary.

"She's such an integral part of that part of our office," Ysbrand said, "and honestly, I would say this is overdue."

Three supervisors — Steve Breitbach, Matt Kuhn and Scott Cerwinski — agreed and Schnoebelin will become Ysbrand's second deputy, the other is Amy Roeder — this coming Monday.

— By Bob Fenske

Members of two area cooperatives agree to merger

The farmer members of Northern Country Cooperative and Vi-afield have voted in favor of the proposed merger between the two cooperatives.

The merger votes of both cooperatives resulted in a member ballot return which exceeded the Iowa requirement, and overall approval votes met the two-thirds threshold for a cooperative merger to pass.

Both boards of directors are pleased with the results, indicating mutual support of members for future growth and opportunities.

"We are grateful for the trust our fellow members showed in this merger vote. It is through that active member ownership that we will be able to further strengthen the services and resources for our farmer-owners," Northern Country Board President Dave Huber said.

The two complementary organizations, with strong financial standing and deep roots in the rural, farming communities they serve, together employ more than 270 team members and supply over 4,700 member farmers.

The new cooperative will begin conducting unified business effective Feb. 1, 2024. Corporate offices will continue to be based in both Charles City and Stacyville.

Jason Schwenneker, current Northern Country CEO, will serve as the forthcoming cooperative's CEO. Derrick Davis, current Vi-afield CEO, will continue his leadership as COO.

"This merger is truly the best path forward for our respective cooperatives, employees and communities," shares Schwenneker. "We will be best positioned in size and scale to continue serving the expanding needs of our customers today and those in next generations. That is truly something we all can be proud of."

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

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September 6, 2023

The Board convened on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. with members Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Cerwinski, and Breitbach present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa.

Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Terry Johnson, Alta Vista Mayor Kevin Crooks, Ionia Mayor Randy Taylor, City of North Washington Megan Baltes, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Board of Health Toni Friedrich, Bridget Edson, Board of Health Jeremy McGrath, Kathy Shekleton, EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for September 6, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve RESOLUTION NO. 09-06-23-75 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY AUDITOR FOR ELECTIONS AND REAL ESTATE WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.903 the Chickasaw County Auditor may appoint, with approval of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, one or more deputies; and

WHEREAS, Chickasaw County Auditor Sheila Shekleton hired Regina

Fangman and intends to appoint her as Deputy Auditor for Elections and Real Estate. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approves of the hire and appointment of Regina Fangman as Chickasaw County Deputy Auditor for Elections and Real Estate effective September 5, 2023. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 6th day of September, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Breitbach Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. Nay; Hackman /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:04 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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Discussion with Public Health Director about staffing Public Health and Environment Health.

No discussion on requests from Ionia, North Washington, Alta Vista, Lawler, Nashua.

Discussion on Law Enforcement Project no action taken.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to enter into a lease agreement with Apartments LLC for a six-month contract for the EMS sleeping quarters for \$1,100.00 per month. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to enter into a lease agreement with Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation for office space at the Chickasaw Heritage Center for \$1.00 starting

October 1, 2023 and authorize chair signature. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to enter into a lease agreement with Helping Services for Youth & Families for office space at the Chickasaw Heritage Center for \$1.00 starting October 1, 2023 and authorize chair signature. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

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Engineer asks for guidance on spending ARPA funds

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

ARPA funding of \$127.03 per resident, just like the six cities who are a part of the ambulance service did when the county used ARPA dollars for ambulance start-up costs.

"I understand that financial support typically cannot be applied equally, but the way it's addressed and acknowledged can go a long way in preventing discord," Anthofer's letter dated Sept. 6 said. "The county's use of ARPA funds to support Alta Vista's project would be a step in the right direction in working towards equal distribution of these funds."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn expressed frustration that the letter of support was tied to the ambulance issue and quizzed the Nashua mayor about who wrote the letter.

"I think I wrote the letter because I was asked to so I did," Anthofer said, "is that what you're asking?"

Kuhn responded, "Who asked you to write the letter" and Anthofer responded that "I don't really remember who actually said it."

Alta Vista was one of three cities — the others were Lawler and North Washington — that requested \$50,000 of county ARPA funds for road and bridge projects within the cities while Ionia requested \$30,000 for improvements to its park that city officials say is used by numerous county residents.

