



Nashua Mayor Pro Tem Hal Kelleher (left) leads the City Council meeting that was held at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center on Monday evening.



Current council will have to make mayoral decision

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

City attorney hints that EPA may lift sanctions

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because of lack of maintenance, according to several city officials who spoke candidly and bluntly on Monday about the state of the plant.

To get an idea of the problems that the city is dealing with concerning the facility that houses the wastewater department in Nashua – one needed to only listen to Council member Tim Malven. He spoke about the plant on Monday during a regular Council meeting held at the Welcome Center.

The outgoing Council member did not mince words in talking about a tour of the plant that the Council was allowed to go on recently prior to improvements made with the facility that are currently ongoing and being addressed.

“We had a lot of cleanup,” said Malven. “I would say this, if anybody would have walked through that plant like we did – it would have made you sick. It’s extremely disappointing – years of disappointment.”

There will need to be repair work done at the plant, but the city must first do some smoke testing of its manhole covers (not cost to the city) to determine the extent of the problems that have plagued the facility over a relative long period of time.

Nashua City Attorney David Skilton broke down the next steps in the process in order to get the plant back up to speed and running smoothly.

“Now the recommendation of your engineer is that once you do the smoke test, you’ll make up your mind as to what needs to be fixed in the system,” said Skilton.

“We’re all reluctant to commit to the Council without the Council vote and authority on budget because these things that are fixes in the system for sewer are not cheap.”

Skilton also made his feelings known about the report that detailed the state of the plant after the tour, as well as how the city is doing with its EPA requirements concerning water cleanliness.

“John gave me the report of your walk through of the plant and I couldn’t believe it,” said Skilton. “I

hadn’t seen that report on things that were disconnected. But we are running and meeting all the standards and bells and whistles of the EPA on what our discharge is. We’re doing great and we have more capacity than we’ve ever had.”

Skilton was happy that the water tests at the plant were coming back with much better numbers.

“We’re benefiting from a new contractor. We really are,” Skilton said. “We were really on the ropes with the EPA. They were not being nice at all about it. I think they are in shock. They really can’t believe the numbers. It turned around so quickly. That is great.”

The City Attorney even stated that sanctions could be lifted early by the EPA, this was after a recommendation to do so by ION’s Chad McCleary – the owner and operator of the wastewater company.

“We’re getting out from the under the scrutiny of the EPA and the sanctions. In fact the engineer asked that we be discharged early because of the test results showing we are more than perfect for months on this and that was not the situation before this new contractor.”

Nashua is withholding final payment to PeopleService – a water and wastewater company based out of Omaha – because of damage done to the plant.

“I sent a letter out. It was not friendly received,” said Skilton. “But, you know, I think that’s what the Council is facing with that lack of maintenance on that water, where the hydrants – it was very clear that they’re hadn’t been maintenance and the city ended up paying over \$18,000 because of lack of maintenance. So that’s where it stands right now.”

Council member Jake Johnson had this to say about the final last month’s payment that is still being discussed between the city and PeopleService.

“We can send them these quotes that it’s 15 grand to fix the chlorinators that aren’t working and \$40,000 for the screen that isn’t working,” said Johnson.

PeopleService’s proposed new contract that was turned down by the city came to the tune of

over \$22,000 a month that the city would have to pay for its services on a yearly basis. That would have equaled out to over \$264,000 – which was is over \$175,000 more than ION’s current contract.

Skilton also stated he is working on a rough draft that will determine and make more clear Nashua’s ownership of its hydro-electric dam. The city and Chicasaw County has been going back-and-forth for months now to determine who actually has ownership of the dam. That ownership is key in potentially accepting \$50,000 from the county via ARPA funds to help repair the dam.

“I have a draft, it will change, as well as a deed,” said Skilton. “This was subject to a review and we’ve been timely on that. We’re waiting on the auditor to approve the legal description on the lots that are under water in the lake that MidAmerican is still paying tax per year.”

