

Wolverines carry optimism into track season

First outdoor meet is March 31 in Bedford

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Nodaway Valley track and field coach Brett Welsch has plenty of reason for optimism entering the season.

Favorable early-spring weather has allowed the Wolverines to log quality practices, and the boys team brings strong numbers with more than 20 athletes out. The girls roster is smaller at 12, but coaches still expect to score meaningful team points and send top events to state.

“The boys numbers I’m happy with; the girls, I’d rather we have like 15,” Welsch said. “The Iowa State indoor went very well. Everybody kind of ran at their PR already before the season starts.”

Nodaway Valley is also implementing a new training approach this year — shorter, more intense practices focused on efficiency and form.

“We’re trying to get the kids out of here quicker,” Welsch said. “We want to get the central nervous system going. We’re trying to teach the kids to go all out with good form and trust that the process will be there by the end of the season. That’s completely different than I used to coach. I’m buying into it, and I think it’s really starting to work.”

On the girls side, three members of last year’s state-qualifying distance medley relay return: Haisley Zoubek, Allie Cornelison and Izzy Eibach. The quartet — which also included Maddie Weston



ACFP file photos
Former Orient-Macksburg athlete Emma Boswell (above), Izzy Eibach (below) and Gabe Winkelmann (right) are three returning state qualifiers from individual events last track and field season.

— placed 23rd in Class 1A with a time of 4:29.56. Eibach also qualified individually in the 1,500m run, finishing 16th in 5:04.22.

Senior Emma Boswell, who competed at state last year for Orient-Macksburg in the long jump and high jump, has shown promising early results in both events at the first indoor meet. Welsch is also expecting strong contributions from Kylie Nelson in the sprints and freshman Abby Nelson in the mid-distance events.

Eibach and Zoubek are currently dealing with minor injuries, but Welsch is confident both will recover.

On the boys side, distance runner Gabe Winkelmann returns as the team’s lone state qualifier after placing 18th in the 3,200m run in 10:19.14. He opened this season with a 10:23.56 in the same event at the first indoor meet.

“Gabe’s work ethic in the offseason is

always really good,” Welsch said. “We’re also just trying to pay attention to his body, making sure he’s feeling good. Whenever I ask him how he’s doing on a scale of 1 to 10, he says ‘21.’ Great attitude.”

Welsch expects additional distance contributions from Paul and Luke Kading and Cherubim



Mercado, while Haden Colton will compete in the mid-distance races. In the sprints and hurdles, Collin Akers, Cassius Burnside and Titan Foster have stood out early.

The outdoor season begins Tuesday, March 31, at Bedford. The Wolverines, who are Class 2A this season, plan to use that to build their base to work from.

“We’re going to fill some events and get some times,” Welsch said. “It’s going to be exciting to see what we can do and put together. On the boys side, our goal is second, but maybe we can give Mount Ayr a run in the conference. We’ve got to get people in events. It’s just different because we haven’t been able to have all events filled.”

Six NV track entries in top 10 indoors at NWMSU

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MARYVILLE, Missouri — Six Nodaway Valley events were top-10 at the Northwest Missouri Indoor High School Kickoff track meet Saturday at Northwest Missouri State University.

The boys distance medley relay of Luke Kading, Titan Foster, Paul

Kading and Gabe Winkelmann finished as runners-up in 11:24.74. Sprinter Cassius Burnside took fifth with a personal record in the 60m dash in 7.27 seconds.

Emma Boswell leapt 15-02.25 in the long jump for fifth place, and she placed ninth in the high jump (4-07). She was on two relays that were both sixth — the sprint med-

ley (Allie Cornelison, Boswell, Kylie Nelson and Abby Nelson ran a 4:43.53) and the 4x400m ran a 4:32.75.

Nodaway Valley’s first outdoor track meet is Tuesday, March 31, at Bedford. The following Monday is the team’s only home meet of the season.

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Greenfield - Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2026

Council members present: Eble, Christensen, Clayton, Faust, and McMorran.

Presiding: Mayor Brian Fox.

Mayor Brian Fox called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council approved the agenda, minutes from February 24, 2026, and claims/bills. Motion by Clayton, second by Faust. Motion carried.

