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Fresh, new flags hang at park

by Greg Forbes editor@sewardindependent.com

Last week's wind allowed new flags at the Parade of Flags to fly to

their fullest. The Seward Kiwanis Club replaced 55 state and territory flags Jan. 13 at the Parade of Flags along Highway 34 on the east edge of Seward.

Lloyd Lipska, chairman for the Parade of Flags project, said the club aims to replace the flags twice a year. The COVID-19 pandemic

hampered last year's replacement efforts, Lipska said, but the group Wednesday was able to socially distance to safely adorn the poles with new flags.

Along with the 55 flags put in place last week, Lipska said the group will install an additional eight new flags for the military branches at a later date.

New flags, as well as additional features for the park, are purchased through donations and sponsorships. The Parade of Flags was installed in 2014.

Wintry Willliam prepares for wind



The William H. Seward statue in front of the Seward County Courthouse braced for cold, windy weather that hit the area last Thursday and Friday. Snow and gusts up to 55 miles per hour swept through Seward on Jan. 15. Unfortunately for Mr. Seward, the gusts last Thursday blew off the scarf he had been wearing that week.

Seward school board hires new ag science teacher, approves calendar

by Greg Forbes

The Seward Public Schools Board of Education at its regular meeting Jan. 11 approved the hire of a new agriculture science teacher at Seward High School

for next school year. Jessy Hilkmeier, who is currently the the agriculture instructor at Orchard High School of the Summerland Public School District, will assume the role beginning in August

The board approved the appointment unanimously.

Superintendent Dr. Josh Fields said Hilkmeier's experience will be a valuable asset to the district.

"We are very excited about the hire," he said. "We had a great candi-

date pool and she comes with a lot of experience. Overall, we're very happy and excited to have her join us next school year."

Hilkmeier will replace SHS agriculture science instructor Craig Frederick, who will retire at the end of the school year. Frederick has served the district for nine years.

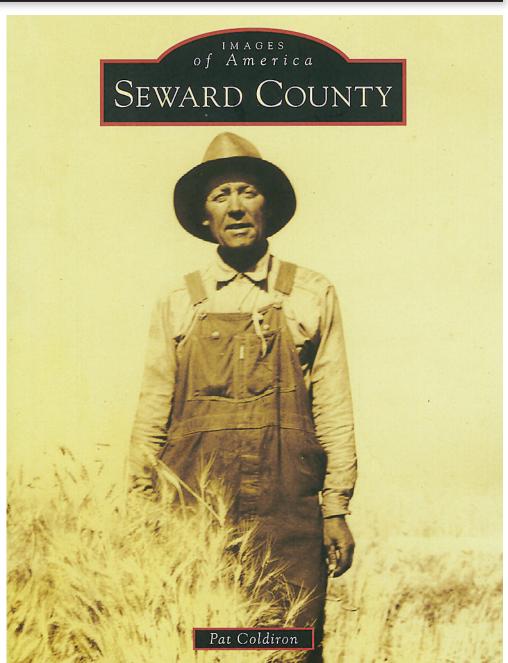
The board also approved the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The first day of school for students will be Thursday, Aug. 12. Winter vacation was set for Dec. 22 through Jan. 3. Graduation is scheduled for



Dr. Shawn Svoboda last Monday was sworn into service for the Seward Public Schools Board of Education.

May 15, 2022, and the last day of school for all students is May 19. Fields said four snow days have been built into the school calendar. If fewer than four snow days are called, the final day of school will be moved to an earlier date.

The meeting also served as the board's organizational meeting to appoint leadership for the coming year. The board appointed Ryne Seaman as president, Jana Hughes as vice president, Paul Duer as secretary and Heidi Covert as treasurer. Shawn Svoboda was sworn in as a new board member, as well.



The cover of the latest published book on Seward County, organized and assisted by Liberty House owner (and Seward resident) Pat Coldiron

A Community Effort...

Coldiron assists with latest publication about Seward County and its history

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

Pat Coldiron loves history. She loves the old pictures, the family stories, the overall picture of how an area was built over time.

"History always sparked my inter-

est," she said.

Three years ago, she started working on a Seward County project, collecting photos and stories of the early settlers for the Images of America project, spearheaded by Arcadia Publishing in Mount Pleasant, South

In the end, Coldiron submitted 210 pages of photos and information. The

book is 127 pages. "I started with little bits and pieces gleaned when I was at the Chamber," Coldiron said. She is the former director of the Seward Area Chamber of

Each incorporated town in Seward County has a section, and the ghost towns and unincorporated villages have their places, too.

Coldiron worked closely with Diane Rohren at the Seward County Historical Society Museum in Goehner to

collect information and photos. "She never failed," Coldiron said, adding that over 1/3 of the photos she collected came from the SCHS.

She described the Seward County book as "an archive of lives on the prairie."

Coldiron didn't just rely on the historical society, though. She drove her blue minivan to every town in Seward County and knocked on doors, looking for people willing to share their stories.

"I'm so appreciative of all the individuals who delved into their family pictures and stories and more," she said. "It was truly a community

She said learning Seward County's history was fascinating. For example, while the westward movement was underway in the 1850s along the Platte River, Seward County lay quiet and pristine. Native American tribes traveled through along the Blue River, and the animals still roamed free.

The Homestead Act opened land for settlement in 1862, and Nebraska became a state in 1867. Civil War veterans moved west for the promise of free land in lieu of payment for services to

By 1873, the first train came to Seward with J.F. Goehner aboard. The Nebraska City bypass through Milford shortened the freight trails and allowed "a steady stream of humanity" to come through Seward County, Coldiron said.

Homesteaders generally took the Missouri River to Nebraska City or Brownville and walked with their wagons and livestock the rest of the way to their claims.

"When things were good, they were good. When they were desperate, they were desperate," Coldiron said.

As she researched the county, she drew on historians W.W. Cox of Seward, John Waterman of Beaver Crossing, William D. Smith of Seward, Eldon Hostetler of Milford and Jane Graff of Seward.

'I spent a lot of time reading," she said.

She was able to find some rare photos for the book, including one of a road ranch near Beaver Crossing taken by the Mormons. She also learned about Julia Steinheider Duncombe, who grew up in Goehner and worked at the U.S. Naval Observatory.

'It's poignant and sad, the little towns that didn't make it," Coldiron said, listing Lehigh and Oak Grove among them.

The book, "Images of America: Seward County," is filled with pictures, each of which has an explanation with it. Information about the Civil War statue and graves in Blue Mound Cemetery south of Milford, Victor Mills, Don Strinz, part of a plesiosaur skeleton found near Garland and a cattle drive in the 1930s west of Seward made

more pictures and stories. "It's a small part of our history, and I hope it might spur the next generation to take a look and delve deeper," Coldiron said.

the cut, along with dozens



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Ridgewood Rehabilitation celebrates 750 days injury-free

by Greg Forbes

Ridgewood Rehabilitation and Care last week celebrated twoplus years of top notch employee safety.

Ridgewood's parent company, Vetter Senior Living, of Elkhorn, on Jan. 14 treated Ridgewood employees to a drive-thru dinner in recognition of 750 days without an employee injury. Employees had the choice of steak, salmon or a vegetarian option. Each meal included two servings, so employees were able to share with a friend or family member.

Peg Becker, administrator at Ridgewood, said that the milestone is significant because an injury-free workplace helps ensure Ridgewood is able to provide the best services possible.



GREG FORBES/SCI

Ridgewood Rehabilitation and Care Center staff on Jan. 14 celebrated 750 days without an employee injury at the facility with a drive thru meal provided by Vetter

> "It's a big achievement for us because there aren't many places where this happens," she said. "It's important to celebrate this to get the word out and make sure we remind

Board reorganizes, Zabrocki joins

by Hope Moural hope@sewardindependent.com

The Seward County Board of Commissioners held its annual reorganization with newest commissioner Darrell Zabrocki during its Jan. 12 meeting. See below for a full list of commissioner committees.

Seward County Treasurer Marilyn Hladky presented an agreement from Eagleview Technologies for its digital oblique and imagery software following an awarded bid Jan. 5. The contract was approved.

During the meeting, Commissioner John Culver was named the board chairman and Commissioner Bob Vrbka was named the vice chairman.

The board approved Dr. Connie Novak of Memorial Healthcare Systems or any other MCHS doctor as the county coroner's physi-

The board named the Seward County Independent and The Milford Times as its official county newspapers and Union, Jones and Cattle banks as its official depositories of funds.

Next, the board named Terry Wicht as the Seward County Highway Superintendent and Sherry Schweitzer as its budget making authority.

The board also approved county clerk fees for December at \$54,611.20 and district clerk fees at \$1,693.53.

Finally, board members approved an extension of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for county employees.

The next Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. They are open to the public.

2021 commissioner committees and liaison full list

Aging Services: Bob Vrbka

Assessor: John Cul-County attorney:

Misty Ahmic **Building** and grounds: Ken Schmied-

County clerk: Culver County Court: Darrell Zabrocki

Emergency 9-11 Center: Culver and Zabrocki Emergency Manager: Culver

Extension office: Schmieding

Human Resources: Vrbka Highway Superinten-

dent: Vrbka and Culver Probation office: Zabrocki Public defender:

Schmieding Sheriff (and jail): Vrbka

Surveyor: Culver Treasurer: Culver Veteran Service Office and Public Transit: Ahmic

Zoning and weed department: Ahmic and Culver

Commissioner com-

Commissioner Culver Blue Valley Community Action; Courthouse Closing; Crete Joint Airport Zoning Board; E-911 Board; Legislature; Local Emergency Planning; Safety Committee; Seward/Saline

County Solid Waste Management; Lower Platte South Liaison alternate; Planning and Zoning Board alternate Commissioner

Zabrocki

BRIDGES board; City of Seward liaison; Courthouse Security; E-911 Board; Fourth of July Committee: General Assistance; Building and Grounds alternate; Blue Valley Community Action alternate; Crete Joint Airport Zoning Board alternate

Commissioner Ahmic Abandoned Cemeteries; Four Corners Health Departments; Planning and Zoning; Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership; Seward County Housing Authority; General Assistance alternate; Veteran Service Committee; Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management alternate; Upper Big Blue liaison alternate

Commissioner Schmieding

Legislature; Agenda Committee; Personnel Board; Region V Mental Health; Seward County Visitors/Tourism Committee; Southeast NE **Development District**

Commissioner Vrbka Aging Services; Anti-Fraud program; CASA board member; Fair board liaison; Lower Platte South NRD liaison; Upper Big Blue NRD liaison

Entire board commit-

Budget Authority and Finance; Highway Departmen; One-and six-year road plan; Insurance (NIRMA).