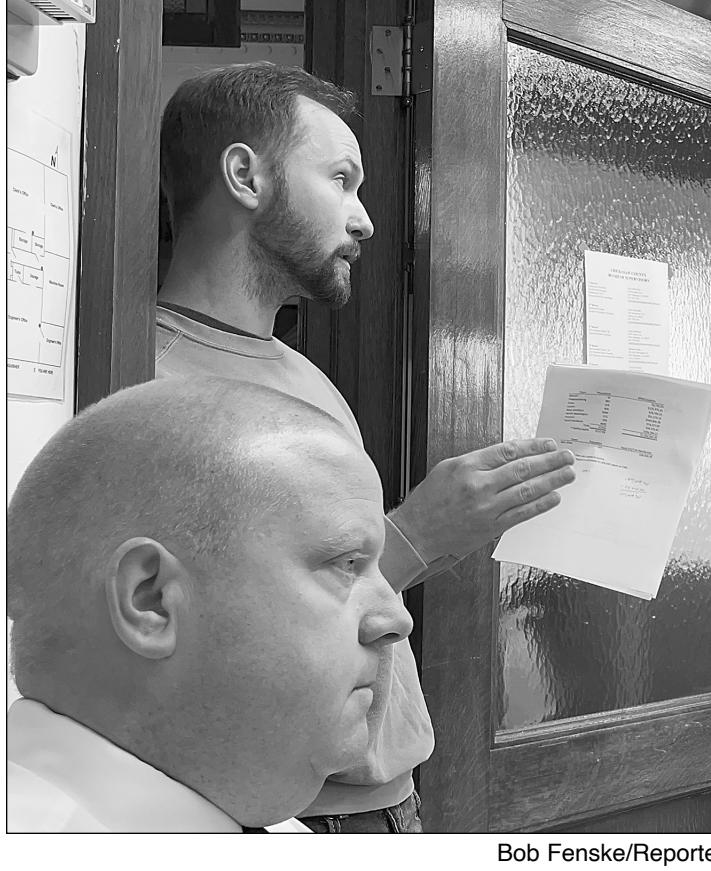
Those requests were turned down on 3-2 votes by the supervisors.

"Nashua and Alta Vista were offered to be part of the county-owned ambulance service," said Supervisor Steve Breitbach, who supported the four cities' requests. "They both declined.... Now, there are other services the county offers that if you don't take part in those, you don't ask for reimbursement. I mean if I don't hunt, I don't expect to get reimbursed from conservation because I don't use those services. They're offered to me, just like the ambulance was offered to you guys.... In my opinion, if all the cities' requests aren't granted then none should be."

Alta Vista's original \$50,000 request was to help the city with costs associated with a major road reconstruction project on County Road V-18 from Highway 18 through the city and into Elma, a city in Howard County. Proponents of the project say they are hopeful that they can get a federal grant that would help cover at least 70 percent of the costs.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he hoped Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing would use the money for the V-18 project.

"ARPA was always deter-



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Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer talks with the Board of Supervisors during Monday's meeting.

mined for lost revenue," he said. "I believe road use tax was affected when most people worked from home or stayed home during COVID time. So that is a very good reason to use ARPA on reimbursing the road-use fund tax on lost revenue."

Hackman said he wouldn't make a motion on Anthofer's letter because "part of that \$600,000 will help Alta Vista out or a farm-to-market road inside that city."

ANTHOFER'S LETTER was discussed after County Treasurer Shirley Troyna voiced strong opinions about the Sept. 5 ARPA vote that was supported by Hackman, Scott Cerwinski and Travis Suckow and before the subject came up in two "department updates."

Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal expressed disappointment in the process that led to most of the county's ARPA funds being committed.

"I was just a little disappointed as a department head that there wasn't a little more transparency," Humpal said. "You know I've been here multiple times discussing, 'Hey, I'd like to see if I can pick up some of the crumbs at the tail end of things.'"

He emphasized that he wasn't necessarily against the money going to Secondary Roads or even the requests from the cities.

"I didn't think I had a good shot of getting any of it," he said, "but then again, \$50,000 to a \$435,000 budget is a big shot in the arm. We had discussed last year about \$60,000 for some cabins and stuff like that.... I'm not jumping on anybody, I'm not saying what you did was wrong. I just felt the process and that I was kind of kicked to the curb and not given a chance to come up here and speak my piece."

LENSING, WHO WAS not at last week's meeting, also brought up the ARPA dollars during his department update and he said he'd like a "little guidance" from supervisors on where the money should be used.

"I never asked for ARPA dollars, I'm fine with getting them," he said. "We don't have too many stretches that \$600,000 is going to fully do them."

He mentioned north of the county maintenance shop in New Hampton "all the way to [Highway] 63" and also the mile stretch on Kenwood Avenue "right in front of Croell Inc.," although he pointed out that if the county went with asphalt in front of Croell, "you would have a few people up here expressing their opinion."

He also said he could use the money for the V-18 project, but also wanted to make sure he could spend the money in time to reach the deadline for expending ARPA funds, which is Dec. 31, 2026.

Lensing also asked about the possibility of using tax-increment financing dollars from the Chickasaw County Wind Farm for that project, but supervisors the week before had discussed using TIF money to pay for the remodeling of the Sheriff's Office and the construction of a 24-hour holding facility.

Lensing said he was open to ideas but he also said he didn't really want the \$600,000 to be used for a "partial project" — pointing out that if a road needed eight miles of work and only one to three miles can be done with the ARPA money, then the county would have to go through road closures two different times.

"If you want to go with another stretch of roadway," he said, "I would suggest that we go with one that will be the whole project will be done with that [money]."

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Huskies welcome five teams to town for Saturday tourney

VOLLEYBALL: FROM 8

Ava Kirk, a sophomore outside hitter/defensive specialist – recorded three aces versus AGWSR. Jalynn Pratt, N-P's senior libero, also notched three aces against the Cougars. Pratt also was tops on the team in digs in the four matches at last Saturday's weekend tournament with 29.