Skilton also sent a letter to MidAmerican Energy about keeping the hydro-electric power from the dam in Nashua.

“Once that’s done, we’ll be able to send this letter to MidAmerican,” said Skilton. “Our licensee is fine. He sells his power to Alliant – two counties over. He’s getting more money than what MidAmerican would make. So that’s the status on that.”

“I’m still interested in knowing whether they want to purchase the hydro-power for the dam. That’s the first step on whether or not – once it’s on our lines – that we can then, if we have the votes, go with a municipal power as an option. Which was shot down by the previous Council and there’s a franchise for 15 years with MidAmerican for electric,” said Skilton.

In order for Nashua to harness and utilize its own electricity from the dam would be a huge undertaking – not to mention costly.

I feel like at this point

in the game on electric franchises, we’re so far behind the ball. With the New Hamptons and Waverlys – they’ve been in it in business for so long. They set up their infrastructure. We’d have to buy everything to have infrastructure,” said Johnson.

Malven then asked this question about retaining the rights to the power that Nashua’s dam generates.

“So there’d be a lot of upfront cost involved?” said Malven.

Johnson had this retort.

“We talking \$15-20 million, I bet, to even try to get that infrastructure bought – if not more,” said Johnson.

Johnson then made his thoughts clear on the direction he thought the city should focus on – which is repairing the dam first, then possibly discussing later on profiting from its hydro-electric power.

“I’d be 100 percent for it if we owned the equipment. I would prefer right now if we just went towards the stuff at the dam and get that all figured out and work on that stuff down the road,” said Johnson. “We might have four new people sitting here after December. They might have a completely different thought than we do.”



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Purchasing vehicles is a challenge for sheriff

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"Before you could [do that]; you can't anymore. It's kind of uncharted territory for us all."

The estimated cost of a Tahoe is \$49,355 while a Silverado is \$49,322, but Shawver said he was getting those prices off a private website and had yet to get a final price from the dealer.

The sheriff's biggest concern is that if the county passes on this order window, he has no idea when it could possibly order a new vehicle.

"I don't think we're going to see another order window for any type of model for about another year," he said. "So we're already behind due to COVID and supply-chain issues with our vehicles. If we miss this order window, it puts us even farther behind."

Although board members did not approve any motions or resolutions allowing Shawver to put an order in, they did reach a consensus that the sheriff, once he had a hard price, could return to the board room and probably receive OK to enter the order queue.

"I guess I have no problem with one," Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said "It's just figuring out how we're going to pay for it."

Shawver said he would request that the \$12,000 the county received for the sale of two used sheriff's vehicles be returned to his office to help with the purchase of a new vehicle. He also said he would not equip the new vehicle until the next fiscal year begins on July 1, 2024.

But he was unsure if he

Application period for Everyone Hurts scholarship is open

Everybody Hurts is a local nonprofit that helps bring mental health awareness and suicide prevention education to Chickasaw County. This nonprofit was established in 2020 and has been up and running strong since.

In October the nonprofit opened its third annual scholarship program. The nonprofit provides scholarships annually to deserving students who are attending an establishment in higher learning.

Students must have completed a year in the health-care program (not general education).

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The members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors look over paperwork that details the possible use of TIF funds to pay for the remodeling of the current Sheriff's Office building and the addition of a 24-hour holding facility.

would have enough money in this year's budget to pay for the cost of the new vehicle.

"Do I think I could find the money if it lands before July 1," he said. "I might be able to have it, but it will be tight. If that's what it takes, that's what it will take, but if I don't, then what do we do?"

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said that he would be OK with the purchase of a new vehicle, but added that "I think you're going to have to figure out how to rearrange the numbers and make it work."

Shawver said that he would "keep you guys updated on how things come [and] when she needs a hard, fast answer, I'll come back and talk about it, too."

Also on Monday, the Board of Supervisors spent about 25 minutes talking about the

possibility of using tax-increment financing (TIF) funds to pay for some or all of the proposed remodeling of the current Sheriff's Office that would include the construction of a 24-hour holding facility to replace the current jail.