Senior Living, Ridgewood's parent company.

each other to be safe."

Seward wins seven KNB awards

The Community of Seward and Seward civic and service organizations won seven awards at the Nov. 23 Keep Nebraska Beautiful state virtual awards presentation.

The Nebraska National Guard Museum's new West Park addition, featuring the new playground area with the helicopter and jeep climbing area, the new Cattle National Bank stage area and landscaping received the State of Nebraska's Jane Paulson Award for Outstanding Beautification efforts.

The award honored Paulson, the longtime CEO of Keep Nebraska Beautiful, who recently retired. This is considered one of the top beautification honors in Nebraska.

The City of Seward Seward Statue Courthouse Plaza on the Seward County Courthouse Square and Seward Downtown Revitalization was named **Best Beautification** Project in Nebraska for 2020, winning Seward the first place award in the Deanie Anderson Community Award for Communities Population 2,500 -10,000.

The award for was named to honor the former executive director of Keep Nebraska Beautiful.

The Seward Courthouse Plaza, located on the Seward County Courthouse Square, features a life-size, bronze statue of William Henry Seward, donated by the Mark Kolterman family of Seward as a memorial to his wife, the late Suzanne Kolterman.

The finished plaza was funded by major donations the GFWC Seward Woman's Club, the Seward Rotary Club, the Seward Kiwanis Club and the Seward Arts Council. Major business donors to the project included

Jones Bank, Hughes Brothers Inc., Hartmann Construction Bill held in conjunction and Doris Hartmann and TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, Inc., along with a host of other contributors both financially and with many in-kind services.

The Nebraska National Guard's Historical Society was named first place in the Outstanding Civic Organization by Keep Nebraska Beautiful for its beautification efforts throughout the museum grounds, along with its continued environmental programs to coordinate the efficiency of the museum programs and

energy use. The Seward Optimist Club and the City of Seward won the first runner-up award in the Great American Clean-Up competition for recycling and clean-up programs sponsored by the City of Seward Recycling Center, the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership and

Seward Optimist Club. The Seward Cleanup Day coordinated by the SCCDP and the Seward Optimist Club was honored, as they led the citywide clean-up by modeling a major spring clean-up and plantings at Bemis Park in the spring of

2020. The GFWC Seward Woman's Club received the first runner-up award in Civic Beautification Program for its support of the Seward Plaza Project and annual efforts to support local beautification, such as sponsoring various recycling programs including pop tabs and

shoes. The SHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America was named first runner-up in the High School Civic Groups for its numerous recycling projects during the school year,

especially for their Recycled T-Shirt Drive with the annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Campaign in the school, along with various recycling efforts.

Seward High was also complimented with the first runner-up in the High School Category for its annual recycling campaign and efforts, under the direction of Pat Piskorski and his fifth hour classes for recycling paper and plastic schoolwide.

The Keep Seward Beautiful Committee is under the longtime direction of Keep Seward Beautiful Chairman Betty Jean Kolterman, who serves as a volunteer and coordinated the application efforts for the annual awards contest and presentations.

The physical awards have not arrived yet, as they are en route, due to Covid-19 issues and will be delivered when they arrive.

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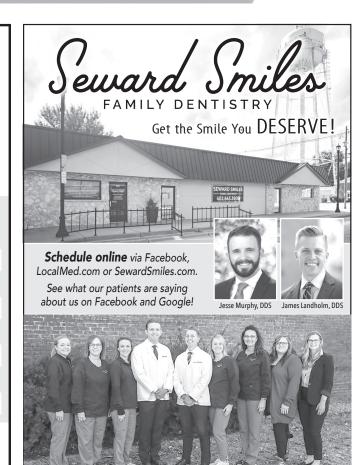


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Success with houseplants: Fertilization

by Sarah Browning Lancaster County Extension educator

As with overwatering, over fertilization is a common problem, so an important step in winter houseplant care is understanding whether your plant needs fertilization.

Houseplants, like most other plants, need fertilizer containing three major plant nutrients: nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). The amount and frequency of fertilizer required depends on the type of plant, its growth rate, available light, soil media mix, frequency of watering and the type of fertilizer.

During winter, with its short days and low light conditions, some plants rest producing little new growth and need little, if any, fertilization during this period. However, if you have a very brightly lit south or west window, or have provided your plant with supplemental light, it may still be actively growing even in winter. In that case, treat it as an actively growing plant. Newly repotted. unrooted, dormant and wilted plants should not be fertilized.

How do you determine if your plant is actively growing? Look for new leaves being produced, flower buds or flowers. These all indicate the plant is still active and not resting (dormant).

Houseplant fertilization guidelines

Next, determine if the potting soil you used already contains slow-release fertilizer. If so, refer to the package guidelines for when additional fertilizer should be added. For example, one common potting soil states it feeds plants for up to six months. In that case, additional fertilizer

would not be needed any earlier.

Commercial fertilizers for houseplants can be purchased in granular, crystalline, liquid or tablet forms. Both quick-release water-soluble and slow-release products are available. Each should be used according to label instructions regarding frequency of application and dilution.

If you are using a quick release water-soluble product, actively growing plants should be fertilized every two months. You'll apply fertilizer less often if you are using a slow-release product.

Do not fertilize dormant plants since this could cause a harmful buildup of fertilizer salts in the soil.

Signs of overfertiliza-

Reduced growth, brown leaf tips, dead root tips and wilting may be signs of fertilizer salt buildup in the soil (although they can have other causes, too). Excess salts accumulate on top of the soil over time, forming a vellow to white crust. Also look for a ring of white crusty salt deposits around the rim of clay pots or around the drainage hole.

Soluble salts are minerals dissolved in water. Fertilizer dissolved in water becomes a soluble salt. When water evaporates from the soil, minerals or salts stay behind. As soil salt concentration rises, plants find it harder and harder to take up water even if the soil is moist. If salt levels are extremely high, water will move out of plant root tips – being pulled into the soil water solution by the high salt level – causing root tips to dry out and die, resulting in the symptoms listed above.

High levels of soil salts damage roots directly, and because it is weakened, the plant becomes more susceptible to attack from insects and diseases. One of the most common problems associated with high salt levels is root rot.

Managing excess fertilizer salts

Repotting with new soil is one way to eliminate excess salt in the soil.

Another method is periodic leaching with a large amount of water to flush excess salt out of the soil. As a standard practice, houseplants should be leached every four to six months. The amount of water needed is twice the volume of the pot. For example, a six-inch pot holds about five cups of water, so 10 cups would be used to leach the pot. If a layer of salts has formed on the soil surface, remove the crust before beginning to leach, but there's no need to remove more than ¼ inch of soil.

To begin the leaching process, put your plant in the bathtub or deep sink where water can drain freely. Pour water onto the soil, a little at a time, until water starts to come out the bottom drain holes. Don't apply water so quickly you wash soil away from the plant crown; just pour in as much as the container will allow and repeat the procedure until all the water is used.

Using more than the recommended amount of water will not hurt the plant, but don't use less. Allow all the leachate water to drain away in the sink.

After leaching, you won't need to water the plant for quite a while. Allow the soil to dry down to normal dryness levels before watering again.

Students show rainforest support



Seward High seniors Miriam Voehl, left, and Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, right, present a letter of support after school Jan. 11 to Congressman Jeff Fortenberry's Staff Assistant Rourke Jensen at Fortenberry's Lincoln office. The letter was written and signed by both students in support of Fortenberry's Bill HC3100 (116) promoting research competition to assist in solving global warming and the rainforest depletion. Their FCCLA STAR Project advocates slowing global warming and reinvesting in the rainforests worldwide. The girls have both volunteered recycling, planted trees and raised almost \$200 in a recent coin drive to Save the Rainforest- and now advocate for this global warming plan to slow the current process.

Broncos welcome new board member

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Centennial School Board said goodbye to a longtime member and welcomed a new one Jan. 11.

After 25 years, Wayne Heine retired from the board. Bryce Borchers, who was elected in November, was sworn in as a new member.

The board accepted the low bid from ARR/Boone Brothers Roofing in Lincoln for \$151,800 to replace the roof over the 1997

That space is located between the east gym and the auditorium, Principal Colin Bargen said. The board considered four bids. Bargen said work will be done during the summer.

building addition.

The board also voted to keep the driver's education fee at \$175 per student. The school pays \$155 per student. The optional course is contracted through the Nebraska Safety Center in Kearnev.

In other business, the board:

 voted to keep its officers the same as last year: Jason Richters, president; Mark Avery, vice president; Jodi Cast, secretary; and Doug Cast, treasurer; and

 reviewed rental fees and made no changes.



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Forbes says hello to readers

by Greg Forbes editor@sewardindependent.com

You may notice a new byline in this week's issue. That's

me! I'm a born and bred Iowan who has spent the majority of my

career



Greg **Forbes Editor**

journalism covering small-town Iowa. Previously, I was the editor/publisher with the Hampton Chronicle for Hampton, a town of about 4,000 people an hour and change north of Des Moines.

I am excited to be the new editor for the Seward County Independent and a few other newspapers in the area. Living outside of the Iowa for the first time (except for my four years at South Dakota State University) will be an adjustment, but one thing I know that hasn't changed from state to state is the importance of community journalism.

I am a graduate of



Annie, Forbes' cat, will be joining him as he moves to Seward.

South Dakota State University, where I initially went for Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences but realized the "science" part of the major was not agreeable with my skills. I found my way to the journalism department shortly after I enrolled and here I

For nearly a decade, I have had the opportunity to cover everything from accidents and murders to bake sales and retirements in communities both larger and smaller than Seward. I take each assignment seriously, as everyone's story is important.

In my career, I've

learned not only the value newspapers bring to their respective communities, but the importance of becoming involved in those communities as well. I have served on various boards and committees in previous cities in which I lived and am looking forward to see how I can become involved in Seward County.

With me, I bring no other humans to Seward but do have a cat, Annie. Annie found her way over to my house in Hampton as a stray and after just a few weeks, it was clear that she had found her new home. As of writing this column, Annie has not yet made the trip to Seward but I'm sure she'll spend the first couple days here wondering what the heck happened to her favorite spots.

If you know of a news tip, need a volunteer for board or fundraiser or just want to say hello, feel free to swing by or give me a call. I am looking forward to meeting each one of you and telling the stories that matter to you, the readers.

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■ Wrestling: 0

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Committee chairs chosen as legislature begins 107th session

by State Sen. Mark Kolterman

Greetings! I hope you and your family enjoyed the holiday season and I pray you have stayed healthy during this deadly pandemic.

The 107th legislative session kicked off Jan. 6. This year we will conduct a 90-day session, also known as the long session, with the expected adjournment date in early June. There are notable changes to the makeup of the legislative body.