N-P fell to Osage (10-4, 5-0) at home this past Tuesday by scores of 25-10, 25-18 and 25-15.

N-P hosts North Linn, Clayton Ridge, Rockford, South Winneshiek and Starmont at its home invite. The action gets underway at 9 a.m.

The Huskies (1-11, 0-5) close out the regular season with matches at North Butler on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and at Clarksville on Tuesday, Sept. 26. The Huskies finish off the regular season with three matches – all at home. N-P plays host to Belmond-Klemme on Monday, Oct. 2 and on Senior Night versus West Fork the following evening on Tuesday, Oct. 3. N-P concludes the regular season at home on Tuesday, Oct. 10 in a quad versus Hampton-Dumont, Lake Mills and North Butler.

ST. ANSGAR 3, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

St. Ansgar 25 25 25
Nashua-Plainfield 18 17 14
Kills - Elayna O'Neill 4, Josslynn Glaser 2, Lily Eiffler 2, Myranda Webster 1, Paige Franzen 1.

Assists - Kami Hannemann 9.

Digs - Jalynn Pratt 10, Franzen 8, Eiffler 3, Hannemann 2, Ava Kirk 2, Maci Malven 1.

Serving - Eiffler 8-9, Kirk 8-8, Pratt 6-7, Hannemann 6-7, Glaser 9-10, Franzen 9-9.

Aces - Pratt 3, Glaser 2.

APLINGTON-PARKERSBURG 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

Aplington-Parkersburg 21 21
Nashua-Plainfield 10 10
Kills - O'Neill 3, Franzen 2, Hannemann 1.

Assists - Hannemann 5, Malven 1.

Digs - Franzen 3, Kirk 2, Pratt 2, Malven 1, Hannemann 1.

Serving - Malven 2-2, Eiffler 3-3, Kirk 3-3, Pratt 4-4, Hannemann 5-5, Franzen 3-4.

Aces - Hannemann 2, Pratt 1, Franzen 1.

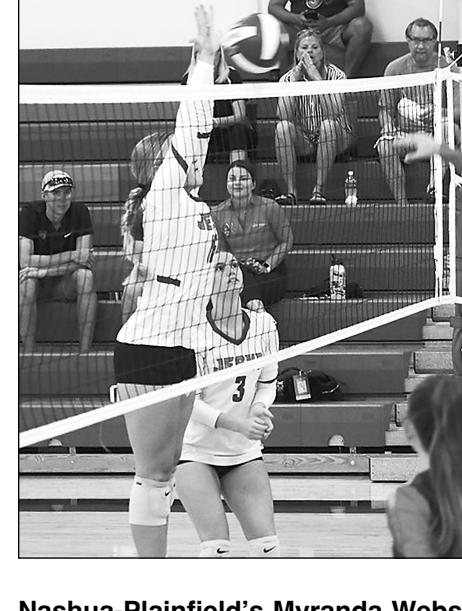
WEST DELAWARE 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

West Delaware 21 21
Nashua-Plainfield 9 6
Kills - Eiffler 1, Pratt 1, O'Neill 1, Franzen 1.

Assists - Hannemann 4.

Digs - Pratt 6, Malven 4, Franzen 3, Kirk 2, Hannemann 2, Eiffler 1.

Serving - Eiffler 5-6, Kirk 1-2, Pratt 1-2, Hannemann 2-2, O'Neill 2-2,



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Myranda Webster takes a swing in a match played against Jesup earlier this season.

Franzen 2-2.

Aces - Eiffler 1, O'Neill 1.

**WAPSIE VALLEY 2,
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0**

Wapsie Valley 21 21
Nashua-Plainfield 10 10
Kills - Eiffler 4, Franzen 3, Webster 1, Hannemann 1, O'Neill 1.

Assists - Hannemann 6, Webster 1, Kirk 1, Pratt 1.

Digs - Franzen 7, Kirk 6, Pratt 5, O'Neill 3, Malven 2, Eiffler 2.

Serving - Eiffler 1-2, Kirk 2-2, Pratt 4-4, Hannemann 3-4, O'Neill 2-3, Franzen 4-6.

AGWSR 2, N-P 0

AGWSR 25 25
Nashua-Plainfield 9 21
Kills - Eiffler 4, O'Neill 3, Franzen 2, Webster 1.

Assists - Hannemann 8, Franzen 1.

1. Digs - Pratt 16, Franzen 8, Kirk 3, Malven 2, Webster 2, Eiffler 1, Hannemann 1, O'Neill 1.

Serving - Eiffler 4-4, Kirk 9-9, Pratt 6-7, Hannemann 3-3, O'Neill 2-2, Franzen 4-5.

Aces - Kirk 3, Pratt 3, Hannemann 1.

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Husky boys continue to show improvement

CROSS COUNTRY: FROM 8

fall as a freshman.

"Scarlet's definitely been working in the offseason and I know that. She was right on my heels. I actually like people running on my heels. It makes sure I don't slow down," said Huck. "I get to set the pace. If I slow down, I'm gonna know, because they're gonna pass me. As long as they're not coming, I guess I feel good."

To get an idea of where Huck currently stands in the grand scheme of things in Class 1A – as far as top times are concerned – she has the sixth-best clip in her class after that run at Osage. She ran a 20-minute-flat 5K race at this same meet in Osage last year.

