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## Council extends mask mandate

by Stephanie Croston  
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After hearing arguments from both sides, the Seward City Council voted 5-3 Jan. 5 to extend its mask ordinance to Wednesday, March 3.

Councilmembers Jonathon Wilken, Chris Schmit, Ellen Beck, Jessica Kolterman and John Singleton voted in favor, while Sid Kamprath, Karl Miller and Alyssa Hendrix voted against the extension.

The mandate requires people in Seward to wear a mask when they are in local businesses. The original ordinance was scheduled to sunset, or cease being enforceable, Jan. 5.

The public com-

ment portion of the meeting started with representatives of Memorial Health Care Systems talking about vaccine numbers, new treatment options and the new variant of COVID-19, known as the U.K. virus because it was first found in the United Kingdom.

Dr. J.B. Ketner of MHCS said the new variant is more transmissible and because of that makes non-pharmaceutical options like social distancing or wearing masks more important.

"If you do the simple things, you have to do less of the complex," he said.

Roger Reamer, MHCS CEO, said the hospital has seen a shift in treatment from the

emergency room to outpatient services.

Test Nebraska, which is available twice a week, tests over 100 people each week. Reamer said the positivity rate is concerning – last week it was 53%.

MHCS received 350 doses of the vaccine in the first wave and, as of Jan. 6, had given out 330 to people in Tier 1A, which includes medical providers and first responders. He said they hope to start giving out the next tier, people age 75 and older, soon.

Ketner asked that the mask requirement be extended because of the lag time for the vaccine to reach maximum effectiveness. It takes about six weeks after

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## Board members, public defender sworn in



HOPE MOURAL/SCI

Two Seward County commissioners and a public defender were sworn in Jan. 7 in the district courtroom of the justice center by the Hon. James Stecker. From left, are: Commissioner John Culver, public defender Nicole Tegtmeier, Commissioner Darrell Zabrocki and Hon. James Stecker.



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Sixpence team members Morgan Kozisek (left) and Kate Langner (right) collected 700 diapers, wipes and a monetary donation from ESC6's director of student services Mary Phillips (center) on Jan. 11 in Milford. ESU6 kicked off the year-long campaign with more local businesses to follow.

## Sixpence hosting diaper drive

by Hope Moural  
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According to the National Diaper Bank, one in every three families in the United States can't afford enough diapers to keep their children both clean and healthy as they grow, and that was before the coronavirus pandemic.

Not enough diapers mean babies can sit in dirty diapers for much longer than needed as some parents choose to provide either food or diapers for their children.

Katie Langner and Morgan Kozisek of ESU 6's Sixpence are looking to change that for Seward County and its surrounding communities with their "52 Weeks of Diapers" campaign happening throughout 2021.

Sixpence is a nonprofit with the goal of providing help and services to parents of children ages 0-3.

"We've been thinking of this for a while, but with COVID, we've really seen the need of these families," Langner said. "We've seen things being taken away and parents really struggling."

So for 52 straight weeks, a diaper pantry established by Sixpence will take place.

For a week, local businesses in Seward, Milford and Utica can host a diaper collection at their location. At week's end, Langner and Kozisek

will collect the donations and distribute the diapers to families once a month, or as needed.

So far, six local businesses including ESU 6, Seward Public Schools and Awe Salon have signed up to host.

Community members can get involved by bringing in packages or wipes or donating money for the Sixpence group to buy supplies.

The duo will send out a notice on Seward Community Chat on what business is hosting the diaper drive week by week.

Sixpence's goal by year's end is 75,000, and they will be keeping track of how much is gathered at each business that hosts.

For those who are interested in receiving diapers and supplies, the Sixpence group asks an appointment be made by calling or texting Langner at (402) 641-4998 or Kozisek at (402) 587-1454.

This is open to anyone in Seward or its surrounding areas. Appointments for picking up diapers will begin Feb. 1.

Sixpence hopes to continue a diaper drive collection in October, Diaper Awareness Month, to stock for families who may be in need in the future.

"Diapers and wipes are expensive, and we just don't want kids to suffer," Kozisek said. "We want to do more, do better for the community."

## Four Corners area improving, still wary of COVID increase

by Stephanie Croston  
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While Seward County's COVID-19 case numbers have plateaued, Laura McDougall of Four Corners Health Department said that's better than seeing them go back up.

"We are still at a significant level of community transmission," she said during the Four Corners briefing Jan. 7. "It's still more than we want."

Over the previous seven days, Seward County reported 63 new cases, down from its height of over 100, she said.

The district is distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to the seven health care facilities in the district, McDougall said. That includes Memorial Health Care Systems in Seward.

Four Corners received 1,300 doses of the Moderna vaccine to share among the four counties.

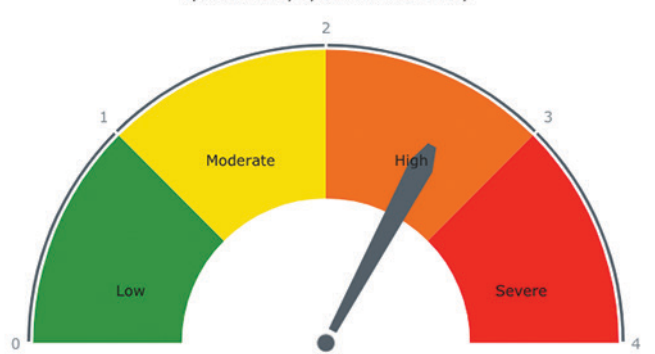
"As soon as we get it, it's out the door and in arms," McDougall said.

Phase 1A is health care workers and priority groups, she said. The hope was to finish the first round of that phase of vaccinations within the next week.

It takes a couple weeks for the vaccine to start to kick in, she said. At that point, a person has 50-60% protection. The second dose is given 21-28 days after the first dose. The second dose boosts immunization to 95%.

"We still recommend masks and social distancing," McDougall

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said.

If a person has already had COVID-19, they wouldn't need a vaccine for at least three months, she said. If someone has used the new infusion treatment, they should wait at least 90 days before being vaccinated.

Once Phase 1A is done, Phase 1B steps up. Those are people age 75 and older. McDougall estimated at least 3,000 people within the district in this tier.

"We have a lot of vaccinating to do," she said. Those in the second tier will be contacted by their healthcare provider to schedule a vaccine, McDougall said.

Dr. Josh Fields, superintendent of Seward Public Schools, said they have surveyed their staff and found about 72% want a vaccine when it's available.

Mallory Gibreal of Memorial Health Care Systems said they've been getting a lot of calls about the vaccine.

Roger Reamer, CEO of MHCS, said they're trying not to waste doses. Once a dose is open, it's only good for about six hours, he said.

MHCS hosted a vaccination clinic Jan. 6 and gave 350 doses, he said.

Testing numbers have leveled off, with the hospital testing about 50 a week and Test Nebraska doing about 100 tests a week.

A new treatment, monochromal antibody infusion, is also available now. MHCS has two week's worth of treatments that are managed through the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the state of Nebraska.

The process takes about two and a half hours. On Dec. 7, MHCS received its first allotment and treated 45 people, Reamer said.

During the sector reports, David Kumm of Concordia University said students were to come back over the weekend. CU plans to continue with its protocols.

"We will play it conservative for January," he said.

The university plans to follow its traditional schedule with its regular breaks.

"No breaks was really hard on everyone," he said.

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Seward High School FBLA members who donated and helped with the Giving Tree project included, from left, Elizabeth Rongo, Alexis Pallat, Christian Fields, Jordan Biggs, Gracen Sommerer, Carissa Gottschalk, Collin Warren, Sam Schroeer, Reid Marker and Sophia Turek.

## FBLA students take part in giving tree project

Under the guidance and leadership of the Seward FBLA project chairperson and chapter Vice President Carissa Gottschalk, the SHS Future Business Leaders of America sponsored a toy drive to collect gifts and toys for local CASA children in the greater Seward area.

This is the fourth year for Seward FBLA to participate in this project that assists the local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) around the holiday. This year, a variety of FBLA members and other SHS students actively participated in asking for donations.

Students from Seward FBLA created a tree for FBLA adviser Wade Miller's classroom. The tree included ornaments that had information on each CASA child, including the ages, interests and the gender. As a result, more than 30 gifts were collected, specifically addressing at least one gift for each child involved in the CASA program.

The FBLA appealed to the students at Seward High, and as a result, individual students and families decided to sponsor CASA children.

Once the gifts were collected, junior members Sarita Richards and Ava King and senior chapter president Anna Hughes led the effort to make sure all the gifts were wrapped and ready to go.

"I could not believe the outpouring and generosity of the students here at Seward High" said Christian



COURTESY PHOTO

FBLA members who coordinated with CASA and set up the Giving Tree included, from left, Carissa Gottschalk, Bryce Piskorski and Trevor Ruth.

Fields, chapter reporter who also worked on making the project a reality. "This project exemplifies all the good in people in Seward and that people of all ages really do care about others!"

"We are glad the FBLA could take a leadership role in this effort to assist others," Miller said. "Leadership and Caring are two of the pillars of FBLA and this project fits so well with the mission of our group FBLA. We appreciated how the FBLA chapter and other students of SHS stepped up to help the CASA program and assist us with this project. Thank you, SHS and Seward community!"

## Seward city council

(continued from 1A) the first dose to reach the 95% effective mark, he said.

Laura McDougall, executive director of the Four Corners Health Department, said rolling out the vaccine is a top priority.

"We've gained a lot of ground," she said, but added that case numbers have leveled off with a slight increase after the holidays.

Eleven members of the public, including two people from Omaha, spoke about their concerns and questions.

Most were opposed to extending the ordinance.

Danna Seever's of Seward told the council about a petition she'd posted on change.org on Jan. 2 that had already been signed by 586 people.

Jessie Enfield of Seward was also opposed and reminded the

council that wearing a mask can be a problem for some people.

"The narrow-mindedness and lack of understanding is where a big part of the problem is," she said.

"I don't think the facts show it's limited the spread," Zach Soflin of Seward said.

He shared statistics from the New York Times that showed a decrease in case numbers before the mandate took effect.

Kristi Ideus of Seward also pointed to those numbers and said there hadn't been the predicted huge spike after Thanksgiving.

"We have to find a way to live life with the virus," she said.

In an unrelated matter, the council voted to expend all the funds for the Downtown Revitalization Program up to 50/50 for approved projects.

Greg Butcher, city administrator, said Jan. 7 that the city wasn't able to conduct another round of applications because of time constraints. Money will be distributed by the end of February.

In other business, the council:

- approved Gary Jewell as manager of the VFW Club;

- approved a request by Hughes Brothers to hang banners along Seward Street and near the bandshell to celebrate its 100th anniversary;

- approved adding a stop sign for northbound traffic on Fourth Street at Waverly Road; and

- reviewed job descriptions and the pay plan regarding two positions, one of which is now open and the other that will be in the future.

## SCCDP welcomes Helmer as new development assistant

The Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership has welcomed Harrison Helmer to the team. Helmer started as the team's development assistant on Dec. 28.

Raised in Seward, Helmer is excited to continue to further involve himself in the community. He is currently finishing his senior year at Concordia University, Nebraska, studying business administration.

"I look forward to working with the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership team," Helmer said. "Seward County is a special place and has been home for

most of my life. I am excited to be partnering with local businesses and schools to provide career opportunities for students in the community."

In this new role with SCCDP, he will work on workforce development and housing projects, as well as assisting other team members to fulfill the organization's goals.

"Harrison will be a great addition to the SCCDP team as we work toward accomplishing our strategic planning goals in 2021 and beyond," SCCDP President and CEO Jonathan Jank said. "His connections throughout the community of Seward and



Harrison Helmer

Seward County will be instrumental in his position."

For more information, contact SCCDP at (402) 643-4189.

## BVCA launches telehealth program

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership now offers free access to telehealth services in Seward, Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Thayer and York counties.

This new program is funded by the CARES Act and was created to address some of the more pressing issues created by the Covid-19 pandemic. A survey BVCA circulated to clients and the general public in 2020 indicated many people in BVCA's service area could not utilize remote medical or mental healthcare due to a lack of technology and/or internet access.

BVCA's telehealth program will loan

clients a Chromebook or tablet for the purpose of online medical appointments. If the client does not have internet access at home, BVCA will provide a private, comfortable space at one of its facilities.

Each Family and Community Services office now has a station with a laptop and scanner clients can use, as well as an internet connection. Clients will still be billed by their healthcare providers, but there is no cost to rent or use BVCA's equipment.

BVCA's survey also indicated the pandemic contributed to a stark increase of feelings of depression and hopelessness. The organi-

zation will work with partner agencies to provide mental telehealth services at reduced or no cost to the client.

To learn more, contact the BVCA office in Seward at (402) 643-6425.

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Jace, as I mourn your loss, my pictures, music and your love for everyone will help me overcome some of this sadness I've gone through. This has been hard on me but God will provide for me.

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Julya Metschke, FCCLA T-shirt chair, delivers more than 500 T-shirts to Larry Joslin, program director at Living Water Rescue Mission in York.

## Over 500 T-shirts donated in drive

In an effort to assist the homeless one shirt at a time, the students of Seward High gathered over 500 new and nearly new T-shirts for the homeless and those in need of clothing, donating them to the Living Water Rescue Mission in York. The original goal was 250 tees.

The local campaign was coordinated by the members of the Seward High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America, co-chaired by SHS freshman Julya Metschke. The tees were donated to the York Mission during her Christmas holiday vacation. This is the sixth year the FCCLA has promoted this project.

The FCCLA members decided that one small way to assist the homeless was to gather/collect T-shirts for those in need and issued a call to the high school students to gather T-shirts for people who would use them and appreciate them.

"Most high school students have a drawer full of T-shirts that they never wear and we felt it was a way to help clothe the homeless," Metschke said. "We appreciated all the donations and everyone involved was glad to donate. We would like to

thank the community and students for helping with this project.

"Originally, our goal was a ton of tees, but because of the Christmas holiday vacation, our collection goal was modified to 500 tees. But the 500 Tees goal also has a good ring to it and it all helps the cause of aiding the homeless and less fortunate. This project really opened all of our eyes to the need and that poverty does exist everywhere in the USA, not just on the coasts.

"In many ways this is also a very good example of recycling, as these T-shirts are being put back into use and actually doing some good for someone, instead of just sitting in a drawer and never being worn."

Members sorted, folded and boxed them into cases and delivered over 500 T-shirts to the Living Water Rescue Mission in York. The students were invited to tour the facility and discover firsthand the needs of the homeless. They discussed other ways that the SHS FCCLA Chapter might serve those in need.

The concepts of helping the homeless and recycling are two of the pillars of service for the FCCLA this school year.

## Precision Tool under new ownership



BRADY OLTMANS/SCI

Anita and Terry Miller (pictured left and second from left) officially sold their Precision Tool shop on McKelvie Road in Seward to the Ackerman family including Taylor, Rebecca and Mark on Jan. 5. "I was running out of room at my parents' and was looking for another place for the shop," Taylor (center) said. "I saw this up for sale on Facebook, thought it was a good deal and went from there." The Ackerman family will take over the machine shop side of the building while the other half of the location was sold to Hillcrest Wedding Decor Rentals owner Crystal Nelson. Taylor has an mechanical engineering degree and will be offering those services at the site. The Millers would like to thank all their supporters throughout their 32 years of business.

## Students

### Chadron State College

Chadron State College has announced Cole Martinez of Ulysses qualified for the institution's fall 2020 President's List. The students have a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the

semester.

Chadron State College has announced Peyton Johansen of Utica qualified for the institution's Fall 2020 Dean's List with at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor's degree and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

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- Basketball
- Wrestling
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- Football playoffs

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## Severity hits close to home

by Caitlyn Nelson  
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This week I have to steer away from my lighthearted columns, which I write purposefully.

They help break up the seriousness of things going on in the world and I write them with that intent.

I know that everyone is tired of reading the word COVID everywhere you look, trust me, I am too. But, this week, I feel I need to share.

I was not unaware of the seriousness of COVID, but the severity only really hit me after I said the words, "my family really hasn't been majorly affected by COVID." I should have knocked on wood because not even two hours after uttering those words I got a call that completely changed my view on COVID and made it that much more real.

"Your dad has a major blood clot in his leg and smaller ones in his lungs," my mother told me over a phone call while I was at work.

This diagnosis came after he was diagnosed with COVID-19 earlier this year and pneumonia a few months later.

He would be put on blood thinners for the next six months, my mom told me.

Exactly one week later I got another message while I was working.

"Hey kid. Sounds like we are going to Norfolk with your dad. He's got fluid in his right lung and some bleeding that they want to drain," my mom's message read.

We are lucky this was all caught in time



**Caitlyn Nelson**  
Reporter



CAITLYN NELSON/SCI

**Holding my dad's hand in the hospital after he got his second chest tube in after having post-COVID-19 complications.**

but doesn't make it any easier. We were told if we would have waited even a day longer we may not have gotten the same outcome.

Fortunately, I was able to sneak away from Crete to go see him last week, but when I walked in I was face-to-face with something I never thought I would see - my dad in pain.

Let me put this in perspective. My dad is the kind of man who can almost cut his finger off chopping wood, duct tape it together and keep working. He dealt with severe knee pain for years while he was working laying flooring. He was even back to carrying in wood the day after he was diagnosed with pneumonia (against what we told him to do - rest). This man avoids the doctor like the plague, no pun intended.

It wasn't until I was sitting with him after he got his second chest tube put in that it really hit me, and I think that is how a lot of people are. They know it's bad but it hasn't impacted them close enough to really understand.

While he is doing better now, there was

always the chance he wouldn't and that's incredibly scary. And to know COVID was the thing that landed him in the hospital makes it even more real.

COVID is more than losing smell and taste. It affects people differently, but for some it really takes a toll, sometimes even a life. It's not just COVID and done, sometimes it causes a ball to roll of medical complications.

COVID doesn't just impact that singular person. It impacts the wife who takes off work to stay in the hospital. It impacts the son who has to take care of the house while the parents are gone. It impacts the daughter who has to take off work to help her brother. It impacts the employers who are missing those employees.

I won't be naive enough to think everyone who reads this will now take extra precautions because of this column, but I hope it shares the message that this is real and important.

Please continue to wear your mask and listen to the medical staff who are seeing this each and every day.

## Taking it one page at a time

by Hope Moural  
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Happy New Year, readers! This is my first column for 2021, so I thought I would get that out of the way first thing.

A few weeks ago, we had a poll question in our publications asking if New Year's resolutions were going to be made or not.

Judging solely from the response, many of you aren't, and that's OK.

I'll admit that I have, um, shall we say pretty low expectations for this year, but still have dreams and goals that need achieving.

Last year, (remember 2020?) I had a goal to simply keep track of the number of novels read. That was before the pandemic, when numerous events were canceled and I had no choice but to spend time indoors, wrapped up in blankets with some hot tea. (I embellished there but you get the point.)

In case you're curious, I read 26 books from January to December 2020. I slowly came to the realization this fall that I may enjoy nonfiction more than fiction, which really surprised me.

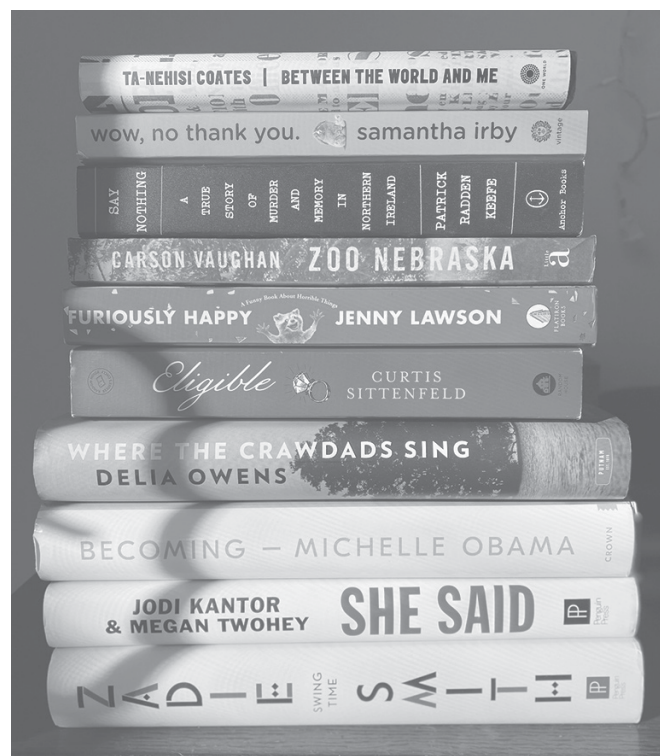
Maybe it's the journalist in me, but I like my facts laid out, dang it!

Out of those 26 novels, there were only three I didn't enjoy and really had to power through to complete.

To you this may



**Hope Moural**  
Reporter



HOPE MOURAL/SCI

**These are the books I read last year. What's on the list for 2021?**

sound like a lot of reading, and it might be, but I was actually a bit disappointed in myself.

I yelled "What?!" after counting them all up, thinking the number was closer to 40, or at least in the 30s.

Maybe I spend too much time tracking authors and other online bookworms that I overestimated my reading abilities.

I saw a post on Twitter that another woman read 150 novels also last year and I was all, "How?!" and "How can I be you?"

I try to read any chance I get, in the car, in between basketball games and at night before turning out the lights. (OK, some nights I nod off and don't remember where I left off, but we're all human.)

I've been doing this basically since I could

read, it's just this is the first year I thought my work was going to show.

Anyway, all of this is to say that this year's goal is to not compare myself to others reading habits or be hard on myself for goals not met.

