



## MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### State Assessments- Nebraska Educational Profile (NEP)

April is a time when staff, students, and schools experience varying levels of anxiety as we move into the “Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System,” more commonly known as NSCAS testing. Spring state assessment monitors student progress in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Students in grades 3-8 and junior students will, to some degree, experience their own “April Anxiety.” All Juniors were assessed using the National College Board’s ACT exams. ACT testing will focus on English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Writing. The Junior class took the ACT exams on March 25th. The Sophomores will take the ACT on April 23rd, 2025. The NSCAS exams will begin on April 1st and run through the end of the month.

NSCAS tests are high stakes for our schools, district and the community. As you know, these exams rate our student’s learning progress in reading, math, and science against the Nebraska State Standards. Our goal is to have every student score “on-track” or at the “advanced” level on these examinations. The students and teachers have been working hard learning grade level curriculum all year and now the time has come for us to see what they have learned. The challenge for Maywood is that we are small in numbers, and a few high or low scores will influence the overall assessment scores.

As parents, I am asking for your help and cooperation during testing times by helping your son/daughter prepare at home. Examining the testing schedules, we have students testing almost daily throughout April in kindergarten through the eighth grade. Teachers will have students test in multiple sessions to keep them engaged and hopefully get their best scores. First and foremost, please help us get top performance from your son/daughter by making sure they receive at least eight hours of sleep the night before tests. Please put up the cell phones to allow them adequate sleep time. Secondly, make sure you require your children to eat a nutritious breakfast each morning. Thirdly, and most importantly take a few moments to positively encourage your children to do their best work on the exams. You play an important role as parents encouraging your children to strive to do their best by demonstrating their learning at all grade levels.

Why are these exams so important? The NSCAS exams are a “snapshot” reflection of student learning as compared to a set of state proficiency outcomes. Student grade level performance is reported in the AQuESTT State of the Schools report each fall. Student performance data is used to rank the schools as “Excellent, Great, Good, or Needs Improvement”. School districts will be compared to one another by others. I want Maywood students to take pride in their learning accomplishments and reflect the level of learning that is occurring throughout our school. I am asking parents to discuss the importance of their children doing their best because it reflects the learning at Maywood Community School.

Mark Bejot

**April 2025**



# April Menu

Breakfast every day offers the choice of 3 different cold cereals. All grains offered at breakfast and lunch are whole grain rich. A variety of low fat and fat free milks are offered with breakfast and lunch. The Garden bar is offered to K-12 Students daily. Which includes a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit for the students to choose from.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Pancake on a Stick  Fish Sticks Fries Bread Stick Fruit	<b>2</b> Breakfast Pizza  Cheese Quesadilla Corn Fruit	<b>3</b> Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit  Au Gratin Potatoes w/Ham Green Beans Roll Fruit	<b>4</b> Mini Cinnamon Rolls  Teriyaki Chicken Fried Rice Egg Roll Fruit
<b>7</b> Blue Berry Bagels  Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks w/ Marinara sauce Broccoli Fruit	<b>8</b> Biscuits & Gravy  Beef Nachos Black Bean Salad Fruit	<b>9</b> Breakfast Burrito  Turkey & Ham Sub Chips Baby Carrots Fruit	<b>10</b> Waffles  Country Beef w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Roll	<b>11</b> Oatmeal  Chicken Tenders Green Beans Biscuit Fruit
<b>14</b> French Toast Sticks & Sausage Links  Pepperoni Pizza Carrots Fruit	<b>15</b> Chocolate Chip Muffins  Chicken Taquitos Spanish Rice Corn Salad Fruit	<b>16</b> Breakfast Tacos  Orange Chicken Fried Rice Egg Roll Fruit	<b>17</b> Sausage, Egg & Cheese English Muffin  Pulled Pork Sandwich Tater Tots Fruit	<h2 style="color: red;">No School</h2>
<h2 style="color: red;">No School</h2>	<b>22</b> Oatmeal  Cavatappi w/ Meat Sauce California Blend Veg Garlic Bread Fruit	<b>23</b> Pancakes & Sausage  Breaded Pork Patty Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit	<b>24</b> Cherry & Apple Turnovers  Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit	<b>25</b> Breakfast Bagel  Boneless Wings Carrots & Celery Texas Toast Fruit
<b>28</b> Frudel  Mini Corn Dogs Mac & Cheese Peas Fruit	<b>29</b> Eggs, Bacon & Hashbrowns  Fried Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Biscuit Fruit	<b>30</b> Blueberry Muffins  BBQ Rib Sandwich Fires Fruit		<b>1% White or flavored milk served daily</b>  <b>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</b>