"Kadence ran a great race. It was nice to see her run with a little competition behind her. Scarlett ran a great race and really pushed the pace. Kadence had a nice lead the whole time. She has always been a strong runner, but I can see how her work over the summer has really put her even further ahead of her competition," said N-P head coach Jenn Kalainoff.

The N-P girls placed sixth as a team with 130 points. Crestwood won the meet with 58 points, followed by runner-up Forest City (60) and third-place New Hampton.

Ellie Eick – a senior and four-year competitor on the N-P varsity squad that ran at state when the Huskies qualified as a team in 2020 – placed 23rd overall in 25:50. Eick ran 24:04 at Union.

N-P sophomore Jalissa White finished in 31st place in 24:45 and junior Amberly Gerholdt wound up in 52nd place in 26:29. Gerholdt qualified for state individually as a freshman, when she placed 101st overall. Huck placed 48th overall at that same state meet.

"I am happy with how everyone ran the other night. Times were better than Union which actually says a lot – the terrain was not great in Osage. Going from a golf course where the footing is a bit more stable and it was a fairly flat course to running at Osage where the ground was dry, cracked and not great. It was good to see those times come down," said Kalainoff.

Husky senior Lexi Weiss finished 56th in 27:55 and junior Marleigh Lowe, a newcomer to the sport, crossed the tape in 28:42 – good for 57th place. Emma O'Neill, a senior, was 59th overall in 31:55.

The Nashua-Plainfield boys team placed fifth with 147 points. Lake Mills won the meet with 38 points and Forest City was second with 51 points. Crestwood ran to a third-place finish with 95 points.

Husky sophomore Jase Hansen just missed out on a medal with a 17th-place finish at Osage. Hansen's time at Osage was 18:59. His immediate goal in the coming weeks is to keep running under that 19-minute barrier with the lofty objective of dipping underneath 18 minutes later on in the season.

Hansen just missed out on a state berth at the qualifier in Manly last October. He placed 17th overall. The state took the top 10 individual times to run at the state meet in Fort Dodge. "This is only Jase's second year, so he is still figuring it out and building up his confidence. We have quite a few boys that are out for the first time and he has taken a good leadership role. He is a kid that leads by example – he always works hard. I appreciate his role on the team and I am excited to see where his hard work is going to get him," said Kalainoff.

Hansen talked about the difference between his freshman running season and this year as a sophomore.

"I have a lot more confidence, for sure," said Hansen. "I'm trying to take care of business – eating right, all that type of stuff."

Hansen said he's watching his diet a lot more during the season and he hopes that will pay dividends once the season hits its stretch run.

"I'm not as winded and gassed," said Hansen about his two first races to start the season.

Also running on a night that was relatively cool (70 degree temps) compared to the heat wave that enveloped the state the two previous weeks that canceled two meets for N-P, was N-P junior Caleb Sinnwell.

He knocked off a considerable amount of time since the last time he ran at Osage as a sophomore. He earned a 25th-place finish in 19:46. Sinnwell produced a time of 20:29 at Osage last year.

"Caleb is really becoming a competitor. The boys are in a really unique situation – some of their greatest competition is each other. I love how they are running as a pack and pushing each other. That is really going to pay off for them team-wise," said Kalainoff.

N-P placed three runners in a row – sophomore Avery Mueller (34th, 20:27), junior Luke Paplow (35th, 20:29) and sophomore Jake Smith (36th, 20:32).

N-P senior Caleb Lentz finished his race in a time of 21:30 (50th place) and junior Cal Levi ran to a 54th-place finish in 21:58.

What just may be the key to success for the Huskies this season in addition to hard work and dedication?

Huck had a possible answer. "I think a big part of it is making sure people have fun. If you don't have fun with cross country, it is torture. It's not fun. It's hot. It's brutal. If you don't have fun, it's a lot harder. So I think that's one of the main things I try to do for the team is to make sure people are having fun and people are laughing," said Huck.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Crestwood 58, Forest City 60, New Hampton 82, Osage 86, Mason City Newman 96, Nashua-Plainfield 130, Lake Mills 165.

TOP-FIVE INDIVIDUALS

Kadence Huck (NP) 19:19.82, Scarlett Byrnes (O) 19:25.1, Addison Voelker (North Butler) 19:54.4, Laney Peter (CR) 20:58.55, 20:58.55, Carmen Sharp (FC) 20:59.22.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

1. Huck 19:19.82, 23. Ellie Eick 25:50.2, 31. Jalissa White 24:45.62, 52. Amberly Gerholdt 26:29.94, 56.

Lexi Weiss 27:55.97, 57. Marleigh Lowe 28:42.49, 59. Emma O'Neill 31:55.99.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD JV RESULTS

34. Lillie Caster 34:23.42, 36. Bailey Bond 35:41.39.

BOYS TEAM SCORES

Lake Mills 38, Forest City 51, Crestwood 95, North Butler 97, Nashua-Plainfield 147, Mason City Newman 148, Osage 169, New Hampton 173.