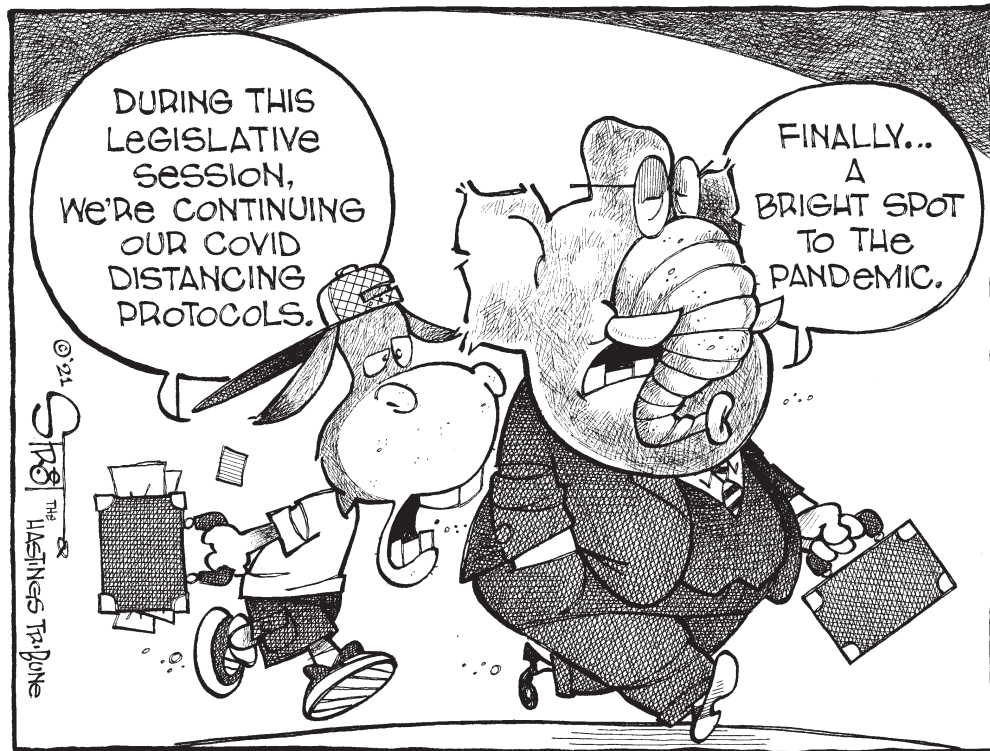
At this point, I think we all need a break and realize we aren't invincible, and things may no longer be expected of us that perhaps once were.

Put another way, it's alright to take a breather, take it day by day and just simply breathe.

In and out, in and out, there you go...

The year 2021 may be off to a crazy start so far, but I know for me at least, it will feature bunches of good literature, numerical goals met or not.

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# MHS performs Dante's Inferno

by Heath Kramer  
Seward County Independent

Never a group known for backing down to a challenge, the Malcolm High School drama program has taken some big steps over the years.

This year may have been one of its biggest as its director, Tami Maytum, made the decision to bump her group up from Class C1 to compete in Class A.

Her students accepted that challenge and soared as their adaptation of "Dante's Inferno" garnered a multitude of awards this fall and the production earned its way onto the stage at the Dec. 11 NSAA Class A State Championships in Norfolk. Malcolm placed fourth.

"The NSAA reclassified teams after last year and we got moved up to Class B," Maytum said. "We are C or C1 in every other sport."

"We thought competing in Class A was a risk but that it might actually give us more opportunities for success. Our students jumped on board and put in the extra work required to go up against schools 10 times our size."

One of the benefits of attending a smaller school is that students get to be in multiple activities throughout the year. That also means that the drama program has to share football, volleyball and basketball players as well as wrestlers, cross country runners and members of the band and choir.

Since August, the Malcolm thespians have been masking up before entering The Galley – Malcolm's drama and speech building – each morning for 6:30 rehearsals.

"These kids are hard workers," Maytum said. "At the beginning of the season, there were so

many questions that we could not answer. Were we even going to get a season? Do we even start this show and risk our hearts breaking if we lose another season? These kids needed this season."

Of course, COVID-19 and the accompanying cautions and restrictions added additional layers of challenge to the season as performers, often through no fault of their own, had to quarantine.

"It is physically, emotionally and mentally draining," Maytum said. "Each day we hold our breath and hope that we don't lose a team member to quarantine."

"We did so much switching around this season due to students needing to be gone, but they stepped in and covered parts that I didn't even realize were affected."

While mask wearing has become the norm, especially in schools and at extra-curricular activities, those simple pieces of cloth are just one more hurdle to overcome on the stage.

"Theatre is all about voices and facials," Maytum said. "Add a mask to everyone, and you take away some of the key components."

"Our makeup artists have had to be very creative and flexible this season."

Through all of the difficulties, Malcolm has again proven to be one of the top programs in the state. Its production, involving 87 students, earned district runner-up honors Dec. 5 at Lincoln High. The team claimed the East Central Nebraska Conference title and also took the top spot at the Mel Shoemaker Showcase in Kearney. Malcolm opened its season with a third place finish at the K-Dub Tournament at York.

Brian Streeter was named best actor at the ECNC event. Fellow cast members Archer Moody, Grace Schleinig, Ethan Wollberg, Hana Maddox, David Swotek, Addie Hejl, Tyler Thieman, Gavan Dunse, Russell Dunse, Jacob Clarke, Addison Earnest, Cyrena Miller, Scarlett Battles, Cora Schweitzer, Karter Kinkaid, Anna Schweitzer, Jayce Broughton, Kali Maytum, Scarlett Battles and Abby Cantrell all received outstanding performance awards this season.

The tech crew has won multiple awards this season and the production has also been recognized for best hair and makeup.

Maytum has plenty of help to get her and her performers through the long season.

"There is no way this could have been pulled off without my assistant and artistic director, Austyn McKee, and my technical director, Mike Maytum," the director said. "Each of us knows our responsibilities and brings our own unique talents and ideas to the table. We balance each other out beautifully."

"Our parents are a force. All I have to do is reach out, and they will do whatever needs to be done. And, believe me, I have made some pretty strange requests."

The trip to the state championships was Malcolm's seventh in the past nine years.

"Our students, our parents, my co-directors, have created some tradition over the past decade," Maytum said. "Even though it's a ton of work and hundreds of hours are invested by everyone involved, being a part of the one-act at Malcolm is something in which our students take a lot of pride."

# Future events to know about

## JANUARY 21

### Committee plans January meet

The monthly meeting of the Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the West Fireplace room of the Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street. The meeting is to plan and organize the 2021 Fourth of July Celebration and select honorees and committee chair. Volunteers are welcome and the meeting is open to the public.

The 2021 July 4 will honor the centennial of Hughes Brothers, Inc., founded in 1921, and the theme is "Made in America!" The committee also plans to honor the centennial of the Rivoli Theater, who was to be the honoree last year but the celebration was physically canceled and held only virtually. The theme for the Rivoli Centennial is "The Magic of Movies!" So, this year we hope to host a double celebration.

Nominations are still being sought for the Seward County Community Service Award for 2021. Names and resumes should be submitted to Clark Kolterman, 660 East Pinewood Ave., Seward, or email him at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org. A panel will compile the nominations and a committee cross section from throughout Seward County will vote on the honoree.

Committee reports will be heard at the Jan. 21 meeting and details for the 2021 event are being planned. For more information, contact Kolterman at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org

## FEBRUARY 22

### Rotary sponsors free movie

The Seward Rotary Club's annual "Winter Blahs" free children's movie (title yet to be announced) will be at the Seward Rivoli Theater on Monday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. with an effort to observe social distancing. The capacity for the movie is 150 due to Covid-19 restrictions. Masks are required to all in attendance. The Rotary asks that if you are able to contribute, each participant should bring a toiletry item or two cans of food to be donated to the Seward area outlets to assist in alleviating hunger. While the show is geared to children, the Rotary asks that a responsible adult also attends with the child or children. This presentation is a continuation of the Rivoli Theater's 100th anniversary with some special prizes that day.

## MARCH 26

### Save the date and study up - RESCHEDULED

The 11th annual PTL Trivia Night has been moved to Friday, March 26, at the Seward County Ag Pavilion. 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. 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. 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.

## THURSDAYS

### Family history questions?

#### Society can help

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.

## 'TIL FURTHER NOTICE

### Library doors closed to public

Seward Memorial Library has closed its doors to the public for the time being, but the drive-up window remains open all published hours as long as staff is available. Call the library at (402) 643-3318, text the staff at (402) 260-2202 or email the staff at [info@sewardlibrary.org](mailto:info@sewardlibrary.org) with requests or questions.

### Statehood celebration canceled

The Seward County Historical Society and Arts Council/Women's Club have decided not to host the annual Statehood Day celebration in March. Leaders felt it was too early to be together as a large group and those attending could not properly social distance at the museum or the Civic Center Auditorium. In addition, many of the Humanities Speakers are not presenting at this time. So we are cancelling at this time and will be back (hopefully) next year for all fourth graders to enjoy.

# Ag business workshops set

Beginning farmers and landowners throughout Nebraska are invited to attend four separate workshops to discuss starting and maintaining an agricultural business.

These free, virtual events are sponsored by the Center for Rural Affairs.

Passing the Torch Series will be on Thursdays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.:

- Jan 28: Land Transition Conversations
- Feb. 25: The Next-Gen Tax Credit
- March 11: Financing the Farm Business

• March 25: Decision Making in Tough Times

"Beginning an agriculture business can be daunting, and questions can arise at every turn," said Justin Carter, project associate with the Center for Rural Affairs. "These workshops will cover topics such as land transition; beneficial programs, specifically the beginning farmer tax credit; routine financing; and decision making during down times."

Courses will be instructed by Dave Goeller, retired dep-

uty director of North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and resource provider at Nebraska Rural Response Hotline.

Registration is required by noon the day of each event; sign up at [cfra.org/events](http://cfra.org/events). For more information, contact Carter at [justinc@cfra.org](mailto:justinc@cfra.org) or (402) 237-5082.

This project is funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture Beginning Farmer and Rancher Grant.

# Butcher talks TIF at Rotary

Seward City Administrator Greg Butcher was the featured program at the weekly Seward Rotary Club meeting. He is married to wife Karen, a special education teacher at Seward Elementary and has three children – Alex in fifth grade, Rex in first grade and Samantha in preschool.

The Butchers have lived in Seward for four years and enjoy living in Nebraska's Fourth of July City and all that the city offers for their family.

Greg Butcher presented a program on the TIF program and the ramifications of the financing program for economic development. TIF is the acronym for Tax Increment Financing. It was first authorized by the Nebraska Community Development Law, by a voter-approved amendment to the Nebraska Constitution in 1979.

TIF is a mechanism for spurring redevelopment in blighted and substandard areas of municipalities. Butcher pointed out that TIF takes additional future property tax dollars generated by the project, and reinvests in the project upfront.

Butcher presented the six steps in the TIF process, which included 1.) An area is declared blighted and substandard; 2.) The project application is turned in to the city; 3.) The application is reviewed by the city administrator; 4.) The TIF application is considered by the Community

Redevelopment Authority; 5.) The TIF application is considered by the Seward Planning Commission; and 6.) The TIF application is placed in final consideration by the Seward City Council.

He used the new Fast Mart TIF project as a successful example. Other TIF projects in the area include Sports Express, Cobblestone Inn, Jones Bank, Jones Insurance Agency, GNG (Old Middle School), Bottle Rocket Brewing, Urgent Care, Dairy Queen, Fast Mart, Plex Homes (North Columbia apartments), Alps Dog Retreat and the IH Feary Building.

He noted that he is most proud of the work of TIF in dealing with the successful IH Feary Building in downtown Seward, keeping the integrity of the beautiful downtown restoration intact.

He also addressed issues with the TIF program. Some deal with the claim that TIF diverts funds away from the other taxing entities (school districts, ESU, county, city Airport Authority) for a period of 15 years.

He commented on Greenfield Development, asking if it is truly redevelopment, considering the issue of commercial vs industrial development. He noted that to date, TIF use for residential projects is very limited in the Seward area.



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## Veteran Tribute project presented

Michelle Waite, assistant to the Chancellor for Government and Military Relations on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus, was the program at the Dec. 30 Seward Rotary Club noon Zoom meeting.

She also serves as the ROTC liaison on behalf of the chancellor and the MVSC/Student Veteran's Center. She is a Blue Star Mother, with a child in the military. She was introduced by the Rotary program chairman, Seward Rotarian Sen. Mark Kolterman.

Waite updated the Seward Rotary members on the history of the Veterans Tribute Project. The University of Nebraska is involved with this Veterans Tribute, because it is a land grant institution, signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862.

That legislation donated land to each state for the establishment of colleges to provide a liberal and practical education to the industrial class or the common person. These colleges would provide instruction in agriculture, military tactics, the mechanical arts and classical studies.

The tribute project began with a request by John Hilgert, the state director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, almost three years ago, to celebrate the centennial of the end of World War I and Armistice Day.

The University of Nebraska has traditionally celebrated with a tribute to veterans at the home football game around Veterans Day, and centered on various ideas of ways to enhance that football game day experience.

At the same time, members of the community also hoped to enhance Memorial Stadium in honor of our veterans. Both Memorial Stadium and Memorial Mall were named to honor our veterans. Plans were unveiled to renovate Memorial Mall.

Several suggestions were received, and after significant research, it was decided UNL would attempt to find and replicate the original plaques that were supposedly mounted at the original entrance of the East Stadium honoring the 113 students who fought in World War I.

As an outcome of the creation of these plaques came a continued interest in honoring all the members of the military, veterans and their families.

Waite said the end result of all of these efforts was the Veterans' Tribute. With the chancellor's com-

mitment to the project, support was provided to contract with a design team. Input was also received from members of the military and veterans, military organizations and student veterans.

The Tribute will be located just outside of the south steps adjacent to the Pershing Military and Navel Science Building, with the design moving west alongside the building east of the coliseum. The Tribute will honor veterans, members of the military and their families, illustrating the multiple facets of a service members' life, including the importance of family, faith and camaraderie, while also depicting the personal sacrifice that military service entails, with a focus on the positive attributes and humanitarian missions.

Her presentation focused on the proposed design of the Veterans Tribute, showing the steps at the front of the ROTC building featuring a flag plaza and performance and staging and formation area.

She said the panels on the Veterans' Tribute design are modeled after the American Veterans' Disabled for Life Memorial with glass panels that depict the life of a service member and their family.

She personally visited the AVDLM memorial in Washington, D.C., and visited with DAV representatives. Since early summer, the committee has been soliciting input for the text of the panels from veterans and members of the military and families.

The project model showed plantings and seating areas meant to create a space that will be used for education, reflection, rest and study. Located just east of Memorial Stadium, directly adjacent to the Athletic Hall of Fame, the project encourages and welcomes the foot traffic of the 92,000 UNL football fans.

The current fundraising campaign is now focusing on educating the public about this project, with a \$4.5 million total cost/fundraising goal, including the \$3.75 million of construction costs. She said the conceptual design is complete, yet construction has paused in light of Covid. The committee continues to refine input on the panel content and continues with fundraising efforts.

For more information on the project, contact Waite at (402) 472-2116 or email her at mwaite1@unl.edu.

## What to know about the improved Paycheck Protection Program

by Zane Francescato  
SCDDP Development and Government  
Affairs Director

On Dec. 27, 2020, a massive omnibus package was signed into law. This package included \$900 billion for COVID-19 relief to be used for another round of stimulus payments, enhanced unemployment benefits, education funding and direct aid to businesses still suffering from the economic fallout caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the various provisions of the package, the highly popular Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program was improved and reconstituted with \$285 million in funding. Originally passed in March 2020, the PPP forgivable loan program is designed to provide direct aid to small businesses to keep their employees on payroll and doors open. Any small business that meets the SBA size standards that has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for a PPP loan.

While the reconstituted PPP program is targeted for first draw PPP borrowers (businesses who have not received a PPP loan), second draw PPP borrowers (businesses who have received a PPP

loan) may still apply if they qualify. For second draw borrowers to qualify, they must show that they have 300 or fewer employees, have used or will use the full amount of their first PPP loan and can show a 25% gross revenue decline in any 2020 quarter compared with the same quarter in 2019.

Small businesses who are approved for a PPP loan may get an amount of up to 2.5 times their average monthly payroll costs in the year prior to the loan up to \$2 million. Any business with NAICS codes starting with 72 (hotels and restaurants) can get up to 3.5 times their average monthly payroll costs, again subject to the \$2 million maximum.

Any PPP loans under \$150,000 are designed to be forgivable, given the business uses the loan for eligible business expenses, meets the employee retention criteria, and can show that at least 60% of the loan was used on payroll and the remaining 40% on other eligible expenses over the loan's cover period.

Some of the key improvements/changes to PPP include:

- Maximum loan amount now set at \$2 million (down from \$10 million).
- Businesses can now

set their PPP loan's cover period to be any length between 8 and 24 weeks depending on business needs.

- Eligible expenses now cover operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs and worker protection expenditures.

- Expands PPP eligibility for 501(c)(6) nonprofits, including local newspapers, radio and television broadcasters and direct marketing organizations.

- Greater flexibility for seasonal employees.

- A simplified one-page forgiveness application for loans under \$150,000.

- Declaration that PPP loans will not be taxable income by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Between Jan. 11 and March 31, the SBA will accept applications from SBA approved lending institutions for PPP loans. The Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership recommends interested businesses reach out to their lender to see if they are SBA approved and start the application process as soon as possible.

For more information, visit [www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program](http://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program).

## Success with houseplants: Humidity

by Sarah Browning  
Lancaster County Extension educator

Last week, we looked at using supplemental LED light to improve the growth of your houseplants during winter. Two more factors playing a key role in winter plant success are humidity and fertilization.

### Humidity

Many houseplants are native to tropical regions, being adapted to rainforest or riverside humidity levels. Knowing this makes it easier to understand why growing some plants indoors can be such a challenge.

During the summer, air conditioning systems circulate cool, dry air; in winter, furnaces produce warm, dry air. The Mayo Clinic recommends indoor humidity stay between 30-50% for human health and comfort, but many homes have much lower humidity levels. For plants, humidity requirements vary by species, but generally 70-80% is best.

Plants take in water through their roots and it is pulled up the stems, into leaves and released from tiny openings in the leaf surface through a process called transpiration. Water loss moves more quickly when temperatures are high, sunlight is intense, drafts are present or humidity is low. Fast water loss through the leaves makes it more difficult for a plant to maintain a good hydration level.

Drying and browning around leaf edges or tips is a common symptom of low humidity. This is similar to marginal leaf scorch seen in outdoor trees during August, when leaf edges turn brown, dry, brittle and papery during very hot, dry conditions.

Selecting plants based on their need for high humidity is one way to work around this problem. Ferns (many species), Rex begonias, Prayer Plant (*Maranta* spp.) and Calathea spp. are just a few of the plants requiring high humidity to grow well. Plants that tolerate low humidity well include cacti, succulents, cast iron plant (*Aspidistra* sp.), Chinese evergreen (*Aglaonema* sp.), Devil's Ivy or money plant (*Scindapsus aureus*), Philodendrons and Draceanas, to name a few.



Sarah Browning  
Extension educator

### Providing extra humidity

Increasing humidity throughout your entire home can be done by installing a humidifier on your HVAC system. This may provide you benefits, too, if your home air is uncomfortably dry during winter. Or use a portable humidifier to adjust levels in individual rooms.

Another option is to place plants in bathrooms or kitchens, rooms normally more humid than the majority of the house. Avoid placing plants on or near outside doors, radiators, heat vents and ducts.

Grouping plants together can also help. As plants release water from their leaves through transpiration, they create a small pocket of slightly higher humidity. Several plants grouped together can benefit each other.

Creating a pebble tray is another option. Choose a tray or saucer, one to two inches deep and slightly larger than the plant's container, two to three inches on each side. Fill it with gravel or decorative stones. Place the plant on top of the stones and pour water amongst the stones in the saucer, keeping the water below the base of the plant's container. The plant should never sit in water, which would cause constantly wet soil and root rot. As water evaporates from the pebble tray, it will increase humidity around the plant's foliage. Replenish water in the pebble tray as needed.

Finally, use a cloche or bell jar. This tall, bell-shaped, glass covering is placed over humidity-loving plants to trap moisture evaporating from the soil or being released from the leaves, maintaining a higher level of humidity.

Misting plants is not an effective solution. You would need to mist plants on a very frequent basis, every few minutes, to make any real difference in overall air humidity levels. Plus, continual leaf wetness makes plants more susceptible to leaf spot diseases. If you do mist your plants, do it early in the day so their leaves are dry by nighttime. Cool, damp leaf surfaces during night are an ideal environment for disease infection.

Next week we'll finish this series with a close look at houseplant fertilization, particularly in winter.

## On-farm research updates scheduled

by Jenny Rees  
Seward/York counties Extension educator

It was great to have in-person meetings last week. Even though the set up and planning was more taxing, I'm grateful we were able to have them.



Jenny Rees  
Extension educator

Also, wanted to thank those who responded to the Extension survey for me; your feedback is greatly appreciated.

**In-person Extension meetings** are 'a go' for this coming week for this part of the state. For Crop Production Clinics, groups are allowed to watch together at coops or businesses if you prefer. You will still need to register individually. Your 'ticket' for recertification is to individually complete the program evaluation and provide the codes provided during sessions throughout the day.

Please also know any of the area Extension offices will work with you regarding picking up weed guides regardless of where you said you'd pick them up. Thank you for your patience as we navigate all this together!

**Farm Bill:** I received a number of calls this week regarding 2021 election sign-up. Honestly, I haven't had the opportunity to run numbers in the tools yet. Will provide

more info in a future column.

### On-farm research:

This past week, we also peer reviewed all the on-farm research studies conducted in 2020. There were 20 studies where farmers worked with me in this part of the state and I'm grateful to all of them for their efforts. My hope is to share research results in the coming weeks as reports are finalized.

Our on-farm research updates will occur Feb. 25-26 and I'm really pumped about the format. The meetings will be morning only, hosted by the local Extension educator, providing more discussion of studies shared by the farmers and allow planning for the upcoming year. Those attending virtually will discuss as their own group. Pre-register early to ensure a spot. Register at: <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/nebraska-farm-research-network-results-update-meetings-2021>.

**De-icing agents** are sometimes needed for safety but can be harmful to plants. You may wish to check what you're using at home. Common deicing compounds are listed below. These may be used alone or blended together to improve performance or reduce damage to concrete or landscapes.

Also, keep products on hand that improve footing on slick surfaces, like sand, sawdust, or cat litter. They can be used instead of traditional deicing products,

or blended with them to improve traction and limit deicer use.

- Sodium chloride, urea, and potassium chloride have high potential of damaging landscape plants.

- Calcium chloride is the most effective deicing product at low temperatures, working down to -25°F. It will not damage vegetation if used as directed.

- Magnesium chloride is sprayed on roadways before a snowstorm to prevent ice bonds from forming, making ice and snow removal easier. It causes very little damage to concrete or metal. It's also gentle on landscape plants and pet safe if used as directed.