County Assessor Ray Armel spoke with board members at length on the possibilities of using TIF funding for the project and also told supervisors they can "spread out" the TIF funds for different projects, including road ones.

The question remains on when the county will actually see the funds that will be generated by the Chickasaw County Wind Farm that is being constructed north of New Hampton. If the turbines don't go online until next year, that would mean the county would begin receiving the funds a year later.

No decisions were made on the TIF funds; instead, Monday's discussion was to provide information for the supervisors to make decisions at a later date.

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Welcome Center
The Nashua City Council met in regular session on November 6, 2023, at the Welcome Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Pro Tem Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, Tim Malven and Ernie Willsher, City Clerk Ott, Library Director Heather Hackman, Welcome Center Board Member Karla Mehmen, Vince from Ion Solutions, and Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver present along with 5 guests. Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to approve the regular agenda after amending to change public hearing of 1st reading amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control to resetting the public hearing date; removing billing issues for 229 Mill St. and removing action/discussion on purchasing steel toed boots for city workers. Willsher/M, J. Johnson/M, M/C to approve the amended agenda. RC: all ayes. Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the special meeting October 11th and regular meeting October 16th; Permits: Building – 308 Livingston, 422 Andrews, and 26 Maple St.; Demolition/Excavation – 503 Cedar; Consent calendar payment of claims 91,936.74+15,904.91 (Wages). J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the consent agenda. RC: all ayes.
Mayor Pro Tem called for public comments: There were none.
Hearings/Resolutions
Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to reset the hearing date for Ordinance 351 Amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control. J. Johnson/M to set the hearing date for November 20th, Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.
Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to set a public hearing date for Amending the Code of Ordinance for Water Use Mered for November 20th. RC: all ayes. Mal-

ven/M, Willsher/S, M/C to set a public hearing date for Amending the Code of Ordinance for Compliance with the Plumbing Code for November 20th. RC: all ayes.
Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions:
23-55 Resolution to Approve General Safety Manual; 23-56 Resolution to Open a Money Market and Transfer FSB Checking Account Funds; J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve resolutions 23-55 and 23-56. RC: all ayes.
23-57 Resolution to Transfer Funds from FSB Checking to CD for Interest Allocation Correction. Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.
23-58 Resolution to Amend the Policy Manual to Add Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy to Employee Handbook. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.
23-59 Resolution to Accept the Resignation of Mayor Alex Anthofer. Malven/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.
23-60 Resolution to Approve all Nashua Volunteer Firefighters as Drivers for Nashua Area EMS Volunteer Service. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.
Business of the Mayor:
Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher noted that a citizen had written a concern about burning leaves. The council listened to the concern and at this point they decided to start with making sure the citizen has communicated with their neighbors and the citizen should try to work with them directly to resolve the issue.
Department Reports:
Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver reviewed his monthly report with the council and talked with the council about concerns with speeding. He mentioned the possibility of getting some signage or cameras.

Vince with Ion Solutions presented the monthly water/wastewater report. He talked about two estimates for repairs that need to be completed. One repair is to fix the screen and grit system and the estimated cost for this repair is \$41,000. This repair must be done and it is not an option to leave the equipment in its current condition. Once this is repaired, Jetco will work to get it hooked back into the SCADA system.
Karmen Mehmen Welcome Center Board representative reviewed the monthly report for the Welcome Center. She mentioned that there will be a craft show December 2nd. She asked the council about getting a sign for parking. She also mentioned getting some upgraded cameras and stated they would like to continue to leave the Welcome Center open for travelers 24 hours a day.
Discussion/Action
The council discussed and acted on several items.
The council discussed filling the open mayor seat. They have decided that more information needs to be gathered to find out who may be interested in becoming Mayor. They will discuss it further at the next council meeting.
The council discussed the hiring of a new public works/maintenance employee. No decision was made.
Attorney Skilton visited with the council about submitting a letter to MidAmerican about keeping the Nashua Hydro Dam power in Nashua. The council thought this would be too cost prohibitive due to the infrastructure that would need to be completed, so at this point the direction is to just get the deed for the dam completed showing Nashua owns the Nashua Hydro Dam.
J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to follow the recommendations of our engineer and complete the smoke testing and do a review to see what repairs may need to be completed. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to allow Saint Michael's Church to remove trees in the city's Right of Way at their own expense which are causing issues with their water. RC: all ayes.