We welcome back Sen. Ray Aguilar, Sen. Mike Flood and Sen. Rich Pahls, who previously served in this body, and welcome five new freshmen senators

to the body. This year, Sen. Mike Hilgers of Lincoln was elected by unanimous consent as speaker of the legislature. Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango replaces Hilgers as chair of the executive board of the Legislative Council. The first contested leadership race was that of vice chair of the executive board.

In a close vote, Sen. Tony Vargas of Omaha defeated Sen. Julie Slama of Peru on a vote of 26-23 to retain the position. Sen. Ben Hansen of Blair defeated Sen. Matt Hansen of Lincoln to become the next chair of the business

and labor committee on a vote of 26-23.

Sen. Lynne Walz of Fremont defeated Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte to be the next chair of the education committee in the closest contested race of the day. On the first round of votes, Walz and Groene were tied with 24 votes each. On the second round of votes, Walz triumphed with 25 votes to 23 votes. The last contested race was that of the natural resources chair, which Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard defeated Sen. Tim Gragert of Creighton on a vote of 33-14.

I was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the retirement committee. During this upcoming session, I intend for the retirement committee to continue its work in protecting our state retirement plans' assets, responsibly managing taxpayer dollars via the state's contribution to the plans to provide economic security to our retirees.

In addition to serving as chair of the retirement systems committee, I have been selected by my colleagues to serve on the appropriations committee. I will also serve on the committee on committees which is a committee that assigns senators to committees.

As you may know, the first 10 days of session is the only time senators are allowed to introduce legislation. Given that each senator has their own priorities, bills are introduced on a multitude of issues, but based upon bills that have already been introduced, I believe the major issues facing this legislative session relate to the COVID pandemic, corrections reform, additional measures for property tax reform, school spending and law enforcement reform.

As always, if we can be of assistance to you in any way, do not nesitate to contact my office. My door is open and I have made it a goal to be accessible to the constituents of our district. Stop by any time. My e-mail address is mkolterman@ leg.ne.gov, and the office phone number is (402) 471-2756. David and Katie are always available to assist you with your needs.

If I am not immediately available, do not hesitate to work with them to address any issues that you may need assistance. Also, continue to follow me on Facebook at Kolterman for Legislature and on Twitter at @ KoltermanforLegisla-

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Nebraskans want more space

by Gov. Pete Ricketts

Over the past six weeks, Nebraskans have

been rallying to bring U.S. Space Command (SPACE-COM)



Gov. **Pete Ricketts**

state. This tremendous support for the military is common practice in our state. Nebraskans honor our servicemen and women, and our residents take great pride in hosting strategic missions that protect our nation.

In December 2019, Space Force became the newest branch of the U.S. military. We depend on spacedbased services for navigation, communication, and commerce. Additionally, our armed forces rely on space technology to keep the United States secure. For instance, missile detection systems rely on spacecraft in orbit to monitor the Earth's surface for activity. The possibility of a foreign aggressor, such as China or Russia, seeking to jam GPS signals or knock out satellites is a real threat. The

United States needs to achieve space dominance to ensure our strength on the world stage and to preserve the peace and safety of America.

Nebraska has put forward a compelling bid to bring SPACE-COM to Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) in Bellevue. Our state is one of six finalists to host the command. We expect the Department of the Air Force to decide on a site this month, and we've made a great case for Nebraska. Our central location is the ideal place for global operations aimed at defending every corner of our nation.

Our first competitive advantage for hosting this mission is our people. Nebraskans are patriotic, and we give tremendous support to military families and veterans. In November 2020, SmartAsset ranked Nebraska as the 7th best state for military veterans. None of the other states competing for SPACECOM ranked in the top

fifteen. In September 2020, the U.S. Strategic Command awarded NSRI a \$92 million, five-year contract. In February 2020, the Department of Homeland Security awarded the

University of Nebraska Omaha a ten-year, \$36 million grant to serve as the national headquarters for a new counterterrorism center. This continuing investment shows the confidence of the federal government in Nebraska's ability to deliver research vital to our nation's secu-

Our state also has a track record of completing groundbreaking public-private partnerships on time and under budget. For instance, local investment in the Veterans' Affairs ambulatory clinic in Omaha saved taxpayers over \$30 million. In similar fashion, Nebraska has pledged \$107 million in public-private funds to offset the estimated \$1 billion of costs to build SPACECOM headquarters in Bellevue.

Public and private sector leaders have worked incredibly hard, and very closely together, to give Nebraska the best possible chance of landing SPACECOM. If you have questions about our bid, please email pete.ricketts@ nebraska.gov or call 402-471-2244. I appreciate everyone who has partnered with us to shoot for the stars!

Correction

In the caption of a photo in the 1-13 issue, Janice Ackerman was named Rebecca Ackerman. The Seward County Independent sincerely apologizes for the error.

Share your opinions via letters to the editor. Please include a phone number so we can verify it's you and word count is 500.

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Members of the 2020-2021 Seward High Academic Decathlon Team include, from left: (front row) Emily Gokie, Braden Adams, Elizabeth Gokie and Hannah Kolterman-Wagner; and (back row) Noelle Baker, coach/sponsor, Cole Gray, Tyler Calway, Ashton Conner, Isaiah VanBeek, Andrew Alley and Miriam Voehl.



Members of the 2020-2021 Seward High Academic Decathlon Quiz Bowl Team include, from left: (front row) Emily Gokie, Elizabeth Gokie and Miriam Voehl; and (back row) Tyler Calway, Isaiah VanBeek and Andrew Alley.

HS students compete in decathlon

Members of Seward High's 2020-21 Academic Decathlon competed Jan. 9 in the Large School Division of the Nebraska Academic Decathlon program.

Seniors selected to participate in the competition include Miriam Voehl, Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, Cole Gray, Emily Gokie, Elizabeth Gokie, Ashton Conner, Tyler Calway, Andrew Alley, Braden Adams and Isaiah VenBeek.

The US Academic Decathlon program follows an overall curricular theme on "The Cold War." The tests given to the students

were multiple choice, online and in the subject areas of Science with a focus on the space race, Literature which includes the novel "Cat's Cradle" by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Art with an emphasis on art fundamentals and art during the cold war, Music focusing on the various musical works from the Cold War era, Social Science promoting the history of the Cold War, Economics emphasizing the economics of the Cold War and Mathematics promoting general math, geometry and an introduction to differential calculus.

Each 30-minute test had 50 multiple choice questions.

The students were divided into teams based on their academic grade scores and competed only with other students with the same grade point averages. All the students took the same tests. Students will be recognized individually and as a team.

The students also competed in a special Academic Quiz Bowl based on the theme The Cold War, using the scores of the social studies test.

The sponsors of the Seward High School

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Academic Decathlon Team are the School District of Seward High Ability Learner Program and the Seward Optimist Club. The school district purchases the curriculum/study materials, and the Optimist Club donates and sponsors the SHS Academic Decathlon team T-shirts and members assist in monitoring the local testing. The advisor/ coach for the program at Seward High is SHS Counselor Noelle Baker. Clark Kolterman served as the monitor for the testing.

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Stark to celebrate 90th

Eleanor Stark of Seward will turn 90 next month.

She was born Feb. 3,

To celebrate, her family is requesting a card shower. Cards may be sent to her at P.O. Box 441. Seward, NE 68434.



Happenings

JANUARY 13

Zoom Story Time underway

Seward Memorial Library began Zoom Story Time Jan. 13. Pre-school children may join in the interactive program at 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. Stories, songs, activities and games are included in each 30-minute session. Registration is required for this 11week program and can be done online at www.sewardlibrary.org.

JANUARY 21

Committee plans January meeting

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 Rivioli Centennial is "The Magic of Movies!" So, this year we hope to host a double celebration.

Nominations are still be 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

JANUARY 30

Soup drive-thru scheduled

St. Vincent de Paul School will host a soup drive-thru Saturday, Jan. 30, fro 5 to 8 p.m. Chicken noodle, corn chowder and taco soups will be served, along with pie for dessert. Free-will donations will be accepted, with proceeds to the school Parent Teacher Organization to help with the school's needs

FEBRUARY 22

Rotary sponsors free movie

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 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.

St. John Lutheran honor roll

St. John Lutheran School in Seward recently released its second quarter honor roll for the 2020-21 school year.

Students recognized are Nelson Anderson, Jonah Beisel, Kade Benson, Easton Berner, Quin Berner, Lily Bowens, Lily Brashear, Brennan Burhoop, Hayden Burhoop, Rebecca Caldwell, Sam Cooksey, Aeva Corbin, Jackson Einspahr, Isaac Fiala, Mary Herl, Lucy Huntington, Bethany Jurchen, Rebekah Jurchen, Rachel Kite, Sarah Kite, Cissanie Krohe, Derekka Krohe, Caleb

Lazarchic, Emerson Limback, Molly Marroquin, Sophia Matthias, Ayda Metschke, Kinslee Meyer, Ashlynn Miller, Kelsev Miller, Kendall Miller, Mikayla Miller, Dawson Minchow, Hayden Minchow, Juliet Moore, Quinton Moore, Ryler Parr, Tim Pester, Gabe Pomajzl, Alex Roberts, Micah Royuk, Jordyn Samuels, Luke Schermbeck, Marshall Seevers, Nyla Seevers, Mia Smith, Judah Stellwagen, Carter Urwin, Gracie Van Cura, Henry Wake, Joyah Warren, Nathan Weber and Mackenna Wollenburg.

Thank You

Thank you to all who sent us a card for our 65th wedding anniversary. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and God bless you all!

Bob and Carolyn Gilbreath

Local students earn collegiate honors

Central Community College

Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the President's list for the 2020 fall semester. The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses. Students on the President's Honor List, including Lilly Cast of Beaver Crossing, earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while students on the Dean's Honor List earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

College of Saint Mary

College of Saint Mary (Omaha) has announced the exceptional achievements of students with the release of the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester, which includes Kirstyn Leffler, a senior from Bee.

To qualify for the College of Saint Mary Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher after completing at least 12 semester hours as a full-time student.

The family of Margie Krzeneski wants to thank those who sent flowers, memorials, food and phone calls.

A special thank you to Dr. Wall and the Memorial Health Care staff. Also, thank you to Karel, Jessica and Jenelle Schoepf for your help at the luncheon. A big thank you to Pac 'N' Save for your donation. Thank you to Reverend Mary Kay Totty for the beautiful service. Brad and Jill Perdue, we can't thank you enough for everything.

John Krzeneski Kathy and Jerry Condon & family Vicky and Bill Vandenberg & family Christine and Alan Brose & family Mike and Tessa Moulton & family

STHANK YOU ~

Thank you to everyone who supported our family by offering prayers and encouraging words, phone calls, sending cards, memorials, flowers, and providing food.