TOP-FIVE INDIVIDUALS

Justin Right (LM) 17:06.18, Knute Rogne (LM) 17:15.89, Kade Van Roekel (LM) 17:22.12, Nathan Ahern (CR) 17:35.38, Silas Gann (FC) 17:40.26.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

17. Jase Hansen 18:59.56, 25. Caleb Sinnwell 19:46.73, 34. Avery Mueller 20:27.34, 35. Luke Paplow 20:29.61, 36. Jake Smith 20:32.63, 50. Caleb Lentz 21:30.44, 54. Cal Levi 21:58.65.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD JV RESULTS

10. Brexton Bird 21:31.07, 20. Sam O'Neill 22:16.17, 23. Connor Sullivan 23:06.38, 29. Brady Lensing 23:41.79, 34. Benjamin Percy 24:23.45, 39. Maverick Dietz-McDonald 25:05.25, 42. Carson Mundorf 25:44.3, 43. Christopher Kalvig 25:52.76, 47. Nick Hubert 27:29.99.

Avery Muller and Jake Smith (2359) compete in Tuesday's Osage Invitational.

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Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield's Jackson Carey comes up to make a tackle during the Huskies Class A, District 3 victory over BCLUW last week.

Huskies off to fastest start in nine years

FOOTBALL: FROM 8

entrants in Class A.

It's still awfully early, but Christensen may well have his squad rolling into a home date at Lloyd Koob Field with an undefeated 5-0 record to take on No. 2 St. Ansgar in what would be one of the biggest games in N-P history.

Two things have to take place for that happen and they obviously involve winning at AGWSR tonight (Friday) and disposing of a winless South Winneshiek squad on homecoming the week after.

Then the stage is set for the Saints and their heralded program to come marching into town.

Lights, camera, action.

Back to the present day.

N-P excelled in almost every facet of its second district contest of the year in the rout over the Comets.

Husky senior quarterback Tucker Franzen dialed it up for four touchdowns – two long aerial strikes of 46 and 51 yards to sophomore tight end Eli Kalainoff.

"Tucker did what was asked of him and did it well. Teams have to load the box against us because Aiden and Titus are so good with our line. When that happens, we have to be successful with the passing game," said Christensen.

Franzen had a career night as he was 6-for-7 in the pocket for 134 yards. N-P's team quarterback rating – of which Franzen has thrown all but one of the Huskies' passes – is third in Class A (157.6).

Tucker did a nice job of making the correct throws and being calm and collected. We also have receivers who are very capable and take their job seriously when called upon, which makes a game like that possible," Christensen added.

N-P junior Aiden Gelner once again eclipsed 100 yards rushing as he pounded the rock for 128 yards on the ground and scored a rushing touchdown in the third quarter.

Gelner has amassed 382 yards and averages over seven yards a crack on the ground. That rates him fourth-best in his class in terms of yards-per-carry.

Titus Evans, N-P's senior fullback, almost made it three straight weeks for N-P with two 100-yard rushers. He came four yards short of the century mark with 96 yards on the ground. He did not score a rushing touchdown but made good on three two-point conversions.

N-P sophomore defensive back Landon Foelske got the Huskies on the board first with a 28-yard fumble recovery. He also recovered a fumble later on in the game.

Trae Geise, N-P's explosive wideout and safety, reeled in an 11-yard scoring strike from Franzen in the final quarter and also picked off a pass. He leads N-P in interceptions this season with two.

Jackson Carey, a junior linebacker, led the Huskies in tackles with 10. He sat out the district opener versus North Tama last week and did not play much of the opener at Postville after the first quarter.

That means taking care of business.

"Once we got into the flow of the game I thought our defense started playing very well. We got

Class A, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
Nashua-Plainfield	2-0	3-0
North Butler	1-0	3-0
Wapsie Valley	1-0	2-1
North Tama	1-1	1-2
AGWSR	1-1	1-2
BCLUW	0-2	0-3
South Winneshiek	0-2	0-3

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8, RESULTS

Nashua-Plainfield 46, BCLUW 6

North Tama 34, AGWSR 18

Wapsie Valley 27, South Winneshiek 0

North Butler 25, West Fork 0

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14, GAMES

Nashua-Plainfield at AGWSR

BCLUW at North Tama

Wapsie Valley at North Butler

South Winneshiek at North Tama

our pad level lower up front and really flowed to the ball and that is what in the end I was happiest with from our defense," said the N-P head coach.

N-P is ranked in the top five in a slew of offensive categories in Class A. The Huskies are the third-best rushing team in their class with 913 yards. No. 8 Madrid is the leader on the ground with 958 yards, while No. 7 ACGC (Adair Casey/Guthrie Center) is second with 941. N-P is also third in Class A with 136 rushing attempts. The Huskies are fifth in offensive yards (1,161) and fifth in all-purpose yards (1,383).

Nashua-Plainfield leads Class A with nine successful two-point conversions.

The last time the Huskies won a playoff game came in a sparkling 2014 season that saw N-P earn 10 victories and advance to within a game of the UNI-Dome.

N-P hasn't started out 3-0 since the Huskies started out 5-0 in that 2014 season. N-P defeated West Hancock, 27-26, to move to 5-0 that year before losing the first game of the season versus St. Ansgar, 27-14.