- Acetates can be found in three forms – calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), sodium acetate and potassium acetate. CMA is a salt-free product and is the safest product for use around pets and landscape plants. CMA is made from dolomitic limestone and acetic acid (the principal component of vinegar). Studies have shown the material has little impact on plants. It also has a very low level of damage to concrete or metal.

- Beet juice deicers, a newer organic option, are products derived from beet juice. They contain only 12% sodium chloride (salt), much less than traditional sodium chloride. Beet juice products are fully biodegradable, but shouldn't be applied where melt runoff will move to aquatic areas.

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## Seward High Youth Rotarian

**Name:** Hannah Helmer

**Parents:** Dr. Joel and Holly Helmer

**Activities:** SHS volleyball, track and field, SkillsUSA, Bluejay Leadership Team, Future Business Leaders of America, one act, soeoch, yearbook, Shooting Stars 4-H Club, 4-H Council, godparents, Vacation Bible School and Summer Horizons leader, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, hunting

**Honors:** SHS honor roll, National Honor Society, certified in Microsoft Word, Best Actor at district one acts, shot the 33rd biggest elk in The Boone and Crockett Record Book

**Work:** Seward Walmart, lifeguard at Dowding Municipal Pool, Premier Detasseling, babysitting, Kaboomers Fireworks Stand

**Church:** St. John Lutheran Church

**Service Above Self:** FBLA, SHS Leadership Team, SkillsUSA, 4-H,



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Hannah Helmer, right, is presented her Rotary Banner and mementos from the Seward Rotary Club by Seward Rotary Club Past President Todd LaVelle at a recent Seward Rotary meeting.

Vacation Bible School, summer youth camps

**College plans:** Concordia University but has not chosen a major; minor in self-led art focusing on ceramics and painting

## Luebbes to celebrate 50 years

Ron and Cheryl Luebbe of York will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

They were married Jan. 17, 1971, in Staplehurst.

The couple has three children including Christopher and Paulette Luebbe of Lincoln, Rachel and Jerry Theis of Kearney and Chad and Sandra Luebbe of Eagle.

They also have numerous grandchildren including Alex, Liz, Lillian, Jacob, David,



Ron and Cheryl Luebbe

Jerrel and Sevin.

To celebrate, their family is requesting a card shower. Cards may be sent to 1302 Road 6, York, NE 68467.

## Hold your horses!



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You don't see that every day ... commuters and passersby on Highway 34 alongside Bern's Body Shop spotted a few horses and their owners walking on the street Jan. 7. The group received assistance from Seward County law enforcement to guide them to their destination in a safe manner.

**Shop Seward,  
shop local!**

## Students

### Augustana University

Augustana University (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) has announced that Delaney Read of Seward has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or above.

### Hastings College

Hastings College has announced the Dean's List for its fall 2020 semester. Students on the list from this area include Morgan Soucek and Kelsie Zadena from Seward, both earning a 4.0 grade point average, Bragan Meyer of Milford and Justin Heine of Waco. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 scale and be registered for full-time coursework.

### University of Nebraska at Kearney

The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced students who earned a place on the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester. Students who are on the dean's list must have completed 12 credit hours or more of classes with a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale. Students earning a place on the dean's list from this area include:

Malcolm—Mikayla Brady and Kaylee Shafer  
Milford—Shelby Gropp, Elijah Lynch, Tylin Masco, Andrew Pierce, Chelsea Stutzman and Tatum Vondra

Seward—Alysa Biggs, Tatum Criner, Jaeden Koch, Kenna Piskorski and Danielle Policky

Ulysses—Mary Fiala  
Utica—Tanner Barth, McKenna Gierhan, Heath Haberman, Devin Johansen, Logan Johansen and Aurora Junge

# GEORGE & ROSANN PEKAREK

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Mom - "Make sure Dad lets up!"

For those who got the invitation (1/2 the county), postdate it to Friday, 1/9/2026 due to the current circumstances.

See you at the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!  
1504 Old Mill



*Congratulations again!*



**Carol N. Herrold**  
Nov. 5, 1932 – Jan. 7, 2021

Carol Nadeen (Rocker) Herrold passed away peacefully on Jan. 7, 2021, in Trenton, Missouri. She was born Nov. 5, 1932, at the family home on the farm in Seward to Edward and Lydia Rocker. She grew up in Seward and graduated from Seward High School in 1950. While in high school, she met Dale Herrold at an outing to a polka dance hall. They were married in Seward on Jan. 27, 1952.



Carol was a school teacher for several years and taught in a one-room school with a wood stove. Dale joined the Navy after they married and they moved around the country while he was in the service but landed back in Seward in 1955. They bought their first farm and settled into farming and raising their five kids in Eagle in 1956. In 1972, they pulled up roots and moved to Missouri where she and Dale bought several farms over the years. In 1994, she and Dale built their retirement home on Lake Trenton, where they spent many happy years until Dale passed in 2019.

Carol was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Last year, she became a great-great-grandmother for the first time and was looking forward to the birth of another great-grandson in March. All the younger generations loved their special time spent with Grandma Carol.

Carol joined many organizations and clubs throughout the years. She was very active in the Elks Ladies, made dozens of bears for Hospice patients, and had great fun with her best friends "The Fearsome Foursome" in the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include brother, Dale Rocker (Sandi) of Seward; sister-in-law, Marilyn Rocker of Seward; daughter, Stephanie Jarusek of Columbus (Mick, deceased); son, Mike Herrold (Joyce) of Trenton, Missouri; son, Dan Herrold (Debbie Gale) of Coffey, Missouri; daughter, Valerie Scott (Todd) of Dallas, Texas, and son, Doug Herrold (Debbie JoAnn) of Nixa, Missouri. Carol had 13 grandchildren, Amy Axtell (Joey), Brandon Herrold (Camille), Andrea Pullan (Dan), Alisha Herrold, Michelle Petersen, Tami Freeland (Cody), Seth Herrold (Tiffany), Benjamin Herrold, Abbie Herrold, Tyler Herrold (Brittany), Nathan Herrold (Nicole), Logan Scott and Bryan Scott. The next generation of great-grandchildren are: Riley (Lakynn), Reed and Brock Herrold, Morgan and Corbin Axtell, Micah, Joel and Camryn Petersen, Hailey and Trevor Freeland, Chloe Pullan, Sophia Herrold, Cash Herrold, and soon-to-arrive Hayes Herrold. Carol's great-great-grandson, Jameson Riley Herrold, was born Sept. 27, 2020.

Preceding Carol in death include her husband, Dale Herrold; her parents, Edward and Lydia Rocker; brothers, Dean and Duane Rocker; and son-in-law, Mick Jarusek.

A private service will be held later with burial in Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Carol Herrold Memorial and left with or mailed to Resthaven Mortuary in Trenton.

**Nicole R. Smith**  
April 23, 1972 – Dec. 31, 2020

Nicole Renee Smith was born on April 23, 1972, in Omaha to Donald Eugene and Linda Sue (Russell) Smith and passed away Dec. 31, 2020, in Lincoln, at the age of 48 years, 8 months and 8 days.



Nicole moved with the family to Texas when she was six years old and then back to Nebraska to start her sophomore year at East Butler High School. She graduated with the Class of 1990. Nicole worked for several years at Valentinos in Seward. She later worked at (Walkers) Tenneco for nearly 10 years before her health started to fail. Nicole moved back to Ulysses to be with her mom while her father was sick. In 2011, she moved to Hickman to be closer to her brother, Jeff. She loved her dogs and cats. Nicole enjoyed camping, fishing and watching her Minnesota Vikings and Nebraska Cornhuskers. She also loved collecting anything M&Ms. Nicole was always on the go until she lost her legs to diabetes, but that still didn't slow her down much. She met her partner, Kristi Vlasak, and they shared their life together for 14 years until Kristi passed away in 2014.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Smith; grandparents, Donald and Melvina Smith, Lyle Russell and Joy Russell; her partner, Kristi Vlasak.

Survivors include her mother, Linda Smith, Ulysses; two brothers, Jeff Smith, Hickman, and Greg and wife, April, Smith of Pleasant Dale; four nieces and nephews, Zachary Smith, Beatrice, Desirae Valentine, Lincoln, Cameron Furasek, Valparaiso, and Katie Smith, Pleasant Dale; three aunts, Bonnie Hemenez, Hayward, California, Norene Graham, Seward, and Sharon Wadland, Ulysses; cousins and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Smith family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).

**Aliya G. Acuña**  
May 1, 2005 – Jan. 4, 2021

Aliya Giselle Acuña, of Seward, formerly of Norfolk, daughter of Kelly Schipper and Israel Acuña Martinez, was born May 1, 2005, in Des Moines, Iowa. Aliya passed away Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at her residence in Seward.



She attended Grant Elementary School, Norfolk Middle School and Norfolk Junior High School.

Aliya enjoyed her pet cats, riding horses, adventures and exploring in nature, dressing up, studying psychology and personality types, drawing, and joking around with friends and family. She was a member of the Norfolk Church of Christ.

Survivors include her parents, Scott and Kelly (Schipper) DeCamp of Seward; her father, Israel Acuña Martinez of Mexico; a sister, Felicity Acuña of Norfolk; and her grandparents, Minister Jeff and Deborah Schipper of Norfolk and Lorenzo Acuña and Eva Acuña Martinez of Mexico. She was preceded in death by her stillborn brother, Michael DeCamp.

A funeral service was Jan. 9 at the Norfolk Church of Christ in Norfolk with interment at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

**JoAnn C. Nuetzman**  
May 8, 1934 – Dec. 28, 2020

JoAnn Carolyn (Chudomelka) Nuetzman of Estes Park, Colorado, passed to join her loving husband, Raymond, on Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at the age of 86 years. Jo, affectionately known as Nana, was a modern-day Renaissance woman due to her love of travel and history, fun fashion sense and adventurous nature. She pursued a number of interesting careers and was a life-long learner.



JoAnn was born May 8, 1934, in Omaha, to Jerome Albert Sr. and Anna Carolyn (Nepodal) Chudomelka and was the youngest of three children, with brothers Jerome Albert Jr. and Richard. Jo was a graduate of Schuyler High School and attended St. Catherine's Nurses Training in Omaha. She was proud to say that she was a minister's wife, of Czech heritage and that she was a nurse. She did private nursing care in Colorado, worked as a caregiver at nursing homes, was a church camp nurse and traveled with college groups to Europe as a tour group nurse.

JoAnn met her future husband, Ray, while singing in the church choir in Schuyler. She married her handsome lay preacher on Oct. 27, 1953. They were married for 61 years until his passing in 2014. The couple moved to Colorado Springs the next year to serve St. Paul's Methodist Church while Ray attended Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

The family moved back to Nebraska to serve the St. Edward Methodist Church in 1957 for five years before moving to Seward in 1962, staying for 11 years. During their time in Seward, Jo worked as a nurse, then as the high school secretary for Concordia High School. She then became the Psychology Department secretary at Concordia Teachers College. In 1973, the family moved to Kearney, where Jo was the assistant to the graduate dean and then the assistant to the art department dean at Kearney State College for many years.

The couple moved to Estes Park in 1991, where in semi-retirement, they enjoyed their beautiful Rocky Mountains and being near nature. Jo enjoyed comforting people at the Allnut Funeral Home and working for the Nature Association in RMNP. She took pride in showing her knowledge of nature and historical facts while visiting with people from all over the world.

She and Ray loved to travel together, whether throughout North America or across the sea to Europe. Jo always knew her history and researched prior to each trip, bringing home beautiful souvenirs that adorned their home and as presents for loved ones. Jo was a creative person who expressed herself through fashion and was a good seamstress. She enjoyed doing projects, reading and attending Bible study and church fellowship in Estes.

JoAnn always encouraged and supported her two girls academically and in the arts. She told them frequently how proud she was of them and was also proud of her two grandchildren. She treated her son-in-laws as sons.

Missing her are her daughters, Suzanne Jo Mayo and her husband Gerald of Estes Park, Deborah Rae Soneson and her husband Jeff of Holdrege; two grandchildren, Kirsten Soneson and her husband Angel Hernandez of Omaha and Evan Soneson of Lincoln; and a special great-grandson Hudson Mayo of Whittier, California, as well as extended family and dear friends.

Preceding her to her heavenly home were her beloved husband, Raymond E. Nuetzman; her parents; parents-in-law; two brothers, and many relatives and special friends.

A private family Celebration of Life ceremony will be held in the mountains in the spring. Memorial contributions are suggested to CNA and caregiver educational scholarships.

**Eldon L. Gruntorad**  
July 20, 1935 – Jan. 4, 2021

Eldon Louis Gruntorad was born on the Gruntorad family farm on July 20, 1935, in Seward to Louis and Lillian (Coufal) Gruntorad and passed away at his loving home on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 15 days.



He attended Seward County Rural Schools (northwest of Seward) before attending Seward Junior and Senior High School. He graduated from Seward High School in 1953. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but accepted a position with the Nebraska Department of Roads in Hyannis before completing his degree. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Ann (Kosch) Gruntorad, on June 29, 1957, in Shelby at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Three daughters were born from this union – Laura (Alt), Lisa (Davison) and Julie (Prochaska) Gruntorad. Eldon and Ann raised their family on the family farm before moving to their new house in 1981.

Eldon was a lifetime farmer, helping his parents on the family farm. He became a second-generation farmer tilling the same ground that his father did. He enjoyed raising cattle with his father. He was a lifelong member of the St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, Seward. He enjoyed the dance floor with his wife and loved listening to polka. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and their longtime friends of more than 50 years, John and Kay Keller. His favorite travel destination was South Padre Island, Texas. He enjoyed his card club for 35 years. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren perform in concerts and competing in sporting events.

Eldon is survived by his wife, Ann of Seward; daughters, Laura (Ron) Alt of Shelby and Julie (Ron) Prochaska of Seward; son-in-law, Dale Davison of Greenwood; grandchildren: Jennifer (Andy) Condon, Jonathan Alt, Bryant (Aubrey) Alt, Katrina Havlovec, Justin (Darci) Davison, Seth (Nikki) Davison, Drew (Kayla) Davison, Travis Prochaska and Traci Prochaska; 20 great-grandchildren, and a host of other friends and relatives.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Lillian Gruntorad, and his daughter, Lisa (Gruntorad) Davison.

Mass of Christian Burial was Jan. 7 with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Gruntorad family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).

**Pamela L. Radford**  
April 20, 1955 – Jan. 5, 2021

Pamela Lea Radford was born April 20, 1955, in Lincoln, to Jack and Gladys (Burdick) Lear and passed away Jan. 5, 2021, in Seward, at the age of 65 years, 8 months and 16 days.



Pamela grew up in the Havelock and Waverly areas, attending school in Waverly. While growing up, she loved helping her neighbor with their horses.

On Sept. 20, 1974, Pamela was united in marriage to LeRoy Radford in Seward, and to this union, five children were born. Pamela loved cooking, baking and sewing. She also enjoyed working on crossword puzzles. Pamela and LeRoy loved gardening and did a lot of canning together. She enjoyed being with her family and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pamela was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Garland.

Pamela is preceded in death by her parents; son, Eric Radford; two daughters, Erin and Lori Radford; two sisters, Karen and Connie; seven brothers-in-law and five sisters-in-law.

Survivors cherishing her memory include her husband, LeRoy Radford, Garland; children, Jennifer (Radford) Woodard, Lincoln, Lonny Radford, Dorchester, Tammy and husband, Jeff Draper, Valparaiso, and Dave Radford, David City; grandchildren, Robert (Nikki) Draper, Michelle (Scott) Nice, Jr., Stephanie (Austin) Novak, Ryan Radford, Robbie Hillard, Jacob Rolenc, Brayden Radford and Braden Radford; great-grandchildren, Scotty Nice III, Joelle Nice, Jaxton Nice, Chase Draper, William Novak and Troy Novak; many nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Irene Houdersheldt, Marion Radford, Verna Neujahr, Donna Radford, Weldon and Trudy Radford, Dale Anderson, Marty Jacobs and Bill and Evelyn Reynolds.

Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward with family receiving friends from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at Zion Lutheran Church in Garland with a graveside service and interment at the church cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Radford family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).



## Obituaries

### Clara M. Krieser

May 19, 1923 – Jan. 2, 2021

Clara Marie Krieser, 97, of Seward, passed away Jan. 2, 2021, in Lincoln. She was born at home on May 19, 1923, to farmer Henry and Minnie Schildt of Pleasant Dale. Clara was baptized (1923) and confirmed (1936) at Immanuel Lutheran Church by Pastor Mertz. She attended the one-room Middle Creek School. She graduated eighth grade at the age of 12 to work on her father's farm, helping with the hay, milking the cows and taking care of livestock until she married at the age of 18.



On Oct. 22, 1941 Clara married Erwin Krieser at the Middle Creek parsonage by Pastor W.C. Ollenburg and moved to rural Garland. She worked their farm, walking through the "junk" (pasture) to get the cows to milk, gardening, canning and raising four children.

She later worked outside of the home and became known for her famous chili at Li'l Lueb's Bar in Seward. She also cleaned businesses in Seward, including Blevins Law Office, Dale's Motel and Vahl Drug, until she retired. She was widowed at age 58.

Clara was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and was fond of hand quilting in the Ladies Aid and playing Pickle cards at the Seward VFW. She enjoyed playing cards, especially with her grandchildren – who would sometimes catch her cheating – and indulged in an occasional trip to the casino to play the slots.

She delighted in being included in family vacations and even a Caribbean cruise. Clara happily attended many of her grandchildren's school activities and continued with her great-grandchildren's events.

As the years passed, affectionately known as "Great Grandma Ho Hum," Clara's most favorite place became her own home. She took pleasure in watching her favorite soap opera, completing the Word Jumble in the newspaper and chatting on the phone with friends and family. She relied on and treasured her daughter Bev's daily phone calls to check in and chat.

Clara took joy in receiving visitors, above all, her son, Clark, on his daily stops to check on her and visit. She always had her homemade German Gritzwurst ready for son, Phil, to enjoy and take home when visiting. She was patient and generous and was a truly kind, strong and humble woman, who will be greatly missed.

Clara is survived by her daughter, Beverly (Robert) Naber, Waco; son, Philip (Cheryl) Krieser, Green Valley, Arizona, and son, Clark (Diane) Krieser, Seward; grandchildren, Jonathan Krieser, Denver, Colorado; Julie (Steve) Schroeder, Lincoln; Jennifer (Tim) Kennel, Polk, Keri Krieser, Davenport, Florida, Matthew (Misty) Krieser, Grand Island, and Nathan (Andrea) Krieser, Lincoln; nine great-grandchildren, Stephanie and Mark Schroeder, Lincoln, Maddie Krieser, Davenport, Florida, Addison and Charlie Krieser, Grand Island, and Alana, Abigail, Aubriana and Kamden Krieser, Lincoln; sister-in-law, Lola Schildt, Seward; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Clara is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Erwin (1981); son, Douglas (1990); granddaughter, Corina Krieser (2001); grandson, Jeffrey Naber (2012); sister, Selma Murphy; brothers, Martin and Raymond Schildt and one sister-in-law, Ida Schildt.

A memorial service was Jan. 11 with private inurnment at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery (Middle Creek) in rural Seward. Memorial contributions are suggested in care of Immanuel Lutheran Church (Middle Creek) or Heartfelt Inc. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.volzkefuneralhome.com](http://www.volzkefuneralhome.com).

### Nenita A. Schweitzer

March 28, 1954 – Jan. 4, 2021

Nenita Amongo Schweitzer of Seward was born March 28, 1954, in the Phillipines to Gregorio and Crispina (Amongo) DelaCruz.

On Aug. 13, 1988, Nenita was united in marriage to Gary Schweitzer in Goehner. She worked in the food service industry. Most recently, she worked for Chartwells as a line server, retiring in 2015. Nenita was a member of Friedens United Church of Christ in Goehner. In her free time, she enjoyed bowling, crocheting, traveling and cooking. She also enjoyed gardening and playing Scrabble. Nenita passed away Jan. 4, 2021, in Lincoln, at the age of 66 years, 9 months and 7 days.



She is survived by her husband, Gary Schweitzer, Seward; son, Rosauro Amongo DelaCruz; daughters, Rhoda Amongo DelaCruz and Rowena Amongo DelaCruz, all of the Phillipines. Nenita was preceded in death by her parents, Gregorio and Crispina DelaCruz; and brothers, Bonnie DelaCruz and Mar DelaCruz.

A funeral service was Jan. 9 with interment at the Greenwood Cemetery in Seward. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.volzkefuneralhome.com](http://www.volzkefuneralhome.com).

### Shirley A. Stauffer

Oct. 24, 1939 – Jan. 6, 2021

Shirley A. Stauffer was born Oct. 24, 1939, and passed away Jan. 6, 2021. Arrangements are pending with Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward. A full obituary may be found and condolences left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).

## Traffic

Information taken from Seward County court records.

### Dec. 21– Jan. 3

Jesus E. Navarro Torres, 34, Lincoln, no valid registration of car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Benjamin B. Morrison, 28, Rome, Georgia, CMV-HOS log false, \$200 fine; fail to stay in lane, \$25 fine.

Corana L. Culver, 30, Milford, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Ethan L. Price, 20, Milford, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, \$25 fine.

Amber M. Leibrich, 34, Columbia Heights, Minnesota, speeding 16-20 mph interstate, \$125 fine.

Christopher M. Sinner, 48, Lincoln, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine; no motorcycle operator's

license, \$75 fine.

Jennifer L. Moffatt, 29, Omaha, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine; no operator's license waivable, \$75 fine.

Samuel M. Johnson, 18, Lincoln, speeding 21-35 mph county/state, \$200 fine.

Debra K. Sheldon, 69, Milford, violate stop or yield sign, \$75 fine.

Wilson R. Perez Ramirez, speeding 21-35 mph county/state, \$200 fine; no operator's license waivable, \$75 fine.

Michael J. Tolbert, 23, Winter Garden, Florida, speeding, 16-20 mph interstate, \$125 fine.

Annette M. Roth, 52, York, violate stop or yield sign, \$75 fine.

Kimberly K. Waddell, 41, Lincoln, no operator's license waivable, \$75 fine.

## Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Department.

### Dec. 25

5:25 p.m.—A caller in the 500 block of Roberts Street reported a gas drive-off in the amount of \$28.90.

7:26 p.m.—A customer found a credit card in the parking lot at Dollar General. The card was taken to the police department and returned to the owner.