It was greatly appreciated and heartwarming. A special thanks to Pastor Dunbar and Pastor Gudgel for the comforting words, Donneta Schmieding for the organ music and Volzke Funeral Home for the caring help.

The Family of Glen Neujahr

A big thank you to all who sent or gave me cards for my retirement.



It was very much appreciated. I am looking forward to retirement.

Julie Schaefer

Obituaries

Shirley A. Stauffer

Oct. 24, 1939 - Oct. 24, 1939 Shirley Ann Stauffer was born Oct. 24, 1939, in Milford, to Sterling Floyd and Florence Kathleen

(Burkey) Hershberger and passed away Jan. 6, 2021, in Lincoln, at the age of 81 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Shirley grew up in Milford where she attended school. On Aug. 8, 1956, she was united in marriage to Robert Stauffer at the Milford Mennonite Church and to this union, four children were born. Shirley was a homemak-



er and Avon representative for many years. She was a member of Beth-El Mennonite Church where she was a Sunday school teacher and Bible school teacher. She was active as a Stonecroft Women's Bible study leader and opened her home for women's Bible studies. Shirley also enjoyed gardening and flowers. She liked making floral arrangements and her favorite flowers were roses and hybrid lilies.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert, Seward; children and spouses, Rick and Wanda Stauffer, Lincoln, Mike and Sherry Stauffer, Seward, Kim and Kurt Stuart, Wahoo, Tami Coffey, Wahoo. Her grandchildren are Brett and Mary Stauffer, Jenna and Jason Richardson, Jared and Lacy Stauffer, Krista and Jon Burhoop, Cari and Josh Schoepf, Tyson and Lacey Wren, Nicole Janak (Nathan), Danielle and Nate Smith, Amber and Bryan Dutcher, Brook Stuart, Jordan and Alex Wambold, Darian Coffey, and Tianna Coffey. Her great-grandchildren are Hunter Stauffer, Ellowyn and Cohen Stauffer, Hayden and Brennan Burhoop, Atley and Evyana Schoepf, Briley and Brody Wren, Georgia Frommie, Shalee, Emersyn, and Avery Smith, Nora, Hattie, and Abraham Dutcher, Mason, Emilia, and Theo Wambold.

Shirley is survived by her sister, Sharon and Bill Stutzman; brothers, Ken Hershberger, Steve and Von Hershberger, Jerry and Paula Hershberger; sisters-in-law, Joyce Stutzman, Darlene and Ken Steckley, and Glennice Stauffer, along with many relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sterling and Florence Hershberger; parents-in-law, Sterling and Vietta Stauffer; sister-in-law, Fern Hershberger; brothers-in-law, Stan Stutzman and Gary Stauffer.

A private graveside service and interment was Jan. 19 at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Stauffer family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Gary G. Young Jan. 5, 2021

Gary George Young, 84, of Seward, passed away

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021. Gary was born in Carroll, iowa, the son of Murray and Marian Young

On Aug. 15, 1955, he entered the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged Aug. 14, 1959. Following his time in the service, he was employed in security.

Gary is survived by his wife, Joan (Caulfield) Young of Seward; children, Scott, Susan and Shannon Young; stepson, Dana (Becky) Singsaas of Davey, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bruce (Carol) Young of New Mexico.

To honor Gary's wishes, cremation has taken place. Condolences may be left for the family at www.giallfaiths.com.

Franklin "Frank" Reynolds

Nov. 8, 1944 – Jan. 17, 2021

Franklin "Frank" Reynolds was born Nov. 8, 1944, and passed away Jan. 17, 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.

Karen S. Henry

March 28, 1942 – Jan. 16, 2021 Karen S. Henry was born March 28, 1942, and passed away Jan. 16, 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.

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Dec. 28 - Jan. 13

Thomas J. Mlnarik Jr. and Christina A. Mlnarik to Thomas J. Mlnarik Jr. and Christina A. Mlnarik, Lot 8, Block 40, Bader-Jirovsky First Addition to Seward. DS exempt

Mary K. Carlson to Trent J.W. Carlson and Erica R. Smith, a tract of land in the SE1/4 SW1/4 5-11-1. DS \$787.50

Jamie L. Wilson to Lance Smith and Michelle Smith, west 12 feet of the north 43 feet of Lot 33 and the north 43 feet of Lots 24-25, Block D, College View Addition to Seward. DS \$366.75

Tyler J. Cruse and April Cruse to Brent A. Giger, a tract of land in the NW1/425-9-2. DS

Nick J. Sloup and Andrea L. Sloup to Kevin A. Dobesh and Bridget M. Dobesh, N1/2 NE1/4 19-12-4. DS \$765

Nick J. Sloup and Andrea L. Sloup to Dobesh Homeplace, LLC, S1/2 NE1/4 19-12-4. DS \$765

Gary L. Jewell and Mary J. Jewell to Todd A. LaVelle and Milinda K. Lavelle, Lot 12, CNG First Addition to Seward. DS \$472.50

Ricky R. Downing and Susan K. Downing, Anita R. Downing-Hueftle and Karl Neil A. Hueftle, Brenda Farber and Jerry A. Farber, Linda Mann and Garrett Mann and JoAnn King to Cidric L. Beckler and Karol D. Beckler, trustees of the Beckler Family Trust, Parcel 1: NW1/4 14-11-3 and Parcel 2: Downing Acres, a part of the NW1/4 14-11-3. DS \$2,475

Fox Den Rentals, LLC, to Craig Kubicek, Lot 4 and Lot 5, except the west 14.23 feet thereof, Block 42, Harris, Moffit and Roberts Addition to Seward. \$146.25

Taurus, LLC, to Regan L. Else, a tract of land in the SW1/4 10-11-3. DS \$467.50

Roger Fritz, Dean Fritz and Bonnie J. Fritz, Gale Fritz and Rosemary Fritz, Sandra Fritz Patchin and Dennis Patchin, and Rosilyn R. Fritz to Ross Cradick and Stephanie L. Cradick, and Roger Cradick, S1/2 NW1/4 2-22-2. DS \$621

Larry W. Coffey and Constance F. Coffey to Coffey Grounds, LLC, E1/2 SW1/4 23-10-4 and the W1/2 SE1/4 23-10-4 along with the Mitchell Subdivision, a subdivision of the S1/2 23-10-4. DS exempt

April Sears, Cynthia Sears and Shawn Judy and Arron Judy to Ross Cradick and Stephanie L. Cradick, and Roger Cradick, S1/2 NW1/4 2-11-2. DS

Clovis Colley and Stephanie Folan and Daniel Folan to Ross Cradick and Stephanie L. Cradick, and Roger Cradick, S1/2 NW1/4 2-22-2. DS \$121.50

Taurus, LLC, to Virginia C. Hughes, a tract of land in the SW1/4 10-11-3. DS exempt

Virginia C. Hughes to Virginia C. Hughes, a tract of land in the SW1/4 10-11-3. DS exempt Taurus, LLC to Ellis Hold-

ings, LLC, a tract of land in the SW1/4 10-11-3. DS \$1,215 Frederick E. Hefner and Ruth N. Hefner to Frederick E. Hef-

ner and Ruth N. Hefner, a tract of land in the NW1/4 7-12-4. DS exempt Brian Dierberger to Iona M.

Dierberger and Brian Dierberger, an undivided 50% interest in Lots 5-6, Block 2, Wright's Third Addition to Utica, and a tract of land in the NW1/4 8-10-2. DS exempt

Iona M. Dierberger to Iona M. Dierberger and Brian Dierberger, S1/2 SW1/4 5-10-2 and an undivided 50% interest in Lots 5-6, Block 2, Wright's Third Addition to Utica. DS exempt

Helen Banzhaf to Sara L. Smith and John E. Smith, Lot 1, Banzhaf Addition in the SE1/4

NW1/4 and the SW1/4 NE1/4 24-11-3. DS exempt

Richard Hobbs and Jacqueline Hobbs to John E. Temple and Suzanne Temple, Lot 16. Block 1, Country Club Heights First Addition to Seward, DS

Paul A. Hughes and Elwanda P. Hughes to Paul A. Hughes and Elwanda P. Hughes, a tract of land in the NW1/4 NW1/4 34-11-4. DS exempt

Terry L. Miller and Anita L. Miller to Mark A. Ackerman, Lot 1, Cottonwood Addition in the SE1/4 SW1/4 20-11-3. DS \$479.25

Lucille Wills to Mason S. Mahalek and Logan Mahalek, the grantor's life estate in Lots 9-12, Garland. DS \$2.25

Notxas1, LLC, to Ryan L. Ruether and Amy M. Ruether, SW1/4 NW1/4 3-10-3 and a tract of land in the NE1/4 4-10-3. DS \$299.25

Building Seward, LLC to Underwood Construction Company, LLC, Lot 12, Block 2, Fairway Woods Addition to Seward. DS

Meinberg Farms, Inc., to Zachary S. Mink and Kerstin A. Mink, Lot 1, Highland Acres, a subdivision in the E1/2 NW1/4 22-11-2. DS \$180

Gary D. Svoboda and Esther E. Svoboda to Joshua D. Svoboda, Matej-Mike Svoboda and Megan L. Svoboda, a tract of land in the W1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 8-11-2. DS exempt

RYASTE Properties, LLC, to Garett A. Stutzman and Amber L. Stutzman, Lot 2 of Jarecki Addition, part of the S1/2 SE1/4 34-11-3. DS \$675

James R. Daws and Lana R. Daws to James R. Daws and Lana R. Daws, Lot A, Administrative Replat of Lots 1-2 and a fraction of Lot 3, Block 2, Hughes Addition to Seward. DS exempt

Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Department.

Jan. 2

6:09 a.m.—A caller in the 700 block of North First Street reported her daughter's ex-boyfriend was doing damage in her house. A man was arrested and jailed.

Jan. 4

7:41 p.m.—A caller in the area of Highway 34 and 252nd Road reported they saw a vehicle that was going an estimated 90 mph.

Summary of other calls Abuse/neglect child 1

Animal bite 1 Barking dog 2 Coroner call 1 Civil dispute 2 Disturbance 1 Extra patrol 4 Field contact 1 Funeral escort 1 Harassment 1 Injury accident 1 Miscellaneous 19 Motorist assist 1 Non-injury accident 4 Ordinance violation 1 Parking violations 26 Property dispute 2 Reckless driving 1 Suspicious vehicle 1 Traffic hazard/debris 1 Traffic stop 19 Village patrol 1

Weapon offense 1

Welfare check 3

County court

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Dec. 21- Jan. 3 Hope A. Thompson, 31, Beaver Crossing, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine; improper/ defective vehicle lighting, \$25 fine; no proof of insurance, \$100 fine.