Mayor Fox appointed Marcus Speakman to serve as Chief of Police for the City of Greenfield following the Public Safety Committee’s interview process. Motion by McMorran, second by Clayton. Motion carried. Chief Speakman’s start date will be Monday, March 23, 2026, and he will be sworn in that morning at City Hall.

Officer Ben Marsh was formally sworn in as a police officer for the Greenfield Police Department. Mayor Fox administered the oath of office.

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing regarding the proposed disposal of city-owned property consisting of Adair County Parcel ID 1118204025 and a portion of Parcel ID 1118204021. A question was raised about the tax abatement schedule and when taxes would begin. Under Greenfield’s Urban Revitalization program, taxes are paid from the start, with a 50% abatement applied.

Following the public hearing, Council considered an Offer to Purchase Real Estate from Commons on First, LP for the development of a multi-family housing project known as Commons on First. Council also considered a resolution authorizing the sale and disposal of the property to Commons on First, LP. Motion by Eble, second by Christensen. Motion carried.

Brenda Dudley presented information on the Hometown Pride Program and discussed opportunities for community and economic development collaboration. The presentation was informational only and no council action was taken.

Council considered Resolution 2026-12 appointing Catherine Olesen as Greenfield’s representative to the Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority (SIRHA) Board of Commissioners. Motion by Clayton, second by Faust. Motion carried.

Department heads provided updates on current operations and projects.

The Community Development Director reported on economic development activity, housing projects, Main Street initiatives, and upcoming community events.

The Library Director reported increased library usage, including higher foot traffic, circulation, and program participation compared to the previous year.

The Public Works Director reminded residents of City Ordinance Chapter 150 regarding tree maintenance.

Property owners are responsible for maintaining street trees adjacent to their property in the right-of-way, including required clearance heights above streets and sidewalks. Residents are encouraged to contact City Hall before performing significant trimming or removal of trees located in the public right-of-way.

The City Administrator provided updates on major city projects, including the fire station rebuild, the Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II bid opening, progress on the airport fuel terminal installation, and upcoming infrastructure projects, including the airport hangar.

Staff provided an update on the FY2027 budget process. The maximum property tax levy was submitted to the Iowa Department of Management on March 5, 2026. Property valuations increased approximately 11.5%, the proposed levy rate decreased from 13.23 to 12.30. The final budget will be adopted in late April and may be adjusted as revenue and expenditure projections are finalized.

With no further business, Mayor Fox adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

ORIENT-MACKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING March 17, 2026

The Orient-Macksburg School Board met at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 in a classroom by the office and by Zoom. Board President Jana Scott called the meeting to order. Board members present were Alex Maeder, Jana Scott, and Andrew Zellweger. Bo Geidel and Casey Osborne were absent. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Kruse and 2 visitors. Andrew Zellweger moved the board to approve the agenda. Alex Maeder seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, 3-0.

Discussion/Action Items -Alex Maeder moved to approve the concrete bid from Trevor Paulus for parking lot improvements. Andrew Zellweger seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, 3-0.

Door Access - Andrew Zellweger moved to approve the bid from Walsh for FOB access to doors. Alex Maeder seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 3-0.

Mini Splits - Andrew Zellweger moved to approve moving forward with mini-splits for ventilation improvements with Carruthers. Alex Maeder seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 3-0.

Monument Sign - Alex Maeder moved to approve moving forward with the creation of a monument sign using salvaged parts from the 3-story building using the FEH design #2. Andrew Zellweger seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 3-0.

Audio/Visual improvements were discussed.

Easter Egg Hunt - Alex Maeder moved to allow the city to use school property for the annual Easter egg hunt on April 4, 2026. Andrew Zellweger seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 3-0.

Pay Applications - Andrew Zellweger moved to approve pay application #4 to Hilsbeck. Alex Maeder seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, April 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Andrew Zellweger moved to adjourn the board meeting, seconded by Alex Maeder. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT ADAIR COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA M. POWELL, DECEASED. CASE NO. ESPR009862

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Rita M. Powell, Deceased, who died on or about on October 27, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 6, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Rita M. Powell, deceased, bearing date of May 30, 2008, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2026.

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