### Dec. 26

5:14 p.m.—A caller in the 800 block of Twin Oaks Road reported a neighbor had threatened to shoot the caller's dog and pointed a gun at the caller and their dog. The neighbor was arrested and transported to the Seward County Detention Center.

### Dec. 28

6:55 p.m.—A customer at Walmart reported they believed they had left a wallet in a shopping cart. Walmart had located the wallet and was holding it for the customer to return and pick it up.

### Dec. 29

9:48 p.m.—A caller in the 800 block of North Columbia reported two vehicles "whipping kitties" in the parking lot east of the fieldhouse.

### Dec. 30

1:41 p.m.—A caller in the 1600 block of Rainbow Avenue reported their mail was opened when she picked it up and wanted to talk to an officer.

### Dec. 31

9:22 p.m.—Seward police were involved in a high-speed pursuit that eventually ended with the suspect being stopped and arrested in Lincoln.

### Summary of other calls:

- Abuse/neglect child 1
- Animal bite 1
- Barking dog 3
- Domestic disturbance 1
- Extra patrol 2
- Gun permit 3
- Hit-and-run accident 1
- Miscellaneous 11
- Motorist assist 2
- Ordinance violation 2
- Parking violation 6
- Reckless driving 1
- Traffic stop 19
- Welfare check 2

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 Zion Lutheran Church – Garland  
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church – Goehner  
 Grace Missionary Church – Milford  
 The Ministry of St. John Lutheran Church – Seward  
 East Fairview Mennonite Church – Milford  
 Beth-El Community Church – Milford  
 Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church – Seward  
*(Member AALC; a partner in ministry with the LCMS)*  
 St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church – Seward  
 St. Gregory the Great Seminary – Seward  
 Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church – Seward  
 St. John Lutheran Church – Cordova

Calvary Baptist Church – Seward  
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Milford  
 St. Patrick's Catholic Church – Utica  
 The Rock – Seward  
 Seward County Pro-Life Council  
 Living Word Lutheran Church – Seward  
 Lutherans For Life  
 St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church – Bee  
 Bread of Life Ministries – Seward  
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 St. Paul Lutheran Church – Utica

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# SECTION B SPOUNTS

Seward County Independent

January 13, 2021



COURTESY PHOTO

The Seward boys' bowling team won a tournament Jan. 4 in Lincoln. Team members are, from left, Noah Brumm, Owen Sackschewsky, Ashton Koetter, Ty Wehrs, Dane Conner, Ashton Conner and Tanner Todd.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Seward girls' bowling team was the tournament champion Jan. 4. Team members include Eve Brumm, Maddie Vigor, Sky Brumm, Olivia Benes, RaeLynn Sugden, Megan Hague and Alexis Pallat.

## Seward bowlers win tourney, win at home

by Stephanie Croston  
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The Seward bowling teams continue to do well in competition. SHS swept the Pius X tournament Jan. 4 and hosted a double dual Jan. 9.

The boys' tournament Monday featured some of the top teams in the state, Coach Steve Conner said. Seward beat previously undefeated Fremont and Pius, which means there are no unbeaten teams left in Nebraska boys' bowling.

The Jays opened with 6-2 wins over Millard South and Papillion-LaVista and beat Creighton Prep 8-0. In the seeded part of the tournament, Seward beat Millard West 3-2, Fremont 3-2 and Millard North 3-0 in the final.

"It was not an easy tournament," Conner said.

Dane Conner bowled the second high series



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Ty Wehrs of Seward approaches the line during a double dual at Sparetime in Seward Jan. 9.

for the day and was named to the all-tournament team.

"All five stepped up and performed when they needed to," Coach Conner said.

Seward hosted a double dual Jan. 9 and

split its matches, beating Omaha Westside 20-1 but losing to Fremont 13-8. The match against Fremont was tied 8-8 going into the final baker games, the coach said.

"Fremont bowled really well," he said.

Everyone from Seward bowled about as expected, he said. Dane Conner averaged 205, and Ashton Koetter bowled a 237 game.

**Girls win, too**  
The Seward girls' bowling team also won the Pius Invitational. SHS beat Millard West 704-593, Millard North 692-610 and Marion 664-559. Sky Brumm bowled the high series of 523 and a 190 high game and was named to the all-tournament team.

In the seeded tournament, Seward beat Marion 3-0 and Fremont 3-0 before edging Papillion LaVista South 3-2 in the final. Coach Julie Benes said in the final game, Olivia Benes got the spare in the ninth frame and Sky Brumm bowled a spare in the 10th to give Seward the win.

"It was very exciting," the coach said.

On Jan. 9, Seward defeated Omaha Westside 18-3 and Fremont



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Olivia Benes of Seward follows through on a shot during a double dual Jan. 9 at Sparetime in Seward.

17-4 in a double dual in Seward. Against Westside, Brumm bowled a 344 series and Olivia Benes finished with a 341 series and 192 game. Against Fremont, Benes finished with a 361 se-

ries and 193 game, while Brumm bowled a 322 series.

Seward is now off until Tuesday, Jan. 19, when it hosts Gretna for a dual.



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Kierra Green of Centennial came off the bench to score 15 points for the Broncos in a win over Sutton Jan. 8.

## Broncos fight for trio of wins

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The Centennial girls' basketball team completed a busy week with three more wins. The Broncos beat David City 57-45, Sutton 47-40 and Raymond Central 50-25.

Coach Jake Polk said the games against David City and Sutton were big because they're conference match-ups and could have gone either way.

The Broncos trailed David City by five at halftime Jan. 5. Polk said the team played with more heart in the second half and held the Scots to 19 points.

"We flipped the script," he said.

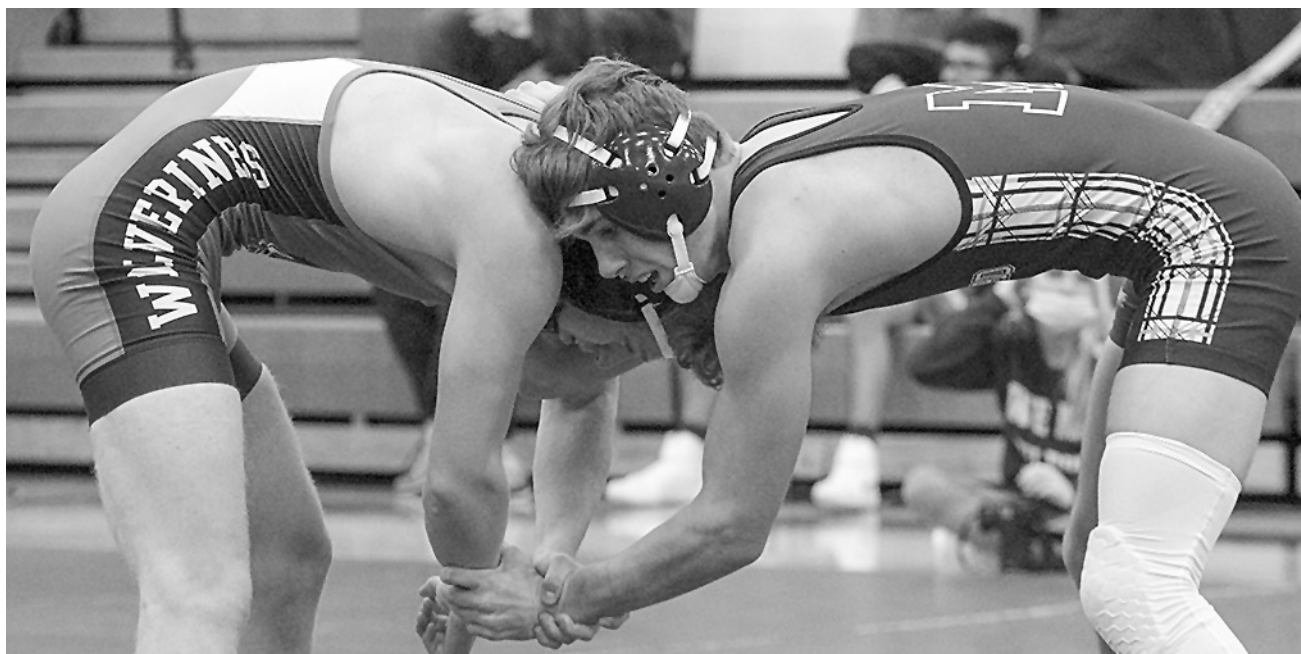
More scripts were flipped Jan. 8 when the Broncos trailed Sutton by eight at halftime. Polk said he didn't think the team was playing badly, but Sutton made six three-pointers in the first half.

"We made a couple adjustments," he said, adding that a press helped force more turnovers.

CHS outscored Sutton 31-16 in the second half. Kierra Green made four three-pointers in the second half and finished with 15 points to lead the Broncos.

"She spends extra time shooting," Polk said of the senior. "I'm proud that paid off."

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Trent Stauffer of Milford, right, looks for an opening against Colby Homolka of Wilber-Clatonia Jan. 8 during dual action at WCHS.

## Eagles hit mat again at WC

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After the five-day moratorium, the Milford wrestlers came back to practice but couldn't wrestle a competition until Jan. 8 when they were at the Wilber-Clatonia Duals.

MHS finished the day 5-0 and saw senior Konner Schluckebier hit the 150-win milestone.

The Eagles wrestled conference foe Wilber-Clatonia in the first dual and set the tone with a 45-27 win.

"Dual tournaments are fun but you have to be ready to go right away. You may have your toughest match of the night right away unlike an individual tournament where you work your way to the finals match," Coach Joe Schluckebier said.

The dual against the Wolverines was the first time Milford had beaten WCHS in a dual in recent memory, the coach said.

Milford beat Wakefield 69-6 and edged Logan View 40-34. Coach Schluckebier said the dual was tied going into the last

match. Carter Springer pinned his opponent to give the Eagles the 40-34 win.

Milford also beat Bishop Neumann 61-10 and Norfolk Catholic 69-0.

The tournament win was the fourth of the season for Milford, setting a new school record. The Eagles got up Saturday morning and hit the road to David City Aquinas for another dual tournament.

Milford drew Aquinas, the defending state dual champions, in the first round and lost 42-27. MHS came back to beat Conestoga 67-6 and Blair, ranked No. 3 in Class B, 45-29. In the third-place dual, Milford ran out of steam against David City and lost 45-31.

"We need to work on finishing the job, but it doesn't take away from the previous 8 duals where we really performed better than I would have predicted," Coach Schluckebier said. "We beat teams ranked B#3, C#4, C#9 and C#10 and beat multiple individually ranked opponents."

The Eagles will close their dual season Thursday, Jan. 14, in a triangular at York with YHS and Cross County-Osceola. The team is scheduled to wrestle at Arlington Saturday, Jan. 16.

### Milford 45, Wilber-Clatonia 27

152 - Keenan Troyer (MIL) def. Zander Baker (WC) 6-2; 160 - Carter Springer (MIL) win by forfeit; 170 - Christopher Sedoris (MIL) pin Alan Odvody (WC) 1:23; 182 - Thomas Vance (MIL) pin Hugo Pomajzl (WC) 1:03; 195 - Sawyer Kunc (WC) def. Hunter Oborny (MIL) 6-3; 220 - Lorenzo Temple (MIL) win by forfeit; 285 - Deitrick Baker (WC) pin Trey Lyon (MIL) 2:23; 106 - Pedro Hernandez (WC) def. Conner Kohout (MIL) 5-4; 113 - Ashton Keltner (WC) win by forfeit; 120 - Joey Kenning (MIL) win by forfeit; 126 - Konner Schluckebier (MIL) pin Jordan Marsh (WC) 0:21; 132 - Eli Vondra (MIL) pin Roberto Torres (WC) 1:32; 138 - Tommy Lokken (WC) pin Jack Chapman (MIL) 3:58; 145 - Colby Homolka (WC) def. Trent Stauffer (MIL) 5-1

### Milford 69, Wakefield 6

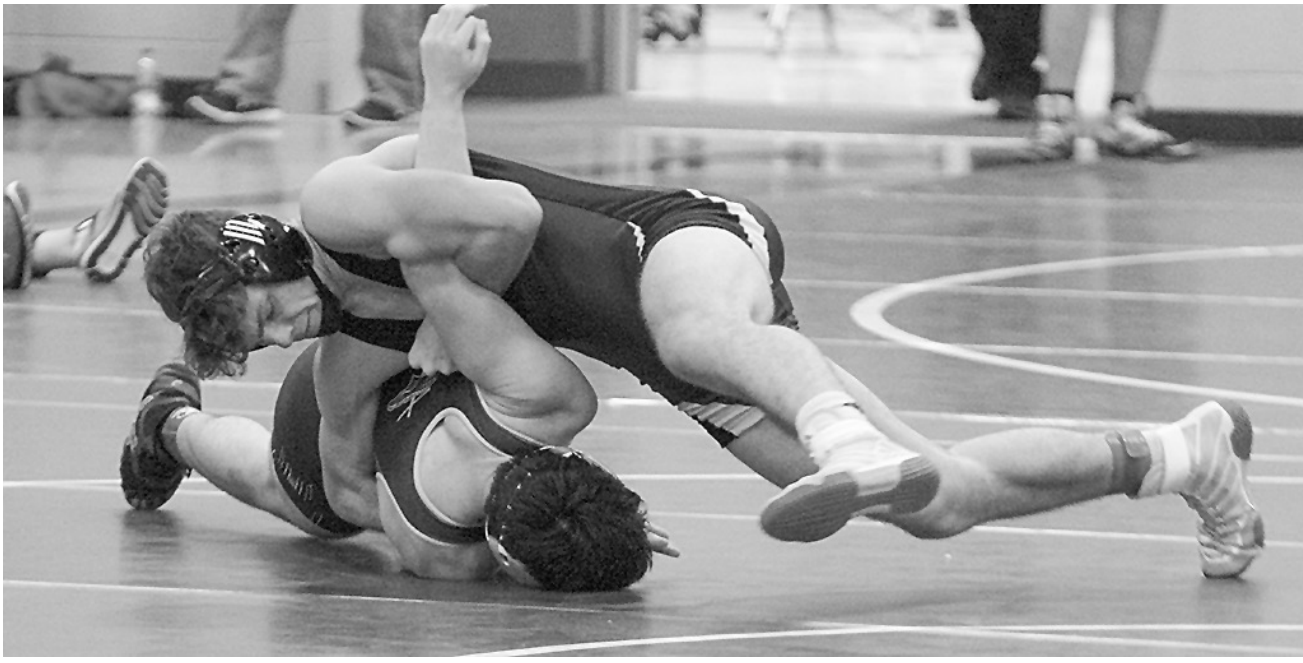
160 - Springer (MIL) win by forfeit; 170 - Sedoris (MIL) pin Mitchell Fischer (W) 1:01; 182 - Vance (MIL) pin Bradley Haglund (W) 0:32; 195 - Oborny (MIL) pin Christopher Ochoa (W) 0:35; 220 - Temple (MIL) win by forfeit; 285 - Rylan Weaver (W) pin Lyon (MIL) 0:14; 106 - Kohout (MIL) pin Samuel Chase (W) 0:23; 113 - Double Forfeit; 120 - Kenning (MIL) win by forfeit; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL) pin Franco Tapia (W) 0:35; 132 - Vondra (MIL) pin Koltan Fischer (W) 0:35; 138 - Chapman (MIL) pin Caleb Chase (W) 0:51; 145 - Stauffer (MIL) pin Jeremiah Chase (W) 1:16; 152 - Troyer (MIL) def. Gabriel Lamprecht (W) 9-2

### Milford 40, Logan View 34

170 - Sedoris (MIL) pin Gavin Ruwe (LV) 2:00; 182 - Vance (MIL) def. Dylan Silva (LV) 14-0; 195 - Logan Booth (LV) def. Oborny (MIL) 16-7; 220 - Temple (MIL) pin Zach McGee (LV) 0:53; 285 - Andrew Cone (LV) pin Lyon (MIL) 0:45; 106 - Kohout (MIL) win by forfeit; 113 - Jacob McGee (LV) win by forfeit; 120 - Dru Mueller (LV) def. Kenning (MIL) 15-11; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL)

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Gavin Zoucha of Malcolm turns John Paul LaPlante of Lincoln Lutheran before pinning him during the Malcolm Invitational Jan. 9.

# Clippers host dual, tournament

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When it comes to wrestling, skill and ability are obviously important. But heart might be an even greater asset. Matt Coufal is hopeful he will see a little more heart out of his wrestlers over the next few weeks. The head coach of the Malcolm grapplers knows his wrestlers have more to offer than has been shown in the first half of the season.

"I feel like we showed up for a knife fight but brought our pillows," Coufal said. "Our guys need to decide how good they want to be."

The Clippers hosted the 11-team Malcolm Invitational Jan. 9 and placed sixth with 93 team points. Yutan won the meet with 202.5 points while Wayne was the runner-up with 175. Six of 11 Malcolm grapplers medaled with four silver medals.

Zane Zoucha placed second in the 120-pound class. The sophomore's only loss was a close 3-2 decision against Trev Arlt of Yutan.

"Zane knows what it takes to be great," Coufal said. "It's really up to him how good he's going to be."

Zane's older brother, Gavin, also earned a silver medal. After getting two pins and winning four matches,

the 160-pound junior lost a 6-2 championship match to Brody Dickinson of Freeman.

"That's a solid wrestler," Coufal said. "But it's a match that Gavin can, and should, win. Hopefully, he learned from this one as he'll see him again in a few weeks."

Riley Donahoo went 3-1 on the day to finish second. The 195-pound junior was pinned by Yutan's Jesse Keiser in the second period. Donahoo pinned wrestlers from Omaha Concordia and Cross County-Osceola.

"Riley knows what it takes to get to the next level," Coufal said. "That kid from Yutan is a solid wrestler but he's someone Riley should be able to hang with. These are opportunities to learn and get better for February."

The Clippers' fourth silver medal went to Kale Nordmeyer. The 285-pound junior opened his day by getting pinned by Concordia's Neil Hartman. The Mustangs' senior is 22-1 on the season. Nordmeyer bounced back and won his next four matches with three pins.

"That one was frustrating," Coufal said. "Kale was up 5-0 in that match and he just didn't execute like he needed to and got pinned."

The previous night,

the Clippers hosted Broken Bow for a dual. It was a rough night for Malcolm as it won just two of 12 matches.

"It was hardly worth their while to come all this way," Coufal said. "Fortunately, they were on their way to an all-day Saturday tournament."

The Zoucha brothers were the only Malcolm grapplers to earn wins as Zane picked up a 5-0 decision at 120 pounds and Gavin pinned Zack Gaffney in the first period of their 160-pound match.

"The only two highlights of an otherwise miserable night," Coufal said. "The positive of it was that it might have been a wakeup call entering our invite the next day."

The Clippers have a couple of chances for redemption this week as they host Raymond Central for a Thursday, Jan. 14, dual before welcoming Conestoga, Fairbury, Shelby-Rising City and Tekamah-Herman for a round robin tournament on Saturday, Jan. 16.

"I'm not changing my expectations," Coufal said. "I think they can do so much better than they've done so far. We need to keep grinding and we'll see improvement."

**Malcolm Invitational**  
Team scores—Yutan 202.5, Wayne 175, Omaha Concordia 149, Cross County/Osceola

128.5, Norfolk Catholic 103, Malcolm 93, Palmyra 48, Lincoln Lutheran 42, Freeman 34, Southern 15, Harvard 12

117 Girls—Maria Perez (HVD) pin Cydnee Loos (MAL) 5:02; Perez (HVD) pin Loos (MAL) 2:49, second

120—Zane Zoucha (MAL) pin James Watts (MAL) 1:27; def. Colton Kirby (CC) 14-2; def. by Trev Arlt (YUT) 3-2; def. Jayson Patchin (OC) 8-3, second

120—James Watts (MAL) pinned by Zane Zoucha (MAL) 1:27; def. by Trev Arlt (YUT) 16-1; pinned by Jayson Patchin (OC) 1:18; pinned by Colton Kirby (CC) 0:37

126—Bryce Teut (MAL) pinned by Jack Hartman (OC) 0:09; pinned by Austin Forney (STH) 2:54; def. by Avery Wieting (LL) 7-4; pinned by Nate Rupp (YUT) 2:24; pinned by Noah Morland (NC) 0:45

132—Bricen Wilkie (MAL) def. by Jesse Kult (YUT) 8-1; pin Charlie Marco (OC) 3:19; pin Hudson Davis (LL) 1:06; pinned by Reece Jaqua (WYN) 0:19, third

138—Colt Reiling (MAL) pinned by Carter Wattier (NC) 1:29; def. by Zach Krajcek (YUT) 8-6; pinned by Carter Strubbe (OC) 0:47; pinned by Mesfin Wilson (OC) 2:08

145—Luke Walters (MAL) pinned by Sean Henkel (YUT) 0:47; pinned by Andrew Dubas (CC) 1:00; pinned by Raul Palma (WYN) 2:02; pin Cayden Witzel (MAL) 1:50

145—Cayden Witzel (MAL) def. by Mason Maas (NC) 8-0; pinned by Channer Marsden (CC) 0:40; pinned by Ty Racek (CC) 0:25; pinned by Luke Walters (MAL) 1:50

152—Elliott Robotham (MAL) pinned by Taylor Carnell (FRE) 3:54; pinned by Cameron Graham (CC) 2:50; def. by Francisco Jinez (WYN) TB-1 13-12; pinned by Keyden Uhrich (LL) 0:49

160—Gavin Zoucha (MAL) pin John Paul LaPlante (LL) 0:55; pin Aaron Sanchez (OC) 1:32; def. Francisco Mendez (NC) 5-1; def. Bryce Reed (CC) 8-2; def. by Brody Dickinson (FRE) 6-2, second

170—Cooper Witte (MAL) pinned by Josh Jessen (YUT) 0:42; pinned by Jakob Hogan (CC) 1:08; def. Trevor Parde (FRE) 8-5; pinned by Judah Plummer (OC) 1:30; won by medical forfeit over Aiden Liston (WYN)

170—Trevor Lohrman (MAL) pin Aiden Liston (WYN) 4:56; pinned by Brandon Kollars (NC) 0:41; pin Jakob Hogan (CC) 3:04; def. by Gabe Goes (FRE) 4-1, fourth

170—Josh Stewart (MAL) pinned by Jarin Pope (PLM) 2:39; def. by Gabe Goes (FRE) 3-1; def. by Judah Plummer (OC) 5-2; def. Trevor Parde (FRE) 5-0

182—Caleb Courter (MAL) pin Brett Hemminger (FRE) 1:54; pin Charlie Wood (OC) 1:06; pin Josh Fisher (YUT) 1:00; pinned by Reid Korth (WYN) 2:46; pinned by Caden Egr (YUT) 2:31, third

195—Riley Donahoo (MAL) def. Dakota Spann (WYN) 12-7; pinned by Jesse Keiser (YUT) 2:50; pin Matthew Beck (OC) 1:21; pin Conner Jones (CC) 2:28, second

220—Zack Pasco (MAL) pinned by Kyle Sterup (CC) 1:59; pinned by Elijah Ambriz (OC) 2:35; def. Juan Basulto (STH) 1-0; pinned by Evan Bryan-Aldrich (PLM) 1:03; medical forfeit to Caden Arens (NC)

285—Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) pinned by Neil Hartman (OC) 1:28; pin Cesar Ramirez (HVD) 0:23; pin Bo Armstrong (WYN) 1:13; def. Terrance Heyes (CC) 7-0; pin Gavin Wood (OC) 0:32, second

# Jays drop road game

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The Seward boys' basketball team stayed with Beatrice Jan. 8 but couldn't get past the Orangemen, falling 49-41.