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# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 - MHC Golf @ Cambridge Invite @ 10:00 am	2 State FFA Convention @ Lincoln			5 - MHC Track @ Sutherland Invite @ 10:00am
6	7 - ESU JH Quiz Bowl @ 4:00	8	9 - MHC JH Track @ Paxton @ 10:00am	10 FBLA State Leadership Conference		12 - MHC Track @ Cambridge @ 10:00am
13	14 - FBLA Bloodmobile	15 - MHC Golf @ Arapahoe @ 9:30am	16 - FFA Officer Interviews @ Maywood - MHC JH Track @ Hitchcock County @ 10:00am	17 - MHC Track @ Cambridge @ 10:00am - MHC Golf @ Curtis Arrowhead Meadows @ 10:00am	18 Easter Break NO SCHOOL	
20 -Easter Sunday	21 Easter Break NO SCHOOL	22 - Kindergarten Round up!	23 - ACT District Testing (9th & 10th) -MHC JH Track @ Sutherland @ 10:00am	24 - MHC Golf @ Cambridge @ 10:00am	25 - District Music Contest @ Chase County	26 - MHC Track @ Hershey @10:00am
27	28 - FFA Banquet @ Maywood	29 - MHC JH Track @ Bertrand @ 10:00am	30			

## Scholarship Blood Drive Maywood High School

Community Hall

**Monday, April 14**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**




**American  
Red Cross**



# May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 - RPAC Golf Tourney @ Arrowhead Meadows In Curtis @ 10:00am  - RPAC Track meet @ Cambridge @ 10:30	2	3
4	5 - JH Track @ Wauneta -Palisade @ 10:30	6 - Golf @ Heritage Hills in McCook @ 10:00  - Track @ Best of the Midwest in Sutherland @ 3:00	7 - MHC Sports Banquet	8 - Golf @ River's Edge GC in North Platte @ 10:00	9 - Track @ DCS Twilight @ 1:30	10
11 - Mother's Day	12 - RPAC West JH Track @ DCS @ 10:00	13 - Golf @ Arrowhead Meadows in Curtis @10:00  -Preschool Graduation @ 10:00  -5-12 Spring Concert @ 6:30	14 - Districts Track (Class D) @ TBA	15 - 6-11th Grade School Physicals  - Preschool Spring Program	16 - Elm. Field Day	17 - Maywood Graduation @ 10:00  - JH Track @ Gothenburg State Championships @ 11:00
18	19 - Districts Golf @ TBA	20 - Elm. Field Trips	21 - Last Day of School (11:30am Dismissal)  - Teacher In-Service	22 - Teacher In-Service	23	24
					State Track Meet @ Omaha Burke Stadium	
25	26 - Memorial Day 	27	28	29	30	31
			NSAA State Golf @ Lake Maloney in North Platte @ TBA			

## Title 1 Tidbit

Hello All! Some of you are already aware of Title 1 opportunities at Maywood Public School but some of you may not be. I want to take a moment to explain Title 1 and invite you to contact me for more information! Title 1 is a Federal Program that provides opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to meet challenging state content standards. Title 1 resources are distributed to schools where needs are the greatest and Maywood is one of those schools. Part of my job as the Special Education and Title 1 Teacher at Maywood is to help all students, with various levels of ability, succeed! If you would like more information on Title 1, or if you'd like to learn about how Title 1 can benefit your child or children, please contact me! Let's talk about the opportunities and solutions available at Maywood!

Emily Lenz

K-12 Special Education and Title 1 Teacher

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# Maywood Ag Ed And FFA News

We are in the final stretch of the school year and members of the Maywood FFA chapter are gearing up for the 97th Nebraska State FFA Convention. 19 high school members have qualified in various CDE's, LDE's, proficiencies, and state degrees. After students return from convention, we will get ready for chapter officer interviews on April 16th. The annual Maywood FFA Banquet will be held on Monday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Maywood High School gym. Meat will be provided and guests are asked to bring a side or dessert. All are invited to attend! We will wrap up the year's activities with our annual pork loin dinner drive-thru, tentatively planned for Thursday, May 8th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Congratulations to all of our state-qualifying teams and individuals!

