



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
 October 1, 2025

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PROGRAM RECAP

Regional Innovation Center Tour

Superintendent Joe Stutting and Principal Lehn shared some information about the Regional Innovation Center. The land was purchased 10 years ago with the assistance of Glen Keppy. Although it started with agriculture as it's mission, the board and staff decided that the center needed to have a broader focus.

To help students learn and find possible careers, the curriculum includes agriculture, animal science, horticulture, vet tech, CNA, EMT, construction, health, diesel, meat processing, culinary and more. They currently have 20 -30 students from outside North Scott and expect that number to grow. The intent is for this program to be regional. They offer 80 different classes. They are continuing to look at determining the method for other school districts to have space for students.

Stutting gave much credit to Jacob Hunter who started working on this when he came to the district. He is proud that much of the design of the building came from staff wanting to make the space usable for education as well as a community center available for other events. The goal is not to make money, but also not to lose money.

Tours were given for three groups. Highlights of the building are: future aquaponics, greenhouse that can have separate temperatures and moisture, workshop to teach construction, plumbing and electricity, state of the art kitchens, meat processing labs, diesel area, livestock area and health labs. Solar panels help with energy costs.



*meeting notes submitted by Becky Bray
 Thank you to Ardita Grunwald for photos*

UPCOMING PROGRAM



Cinnamon Ridge Farms

10606 275th St, Donahue, IA

Directions to Cinnamon Ridge Farms:

Take LeClaire road west out of Eldridge. At the T intersection take a right onto 115th Ave. Continue straight through Donahue, then take a left onto 275th street (You'll see the blue barn and house!)

CLUB SERVICE

PIANO:

Oct 10th : Tewanta Lopez
 Oct 17th : Marguerite H
 Oct 24th : tbd
 Oct 31st : tbd

INSPIRATION:

Oct 3rd : Jill Grunwald
 Oct 10th: Theresa White
 Oct 17th: Sean Eckhardt
 Oct 24th : Josh Koerperich
 Oct 31st : Tony Knobbe

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Oct 3rd : John Maxwell
 Oct 10th Kelly Meyer
 Oct 17th : Ross Paustian
 Oct 24th : Patrick Olsen
 Oct 31st : John Maxwell

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed Oct 1st: Dictionary distribution:

8:00 am Virgil Grissom - Princeton

9:00 am John Glenn - Donahue

10:00 am Alan Shepard - Long Grove

2:00 pm Fillmore - 7307 N. Pacific, Davenport

Thurs, October 2nd: Dictionary distribution:

8:05 am Ed White - Eldridge

9:00 am Truman - 5506 N. Pine, Davenport

11:15 am Neil Armstrong - Park View

2:00 pm Harrison - 1032 W. 53rd, Davenport

Fri, October 3rd : pie auction begins

Fri, October 3rd : offsite at John Maxwell Cinnamon Ridge Farms

Wed, October. 8th : Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi, shifts of noon - 2:00 and 3:00 - 6:00. contact Jeremy Kaiser for questions.

Fri, October 10th: Board Meeting 10:30

Fri, October 10th : Matthew Doty, Iowa National guard arranged by Chris Cournoyer

Fri, Oct. 17: 10:45 am Membership committee meets

Fri, October 17th : Merle Anderson update on Imbabazi Center for Women and Children arranged by Scott Case

Fri, October 24th : TBA arranged by Deanna Jensen Valliere

Fri, October 31st : Friendly Friday at NSJH 7:20 am

Fri, October 31st : Director Tracy Singleton from the Lincoln Resource Center arranged by Rily and Arditia Grunwald

Fri, November 7th : TBA

Fri, November 14th : TBA

Fri, November 21st : Service Above Self Gala Waterfront Convention Center

Fri, Dec. 5th: Nicole Cisne Durbin with Family Resources introducing and describing successes of the CAP program arranged by Jeremy Kaiser

Fri, Dec. 12th: TBA

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Mark Mommsen has been proposed for membership by John Maxwell and has been approved by the Board of Directors and the Classification Committee. Mark resides in rural Long Grove and is the Owner and President of Martin, Goodrich & Waddell, Inc. a leading agricultural real estate services company with locations in DeWitt, IA and Sycamore, IL. Seven days for comment.

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on September 26 was 60 members and 11 guests. Guests were Andrew Lehn and Jacob Hunter, guests of **Joe Stutting**, Candi Mostrom, Tony Loete and Scott Hurton, guests of **Brad Nielsen**, Mary Lou Anderson, guest of **Merle Anderson**, David Cole, guest of Diane Cole, Nancy Toohill, guest of **Katie White**, Geri Thoronson, guest of **Paul Thoronson**, Evan Keppy, guest of **Carrie Keppy** and Ann Hanson, guest of **Deb Peterson**. Attempting to join by Zoom was **Steve Suiter**, but it was not set up. **Joe Stutting** acted as sarge and collected \$22 in fines.

