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Vinny Bittinger of Malcolm talks about the logistics of the lights Dec. 15. Each light has a computer chip in it and is synchronized to music through a computer. The show features around 400,000 lights and is available through Dec. 31.

## Lights on

by Jill Martin  
Milford Times

What was once a dark park near the Seward County Fairgrounds now features 400,000 lights as part of Nebraska's Largest Christmas Light Show.

The show has brought a steady flow of traffic to the park since Black Friday.

Show owner and creator Vinny Bittinger originally established the show in Malcolm where he and his family live. Two years ago, he started looking at different locations to expand the show.

"We had meetings and pitches from Omaha, Lincoln, a park in Ashland, and Seward," he said. "One thing that was the icing on the cake for us was the people of Seward. So many people have dropped what they were doing to come help us."

He ultimately chose to build the project in Seward because of the people, he said.

"People like Megan Kahler at the Chamber, all the great guys at the city electric department, road crew guys, police officers. So many people in this town stepped up to help us be successful," he said. "Everywhere we turn, people like Pat Coldiron at Liberty House are offering to help us in any way they can. We could not have done this without them, and they are a wonderful example of the good people of Seward."

Bittinger said it is to their credit that the family hopes to keep Seward as the home



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Nebraska's largest Christmas lights show is on display near the Seward County Fairgrounds now through Friday.

to Nebraska's Largest Christmas Light Show in the future, and he is already looking at what's next.

"We are nowhere near done," he said.

Bittinger, who works full time as an electrician nine months out of the year, said the show is a family operation, which includes his wife, parents and in-laws.

"Everyone helps. Everyone plays a role," he said.

The show includes around 400,000 lights that Bittinger and his family have synchronized to music. The attraction comes at an ideal team as people continue to attend drive-through events because of COVID-19.

"I think people have been thankful to have something they can do," he said. "Things have been taken away from the kids this year."

Bittinger said people don't always understand that they are coming to see a show instead of just a display of lights. Each light has a computer chip.

"All of our lights are synchronized to music. They are all programed, and they are controlled by a computer," he said. "Every light on this property is controlled by a computer."

The show is automated from his computer in a small building in the center of the park. At the push of a key, the lights, music and movement entertain the families driving through the park circle.

"This show gave something back to the kids. And that kid might be 40 years old with three kids of his own," Bittinger said. "This stuff awakens the kid inside of you."

Bittinger plans to

build onto the show each year and is hoping to double it in size by next year.

"We're already Nebraska's Largest Christmas light show, but we don't even plan to slow down," he said.

He and his family have built all of the pieces on display, and that is a priority to him.

"I would rather spend countless hours with my father in the shop building and designing something than worrying about making a bunch of money," he said. "Every thing you see out here is custom built by us."

The show has also gained statewide attention. Bittinger said on Saturday night alone, vehicles from 43 different counties visited. He said the proceeds from the per vehicle admission fee will go toward

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## EMS, fees approved

by Hope Moural  
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The Seward County Board of Commissioners approved a special designated liquor license for a New Year's Eve event sponsored by Pan 'N' Save during its Dec. 15 meeting.

Also during the meeting, the board:

- approved the Seward County Sheriff Department's monthly fees of \$1,663 and \$929.07.

- declared county offices to be closed Dec. 24 in honor of Christmas Eve.

- authorized a refund on behalf of the treasurer's office for an overpayment of \$5,992.72 of inheritance tax regarding the Barbra Ann Swanson estate.

- authorized building and grounds superintendent Eric Hoefer to advertise for bids for re-painting of the courthouse building dome. Discussion included funding, paint color and sandblasting options among the board.

- held a public hearing involving a request

to rezone land located in 33-10-3 from agricultural to transitional agriculture. Two people including the landowner spoke who spoke in support of the request.

After the public hearing was closed, a resolution approving the request was adopted.

- heard from South Central EMS member Ryan Hamburger, who wanted to introduce the private company to the board. Hamburger said the company has been in Seward since October to assist with medical transfers to Lincoln from Memorial Health Care Systems or respond to fire calls if applicable.

- heard from Highway Superintendent Terry Wicht, who presented a one-year lease for a skidloader from Nebraska Machinery Company and it was approved.

The next Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting will be Dec. 29 at 9 a.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. The meetings are open to the public.

## COVID-19 risk dial lower

As of Friday, Dec. 18, the Four Corners Risk Dial has been reset in the Orange Elevated COVID-19 Risk Level at 2.63.

The Risk Dial was last set in the Orange level Oct. 30, and since that time has been Red. Lower test positivity rates, reduced transmission rates and increased hospital capacities are contributing factors to the improved setting of the risk dial.

At this time, Four Corners strongly urges our communities to Avoid the 3 C's: Crowded Places, Close Contact and Confined Spaces. Remember to wash your hands often and wear a face mask that covers your nose and mouth. Public health recommendations and the COVID-19 dashboard are posted on our website at [www.fourcorners.ne.gov](http://www.fourcorners.ne.gov).

In the past two days, there have been 44 new cases of COVID-19 reported in the Four Corners District (December 17-18):

Seward County had 22 new cases for a total of 1,506.

York County had 14. Seward County accounted for 77 new cases from Dec. 3-9.

That encouraging sign was met with the sobering reality of making up ground. Four Corners issued a press release on Dec. 10 evening to report 12 new COVID-related deaths in the district from mid-November through the week ending Dec. 5. Six of those deaths were Seward County residents. Those deaths were previously unaccounted for because of the sheer number of cases and hospitalizations in that timeframe.

Two new vaccines on the way and an infusion treatment have given hospitals a glimmer of hope. The vaccine produced by Pfizer was approved by the Federal Drug Administration on Dec. 10 and the vaccine produced by Moderna is scheduled for FDA approval on Dec. 17.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services submits a plan, which includes distribution. According to Memorial Health Care Systems CEO Roger Reamer, the original plan was to distribute the vaccine to healthcare workers in Nebraska

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Giving back this holiday season



The Milford wrestling team helps load gifts collected through The Giving Tree at Insure Nebraska in Milford. The gifts were delivered to the elementary school on Dec. 16.

Four Corners update

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who wanted it by the end of December if there were no problems. Problems, however, arose. So instead, that vaccine will be delayed for rural areas. That's where the Moderna vaccine, which is scheduled to be distributed the week of Christmas, would be available.

They are two-shot vaccines with 28 days between the first and second shots.

Reamer said Memorial Hospital has started infusion treatments on high risk patients meant to keep those patients away from emergency room visits that could develop into in-patient care.

Memorial Health Care Systems has also worked with Test Nebraska to increase the number of tests conducted and days the tests can be administered. Capacity of tests have been increased from 100 to 120 and testing increased to two days per week. Those seeking tests can now also get tested every Tuesday, in addition to every Friday at the testing site in the west parking lot of Memorial Hospital, 9-11 a.m. Reamer also said curbside facilities in Utica and Milford were scheduled for completion on Dec. 14.

Various government sectors also issued their reports. Seward County Commissioner John Culver said they have placed signs recommending face coverings. Culver said the justice center has long issued its own stipulations through its various offices.

Jim Swanson of Utica said the city has not issued an ordinance requiring face coverings, like Seward, because Utica simply doesn't have the law

enforcement resources. He said they don't want an ordinance on the books they can't enforce. The city clerk's office remains open with a face shield at the desk and social distancing. The city encourages face coverings when social distancing can't be achieved.

Seward City Administrator Greg Butcher said, upon visiting with Sgt. Mike Hammond with the Seward Police Department, no formal complaints were made by Dec. 10 since the city's ordinance requiring face coverings went into effect on Dec. 5. He also reiterated the ordinance on the books does not discuss gatherings and that it only pertains to face coverings in public indoor areas. Butcher also said the library has remained closed to walk-in traffic for various reasons but its drive-thru window is open. Seward is due to revisit its face-covering ordinance at its Jan. 5 council meeting.

Milford Public Schools Superintendent Kevin Wingard and Seward Public School Superintendent Dr. Josh Fields both thanked Four Corners and MHCS for helping educate students and parents on new directed health measures. Wingard raised concerns about current DHMs, where if the state dropped back into the orange range, that no longer limited attendance on indoor sporting events. McDougall said the district has shared similar concerns. She also said if the state announces under 800 COVID-only hospitalizations throughout the state on a seven-day rolling average, the state could see new directed health measures that still limit attendance but with relaxing limitations.

Light show

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building and improving the show in the future.

Kahler, membership director at the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, said she met Bittinger in 2018 when SCCDP was needing to replace the lights and garland for the light poles in downtown Seward.

"He told me of his dream for a Christmas light show and asked if I knew of a place in Seward County," Kahler said.

She said she had the perfect spot and took him to the park.

"We have had a light display in Seward before, many years ago, and people remember that," Kahler said. "At SCCDP, we get calls every holiday season about the old Christmas light display, so we knew it would be welcomed in the community."

The show continues through New Year's Eve. For more information, visit magi-callightsofseward.com/?fbclid=IwAR1N-3RqYs7EKAWd0B3y06fgMOl3WIAf-oK04Hpkm-4WjAqscd3Ez-1xsLHSw or The Magical Lights of Seward Facebook page.

Extension record-keeping course for ag producers set

The next session of "Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options," Nebraska Extension's four-part record-keeping course, will be held virtually on Tuesdays in January from 10 a.m. to noon each week.

Participants should plan on attending each of the four workshops, scheduled for Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The course requires participants to have an internet connection.

This course is designed to help farmers and ranchers understand their current financial position and how big decisions like large purchases, new leases or changes in production will affect their

bottom line. Participants will work through the financial statements of a case study farm, watching pre-recorded videos, completing assignments and participating in video chats. Upon completion of this program, participants will have a better understanding of how financial records can be used to make decisions and confidently discuss their financial position with their family, business partners and lenders.

The course fee is \$20 per participant and class size is limited to 20 people. Register online at [wia.unl.edu/know](http://wia.unl.edu/know). Registration closes Dec. 29.

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# Santa is going to be a very busy guy this year

Santa shared some of the letters dropped off at his mailbox by the Seward County Courthouse. The Milford Times staff tried their best to get spellings correctly, but rest assured that Santa and his elves know what the letters say.

Dear Santa,  
Hello! My name is Lily. I am six years old and this year I have been pretty good.

The nicest thing I did this year is help my mom get ornaments on the tree.

I hope you, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer have been well!

A few gifts I'm wishing for this Christmas are: a big pack of gum, some makeup, a fit bit and a cat.

Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve!  
Love, Lily

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooter, a Barbie car and a paint by number set. Pixie would like some treats.  
Love, Evalyn

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play table, some balls and a camouflage blanket. I haven't been around very long but I've been good.  
Love, Huxley

Dear Santa,  
I want a new orange Fitbit for Christmas and hunting stuff.  
Love, Caydin

Dear Santa,  
We would like baseballs, bumper race cars, a t-ball bat, a robot, bath bombs and Legos.  
Love, Burke and Briggs

Dear Santa,  
I would like Lego games, bath bombs, books, a pen and lamp and bumper cars.  
Love, Briggz

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,  
Please bring me a jewelry box, a Butterbeer book, soccer goals, a microphone, coloring markers and candy.  
Love, Brianne

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a phone, a red robe, an electric scooter, a Husker necklace, five packs of mint gum, a Baby Alive doll, a big reindeer and a train for my Christmas tree.  
Love, Sophie

Dear Santa,  
My name is Grace. I am six years old and live in Seward.  
This year I have been really good. For Christmas, please bring me an American Horse doll with glasses, a Spirit toy and tree with a star.

Love, Grace

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl most of the time. I would like a flamingo that poops for Christmas, please and thank you.  
Love, Kylar

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want slime.  
Love, Korryn

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marlie. I have been a very good girl this year. I would like presents, including: a cry baby, cowgirl boots and daddy needs some light bulbs.  
Love, Marlie

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. What I want for Christmas are Pokemon cards, stuffed animal and printer with ink. Also, I hope you have a nice day.  
Love, Brielle

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a baby Yoda, art supplies and a Nintendo Switch.  
Love, Violet

Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good boy this year. My number one thing that I really want is an Xbox. I also want Nintendo Switch games, especially Legendary Fishing. I really want Ravens football gloves and a football. I also want a Patrick Mahomes jersey and Stephen Curry jersey. The last thing I want is a cool looking Nerf football.  
Love, Teagan

Dear Santa,  
If I could want one thing it would be Pokemon cards. But that's the only thing I want. But I would like to give something to another person and that would be all I want for Christmas.  
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,  
I would like a desk, an aqua colored chair and shirt and a kitten.  
Love, Abby

Dear Santa,  
I would like an alarm clock, my very own music night light, a ballerina box, my own play toy box to put toys in a sparkle necklace and a shimmering necklace that glows in the dark like my cat one.  
Love, Cora

Dear Santa,  
I really want a basketball sweatshirt, a Saint Bernard dog, Lego friends camper, Barbie

play sets like the pizza place and a camo computer.  
Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,  
I would like this year: Karson to be happy, a Wubble, a Wubble reindeer, money, melty beads Nerf guns and Su-

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per Mario Kart Love, Kooper

Dear Santa,  
My name is Emery. I live in Lincoln. One thing that is awesome about me is that I am kind. I love doing nice things like helping people and my Christmas wish list is LOL friends, Lego sets and doll beds.  
Thank you Santa, have a great flight!  
Love, Emery

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dalton and I live in Lincoln. One thing that's awesome about me is that I play soccer. I love doing things like helping mom. My Christmas wish list is Legos, rhino and a bike bell. Thank you Santa and have a great flight!  
Love, Dalton

Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good boy this year. I really want some Legos, especially an airport, submarine, boat and train. I also want a small Packers football, Nintendo Switch bowling game and slime kit. I am five years old and excited for Christmas.  
Love, Toren

Dear Santa,  
I would like an electric dirt bike, camo pants and an automatic BB gun.  
Love, Brice

Dear Santa,  
I have been a really good boy this year! I just turned two years old and so excited for Christmas. I really like Thomas the Train, Paw Patrol and Wheels on the Bus. I would like a tool set, a doctor set, and toy truck. I can't wait for you to come to my house on Christmas.  
Love, Tristen

Dear Santa,  
I want a cool Nerf gun

and a Big Fury World toy.  
Love, Johnny

Dear Santa,  
I would like school supplies, a calendar, art stuff, stuff for when we play school, a scrapbook, chapstick, gum and slime.  
Love, Makenzie

Dear Santa.  
I would like a castle, a pickup for my Barbies to drive and a purple Barbie.  
Raisin would like some treats  
I have mostly been a good girl this year.  
Love, Raimie

Dear Santa  
I would like a LEGO set dually with goose-neck horse trailer, erector set float trailer with semi and sleeper and a giant stuffed cat.  
Tank would like some treats  
Love, Tyler and Tank  
Please and thank you

Dear Santa Claus  
Could I please have a remote control aieplane for Christmas? I have been a good boy this year. My sister Molly would like a scooter for Christmas. I would also like a power car and that's all. Hope your reindeer are doing good.  
Thank you?  
From Silas

Dear Santa  
I want to have a train and a drone, not real, just toys also have a nice day.  
From Clayton

Dear Santa,  
I have helped clean and I have been good. I would like American Girl Joss Kendrick's ultimate girl doll collection this year for Christmas. With high hopes for you, from Kinzie  
Dear Santa,  
I want a desktop mic for youtube videos.  
Merry Christmas



Love, Ryan

Santa can I have the new big smasher eggs from Treyson and I don't think your fat.

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I want a night light speaker that is blue tooth and an alarm clock. In my stocking a hermonie keychain please.  
Thank you, Sarah

Dear Santa I have ben rile good this year. I want a AG doll named Joss for Christmas.  
From ...Everit

makeup set, frozen II horse, remote control car, snow stuff for American girl doll, Baking set, Barbie Bakery set, chair pillow  
Love, Keagan

Dear Santa  
what I really want for x-mas is better wi-fi. I glich a lot in my games and its starting to get to my head. Also I want a dirt bike because they look really fun to drive.  
Thank you and Merry Christmas.  
Love, Noah  
P.S. For my phone to have wi-fi on it

Dear Santa,  
Last Christmas I asked for a baby brother. Thank you so much for my baby brother Caden! I love to snuggle with

him. Coul you being me some gluten-free yummy snacks this year?  
Love Riley

hamock, goprow, trapset, Minecraft Java edition amp  
from Will

violin, choklit, hed-phon, books, candy canes  
from Stella

Dear Santa. I have been very good this year also I want for Christmas a pokemon legos and something nice also a singing gingerbread man and I would like a three wheeled scooter for my brother also have a nice day. From Brielle

DEAR Santa  
This year I was good. I would like Dronehome, fish, mouse trap, nerf ultra pharoah, trumpet, hex but nano flash and a phone.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM: CORBIN

DearSanta  
I would like a chalk easel for Christmas.  
Love, Bailey

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## We asked you

Will you be spending the holidays with family this year?

Due to technical difficulties on our website, there will be no poll results for this week. Check back next week for this and an additional question!

## Now we want to know

This week's poll question: What is your favorite kind of Christmas cookie?

- Sugar
- Snickerdoodle
- Chocolate chip
- Fudge

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## Pay it forward this year

by Jill Martin  
Seward County Independent

We moved to Seward in 2008 with very little in our bank account. In our early years of marriage, we lived paycheck to paycheck in our small 900-square-foot, two-bedroom home near downtown Seward. Unexpected costs like medical bills or something breaking down on the car put a lot of stress on our new marriage. We were happy, though. We did a lot with the little we had, and our children didn't really understand how poor we were at the time.

A bright spot during those years was an envelope of \$100 that arrived one day in our mailbox. It was labeled as a random act of kindness and came at a time when we were feeling a lot of financial stress. I don't know who was behind the action, but I am forever grateful. Over the years, we have worked to pay that kindness forward to others, even in the smallest ways.

Something unexpected happened last Friday, a week before Christmas. My husband works at Hughes Brothers, and as many local residents know, the company is extremely generous to its employees, especially at Christmas. Along with an annual

bonus, he received a sealed envelope with \$100 in it to pay it forward to someone in need or an organization important to us. The letter asked employees to pass it along to someone else who has not been as fortunate, especially during the pandemic.

First of all, I am grateful for places like Hughes Brothers who truly value its employees, families and community. When people ask where my husband works, I often use it to brag hardcore. In a hard year for so many, this business chose not only to heap a financial blessing on its employees but also provide an opportunity to pay it forward.

That night around the supper table, our family of five discussed our options of paying it forward that night around the supper table. We discussed organizations, individuals and families ultimately deciding that we wanted to pay it forward to a young family. We also used it as a teaching moment with our daughters explaining that we aren't doing this for recognition. It is purely about sharing the gift that thoughtful individuals provided for us. To give is to receive, and we are grateful for our village this holiday season.

Happy holidays to all of you.

## 2020 Christmas looks different

by Caitlyn Nelson  
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With COVID-19, no one knew how Christmas plans would play out. Families had to plan and decide how to make this unconventional situation normal for the holidays.

I knew in January that my Christmas would look different, though.

For most of my winter breaks growing up, I would travel to Washington state to stay with my aunt and celebrate Christmas with her. We had traditions of going on Christmas morning hikes, opening presents, exploring her town and even taking treats to staff at the hospital she worked at.

In January she moved to Germany,

leaving my Christmas plans up in the air.

Typically, my immediate family would celebrate Christmas in conjunction with Thanksgiving, in preparation for me to travel and because it was easiest for us all to get together then. So that's what we did this year too.

I have been asked quite a few times what my Christmas plans are and truth be told – I don't know. I have had a whole year to plan for what I am going to do this Christmas and I am still not sure; I probably won't be until the day of.

But, I think this is a really cool opportunity for me. I get to start making my own traditions this year.

Will my dog and I continue the Christmas morning hike/walk? Probably.

Will we drive around and look at Christmas lights on Christmas Eve? Absolutely.

Will we binge watch

Christmas movies in bed all day? Maybe.

Will we travel to my hometown to see my family? Doubtful because just my luck something will happen that as a reporter I need to be close for, but maybe.

Will I spend it with my best friend's family because they are closer? Possibly.

This Christmas is neat for me – a chance for me to decide how I want to celebrate my favorite holiday. I have always loved Christmas – the lights, the music, the movies, the season of giving. I get the chance to find out how I really want to spend the holiday without having prior plans for it.

I know this holiday season isn't how anyone quite expected it to be, but find the best in it. While things are different, embrace the change because you never know what new ways to celebrate you can find.

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## Obituary

### Lucille Stauffer

July 5, 1928 – Dec. 15, 2020

Lucille Stauffer was born July 5, 1928, at Chapel to Arthur and Evelyn Roth, the oldest of four children, and passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, at the Tabatha Care Center in Crete at the age of 92.

