



North Scottarian

North Scott Rotary - Eldridge and Davenport, IA
February 25th, 2026 Edition

UPCOMING PROGRAM

Noah Glasgow - “What is buried under Scott County ground?”



Noah Glasgow is the staff writer at the North Scott Press, where he covers rural Scott County and its outlying towns. He graduated from the University of Chicago in June of 2025 with a degree in American history. He grew up on a working dairy in Massachusetts. He currently lives in Davenport.

This year, the U.S. Geological Survey will send planes up and down the Mississippi River Valley, hunting for rare earth elements buried thousands of feet deep. We do not know what they will find, but we do know that from the deep basement rock to the rich surface soils, nothing sets the contours of our lives in Iowa like the ground beneath our feet.

“What lies buried in Scott County ground?” will offer a history—both human and geological—of our ground, from intrusions in the craton to transmission lines just below the surface. That history connects antebellum bullets to ancient saltwater and the movement of glaciers to opponents of a power plant. It promises to both inform and entertain.”

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

Joey Donia - KWQC-TV on NIL

KWQC sports director Joey Donia joined the club to discuss one of the most disruptive forces in modern college athletic: NIL, short for name, image and likeness. Launched in 2021 after years of NCAA resistance, NIL allows college athletes to earn money from endorsements, appearances, and personal branding. Joey noted, however, that the system has quickly evolved far beyond its original intent.

Rather than traditional sponsorships, many NIL deals now flow through school-affiliated “collectives” - groups of boosters and fans who pool money to attract and retain athletes. Joey argued that this dynamic has created a de facto “pay for play” environment, despite the NCAA’s insistence that NIL is not meant to function that way. The result, he said, is a landscape designed by competitive imbalance, skyrocketing transfer rates, and young athletes being incentivized to chase short-term payouts.

Joey emphasized that athletes deserve to be compensated, especially given the enormous economic impact of college sports. He pointed to examples like Iowa State football, which generates hundred of millions of dollars in statewide economic activity. But he also stressed the need for clearer rules and accountability, such as enforceable agreements ensuring athletes fulfill their commitments.

To illustrate the absurdity of the current system, Joey jokingly “took a call” mid-presentation, announcing he had been offered to \$200 to speak at the Davenport Noon Optimist Club. His message was clear: without structural reform and collective bargaining, NIL will remain chaotic and the turbulence in college sports is far from over.

Joey has been proud to work for KWQC since 2014. Joey is an award winning sportscaster and loves telling the stories of what makes an athlete or team so special. Whether it's a story that can make us cry, or a story that can make us laugh, showing what makes the athletes, teams and people in the Quad Cities special are one of Joey's biggest passions. Joey previously worked as a sportscaster in Des Moines, Iowa and Albany, Georgia before coming to KWQC. Joey is grateful to his family, friends, and mentors who helped him live his dream of becoming a sportscaster.

Notes by Sam Culver



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri, Feb 27th: 7:30 am Friendly Friday NS Junior High
Fri, Feb 27th: Noah Glasgow - Reporter with the NS Press arranged by Tony Knobbe
Fri, Mar 6th: Barb Jacobsen with Friendship Force - The Joys of Travel arranged by Maria Bribriescio
Sat, Mar 7th: Euchre night for Rotary - See sign up info on Pg 6
Fri, Mar 13th: 10:30 am Board Meeting
Fri, Mar 13th: Lara with Bethany Services arranged by Deanna J-V
Fri, Mar 20th: 10:30 am Program Committee meeting
Fri, Mar 20th: TBA arranged by Drew Wilson
Fri, Mar 27th: 7:30 am Friendly Friday NS Junior High
Fri, Mar 27th: Michelle Juerhing - Bix 7 Race Director arranged by Stephanie Eckhardt
Sat, Mar 28th: D6000 Grant Management Seminar
Fri, Apr 3rd: Tammy and Kelly Rundle with Fourth Wall Films arranged by Maria Bribriescio
Fri, Apr 10th: Gina McCullough with Bi-State Metro Trans-Authority arranged by Tony Knobbe
Fri, Apr 17th: Lancer Productions presents "The Addams Family"
Fri, Apr 24th: TBA
Fri, May 1st: TBA
Fri, May 1st and Sat May 2nd: District 6000 Conference, see registration info on Pg 4
Fri, May 8th: Rotary Foundation Day
Fri, May 15th: Youth Day
Fri, May 22nd: No meeting - Memorial Day
Thurs, Jun 25th: President Installation Party
Fri, Jun 26th: No meeting
Thurs, Jul 30th: Corn Boil
Fri, Jul 31st: No meeting