"Beatrice has good strength and skill in the middle which caused us some trouble early in the game," Coach Trevor Menke said. "Once we were able to adjust, we hung in there with what many people believe is a top 5 team in class B."

Drew Covalt was 5-9 from three and finished

with 19 points for the Jays.

The Bluejays (0-9) are scheduled to host Schuyler Jan. 12, travel to Platteview Thursday, Jan. 14, and host Waverly Saturday, Jan. 16, with tip off at 6 p.m.

**Beatrice 49, Seward 41**  
SHS 13 5 16 7 41  
BHS 15 11 7 16 49  
SHS—Drew Covalt 6-10 2-2 19, Traetyn Schaefer 1-7 1-2 3, Jackson Trost 1-4 0-0 3, Gavin Sukup 1-3 1-3 3, Trevor Ruth 0-1 0-0 0, Leighton Limback 3-4 1-2 8, Sam Schroeder 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 14-32 6-11 41.  
**Three-point goals**—SHS 7-16 (Covalt 5-9, Schaefer 0-1, Trost 1-3, Ruth 0-1, Limback 1-2).  
**Rebounds**—SHS 15 (Sukup 5). **Assists**—SHS 13 (Schaefer 6). **Steals**—SHS 4 (Schroeder 2). **Blocked shots**—SHS 2 (Trost, Schroeder 1). **Turnovers**—SHS 11. **Fouls**—SHS 18. **Fouled out**—Sukup, Schroeder.

# Napier leads CU GPAC honorees

When it comes to Concordia University football, senior linebacker Lane Napier is in a class all by himself.

Napier now owns the distinction as the only Bulldog in the GPAC era to earn first team all-conference accolades all four seasons. Napier was one of nine Concordia players to garner recognition on the 2020 All-GPAC football teams announced by the conference Dec. 23.

While Napier was selected as a first teamer on defense, four Bulldogs landed on the first team All-GPAC offense: junior receiver Korrell Koehlmoos, junior tight end Garrett Schardt, sophomore guard Christian Schlepp and sophomore running back Jonah Weyand. In addition, senior safety Peyton Mitchell and junior center Johnny Robinson collected second-team honors and senior defensive end Chase Hammons and senior fullback Chevy Stout picked up honorable mention accolades.

A native of David City, Napier found himself onto the first team despite missing three games due to injury in 2020. When healthy, Napier was as productive as usual in a season that saw him rack up a team-high 54 tackles to go along with three tackles for loss and a sack.

With 14 tackles in the season finale at Dakota Wesleyan, Napier surpassed 400 tackles for his career. His four-year stat line also includes 34 tackles for loss, 10.5 sacks, seven pass break-ups and an interception. Napier was selected as a 2018 NAIA First Team All-American by the Associated Press and has twice been tabbed an honorable mention All-American by the American Football Coaches Association.

As a redshirt sophomore, the Crete High School product Weyand moved into a starting role in the backfield. In seven games played this fall, Weyand accumulated 625 rushing yards and nine touchdowns on 146 attempts (4.3 yards/carry). Weyand made big waves early in the campaign when he rattled off 177 yards and five touchdowns in the overtime win over Hastings. He was subsequently named the NAIA National Offensive Player of the Week. Weyand also ran for 169 yards and two touchdowns in the victory over Doane.

A native of Davenport and alumnus of Bruning-Davenport-Shickley High School, Schardt emerged as arguably the conference's top tight end in 2020. He finished the season with 25 catches for 430 yards and three touchdowns. He enjoyed the breakout game of his career

when he reeled in seven receptions for 132 yards and two scores at North-western. Over the final five games of the season, Schardt caught at least five passes in each outing. Schardt's career totals stand at 40 receptions for 684 yards and four touchdowns.

Koehlmoos, who hails from Pilger, provided a consistent deep threat. He was one of three GPAC receivers with 25 or more catches to average more than 20 yards per reception in 2020. Koehlmoos recorded 25 receptions for 533 yards and three touchdowns on the year. His season included three 100-yard receiving games. Koehlmoos added 589 yards on kick returns for a total of 1,129 all-purpose yards this fall. In three seasons as a Bulldog, Koehlmoos has collected 91 catches for 1,399 yards and eight touchdowns.

Robinson III (Houston, Texas) and Schlepp (Manhattan, Kan.) played a major role in the significant improvement displayed by the offensive line as a whole in 2020. Robinson started all eight games at center while Schlepp made seven starts at right guard. With their work up front, Concordia nearly doubled its rushing yards per game average compared to the previous season. The Bulldogs also boosted their scoring average by 6.3 points from 2019 to 2020.

A native of Waverly, Kansas, Mitchell has been rock solid on the back end of the defense in two years as a starter. While starting all eight games in 2020, Mitchell made 25 tackles, including 1.5 for loss. He also broke up seven passes, recovered a fumble and blocked a kick. Mitchell also earned second team All-GPAC honors in 2019 when he notched a team high five interceptions.

Hammons, who calls Columbus home, led the team with five sacks while battling through injuries this fall. Hammons recorded two sacks in the 23-3 win over Jamestown and was named the GPAC Defensive Player of the Week. He also posted two sacks in the victory over Briar Cliff. In his collegiate career, Hammons has produced 50 tackles and 7.5 sacks. At fullback, Stout earned notoriety this fall after Barstool Sports dubbed him "America's Fullback." The native of Grand Island mostly did the dirty work as a blocker and caught one pass for 11 yards.

Head Coach Patrick Daberkow's squad concluded the 2020 season with a 4-4 overall record. The Bulldogs defeated Doane, Hastings, Briar Cliff and Jamestown.

# CHS, Sutton play three overtimes

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Centennial had a battle on its hands Jan. 8, just like every time it plays Sutton.

"It was a crazy game," Coach Cam Scholl said. "It's what you sign up for when you play those guys."

This year's regular-season edition needed three overtimes to determine a winner, and Sutton took home the 52-50 victory.

"We were just one play short," Scholl said.

Down two at the end of regulation, freshman Alex Hirschfeld sank a pair of free throws to force the first overtime.

Senior Cooper Gierhan and junior Jake Barga scored at the end of the first two overtimes to tie the score and keep the game going.

Sutton had the final say, however, taking the lead in the final minute of the third overtime. The Broncos had a three-point attempt to win at the buzzer but couldn't connect.

Scholl said the loss was tough to take, but it's a learning experience for the younger players.

Barga finished with a career-high 32 points to lead the Broncos.



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Lane Zimmer of Centennial looks for an open teammate against Sutton in the Broncos' triple overtime loss to the Mustangs Jan. 8.

Gierhan added a double double with 13 points and 14 rebounds.

The Broncos opened the week with a 57-32 win at David City.

Gierhan made six three-pointers and finished with 18 points. Maj Nisly scored 16 and Lane Zimmer 11 for CHS. Gierhan notched another

double with 11 rebounds, and Nisly delivered five assists.

"It was a nice way to start the week," Scholl said.

The Broncos were supposed to play at Raymond Central Jan. 9, but the game had to be postponed because of covid concerns for the Mustangs.

Scholl said the Broncos rebounded and shot well in both games, which was nice to see.

Centennial (6-4) is scheduled to travel to Shelby-Rising City Jan. 12 and Columbus Lakeview Friday, Jan. 15, before hosting Central City Saturday, Jan. 16, with tipoff set for 4 p.m.

**Centennial 57, David City 32**  
DCHS 6 14 10 2 32  
CHS 13 15 19 10 57  
CHS—Alex Hirschfeld 1-2 1-1 4, Maj Nisly 7-11 2-3 16, Jake Barga 4-11 0-0 8, Cooper Gierhan 6-16 0-0 18, Lane Zimmer 5-8 1-2 11, Jayde Gumaer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-49 4-6 57.  
**Three-point goals**—CHS 7-19 (Hirschfeld 1-2, Nisly 0-2, Barga 0-2, Gierhan 6-13). **Rebounds**—CHS 32 (Gierhan 11), **Assists**—CHS 11 (Nisly 5). **Steals**—CHS 3 (three with 1). **Blocked shots**—CHS 1 (Zimmer 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 8. **Fouls**—CHS 4.

**Sutton 52, Centennial 50 (3OT)**  
SHS 9 14 6 10 6 4 4 52  
CHS 15 6 9 8 6 4 2 50  
CHS—Michael Nisly 0-1 0-0 0, Hirschfeld 0-2 2-2 2, Ma Nisly 1-5 0-0 2, Barga 12-19 7-9 32, Gierhan 6-21 0-1 13, Zimmer 0-1 0-0 0, Jayden Hartshorn 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 19-50 10-14 50.  
**Three-point goals**—CHS 2-15 (Mi. Nisly 0-1, Hirschfeld 0-2, Ma. Nisly 0-1, Barga 1-3, Gierhan 1-8). **Rebounds**—CHS 35 (Gierhan 14). **Assists**—CHS 10 (Mi. Nisly, Gierhan 3). **Steals**—CHS 3 (Gierhan 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 1 (Zimmer 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 9. **Fouls**—CHS 13. **Fouled out**—Ma. Nisly.



# Concordia University

## Honors

A prolific week of scoring resulted in recognition for Taysha Rushton. The freshman from Lubbock, Texas, has been named the GPAC/Hauff Mid-America Sports Player of the Week, as announced by the conference Jan. 5. Rushton led the Concordia University women's basketball team to wins over Mount Marty and Northwestern.

Rushton has quickly adapted to the college game while taking over the starting point guard role. She equaled a career high with 23 points versus Mount Marty before surpassing that standard with 28 points at Northwestern. Over the two victories, Rushton produced a combined 51 points, six rebounds and five assists and went 11-for-19 from 3-point range and 10-for-12 from the foul line. Rushton reached double figures in scoring in the first quarter in both of last week's outings.

Among GPAC players, Rushton ranks first in free throw percentage (.881), tied for fourth in scoring (15.0), fifth in assists per game (3.40), ninth in 3-point field goal percentage (.364) and 12th in steals per game (1.87). Rushton and the Bulldogs (10-5, 9-3 GPAC) will return to action on Wednesday with a GPAC clash at Dakota Wesleyan (6-5, 4-5 GPAC).

## Men's basketball

In its first trip back to the Corn Palace since the memorable 2020 GPAC tournament championship game, the Concordia University men's basketball program threatened the win streak of 18th-ranked Dakota Wesleyan Jan. 6. Once again, the Tigers showed their level of comfort in these nitty-gritty GPAC affairs. Dakota Wesleyan remained unscathed inside conference play with a rugged 70-64 victory.

This battle wasn't unlike the contest the Bulldogs won this past weekend, in overtime, at Northwestern.

"Our effort was good, especially in the second half," Limback said. "Ryan Holt on the glass provided a lot of hustle plays. All of our guys gave good effort defensively. It's about the little things in a game like this against a team that's at the top of our league. We have to be able to finish at the free throw line and we had some execution issues in the last two or three minutes. I was proud of our guys for the physical effort, but we're going to have to improve on the little things and be sharper in those clutch moments."

In the midst of some midseason shooting struggles, Concordia has had to try to get things done with tough defense and rebounding. Fifteen offensive boards had a role in the Bulldogs playing the Tigers to a 60-60 deadlock through 38 minutes of action. A Concordia field goal drought of more than five minutes late in the game provided the opening DWU needed. The home team made 6-of-6 attempts from the free throw line in the final 30 seconds to lock it up.

Justin Wiersema carried the torch for the Bulldogs on the offensive end. He put home a team high 17 points on



Carter Kent of Concordia reached 1,000 career points during Jan. 9's game against Jamestown.

6-for-9 shooting from the floor. Unfortunately, Concordia shot only 35.5 percent as a team and was 8-for-32 from beyond the arc. The Tigers have a way of gumming up their opponents having entered the night ranked No. 1 in the GPAC in field goal percentage defense (.411).

Coach Matt Wilber rode his starting five for most of the night. The Bulldogs struggled to contain Jeffrey Schuch (20 points on 9-for-13 shooting) on the interior. Guard Nick Harden posted 17 points, five assists and four steals while reigning GPAC Player of the Week Koln Oppold added 14 points and seven rebounds. Dakota Wesleyan (13-1, 9-0 GPAC) has won 13-straight games since losing its season opener.

Carter Kent (currently at 993 career points) joined Wiersema in double figures with 13 points (3-for-15 from the field). Holt snared 10 rebounds, including four on the offensive end.

Gage Smith also contributed seven points and seven rebounds. Off the bench, Thomas Young canned a pair of treys.

"We had some great spurts," Limback said. "We got down double digits (55-45) in the second half and fought our way back in. Against the best of the best in the league, I feel like we're right there. We want to push it over the top. Our goal is to win each day. We have to find our shooting confidence and get our rhythm back from 3-point range. We have to also tighten up some things execution-wise at the end of games. It all starts tomorrow with our focus at practice."

**CU 81, Jamestown 70** Concordia did not want to squander its first opportunity to play at home in a month. The trio of Kent, Smith and Wiersema powered the Bulldogs to an 81-70 victory over Jamestown Jan. 9. Kent really got going after halftime while becoming the program's 32nd member of the 1,000-point club.

Limback's squad earned a victory to begin a stretch of six home games over the final eight regular-season outings. Concordia has moved to 12-6 overall and to 9-4 in the GPAC.

"We shot better to-

night and defensively we forced 16 turnovers and that led to some layups and some breakaways," Limback said. "The identity of this team needs to be our hunger and our defensive effort. Certainly it was there tonight."

Three weeks earlier in the 89-87 overtime loss at Jamestown, the Bulldogs allowed Mason Walters to go wild for 38 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. This time around, Concordia at least managed to contain Walters (22 points on 9-for-16 shooting) to some degree. Meanwhile, Smith (22), Kent (20) and Wiersema (16) combined for 58 points in rediscovering the hot hand.

Concordia shot 57.9% (33-for-57) from the floor and limited its turnovers to 10. In another key factor, the Bulldogs surrendered only five offensive rebounds (31-30 rebounding edge) against one of the nation's best rebounding teams.

"We learned a lot (from the loss at Jamestown)," Kent said. "Walters is a great player. He's super hard to stop. We had to game plan a lot around him. We knew he was going to score a lot, but it's about making those shots difficult and preventing the threes. It was hard to go into a break from that (first meeting with the Jimmies). I feel like we learned a lot and bounced back."

Concordia is always going to be tough to beat when its top players perform like this. Kent scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half (6-for-8 from the field after halftime). Smith supplied nine rebounds, four assists and three steals. Wiersema posted nine rebounds and four assists of his own.

Kent set the tone after halftime with a three-pointer that pushed him past 1,000 career points.

"I think the wins and the camaraderie with his teammates are what he's going to remember most," Limback said. "It's a lot more special to score 1,000 points in a game that you win."

"It's all about my teammates," Kent said. "I wouldn't have reached that mark without them - past and present teammates. It's definitely a good feeling, but it's all

credit to them."

The Bulldogs never trailed the rest of the way. CU built an advantage as large as 13 points and found an answer whenever Jamestown threatened to claw back into it. Smith added an exclamation mark with a three-point play in the closing minute. Holt pitched in with eight points and four rebounds and AJ Watson and Grant Wragge supplied six points apiece.

Jamestown shot a solid 49.1% (26-for-53) from the field. Outside of Walters, the Jimmies got a good chunk of their production off the bench, courtesy of Allante' Pickens (14 points) and Jack Talley (12 points).

The Bulldogs will hit the road on Wednesday, Jan. 13, when they are slated to take on Mount Marty (7-10, 4-8 GPAC). Tipoff from Cimpl Arena in Yankton, South Dakota, is set for 8 p.m.

## Women's basketball

After falling behind by 20 points in the first half, the Concordia University women's basketball team rallied to make Jan. 6's clash at the Corn Palace a barn-burner down the stretch. Ultimately, Haidyn Pitsch and host Dakota Wesleyan's hot shooting was too much to overcome. The Tigers shot 52.5 percent from the floor and won, 85-80.

The defeat snapped a four-game win streak for Head Coach Drew Olson's squad. Olson had led his program to wins in nine of the previous 10 meetings with the Tigers. The Bulldogs stand at 10-6 overall and at 9-4 in GPAC play.

"We got in too big of a hole," Olson said. "It took us too long to settle in and fight. Once we did you saw that we could be right there. We crawled back into the game and got ourselves in a position to win. When you get down 20 you have to do all of the little things right. We have to do the little things to beat a good team on the road and we just didn't do that today."

Concordia star guard Taylor Cockerill enjoyed a monster night that saw her pour in 33 points (equaling a season high). Her offensive outburst nearly succeeded in leading Concordia all the way back from a 42-22 hole in the opening half. Cockerill and company got within two points on two separate occasions in the fourth quarter, but never could grab a lead.

Entering the final minute, the Bulldogs trailed just 78-75. In the closing stretch that followed, Dakota Wesleyan went 7-for-8 from the foul line to put the game away. In crunch time, the Tigers had an answer every time they were threatened. Cockerill kept faint hopes alive with a deep trey in the final seconds, prior to more free throws for DWU.

Pitsch went 4-for-7 from long range on her way to a team high 25 points. Known more for their work on the defensive end, the Tigers (7-5, 5-5 GPAC) put together their second highest single-game point total of the season. Additional double-figure scorers were Matti Reiner (17), Isabel Ihnen (14), Isabel Kirk (13). Reiner and Jada Campbell helped DWU own a 39-22 advantage in rebounding. Kirk and Reiner played 36 minutes apiece.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Concordia freshman Taysha Rushton was named the GPAC player of the week.

Cockerill made 12-of-19 shots from the floor on Wednesday. Mackenzie Koepke filled up the stat sheet with 11 points, four assists, four blocks and three steals as the team's only other player to score 10 points or more. Bailey Conrad chipped in with nine points (all in the second half). Meanwhile, Rylee Pauli produced seven points and six rebounds and reigning GPAC Player of the Week Taysha Rushton was limited to six points on 2-for-12 shooting.

On the plus side, Concordia committed only nine turnovers (compared to 16 by the Tigers). In addition, transfer Chaise Pfanstiel made her Bulldog debut on Wednesday. The Millard West High School alum began her collegiate career at Northwest Missouri State University.

"TC had a great game," Olson said. "Koepke kept us in it with plays on both ends. I thought Pauli played well and Bailey stepped up in the second half. Offensively we were fine. Our defense early on wasn't there in that first quarter. Then you have the little things at the end of the game with us missing layups and free throws. We needed all of those points to come back."

**CU 67, Jamestown 61** In the second meeting with Jamestown in just over three weeks, Concordia flipped a switch after halftime. The Bulldogs used a game-defining 22-2 run to put the Jimmies on their heels while pulling out a 67-61 victory Jan. 9. Three Concordia players scored in double figures as part of a balanced effort.

The Bulldogs (10-6, 9-4 GPAC) effectively bounced back from an 85-80 loss at Dakota Wesleyan three days earlier.

"I just thought we played harder and had a little bit tougher mindset defensively," Olson said of the third quarter run. "Thankfully some shots went in for us. We've talked to our team about it - the margin of error is just so small (in the GPAC). It really comes down to being able to execute and get stops when you really need it."

It was an accomplishment for Concordia to hold GPAC leading scorer Hannah DeMars to nine points (well below her average of 20.1). In a battle of man-to-man defensive looks, DeMars and Taylor Cockerill frequently locked horns in a matchup of backcourt stars. Despite DeMars shooting 2-for-11 from the floor, the Jimmies (9-

6, 6-6 GPAC) fought back from the rough third quarter and got as close as one point (56-55) in the final period.

In a moment as big as any in the game, CU freshman Bailey Conrad drove and scored to push the lead to five (60-55) in the final four minutes. The Bulldogs held off Jamestown the rest of the way with free throw shooting (7-for-8 in the last three minutes) and grit. A couple of late turnovers also made life difficult on the Jimmies.

Cockerill went 8-for-8 from the foul line on her way to a team-high 14 points. She also grabbed nine rebounds. She was joined in double figures by Taysha Rushton (12 points) and Conrad (10 points, five rebounds). Mackenzie Koepke filled the stat sheet with seven points, nine rebounds, three blocked shots and a steal. Rylee Pauli chipped in with five points, six rebounds and four steals and, off the bench, Taylor Farrell (nine points) knocked down three treys.

Concordia found a way to win despite shooting 33.3% (21-for-63) from the floor.

"This group is just so much fun to play with," Koepke said. "We have younger girls stepping up and playing roles that are big roles - it's impressive. I just think we're a really tough team mentally. We play together and we've got good chemistry."

This marked the 10th time that Olson has gone head-to-head with former Bulldog teammate Thad Sankey as opposing coaches. Sankey's squad was led by the 15 points from Macy Save-la. Kia Tower added 13 points. Jamestown shot 39.2% from the floor, but lost the turnover (18-12) and rebound (44-35) battles.

"She's one of the best players in the league," Olson said of DeMars. "She's just dominating this season. I thought we did a really nice job at times of limiting her touches and making everything difficult for her. Taysha was fantastic hounding her and I felt like we had a lot of other people step up and take their turns."

A Wednesday road trip awaits for the Bulldogs, who shift their focus to Mount Marty (3-12, 1-11 GPAC) and a 6 p.m. tipoff in Yankton, South Dakota.