The Huskies earned a second round win in the postseason that year over AGWSR, 23-20. The Huskies lost to Denver, 27-6, in the quarterfinals of Class A. That was the same Cyclone team N-P beat in the second week of the regular season, 41-33, in a triple overtime thriller.

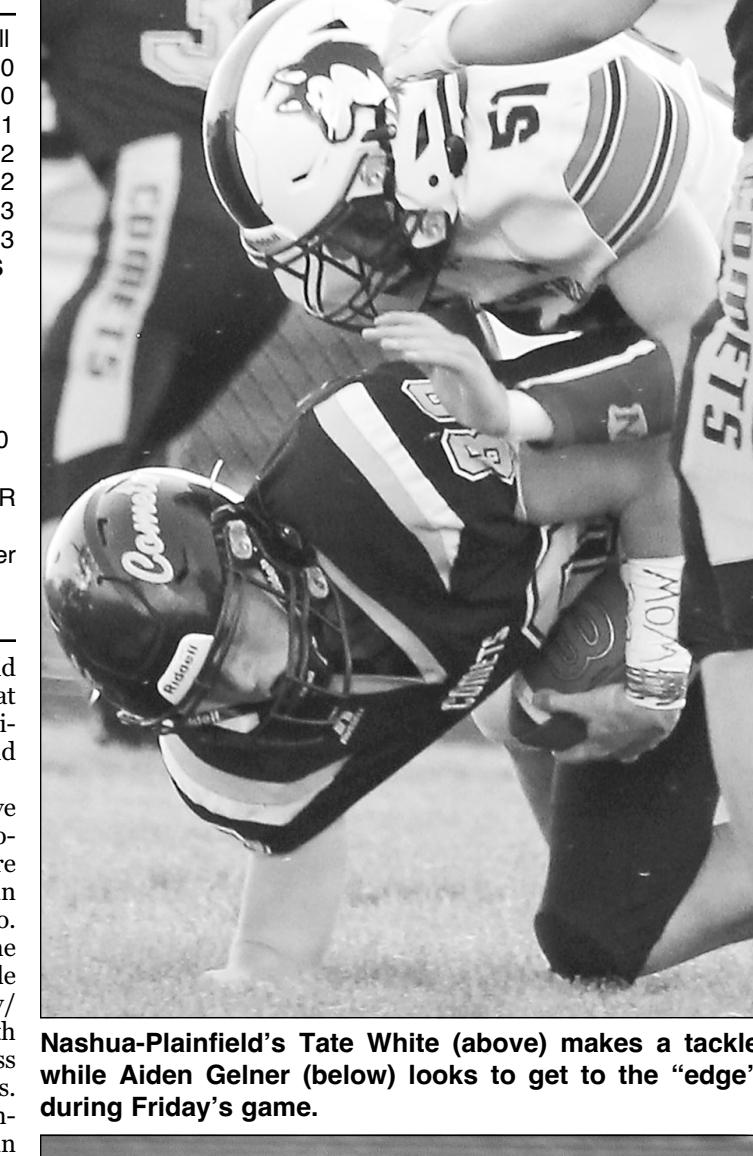
N-P is still on the outside looking in on the AP Top 10 in Class A. The Huskies received 10 points and are currently in 12th place in Class A, eight points behind Lake Mills (18), who came in at 11th. South Central Calhoun is the 10th ranked team in Class A with 23 points.

St. Ansgar came up with a huge win over No. 1 West Hancock – which defeated N-P in the first round of the playoffs last year, 44-16. The Saints topped the Eagles by a score of 24-15. That ranked clash was one of many across the state in all seven classes as Week 3 in Iowa prep football had a tremendous amount of good football teams locking horns.

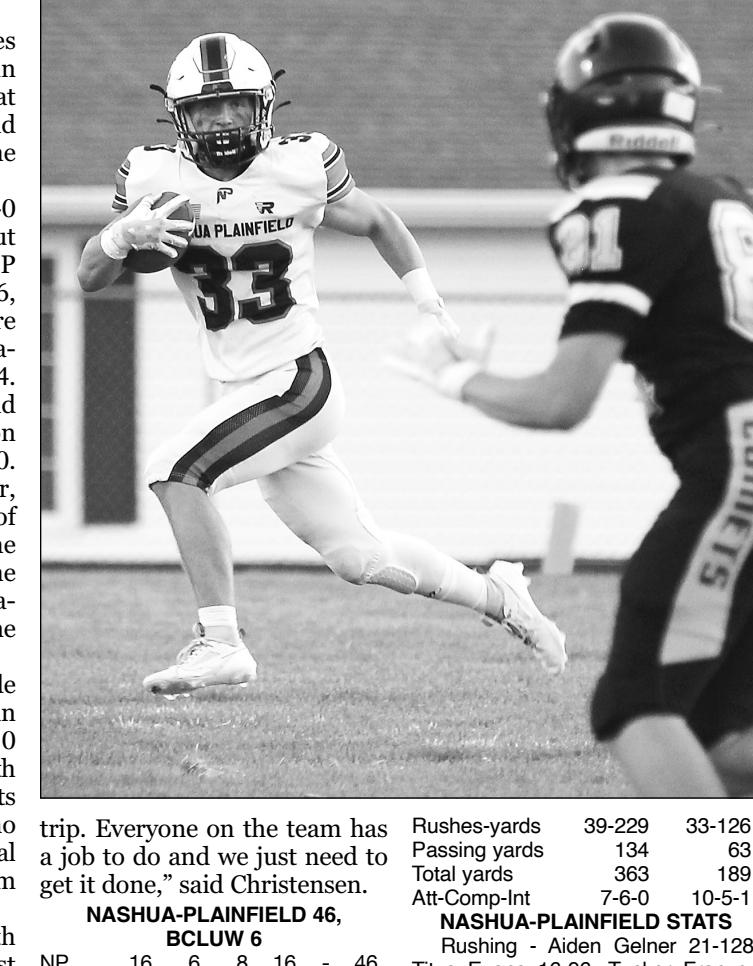
The mantra the rest of the way for these Huskies can be summed up by four letters – TCOB.