Kevin D. Dasher, 27, Broken Bow, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine; possess marijuana one ounce or less, \$300 fine.

Trianna L. Wood, 41, Lincoln, refuse to submit to test first offense, \$500 fine, six months probation, revoked license 60 days and interlock device.

Matthew S. Binder, 45, Minden, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Keaton Conroy, 19, Lincoln, minor in possession – under 19 first offense, \$500 fine.

Christopher J. Forney, 24, Milford, possess K2/synthetic one ounce or less, \$300 fine; possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Tristan D. Goracke, 19, Fremont, minor in possession – ages 19-20, \$300 fine.

Taylor S. Lewandowski, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine.

Tara F. Winkle, 26, Omaha, attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, \$4,500 restitution and 24 months probation.

suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Gabriella A. Parde, 23, Bee, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine; improper/defective vehicle lighting, \$25 fine.

Amanda K. Jennings, 26, Columbus, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Angus G. Paulsen, 18, Westminister, Colorado, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Nathan S. Longacre, 41, Seward, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Sebastian G. Weber, 18. Seward, no proof of ownership, \$50 fine; possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Lee M. Collins, 58, Bee, driving during revocation, six months probation and 50 hours community service.

Wilson Estuardo Hernandez, 24, Crete, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine; improper/defective vehicle lighting, \$25 fine; possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine; no operator's license waiverable, \$75 fine.

Micaela R. Puente, 29, Lincoln, theft by deception, 60 days jail and \$1,426.83 restitution; theft by deception, 60 days jail and restitution of \$898.

Zachery S. Stephens, 26, Checotah, Oklahoma, violation of hunting/fishing regulations, \$100 fine.

Traffic

nformation taken from Seward County court records.

Jan. 4 - 8

Matthew J. Frisbie, 34, Lincoln, speeding 16-20 mph municipal, \$125 fine.

Hunter L. Kitzing, 17, Staplehurst, fail to yield right of way on left turn, \$25 fine.

Jolynn Moesta, 35, Seward, violate stop or yield sign, \$75 fine.

Ramie L. Spencer, 24, Grand Island, no valid registration -

car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Heather D. Monnier, 47, Bradshaw, no valid registration – car/ pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Katherine L. Garland, 48, Lincoln, no valid registration - car/ pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Ramiah H. Stfleur, 26, Omaha, speeding 21-35 mph interstate, \$200 fine.

Taynen N. Mach, 23, Anselmo, speeding 21-35 mph municipal, \$200 fine.

Cayden R. Richters, 18, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Ashley L. Kowalski, 23, Lincoln, no valid registration – car/ pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Joyce Musungay, 18, York, speeding 16-20 mph municipal, \$125 fine. Joshua S. Stone, 41, Council

Bluffs, Iowa, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine. Ethan W. Roth, 24, Milford,

unnecessary noise, \$50 fine.

Lee M. Collins, 58, Bee, driving under

Property tax relief remains Ricketts' No. 1 priority

By Leeanna Ellis editor@enterprisepub.com

Gov. Pete Ricketts outlined his priorities for the next two years - including property tax relief -Jan. 14 during his State of the State address before the 107th Nebraska Legislature.

Ricketts proposed a two-year budget that controls spending growth to 1.5%, which he said would allow the state to achieve several important priorities.

The proposed budget would deliver \$1.36 billion in property tax relief over the biennium, which includes \$550 million in direct property tax relief through the state's Property Tax Credit Relief Fund and more than \$596 million from the newly-enacted LB 1107 refundable property

Ricketts is also proposing roughly \$214 million to provide for property tax payments under the current homestead exemption program.

Ricketts and State Sen. Lou Ann Linehan are also working on a proposed bill to limit the growth of local government property taxes to 3%. Property taxes have grown by 4.46% annually on average over the last 10 years for an overall increase of 54.65%, Ricketts said.

'Taxes are growing at a rate that Nebraskans cannot manage within their family budgets. It is my belief that if the Legislature fails to enact spending constraints, the people of Nebraska will take matters into their own hands and strip local governments of their property tax authority," he said. "It's happened before in the 1960s when the voters stripped the state of its authority

to levy a property tax, and it will happen again. The limits we are proposing here are reasonable, and will help ensure that local control of the institutions we cherish endures for years to come."

Other priorities outlined in Ricketts' State of the State included:

 investing \$50 million to locate the new U.S. Space Command to Offut Air Force Base despite the announcement that Alabama will get the headquarters.

· increasing the tax break for military retirees from 50%, which was granted last year, to 100%. Ricketts is also asking the Legislature to remove barriers that prevent military spouses from taking jobs as teachers.

 fully funding the state school aid formula with an additional \$42.7 million in state aid to K-12 schools over the next two years. Each year of the budget, the formula would provide roughly \$1.1 billion in aid to

• investing \$115 million of the budget for a total of \$230 million into a new, modern correctional facility, which is to be operational by 2025.

 recommending legislation to allow licensed healthcare professionals from other states to work in Nebraska. An executive order in 2020 allowed this flexibility during the pandemic. Ricketts is proposing legislation that would make this change permanent.

 expanding broadband internet to rural Nebraskans. Ricketts is proposing investing \$40 million over the next two years to help 30,000 households get broadband connec-

When to plan garden? Winter time

by Nicole Stoner Gage County Extension educator

In December, you might not think much about your garden because of the colder temperatures and snow that is falling as I write this article.

However, this is a great time to start planning a new garden. You can figure out the best location and plan out what you are going to plant in it now while new plant ideas are flying in from all the garden catalogs.

Location Location is key for your new garden, but you need to know what you are planning on planting prior to deciding the location. If you are looking for a new vegetable garden spot, select a location that has full sun or at least 6-8 hours of full sunlight per day. The afternoon sun is best.

Also look for a location with level ground and good soil. If you are unsure of the nutrient values, pH and amount of organic matter in your soil, send in a soil sample to be analyzed prior to adding any amendments and planting. You can pick up the materials for completing a soil test at most Extension offices.

Another thing to remember is to plant your garden near a water source. Your plants will need supplemental watering through the

summer; having a nearby water source is much easier for management. Remember to avoid low areas or where water tends to pond in your landscape. Areas of poor drainage will constantly be a difficulty in your garden.

If you have an area of poor drainage that you want to redo or plant into, you can choose landscape plants that are adapted to swampy or wet conditions. There are many to choose from and they will grow better there than those that prefer well-drained or dry soils.

What to plant

When deciding what to plant in your vegetable garden, think about things that your family eats most of and what you have space for in the new garden location. You can look for new or different varieties of things your family enjoys. There are some really fun varieties out there, including more tomatoes than you can ever imagine.

If you are thinking about plants for a new landscape bed, you need to first determine the sunlight and moisture levels in the area, then look at plants that will grow in those growing conditions. You also should consider the amount of management for the plants you desire. Some plants take a lot more care, with cleanup and deadhead-

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ing, while others don't take as much.

Once you figure that out, look at the colors and flower types you prefer and plant those. Keep in mind full size of the plant when planning how many of each plant to purchase. Don't overcrowd the plants.

Starting from seeds or transplants

You can start your own plants from seeds indoors, or you can purchase transplants in April or May for direct planting. Starting from seed can be less expensive but take more time and will have some initial costs of lights, trays and soil. Transplants are more expensive, but you can't always find the varieties you prefer in the stores. Starting the seed yourself ensures that you can have specifically what you like best for tomatoes or peppers or others.

Transplants should be grown in temperatures between 70 and 75 degrees. Too cold or too warm can reduce the rate of germination or the plants may grow leggy or improperly. Seedlings need 12-16 hours of light per day. This light should be kept about 1 inch above the plants. As they grow, this light should be moved up with the seedlings. You can start your seedlings in many different containers, just be sure they are clean and have drainage.

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Seward GFWC asks for donations

The GFWC Seward Woman's Club has partnered with the March of Dimes organization to assist with their program on Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Mission Healthy

The Seward Club is asking anyone who likes to knit, crochet, quilt, sew or non-sew to assist with this project by making blankets and donating to Blankets for Babies.

The blankets should NOT exceed 4' by 4' and must come from a pet and smoke free environment. Mark your items that you bring so you may get credit and your "thank you" from

The club has specific patterns for the little baby caps and if you contact Jean Kolterman at (402) 643-3803, the patterns and sizes will be sent to you.

Pastor column: I had an epiphany!

By Pastor Mark A. Haef-Grace Lutheran Church, Seward NE

I had an epiphany! If someone said that to you, you might wonder what they were talking about. Epiphany is not a common word. But if they said that they suddenly understood something that they had not understood before, that

That's what the word epiphany means. It means to show forth, to reveal, to make something clear that was not clear before.

would make sense.

Some churches celebrate a season of Epiphany. It is a time during which the readings from the Gospels reveal something about Jesus that was not clear before. At Christmas we saw Jesus as a baby, nursed and cared for by his mother. During Epiphany, we see him performing miracles, changing water into wine, calming storms, casting out demons, healing every sickness and disease and even raising the dead.

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almighty God. The Tuliness of the delty lives in him. He is just who he needed to be to win salvation for us by being tempted as we are, yet remaining without sin, and by taking on himself the punishment for the sins of all people and then rising victorious from the dead.

The miracles of Jesus reveal to us that Jesus is who he needed to be in order to rescue us from our biggest problems, sin and death. The miracles of Jesus also reveal to us that Jesus has power over anything and everything that troubles us. They give us a glimpse of what it will be like when we get to live in his presence for all eternity.

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Eagles battle for pair of hardwood victories

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Milford girls' basketball team had to battle for wins last week. A tough night against Syracuse Jan. 12 led to a 39-31 loss for the Eagles, but the team fought back Jan. 15 to beat Raymond Central 33-29 and Jan. 16 to edge Thayer Central 47-45.

Coach Phil Stauffer said the Eagles played good defense against Syracuse, but the Rockets' man-to-man defense made Milford work for good shots.

Hannah Kepler scored 13 and Kaitlin Kontor 12 to lead the offense.

Stauffer said the team was fortunate to beat Raymond Central. Milford made just three of 20 attempts inside the three-point arc.

"We have to start shooting the ball better this is not a good time of year to be in a team shooting slump," he

Kepler, though, scored 20 points and was 4-6 from three.