## Wrestling

Levi Calhoun made his return to matside and the Concordia University wrestling team

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# Clippers hang on for showcase victory

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In order to score in basketball, you need the ball. The Malcolm girls have made an art form out of taking the ball away from its opponents. The ability to force turnovers may very well be the reason this team is unbeaten six weeks into the season.

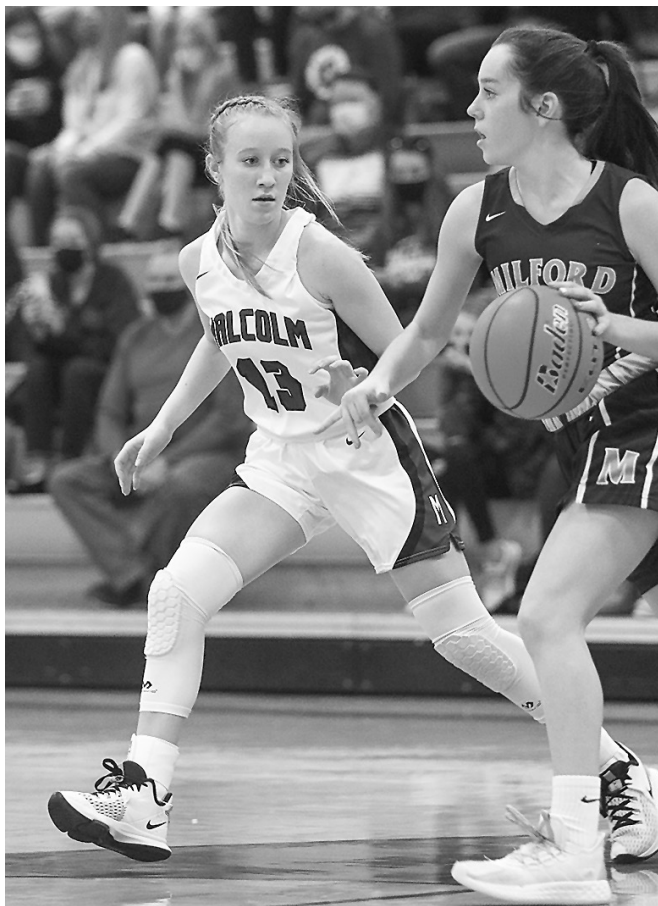
The Clippers forced an average of 25 turnovers in three games last week including 32 in a 33-32 overtime win over No. 8 North Central at the Jan. 9 Nebraska Girls Basketball Showcase at Broken Bow.

“Sometimes we win ugly,” Malcolm head coach Andy Klepper said. “That’s kind of who we are.”

The No. 5 Clippers were far from error free in the defensive struggle. Depending on which stat you focus on, you may wonder how the Clippers came out on top. The Clippers shot a dismal 19-percent from the field including going just 1-of-13 from three-point range.

“We couldn’t hit anything,” Klepper said. “Nobody could. It was kind of a blood bath.”

The Knights (a co-op



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Malcolm’s Jasmine Small pressures Milford’s Kaitlyn Kontor Friday night in Malcolm.

of Bassett-Rock County and Keya Paha) were slightly better from the field as they hit on 27% of their attempts and knocked down five three-point attempts.

The game was highlighted by high-pressure full-court defense, yet

somehow the two teams combined for just 27 fouls in 36 minutes of basketball.

“I don’t like to say much about officials,” Klepper said. “But, they let both teams get away with a lot.”

After trailing most of

the game, Ashlynn Sehi provided a spark to give Malcolm a two-point lead. The senior scored the first five points of the fourth quarter by finishing a three-point play then returning to the line to make two more free throws.

“She was playing with confidence,” Klepper said. “In the huddle during the quarter break she was asking for the ball. That’s something we’ve been wanting to hear.”

After letting the lead slip away, Malcolm tied the score at 28-28 with 38 seconds to go in regulation when Diamond Sedlak hit a free throw. The two teams exchanged turnovers down the stretch before North Central called a timeout with nine seconds go. Emma Brown got a big blocked shot on the Knights’ game winning attempt in regulation.

“That was a huge,” Klepper said. “She had a tough day on offense but still did some big things for us.”

The sophomore had 14 rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals.

Sehi and sophomore point guard Alyssa Fortik each hit key free throws in the overtime

period to help the Clippers to the win.

“Alyssa struggled from the field but she sure showed up at the line,” Klepper said. “Those free throws down the stretch were big.”

Fortik finished with 13 points and was a perfect 6-of-6 from the charity stripe. Sehi had nine points and four steals. “Ashlynn really transformed her game in the offseason,” Klepper said. “She doesn’t always score a lot of points but she is making a difference in a lot of ways. She might be our most improved player.”

The win over the Knights capped off a three wins in three days stretch for Malcolm. The Clippers hosted Milford on Jan. 8 and earned a 46-33 victory in which Brown led the way with 18 points.

On Jan. 7, Malcolm traveled to Palmyra and came home with a 49-29 win. Jordan Denton came off the bench to lead the Clippers with 12 points.

“Jordan is a secret weapon,” Klepper said. “She has the ability to do some special things when she plays with confidence.”

Malcolm (11-0) will host Fillmore Central (3-8) Tuesday before heading to Yutan (5-4) Friday. The Clippers return home Saturday to host David City (7-4).

**Malcolm 33, North Central 32 (OT)**

NC	10	7	4	7	4	32
MAL	9	7	2	10	5	33

**MALCOLM**—Joslyn Small 3-15 0-2 6, Jasmine Small 0-2 0-0 0, Ashlynn Sehi 3-5 2-5 9, Jordan Denton 0-3 0-0 0, Alyssa Fortik 3-17 6-6 13, Diamond Sedlak 1-7 1-2 3, Emma Brown 1-8 0-2 2, Lauryn England 0-1 0-0 0.

**NC**—11-40 5-9 32.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 1-13 (Jo. Small 0-1, Fortik 1-7, Sedlak 0-5) NC 5-17. **Rebounds**—MHS 33 (Brown 14) NC 44. **Assists**—MHS 3 (Kiley Elkins, Fortik, Sedlak) NC 10. **Steals**—MHS 20 (Jo. Small 5, Sedlak 5, Sehi 4) NC 9. **Turnovers**—MHS 14 NC 32. **Fouls**—MHS 12 NC 15.

**Malcolm 46, Milford 33**

MIL	9	6	4	14	33
MAL	18	9	5	14	46

**MALCOLM**—Jo. Small 1-10 2-2 4, Ja. Small 0-3 0-0 0, Sehi 1-3 2-2 4, Denton 1-2 1-2 4, Fortik 2-6 2-3 7, Sedlak 3-9 1-2 9, Brown 6-9 6-11 18.

**MILFORD**—Makena Stutzman 0-2 0-0 0, Kaitlyn Kontor 2-8 2-2 8, Hannah Kepler 5-14 3-4 15, Alayna Piening 1-4 0-0 2, Kaitlyn Klug 0-1 2-2 2, Taylor Roth 0-2 2-2 2, Sydney Stelling 2-5 0-4 4, Abby Houk 0-5 0-0 0.

**Three-point goals**—MAL 4-17 (Jo. Small 0-3, Ja. Small 0-2, Denton 1-2, Fortik 1-4, Sedlak 2-6), MIL 4-17 (Stutzman 0-2, Kontor 2-6, Kepler 2-6, Houk 0-3). **Rebounds**—MAL 40 (Brown 14), MIL 27 (Roth 9). **Assists**—MAL 12 (Jo. Small 3, Fortik 3, Sedlak 3), MIL 7 (Roth 4). **Steals**—MAL 5 (Ja. Small 2, Fortik 2), MIL 5 (Houk 2). **Turnovers**—MAL 10, MIL 11. **Fouls**—MAL 13, MIL 17.

**Malcolm 49, Palmyra 29**

MAL	20	9	11	9	49
PAL	4	9	4	12	29

**MALCOLM**—Jo. Small 3-9 2-4 8, Reagan Wondercheck 1-3 0-0 2, Alanea Babb 0-2 0-0 0, Ja. Small 2-5 0-0 4, Sehi 3-5 1-3 7, Denton 6-10 0-0 12, Sedlak 2-10 2-2 8, Brown 1-3 2-2 4, Lauryn England 1-5 0-0 2, Cora Schweitzer 1-10 2-2, Addy Hanson 0-1 0-0 0.

**PAL**—Totals 10-30 8-10 29.

**Three-point goals**—MAL 4-16 (Jo. Small 2-4, Wondercheck 0-1, Babb 0-1, Ja. Small 0-2, Denton 0-1, Sedlak 2-7), PAL 1-8. **Rebounds**—MAL 30 (Sehi 6, Sedlak 5) PAL 27. **Assists**—MAL 11 (Sehi 4, Ja. Small 3) PAL 3. **Steals**—MAL 20 (Ja. Small 4, Elkins 3, Brown 3) PAL 14. **Turnovers**—MAL 19, PAL 32. **Fouls**—MAL 14, PAL 12.

# Eagles hold on for win at Malcolm, top Scouts

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The Milford boys’ basketball team maintained its unbeaten record this week – barely.

The Eagles needed a big fourth quarter to escape Malcolm with the Jan. 8 victory. Milford scored 20 in the period and left with a 55-54 win.

“It was quite the game,” Coach Tony Muller said. “We weren’t playing well, and they were shooting well.”

The Eagles were without Seth Stutzman, who was out sick.

“We were a little out of sorts without Seth,” Muller said.

Muller said Milford switched defenses in the second quarter and started to dig out of the 15-3 first-quarter hole. Jaxon Weyand scored 10 of Milford’s 23 in the second quarter.

The Eagles cut the Malcolm lead to one with the first five points of the third quarter, but the Clippers responded

with a five-point run.

Milford was down 11 in the fourth quarter, but Isaac Yeackley (6 points), Micah Hartwig (5 points) and Weyand (7 points) brought the Eagles back.

Weyand led the team with 21 points, and Hartwig added 12 points to go with eight rebounds and four steals.

“Malcolm has had some bad luck. They’re better than their record,” Muller said.

The next day, the Eagles were home to host David City and beat the Scouts 62-35. Muller said Milford got off to a better start, leading 14-9 after the first quarter, and continued to expand the lead.

The Eagles played good defense, he said, holding David City to 18 and 17 points in each half. Milford forced 21 turnovers, of which 18 were steals.

Weyand led the offense with 25 points and 10 rebounds for a double double. Hartwig added

14 points, six steals and seven assists.

The Eagles (12-0) are scheduled to play at Raymond Central Thursday, Jan. 14, in a makeup game from the first week of the season. On Saturday, Jan. 16, MHS is to host Thayer Central with tip off set for 7:45 p.m.

Muller said Raymond Central has a good shooter the Milford defense will have to contain. Thayer Central is more athletic than in years past, as well.

**Milford 55, Malcolm 54**

MIL	3	23	9	20	55
MAL	15	17	14	8	54

**MIL**—Isaac Yeackley 3-7 1-2 7, Micah Hartwig 4-10 3-4 12, Bryce Jakub 0-1 0-0 0, Cason Tucker 1-2 1-3 3, Maddox Baack 2-4 0-0 5, Jaxon Weyand 6-9 8-13 21, Kaleb Miller 2-3 0-4 4, Cabe Schluckebier 1-3 1-4 3. Totals 19-39 14-30 55.

**MAL**—Totals 18-45 12-24 54.

**Three-point goals**—MIL 3-8 (Yeackley 0-1, Hartwig 1-3, Baack 1-3, Weyand 1-1), MAL 6-18. **Rebounds**—MIL 29 (Hartwig 8), MAL 30. **Assists**—MIL 13 (Yeackley, Hartwig 4). **Steals**—MIL 4 (four with 1). **Blocked shots**—MIL 1. **Turnovers**—MIL 9, MAL 10. **Fouls**—MIL 24, MAL 25.

**Milford 62, David City 35**

DCHS	9	9	8	9	35
MHS	14	12	22	14	62

**MHS**—Yeackley 0-5 0-0 0, Camden Springer 1-10 0-2, Weyand 9-19 6-9 25, Carter Roth 0-1 0-0 0, Maddox Baack 1-4 0-0 3, Tucker 2-5 0-0 5, Bryce Jakub 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 3-3 1-2 7, Hartwig 6-15 2-14, Schluckebier 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 25-58 8-13 62.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 4-18 (Yeackley 0-3, Weyand 1-5, Roth 0-1, Baack 1-3, Tucker 1-1, Hartwig 1-5). **Rebounds**—MHS 32 (Weyand 10).



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Milford’s Cason Tucker races Malcolm’s Maclain Beach to a loose ball.

**Assists**—MHS 16 (Hartwig 6). **Steals**—MHS 18 (Hartwig 7). **Blocked shots**—MHS 2 (Hartwig 2). **Turnovers**—MHS 5. **Fouls**—MHS 10.

**Milford 60, Cross County 49 (Dec. 30)**

MHS	11	20	16	13	60
CCHS	17	8	7	17	49

**MHS**—Yeackley 1-5 2-2 5, Hartwig 2-8 5-7 9, Jakub 1-1 0-0 2, Baack 1-2 0-0 3, Weyand 3-7 5-6 11, Miller 3-3 2-4 8, Seth Stutzman 9-13 2-4 20, Schluckebier 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 21-43 16-23 60.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 2-10 (Yeackley 1-2, Hartwig 0-4, Baack 1-2, Weyand 0-1, Stutzman 0-1). **Rebounds**—MHS 23 (Miller 5). **Assists**—MHS 11 (Hartwig 5). **Steals**—MHS 19 (Stutzman 7). **Turnovers**—MHS 15, CCHS 24.

**Fouls**—MHS 16, CCHS 22.

**Milford 66, Central City 61 (Dec. 31)**

MHS	17	15	16	18	66
CCHS	9	20	16	16	61

**MHS**—Yeackley 3-8 0-0 6, Hartwig 4-10 6-6 16, Baack 3-4 0-0 07, Weyand 5-12 8-8 18, Miller 1-5 1-2 3, Stutzman 4-7 2-5 10, Schluckebier 2-4 2-3 6. Totals 22-50 19-25 66.

**CCHS**—Totals 21-41 11-19 61.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 3-10 (Yeackley 0-1, Hartwig 2-5, Baack 1-2, Weyand 0-2), CCHS 8-27. **Rebounds**—MHS 26 (Miller, Schluckebier 7), CCHS 40. **Assists**—MHS 17 (Yeackley 6). **Steals**—MHS 13 (Stutzman 5). **Turnovers**—MHS 16, CCHS 22. **Fouls**—MHS 18, CCHS 21.

**Milford 64, Falls City 53 (Jan. 2)**

MHS	11	14	18	21	64
FCHS	10	10	18	15	53

**MHS**—Yeackley 1-3 0-2 2, Hartwig 3-14 4-5 11, Baack 1-2 0-0 3, Weyand 6-11 1-1 15, Miller 4-4 0-2 8, Stutzman 12-18 0-0 25, Schluckebier 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 27-54 12-64.

**FCHS**—Totals 19-42 9-13 53.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 5-15 (Yeackley 0-2, Hartwig 1-5, Baack 1-2, Weyand 2-4, Stutzman 1-2), FCHS 6-16. **Rebounds**—MHS 28 (Stutzman 9), FCHS 23. **Assists**—MHS 15 (Hartwig 10). **Steals**—MHS 8 (Hartwig 7). **Blocked shots**—MHS 1. **Turnovers**—MHS 8, FCHS 13. **Fouls**—MHS 15, FCHS 13.

## CHS girls

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In the fourth quarter, the Broncos played free and loose and closed the game out with free throws, Polk said.

Although Kate Hirschfeld only scored six points, she dished out seven assists and grabbed five steals. Asia Nisly just missed a double double with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Polk said Jaycee Stuhr and Kiley Rathjen did a great job rebounding in the second half.

The team came back Jan. 9 at Raymond Central and got off to a slow start before the offense got going in the second quarter. CHS was able to build a lead and let the starters rest in the second half.

Hirschfeld finished with 12 points, seven rebounds, five assists, five steals and two blocked shots.

The Broncos (10-1) are scheduled to travel to Shelby-Rising City Jan. 12, to Columbus Lakeview Friday, Jan. 15 and

host Central City Saturday, Jan. 16, at 2:30 p.m.

**Centennial 57, David City 45**

DCHS	13	13	6	13	45
CHS	13	8	20	16	57

**DCHS**—Totals 16-30 1-4 45.

**CHS**—Kate Hirschfeld 8-12 2-3 19, Kierra Green 3-7 0-0 7, Daylee Dey 3-12 4-10, Jaci Opfer 1-10 0-3, Kiley Rathjen 1-10 0-2, Asia Nisly 5-9 4-6 16, Jaycee Stuhr 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 21-47 10-13 57.

**Three-point goals**—DCHS 6-9, CHS 5-19 (Hirschfeld 1-1, Green 1-5, Dey 0-5, Opfer 1-1, Nisly 2-4, Stuhr 0-3). **Rebounds**—DCHS 17, CHS 21 (Nisly 7). **Assists**—CHS 11 (Nisly, Stuhr 3). **Steals**—CHS 14 (Hirschfeld 7). **Blocked shots**—CHS 4 (Hirschfeld, Rathjen 2). **Turnovers**—DCHS 11, CHS 9. **Fouls**—DCHS 9, CHS 10.

**Centennial 47, Sutton 40**

SHS	7	17	8	8	40
CHS	10	6	13	18	47

**CHS**—Hirschfeld 2-10 2-4 6, Green 5-8 0-0 15, Dey 0-4 4-4 4, Opfer 1-2 0-0 2, Rathjen 0-1 0-2 0, Nisly 4-6 3-5 13, Stuhr 2-7 1-2 7. Totals 14-38 10-17 47.

**Three-point goals**—CHS 9-17 (Green 5-8, Dey 0-3, Nisly 2-3, Stuhr 2-3). **Rebounds**—CHS 22 (Nisly 9). **Assists**—CHS 11 (Hirschfeld 7). **Steals**—CHS 12 (Hirschfeld 5). **Blocked shots**—CHS 6 (Rathjen 3). **Turnovers**—CHS 12. **Fouls**—CHS 13.

**Centennial 50, Raymond Central 25**

RCHS	9	25	12	4	50
CHS	4	6	4	11	25

**CHS**—Hirschfeld 4-4 3-7 12, Madison Brandenburg 0-1 0-0 0, Green 1-2 0-0 2, Dey 1-5 0-0 2, Cora Payne 0-1 0-0 0, Opfer 4-7 0-4 8, Rathjen 2-5 1-2 5, Maddie Avery 0-3 0-0 0, Nisly 4-6 0-2 10, Stuhr 2-7 1-2 5, Kailley Ziegler 1-3 0-0 2, Hailey Heidtbrink 1-2 1-2 3, Savannah Horne 0-2 1-4 1. Totals 20-48 7-23 50.

**RCHS**—Totals 10-31 5-16 25.

**Three-point goals**—CHS 3-10 (Hirschfeld 1-1, Brandenburg 0-1, Dey 0-2, Avery 0-3, Nisly 2-2, Stuhr 0-1), RCHS 0-10. **Rebounds**—CHS 35 (Hirschfeld 7), RCHS 23. **Assists**—CHS 17 (Hirschfeld 5). **Steals**—CHS 16 (Hirschfeld 7). **Blocked shots**—CHS 4 (Hirschfeld 2). **Turnovers**—CHS 14, RCHS 26. **Fouls**—CHS 15, RCHS 18. **Fouled out**—Heidtbrink.

## Concordia

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ventured into competition for the first time in the year 2021. A group of 12 Bulldogs represented the program at Jan. 9’s Hastings Cusatis Open in Hastings and combined for 22 wins and 10 pins. Junior Issiah Burks and senior Gabe Crawford led the way with place finishes in their respective brackets.

Calhoun’s squad last competed at its own Concordia Bulldog Duals on Dec. 19. For family reasons, Calhoun had been away from the team for a large portion of the month of December.

“For me personally being able to be back in these guys’ corner was pretty awesome,” Calhoun said. “It was great to get back into the swing of things after everything that has been going on. I thought it was a good test for us to see where we’re at and see what we need to continue to improve on. I’m pretty happy with how the day went overall.”

Calhoun went as far as saying this was the best Burks has wrestled in his entire career. The native of Hemet, California, suffered a loss to sixth-ranked Giovanni Bonilla of Grand View (Iowa) before settling in. Burks

(17-6) went 5-0 the rest of the day and secured third place at 157 pounds. He picked up three pins, including two that occurred in the first period.

At 165 pounds, Crawford made his way to the championship match with three-consecutive wins. In the semifinals, Crawford handled Grand View’s Scott Berterton, 5-2. The most dominant win of the day for Crawford came in the quarterfinals when he scored a major decision over Midland’s Chase Engelhardt, 13-4.

“Issiah won five matches on the back side to get third – and that’s really tough to do,” Calhoun said. “That’s the best I’ve seen him wrestle in his career. He looked very good. With Gabe, the first semester was kind of up and down. He came out and was really excited to wrestle. He came out and wrestled free and had fun. When he does that he’s hard to stop.”

At heavyweight, team season wins leader Jacob Telles (21-7) advanced to the quarterfinals by pinning his way through rounds 1 and 2. Telles was then edged in the quarterfinals, 3-2, by Briar Cliff’s Matt Wilke. Telles notched additional win with a pin over

Midland’s Matt Johnston and came up just shy of a place finish.

Burks, Crawford and Telles were three of six Bulldogs with multiple victories at the Hastings Open. The others to join the group were Tavoris Smith (2-2 at 165), Oscar Ramirez-Garcia (2-2 at 184) and Cyrus Marshall (3-2 at 184). One victory each was claimed by Carter Willis (125), Jose Sanchez (157), Timothy Huber (174) and Mason Garcia (197).

“I think we can learn from this and get better from it. We need to get back to work,” Calhoun said. “We have a lot of important conference duals coming up here the next few weeks so we have to be ready to go.”

Dual action will resume next Saturday, Jan. 16, when the Bulldogs (3-5, 2-1 GPAC) will be at the Bultman Center on the Northwestern campus. Concordia will go up against host Northwestern (1-2, 0-1 GPAC) at 11 a.m. before duals against nonconference foes Dickinson State University (N.D.) at 12:30 p.m. and Waldorf University (Iowa) at 2 p.m. The remaining regular season schedule features eight duals and one tournament.