## State Proficiency Results

Diversified Crop Placement-Silver-Ryan Werkmeister

## Farm Business Mgt.

Lucas Mahanes  
Maysen Merritt  
Reagan Stengel  
Ryan Werkmeister

## Cooperative Speaking

Kassidy Hatfield

## Nursery & Landscape

Blayklee Farr  
Karlee Hatfield  
Kassidy Hatfield  
Reagan Stengel

## Livestock Management

Charlie Callis  
Dallas Grunden  
Maddie Merritt  
Taren Sailor  
Adalyn Schurr  
Reagan Stengel  
Ryan Werkmeister

## Agriscience

Amelia DeVaughn  
Landyn Gilmore  
Jillian Johnson  
Brooklynn Tidyman

## Ag Demo

Blayklee Farr  
Dallas Grunden  
Maddie Merritt  
Taren Sailor

## Ag Mechanics

Clayton Mahanes  
Ethan Renner  
Ryan Werkmeister  
Steven Werkmeister

## State Degree Recipients

Blayklee Farr  
Dallas Grunden  
Kassidy Hatfield  
Maddie Merritt  
Taren Sailor  
Reagan Stengel

# GOOD LUCK at STATE FFA!

# CDE #4

Another great day for our Maywood FFA kiddos at District CDE's! Here are the results:

Livestock Management-4th, State Qualifying, red

Beef-3rd, blue

Sheep-5th-red

Swine-2nd-purple

Members include Dallas Grunden, Maddie Merritt, Charlie Callis, Adalyn Schurr, Taren Sailor, & Reagan Stengel

Ag Sales-4th

Jillian Johnson-13th white

Maysen Merritt-17th

Landyn Gilmore-19th

Lucas Mahanes-21st

Floriculture Team 1-15th, Team 2-21st

Ali Del Carlo-28th, white

Gwen Rutherford-48th

Adalyn Schurr-55th

Joseph Small-65th

Karlee Hatfield-66th

Dally Buffington-77th

Brooklynn Tidyman-92nd

Amelia DeVaughn-94th





# BASKETBALL ALL CONFERENCE

## GIRLS

### West Division

Name	School
<b><u>First Team</u></b>	
Abi Spargo	Dundy Co-Stratton
Caylie Softley	Maywood Hayes Center
Karissa Stengel	Maywood Hayes Center
Clara Spargo	Dundy Co-Stratton
Madysen Carlson	Hitchcock County
<b><u>Second Team</u></b>	
Kristyn Cheek	Maxwell
Ella Fote	Paxton
Raegan Hangan	Hitchcock County
Izzy Stehno	Wauneta-Palisade
Jenna Miller	Maxwell
<b><u>Honorable Mention</u></b>	
Mesa Cox	Wauneta-Palisade
Jordan Clouse	Paxton
Kimberly Escobar	Dundy Co-Stratton
Kaiah Johnson	Hitchcock County
Reagan Stengel	Maywood Hayes Center
Gracyn Elfeldt	Sutherland
Kaley Sauser	Wallace
Kesli Cox	Maywood Hayes Center
Blayklee Farr	Maywood Hayes Center

### West Division

Name	School
<b><u>Frist Team</u></b>	
Lane Bybee	Dundy Co-Stratton
Jayce Hauxwell	Hitchcock County
Ethan Latta	Dundy Co-Stratton
Adam Kisker	Hitchcock County
Tanner Hebblethwaite	Paxton
<b><u>Second Team</u></b>	
Jason Fisher	Wallace
Jaxson Anders	Maywood Hayes Center
Maddex McConnell	Paxton
August Shaw	Dundy County Stratton
Kade Broz	Maywood Hayes Center
<b><u>Honorable Mention</u></b>	
Jesse Reyes	Maxwell
Max Hanson	Wallace
Jackson Saner	Sutherland
Cole Huffman	Maxwell
Ashton Wheeler	Wauneta Palisade
Mason Schilke	Hitchcock County
Breck Horner	Dundy County Stratton
Dante Horner	Dundy County Stratton
Keenan Richards	Maywood Hayes Center
Conner Kennicutt	Wallace

## BOYS

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Caylie Softley
- Karissa Stengel
- Reagan Stengel
- Kesli Cox
- Blayklee Farr
- Jaxson Anders
- Kade Broz
- Keenan Richards

# Celebrating accomplishments!

We are celebrating Maywood Alumni!

Please send any updates that you have in your life past graduation from Maywood Public Schools. This can include current employment/retirement, current college status, college degree completion, births, career advancements, and any of life's other accomplishments! We'd love to share about Maywood Alumni in our monthly newsletter and on our school website!