The Four-Way Test

(of the things we Think, Say or Do)

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MEETING RECAP

Attendance on February 20th was 55 members and 4 guests. Joey Donia, speaker and Nancy Case, both guests of **Scott Case**. Dave Wilson, guest of **Ken Rohwedder** and our pianist Ron May. Attending via zoom were honorary members, both in FL, **Duncan Cameron** and **Steve Suiter, Merle Anderson, Tricia Kane**, and **Charlie Jones**.

Patrick Olsen tested everyone's knowledge of the Olympics and collected \$58 in fines as sarge.

Josh Koerperich reflected on our tendency to rush through life and encouraged us to slow down, noting that not every quiet moment needs to be "fixed."

Deanna thanked Ron May for coordinating access to the keyboard used at meetings.

Rotary Reads continues every Tuesday at Ed White Elementary, with Rotarians reading to 3rd-grade students. Current sign-ups are in the newsletter.

Katie White talked about the upcoming Euchre Tournament to be held at her house on Saturday, March 7. Sign-up sheets are on the table. All proceeds will be going back to Rotary.

Pat Olsen shared the next Davenport Police Luncheon will be Tues, February 24th at 11:30am. Marcia Brandt will be sponsoring.

Theresa White shared the next Friendly Friday will be at NS Junior High Friday, February 27th at 7:20am.

Cards were passed for **Bill Hoover**, who recently lost his mother, and **Kelly Meyer**, who recently lost her father-in-law.

Project Renewal sent a thank you card for the club's support of their garden project.

Members were asked to keep **Tricia Kane** in their thoughts as she recovers from a broken ankle.

Kay Pence shared that Humilty Homes is seeking groups to participate in their adopt-a-month program.

Jan Touney requested donations of unused or gently used backpacks for the Interact Club to deliver to The Third Place. She also thanked members for donating coats that the Interact Club distributed.

Drew Wilson shared that QC-area Rotary Clubs are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the schedule for all Rotary volunteers for the John Deere Classic.

Mike Zimmer shared with the Iowa Supreme Court that Rotary's Four-Way Test should serve as a guide for decision-making.

Recap notes by Sam Culver

CLUB SERVICE

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Feb 27th: Nathan Kessler
Mar 6th: Kelly Meyer
Mar 13th: John Maxwell
Mar 20th: Ross Paustian
Mar 27th: Sean Eckhardt

SONG LEADERS:

Feb 27th: Paul Holzworth
Mar 6th: Drew Wilson
Mar 13th: John Maxwell
Mar 20th: Jeff Ashcraft
Mar 27th: Kelly Meyer

GREETERS:

Feb 27th: Sean Eckhardt and Rily Grunwald
Mar 6th: Mitch Amhof and Ken Rohwedder
Mar 13th: Mindy Leahy and Jim Smith
Mar 20th: Marty O'Boyle and Dick Cole
Mar 27th: Stephanie Eckhardt and Jan Touney

INSPIRATION:

Feb 27th: Scott Case
Mar 6th: Theresa White
Mar 13th: Becky Bray
Mar 20th: Scott Case
Mar 27th: John Maxwell

NEWSLETTER:

Feb 27th: Drew Wilson
Mar 6th: Becky Bray
Mar 13th: Mindy Leahy
Mar 20th: Sam Culver
Mar 27th: Katie White

PIANO:

Feb 27th: Marguerite Holzworth
Mar 6th: None
Mar 13th: Tewanta Lopez
Mar 20th: Ron May
Mar 27th: Marguerite Holzworth

Current Rotary Reads Sign Ups:

Mar 3rd:

Jim Smith
Matt Maiers
Jordon Williams

Mar 10th:

Chris Connolly
Jordon Williams

Mar 24th:

Diane Papke-Cole
Tracy Lindaman
Matt Maiers
Jordon Williams

Mar 31st:

Matt Maiers
Theresa White and Gracie
Jordon Williams

Apr 7th:

Carrie Keppy
Tricia Kane
Jordon Williams

Rotarians joined the Davenport Police Department on February 24th for lunch sponsored by **Marcia Brandt** (not pictured). Attended by **Paul Thronson, Dale Grunwald, Ardita Grunwald, Tracy Lindaman, Katie White, Diane Papke-Cole, Patrick Olsen,** and **Jody Johnston-Mohr** (not pictured).