Library Director Heather Hackman and Welcome Center Board Representative presented their tentative FY'24/25 department budgets to the council.
The council discussed some billing issues. Malven/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the waiver request for 209 Saint Lawrence that was due to a leak. RC: all ayes. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, to put the account for 515 Main St. on hold. The water has been turned off for the property. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to approve the credit for \$93 due to a meter fee charge that shouldn't have been charged for 324 Ford St. RC: all ayes.
The council discussed several vacant lots who have not been assessed the storm water fee. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to send the property owners a letter notifying them that they will be assessed the storm water fee beginning with the December 2023 billing.
J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to table discussion on using MedCompass for physicals and testing for the Nashua Volunteer Firefighters until after the fire department has their meeting. RC: all ayes.
Other Business:
City Clerk Ott informed the council that there was a Utility Rate Study completed by Clapsaddle-Garber and Associates if anyone is interested in looking at the study to compare the City of Nashua's rates to other communities.
There was no other business:
S. Johnson motioned to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.
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N-P elementary students brighten this editor’s day

It’s been a long time since I’ve penned a letter, but the drought will end today with this column. I needed a pick-me-up in the worst possible way Thursday morning, and the students of Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School delivered it to me when I stopped by to take pictures of their lunchtime recess so if you don’t mind, I’m going to share a letter that is directed at them with you.



Dear Little Huskies;
Before I visited your school late Thursday morning, I was feeling a little blue. A weekend trip to visit my son at Southern Illinois University meant I had to put in a lot of hours at work on Monday and Tuesday and then I spent most of Wednesday battling a little bug that pretty much knocked me out. That meant I had a lot of work to do on Thursday. You know how you sometimes forget to do your homework? That’s kind of

what I was at when I came to your school Thursday. So my plan was to get to your school, get some cool pictures and come back to the office and put them in the paper. I figured I’d be at your school three or four minutes — five tops. Instead, I was there for pretty much the entire recess because so many of you came up to talk to me, ask me questions and begged me to take your pictures. Mostly, though, you made me smile.

I loved all the questions, even the one from the little boy that asked me why I had little fingers. Seriously, I love your honesty and how you come right to the point.

On the front page of this paper are three of the photos I took. I know some of you will be disappointed that your picture didn’t make it into the paper, and I am sorry about that. But know that after driving a really long way on Sunday, working really hard Monday and Tuesday and feeling really yucky all day Wednesday, you made me smile for the first time in days.

I will see you today at your school’s Veterans Day program, and I will take even more pictures. And if you don’t make the paper next week, I promise you we’ll be back for more later.

As I was getting ready to leave on Thursday, one of you came up to me, gave me a hug and told me to have a “really nice day.”

Because of you kids, the Little Huskies of Nashua-Plainfield Elementary, I did have a really nice day, so before I sign off, I just want to say a big “thank you” to all of you.

Sincerely, Bob Fenske



Bob Fenske/Reporter
A group of Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students mug for the camera on Thursday during their lunchtime recess.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield senior Trae Geise attempts to haul in a two-point pass against No. 1 St. Ansgar in a ranked non-district clash between the Class A squads this past fall.

Coach lauds his all-district Huskies

ALL-DISTRICT: FROM 6

for over 1,000 yards in nine seasons, and that is with splitting carries. He’s also a very productive player defensively,” said Christensen.

Sullivan helped anchor the line by blowing out holes up front on offense and gaining leverage and hands on skill players on defensive.