Information can be submitted to Kamryn Hoegerl at

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Or by mail to **PO BOX 46, Maywood, NE 69038.**

We can't wait to celebrate your accomplishments!

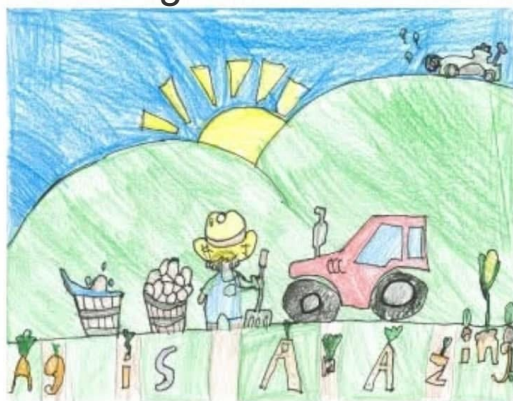
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## National Ag Week

In recognition of National Ag Week, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is announcing the winners of its annual poster contest. This year's theme, "Agriculture is Amazing," highlights and celebrates Nebraska's number one industry. The poster contest was open to Nebraska students in grades 1-6. National Ag Week, March 16-22, is the perfect time to highlight and celebrate Nebraska's number one industry!

NDA's ag poster contest is in its 22nd year. The poster were judged in three separate categories: First and second grade; third and fourth grade; and fifth and sixth grade. The winners will receive a certificate and letter from Gov. Jim Pillen and NDA Director Sherry Vinton.

Congratulations to our own second grader William Cross for placing 3rd in his grade level!



**Third Place**  
William Cross  
2nd grade – Maywood Public Schools



# Alumni Announcement!

Lydia Fritsche graduated from Maywood in 2016. She is the 2025 Good Government Student Pharmacist-Of-The-Year Award recipient. Lydia Fritsche, the daughter of Mark and Cindy Fritsche of Maywood, is a pharmacy student in her final year at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Pharmacy. She will be the first Nebraska pharmacy student to earn this award.

Throughout her academic career, Lydia has actively engaged in leadership roles within the UNMC American Pharmacists Association -Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Chapter, particularly in the Student Political Action Network (SPAN), and as a member of the UNMC Student Delegates.

Her commitment to advocating for policies that enhance patient access to healthcare and pharmacy services has been evident in her roles as UNMC's APhA-ASP Chapter Delegate, Policy Vice President, SPAN Committee Chair, and the College of Pharmacy Liaison for the UNMC Student Delegates. In those roles, she empowered her peers to recognize their potential in shaping their professional futures and the importance of advocating for policies that impact their field.

Lydia has played a pivotal role in facilitating discussions among students regarding relevant issues, encouraging them to express their opinions to faculty and representatives. She organized field trips to the Nebraska State Capitol, allowing students to participate in the legislative process through testimony at open hearing and direct engagement with their senators. Her initiative in creating informative handouts, policy newsletters, and personalized guidance for students seeking to communicate with their representatives has been instrumental in fostering a proactive attitude among her peers.

Alongside her other initiatives, she also introduced a policy aimed at improving patient access to prescription medications. The policy garnered support from her professors and the Nebraska Pharmacists Association and successfully became a Nebraska State Law in 2023. An additional component of this law is slated for introduction as a bill in 2025.

The award will be presented to Lydia during the APhA Political Leadership Reception held during the APhA Annual Meeting held Saturday March 22, 2025 in Nashville Tennessee. The recipient received the following : (a) a \$1,000 cash award, (b) an award plaque, © a U.S. flag previously flown over the U.S. Capitol, (d) a complimentary meeting registration, and (e) five Political Leadership Reception tickets. The recipient will again be honored at the APhA-ASP House of Delegates.

Lydia is grateful to APhA and the APhA-ASP community for their support and guidance in nurturing her passion for advocacy.

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### We Welcome You to Family Reading Night!

Maywood Public School will be hosting our annual Family Reading Night on Thursday, April 10th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. A BBQ meal will be available for all who attend and each Maywood student, grades Pre-K through 6th, will receive a book that has been hand-picked for their reading level. Elementary teachers and the Title 1 teacher will be on hand to explore books with your family.

This opportunity has been made possible by Title 1 funds which are focused on building family and school connections and to help families connect over books.

We hope to see you on Thursday,  
April 10th at 5:30pm!