When she was nine, her family moved to Milford. Lucille enjoyed helping her family around the house and farm. She attended a country school through the eighth grade. Lucille was later united in marriage to Vern Stauffer on Feb. 16, 1947. To this union, two children, Charlene and Thomas, were born. They made their home in the Milford area and she was a lifetime member of East Fairview Mennonite Church.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and Jim Stutzman, Friend; and son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Carla Stauffer, Lincoln. Lucille was blessed with three granddaughters, Janel Stutzman and Jill and Nick Crow, all of Lincoln, and Lindsey and Todd Kastl of Bruno. She was also blessed to be called “GG” by her four great-grandchildren, Harleigh and Quinten Crow of Lincoln and Addison and McKelty Kastl of Bruno; also by her brother, Dennis (Phyllis) Roth and sister-in-law, Donna Roth.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vern in 2015; parents-in-law, Jacob and Lavina Stauffer; brother, Willis Roth; sister, Arlene (Merle) Stutzman; brother-in-law, Harold Roth; and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ione and Perry Schweitzer, William Stauffer, Virginia and Carol Stauffer, Lester and Lola Kennel, Wallace and Edna Stauffer and Lyle and Ruth Schweitzer.

A private family graveside service was Dec. 18 at East Fairview Cemetery, rural Milford. There will be no public visitation. Memorial contributions are suggested to the East Fairview Mennonite Church. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.lauberfh.com](http://www.lauberfh.com).



## Real estate

*Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.*  
**Dec. 4 – 16**

Adam Fritz and Theresa N. Fritz to Adam J. Fritz and Theresa N. Fritz, co-trustees of the Adam J. Fritz and Theresa N. Fritz Family Trust, W1/2 NE1/4 25-12-1 and W1/2 SE1/4 25-12-1. DS exempt.

Jim D. Justa and Rebecca S. Justa and David L. Justa and Steven A. Justa to Garrett Vanis and Ashley Vanis, a tract of land in the W1/2 NE1/4 14-10-3. DS \$267.75

Jim D. Justa and Rebecca S. Justa and David L. Justa and Steven A. Justa to Steven R. Classen and Lori L. Classen, a tract of land in the W1/2 NE1/4 14-10-3. DS \$1,100.25

Jim D. Justa and Rebecca S. Justa and David L. Justa and Steven A. Justa to Marvin J. Classen and Norma Jane Classen, a tract of land in the E1/2 NE1/4 14-10-3. DS \$1,309.50

Vernon D. Curtis and Sandra S. Curtis to Mitch Springer and Tosha Springer, N1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 33-10-3. DS \$292.50

Gordon Tannahill to Vernon D. Curtis and Sandra Sue Curtis, a tract of land in the W1/2 SW1/4 11-10-3. DS \$57.25

Tegtmeier Investments, LLC, to Brian A. Gauthier and Amanda A. Gauthier, Lot 4 and

the north 33 feet, four inches of Lot 5, Block 33, Cloyd's Addition to Seward. DS \$391.50

Jim D. Justa and Rebecca S. Justa and David L. Justa and Steven A. Justa to HBH Farms, LLC, a tract of land in the NE1/4 4-10-3. DS \$1,692

Timothy E. Huntington and Kari L. Huntington to Katie M. Groth, all of Lot 2, except the south 194 feet thereof, Block 1, Sunny Side Addition to Seward. DS \$427.50

Jim D. Justa and Rebecca S. Justa and David L. Justa and Steven A. Justa to Allen J. Luebke and Lynn R. Soloway, W1/2 SE1/4 2-10-3. DS \$1,296

Dennis R. Wren to REO Enterprises, LLC, Lots 11-12, Block 29, Wright's Second Addition to Utica, DS \$123.75

Timothy V. Wade and Tiffany J. Wade to Jacob E. Hubble and Jessica L. Hubble, Lots 4-6, Block 6, Wright's Third Addition to Utica. DS \$54

Linda K. Graff and David M. Pavel to Kylie R. Cain and Brandon M. Cain, Lot 22, south 10 feet of Lots 1-5 and the south 10 feet of the east 15 feet of Lot 6 in Block 6, original town of Goehner. DS \$272.25

Building Seward, LLC, to Kenneth C. Owens and Sharon L. Owens, Lot 7, Block 1, Fairway Woods Addition, Seward. DS \$99

Jim Justa and Rebecca S. Justa to MRL Family Limited Partnership, E1/2 SE1/4 2-10-3. DS \$1,404

Candace B. Shepard to Troy L. Berner, W1/2 of Lots 1-3, Block 8, original town of Staplehurst. DS \$67.50

Web Development, LLC, to Mitchell L. Happ and Alicia M. Happ, Lot 21, Block 1, Ridge Run Fourth Addition to Seward. DS \$171

Elaine R. Luethke to Gary L. Jewell and Mary J. Jewel, a tract of land in Lots 10-11, Block 2, Schlueter Heights First Addition to Seward. DS \$506.25

Steven D. Knox and Barbara J. Knox to Micky A. Shepard and Brenda E. Shepard, Lot 6, Block 2, Bader-Jirovsky Sixth Addition to Seward. DS \$675

Charles W. Price and Joan K. Price to Jason A. Jarzynka and Kelly K. Jarzynka, a tract of land in the E1/2 SW1/4 6-10-2. DS \$767.25

Dolores A. Bader and Gary Bader to B & V Exchange, NE1/4 27-12-1. DS \$1,559.25

Brandon L. Roth and

Ashley J. Roth to Jacob Riley and Kelsie Riley, west 10 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 1, Davison and Culver's Addition to Milford. DS \$371.25

Geoffrey Ben Ewing and Lillian Kathy Ewing to Alex D. Jorgensen and Crystal A. Jorgensen, Lot 11, Cannon First Addition to Seward. DS \$591.75

Melissa Reamer and James Reamer to Patrick E. Murphy, Lots A and B, Administrative Replat of Lots 7-9 and 1/2 of vacated alley abutting thereon, Harris Moffitt and Roberts Addition to Seward. DS \$348.75

Charlotte M. Besse to Robert E. Bounds and Debra L. Bounds, Lots 5-6, Block 84, Harris, Moffitt and Roberts Addition to Seward, DS \$236.25

Naomi G. Luebke to Bruce Luebke, SE1/4 13-10-1. DS exempt

Clayton D. Kent, Russell C. Kent and Mary Kent, Carlene M. Schulz and Sharon J. Mueller to James Reamer, Lot 2, Wake Second Addition to Seward. DS \$661.50

## County court

*Information taken from Seward County Court records.*  
**Nov. 9-13**

Christopher R. Noyes,

33, Bellevue, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine; fail to appear or comply with citation, \$100 fine.

Dallas W. Clark, 24, Seward, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Rachele E. Smith, 23,

Grand Island, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

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## Area Churches

<p><b>Bellwood Mennonite Church</b> 520 S. B St. • Milford • 761-2709 Pastor Steve Griffin <a href="mailto:stephenpaulgriffin@gmail.com">stephenpaulgriffin@gmail.com</a> Youth Pastor Taric Leitchy • <a href="mailto:taric33@live.com">taric33@live.com</a> <a href="http://www.bellwoodchurch.org">www.bellwoodchurch.org</a></p> <p>Sunday School .....9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m. Jr. High Youth (Wednesday) .....6:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth (Wednesday) .....7:30 p.m. Christian Montessori School Ages 3-6 • 761-3095</p>	<p><b>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</b> 2668 Pioneers Road (1 mi. west of Milford) • 761-3146 Pastor Steve Stork <a href="http://www.goodshepherd-milford.org">www.goodshepherd-milford.org</a></p> <p>Sunday Adult Bible Study .....9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m. Monday Worship .....6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study .....Thurs., 8:30 a.m. Kids' Bible Classes, Pre-K through 6th grade .....(during school year) Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class... (during school year) Wednesday night</p>
<p><b>Beth-El Community Church</b> 115 N. F St. • Milford • 761-3610</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship .....10:30 a.m. Sr. High Youth (Select Sundays) .....6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth (Select Sundays) .....6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Grace Missionary Church</b> 501 Fairway Drive • Milford • 761-2084 Senior Pastor Andy Petro • <a href="mailto:andypetro.mwd@gmail.com">andypetro.mwd@gmail.com</a> Associate Pastor Levi Petro • <a href="mailto:leviticuspetro@outlook.com">leviticuspetro@outlook.com</a> <a href="http://www.gracemissionary.org">www.gracemissionary.org</a></p> <p>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship .....10:30 a.m. Midweek Prayer (Tuesday) .....7:00 p.m. Awana K-6th Grade (Wednesday during school year) .....7:00 p.m. Youth Jr. High (Wednesday at Bellwood) .....6:15 p.m. Youth Sr. High (Wednesday at Bellwood) .....7:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Bethlehem Lutheran Church</b> 101 Maple St. • Pleasant Dale • 795-3885 Pastor Tim Gall • <a href="http://www.pleasantdalelutheran.com">www.pleasantdalelutheran.com</a></p> <p>Sunday Worship .....9:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study .....10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Milford Mennonite Church</b> 920 Third St. • Milford • 761-2244 Pastor Tim Springer <a href="mailto:milfordmennonite@gmail.com">milfordmennonite@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Sunday School .....9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m. The Gathering Table – free meal for anyone 2nd &amp; 4th Thursday, 5:30-7:00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>East Fairview Mennonite Church</b> 508 280th • Milford • 761-2836 Senior Pastor Kyle Roth • 641-8100 Associate Pastor Brad Roth • 641-7962</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship .....10:20 a.m. Prayer Meeting .....Wed., 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Milford United Methodist Church</b> 610 Second St. • Milford • 761-2375 Pastor Angela DeFisher <a href="mailto:umcmilfordne@gmail.com">umcmilfordne@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUnitedMethodistChurch">www.facebook.com/MilfordUnitedMethodistChurch</a> Little Leaps of Faith • 402-761-3380</p> <p>Sunday School .....9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship .....10:30 a.m. Community Food Pantry .....Call for Appointment</p>
<p><b>Family Life Assembly of God</b> 303 S. A St. • Milford • 761-2664 Pastor Lamoin Lytle • <a href="http://familylifemilford.com">familylifemilford.com</a></p> <p>Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m. RoundTable Discussion Live (Sunday) .....6:00 p.m. KidLife (Wednesday) .....6:00 p.m. Vertical Youth (Wednesday) .....6:00 p.m. RoundTable Discussion Review (Wednesday) .....6:00 p.m.</p>	