Rotary Club
Of North Scott

Rotary Reads 2026

Ed White School - Eldridge
Tuesday 12:15 PM Need 2 Each Week
See John Maxwell Phone 505-1652

	Rotarian Name	Telephone #	Rotarian Name	Telephone #
Feb.10	<hr style="border: 1px solid red;"/>			
Feb.17	<hr style="border: 1px solid red;"/>			
Feb.24	<hr style="border: 1px solid red;"/>			
Mar.3				
Mar.10				
Mar.24				
Mar.31				
Apr. 7				

Leave at meeting or send to: Rotary Club of North Scott, PO Box 52, Eldridge, IA 52748

Your paragraph text



EUCHRE

TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

FROM 6PM - 10 PM

**AT THE WHITES' HOUSE
23555 200th AVE - DAVENPORT**

**ENTRY - \$10 PER PERSON
MUST SIGN UP WITH A PARTNER
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND A SNACK TO
SHARE.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT KATIE WHITE OR MINDY LEAHY**

PRIZES, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!!

**A Fundraiser
Tournament
to Support the
North Scott
Rotary Club.**

**PROCEEDS
GO
DIRECTLY
BACK TO
THE CLUB!**

Sign up sheets will be on the tables at our meetings. You can also contact Katie or Mindy to sign up!!

*****Jacob Cutts - a PV sophomore and Interact student reached out and wanted to share a flier for a fundraiser he is holding for students in Uganda. He is reaching out to all local Rotary Clubs.*****



SAFE SPACES

COMMUNITY DINNER

KEEP UGANDAN KIDS SAFE IN SCHOOL

**Come eat a delicious dinner and support a great cause!
Help Pleasant Valley students doing service in/for Uganda.**

Where: Cunnick Collins Event Center (1200 E 39th Street Davenport, Iowa 52807)

When: Friday March 6th from 6:00–8:00 PM

Admission: FREE! Please donate what you feel able to help us meet our goal.

Please RSVP if possible (for food planning): use the QR code to the right or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/pvugandadinner>



Hi, I'm Jacob Cutts, a PV High School sophomore. In March, I'll be traveling to Uganda with my mom, a maternal-child nurse, to support children and families. While she continues her work to save pregnant women and newborns, I will partner with Ugandan students to help build a communal kitchen. The kitchen will allow students to bake and sell nutritionally improved baked goods at school — helping them pay school fees, stay in school, and improve student health. Learn more about what I am doing: www.keepkidssafeinschool.org

I am working to raise \$6,500 to support this project, and PV students from the high school, junior high, and Forest Grove Elementary School are helping host a community benefit dinner to reach this goal. We are **servicing delicious food (including vegetarian and halal options) generously provided by Bridges Catering, MozBites Food Truck, I Love Fu Fu, and Cookies and Dreams**. There will be beautiful artwork, Ugandan music, and a family-friendly presentation about Uganda and what we will be doing. All ages welcome and encouraged to attend. We will even be joined remotely by some of our Ugandan colleagues!

NORTH SCOTT ROTARY MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION DATES (2026 Anniversaries)

1973-79 (2)

Rob White, 49 years (November 1977)
Bob Bainter, 47 years (February 1979)

1980-89 (3)

Scott Case, 46 years (May 1980)
Dick Cole, 35 years (1986-89, March 1994)
*Pat DeLuca, 24 years (1987-2001, July 2014)

1990-99 (15)

Jim Smith, 36 years (March 1990)
Charlie Jones, 35 years (June 1991)
*Merle Anderson, 34 years (December 1992)
Steve Powell, 33 years (January 1993)
Roger Amhof, 31 years (February 1995)
Eddie Newman, 31 years (September 1995)
Jim Koehler, 31 years (December 1995)
Jeff Ashcraft, 24 years (1996-2008, July 2014)
Anita Wubbena, 30 years (December 1996)
Steve Fahrenkrog, 28 years (June 1998)
Becky Bray, 28 years (December 1998)
Kelly Meyer, 27 years (April 1999)
Jack Schinckel, 27 years (April 1999)
Sheila Volrath, 27 years (October 1999)
Hank Runge, 27 years (December 1999)

2000-09 (16)