# SHS sees mat success at AG

by Stephanie Croston  
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The Seward wrestlers were back on the mat Jan. 8 after the Christmas break and finished fourth at the Ashland-Greenwood Invitational.

Cash Duncan and Cameron Schrad earned second place in their weight classes. Boone Duncan and Mason Bisbee were third, and Breckin Schoepf and Conner Rosendale placed fourth.

Coach Bob Core was pleased with how the Jays wrestled in their first meet back.

“The guys wrestled well,” he said.

The upcoming week will be a grinder for the Jays, according to the coach. Seward was to compete in a three-team tournament at Wilber-Clatonia Jan. 12, travel to Grand Island for a dual with Northwest Thursday, Jan. 14, and head to Nebraska City for a dual tournament Saturday, Jan. 16.

“We need some

weeks like this,” Core said, adding that it’s a good time to work on weight management before districts and state.

“They’re responding well, and doing good things, having fun,” Core said. “They work hard and want to get better.”

## AGHS Jack Murray Wrestling Invite

Team scores—Nebraska City 200, Columbus Lakeview 158, Plattsmouth 149, Seward 103, Holdrege 101, Arlington 92, Ashland-Greenwood 82.5, Mount Michael Benedictine 78.5, MVAOCO 64, Falls City 43

113—Cash Duncan (SEW) pin Aiden McDuffee (ARL) 0:57; pin Owen Bergen (CL) 1:21; def. by Blaine Christo (AG) 5V-1 7-5, second

126—Xander Foulk (SEW) pinned by Landon Maschmeier (CL) 2:40; pinned by Chase Landreth (NC) 3:37

132—Conner Rosendale (SEW) pin Jesse Rodriguez (NC) 2:47; pinned by Kevin Dominguez (CL) 3:31; pin Trey Wolf (HLD) 3:31; def. by TJ Nutt (MVAOCO) 9-7, fourth

138—Cameron Schrad (SEW) pin Kolton Gilmore (ARL) 0:54; pin Treyton Tweton (AG) 1:43; def. by Logan Jaixen (CL) 5-2, second

145—Boone Duncan (SEW) pinned by Bayler Poston (NC) 3:32; pin Jaxson Welte (MVAOCO) 0:15; def. Carver Powers (HLD) 9-6; def. Hayden Johnston (CL) 2-0; pin Cameron Detwiler (MMB) 2:21, third

152—Breckin Schoepf (SEW) pin Cade Kirwan (HLD) 2:43; pinned by Lee Hobbs (NC) 2:26; pin Will Eppenbaugh (ARL) 0:29; pinned by Brock Mahoney (CL) 4:08, fourth

160—Mason Bisbee (SEW) pin Mason Marquardt (HLD) 0:50; def. by Josh Colgrove (PLM) 9-5; pin Michael Oehler (MMB) 1:37; pin Mason Marquardt (HLD) 3:58, third

170—Nolan Hill (SEW) def. Logan Hobbs (NC) 14-4; def. by Josh Miller (ARL) 7-0; pinned by Cameron Aughenbaugh (PLM) 2:12

182—Hunter Novacek (SEW) pinned by Luke Wooten (MMB) 1:41; def. by Cole Behrens (MVAOCO) 7-1

195—Dustin Hurley (SEW) pinned by Luke Lambert (AG) 1:14; pin Eli Michel (PLM) 1:26; pinned by Sam Gustafson (MMB) 1:55

# Clippers close, but miss wins

by Heath Kramer  
Seward County Independent

Close counts in horse-shoes. Unfortunately, for the Malcolm boys, their game is basketball, and losing a close game only shows up as another loss in the record books. Of their eight losses, six have been by single digits and three by two points or less, including a 55-54 heartbreaker to No. 7 Milford on Jan. 8.

The Clippers came out on fire as Drew Johnson had the hot hand. The sophomore sharp shooter hit three-in-a-row from beyond the arc to help Malcolm to a 15-3 first quarter lead.

“We’ve talked a lot about needing to get a lead in the first quarter because we haven’t done that a lot this year,” Malcolm head coach Chris Lewandowski said. “It felt good to not be chasing a team right away.”

The Eagles chipped away at the Malcolm lead in the second quarter as Jaxon Weyand started penetrating the Clippers’ defense. The junior guard scored ten of his game high 21 points in the quarter by getting to the free throw line four times.

“He’s a load,” Lewandowski said. “He’s quick and he’s strong. He was a difference maker for sure.”

Malcolm grew its lead from six to nine in the third quarter as Maclain Beach got active from mid-range. The senior scored ten of the team’s 14 points in the frame.

“Drew got in some foul trouble and wasn’t on the court as much,” Lewandowski said. “We had some other guys step in when he was out and Maclain was a big part of that.”



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm’s Maclain Beach grabs a rebound in between Milford’s Maddox Baack, bottom, and Bryce Jakub.

The Clippers spent the fourth quarter trying to hang onto their lead as Milford called on Weyand and Issac Yeakley to help keep the Eagles undefeated. The pair of guards combined for 13 points in the final frame and Yeakley’s shot with 31 seconds remaining gave Milford the lead for good.

“We let another one slip away,” Lewandowski said. “It gave us confidence to know we can hang with good teams and it was sure a better performance than the night before.”

In addition the double-digit scoring performance from Beach, Johnson finished with 14 points and seven rebounds.

The Clippers’ play against Milford was a marked improvement over the previous evening when a hot shooting Palmyra team put away Malcolm 64-47.

The Panthers hit 10-of-16 from three point range while shooting 63-percent from the field.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” Lewandowski said. “It seemed like the only thing they missed was free throws.”

Palmyra was just 4-for-15 from the charity stripe. By contrast, the Clippers were just 31-percent from the floor while missing 19 three-point attempts.

“Not a formula for success,” Lewandowski said. “Our shot selection needs to improve and we have to do a better job of identifying and closing out on their hot shooters.”

Hayden Frank led the Clippers with 12 points and nine rebounds while Malcolm Saltzman added ten points and three assists.

Malcolm (2-8) has chances to get back in the win column

this week as they host Fillmore Central (0-9) Tuesday night before traveling to No. 4 Yutan (8-2) Friday. The Clippers host David City (2-6) Saturday night.

“We’ve shown the type of team we can be for parts of games this year,” Lewandowski said. “Now, we just need to put it together for a full game and see what happens.”

**Milford 55, Malcolm 54**

MIL 3 23 9 20 55

MAL 15 17 14 8 54

**MALCOLM**—Hayden Frank 8, Malcolm Saltzman 6, Gavan Dunse 4, Maclain Beach 16, Jacob Schweitzer 6, Drew Johnson 14.

**Rebounds**—Frank, Saltzman 4, Dunse 2, Beach 5, Schweitzer 7, Johnson 7, Connor Zegar 2.

**Assists**—Frank 5, Saltzman 3, Beach, Schweitzer 3, Zegar 2.

**Steals**—Frank, Ethan Robotham.

**Blocks**—Schweitzer.

**Palmyra 64, Malcolm 47**

MAL 10 12 7 18 47

PAL 22 16 18 8 64

**MALCOLM**—Frank 12, Saltzman 10, Brayden Boehle 2, Beach 9, Schweitzer 4, Johnson 7, Zegar 3.

**Rebounds**—Frank 9, Saltzman 3, Beach 5, Schweitzer 5, Johnson 2, Zegar 5, Robotham.

**Assists**—Frank 5, Saltzman 3, Lucas Christensen.

**Steals**—Frank 2, Saltzman 2, Beach 2, Johnson, Zegar.

**Blocks**—Johnson.

# Jays start slow in loss

The Seward girls’ basketball team struggled with a sluggish start in a 43-29 loss at Beatrice Jan. 8.

Coach Beth Bohuslavsky said the Jays (1-9) didn’t have any rhythm on offense or urgency on defense. She said the Jays will work on a press to add going forward.

SHS was to host

Schuyler Jan. 12 and Waverly Saturday, Jan. 16.

**Beatrice 43, Seward 29**

SHS 3 5 5 16 29

BHS 4 8 11 15 43

**SHS**—Tarryn Hartman 1-4 0-0 2, Abbey Ringler 2-7 1-2, Hannah Benedict 2-7 0-0 6, Ona Stutzman 0-3 0-0, Tanya Miller 1-5 2-2 5, Eden Schulz 1-4 2-2 5, Haylie Sloup 0-1 3-4 3. Totals 7-31 8-10 29.

**BHS**—Totals 14-36 7-14 43.

**Three-point goals**—SHS 4-13 (Hartman 0-2, Benedict 2-4, Stutzman 0-2, Miller 1-2, Schulz 1-2, Sloup 0-1), BHS 4-12. **Rebounds**—SHS 11 (Ringler, Anna Hughes 3), BHS 35. **Assists**—SHS 5 (Sloup 4). **Steals**—SHS 9 (Hartman, Ringler 2). **Blocked shots**—SHS 1 (Hughes 1). **Turnovers**—SHS 12, BHS 16. **Fouls**—SHS 18, BHS 8.

# Eagle girls go 1-1 on hardwood

Milford’s girls’ basketball team split its games last week, falling at Malcolm 46-33 and defeating David City 46-40 at home.

Coach Phil Stauffer said the Eagles got off to a slow start on defense against Malcolm but improved in the last three quarters.

The team got off to a better start against David City. Hannah Kepler scored 13 of her 15 points in the first quarter, and Taylor Roth had her best offensive game of the year, Stauffer said.

The Eagles (6-6) are



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Milford’s Kaitlyn Klug defends Malcolm’s Emma Brown Friday night in Malcolm.

scheduled to travel to Syracuse Jan. 12, visit Raymond Central

Thursday, Jan. 14, and host Thayer Central Saturday, Jan. 16.

# CHS wrestles 10 duals in week

Centennial wrestlers were busy last week with 10 duals on the calendar. The Broncos competed in dual tournaments at Pender Jan. 7 and Oakland-Craig Jan. 9.

CHS was 5-0 at Pender. Coach Phil Payne said the match-ups with Pender and Ponca were the toughest, as expected.

In the Ponca dual, Ryan Payne beat a returning state medalist 1-0 in an action-packed match, the coach said. “They could not

finish,” he said.

At Oakland-Craig Jan. 9, the Broncos were 2-3, but Coach Payne said he knew the competition would be tougher at that meet.

Centennial beat Crete and Oakland-Craig and lost to Wahoo, Syracuse and Schuyler.

Ryan Payne faced another ranked wrestler

from Wahoo and had a chance to win but got caught and pinned.

Centennial is scheduled to host its quadrangular Thursday, Jan. 14, starting at 5 p.m. On Friday, Jan. 15, the Broncos are to compete at Minden in another dual tournament.

“Everybody will be tested,” Coach Payne said.

# Milford wrestling

(continued from 1B)

(MIL) pin Kaden Gregory (LV) 4:58; 132 - Vondra (MIL) pin Ryder Keenan (LV) 1:09; 138 - Roberto Valdivia (LV) pin Chapman (MIL) 3:31; 145 - Hunter McNulty (LV) def. Stauffer (MIL) 5-1; 152 - Ty Miller (LV) pin Troyer (MIL) 1:15; 160 - Springer (MIL) pin Baylor Kaup (LV) 1:11

## Milford 61, Bishop Neumann 10

106 - Kohout (MIL) win by forfeit; 113 - Double Forfeit; 120 - Aaron Ohnoutka (BN) def. Kenning (MIL) 12-1; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL) pin Josh Urlacher (BN) 5:24; 132 - Vondra (MIL) def. Max Lautenschlager (BN) 5V-1 6-4; 138 - Seth Fairbanks (BN) pin Cale Burkhardt (MIL) 3:49; 145 - Chapman (MIL) pin Jayden Krefel (BN) 1:18; 152 - Stauffer (MIL) def. Conner Specht (MIL) 12-1; 160 - Springer (MIL) pin Thomas Vrana (BN) 1:06; 170 - Sedoris (MIL) pin Samuel Vrana (BN) 1:11; 182 - Vance (MIL) pin Trent Moudry (BN) 1:22; 195 - Oborny (MIL) pin Remington Musgrove (BN) 0:43; 220 - Temple (MIL) win by forfeit; 285 - Lyon (MIL) win by forfeit

## Milford 69, Norfolk Catholic 0

195 - Oborny (MIL) win by forfeit; 220 - Temple (MIL) win by forfeit; 285 - Lyon (MIL) pin Josh Gubbels (NC) 0:41; 106 - Kohout (MIL) pin Dominic Liess (NC) 3:36; 113 - Double Forfeit; 120 - Kenning (MIL) win by forfeit; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL) pin Noah Morland (NC) 1:11; 132 - Vondra (MIL) def. Kanyon Talton (NC) 13-6; 138 - Cale Burkhardt (MIL) pin Carter Wattier (NC) 4:27; 145 - Chapman (MIL) def. Allan Olander (NC) 4-2; 152 - Stauffer (MIL) pin Noah Wattier (NC) 1:33; 160 - Springer (MIL) def. Francisco Mendez (NC) 8-4; 170 - Sedoris (MIL) pin Brandon Kollars (NC) 4:09; 182 - Vance (MIL) pin Ben Morland (NC) 2:20

## Aquinas Duals

**Aquinas Catholic 42, Milford 27**  
145 - Coy Meysenberg (AQU) pin Lyon (MIL) 2:41; 106 - Kohout (MIL) pin Grady Romshak (AQU) 2:54; 113 - Jakob Kavan (AQU) win by forfeit; 120 - Kenning (MIL) def. Zander Kavan (AQU) 14-8; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL) win by forfeit; 132 - Vondra (MIL) def. Noah Scott (AQU) TB-1 6-5; 138 - Hunter Vandenberg (AQU) pin Chapman (MIL) 3:40; 145 - Christopher Nickorace (AQU) def. Stauffer (MIL) 9-3; 152 - Jacob Moravec (AQU) pin Troyer (MIL) 0:54; 160 - Nolan Eller (AQU) def. Springer (MIL) 9-3; 170 - Sedoris (MIL)

pin Marcus Eickmeier (AQU) 3:04; 182 - Michael Andel (AQU) pin Vance (MIL) 0:32; 195 - Oborny (MIL) def. Paul Buresh (AQU) 4-0; 220 - Reilly Miller (AQU) pin Temple (MIL) 5:19

## Milford 67, Conestoga 6

106 - Kohout (MIL) pin Asher Koehnen (CON) 0:22; 113 - Ethan Gloe (CON) win by forfeit; 120 - Kenning (MIL) pin Brink Stawniak (CON) 1:02; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL) def. Keaghen Chini (CON) 12-1; 132 - Vondra (MIL) def. Cameron Williams (CON) 7-3; 138 - Chapman (MIL) pin Carter Plovman (CON) 5:13; 145 - Stauffer (MIL) pin Scott Dufault (CON) 1:30; 152 - Double Forfeit; 160 - Springer (MIL) pin Jabari Parsons (CON) 0:32; 170 - Sedoris (MIL) win by forfeit; 182 - Vance (MIL) win by forfeit; 195 - Oborny (MIL) pin Gage Tobias (CON) 1:34; 220 - Temple (MIL) win by forfeit; 285 - Lyon (MIL) pin Dallas Katzenstein (CON) 0:54

## Milford 45, Blair 29

113 - Luke Frost (B) win by forfeit; 120 - Kenning (MIL) pin Karter Scott (B) 0:47; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL) pin Atticus Dick (B) 1:05; 132 - Vondra (MIL) pin Shay Bailey (B) 2:38; 138 - Chapman (MIL) pin Thomas Bacon (B) 1:17; 145 - Charlie Powers (B) def. Stauffer (MIL) 13-1; 152 - Yoan Camejo (B) win by forfeit; 160 - Springer (MIL) pin Dylan Berg (B) 3:50; 170 - Sedoris (MIL) pin Dane Larsen (B) 2:22; 182 - Vance (MIL) def. Braden Hanson (B) 4-3; 195 - Dexter Larsen (B) def. Oborny (MIL) 15-5; 220 - Temple (MIL) pin Gabe Gaskill (B) 5:19; 285 - Seagan Packet-Trisdale (B) pin Lyon (MIL) 1:40; 106 - Jesse Loges (B) def. Kohout (MIL) 2-1

## David City 45, Milford 31

120 - Simon Schindler (DC) pin Kenning (MIL) 0:31; 126 - Schluckebier (MIL) pin Ethan Zegers (DC) 1:13; 132 - Josh Spatz (DC) def. Vondra (MIL) 13-4; 138 - Chapman (MIL) pin Braden Radford (DC) 0:34; 145 - Stauffer (MIL) def. Harley Eickmeier (DC) 10-2; 152 - Clayton Harris (DC) win by forfeit; 160 - Springer (MIL) pin Ty Cummings (DC) 0:13; 170 - Tre Daro (DC) pin Sedoris (MIL) 2:33; 182 - Dylan Vodicka (DC) pin Vance (MIL) 1:52; 195 - Oborny (MIL) win by forfeit; 220 - James Escamilla (DC) pin Temple (MIL) 3:48; 285 - Jake Ingwersen (DC) pin Lyon (MIL) 3:12; 106 - Kohout (MIL) def. Keaton Klok (DC) 5-0; 113 - Zach Bongers (DC) win by forfeit; David City’s team score was adjusted by -1.0 for 170 sportsmanlike

## Axtell Invite (Dec. 15)

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 Schurrmann (MIN) 0:32; pin Seth Philippi (K-JV) 0:57; pin Clay Rasmussen (HSC) 1:16, first

126—Koner Schluckebier (MIL) pin Manny Consbuck (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 Racicky (AL) 0:55, first

152—Keenan Troyer (MIL) def. Joe Paysen (K-JV) 5V-1 9-7; pinned by Colton Holthous (GC) 0:57; def. by Taaron Lavicky (AXT) 8-1; pinned by Cristian Melendez (L-JV) 1:31; pin Dalton Sinsel (MIL) 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 Sedoris (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 Sedoris (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 Caleb 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 (Dec. 19)

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; first

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

182—Vance (MIL) pinned by Kaden Warnerke (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

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Sky Brumm**, a senior at Seward, bowled a 523 series and 190 high game in the Pius X tournament Monday and was named to the all-tournament team. At home on Saturday, she bowled a 344 series against Westside and 322 series against Fremont in Seward wins.



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**RN - Days:** Full-time day position, 5 am - 5 pm. Acute Care, ER and OB experience preferred. Flexible scheduling includes every third weekend with holiday rotation. RN licensure required and ACLS required. -*Memorial Hospital*

**RN/LPN - Nights:** Full-time night position, 5 pm - 5 am. Acute Care, ER and OB experience preferred. Flexible scheduling includes every third weekend with holiday rotation. RN/LPN licensure required and ACLS required for RNs only. Position includes night shift retention bonus. -*Memorial Hospital*

**Director of Quality Programs:** Full-time day position. Candidate is responsible for Quality Programs and Risk Management efforts; in evaluating, trending and communicating information gathered through various tools. A candidate with a minimum of Bachelor Science Degree from an accredited Nursing program preferred, with a minimum of three years related experience. -*Memorial Hospital*

**RN-LPN:** Full-time Clinic RN/LPN Day Nurse position available, Monday-Friday with Saturday rotation. This position requires good communications skills between you and the provider. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills are essential to providing excellent customer service and communicating with our patients. Computer skills are required. Previous Clinic Nursing experience and Chronic Care Management experience preferred. Current licensure required. -*Seward Family Medical Clinic*

**RN-LPN:** PRN (as needed) RN/LPN. Candidate must have excellent customer service skills, able to multitask. May require working at Seward, Milford or Utica Clinics. Previous clinic nursing experience preferred. RN/LPN licensure required. -*Seward Family Medical Clinic*

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Health Care Systems**

HR Dept., 300 N. Columbia Ave.  
Seward, NE 68434  
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\*\*\* \$19.81-\$26.35/hour \*\*\*

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Applications accepted until filled.

Job description and application:  
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**NAME CHANGE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA Case Number C121-1  
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF Bobbi Jo Blath  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of January, 2021, a petition was filed in the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, and the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Bobbi Jo Blath to Bobbi Jo McVey-Blath.  
A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable James Stecker in courtroom no. 1, 261 S. 8th, Seward, Neb. on the 16th day of February, 2021 at 9 a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Bobbi Jo Blath to Bobbi Jo McVey-Blath.  
Bobbi Jo Blath  
255 N. 7th  
Staplehurst, NE 68439  
402-480-2700  
SCI — January 13, 20, 27, February 03, 2021  
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**HEARINGS**

**NOTICE**  
A total of 153 cases will be heard by the Board in January 2021. The following case(s) sentenced in Seward County will be seen by the Board of Parole.  
**January 20, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.**  
Work Ethic Camp, McCook, Nebraska  
Simms, Edward, 86743  
Failure to Appear  
Viol of Financial Trans Device  
**January 22, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.**  
Community Correctional Center - Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Johnson, Mark, 69883  
Burglary (2 counts)  
Due to COVID-19, NDCS has temporarily suspended visitation at its facilities.  
https://corrections.nebraska.gov/facilities/visiting-hours.  
Consequently, the process for public participation in parole hearings has been modified.  
https://parole.nebraska.gov/public-hearings.  
You are welcome to direct any statement to the Board concerning the merits of this offender by submitting your comments via the Board website at:  
http://www.pardon.nebraska.gov/contact.  
ROSALYN COTTON, CHAIR  
NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAROLE  
SCI — January 13, 2021  
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**LIQUOR LICENSES**

**Notice of Renewal of Liquor License**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2021, for the following retail liquor license, to wit:  
Western Oil II LLC D/B/A Speedee Mart  
930 280th Road  
Seward, NE 68434  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the county on or before February 10, 2021, in the office of the County Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, a hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.  
Sherry Schweitzer  
Seward County Clerk  
SCI/MT — January 13, 2021

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1356 182nd Road  
Seward, NE 68434  
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**NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53-135.01, that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2021, for the following retail liquor licensee,  
Bronco Spur, Inc  
101 Hwy 34  
Utica, NE 68456  
Seward Grocery LLC  
DBA Pac N Save  
620 D Street  
Utica, NE 68456  
Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Utica on or before February 10, 2021, in the office of the Village Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, a hearing will be held to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.  
Rita Maier  
Village Clerk/Treasurer  
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Western Oil II LLC  
923 238th Road  
Milford, NE 68405  
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## MINUTES

### 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. 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2021

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on January 5, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Absent: Member: Bob Vrbka Officials gave updates of their offices.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, gave an update of the organization.

Approved Seward County claims for the period through December 28, 2020.

