



## MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Positive Maywood Graduation Memories

The Class of 2026 is anxious for graduation and all the changes that will occur beginning on Saturday, May 9, 2026. This school year has seen considerable success in volleyball, basketball, speech, FBLA, Track and FFA. The 2026 senior class is racing with thoughts of graduating and moving on to new life experiences in August at MPCC, SCC, UNK, UNL Wayne State, Fort Hays State University, work, or the Armed Services. The number one comment I get when asking what they are most excited about is “Getting out of Maywood High School and moving forward.” That’s not too surprising of a statement when you consider that almost all of us made as similar statements some years ago ourselves!

Amidst this exciting time, I get a bit apprehensive as a school leader, parent, and friend with all the celebratory activities. As parents, we have survived lots of growing hurdles with son/daughter and now we are going to experience graduation and all the fun graduation celebrations bring. As parents, you have worked to prepare and protect your child from life experiences that have the potential to seriously harm or hurt them. We also realize that, as they become older adolescents, we cannot protect them from all potential harmful situations. I am however, concerned about all the upcoming graduation celebrations and the risks our children are going to be exposed to during this time from alcohol and automobiles.

According to the State of Nebraska, FY 2020 teen drivers involved in alcohol related crashes represents 7% of all teen crashes across the state. The highest hours of teen crashes are between 7:00 pm – and midnight which represents 20% of all crashes. This time frame is especially dangerous for teens and they are typically out celebrating and driving during the evening hours. Nebraska data reveals that teenage deaths increased by two to five deaths in 2020 that were alcohol related. Examining all vehicle crashes 17.9% of all fatal crashes involved alcohol for teens. Alcohol related fatalities as a percent of all fatalities is 23%. As a community we have worked too hard to get our sons/daughters to graduation and losing even one student to an alcohol related accident is one too high.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the leading cause of death is motor vehicles. Every day about eight teens die due to motor vehicle crashes. Males ages 16 – 19 have higher vehicle crashes and fatal crash rate is almost three times higher than drivers age 20 and older. The most ironic statistic from the CDC is that among teen drivers and passengers 16 – 19 years of age who were killed in car crashes in 2020, 56% were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. In 2023, 81% of the 21 teen traffic fatalities in Nebraska were not wearing seat belts. Seat belt use by teens sitting in the front seat is consistently lower than drivers 25 years and older. Please help your son/ daughter to buckle up in a vehicle.

As a parent, we all have worked hard to raise our adolescents to this point in life and invested considerable time, sweat, effort and resources. Adults realize that trusting our students is not the issue; the issue is a lack of life’s experiences to correctly choose the right decisions. I am asking parents to help your graduate and their friends have a wonderful graduation celebration on May 9, 2026 by preventing drinking and driving. Help create only positive memories for all of our graduates and Maywood students. Please visit with your son/daughter and share your expectations and concerns about drinking and driving or riding with someone who may be driving impaired. Parental views are the top influencer of behavior in this area with your son/daughter.

My hope for the Class of 2026 is to create positive graduation memories and not have a tragic experience associated with alcohol related accidents. I am looking forward to celebrating with the class of 2026 on May 9, 2026. Let’s all work together to create positive graduation memories for all!

Mark Bejot

May 2026

# May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 - MHC RPAC Track Meet @ Cambridge @ 10:30am	2
3	4 - MHC JH Track @ Wauneta @ 10:30am	5 - Animals Inside & Out  - MHC Golf @ McCook @ 10:00am  - MHC Track @ Sutherland @ 3:00pm	6 - MHC Athletic Banquet	7 - MHC Golf @ North Platte St. Pats @ 10:00am  - Preschool Open House 4:00pm - 6:00pm	8 - MHC Track @ DCS Twilight @ 1:30pm  - Preschool Open House 8:00am - 10:00am	9 - Maywood Graduation @ 1:00pm
10 - Mother's Day	11 - MHC JH Track @ DCS @ 10:00am	12 - MHC Golf @ Curtis @ 10:00am	13	14 - MHC District Track @ TBA	15 - Elementary Field Day	16 - MHC JH State Track @ Gothenburg @ 11:00am
17	18 - MHC District Golf @ TBA	19 - Elementary Field Trips	20 - Last Day of School (11:30am Dismissal)  - Teacher In-Service	21 - Teacher In-Service	22 - MHC State Track @ Burke Stadium	23 - MHC State Track @ Burke Stadium
24	25 - Memorial Day	26	27 - MHC State Golf @ Columbus @ TBA	28 - MHC State Golf @ Columbus @ TBA	29	30 Old Glory Days in Maywood
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On April 20th, 2026, we had a grand night at the Maywood FFA Chapter Banquet. Members, parents, and guests gathered to celebrate the dedication and leadership shown throughout the year.