John Maxwell, 26 years (December 2000)
Jeff Helms, 26 years (December 2000)
Bradley Burt, 23 years (January 2003)
Fred Mulch, 23 years (June 2003)
Leroy Paustian, 22 years (June 2004)
Kim Wilkins, 21 years (January 2005)
Eric Langan, 21 years (February 2005)
Jody Johnston-Mohr, 21 years (July 2005)
Richard Golinghorst, 21 years (July 2005)
Glenn Eakes, 20 years (January 2006)
Cody Allen, 20 years (January 2006)
Richard Horst, 20 years (March 2006)
Paul Kalainoff, 20 years (July 2006)
*Chris Connolly, 20 years (October 2006)
Tom Messer, 18 years (March 2008)
Jeremy Kaiser, 18 years (May 2008)

2010-19 (32)

Ryan Varner, 16 years (October 2010)
Marty O'Boyle, 16 years (October 2010)
Lori Rochau, 16 years (November 2010)
Jerry Coussens, 15 years (January 2011)
Marcia Brandt, 15 years (August 2011)
Seth Porter, 15 years (August 2011)
Nathan Kessler, 14 years (January 2012)
Pat Olsen, 14 years (February 2012)
Greg Schaapveld, 14 years (April 2012)
Paul Holzworth, 14 years (April 2012)
Todd Gullickson, 14 years (April 2012)
Terry Kishiue, 14 years (June 2012)
Josh Cobie, 13 years (March 2013)
*Richard Pokora, 13 years (March 2013)
*Joe Stutting, 12 years (August 2014)
Tricia Kane, 12 years (September 2014)

Deb Peterson, 12 years (September 2014)
Jan Touney, 10 years (January 2016)
Donald Sierk, 15 years (1980-85, June 2016)
Tyler Bindrum, 10 years (June 2016)
Chris Cournoyer, 9 years (May 2017)
Tracy Lindaman, 9 years (September 2017)
Matt Maiers, 8 years (February 2018)
Tony Knobbe, 8 years (May 2018)
Ryan Johnson, 8 years (June 2018)
*Deanna Jensen-Valliere, 8 years (July 2018)
Heather Wagner, 8 years (November 2018)
Brian Ritter, 7 years (January 2019)
Diane Papke-Cole, 7 years (March 2019)
Jason Happel, 7 years (March 2019)
Sara Somsy, 7 years (April 2019)
Theresa White, 7 years (August 2019)
Dwayne Anderson, 7 years (November 2019)

2020-present (37)

*Mahesh Sharma, 6 years (February 2020)
Brad Nielsen, 6 years (February 2020)
Mindy Leahy, 6 years (April 2020)
Danielle Hines, 5 years (April 2021)
Ken Rohwedder, 5 years (October 2021)
Catherine Meinsma, 4 years (January 2022)
Drew Wilson, 4 years (April 2022)
Smokin Butts BBQ, Rick Willows, 4 years (April 2022)
Smokin Butts BBQ, Brian Sheedy, 4 years (April 2022)
Katie White, 4 years (April 2022)
Ross Paustian, 4 years (July 2022)
Mitch Amhof, 4 years (August 2022)
Matthew Russ, 4 years (September 2022)
Dale Grunwald, 4 years (November 2022)
Jill Grunwald, 4 years (November 2022)
*Sean Eckhardt, 4 years (December 2022)
*Stephanie Eckhardt, 4 years (December 2022)
Jordon Williams, 3 (January 2023)
Mark Harvey, 3 years (March 2023)
Paul Thronson, 3 years (March 2023)
Rily Grunwald, 3 years (March 2023)
Ardita Grunwald, 3 years (March 2023)
Kerri Hurning, 3 years (May 2023)
Dr. William Hoover, 3 years (September 2023)
Carrie Keppy, 3 years (November 2023)
Jennifer Kress, 2 years (March 2024)
Bryan Bolin, 2 years (June 2024)
Samantha Culver, 2 years (July 2024)
Amy Thompson, 2 years (October 2024)
Michael Bristley, 2 years (November 2024)
Mike Zimmer, 1 year (March 2025)
Josh Koerperich, 1 year (April 2025)
Maria Bribriesco (May 2025)
Kay Pence, 1 year (June 2025)
Mark Mommsen, 1 year (October 2025)
Scott Garvin (January 2026)
Dr. Ryan Hicks (January 2026)

(*) Years in Rotary Club(s) other than North Scott not included.