**Some churches have resumed services with restrictions. Please check with the church before attending any services.**

*To find out how to list your church, call 402-643-3676.*

# Santa Letters

Dear Santa,  
 I want rally rally  
 rally bad is an ipod  
 thanke you,  
 Love, Heide

Dear Santa  
 I think I have been  
 a good girl this year. I  
 hope you have a great  
 Christmas this year.  
 I made a list of things  
 I want for Christmas  
 down below so .... That  
 is all I have to say I  
 hope you have a Merry  
 Christmas and a Happy  
 New Year.  
 I want the Nintendo  
 switch light (pink)  
 I want Nintendo  
 switch games please  
 (especially Mario cart).  
 I want so many  
 squishes.  
 I want makeup (any  
 makeup and a lot of it)  
 and can I have founda-  
 tion?  
 I want fluffy pillows  
 and fluffy blankets.  
 I want new earbuds  
 or air pods  
 Lol dolls and anoth-  
 er things like that.  
 And anything you  
 think I might like.  
 PS I super dooper  
 want the Nintendo  
 switch light (pink)  
 please. And the games  
 that come with the  
 Nintendo also.  
 Love, Isabella

Dear Santa, sorry  
 if my spelling is not  
 correct. This is my  
 Christmas wish.  
 Butter slime, Elf on  
 the shelf pink, Nin-  
 tendo switch light teal  
 or pink, Lol, Got to  
 go flamingo, Scuffles  
 loves, Make up And  
 any other thing wut I  
 might want  
 Love, Abigail

Dear Santa,  
 I have ben rile good  
 this year. I want a AG  
 Doll named Julie for  
 Christmas.  
 From ... Emerson

Merry Christmas  
 Batman car and  
 Joker, Transformer  
 costume, Joker car,  
 Stuffed animal bald  
 eagle, Stuffed animal  
 goat,  
 Hulk costume  
 Love, Drake

Dear Santa. I know  
 I haven't been to good.  
 I'm going to try to be  
 better. Even though I  
 haven't been to good  
 here is what I want for  
 Christmas. An Ameri-  
 can Girl doll that looks  
 like me, art supplies,  
 puzzles with 100 to  
 1,000 pieces, scrunch-

Dear Santa,  
 I want a hawkeye  
 hat with a puffy ball on  
 top, hawkeye pajamas  
 and hawkeye sweat  
 pants with pockets.  
 Merry Christmas  
 Santa  
 from Addison

Dear Santa  
 Please bring race-  
 track, bike, basketball,  
 Playdoh kitchen set,  
 Alphabet movie, walk-  
 ie talkie, candy  
 Love Wyatt

Dear Santa, I want  
 for Christmas please  
 may I have Baby Alive,  
 Baby Grow Up and ViP  
 Pets and a purple spark-  
 kling unicorn stuffed  
 animal and curly girls.  
 From: Kacey

Dear Santa  
 This is Grayson and  
 this year I am 4 years  
 old. All year long I  
 have been nice. For  
 Christmas this year  
 I would like a Power  
 Ranger Robot, shark  
 remote control monster  
 truck, Rudolph toys  
 and a bumble snow  
 globe.  
 Merry Christmas  
 Santa  
 Love, Grayson

deaR SaNta  
 I want a remote con-  
 trol monster truck  
 I want a lego city  
 great forest tractor  
 Lego jurassic world  
 Lego skid steer  
 Sometimes I help my  
 sister when she gets  
 hurt and sometimes I  
 help my dad if he gets  
 hurt and sometimes  
 I'm good.  
 I promise to be a  
 kind person.  
 Jayce

Dear Santa,  
 I want an electric  
 scooter and a dog.  
 Abe

Dear Santa,  
 drone, Fort Nite  
 Nerf gun, watch, Nerf  
 bullets, PC computer,  
 Nerf revolutinair  
 Love, Reid

Dear Santa  
 yoyo, camera, hat,  
 LOL  
 Love, Reagan

Dear Santa  
 How are you? How  
 are your reindeer?  
 How is the North Pole?  
 This year for Christ-

Dear Santa Claus,  
 This year for Christ-  
 mas I would like new  
 clothes, a desk (white  
 please!), a really soft  
 blanket, some fancy art  
 pens and markers (that  
 my brother can't get  
 to!!!) and a phone I really  
 want one!!!! and the last  
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 that you're like a puppy,  
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mas I want things to  
 decorate my room. I have  
 been really good this  
 year.  
 Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa  
 Hello, Santa. It's  
 almost Christmas. I'm  
 so excited but I don't no  
 if I'll be on the nice list.  
 There is something I re-  
 ally want for Christmas.  
 I don't know if you can  
 make iut come trew but  
 it would mean a lot if you  
 did. I want for corona vi-  
 res to go away but if you  
 can't do it, I would like a  
 long board pleas.  
 From Zoey

Dear Santa Claus.  
 This year for Christ-  
 mas I would like my  
 own scooter, a Ma-  
 homes football card, a  
 desk (dark blue-please)  
 accessories for the desk,  
 a really soft blanket and  
 the last thing is a Weiner  
 dog that would make my  
 Christmas and it would  
 be the best Christmas  
 ever (if you would not  
 mind, I would like it to  
 be a boy!!!!).  
 Merry Christmas,  
 Love, Easton

Dear Santa,  
 This Christmas I am  
 9 years old and I have  
 been nice. My Christmas  
 wishes are NBA things  
 and Google Play Store  
 gift cards.  
 Brock

Dear Santa Claus.  
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Dear Santa,  
 My name is Judge and  
 I am 6 years old. This  
 year, I have been very  
 nice. For Christmas,  
 please bring me Nerf  
 guns, Marvel metal  
 guys, Legos, waders,  
 fishing lures and a pellet  
 gun.  
 Love, Judge

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Eastyn  
 and I am 9 years old.  
 This year, I have been  
 very nice. For Christ-  
 mas, please bring me  
 legos, toy surprises,  
 fidget toys, stress balls.  
 Love, Eastyn

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 and I am 9 years old.  
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 very nice. For Christ-  
 mas, please bring me  
 legos, toy surprises,  
 fidget toys, stress balls.  
 Love, Eastyn

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# Santa Letters

would bring me a PS4.  
 Love, Aiden

What I want for crismis  
 is for coronavirus to go  
 away  
 (unclear name)

Ayvah's list  
 Most wanted, laptop  
 that's not slow, moter bike  
 (like Kalli), fake glue on  
 nails, rose scented body  
 soap, jewelry for neck/wrist  
 and a Robux gift card.

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas I'd like an  
 air hockey table, a squishy  
 mate in my stocking, elec-  
 tric football and thats all  
 the stuff I want.  
 From Hunter

Dear Santa, I want a lot  
 of football cards, baseball  
 cards and basket ball cards.  
 Maybe get something for  
 Elley to.  
 Sincerely Riter

Dear Santa  
 I want a puppy and a  
 crystal  
 From: Josie

To Santa  
 From Hazel  
 LOL dolls, surprise bath  
 bomb, cozy slippers, Ipad  
 and charger, LOL ball,  
 dress crown makeup and  
 Barbies.

Go cart, phone, Pokemon  
 cards, giant RC car, the  
 password to my Robix ac-  
 count, hover board, I pad.  
 Love, Cassidy

Dear Santa  
 For Christmas this year  
 there are lots of things I  
 want but to make it eas-  
 ier for you, I picked out  
 some that I really want.  
 A telescope, body pillow,  
 skateboard, an American  
 Girl doll (with pierced ears),  
 Jetson Plasma hoverboard,  
 Elf on the Shelf, Echo Dot  
 Kids Edition Panda, a guit-  
 ar case for my guitar.

The last thing I want is  
 a real life guinea pig, not  
 a stuffed animal. It is OK  
 if you can't get that for me  
 though, Merry Christmas  
 Love, Ella

Dear Santa  
 My name is Beau and I'm  
 8 years old. For Christmas

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Makenzie.  
 What I would like for  
 Christmas is a 20-pound  
 tank for my gecko includ-  
 ing a heating mat, lamp,  
 lizard hammock. I would  
 like a white blanket, new  
 clothes and navy blue  
 comforter. Thank you.  
 Love, Makenzie

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Jeplin and  
 I am 11 years old. This  
 year, I have been very  
 nice. For Christmas,  
 please bring me writing  
 sheets, boots and a motor  
 helicopter.  
 Love, Jeplin

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas, I  
 would like Pokemon  
 cards, Diary of a Wimpy  
 Kid, The Deep End, a  
 Nintendo Switch, Nerf  
 gun, BeyBlades, Hot  
 Wheels track, Jurassic  
 World Lego set, Pokemon  
 action figures, PC please,  
 Roblox gift card, Mine-  
 craft Lego set and gift  
 card and Bakugan.  
 Love, Luke

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 (unclear name) 5-year-  
 old twin of Landon

Dear Santa, my name  
 is Caleb. I am 8 years  
 old. My phone screen is  
 cracked from a sledding  
 accident. Please bring  
 me a new one, Iron Man  
 helmet, Iron Man suit,  
 Spider Man webshooters  
 and a Captain America  
 electromagnetic shield.  
 Caleb

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Ned Pauley: Present  
Tony Roth: Present  
Craig Shaw: Present  
Jim Stahly: Present  
David Welsch: Present

1. Milford Public Schools Board of Education Information
2. Opening Procedures
- 2.1. Call to Order, Roll Call
- 2.2. Excuse Absent Board Members (if needed)
- 2.3. Open Meeting Law
- 2.4. Additions to Agenda
- 2.5. Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

Nick Restau, Teacher  
2.6. Community Input  
3. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Jessica Dunlap and a second by Ned Pauley.

Jessica Dunlap: Yea, Ned Pauley: Yea, Tony Roth: Yea, Craig Shaw: Yea, Jim Stahly: Yea, David Welsch: Yea

- 3.1. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting - November 9th, 2020
- 3.2. Approve Payment of Claims
4. Reports

4.1. Administrative Reports  
Elementary Principal: Mrs. Hartman shared individual elementary accomplishments. She discussed the Cold Hands Warm Hearts Project and gingerbread houses.

Secondary Principal: Mr. Mowinkel shared individual and group accomplishments. He discussed winter sports, semester tests, and the holiday basketball tournament. Director of Learning: Dr. Kubicek discussed the January 4th staff in-service, external team visit, teacher book study, and the MAP-Reading Assessment and MAP-Reading Fluency.