That means taking care of business.

"Once we got into the flow of the game I thought our defense started playing very well. We got



Nashua-Plainfield's Tate White (above) makes a tackle while Aiden Gelner (below) looks to get to the "edge" during Friday's game.



trip. Everyone on the team has a job to do and we just need to get it done," said Christensen.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 46, BCLUW 6

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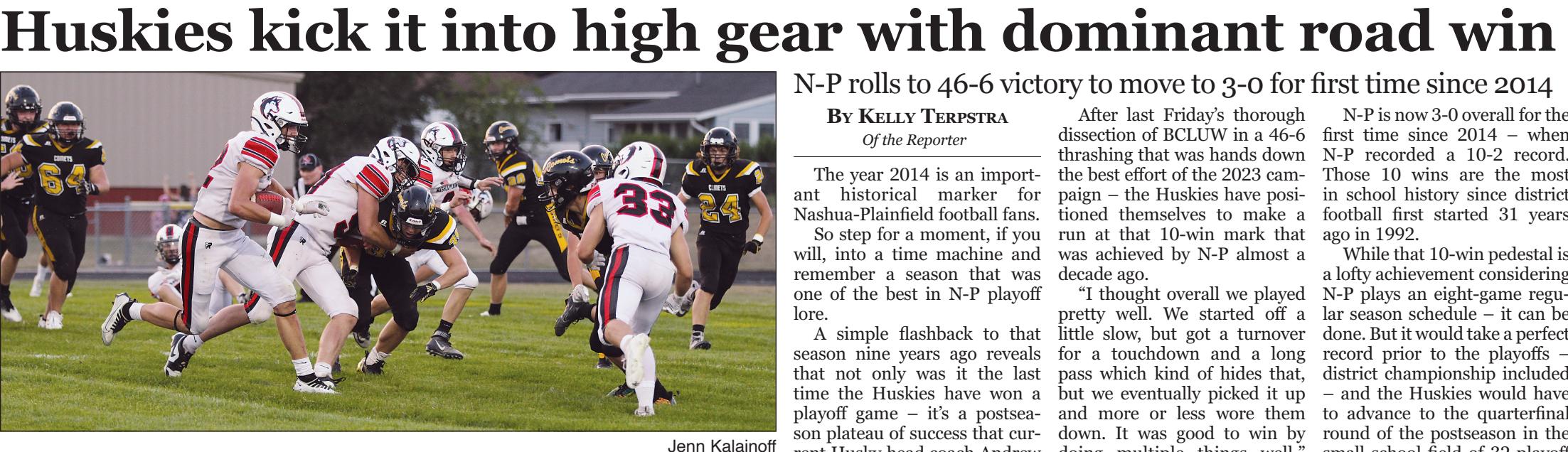
FIRST QUARTER

NP - Landon Foelske 28 yard fumble return (Eli Kalainoff pass from Tucker Franzen)

BC - Cael Keller 23 pass from Owen Myers (kick failed)

NP - Kalainoff 46 pass from Tucker Franzen (Titus Evans run)

NP - Kalainoff 51 pass from Franzen (2 pt play failed)



Nashua-Plainfield's Titus Evans follows his blockers to pick up a big gain during last week's game against BCLUW.

Jenn Kalainoff

Huskies go through the toughest stretch of volleyball season

After going winless at A-P tournament and dropping match to Osage, N-P hosts tourney

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Believe it or not – the Nashua-Plainfield Husky volleyball team will hit the stretch run after its home invite is put in the books this Saturday.

That means just seven matches are left in the regular season. That provides an opportunity for the Huskies to gain some much-needed momentum after encountering their toughest stretch of the year over the course of the past week.

While wins have been few and far between thus far into the 2023 campaign – Mindy Foelske's young and ever-improving bunch will look to finish strong this fall.

N-P was swept by No. 13 St. Ansgar (6-5, 4-1) in a Top of Iowa East road contest last week Thursday by scores of 25-18, 25-17 and 25-14.

The Huskies then traveled to the Aplington-Parkersburg Invite this past Saturday where the Huskies again took on four stellar foes – all of them ranked.

In pool play, N-P lost to No.