The Eagles had their best start of the season against Thayer Central with 20 first-quarter

points.
The score was tied 42-42 with 30 seconds left, and Kepler hit a triple to give Milford the lead. Thayer Central tied the game with 5 seconds to play and then fouled Kaitlin Kontor with one second to go. Kontor connected on both free

throws for the victory. Kepler finished with

23 points.
The Eagles (8-7) were to be on the road at Lakeview Jan. 19 and at Elmwood-Murdock Friday Jan. 22





CRAIG JONES/SC

Milford's Hannah Kepler lets go a three-point shot late in the game to tie the score with Thayer Central on Jan. 16. Looking on is sophomore Kaitlin Kontor, who hit two free throws with one second on the clock to secure the win for the Eagles.

Sydney Stelling 0-3 0-4 0, Abby Houk 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 10-35 9-16 31.

SHS—Totals 16-41 6-10 39. Three-point goals—MHS 2-14 (Stutzman 0-1, Kontor 2-6, Kepler 0-4, Stelling 0-1, Houk 0-2), SHS 1-8. Rebounds—MHS 22 (Roth 8), SHS 28. Assists—MHS 2 (Kepler 2). Steals—MHS 10 (Stelling 4). Blocked shots—MHS 4 (four with 1). Turnovers—MHS 14, SHS 13. Fouls—MHS 10, SHS 13.

Milford 33, Raymond Central 29

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Klug 0-2 0-0 0, Roth 0-3 0-0 0, Stelling 0-5 0-0 0,

Houk 0-1 0-0 0, Mariah Richards 0-1 0-0 0. Totals

10-44 6-7 33. **RCHS**—Totals 11-41 4-9 29. **Three-point goals**—MHS 7-24 (Stutzman

0-5, Kontor 2-9, Kepler 4-6, Piening 1-1, Roth 0-2, Stelling 0-1), RCHS 3-17. **Rebounds**—MHS 25 (Kepler 8), RCHS 39. **Assists**—MHS 6 (Stelling 2). **Steals**—MHS 8 (Kepler 3). **Blocked shots**—MHS 6 (Kepler 3). **Turnovers**—MHS 6, RCHS 15. **Fouls**—MHS 11, RCHS 12.

Milford 47, Thayer Central 45
TCHS 11 14 9 11 4:
MHS 20 4 5 18 4:

TCHS—Totals 15-34 9-15 45.

MHS—Stutzman 2-3 1-2 7, Kontor 2-9 3-5
9, Kepler 9-17 4-4 23, Roth 1-3 0-0 2, Stelling 2-6
0-0 4. Houk 1-1 0-2 2. Totals 17-39 8-13 47.

Three-point goals—TCHS 6-16, MHS
5-13 (Stutzman 2-3, Kontor 2-6, Kepler 1-4). Rebounds—TCHS 24, MHS 17 (Kepler 5). Assists— MHS 11 (Kepler 4). Steals—MHS 11 (Kepler, Stelling 4). Blocked shots—MHS 1 (Stelling 1). Turnovers—TCHS 18, MHS 13. Fouls—TCHS 15, STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI
Centennial's Daylee Dey looks for the rim on a layup attempt against Central City Jan. 16.

CHS wins times 3

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Centennial girls were ready for their three-game week, Coach Jake Polk said. The Broncos won all three, beating Shelby-Rising City 57-26, Columbus Lakeview 46-34 and Central City 47-37.

Polk said the Broncos were sloppy to start out against SRC.

"We were stagnant, almost too unselfish," he said.

CHS made adjustments and outscored SRC 12-2 in the second quarter. With a big lead going into the fourth quarter, Polk said the Broncos worked on their zone defense.

"That was important for us because we needed it against Lakeview," he said.

Kate Hirschfeld scored 15 to pace the offense and grabbed nine rebounds. Asia Nisly added 11 points.

Despite snow on Friday, Centennial had school and went to Columbus to play Lakevjew

"It was obvious to the coaches and crowd who wanted snow and who wanted to play," Polk said.

Although Lakeview led 11-3 after the first quarter, the Broncos outscored the Vikings 18-8 in the second and 18-9 in the third. Centennial switched to a zone defense in the second quarter and that limited the Lakeview drives.

Polk said his team was motived after not playing CLHS last year and losing in triple overtime the year before.

Nisly led the team with 26 points and was 5-7 from three.

CHS hosted Central City Jan. 16 and held their leading scorer below her 20-point average.

Polk said the Broncos played man-to-man defense and a full-court press and, although they didn't lead directly to points, they did wear the Bison down.

Hirschfeld finished with 18 points and five rebounds.

Centennial (13-1) was to host Wilber-Clatonia Jan. 19 and Centura Saturday, Jan. 23, with tipoff at 2:30 p.m.

Malcolm wrestlers see improvement on mat

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

After earning career win number 100, it was Gavin Zoucha's next win that proved to be one of the most impressive of the season. Ranked fourth at his weight in Class C, the 160-pound Malcolm junior took the mat against Class C's second ranked wrestler at 152 pounds.

connor Kreikemeier of Raymond Central moved up a weight class to create a marquee matchup in a Jan. 14 dual at Malcolm. Zoucha outlasted the Mustangs' junior for a 3-2 win.

"It was good for both of them to wrestle that match," Malcolm head coach Matt Coufal said. "If they had faced the wrestlers from their actual weight classes, it wouldn't have been much competition.

"They're only about four or five pounds apart, so it was definitely a fair fight."

It was Zoucha's second win in a week against wrestlers

ranked in the top three.
"Gavin has set some lofty goals for himself,"
Coufal said. "His effort has been great so far this year and he's com-

peting well.

Zoucha's win was one of just four in the dual that Raymond Central won 43-24. Zane Zoucha (120) defeated Jacob Schultz while Riley Donahoo (220) and Caleb Courter (182) each earned pins.

Earlier that evening,

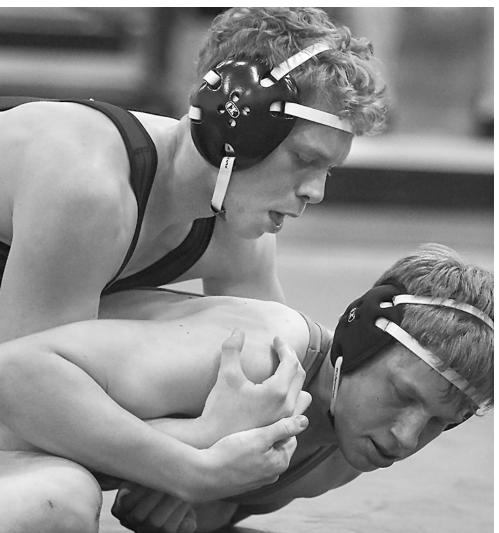
Malcolm picked up a 54-18 dual win over Archbishop Bergan. Five Malcolm grapplers had pins against the Knights. The Clippers hosted a

The Clippers hosted a seven-team round-robin meet on Jan. 16. Conestoga won with 151.5 points while Malcolm placed second with 141.5.

"For basically a Covid tournament, it went pretty well," Coufal said. "We were just a bunch of teams looking for a place to compete."

The Nebraska School Activities Association has guidelines in place this season suggesting tournaments be limited to eight full teams. Malcolm was supposed to participate in a tournament at Schuyler but opted out due to the Covid guidelines.

"We decided to put on a little round-robin event," Coufal said. "It started out as five schools but we found a couple more that were



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm's 182-pounder Trevor Lohrman tries to turn Ben Simonson of Archbishop Bergan during a triangular in Malcolm Thursday night. Lohrman won by fall in 1:58 of the first period.

in our same situation so we invited them to come join us."

The second place

finish was the best of the year for the Clippers who had three gold and two silver medalists. Gavin Zoucha scored four pins in his four matches on his way to the meet championship. Josh Stewart earned top honors by going the distance in his three matches at 170. Caleb Courter got two pins and an overtime win to place first at 182 pounds.

"That was Caleb's first tournament win," Coufal said. "He's wrestled better at times this year, but he's learning how to overcome his mistakes. He's doing well considering this is just his third year wrestling."

Kale Nordmeyer had an efficient day as he earned pins in 21, 46, 22 and 20 seconds on his way to the championship match at 285 where Kazz Hyson of Fairbury got the best of Nordmeyer with a third-period pin.

"Kale beat him in our first meet this season," Coufal said. "He's a smart young man. He'll learn from it and get better."

The Clippers will travel to Oakland-Craig Saturday, Jan. 23, to compete in the Knights' invitational tournament.

"We're definitely a better overall team than we were a week ago," Coufal said. "The kids want to be good and it's starting to show up in how they practice and how hard they compete."



Malcolm's Kiley Elkins puts up a shot against David City Saturday night in Malcolm. Malcolm won the game 54-44.

Malcolm girls win two

Seward County Independent

To survive a long season, you need multiple weapons. That proved to be true for the Malcolm girls' basketball team as Joslyn Small stepped up on Senior Night to lead the Clippers to a 54-44 win over David City on Jan. 16.

The 5-3 senior nailed five three-pointers on her way to a career-high 21 points. As a team, the Clippers set a new school record by making 11 three-pointers.

"They have a tough post player and we weren't able to get much going inside," Malcolm head coach Andy Klepper said. "They were giving us opportunities from the outside and we took advantage."

After leading by just two points at halftime, Alyssa Fortik provided a spark for the Clippers coming out the break. The 5-2 sophomore point guard hit a pair of threes in the third quarter to help extend the Malcolm lead to 11 points by the end of the

"We knew this wasn't going to be easy," Klepper said. "On film, they looked like the best shooters we've faced this

The Scouts nailed eight from behind the arc with five of them coming from Emily Johnson. The junior guard led David City with 15 points.

When the Clippers cruised to a 49-25 home win Jan. 12 over Fillmore Central, the weapon of choice was Fortik who led the way with a 16-point performance while her classmate,

Emma Brown, added 10.

"Watching them on film, I expected more of a challenge," Klepper said. "They have a couple of tremendous athletes that didn't really show up against us.

"I don't know if they were just having an off night or if our pressure just got to them."

The patented Malcolm full-court pressure helped force 20 turnovers. Small nabbed six steals and deflected two passes.

"We've had several different girls step up at different times to make plays," Klepper said. "It's nice that it's not always the same player every night.

"It's makes us harder to defend when you don't know whose going to be the star on a given night."

The No. 5 Clippers (13-0) host Freeman (6-7) Tuesday night before traveling to Wilber-Clatonia (5-8) Friday, Jan. 22. Malcolm returns home to host Mead (9-4) Saturday.

Malcolm 54, David City 44 11 13 4 16 14 12 13 15

MALCOLM—Joslyn Small 7-14 2-2 21, Jasmine Small 1-2 0-2 3. Ashlynn Sehi 0-5 0-0 0. Kiley Elkins 1-2 0-0 2, Jordan Denton 3-7 0-0 8, Alvssa Fortik 4-12 2-2 12, Diamond Sedlak 1-5 DC-Totals 14-36 8-12 44.