Superintendent: Mr. Wingard included NASBs Monthly Update. He shared the Nebraska State Board of Education declined to act on NSEA's Rule 62 petition. He congratulated Brandon Mowinkel on finishing his specialist degree and Cory Hartman for finishing her principal's endorsement. He discussed the 2021 legislative session. Mr. Wingard pointed out the upcoming NASB and NRCSA trainings and future meetings.

- 4.2. Review/Discuss Grade Level Student Enrollment Report
- K-6 is at 419
- 7-8 is at 126
- 9-12 is at 221
- K-12 is at 766

- 4.3. Reports/Discussion on the NASB State Convention
- 4.4. Review/Discuss Initial 2021-2022 Master Calendar

Mr. Wingard presented a rough draft for the 2021-2022 school year.

- 4.5. Striv Update - Nick Restau
- Mr. Restau discussed and answered questions regarding Striv.

- 4.6. COVID-19 Report
- Mr. Wingard discussed the district's COVID numbers, the end of the semester schedule change, remote learning, testing in Seward, guideline changes and reduced quarantines, activities, the Governor's directed health measures, and NSAA guidelines.
- 4.7. Discuss State Funding for Public Education

President Welsch discussed legislative issues.

5. Board Commentary
- President Welsch thanked the administration, the teaching staff, and support staff for all their hard

work in keeping school in session.

6. Unfinished Business

- 6.1. Discuss/Act on Superintendent's Evaluation

Moved to Executive Session. Motion to Approve the Superintendent's Evaluation

Passed with a motion by Jim Stahly and a second by Jessica Dunlap. Jessica Dunlap: Yea, Ned Pauley: Yea, Tony Roth: Yea, Craig Shaw: Yea, Jim Stahly: Yea, David Welsch: Yea

Moved to Executive Session.

7. New Business

- 7.1. Recognize the Milford Education Association as the Bargaining Agent Representing the Certified Teaching Staff

Motion to Recognize the Milford Education Association as the Bargaining Agent Representing the Certified Teaching Staff Passed with a motion by Jim Stahly and a second by Ned Pauley.

Jessica Dunlap: Yea, Ned Pauley: Yea, Tony Roth: Yea, Craig Shaw: Yea, Jim Stahly: Yea, David Welsch: Yea

8. Executive Session

- 8.1. Executive Session (if needed)

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Passed with a motion by Jessica Dunlap and a second by Ned Pauley.

Jessica Dunlap: Yea, Ned Pauley: Yea, Tony Roth: Yea, Craig Shaw: Yea, Jim Stahly: Yea, David Welsch: Yea

9. Adjourn  
President Welsch adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Tammy Salyer  
Recording Secretary  
Kevin Wingard  
Superintendent

December Expenditures  
Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc., \$239.58; Advanced Office Automation Inc, \$77.47; Amazon Capital Services, \$3,560.09; Best Buy Business Advantage Account, \$597.00; Bishop Business \$259.00; Bobs Service, \$50.00; Bontrager, Craig L, \$8.00; Casey's General Stores Inc, \$301.62; Central Nebraska Rehabilitation Services, \$151.15; CIT, \$162.70; City Of Milford, \$2,559.00; Computer Hardware, \$35.00; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc, \$3,518.07; D B Nebraska, \$430.00; DAS State Accounting, \$232.49; Dave Welsch, \$36.53; Eakes Office Solutions, \$1,086.80; ECES Inc Campbell Cleaning, \$10,826.50; Educational Service Unit #6, \$3,658.47; etc., \$2,844.75; Ewell Educational Services, \$325.00; Farmers Cooperative, \$2,153.22; First National Bank Omaha 5349, \$47.88; First National Bank Omaha 7046, \$480.27; First National Bank Omaha 8694, \$0.99; First National Bank Omaha 9746, \$613.80; Gregory, Mallory K, \$364.42; HireRight, LLC, \$281.40; HometownLeasing, \$925.56; Husker Sew Vac, INC, \$1,137.00; Jan Meehl, \$1,526.76; Jennifer Nantkes, \$520.37; JW Pepper & Son Inc, \$1,206.63; Kidwell, \$11,657.50; Kiner Supply Company, \$411.08; Krauter Bosh Service Co, \$916.00; KSB School Law, PCLLO, \$55.00; Lytle, Lamoin E, \$8.00; Main Street Market, \$111.15; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, \$514.73; Menards - Lincoln North, \$39.09; Midwest Auto Parts Inc - Milford, \$35.18; Midwest Sound & Lighting Inc, \$75.50; Mierau & Co, P.C., \$5,175.00; Milford A/C & Appliance Inc, \$82.50; NCSA, \$165.00; NE Association of School Boards, \$1,311.00; NE Safety Center @ UNK, \$200.00; NE State Fire Marshal/Boiler Div, \$144.00; Nebraska Public Power Dist, \$6,276.06; Nebraska Schoolmasters Club, \$30.00; Pyramid School Products, \$146.79; Quadiant, Inc., \$422.44; Quill Corporation, \$28.72; Rediger Automotive, \$572.97; Robert Popek, \$252.80; Roger L. Wittrock, \$673.64; Sams Club/

GEICRB, \$177.08; Seward County Independent, \$90.61; Seward Family Medical Center, \$35.00; Sorensen, Ronald, \$8.00; Striv, Inc, \$275.00; Stutzman, Bruce J, \$8.00; Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC, \$853.83; The Costumer, \$441.19; The Home Depot Pro, \$3,492.98; The Juice Plus+ Company, \$976.00; Theatre House Inc, \$171.72; U.S. Cellular, \$1,271.10; Union Bank & Trust Company, \$26.00; Unite Private Networks, \$584.25; University of Nebraska High School, \$200.00; University of Nebraska State Museum, \$35.00; Uribe Refuse Services, \$184.00; Verizon Wireless, \$51.16; Walmart Community/SYNCB, \$383.66; Windstream, \$1,187.65; Wing Construction, \$601.00; Wingard, Kevin W, \$464.03; Wreckoncilied Collision Center, \$75.00; Menards - Lincoln North, \$76.94; Wergin's Lawn Service, \$919.00; \$82,109.87; December Payroll, \$618,968.18; Total December Expenditures, \$701,078.05  
MT — December 23, 2020

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Boards of Commissioner Meetings are held each Tuesday morning in the Seward County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m., except for the first Tuesday of each month when meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. The Commissioners will be meeting at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 18 to approve Seward County Claims. Notice of each meeting is posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

### CLAIMS ALLOWED JANUARY 19, 2020

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Schweitzer gave an update of her office.

Approved the minutes of December 8, 2020.

Commissioners gave an update of their activities.

Approved a refund of Inheritance Tax overpayment for the Barbara Ann Swanson Estate.

Approved a 3-year Engineer Controls Renewal Agreement.

Approved Building and Grounds Supt. to advertise for bids for the painting of the courthouse dome.

Accepted the October 2020 Sheriff's Fee & Mileage Report.

Clarified the closing of county offices on December 24, 2020, as a holiday.

Approved Special Designated Liquor License for Seward Grocery d/b/a Pac N Save for an event on December 31, 2020.

Held Public Hearing for and approved a request to Rezone a tract of land in J Precinct.

Ryan Hamburger of South Central EMS, LLC was present to give information about the company.

Approved a 1-year lease with Nebraska Machinery Co. for a skid loader, as presented by Highway Supt., Terry Wicht.

Adopted the agendas for December 18 and 22, 2020, and adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk  
MT — December 23, 2020

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### CLAIMS ALLOWED JANUARY 19, 2020

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 18, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Absent: Member: Becky Paulsen Approved Seward County claims through December 11, 2020.

Adopted the agenda for December 22, 2020, and adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk  
**SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH**

### DECEMBER 11, 2020

ADV CORRTL HLTHCR, SE, \$4,439.57; ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$115.51; AMERITAS LIFEINS, FE, \$16,982.70; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UT, \$1,687.92; BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH, SE, \$292.50; BLUESTEM NETWORK, UT, \$110.00; CITY OF SEWARD, UT, \$5,314.90; CIVIL AIR PATROL MAGAZINE, SU, \$95.00; CLERK OF DIST CRT JEFFERS, SE, \$65.25; CLERK OF DIST COURT, SE, \$141.00; CROSS & SONS, SU, \$1,045.00; CULLIGAN, SE, \$20.00; D & S SALES, SE, \$525.00; GREGORY C. DAMMAN, SE, \$257.00; DES MOINES STAMP MFG, SU, \$71.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$273.28; EQUIFAX WORKFORCE, SE, \$49.55; FARMERS COOP, SU, \$7,952.19; GARCIA CLINICAL LAB, SE, \$13.00; GENERAL FIRE EQUIP, SE, \$353.85; HERPOLSHEIMERS, SE, \$69.04; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, \$412.10; IDEMIA IDENTITY & SEC, SE, \$480.17; INDOFF INC, SU, \$416.38; J S WURM & ASSOC, SE, \$621.05; JOHN DEERE FINAN, SE, \$89.54; JONESBANK, FE, \$70.41; JONES BANK (FICA), FE, \$12,196.68; KONICA MINOLTA, SU, \$14.82; LANCASTER CO SHERIFF, SE, \$41.81; LAUBER FUNERAL SERV, SE, \$40.00; KRISTIN M. LYNCH, SE, \$225.00; MEYER AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$217.52; MIPS INC, SE, \$1,351.61; NE ASSN OF EMERG MGT, FE, \$50.00; NE FSMA, FE, \$35.00; NE STATE BAR ASSN, FE, \$267.00; NEBR INTERACTIVE, SU, \$4.00; OFFICE DEPOT, SU, \$190.68; OREILLY AUTOM, SU, \$815.00; OWENS ED SERV, SE, \$2,521.35; PAC N SAVE, SU, \$223.80; PAPER TIGER SHRED, SE, \$30.00; PARAMOUNT LAUNDRY, SE, \$57.24; POSTMASTER, SU, \$75.00; QUADIANT LEASING USA, SE, \$81.98; REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$1,138.66; REDWOOD TXCLGY LAB, SE, \$45.00; REGION V SERVICES, SE, \$2,484.58; REGION V SYSTEMS, SE, \$214.00; SEW CO CHAMBER & DEV, FE, \$4,078.00; SEWARD CO COURT, SE, \$893.80; SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT, SE, \$398.64;

SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT, SE, \$82.08; SEWARD LUMBER, SU, \$38.46; SOARIN GROUP, LLC, SE, \$6,374.34; SE DIST ASSESSOR ASSOC, SE, \$50.00; SPORTS EXPRESS INC, SU, \$386.05; ST OF NE DAS ST ACCTNG, FE, \$650.00; ST OF NE DAS COMM, SE, \$448.00; ST OF NE DEPT CORR.SERV, SE, \$3,986.09; SUMMIT FOOD SERV, SE, \$6,604.39; SURGICALASSOC PC, SU, \$385.09; THOMSON REUTERS, FE, \$643.31; TIME WARNER CABLE, UT, \$344.60; VANGUARD APPRAISALS, SE, \$9,632.50; VERIZON WIRELESS, UT, \$2,825.91; VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS, SE, \$20.00; VISA, FE, \$6,098.32; WINDSTREAM, UT, \$10,821.81; WOODS & AITKEN LLP, SE, \$1,144.00; AFFORDABLE INT SOL, SE, \$74.99; KENNETH PANKOKE, SE, \$147.17; CENTRAL SAND & GRVL, SU, \$175,680.89; COLUMBUS TARPS, SU, \$2,500.00; DALE JOHNSON ENT, SU, \$32,808.38; HEARTLAND TIRES, SU, \$572.85; HOTSY EQUIP, EQ, \$375.99; HUSKER AUTO GRP, SE, \$410.12; JOHNSON SAND & GRVL, SU, \$27,508.38; KERFORD LESTONE CO, SU, \$488.90; MIDWEST AUTO PARTS, SU, \$926.86; MILLER SEED & SUPPLY, SU, \$525.00; NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SE, \$360.00; NMC, INC, SE, \$2,163.48; NORRIS PUB POW DIST, UT, \$1,345.03; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, SE, \$1,190.08; RDO TRUCK CENTERS, SE, \$194.84; ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH, SE, \$914.51; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, SU, \$12,304.00; SHAFFER COMM, SE, \$55.00; UTICA PARTS & SERVICE, SE, \$102.70; VERIZON CONNECT, UT, \$728.55; VILLAGE OF GARLAND, SE, \$48.90; GEHRING CONST, SE, \$11,817.09; SID DILLON, EQ, \$31,167.00; RED PATH GALLERY, SE, \$2,500.00; DELTADENTAL OF NE, SE, \$29.38; SEW CO HLTH CLM FND, FE, \$53,251.92; MOMS MEALS, SE, \$121.17; MILFORD POLICE DEPT, SE, \$894.00; MID AMERICAN SUPPLY, SU, \$1,062.21; CREATIVE PROD SOURCING, SE, \$476.90; RELENTLESS, FE, \$40,000.00; JONES AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$3,225.91; MOTOROLA, UT, \$12,962.28; NEB SHERIFFS ASSOC, FE, \$75.00; SACK LUMBER, SU, \$7.78; HOPPAR, SCOTT, SE, \$230.00; SHINETECH SOFTWARE, SU, \$6,453.50; WESTERN OIL ILLC, SE, \$586.93; EVERBRIDGE INC, SE, \$2,394.75; GEOCOMM INC, UT, \$1,011.00

SALARIES: \$248,447.87  
GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:  
COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE; MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN; DELTADENTAL; VSP VISION; WADELL & REED  
MT — December 23, 2020  
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## Hearings

### CITY OF MILFORD

Milford, Nebraska 68405

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC HEARING of the Citizen Advisory Review Committee will be held at the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milford, Nebraska, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the City Hall Office, 402 1st St., Milford, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk at the City Hall.

Jeanne Hoggins

City Clerk

MT — December 23, 2020  
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## Meetings

### NOTICE

A Public Meeting of the Seward County Planning Commission will be held December 29th, 2020, 6:30 pm, on a zoom telephone or video conference online.

Please use:  
<http://zoom.us/j/9421681714>  
online Password 768261

Notice of said meeting will be posted in the Courthouse North Door. The agenda for said meeting will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the Zoning Office during normal business hours. The agenda will be held open until 4:00 p.m. of the day, two days before the day of the meeting. The Planning Commission has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meetings.

Seward County  
Zoning Administrator  
MT — December 23, 2020  
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## Liquor Licenses

### CITY OF MILFORD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 53-134 (7) RRS Neb., Notice is hereby given that Los Altos, LLC DBA El Burrito Mexican Restaurant, I-124012, 749 5th Street, Milford, Seward County, 68405 has filed an application for a Class I Liquor License at said premise.

The governing body of the City of Milford, Nebraska, will hold a public hearing at City Hall, 402 1st Street, Milford, Nebraska, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, on such application.

All persons desiring to give evidence before the governing body in support of or in protest against the issuance of such license may do so at the time of the hearing. Following such hearing the governing body will recommend issuance or denial of such license.

Jeanne Hoggins

City Clerk

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# NOTICE

The public notices deadline for the January 6 edition is Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

# NSAA announces fall honorees

The Nebraska School Activities Association announced the student recipients of the Fall 2020-21 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association Academic All-State Awards. Since 2006 this NSAA award program has recognized students who meet the criteria for nomination by their school in the season of their activity.

Each year the NSAA and the NCPA recognize students during fall, winter and spring seasons who are nominated by their schools for their individual academic excellence, leadership and significant contributions in their NSAA activity.

Milford students honored include:

- Milford
- Boys' cross country—Maddox Baack and Ben Copley
- Girls' cross country—Mattie Mullet and Alayna Piening
- Football—Nick Beel and Nathan Bennett
- Play production—Collin Piening and Isaac Voboril
- Softball—Abby Houk and Makena Stutzman
- Volleyball—Hannah Kepler and Savannah Spahr

# Eagles top two

by Stephanie Croston  
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The Milford wrestling team added to its trophy case last week by winning the Axtell Invitational Dec. 15 and the Logan View Invitational Dec. 19.

The Eagles had eight champions at Axtell – Conner Kohout, Konner Schluckebier, Eli Vondra, Jack Chapman, Trent Stauffer, Carter Springer, Christopher Scdoris and Lorenzo Temple. All told, 13 of the 14 wrestlers placed in the top three.

“It was a dominating win and a good warmup for the Logan View Invite on Saturday,” Coach Joe Schluckebier said.

The tournament at Logan View always provides a tough test for the Eagles, Coach Schluckebier said.

The tournament was the first 16-team competition for the Eagles this season.

“With the recommendation to limit tournament sizes this year, we won’t get another chance to compete in such a format so it was important for us to get a feel for the 16-man bracket format that is used at districts and state,” the coach said.

The early start time means an early bus ride, and Schluckebier said he thought the Eagles were a little sluggish early.

“We were getting the job done in the first round but I didn’t think we were wrestling to our ability,” he said.

The Eagles bumped up the intensity in the semifinals, when eight wrestlers qualified for the finals. That ensured the first team title at this tournament for the Milford wrestlers.

Vondra, Springer, Scdoris and Hunter Oborny all took first place by beating ranked opponents in the finals, while Konner Schluckebier took his first loss.

The championship marks the first time in school history Milford has won three tournament titles in one season.

Milford was scheduled to host Twin River, Syracuse and David City Dec. 22.

**Axtell invite**  
Team scores—Milford 213, Kearney JV 122.5, Ansley Litchfield 96, Garden County 95, Lexington JV 77, Axtell 56, Minden 44, Hastings St. Cecilia 39

113—Conner Kohout (MIL) pin Sonny Sowles (MIN) 0:33; pin Cole Schurmann (MIN) 0:32; pin Seth Philippi (K-JV) 0:57; pin Clay Rasmussen (HSC) 1:16, first

126—Konner Schluckebier (MIL) pin Manny Consbruck (HSC) 1:15; pin Jesse Gruber (MIN) 1:16; pin Kyle Rote (GC) 1:23; pin Jackson Konrad (L-JV) 3:36, first

132—Eli Vondra (MIL) pin Zac Lee (MIN) 3:11; pin Jackson Lavene (K-JV) 0:57; pin Jason Hernandez (L-JV) 1:37; pin Gavin Hunt (GC) 0:47; pin Christian Rodriguez (L-JV) 0:30, first

132—Brody Mach (MIL) pinned by Gavin Hunt (GC) 1:57; pinned by Christian Rodriguez (L-JV) 1:16; pinned by Jason Hernandez (L-JV) 4:58

138—Jack Chapman (MIL) pin Angel Molina (L-JV) 0:55; pin Dillon Stark (AL) 0:47; pin Tate Choplin (K-JV) 1:28; pin Cisco Rivas (K-JV) 6-2 (Fall 4:35, first

145—Trent Stauffer (MIL) pin Quinn Bertrand (AXT) 1:26; pin Rian Green (K-JV) 2:56; pin Chase Rackley (AL) 0:55, first

152—Keenan Troyer (MIL) def. Joe Paysen (K-JV) 5V-1 9-7; pinned by Colton Holthuis (GC) 0:57; def. by Taaron Lavicky (AXT) 8-1; pinned by Cristian Melendez (L-JV) 1:31; pin Dalton Sinsel (MIN) 0:44, fourth

160—Carter Springer (MIL) pin Logan Rethwisch (GC) 0:57; pin Tiffany Senff (AXT) 0:26; pin Gavin Cole (AL) 1:22; pin Gunner Roberson (GC) 2:20; def. Collin Arehart (AL) 8-3, first

170—Christopher Scdoris (MIL) pin Joe Lee (MIN) 0:38; pin Riley Johnson (K-JV) 0:59; def. Isaac Voboril (MIL) 15-0; pin Trey Kirch (GC) 1:35, first

170—Isaac Voboril (MIL) def. Trey Kirch (GC) 14-12; pin Joe Lee (MIN) 0:59; def. by Christopher Scdoris (MIL) 15-0; pin Riley Johnson (K-JV) 3:05, second

182—Thomas Vance (MIL) def. Trent Buescher (K-JV) 16-0; pin Hunter Fredrickson (MIN) 1:49; pinned by Cooper Slingsby (AL) 1:32; def. by Dallas Miller (GC) TB-1 18-14; pin Kaleb Senff (AXT) 1:43, third

195—Hunter Oborny (MIL) pin Ashton Hawkins (AXT) 1:36; pin Kaden Stunkel (AL) 1:12; pin Jayden Young (K-JV) 0:42; def. by Chesney Stanczyk (GC) 8-4; def. by Kolby Larson (AL) 7-3, third

220—Lorenzo Temple (MIL) pin Kaden Host (K-JV) 0:19; pin Connor Pell (HSC) 0:25; pin Gavin Barela (AL) 4:23, first