15 A-P – 21-10, 21-10 – and also took on 12th-ranked West Delaware. The Hawks topped the Huskies 21-9 and 21-6. Nashua-Plainfield also squared off against No. 11 Wapsie Valley. The Warriors defeated N-P 21-10, 21-10. N-P's final battle against a team rated by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union came against No. 8 AGWSR in bracket play. The Cougars won 25-9 in the first game, but the Huskies made it close in the final game – losing by a score of 25-21.

N-P was 20-21 serving vs. A-P with four aces.

The Huskies' sophomore hitter – Lily Eiffler – came up with four kills apiece against Wapsie Valley and AGWSR. Husky sophomore outside hitter Elayna O'Neill accumulated three kills against the Cougars and junior outside hitter Paige Franzen racked up three kills against the Warriors.

Kami Hannemann – N-P's sophomore setter – tallied 23 assists at the A-P Invite.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Maci Malven comes up with a dig in a match played earlier this season.

ON TAP FOR OUR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES

FRIDAY

Varsity football at AGWSR, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Varsity volleyball at Nashua-Plainfield Invitational, 9 a.m.

MONDAY

Cross country at Denver Invitational, Willow Run Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

football at AGWSR, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Volleyball at North Butler, junior varsity at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cross country at Central Springs Invitational, Pioneer Town and County Club, Manly, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

Varsity football vs. St. Ansgar, YSF Youth Recognition Night, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

Junior varsity football vs. North Butler, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

Volleyball at Clarksville, junior varsity at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

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N-P rolls to 46-6 victory to move to 3-0 for first time since 2014

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

The year 2014 is an important historical marker for Nashua-Plainfield football fans.

So step for a moment, if you will, into a time machine and remember a season that was one of the best in N-P playoff lore.

A simple flashback to that season nine years ago reveals that not only was it the last time the Huskies have won a playoff game – it's a postseason plateau of success that current Husky head coach Andrew Christensen is striving to get his program back to.

After last Friday's thorough dissection of BCLUW in a 46-6 thrashing that was hands down the best effort of the 2023 campaign – the Huskies have positioned themselves to make a run at that 10-win mark that was achieved by N-P almost a decade ago.

"I thought overall we played pretty well. We started off a little slow, but got a turnover for a touchdown and a long pass which kind of hides that, but we eventually picked it up and more or less wore them down. It was good to win by doing multiple things well," said Christensen in his fourth year at N-P.

N-P is now 3-0 overall for the first time since 2014 – when N-P recorded a 10-2 record. Those 10 wins are the most in school history since district football first started 31 years ago in 1992.

While that 10-win pedestal is a lofty achievement considering N-P plays an eight-game regular season schedule – it can be done. But it would take a perfect record prior to the playoffs – district championship included – and the Huskies would have to advance to the quarterfinal round of the postseason in the small-school field of 32 playoff

SEE FOOTBALL, 7



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield junior Kadence Huck (above) builds a commanding lead over Osage's Scarlett Byrnes while Caleb Sinnwell (below) checks out his position in the race at Tuesday's Osage Invitational.

2-FOR-2 START FOR N-P STAR

HUCK CLAIMS SECOND STRAIGHT TITLE AT OSAGE, WHERE HUSKIES PUT TOGETHER SECOND STRAIGHT SOLID MEET

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

Kadence Huck's school record time of 19:16 still stands.

Give it time, because that record probably won't last long.

Huck – Nashua-Plainfield's heralded junior cross country runner – still holds the fastest clip ever for a girls cross country runner at her alma mater. "Then the next summer it was good. I ran faster."

She will more than likely re-break her own top jaunt around a 3.1 mile XC course in the coming weeks.

Huck came close to toppling her best run ever on Tuesday at the Mitchell County Nature Center in Osage – a meet hosted by the Green Devils. Her clip of 19:19.82 was a full second faster than her season-opening run of 19:20.9 at the Union Invitational last week Thursday.

Huck has now won both those races to open the 2023 campaign. She is in the midst of forging out a running career that – when it's all said and done – is going to be nearly next to impossible to replicate, let alone surpass at N-P. If there's a prospective Husky cross country runner out there willing to put in the hard work to match Huck's talent – they may have a shot.

May is the operative word in that sentence.

Huck's rise to the ranks of the elite prep runners in the state began by pounding the pave-

ment – which meant logging as many miles on her tennis shoes as she could to build strength, endurance and a conviction to win.

"I didn't really run much in the offseason my freshman year and I didn't run the greatest. I picked it up around Christmas before my sophomore year. I really trained," said Huck. "Then the next summer it was good. I ran faster."

Huck was being matter of fact and modest in that assessment of her progression to reach her ultimate goal – which is a state championship in a sport that can't really be compared to its perceived counterpart, track and field.

"Cross country is a lot different than track. In track there's a lot of different workouts you can do for different events. Cross country is basically you're training for a 3.1 mile race," said Huck.

That all-time mark by Huck was set at the state qualifier last year. Huck ended up winning five individual races last year en route to a 10th-place finish at the state meet in Fort Dodge last fall.

Huck – who is a five-time state champ in track and field – was challenged right from the start at Osage by Green Devil sophomore Scarlett Byrnes, who placed 30th at state last

SEE CROSS COUNTRY, 7



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