Throughout the evening, awards were presented to members and supporters of the year. Recipients receiving the Greenhand Degree: Augie Blount, Robert Carter, Kortnie Collins, Easton Gilmore, Isabella Hughes, Lynden Merritt, Alonso Palma, Jace Oldham, Bennett Sandel, Gavon Schurr, Paytyn Stengel. Recipients receiving the Chapter Degree: Jillian Johnson, Brooklynn Tidyman, Amelia Cook, Landyn Gilmore, Jaylee Sellers, and Haylie Gustafson. Receiving this year's FFA Supporters of the Year Award are Rocky Sailor, Harris and Joanie Grunden. As we celebrate the achievements of our members, we are also excited to celebrate our new officer team for 2026-2027!

From left back to left front:

Steven Werkmeister, Vice President; Ethan Renner, Sentinel; Lucas Mahanes, Parliamentarian; Amelia Cook, Historian; Haylie Gustafson, Reporter; Paytyn Stengel, Jr. Reporter/Student Advisor; Jaylee Sellers, Secretary; Adalyn Schurr, President; Karlee Hatfield, Treasurer; Clayton Mahanes, Student Advisor; and finally, J.R. Clark, Advisor.



# May 2026 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
<p>1% White or flavored milk served daily</p> <p>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</p>				<p>1 Cini Minis</p> <p>Mini Corndogs</p> <p>Mac &amp; Cheese</p> <p>Peas</p> <p>Fruit</p>
<p>4 Waffles &amp; Bacon</p> <p>Beef Nachos</p> <p>Black Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p>5 Biscuits &amp; Gravy</p> <p>Ham or Turkey Sandwich</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p>6 Breakfast Tornado</p> <p>Honey Mustard Pork Loin</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>With Gravy</p> <p>Fruit</p> <p>Roll</p>	<p>7 Bagel</p> <p>Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken</p> <p>Friend Rice</p> <p>Egg Roll</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p>8 Oatmeal</p> <p>Cheese Pizza</p> <p>Corn</p> <p>Fruit</p>
<p>11 Frudel</p> <p>Boneless Wings</p> <p>Mixed Vegetables</p> <p>Texas Toast</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p>12 Breakfast Pizza</p> <p>Cooks Choice</p>	<p>13 French Toast Sicks &amp; Sausage</p> <p>Cooks Choice</p>	<p>14 Breakfast Burrito</p> <p>Cooks Choice</p>	<p>15 Scrambled Eggs &amp; Bacon</p> <p>Hot Dogs &amp; Hamburgers</p> <p>Chips</p> <p>Carrot Sticks</p>
<p>18 Cooks Choice</p> <p>Cooks Choice</p>	<p>19 Cooks Choice</p> <p>Uncrustable</p> <p>Baby Carrots</p> <p>Cheese Stick</p> <p>Juice</p>	<p>20 Cooks Choice</p> <p><b>(Breakfast Only)</b></p> <p><b>Last Day Of School</b></p> <p><b>11:30 Dismissal</b></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

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# Title 1 Tidbit

May 2026

## Have a Great Summer and Avoid the “Summer Slide”

Wow! The school year flew by! Summer is upon us!

Studies consistently show that students, on average, lose a portion of their school-year learning gains over summer break. In an effort to curb the “summer slide”, Title 1 has a few suggestions for you and your family this summer. The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:

- Provide a good role model by reading to yourself and by reading often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material - some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests. For example, if you’re going on a trip this summer, encourage your kids to read about the location you’ll be visiting. If you’re going fishing this summer, encourage your kids to read about fish breeds at that location.
- Encourage activities that require reading. For example, if you are cooking together, read a recipe together. If you are constructing a kite or rocket, read the directions together. If you’ve got wildlife in your yard or see it while you’re camping, identify the species of bird or animal, or identify the tracks or nest by reading a reference book about it.
- Contact your local University of Nebraska Extension Office to learn more about their summer activities, youth programs, and enrichment workshops.
- Check out the Klyte Burt Memorial Library in Curtis for their summer reading program schedule and their hours of operation at their website: <https://www.curtis-ne.gov/library>
- Check out the North Platte Public Library for their ongoing events! Visit their website at: <https://www.northplattene.gov/251/Library>
- Check out the McCook Public Library for their summer events! Visit their website at: <https://libraries.ne.gov/mccook/>

According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! Wow!