Sullivan came up with 40 tackles and nine tackles for loss. He led the team in sacks with four. His most important attributes – his tireless work ethic and leadership capability – are second to none.

“One of the hardest working kids I have ever coached, always in the weight room, great student, and really stepped up for us in a big way this year moving to defensive line. He was able to make sure everyone on the offensive line knew what they were doing,” said the N-P head coach.

The rest of N-P’s first-teamer’s came on the defensive side of the ball.

Franzen was N-P’s signal caller and was a productive catalyst at quarterback. He threw for 598 yards and was picked off just three times. He threw four touchdowns passes without an interception in a 46-6 thrashing of BCLUW. He was also one of the leaders in the secondary at cornerback alongside Geise (safety). Each tied for the team lead in interceptions with three. Franzen came up with 13 tackles on the season.

“Tucker’s a very smart athlete who did a great job at what we asked him to do this year. He received all district for DB, but he may have been more valuable for us at QB as he was able to lead the offense well, and be efficient with the passing game,” said Christensen.

Geise led all receivers with three touchdowns and 15 catches. That equated to 135 yards receiving. Geise was also pivotal force in the secondary with his three picks and 37 tackles.

“Trae’s a long, lanky and super athletic free safety who really started to figure out how to play the position as the season went on. He was also our most talented pass catcher, where defenses had to honor and pay attention to. He also did a nice job filling in as a kick returner. He worked very hard to prepare for his senior season and that paid off,” said Christensen.

Carey was also a valuable asset on both sides of the ball

CLASS A, DISTRICT 3 FOOTBALL		
OFFENSIVE MVP		
Traeton Sauerbrei	Wapsie Valley	Sr.
OFFENSIVE LINE MVP		
Aiden Heitland	AGWSR	Sr.
DEFENSIVE MVP		
Hunter Rademaker	North Butler	Sr.
SPECIAL TEAMS MVP		
Chase Ackerman	Wapsie Valley	Jr.
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Parker Timp	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Jackson Adair	Wapsie Valley	Sr.
Aiden Sullivan	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Tristen Bodensteiner	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Tanner Curley	Wapsie Valley	Sr.
Tate White	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
QUARTERBACK		
Kanen Decker	Wapsie Valley	Jr.
RUNNING BACKS		
Kaden Abbas	AGWSR	Sr.
Titus Evans	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS		
Cael Keller	BCLUW	Sr.
Carson Streeter	South Winneshiek	Soph.
Josh Dostal	North Tama	Jr.
KICKER		
Carson Streeter	South Winneshiek	Soph.
OFFENSE UTILITY		
Tanner Arjes	North Butler	Sr.
Kolt Knaack	North Tama	Jr.
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Griffin Buss	North Butler	Sr.
Jake Schoer	Wapsie Valley	Sr.
Garrett Miller	Wapsie Valley	Jr.
Carter Miller	North Butler	Sr.
LINEBACKERS		
Tucker Ladeburg	Wapsie Valley	Sr.
Kyle Kuboushek	South Winneshiek	Soph.
Gavin Rausch	North Tama	Jr.
Jackson Carey	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Eli Kalainoff	Nashua-Plainfield	Soph.
DEFENSIVE BACKS		
Josh Leistikow	Wapsie Valley	Jr.
Trae Geise	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Tucker Franzen	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Brady Ohrt	South Winneshiek	Sr.
DEFENSE UTILITY		
Tyrus Luker	North Tama	Jr.
Drew Lansing	Wapsie Valley	Jr.
PUNTER		
Chase Ackerman	Wapsie Valley	Jr.
HEAD COACH OF THE YEAR		
Duane Foster, Wapsie Valley		

as he used his physical style of play to inflict plenty of damage on opposing teams. He racked up 48 tackles at his linebacker slot and ran for 277 yards on the ground with two scores.

“Jackson’s a linebacker that flows well to the ball – kind of the clean up guy on our defense. He also did a lot for us on special teams and filled in at running back nicely as well for the big win over North Butler,” Christensen added.