Three-point goals-MHS 11-25 (Jo. Small 5-9, Ja. Small 1-2, Denton 2-4, Fortik 2-6, Sedlak 26. Assists-MHS 16 (Fortik 5), DC 11. Steals-MHS 11 (Jo. Small 2, Denton 2, Fortik 2, Sedlak 2 Brown 2), DC 9. Turnovers-MHS 11, DC 17.

Malcolm 49, Fillmore Central 25

MALCOLM—Jo. Small 1-6 0-0 3, Wondercheck 0-3 0-0 0 Alanea Babb 0-2 0-0 0, Ja. Small 0-4 0-0 0, Sehi 1-1 2-2 4, Elkins 2-3 0-0 4, Denton 4-5 2-3 10, England 1-2 0-0 3, Cora Schweitzer 1-3

Three-point goals—MAL 7-10 (Jo. Small 1-4, Wondercheck 0-2, Ja. Small 0-3, Denton 1-3, Fortik 3-4, Sedlak 0-4, England 1-1), FC 4-7. Rebounds—MAL 38 (Sedlak 9), FC 24. Assists-MAL 13 (Jo. Small 3, Ja. Small 3, Sedlak 3), FC 8. **Steals**—MAL 18 (Jo. Small 6), FC 15. **Turnovers**—MAL 18, FC 20. **Fouls**—MAL 9, FC

Broncos top three on court

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Centennial boys' basketball team picked up three more wins last week, beating Shelby-Rising City 49-26, Columbus Lakeview 54-26 and Central City 55-50.

"I thought we did really well," Coach Cam Scholl said. "We're pretty happy with 3-0."

He said the Bronco defense was good in all three games. The team did a good job keeping their opponents in front of them and rebounding.

Cooper Gierhan had a big week on offense, scoring 22 against SRC, 17 against Lakeview and 24 against Central City. Scholl said Lane Zimmer did a good job on the offensive glass, and Jake Bargen was efficient shooting.

The coach was pleased to see just seven turnovers against Central City, especially since the Bison do a good job pressuring the ball.

"We hit free throws at the end to keep them at bay," he said.

The Broncos (9-4) are off until Saturday. Jan. 23, when they host Centura at 4 p.m. Centura is a new team on the schedule with an 8-4 record, Scholl said.

"We have to be ready to play," he said.

To keep the team in playing shape, Scholl said they'll try to mix things up in practice.

"There are still things to get better at," he said.

Centennial 49, Shelby-Rising City 26 17 10 13 10 10 4

CHS—Michael Nisly 0-1 0-0 0, Elijah Utter 0-1 0-0 0, Maj Nisly 1-7 2-4 4, Jake Bargen 6-15 1-2 15, Lance Haberman 0-1 0-0 0, Cooper Gierhan 8-13 2-2 22, Shawn Rathjen 0-1 0-0 0, Lane Zimmer 3-3 0-0 6, Jayde Gumaer 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 19-43 5-8 49.

Three-point goals—CHS 6-17 (Mi. Nisly 0-1, Ma. Nisly 0-2, Bargen 2-5, Haberman 0-1, Gierhan 4-8). Rebounds—CHS 24 (Gierhan 9). Assists—CHS 8 (Ma. Nisly 3). Steals—CHS 8 (Mi. Nisly, Zimmer 3). **Turnovers**—CHS 7. **Fouls**—CHS

Centennial 54, Columbus Lakeview 26

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1-2, Ma. Nisly 0-1, Haberman 0-1, Gierhan 3-6). Rebounds—CHS 29 (Gierhan 10). Assists— CHS 6 (Ma. Nisly 2). **Steals**—CHS 6 (Zimmer 3). **Blocked shots**—CHS 2 (Bargen, Zimmer 1). Turnovers—CHS 10 Fouls—CHS 8

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Jayden Hartshorn of Centennial holds his position on defense as Central City moves the ball around the perimeter Jan. 16.

CHS—Mi. Nisly 0-1 0-0 0, Ma. Nisly 3-7 8-11 14, Bargen 4-8 5-6 14, Gierhan 8-20 6-7 24, Lane Zimmer 0-1 0-2 2, Hartshorn 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 15-

Three-point goals—CHS 3-13 (Mi. Nisly

CHS 7 (Ma. Nisly 4). **Steals**—CHS 5 (Ma. Nisly, Zimmer 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 2 (Hirschfeld, Zimmer 1), Turnovers—CHS 7, Fouls—CHS 12,

Clippers get back-to-back wins

by Heath Kramer Seward County Independent

If ever there was a team better than its winloss record, the Malcolm boys' basketball team has to be on that list. After struggling with several near misses through the first half of the season, the Clippers strung together back-toback wins as they dominated Fillmore Central 65-43 on Jan. 12 before beating David City 51-45 on Jan. 16.

"It's been a tough year with so many what-if games," Malcolm head coach Chris Lewandowski said. "It felt great to see the boys get it done this past week.'

The three-pointers were raining when David City visited Malcolm. Of the Scouts' 15 field goals, 10 were from behind the arc.

"We put a lot of focus on stopping their good post player (Caden Denker)," Lewandowski said. "That ended up leaving their good shooters open too much and they took advantage."

The Clippers were also making it rain as they knocked down seven from long range including three from



Malcolm's Ethan Robotham reaches for a loose ball against David City Saturday night in Malcolm. Malcolm won the game 51-45.

Hayden Frank and two for Drew Johnson. The sophomore duo each had 11 points. Senior Malcolm Saltzman matched the youngsters with his own 11-point performance.

It was his team's ability to overcome adversity that made the coach proud. After David City

cut the Malcolm lead to one-point at the end of first half, it had the makings of another frustrating loss.

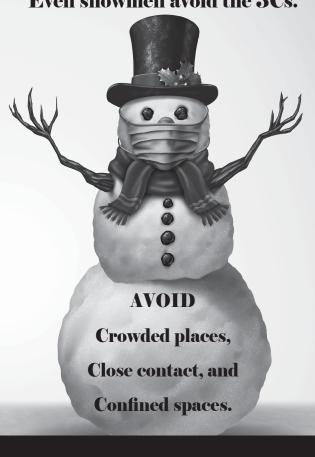
'We challenged them at halftime to make

this one different," Lewandowski said. "We came out in the second half and built our lead instead of surrendering

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Joslyn Small, a senior at Malcolm, scored a career-high 21 against David City Jan. 12, making five three-pointers in the game. Against Fillmore Central Jan. 16, she notched six steals and three assists.

Honorable Mention Haylie Sloup - Seward Sydney Stelling - Milford Daylee Dey - Centennial

Hayden Frank, a sophomore at Malcolm, helped lead the Clippers to a pair of wins last week. He scored 11 points to go with eight rebounds and three assists against David City and recorded 10 points, five rebounds and two steals against Fillmore Central.

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Concordia University

Women's basketball

Instead of draining seven consecutive threes like it did to begin the previous matchup with Mount Marty, Concordia University women's basketball built its lead behind lockdown defense Jan. 13. The host Lancers managed only three first-quarter points in a 94-62 blowout win for the Bulldogs. They unleashed the press inside Cimpl Arena and forced 26 turnovers.

Taylor Cockerill (11 points on 4-for-5 shooting from the floor) and company led 23-3 at the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs then poured it on with a 9-0 spurt early in the third period. By the close of the third quarter, Concordia owned a 77-38

Olson is proud of the work his team has done on the road this season. Concordia will be away from home only once more this regular season.

"What came out of it was the toughness we had. We had some great wins on the road – at Jamestown and at Northwestern. Just really gritty performances. I'm really proud of where we're at right now," Olson said.

Morningside 66, CU 64 There were many positive signs of growth on a day when the Bulldogs fell just short of what would have been its most significant victory of the season. First-place Morningside finished the game on a 10-2 run while edging the Bulldogs in a nail-biter, 66-64, inside Friedrich Arena Jan. 16. The 11th-ranked Mustangs avoided an upset despite shooting only 32.9% from the floor.

Olson's squad is disappointed in the result, but encouraged by the growth shown since the previous meeting with Morningside (an 86-67 defeat). Concordia now sits at 12-7 overall and at 11-5 in GPAC play (third place).

Cockerill twice nailed treys in the fourth quarter that put the Bulldogs up by six in both instances. Concordia still



Rebecca Higgins of Concordia drives the ball down the court Jan. 16 during a home game against Morningside College.

led (64-61) with as few as 45 seconds remaining.

That's about the time when Mustang standout Sierra Mitchell came through with a consequential offensive rebound and game-tying 3-point basket. After an empty Bulldog possession, Faith Meyer drove baseline and scored the game-winner with 1.4 seconds left on the clock.

Concordia also poked holes in the Morningside zone by making use of the height of Kayla Luebbe of Seward (13 points and eight rebounds) and Chloe Schumacher of Malcolm (11 points and four rebounds). They combined for 24 points on 11-for-12 shooting from the floor. The work of Luebbe and Schumacher almost overcame the team's 21 turnovers and the 17 offensive rebounds it surrendered.

Cockerill led all players with 17 points (6for-14 from the floor) to go along with her seven rebounds. Mackenzie Koepke chipped in with five points and eight rebounds. The starting five other than Cockerill went a combined 6-for-27 from the floor. Overall, the Bulldogs shot 40% from the field.

Morningside's 66 points were its lowest total of the season in conference play. While Mitchell paced her side with 15 points, McKenna Sims added 13 and

Grace Meyer collected 12 off the bench. Another of the team's marquee players, Sophia Peppers contributed nine points, seven rebounds and five steals.

The Bulldogs will enjoy a mid-week bye before returning home next Saturday, Jan. 23, to host Briar Cliff (13-5, 11-4 GPAC). Tipoff from Friedrich is again set for 2 p.m.

Men's basketball

Carter Kent wouldn't let the Concordia University men's basketball team fall Jan. 13. The Crete native had all the answers for the Lancers, who clawed back within six points late in the contest before being put away. In the 86-76 win inside Cimpl Arena in Yankton, South Dakota, the Bulldogs shot 50% from the floor in the process of collecting their fifth GPAC road triumph this season.

Four days after eclipsing 1,000 career points, Kent (10-for-17 from the floor and 4-for-6 from beyond the arc) scored in just about every way imaginable and put a cherry on top with a three-point play in the closing stretch. His 29 points are a career high.

Of course he had help. Three teammates reached double figures: Justin Wiersema (20), Gage Smith (15) and Holt

Limback enjoyed his team's 9-for-19 shooting from 3-point range and its ability to respond to a Mount Marty basket, but his favorite play occurred when Wiersema

dove for a loose ball. Wiersema extended his streak of consecutive games with at least 10 points to 21. He also grabbed eight rebounds. In addition, Holt, Kent and Smith each snared six or more rebounds in contributing to a 36-30 team rebounding advantage.

a Bulldog home game in Friedrich Arena.