285—Trey Lyon (MIL) pin Nic Bendix (MIN) 1:39; pin Pacen Trent (AL) 1:12; pinned by Brandon Moore (K-JV) 2:14; pinned by Caleb Klein (HSC) 0:46, third

**Duane Carlson - Logan View Invite**

Team scores—Milford 200.5, Columbus Lakeview 139, Fillmore Central 122, Logan View 109, Battle Creek 103, Syracuse 95.5, Fort Calhoun 75, Howells Dodge 61, Superior 55, Lincoln Northeast 51.5, Columbus Scotus 36.5, Logan View JV 35, North Bend Central 32, Omaha North 18, Southern 4

106—Kohout (MIL) def. by Travis Meyer (FLC) 4-0; def. Garrett Finke (BC) 15-0; def. Trey McCoy (FTC) 9-0, third

126—Schluckebier (MIL) pin Caden Meinke (BC) 1:50; def. Andon Stenger (CL) 14-3 7-1; def. by Alex Schademann (FLC) 3-0, second

132—Vondra (MIL) pin Boston Reeves (BC) 1:21; def. Kevin Dominguez (CL) 5-2, first

138—Chapman (MIL) pin Hunter Kreikemeier (BC) 0:47; pin Tristen Hansen (FTC) 0:18; def. Conner Nun (FLC) 6-2; def. by Logan Jaixen (CL) 8-0, second

145—Stauffer (MIL) pin Daniel Krause (LNE) 0:38; pin Lane Belina (HD) 3:24; pin Aiden Hinrichs (FLC) 0:31; def. by Hunter McNulty (LV) 6-0, second

152—Troyer (MIL) pinned by Noah Monroe (FLC) 1:39; pinned by Yordi Dominguez (CL) 3:55

160—Springer (MIL) pin Jacob Purdy (LV-JV) 0:18; pin Brock Mahoney (CL) 5:17; pin Riley Eickmeier (CS) 1:54, first

170—Scdoris (MIL) pin Wyatt Rangeloff (NBC) 0:12; pin Braydon Wobken (LV-JV) 2:51; def. Owen Wander (SYR) 12-1; pin Justin Bayer (HD) 3:03, first

182—Vance (MIL) pinned by Kaden Warneke (BC) 2:30; pin Jacob Hegemann (HD) 1:56; def. Dylan Silva (LV) 10-3; pin Jordan Brown (SUP) 3:35, third

195—Oborny (MIL) pin Jackson Nordhues (SYR) 1:20; pin Austen Smith (CL) 5:10, first

220—Temple (MIL) def. Erick Bello (CL) 10-2; pin Zach McGee (LV-JV) 0:22; pinned by Logan Booth (LV) 4:57, second

285—Lyon (MIL) pinned by Isiah Guzman (ON) 0:48; pin Theo Windhusen (LV-JV) 2:59; pinned by Brant West Jr. (FLC) 0:13



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Jaxon Weyand of Milford blocks a pass by Lane Zimmer of Centennial during Dec. 18's game at Utica.

# Eagles top CHS, AGHS

by Stephanie Croston  
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“It was a good weekend for us,” Milford Coach Tony Muller said.

His Milford boys’ basketball team won both its games, beating Centennial 49-37 and Ashland-Greenwood 56-53.

The Eagles and Broncos matched up Dec. 18 in Utica.

“It’s always a tough game,” Muller said.

Both teams shot well to start the game, with Centennial leading after one quarter 15-14. Things cooled off in the second quarter, but Milford took a 19-18 lead into halftime.

Muller said the Eagles started out playing man-to-man defense,

but MHS couldn’t slow Centennial junior Jake Bargaen, who finished the game with 18 points. Milford switched to a 1-3-1 zone defense with about three minutes to play, and that slowed the Broncos somewhat, Muller said.

“We felt that was the best option for us,” he said.

After halftime, the Eagles outscored Centennial 14-8 in the third quarter and 16-11 in the fourth.

Micah Hartwig led Milford with 18 points, and Jaxon Weyand added 13. Seth Stutzman finished with eight points, five rebounds and three steals.

Milford didn’t have much time to recover, as the Eagles hosted Ashland-Greenwood

Dec. 19. Again Milford started out in its man-to-man defense but AGHS built a 10-point lead. Milford switched to the 1-3-1 zone, and that was very effective, Muller said.

The Eagles cut the lead to one with 20 seconds to play in the first half, but after getting a rebound, the Bluejays stripped the ball and got their own layup and free throw to hold a 30-25 halftime lead.

Milford continued to cut into the lead and went ahead with about 1:30 to play in the game.

Stutzman was the scoring leader with 19 points and also grabbed eight rebounds.

Hartwig added 11 points. Both had three steals and three assists. Milford (5-0) was

to host Bruning-Davenport-Shickley Dec. 21 and travel to North Bend Dec. 22 before the Christmas break.

**Milford 49, Centennial 37**

MHS 14 5 14 16 49  
CHS 15 3 8 11 37

**MHS**—Isaac Yeackley 2-4 1-3 5, Micah Hartwig 6-14 3-4 18, Jaxon Weyand 4-6 4-4 13, Kaleb Miller 1-2 1-2 3, Seth Stutzman 4-7 0-0 8, Cabe Schluckebier 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 18-35 9-13 49.

**CHS**—Totals 14-35 6-7 37.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 4-11 (Yeackley 0-2, Hartwig 3-5, Weyand 1-2, Stutzman 0-2), CHS 3-13. **Rebounds**—MHS 22 (Stutzman 5), CHS 16. **Assists**—MHS 9 (Weyand 4). **Steals**—MHS 12 (Yeackley 4). **Turnovers**—MHS 11, CHS 14. **Fouls**—MHS 6, CHS 11.

**Milford 56, Ashland-Greenwood 53**

AGHS 15 15 13 10 53  
MHS 12 13 16 15 56

**MHS**—Totals 19-36 8-13 53.

**MHS**—Yeackley 3-7 1-2 7, Hartwig 4-7 2-2 11, Bryce Jakub 1-1 1-2 3, Maddox Baack 1-2 0-0 2, Weyand 3-7 2-2 8, Miller 2-2 2-3 6, Stutzman 6-18 3-19, Schluckebier 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-43 11-14 56.

**Three-point goals**—AGHS 7-18, MHS 1-5 (Yeackley 0-2, Hartwig 1-2, Stutzman 0-1). **Rebounds**—AGHS 20, MHS 20 (Stutzman 8). **Assists**—MHS 10 (Hartwig, Stutzman 3). **Steals**—MHS 9 (Hartwig, Stutzman 3). **Blocked shots**—MHS 2. **Turnovers**—AGHS 19, MHS 11. **Fouls**—AGHS 17, MHS 12.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Taylor Roth of Milford brings the ball out of lane as she's pursued by Kiley Rathjen of Centennial Dec. 18.

team to get open looks from the three-point line.”

Kontor scored 15 and was 5-8 from three-point range. Kepler finished with 16 points, Taylor Roth grabbed nine rebounds.

The Eagles (2-3) were to host Bruning-Davenport-Shickley Dec. 21 in the first round of the holiday tournament and then travel to North Bend Dec. 22 in their last game before Christmas.

**Ashland-Greenwood 45, Milford 42**

AGHS 14 7 16 8 45  
MHS 18 13 0 11 42

**AGHS**—Totals 15-34 12-18 45.

**MHS**—Makena Stutzman 1-8 0-0 3, Kaitlin Kontor 3-9 1-2 10, Hannah Kepler 6-13 0-0 15, Kaitlyn Klug 1-1 0-0 2, Taylor Roth 0-3 0-0 0, Sydney Stelling 1-2 0-0 2, Abby Houk 3-7 0-0 8, Mariah Richards 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 15-44 3-4 42.

**Three-point goals**—AGHS 3-9, MHS 9-29 (Stutzman 1-7, Kontor 3-8, Kepler 3-8, Houk 2-6). **Rebounds**—AGHS 21, MHS 30 (Kepler, Stelling 6). **Assists**—MHS 13 (Kontor 6). **Steals**—MHS 9 (Kontor, Houk 3). **Blocked shots**—MHS 1 (Klug 1). **Turnovers**—AGHS 16, MHS 18. **Fouls**—AGHS 9, MHS 17.

**Centennial 51, Milford 44**

MHS 11 9 15 9 44  
CHS 14 10 14 13 51

**MHS**—Stutzman 2-8 0-0 6, Kontor 5-12 0-0 15, Kepler 4-15 7-9 16, Klug 0-1 0-0 0, Roth 1-5 0-0 2, Stelling 2-3 0-0 5, Houk 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 14-48 7-9.

**CHS**—Totals 17-36 7-13 51.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 9-24 (Stutzman 2-6, Kontor 5-8, Kepler 1-7, Stelling 1-1, Houk 0-2), CHS 10-20. **Rebounds**—MHS 24 (Roth 9), CHS 29. **Assists**—MHS 9 (three with 2). **Steals**—MHS 8 (Kepler 3). **Turnovers**—MHS 6, CHS 11. **Fouls**—MHS 11, CHS 10.

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## Natasha Andersen, Physician Assistant, joins MHCS

Memorial Health Care Systems welcomes Natasha Andersen, PA-C, who will be joining the team of medical providers at Seward Family Medical Center.



Natasha is a graduate of Seward High School. She attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha for her undergraduate studies and graduated with her Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree from Union College in Lincoln. Natasha has spent the last three years living in Seward and commuting to Lincoln to practice at St. Elizabeth Emergency Department. Natasha stated, “I am looking forward to providing care at the Seward Family Medical Center and Memorial Hospital Emergency Department.” Natasha will begin accepting patients in mid-December.

When asked why she chose to work at Memorial Health Care Systems, Natasha said, “Growing up I always had an interest in returning to Seward and giving back to the Seward community. I am looking forward to building strong partnerships with patients to work on health and well-being for all ages.”

When she’s not working, Natasha enjoys family time, cheering on Husker sports, and running. Natasha has completed 5 full marathons and more half-marathons than she can even recollect. Natasha lives in Seward with her husband Tanner, son Talen, and two dogs.

**Natasha’s Special Areas of Interest include:**

- Preventative Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Emergency Medicine

## Treatment for COVID-19 Patients

As the pandemic continues, Memorial Health Care Systems and health care organizations across the nation have begun administering monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19. “So far, this has been a very promising treatment for patients early in their diagnoses. This represents an exciting new tool your physician has in the war against the Coronavirus,” said Robert Wergin, MD at Memorial Health Care Systems.