Kalainoff was also utilized well and demonstrated his big-time impact on games with play after play made this fall. He led

all Huskies in receiving yards with 203 at his tight end position and yards-per-catch (22.6). He also came up with 17.5 tackles (five tackles for loss) at outside linebacker despite missing the last three games of the season due to a broken ankle.

“A great athlete that was put into a new role this year on both offense and defense and did very well at both. He’s also a great kick returner for us. He is just a sophomore, so he still has a ton of room to grow and improve. Hopefully he comes back stronger than ever from his injury,” said Christensen.

Blanchard cracked the all-district team for the first time and was a counted-on guard up front on the offensive line despite being undersized. Blanchard stood strong on defense with 29.5 tackles – 7.5 of them went for loss.

“He’s a two-way starter for us that was asked to do a lot – pulling on most offensive plays – and really did a nice job despite being a smaller lineman,” the N-P coach said.

Gelner continued to impress in his Husky career at tailback and rushed for 902 yards. He scored six touchdowns on the ground and averaged six yards a carry. Gelner also returned a kickoff return for a touchdown this fall – the second time he’s done that in his time as a Husky on the varsity level.

Gelner has rushed for 1,707 yards over the course of two seasons and would need to compile 990 yards of rushing his senior year to break the all-time career rushing yard mark set by former Iowa Hawkeye and NFL standout – Derek Pagel. Pagel played at N-P from 1995-1997 and accumulated 2,696 rushing yards in his storied career.

“He was a second-team running back, but honestly probably deserving of first team. Again, when he split carries, the stats don’t tell the whole story. He’s a very talented runner,” said Christensen.

Jones brought his strong physique up front to dominate in the trenches for large portions of the season. He will look to get even better next year and improve on his 29 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss from this year.

“He’s a very hard working lineman that once he got his pad level lower really started to be a force for us. Isaac was maybe the most improved player we had this season as well,” said Christensen.

Blanchard, Franzen, Munn and Sullivan were all recognized for academic all-state (senior starter with 3.7 cumulative GPA).

WV’s Duane Foster was named Coach of the Year in the district. He helped guide his Warriors to the quarterfinal round of the playoffs, where they lost to sixth-ranked West Hancock, 44-22. The Eagles went on to advance to the Class A title game with a 39-14 victory over No. 4 Madrid in the state semifinals at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls Thursday morning.

N-P lost a heartbreaker in the first round of the playoffs to Lake Mills, 21-14.

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ALL-DISTRICT HUSKIES

15 N-P FOOTBALL PLAYERS HONORED BY CLASS A, DISTRICT 3 COACHES

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Ties and tuxedos – not to mention the proper footwear.

If the all-district football awards in Class A, District 3 are to be handed out at a red carpet event – the Nashua-Plainfield football team better come prepared.

That’s another way of saying dress appropriately – as in sharp and on-point.

There will not be a velvet rope with flash bulbs popping and paparazzi following these Huskies’ every move at an awards ceremony. But one can’t say unequivocally, either, that N-P doesn’t deserve the celebrity attention after postseason honors were doled out in the Huskies’ district recently.

It was that kind of season for Andrew Christensen and his on-the-rise program.

While the record might not reflect it – at 5-4 overall – N-P made many strides this fall with a third-consecutive playoff appearance.

District coaches agreed as the Huskies earned a tremendous total of 15 all-district nods – with seven Huskies cracking the first team.

Not to be outdone – district champ Wapsie Valley (9-2, 6-0) reeled in a whopping 18 all-district selections voted on by the coaches.

“The way all-district was selected this year was different than in the past. It was a true vote of the district coaches, not just schools being given so many slots based on their district finish,” said Christensen. “We devoted offense, then defense, so there could be some arguments that some of the kids on the all-district offensive team were maybe more deserving defensively because so many play both ways – but I think overall it was a good representation of the best athletes in the district.”