John Maxwell gave a reflection that the Regional Innovation Center that we were meeting in, reflected the community's concern and commitment to youth.

Bill Hoover shared that Soles for Children is hosting their 10th annual event on Sept 28 at 11:30 at Friendly House. This started to help kids not get bullied for their attire.

John Maxwell auctioned off tickets for the Iowa game from **Kelly Meyer**. Purchased by **Marcia Brandt**. He also gave details on the dictionary distributions and announced that the baked goods auction would begin soon. He will host us Oct 3rd at Cinnamon Ridge and talk about their cheese production.

Katie White told us that donations for the auction could be brought starting next week.

Youth Harvest is on October 8 at Pride of the Wapsi. Shifts are from noon-2 and 3-6.

Deanna announced that **Matt Maiers, Cody Allen, Jeremy Kaiser and Tyler Bindrum** were at the Lindsey Thul golf tournament raising money for IBC. Lindsey was a member of North Scott Rotary.

Danielle Hines thanked everyone who participated in the Rotary float for Homecoming. Special note to **Tony Knobbe** for the tractor and hayrack.

Fred Mulch will be working with the Humane Society to offer free health clinics for animals.

Sandy Pistole shared she will be gone for awhile as she would be serving as floor manager at a Von Maur in Madison.

Brad Burt shared that **Pat Olsen** would be doing an Iron Man triathlon on Sunday.

Steve Fahrenkrog announced that he was merging with another company but will still be working.

Sean Eckhardt shared the North Scott Booster is hosting a golf tournament Sunday. Also, he needs a 4th person for his team. *meeting notes submitted by Becky Bray*

CLUB SERVICE

GREETERS:

Oct 3rd: Leroy Paustian & Jill Grunwald
Oct 10th: Rich Horst and Patrick Olsen
Oct 17th: Terrye Kishiue and Dick Cole
Oct 24th: Mitch Amhof and Jim Smith
Oct 31st: Rily Grunwald and Fred Mulch

SONG LEADERS:

Oct 3rd : Kelly Meyer
Oct 10th Jody Johnston-Mohr
Oct 17th : Paul Holzworth
Oct 24th : Drew Wilson
Oct 31st : John Maxwell

NEWSLETTER:

Oct 3rd : Drew Wilson
Oct 10th Sam Culver
Oct 17th : Mindy Leahy
Oct 24th : Becky Bray
Oct 31st : Drew Wilson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 5th : Billy Sheedy
October 7th : Mitch Amhof
October 11th : Bill Hoover
October 14th: Jen Kress
October 15th : Robert White
October 19th : Jason Happel and Terrye Kishiue
October 24th : Stephanie Eckhardt
October 28th : Tom Messer

HOMECOMING PARADE



Giant thank you to everybody who represented North Scott Rotary in the Homecoming parade. This was a great way to get our name and face out in the public.

HARVEST PARTY

Make sure to mark your calendars for Oct 8th. Our annual Harvest Party at Pride of the Wapsi will be on the 8th. There will be 2 shifts: 12-2 and 3-6 pm. This is always one of our well attended events and we need lots of people there to make sure it's a great event for local youth. Please reach out to Jeremy Kaiser or Deb Petersen to sign up for a shift or with any questions!

DICTIONARIES

Please join us in delivering dictionaries, come to any you can make! If you have any questions, please contact John Maxwell or Stephanie Eckhardt.

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CORRESPONDENCE

We recieved a fantastic thank you note from Project Renewal that I've included below. Please take a minute to read it as it really speaks to the impact we make. Here is the letter:

We extend to you our deepest gratitude for bringing such stellar volunteers on Thursday, September 11th, 2025. Your group of North Scott Rotary volunteers did amazing work to help prepare Sister Concetta park and the garden at 906 W 5th St. for the Gold Coast Blooms garden tour.

We acknowledge all the work completed for us at the park including litter removal, trellising, pruning, and weeding. The garden at 906 was transformed thanks to your group - we were able to remove plants that were no longer producing fruit and turn over the garden bed for future use.

Greg, last fall, your help coordinating the financial and in-kind support for our landscaping project to implement the pollinator garden was a blessing. Kids have been spending countless hours outside identifying insects, playing in the peacefulness of the garden and learning how important it is to care for our surroundings.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our mission to support children and families and be a positive and loving presence in the neighborhood.
Sincerely,
Project Renewal

If you have something you'd like included in the newsletter please email **Danielle Hines**:
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