Approved the minutes of December 28, 2020.

Commissioners gave an update of their activities.

Approved Short Form Plat in F Precinct.

Approved Temporary Part-Time Position, Public Transit Grant Administrator.

Approved request to update Bank Account Signature cards for Veterans/Public Transit.

Approved extension of Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act of the Cares Relief Provisions Act effective retroactively to January 4, 2021.

Adopted the agenda for January 12, 2021, and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk  
**SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2020**

ADP LLC, SE, \$2,598.35; ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$242.49; AGING PARTNERS, SE, \$39,474.00; AMERITAS LIFE INS, FE, \$18,759.30; BEAR GRAPHICS INC, SE, \$274.00; BIG TINTS & ACC, SE, \$180.00; CAMPBELL CLEANING, SE, \$2,255.00; CAPITALBUSSYS, SU, \$25.00; CASA, SE, \$37,500.00; E 911, SE, \$36,687.33; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$202.20; FIRST WIRELESS, INC, UT, \$465.00; FRYE FRAZEY & ASSOC, SE, \$4,230.00; GALLS LLC, SE, \$1,114.76; GREAT PLAINS COMM, UT, \$1,283.95; HELMINK PRINTING, SU, \$267.00; EMILY HEMPHILL, SE, \$15.53; HERPOLSHIMERS, SE, \$266.73; INDOFF INC, SU, \$531.76; JONES BANK (FICA), FE, \$18,300.43; LEE'S REFRIGERATION, SE, \$684.00; MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SE, \$1,418.16; MID-AMERICAN INS GRP, SE, \$35,417.39; MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV, SE, \$1,228.50; MIDWEST TOWING, SE, \$85.44; NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS, FE, \$75.00; NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV, SE, \$90.00; OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE, SU, \$26.75; PETTY CASH FUND, FE, \$17.00; REDWOOD TOXCLGY LAB, SE, \$72.00; ROPER & SONS FUNERAL, SE, \$1,340.00; SEW CO HLTH CLM FND, FE, \$198,773.80; SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT, SE, \$54.53; SEWARD CO ROAD FND, FE, \$500,000.00; SEW CO SHRRF UNCOLL FEES, FE, \$136.00; SITE ONE LANDSCAPE, SE, \$436.05; SOARIN GROUP, LLC, SE, \$231.84; SPORTSEXPRESS INC, SU, \$2,499.85; ST OF NE DAS COMMUN, FE, \$1,152.00; ST OF NE DEPT OF CORR. SERV, SE, \$1,518.17; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, SE, \$4,362.76; THE HOME DEPOT PRO, SU, \$55.29; VERIZON WIRELESS SERV, UT, \$2,434.53; VISA, FE, \$397.06; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UT, \$856.03; CHEMSEARCH, SE, \$1,168.85; DALE JOHNSON ENT, SE, \$8,897.71; FARMERS COOPERATIVE, SU, \$17,554.76; KERFORD LIMESTONE CO, SU, \$14,740.26; MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC, SU, \$5,645.30; MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC, SU, \$35.00; MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES, SE, \$98.00; NE EQUIPMENT INC, SU, \$85.37; POWERPLAN, SE, \$940.30; SEWARD CO TREASURER, FE, \$15.00; TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE, SE, \$97.56; VILLAGE OF GOEHNER, FE, \$399.00; VILLAGE OF UTICA, FE, \$53.48; DRAGON PALACE, FE, \$2,500.00; DELTA DENTAL OF NE, SE, \$88.31; TRITECH SOFTWARE SYS, SU, \$4,483.80; BAUVILLE, SE, \$1,440.62; ART WEARS LINCOLN, SU, \$1,249.00; ATLAS BUSINESS SOL, SU, \$918.00; BIZCO INC, SE, \$251.71; CULLIGAN, SE, \$24.75; DELL MARKETING L P, SE, \$1,230.02; GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS, SE, \$503.45; MID STATES ORGAN CRIME, SE, \$150.00; MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$323.94; SHINETECH SOFTWARE, SU, \$6,492.50; THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY, SU,

\$791.50; WATCH GUARD VIDEO, SE, \$135.00; 911 CUSTOM, SE, \$936.37; MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE, SE, \$150.00; YORK COUNTY EMA, SE, \$10,936.34; CENTENNIAL TEAMMATES, SE, \$234.00; NIRMA, FE, \$10,000.00; NAT EMERGENCY # ASSN, FE, \$142.00; ADVANCED CORRCTL HLTHCR, SE, \$166.00; ENCARTILE INC, SE, \$3,560.37 SALARIES: \$273,883.54 GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE; MID AMERICAN COWISCONSIN; DELTADENTAL; VSP VISION; WADDELL & REED SCI/MT — January 13, 2021

### VILLAGE OF GOEHNER January 5, 2021

The following is a condensed form of the minutes. A complete copy is on file and available for inspection upon request at the Village office. The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:30 pm at the Goehner Community Center. The following actions were taken with motions properly carried. Approved: CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of 12/1/2020; Treasurer's Report; Bills payable to date; DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: Contractor: Industrial Tower West/Viaero Tower 17-10-2 W 1/2 320 AC. PID: 800055292 Precinct K. Section 17, Township 10, Range 2E, Pt. NW 1/4 SE 1/4. Nicolaus - Seward County Nebraska. Motion to approve the Special Use Permit for wireless tower by Besse, seconded by Ostrander. No discussion. RCV: Aye — Trustee Besse, Ostrander, Bialas, Agena, Knisley. Motion carried. Village maintenance team to board up broken window on Svoboda property. Address potential condemnation in the future. Clerk directed to bill property owner for labor and materials. Solid Waste Recycling meeting on January 7th. There was a water main repair on 1233 Bessie Street. Trustee Ostrander reported that their water is discolored, concerned about quality. Potential to have water tested if it is not better in a few weeks. Clerk reported the federal reimbursement rate for mileage has been reduced to \$.56 per mile and requested a reimbursement for the annual QB subscription & stamps for Public Hearing mailing. Whitney Fleischman Clerk-Treasurer Bills: Anthony, repairs, 45; ALPCompany, Fees, 399; BeaverHardware, sup, 16.99; JEO, Fees, 600; NE HealthLabs, water, 47; NPPD, util, 1090.02; OneCallConcepts, util, 45.72; RecEnt, recycling, 200; SCClerk, Fees, 100; SCSheriff, Fees, 96; Windstream, util, 82.31; Gknisley, wages, 999.43; Gknisley, miles/reimb, 165.61; Jnitz, wages, 119.13; Wfleichschman, wages, 475.25; Wfleichschman, miles/reimb, 369.29; Wcronquist, wages, 126.06 SCI — January 13, 2021

### SEWARD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Following is a condensed form of minutes. A complete copy is on file at City Hall, 537 Main St. or may be viewed at <http://www.CityofSewardNE.gov>. The Seward City Council met in regular session in the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford St, Seward, on December 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Councilmembers present: Ellen Beck, Jonathon Wilken, Sid Kamprath, Jessica Kolterman, Karl Miller, John Singleton, Chris Schmit. Absent: Alyssa Hendrix. Following items were approved: Minutes December 1 and December 3, 2020; Claims; City Treasurer Reprt; City Codes Dir Reprt; Police Dept Reprt; Appt Brian Peters as Chief of Police; Appt Lacey Koch to Park & Rec Brd; Appt Lacey Koch to Planning Comm; Tabled Sp Use Permit for 647 Seward St to allow street level residential prop in CBD; Amend farm lease with Darek Kouma for prop near Plum Crk Trail for 2020; Amend farm lease with Darek Kouma for prop near Parade of Flags for 2020; Farm Lease with Darek Kouma for prop near Plum Creek Trail for 2021; Farm Lease with Darek Kouma for prop near Parade of Flags for 2021; Res 2020-44 amend parking limits on Jackson Ave betwn 6th & 7th St; Res 2020-45 designate handicapped park space on W side of 5th, S of Main; City Admin report; Adjourn. AKRS Equipment, Re, 70.45; All Road Barricades Inc, Signs, 984.28; Amazon.Com Credit Service, Su, Bu, Misc, 1,413.20; Baldinger Charlotte, Mi, 23.00; Berggren Architects, Se, 6,649.06; Bern's Body Shop, Re, 36.98; Bizco Technologies, Se, 4,608.78; Black Hills Energy, Ut, 1,100.61; Blades Group, Su, 1,984.00; Blue To Gold Law Enforce, Trng, 97.00; Border States Industries, Re, 1,127.25; Burlington Northern Santa, Ex, Misc, 692.11; Campbell Cleaning, Bu, 975.00; Center Point Large Print, Su, 189.00; Cerny Daniel/Linda (Dubs), Easement, 1,000.00; City Seward Electric Fund, Ut, 33,493.58; City Seward Library Petty, Su, 82.11; City Seward Merchant Serv, Ex, Misc, 1,984.73; City Seward Payroll Accountant, Payroll, 156,397.31;

City Seward Perpetual Fd, Lot Sales, 600.00; Commonwealth Electric Co. Op, Ma, 1,222.87; Constellation Newenergy, Ut, 657.57; Cross & Sons Inc, Re, 92.25; Eakes Office Solutions, Su, 91.98; Elliott Equipment Co, Ma, 1,317.98; Emergency Medical Product, Su, 329.93; Farmers Coop Seward, Su, Re, Eq, 4,476.58; Gehring Construction, Ci, 97,770.67; Gerhold Concrete Co Inc, Gu, 119.94; H & S Plumbing Heating & Bu, 1,003.64; Hach Company, Su, Ma, 1,664.65; Herpolsheimer's Inc, Re, 274.08; Hireright LLC, Se, 401.40; Husker Electric Supply Co, Inv, 734.44; Interstate All Battery Ce, Bu, 169.20; Jackson Services Inc, Su, 129.77; Last Mile Network Consult, Ex, Misc, 90.00; League Ne Municipalities, Trng, 95.00; Lee's Refrigeration, Bu, Re, 606.11; Lincoln Winwater Works, Ma, 276.62; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Su, 89.46; Memorial Health-Drug, Ex, 572.00; Menards North, Gu, 83.15; Menards South, Bu, 224.40; Metallum, Re, 1,160.00; Meyer Automotive, Re, 315.63; Mid-American Benefits Inc, Ins, 2,083.84; Midwest Auto Parts, Re, 173.71; Midwest Automotive, Re, 168.53; Midwest Laboratories Inc, Se, 788.92; Miers Robert M, Misc, 15.00; Municipal Supply Omaha, Re, 1,801.26; Nebraska Equipment Inc, Re, 115.60; Nebraska Fire Marshal, Gu, 120.00; Nebraska Health Envir, Se, 369.00; Nebraska Pub Pow-Desmoine, Incen, Ut, Su, 468,482.09; Niemann's Port-A-Pot LLC, Ma, 247.00; Norris Public Power Distr, Ut, 615.78; Olsson, Se, 2,592.00; One Call Concepts Inc, Se, 69.57; O'Reilly Automotive Inc, Re, 25.42; Orscheln Farm & Home, Su, Gu, 234.84; Pac 'N' Save Discount Foo, Bu, Su, 849.59; Pitney Bowes Inc, Ex, 105.00; Pitney Bowes Reserve Acco, Su, 4,500.00; Plunkett's Pest Control, Bu, 61.61; Precision Tool & Machine, Tools, Re, 170.00; Quill Corp, Su, 214.92; Rembolt Ludtke, Se, 500.00; Rescco, Re, 6,965.00; Rose Equipment Inc, Re, 75.85; Rumery Lawn & Landscape, Gu, 29.51; Sapp Brothers Petroleum I, Su, 6,720.00; Schemmer Architects Engin, Se, 3,013.10; Self Serve Storage, Incentive, 260.00; Seward County Treasurer, Se, 19,217.17; Seward Lumber & Home Cent, Bu, Su, Gu, Re, 2,073.91; Seward Public Schools, Fines, Fees, 480.19; Seward Wind LLC, Ut, 44,221.27; Siteone Landscape Supply, Gu, 361.13; Sports Express, Un, 183.60; Title Services Of Blue Va, Se, 724.00; Total Tool Supply Inc, Tools, 168.69; Ty's Outdoor Power & Serv, Re, 398.45; Verizon Wireless, Se, 579.77 Visa - Pinnacle Bank: 820.87 Adobe, Su, 359.88; Demco, Inc, Su, 78.50; Harlequin, Su, Misc, 56.84; Time Magazine, Su, 26.75; Walmart, Su, Bu, 38.92; Amazon.com, Su, 19.98; Author Klovegreen, Su, 19.75; Country Sampler, Su, 19.26; Harpers, Su, 10.00; Bluestem Network, Se, 115.00; PJS Supply Inc, Ma, 59.96; Zoom.us, Se, 16.03 Watson Wendell B, Su, 11.12; Wesco Distribution Inc, Re, 401.25; Windstream Nebraska Inc, Se, 1,917.23; Woods & Aitken LLP, Se, 90.00; York Equipment, Re, 2,784.30 CLAIMS TOTAL: \$903,277.86 Bonnie Otte Asst. Admin/Clerk-Treasurer/ Budget & HR Director SCI — January 13, 2021 ZNEZ

## PROPERTY SALES

Bonial & Associates, P.C.  
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555  
St. Louis, MO 63141  
**Notice of Trustee's Sale**  
The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 02/26/2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the North doors of the Seward County Courthouse, 261 South 8th Street, Seward, NE 68434:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA; THENCE 128.0 FEET IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING WEST ALONG THE LAST DESCRIBED LINE, A DISTANCE OF 722.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4), A DISTANCE OF 385.0 FEET; THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 722.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4), A DISTANCE OF 385.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCLUDING THE SOUTH 60 FEET THEREOF. All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

By: Kerry Feld, Trustee, NSBA# 24614  
Bonial & Associates, P.C.  
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555  
St. Louis, MO 63141  
Phone: (314) 991-0255  
Fax: (314) 991-6755

First Publication 01/13/2021, final 02/10/2021  
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
SCI — January 13, 20, 27, February 03, 10, 2021  
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## GENERAL NOTICES

**NOTICE**  
The Seward County Audit for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is complete and available for public inspection at the Seward County Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Room 205, Courthouse, Seward, NE.  
Sherry Schweitzer  
Seward County Clerk  
SCI/MT — January 13, 2021

## NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA Case CI 20-111, ADAIR ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. RANDALL J. MICEK, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-NC3, BENEFICIARY, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-NC3, RECONTRUST COMPANY, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, VILLAGE OF UTICA, JOHN DOE AND MARY DOE; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein,  
To: John Doe and Mary Doe; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in Lots 5 and 6, Block 38 in Wright's Third Addition to the Village of Utica, Seward County, Nebraska. You have been sued by Adair Asset Management, LLC. The object of the plaintiff's Complaint is to foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012009 for the delinquent taxes on the real estate described above. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2010 thru 2013 taxes plus interest at the rate of 14% per annum. The Complaint asks the court to find that the taxes are a lien against the real estate, as provided by law, and that upon establishment of such lien, the real estate, which may remain unredeemed, be sold at public sale to satisfy the decree so entered, together with interest and costs, including attorney's fees as provided for and by Nebraska Revised Statute §77-1909, as amended, and that the defendants be forever barred of all claims upon, interest in, right or title to, lien upon or equity of redemption in the real estate upon confirmation of the sale. To defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, 261 S. 8th St, Ste 145, Seward, Nebraska 68434, within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. If you fail to respond, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint. ADAIR ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC  
Deana K. Walocha, #21652  
405 N. 115th Street, Suite 100  
Omaha, Nebraska 68154  
(402)399-9049, ex. 103  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
SCI — December 30, 2020, January 06, 13, 2021

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA STATE OF NEBRASKA, ON BEHALF OF  
Roianna Lynn Seamann, Brenson Alan Longsine, Minor children, Plaintiff,  
v.  
STEVEN T. SEAMANN, Defendant,  
v.  
TRISTAANNE LONGSINE, Third-party Defendant.  
CASE NO. C114-126  
**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
NOW ON THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020, this matter came on for consideration of the Motion For Service By Publication filed herein by the Defendant. The Court, being fully advised in the premises, hereby finds as follows: the Motion should be, and hereby is sustained. Defendant is hereby given leave to serve notice of this action by publication.  
SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.  
/s/James C. Stecker  
District Court

Prepared by:  
Brett McArthur #20204  
140 S. 27th St.  
Suite D  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
(402) 421-8333  
Attorney for Defendant  
mcarthur\_law@yahoo.com  
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
I, the undersigned, certify that on December 18, 2020, I served a copy of the foregoing document upon the following persons at the addresses given, by mailing by United States Mail, postage prepaid, or via E-mail:  
Brett T. McArthur  
mcarthur\_law@yahoo.com  
Wendy L. Elston  
countyattorney@co.seward.ne.us  
SEAL  
Date: December 18, 2020  
BY THE COURT:  
/s/Tera L. Koetter  
CLERK  
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**COMPLAINT FOR MODIFICATION AND PRAECIPE**  
COMES NOW the Defendant, and for his cause of action, sets forth as follows:

1. The minor children which are the subject of this action are domiciled and located in Seward County, Nebraska.  
2. This matter should be heard by a district court judge.  
3. No party is in the military service of the United States or its allies within the meaning of the Service Members Civil Relief Act of 2003.  
4. Defendant is not aware of any other action for custody, parenting time, guardianship, or any other action involving the minor children.  
5. On or about the 1st day of April, 2016, this Court entered an Order For Support finding, among other things, that Defendant was the natural father of the minor children. As part of the aforementioned

Order, the Third-Party Defendant was awarded custody of the minor children, and Defendant was ordered to pay support on behalf of the minor children in the amount of \$440.00.

6. Since the entry of the Order For Support, there has been a substantial and material change in the circumstances of the Parties, to-wit: the income of the Parties has changed such that application of the child support guidelines which would result in a variation by 10 percent or more, but not less than \$25, upward or downward, of the current child support obligation, child care obligation, or health care obligation, due to financial circumstances which have lasted 3 months and can reasonably be expected to last for an additional 6 months,  
7. Since the entry of the Order For Support, there has been a substantial and material change in the circumstances of the Parties that would result in a change of the custody of the minor children and/or parenting time with the minor children, and a review of the same would be in the best interests of the minor children.  
8. Applying the current support obligation would place Defendant below the poverty guidelines, in violation of Nebraska Supreme Court Rule §4-218.  
9. The Nebraska Child Support Guidelines have been amended to reduce Defendant's child support obligation,  
10. No determination has been made as to the tax exemptions for the minor children.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays the Court for an Order modifying his child support obligation in accordance with the facts and the law, modifying the custody and/or parenting time regarding the minor children, for a determination of tax exemptions based on the minor children, and for such other and further relief as may seem just and equitable in the premises.  
STEVEN SEAMANN, DEFENDANT,  
By:/s/Brett McArthur #020204  
140 S. 27th St.  
Suite D  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
(402) 421-8333  
Attorney for Defendant  
**PRAECIPE**

To the Clerk of the above Court: Please prepare summons in the above case and instruct the Sheriff of Seward County, Nebraska, to serve the same upon the Parties as follows:  
Seward County Attorney  
261 S 8th St  
Suite 211  
Seward, NE 68434  
Trista Anne Longsine  
243 North 1st Street  
Apt. #4  
Seward, NE 68434  
Please prepare summons in the above case and instruct the Sheriff of Keith County, Nebraska, to serve the same upon the Third Party Defendant, Trista Anne Longsine, at the following location:  
Trista Anne Longsine  
Ogallala Community Hospital  
2601 N Spruce St  
Ogallala, NE 69153  
/s/Brett McArthur  
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## ESTATES

### IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN SWANSON, Deceased.  
PR 18-24

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT AFTER INFORMAL INTESTATE OPENING

Notice is hereby given that a final account, report of administration and a Petition for Complete Settlement and determination of heirs has been filed and set for hearing in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska located at 261 S. 8th Street, Seward, Nebraska 68484 on January 19, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

/s/Sheila R. Beins  
Clerk of Seward County Court  
PO Box 37  
Seward, NE 68434-0037  
402-643-3214

/s/Chris F. Blomenberg, #22869  
McHenry, Haszard, Roth, Hupp, Burkholder, Blomenberg & Camplin, PC, LLO  
P.O. Box 82426  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501-2426  
(402) 476-2200  
cblomenberg@mchenrylaw.com  
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## ORGANIZATIONS

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given of the organization of CORDOVA CUSTOMS, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company formed and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial principal place of business and designated office at 111 Paris Street, P.O. Box 72, Cordova, Nebraska 68330 and the initial registered agent at that address is Brittanya L. Hansen. The general nature of its business is to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a Nebraska Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska; and for all other purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. The company commenced on December 21, 2020 and is to have perpetual existence. Its affairs shall be conducted by the members as authorized by the Operating Agreement. Dated at York, Nebraska this 30th Day of December, 2020. CORDOVA CUSTOMS, LLC111 Paris Street P.O. Box 72 Cordova, Nebraska 68330 /s/ Christopher J. Buller, Attorney at Law, Organizer SCI — January 06, 13, 2021

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### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

**KAYTON GRAND ISLAND, LLC**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kayton Grand Island, LLC (the "Company") has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Designated Office Address of the Company is 1267 280th, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The Registered Agent of the Company is DDLG Business Services, Inc., 9500 West Dodge Road, Suite 100, Omaha, Nebraska 68114. Dvorak Law Group, LLC 9500 W. Dodge Rd., Ste. 100 Omaha, NE 68114  
SCI — January 13, 20, 27, 2021

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

**WASHTECH 1, LLC**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WashTech 1, LLC (the "Company") has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Designated Office Address of the Company is 1267 280th, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The Registered Agent of the Company is DDLG Business Services, Inc., 9500 West Dodge Road, Suite 100, Omaha, Nebraska 68114. Dvorak Law Group, LLC 9500 W. Dodge Rd., Ste. 100 Omaha, NE 68114  
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## MEETINGS

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:**  
Seward County Ag. Society  
Monday, January 18, 2021  
7 p.m.  
Ag. Pavilion  
Seward County Fairgrounds  
Michael J. Flyr  
Secretary  
Seward Co. Ag. Society  
SCI — January 06, 13, 2021

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Seward County Extension Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at the Seward County Extension Office, 322 S. 14th St, Seward, NE. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available at the Seward County Extension Office. Rebecca McKay  
Administrative Assistant  
SCI — January 13, 2021  
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