This medication provides outpatient treatment for specific high-risk COVID-19 positive patients. The procedure involves a one-time intravenous infusion and is not authorized for patients who are already hospitalized or who require additional oxygen therapy due to COVID-19.

Roger Reamer, Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Health Care Systems said, “For the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, these monoclonal antibody treatment options give our staff the ability to treat COVID-19 positive patients who have not yet progressed to the point where they need emergency care or inpatient hospitalization. This is extremely promising and gives hope to all of us to have an option to help treat COVID-19.”

Patients must meet certain criteria (set

by the FDA through the emergency use authorization) to be eligible to receive the drug. This includes a **positive test for COVID-19 with symptom onset within the last 10 days AND** a high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization.

**High risk is defined as patients who meet at least one of the following criteria:**

- Have a body mass index (BMI) ≥35
- Have chronic kidney disease
- Have diabetes
- Have immunosuppressive disease
- Are currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment
- Are ≥65 years of age
- Are ≥55 years of age AND have one or more of the following:
  - cardiovascular disease,
  - hypertension,
  - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/ other chronic respiratory disease.
- Are 12–17 years of age AND have one or more of the following:
  - BMI ≥85th percentile for their age and gender-based on CDC growth charts, [https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/clinical\\_charts.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/clinical_charts.htm),
  - sickle cell disease,
  - congenital or acquired heart disease,

- neurodevelopmental disorders, for example, cerebral palsy,
- a medical-related technological dependence, for example, tracheostomy, gastrostomy, or positive pressure ventilation (not related to COVID-19),
- asthma, reactive airway, or other chronic respiratory disease that requires daily medication for control.

The number of doses allocated to Memorial Health Care Systems has been and continues to be limited. Other hospitals across Nebraska are also utilizing a limited supply of this treatment option with promising results. In addition to limited supplies, **the COVID-19 positive patient’s primary care provider will make the final determination and referral for the drug.**

The medication itself is being provided to Memorial Health Care Systems and organizations across the nation at no charge through Operation Warp Speed. Patients are not charged for the medication itself.

Memorial Health Care Systems had an opportunity to utilize the medication in treating residents from a long-term care facility in Seward. “Many individuals across MHCS leadership were instrumental in quickly organizing a protocol and workflow

to administer the new treatment efficiently and to those truly at risk for hospitalization due to COVID-19, Dr. Wergin said. He continued, “Because of MHCS’ quick and efficient response, no patients that received the new treatment required hospitalization due to COVID-19. The pandemic has certainly challenged all of us to be creative and flexible in how we partner with senior living, long-term care and to continue to provide care to all our friends and neighbors. It was our privilege to be able to help them in this way,” Dr. Wergin added.

**Patients that have tested positive for COVID-19 and have further questions regarding eligibility for the medication can call the Seward Family Medical Center at 402-643-4800 Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–4 p.m.**

“We are seeing great progress in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. While we have outpatient and inpatient therapies available and a vaccine being distributed to the phase 1a groups, our fight against this pandemic is not over. We will continue to ask our community members to follow social distancing guidelines, wear masks, wash hands frequently, and avoid crowds,” urges Mallory Gibreal, Director of Community Relations.



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# Bush cherries change game for home orchard

by Sarah Browning  
*Lancaster County Extension educator*

Cherries have been a favored fruit for centuries, eaten by people since before recorded history.

Sweet cherries, *Prunus avium*, are native throughout most of Europe, western Asia and parts of northern Africa. Naturally, they have been used extensively in holiday cooking through the years.

But tart cherries, *Prunus cerasus*, are the most common and well-adapted cherry grown in Nebraska.

Of the tart cherries, Montmorency is the long-time Midwest standard. Montmorency cherry grows into a medium sized tree, 15 to 18 feet in height and width. It has been in cultivation for more than 400 years.

Other varieties of tart cherry that grow well in Nebraska include Meteor and Balaton. There is also a naturally dwarf variety North Star available, which is extremely hardy and thrives in the harsh Midwest environment. But a new group of cherries, called bush cherries, offer great fruit, even better winter hardiness and much easier picking due to their short stature.

**History of shrub cherries**

Development of bush cherries began in Canada in the 1940s and resulted in a variety marketed as the Mongo-

lian cherry. During the 1980s, breeders at the University of Saskatchewan made crosses between the Mongolian cherry and the naturally dwarf tree form North Star.

The result of these crosses were a group of shrub-form tart cherries that are very hardy, with the high fruit quality characteristics of North Star and increased sugar content. The Romance cherry series includes the following cultivars – Carmine Jewel, Crimson Passion, Cupid, Juliet, Romeo and Valentine.

Their breeding history makes bush cherries a lesser-known form of tart cherries. They are extremely hardy (Zone 2), suffer from relatively few insect and disease problems and actually have a higher sugar content than tree-types of tart cherries.

**Fruit characteristics**

Carmine Jewel reaches a height of six feet, with a similar width. Fruit yields increase as plants mature, starting at 15+ pounds per plant in the fourth year and 20-30+ pounds in the fifth year.

Crimson Passion blooms a few days before Carmine Jewel and has low fruit production compared to Carmine Jewel. Height 10 feet, width seven feet.

Juliet is slightly sweeter flavor, moderate fruit production compared to Carmine



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**Carmine Jewel reaches a height of six feet, with a similar width. Fruit yields increase as plants mature, starting at 15+ pounds per plant in the fourth year and 20-30+ pounds in the fifth year.**

Jewel. Height five to eight feet.

Romeo is slightly sweeter flavor, moderate fruit production compared to Carmine Jewel. Height six to eight feet.

All four cultivars are self-pollinating, meaning the flowers from one bush will pollinate each other, so technically a second pollinating plant is not needed. However, a second pollinating type of

Full production is achieved during the fifth year, if the plants have experienced good growing conditions. Carmine Jewel is the best producer with 20 to 30 pounds of fruit per plant once plants are well-established. Depending on the variety, harvest can be as early as late July or as late as September.

But don't get too rosy a picture of bush cherries. Yes, they offer a high level of winter hardiness and easy harvesting, but they are still susceptible to all the common cherry insect and disease problems. Good site selection, regular care (water, mulch, pruning) and pest control will be required to produce high quality fruits.

Still, even considering maintenance needs, bush cherries can be a highly productive addition to a home orchard or landscape. Their versatility allows them to be planted in a variety of settings – both a formal orchard or a mixed ornamental planting.

They can be an integral part of your formal or edible landscape because of their beautiful flowers and fruit. You can plant them in a wind-break enhancing the structure while supplying delicious cherries to you and wildlife.

Considering all these benefits, they are well worth the effort.

# Troopers watch for impaired drivers during season

Nebraska State Troopers will be working overtime during the holidays to keep Nebraska roads safe. The Nebraska State Patrol is teaming up with hundreds of law enforcement agencies

across the country for the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” effort.

The campaign began Dec. 18 and runs through Friday, Jan. 1, and includes dozens of law enforcement agencies

throughout Nebraska. Troopers will perform high-visibility patrols throughout the state, monitoring the roads for impaired drivers.

“As we close out 2020, we urge everyone on the

road to work together to make these final weeks safe for those traveling,” said Col. John Bolduc, superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol.

“We’ll all have some interesting memories of this year, but losing a loved one in a traf-

fic crash is a memory nobody should take from the holiday season.”

NSP urges motorists to take advantage of many methods available to prevent impaired driving. Multiple organizations offer free rides during the holidays, in

addition to options such as ride-sharing, taxi services or designating a driver.

This effort is made possible in part from a grant for \$23,000 from the Nebraska Department of Transportation – Highway Safety Office.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

DURING DECEMBER

Test Nebraska set in Seward

Test Nebraska will be available in Seward in December from 9 to 11 a.m. in the west parking lot across the street from the Seward Family Medical Center. Individuals must register for testing. Visit [testnebraska.com](http://testnebraska.com) to take the online assessment to see if you are eligible to receive a free COVID-19 test. For more information, visit Test Nebraska. Dates for testing are Tuesdays, Dec. 22 and 29, and Thursdays, Dec. 24 and 31.

JANUARY 29

Save the date and study up

The 11th annual PTL Trivia Night is coming to the Ag Pavilion on Friday, Jan. 29. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and trivia starts at 7:15 p.m. The team with the most correct trivia answers wins \$400; second place wins \$200. All proceeds will benefit the children of St. John. Cost is \$200 per table of eight players, and must be paid in advance. Registration opened Oct. 5, and closes Jan. 22. You may register your team at <http://www.tinyurl.com/stjohntrivia>. The event will follow public gathering

guidelines from Four Corners Health Department. Participants will be asked to wear masks when away from their team table. For more information, email [stjohntrivia@gmail.com](mailto:stjohntrivia@gmail.com) or call Michelle Meyer at (402) 219-3008. Also, contact Meyer to be a corporate or memorial sponsor for a team or trivia round. The backup date is March 26.

THURSDAYS

Family history questions?

The Seward County Genealogical Society meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. downstairs at the Civic Center.

TOPS meets weekly

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a nonprofit weight management organization, meets every Thursday in the Audio-Visual Room at the Seward Civic Center. Weigh-in starts at 11:15 a.m., with meetings from noon to 12:30 p.m. The first meeting is free. Masks are worn and social distancing is practiced.

Explore science in six-part series

Hibernation. Protective fur, feathers or scales. Lichens.

On the surface, these topics may all seem unrelated, but each is a part of a six-week virtual webinar series, “The Science Of,” hosted by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The series, taught by Game and Parks educators, starts Jan. 14 and will take place at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

The series is designed to explore the science behind everyday things people see or hear about nature or animals — even those found in their own backyard.

This series will feature the science of:

Jan. 14: Hibernation

Jan. 21: Body Coverings

Jan. 28: Turtles

Feb. 4: Mosses and Lichens

Feb. 11: Threatened and Endangered Species

Feb. 18: Wetlands

The webinars are free, but require pre-registration. Sign up for one or all of the webinars at [calendar.outdoornebraska.org](http://calendar.outdoornebraska.org) or through the Game and Parks' Facebook page at [Facebook.com/NE-GameandParks](https://www.facebook.com/NE-GameandParks). Those registered will receive a

confirmation email with a password to login to the webinar at the specific date and time.

Unable to attend a live event? Each virtual webinar will be recorded and posted to the Nebraska Game and Parks

Education channel on YouTube. Search “Nebraska Game and Parks Education” on YouTube and subscribe for future videos.

For more information, contact [monica.macoubrie@nebraska.gov](mailto:monica.macoubrie@nebraska.gov).

Happy Holidays!

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