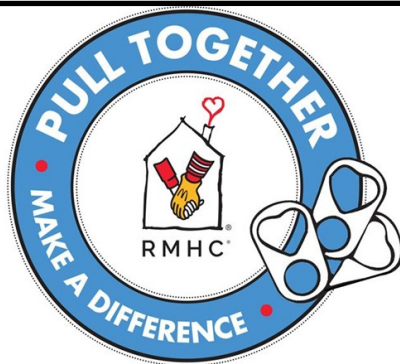
Enjoy your summer break!

Emily Lenz

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**WHO:** Maywood Public Schools 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class

**WHAT:** We are collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Omaha

**WHEN:** October – May 20th

**WHERE:** Maywood Community

**WHY:** In our first science unit we learned about material properties. We learned that metal has the property of melting and can be reshaped. We learned metal can be recycled. As part of our final unit assessment, we are collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Omaha. The Ronald McDonald House Charities Organization recycles the pop tabs and uses the money to pay their electric bill each month.



# TEAMMATES

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## ATTENTION: MENTORS NEEDED

Dear Mentors and Mentees,

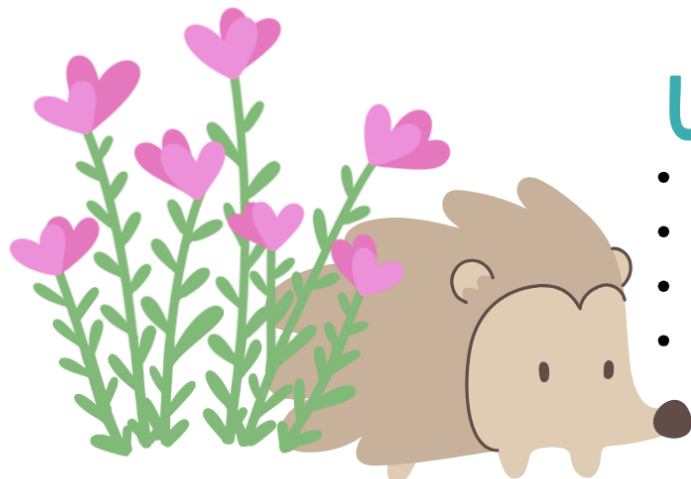
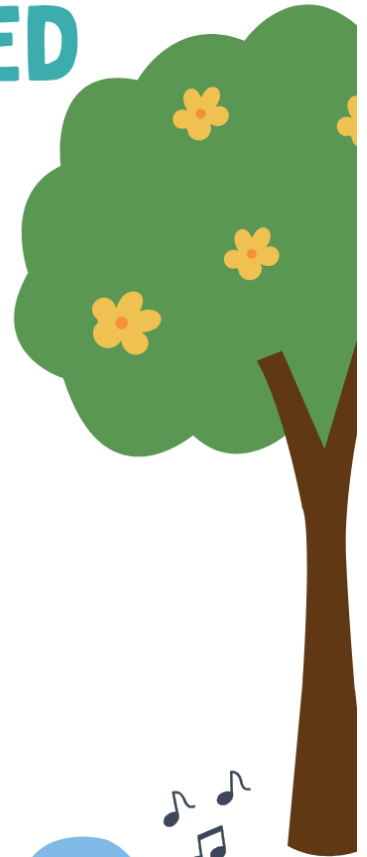
As we approach the final stretch of the school year, it's easy to get caught up in the "finish line" mentality: the exams, the deadlines, and the packing up. But before the year closes, we want to encourage you to take a breath and look back.

To our Mentees: Think about where you were in September. Maybe you were nervous about a specific class or unsure how to navigate a social situation. Look at how much ground you've covered. Your growth isn't just in your grades; it's in your resilience!

To our Mentors: Your time is the most valuable gift you could have given this year. By showing up, listening, and sharing your perspective, you've helped build a bridge for someone else to cross.

This month isn't just about finishing; it's about honoring the bond you've built. Take some time during your last few meetings to share your favorite memory from the year. You might be surprised by how much those small moments meant to one another!