Wapsie Valley defeated N-P for the district championship in the regular season finale on N-P’s Senior Night – 32-6. That was a score that was somewhat deceiving as N-P outgained the Warriors in total yardage, but the Huskies saw a kickoff and interception go for a touchdown that made a huge difference in the defacto title tilt.

N-P (5-4, 4-2) – which hosted a playoff game versus Lake Mills – saw seniors Aiden Sullivan, Tate White, Titus Evans, Trae Geise, Tucker Franzen, junior Jackson Carey and sophomore Eli Kalainoff all make the first team all-district squad.

The Huskies had three members of the second team in senior Dylan Blanchard and juniors Aiden Gelner and Isaac Jones.

Teams in the district were allowed to get as many as five on the honorable-mention squad and the Huskies filled them all. Senior Hayden Munn and the future of N-P football – all sophomores – were picked for the final all-district team in Landon Foelske, Matthew Malven, Trent Rodruck and Tyler Zimmer.

N-P’s senior headliners this year were all freshman on the 2020 squad that went 1-7 in the truncated 2020 COVID-19 campaign.

They came full circle to lead the Huskies to within a game of the district championship and helped N-P host its first playoff game in nine years (2014).

Tate White – who will almost certainly be named once again to the all-state squad later this month – helped lead the charge for the Huskies. He was one of the most athletically gifted linemen in the state at his guard position and led N-P in tackles with 65 despite missing a game during the regular season. White registered 15 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.

White has been a four-year starter for Christensen and broke the career mark for most tackles by a Husky. His 217.5 tackles eclipsed the old mark previously held by Ramsey Bark. Bark came up with 211 tackles from 2011-2013. “He has been a constant



Kelly Terpstra and Jenn Kalainoff/Reporter
Eli Kalainoff (above) carries the ball and Titus Evans (right) heads up field for the Huskies this season.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Aiden Sullivan (clockwise top from left), Tate White (51), Jackson Carey and Tucker Franzen compete in games this fall for the Nashua-Plainfield football team.

force for us the last three years, earning all district each of those years and all-state last year. He was a very physical player that would do anything for the team to win,” said White.

Evans was a load to handle on both sides of the ball as he helped lead one of the best

rushing attacks in the small-school class with 1,019 yards and eight touchdowns. He averaged seven yards a carry. Out of the wing-T, Evans also proved effective in the receiving department as he hauled in 151 yards on 14 catches. Evans was a very gifted-and-talented playmaker



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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
October 30, 2023
The Board convened on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cervinske, Hackman 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, Custodian Dave Gorman, Veterans Affairs Service Administrator Keith Elenz, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Ionia Public Library India Watson, Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman, New Hampton Public Library Carrie Becker, Fredericksburg Public Library Jackie Kush, Lawler Public Library Cathy Humpal, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for October 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve the meeting minutes from October 23, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
No public comment.
Discussed flagpole at the EMS Building with Custodian Dave Gorman and no action was taken.
Discussed light in carport with Veterans Affairs Service Administrator, Keith Elenz and consensus of the board to approve a motion light at the Heritage Center where the carport is and to have it paid out of the Heritage Center budget.
There were no sealed bids for the retired election boxes.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve discarding or recycling the retired election boxes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Chickasaw County Librarians gave a presentation, “What we do”.
Chickasaw County Librarians requested for FY 24-25 Budget allocation a 6% increase from Rural Services Basic.
Discussed adding Sergeant positions at the Sheriff’s office with Sheriff Ryan Shawver and it was decided to wait till Union Negotiations.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the 2023 Weed Commissioner’s Report and authorize chair’s signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve HLW Engineering Group contract for services to Chickasaw County related to completion of the planned Environmental Covenant and on-going compliance services related to the future Environmental Covenant for the landfill dated October 24, 2023 and authorize chair’s signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Cervinske to pay for the HLW Engineering Group contract out of fund 0033, Landfill Post Closure. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No. 23409
11/09/23 11/10/23