Be sure to keep up with our newsletter throughout the summer!  
Have a great May,  
Maywood TeamMates Chapter



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **5/9 - Graduation @ 1:00pm**
- **5/13 - End of Year Pizza Party**
- **5/15 - Field Day**
- **5/20 - Last Day of School - 11:30 am Dismissal**

# Track Classic!

MHC Track had a fantastic day at the Midwest Nebraska Track Classic on April 21st! Here are the results. Congratulations to all that qualified and competed!

- Blayklee Farr - Long Jump (Placed 5th)
- Sawyer Dibbern - Long Jump (Placed 3rd), & 300mH (Placed 6th)
- Jillian Johnson - 100mH (Placed 7th), & 300mH (Placed 4th)
- Ava Messersmith - 100m (Placed 3rd), & 400m (Placed 8th)
- Paytyn Stengel - 400m (Placed 5th)
- Addison Richards - 800m (Placed 1st)
- Chloe Jeffers - 800m (Placed 6th)
- Caylie Softley - 800m (Placed 4th)
- Girls 4x8 - Caylie Softley, Carly Softley, Chloe Jeffers, Addison Richards (Placed 1st)
- Girls 4x1 - Paytyn Stengel, Blayklee Farr, Amelia DeVaughn, Ava Messersmith (Placed 5th)
- Girls 4x4 - Blayklee Farr, Paytyn Stengel, Karissa Stengel, Addison Richards (Placed 3rd)
- Boys 4x1 - Sawyer Dibbern, Charlie Callis, Bentley Broz, Rubiel Lopez (Placed 6th)



# Paint-In

Congratulations to our Maywood Art 3 students! These students traveled to McCook Community College on April 10th for the annual Paint-In held every April. At this event, students get 2.5 hours to paint a themed mural and compete against other schools and their teams. The theme was "Ripple Effect" and there was 19 schools and 29 teams. Maywood Team #1 was Emma Peterka, Graci Peterka, Johnny Valentin, Katie Domes, and Dallas Grunden. They won 2nd place overall in the painting competition. Maywood Team #2 was Gwen Rutherford, Joseph Small, Jayden Harig, and Shelby Vogt.

**MAYWOOD OLD GLORY DAYS**  
**Happy 250th Birthday USA**  
**May 29 and May 30**

**Friday, May 29th**

- 5:00 p.m. Food by Sandy Hill Meats—East of Railroad Tracks along Walnut Street  
 5:30 p.m. Team Sorting Check-in—East of Railroad Tracks along Walnut Street  
 2 person teams—\$90 per team, 2 entries per person—limited entries  
Pre-registration Required—Vern Norgaard (308)737-1301  
 6:00 p.m. Calcutta followed by Team Sorting

**Saturday, May 30th**

- 9:00 a.m. Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show Registration—South Main Street  
 Casey Vogt—(402)309-4451  
 10 - 2 p.m. Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show—South Main Street  
 10:00 a.m. Nebraska Pedal Puller Association Kids Pedal Tractor Pull—Main Street  
 Ages 4—12 girls and boys—winners get free entry to compete at the State Fair  
 11:00 a.m. Kids 10 and Under Coin Scramble at Sand Volleyball Court—Henderson State  
 Bank  
 11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Park—Served by Maywood Class of 2028  
 12 - 4 p.m. Activities at the Park  
 Bouncy House, Water Slide, Hippo Chow Down, Kiddie Carnival Rides  
 Goat Chip Bingo  
 Snow Cones  
 1:00 p.m. Keith White Memorial Pitch Tourney @ Tidy's Sip & Seed, \$10 per person  
 Cash prizes to 1st and 2nd places  
 Horseshoe Tournament at Park  
 Rod Walker—(308)650-9013, \$10 per person  
 Dodgeball Tournament at the Sand Volleyball Court—\$5 per person  
 Thad Rathjen, Cash prizes to 1st and 2nd places  
 4:00 p.m. Goat Roping Entries—East of Railroad Tracks along Walnut Street  
 Entry Fee—\$20 per person, Pick 1—Draw 1 or Draw 2  
 5:00 p.m. Goat Roping Begins—Wild Shots—Billy Productions  
 6 p.m.—12 Food at Sandy Hill Meats  
 9 p.m.—12 Brady Nichols & The High Plains Drifters  
 @ Tidy's Sip & Seed—Free Will Donation

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### Getting Ready To Turn To The Next Chapter!

Congratulations to Blayklee Farr, Taren Sailor and Karissa Stengel on receiving the Consolidated Companies Scholarships. We appreciate Consolidated Companies for supporting our students in their future plans!