Morningside 95, CU 77 Something had to

give entering a matchup that featured a 12-game home win streak for the Bulldogs and a 10-game series win streak for visiting Morningside.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs fell at home for the first time since last January while allowing the 15th-ranked Mustangs to shoot 60.7% from the floor. Morningside made its first seven 3-point attempts on the way to a 95-77 win in Seward Jan. 16.

This was a big one in terms of the hopes for Head Coach Ben Limback's squad to claw back into the GPAC regular-season title race. Concordia (13-7, 10-5 GPAC) currently resides in fourth place in the conference standings.

Smith paced Concordia with 19 points and eight rebounds. It

marked the first time this season that the Bulldogs have lost when Smith has scored 15 or more. In addition, Wiersema posted 18 points and three steals, Holt turned in 11 points and four rebounds and Grant Wragge (10 points on 5-for-5 shooting; four steals) brought plenty of energy off the bench. Sam Scarpelli chipped

Concordia junior Gage Smith drives the ball around a Morningside Mustang Jan. 16 during

in with eight points. The Bulldogs will have the middle of next week off while focusing their attention on next Saturday, Jan. 23's, home clash with Briar Cliff (11-8, 8-6 GPAC). Tipoff from Friedrich Arena is slated for 4 p.m.

Wrestling

In its first duals since Dec. 19, the Concordia University wrestling team took on a GPAC opponent and two nonconference foes as part of an extended stay in Orange City, Iowa, Jan. 16. The Bulldogs lost to Northwestern, 28-12, and to Dickinson State University (N.D.), 22-15, before finishing the day with a 42-18 win over Waldorf University (Iowa). All duals were contested inside the Bultman Center on Northwestern's campus. Head Coach Levi Cal-

houn's squad owns dual records of 4-7 overall and 2-2 in the GPAC. Concordia managed through the day on Saturday

without a fully stocked lineup.

"Being down a few guys due to forces out of our control, I was still proud of the way our guys wrestled," Calhoun said. "It's tough to win a dual when you're giving up some weights. I was happy with the way we wrestled and how hard we wrestled, but we want to go 3-0, not 1-2. We know we have to get better, stay healthy and continue to improve."

The first dual of the day carried the most significance in that it counted towards the GPAC standings. Red hot Issiah Burks came through with a second period pin at 157 to get the Bulldogs on the board.

Senior Gabe Crawford (165) and Jacob Telles (285) also earned wins by decision while continuing strong seasons. By day's end, Telles pushed his team leading win total to 23 on the season. However, Concordia dropped contested bouts to the Red Raiders at 141, 174, 184 and 197.

On another day, the Bulldogs may have knocked off Dickinson State, but the lineup absences were a limiting factor. Concordia actually won four of the seven contested matches via Jeaven Scdoris (major decision at 141), Jose Sanchez (decision at 157),

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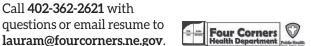
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF **SEWARD COUNTY NEBRASKA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD O. DEINERT, Deceased.

Case No. PR21-03 NOTICE OF

INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2021, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said decedent and that MELVIN H. DEINERT, whose address is 1851 NW 98th Street, Lincoln, NE 68528, and JOANN C. BOSHART, whose address is 3100 NW 98th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this court on or

before March 20, 2021, Or be forever barred. /s/Sheila R. Beins CLERK OF

THE COUNTY COURT MICHAEL G. MULLALLY #17373 MICHAEL G. MULLALLY P.C., L.L.O. 510 Seward Street P.O. Box 411 Seward, Nebraska 68434 (402) 643-4581 Attorney for

Personal Representative SCI — January 20, 27, February 03, 2021

LIQUOR LICENSES

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE Notice is hereby given that 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:

La Carreta Inc 3531 Progressive Rd Seward NE 68434

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230 S 5th St

Seward NE 68434

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NAME CHANGE

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA Case Number CI21-1

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, 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 **ZNEZ**

MEETINGS NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Seward Foundation, Inc., will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at the Seward Civic Center basement at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect at-large members & officers for the Board of Directors, and for the transaction of regular business. SCI — January 20, 2021 **ZNEZ**

INCORPORATIONS

NOTICE OF AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

Borchers Brothers Farms, Inc. Pursuant to the provisions of the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act, this Notice of Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Borchers Brothers Farms, Inc. formerly Paul Meister

Farm, Inc. is submitted as follows: 1. The amended and restated Articles revoke the original Articles of Incorporation and any amendments thereto, in their entirety and substitute the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State effective on January 11, 2021.

2. The amended and restated Articles of Incorporation were approved by the Shareholders and unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors on December 23, 2020.

3. The aggregate number of

shares which the corporation shall have the authority to issue is Ten Thousand (10,000) shares of common stock of One Dollar (\$1) par value per share.

Borchers Brothers Farms, Inc. formerly Paul Meister Farm, Inc.

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MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

School District of Seward 410 South Street Seward, NE 68434 Monday, January 11, 2021 7:00 PM

Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM. Paul Duer: Present Jill Hochstein: Present Jana Hughes: Present Rvne Seaman: Present Danielle Shipley: Present Shawn Svoboda: Present

1. Preliminary Procedures 1.1. Call meeting to order & announce Open Meetings Act is Posted

1.2. Public Notice as publicized per board policy

The public notice was publicized in the Seward County Independent and posted at city hall, library and the courthouse. The public notice

was dated January 6, 2021. 1.2.1. Oath of Office Shawn Svoboda read his oath

of office.

1.3. Roll Call 1.3.1. Action to excuse board

members if necessary 1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

1.5. Mission The school district of Seward--where every student, every day is a success--affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive and contributing members of a global community. In cooperation with family and community members, the district is committed to the development of each student academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.

1.6. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve the agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Paul Duer and a second by Jill Hochstein.

Paul Duer: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea, Jana Hughes: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea 2. Election of Officers

Motion for a slate nomination of Ryne Seaman - President, Jana Hughes - Vice President, Paul Duer - Secretary and Heidi Covert - Treasurer. Passed with a motion by Paul Duer and a second by Jana Hughes.

Paul Duer: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea, Jana Hughes: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea

2.1. President

2.2. Vice President

2.3. Secretary 2.4. Treasurer

in being on.

2.5. Committee Appointments Ryne Seaman discussed committee assignments and asked the board to let him know what committee's they are interested

3. Public Forum: (The Board President reserves the right to place time limits on individuals

3.1. Public Forum on Agenda Items: This is your opportunity to speak to items on the agenda. If you are not a part of the presentation of the agenda item vou need to speak now. Thank you for your participation.

There was none. 3.2. Public Forum on Any Topic: This is your opportunity to speak to any topic concerning the school district. Since it is not an agenda item the board cannot discuss or take action at this time on the matter. Future discussion can be requested as an agenda item. Thank you for your participation. Ella Gray, Sam Rojewski, Stephanie Nantkes, Rory Nolan, and Audrey Gray discussed

LGBT+. 4. Reports

4.1. Administrator Reports Written reports were received from

the administrators. 4.2. Student Board Report Emma Kuss presented Anna

Hughes report due to Anna being gone. 4.3 Superintendent's Report Dr. Fields discussed legislative updates, hiring updates for our three open positions,

commissioners report, CARES ACT, GEER and FEMA dollars. The national school board association conference is virtual this year. Dr. Fields also discussed staffing issues.

5. Discussion Items

5.1. 2019-2020 Annual Report Rule 10 requires the school district to do an annual report. This is a great way to keep our community informed.

6. Old Business 7. New Business

7.1. 2021-2022 School Calendar Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Seward Public Schools school calendar with a correction of winter break starting on December 22, 2021. Passed with a motion by Jana Hughes and a second by Danielle Shipley.

Paul Duer: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea, Jana Hughes: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea Renewal of Superintendent's Contract

Motion to extend superintendent's contract for Dr. Josh Fields through June 30, 2023. Passed with a motion by Paul Duer and a second by Shawn Svoboda.

Paul Duer: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea, Jana Hughes: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea 8. Personnel

8.1. Agricultural Science Teacher Motion to approve the teaching contract of Jessy Hilkemeier for the 2021-2022 school year Passed with a motion by Paul Duer and a

second by Jill Hochstein. Paul Duer: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea. Jana Hughes: Yea. Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea 9. Future Agenda Items

Summer Projects 10. Consent Agenda 10.1. Approval of Minutes

10.2. Approval of Financial Reports 10.2.1. Treasurer

10.2.2. Budget 10.2.3. Activities 10.2.4. Athletic

10.3. Approval of Claims 10.3.1. General Fund \$1,738,883.49

10.3.2. Depreciation Fund \$14,760.00

10.4. Approval of Consent Agenda Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Danielle Shipley and a second by Jana Hughes.

Paul Duer: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea, Jana Hughes: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea

11. Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM with the next study session and regular board meeting scheduled for February 8th at 5:30 and 7:00 PM Passed with a motion by Paul Duer and a second by

Shawn Svoboda. Paul Duer: Yea, Jill Hochstein: Yea, Jana Hughes: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda: Yea Prepared by:

Heidi Covert

Paul Duer

Secretary SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SEWARD

PROPOSED WARRANTS JANUARY 12, 2021 Salaries for December: 696,978.24 Jones Bank, 17,629.88; Tennessee Child Support, 59.98; Jones Bank. 212.91; Nebraska.gov, 3.00; Jones Bank, 163,816.59; Nebraska Child Support, 2,535.00; ASPIRE, 8,525.00; Jones Bank, 23,276.26; Tennessee Child Support, 59.98; Jones Bank, 15,502.15; Tennessee Child Support, 59.98; NPERS, 186,877.80; Nebraska Department of Revenue, 32,519.06; Pay Flex, 7,874.40; Aldrich, Sharon, 56.43; Amazon, 3,189.70; Apple Inc., 1,579.00; Batters, Sondra, 1,402.00; Benes, Julie, 59.50; BEST, 39,932.95; Betty's Bunch, 2,194.74; Blue Cross Blue Shield, 206,890.64; Bureau of Education & Research, Inc, 558.00; Canon Financial Services, 1,254.04; Capital Business Systems, Inc, 2,123.78; Card Services, 2.52; Cash-Wa Distributing, 7,634.75; CDWG, 9,261.81; Central Nebraska Rehabilitation Services. 2,189.60; City of Seward Utility Dept, 31,991.70; Cornhusker International Trucks, 1,494.28; Culligan, 425.10; DAS State Accounting, 232.49; Davisson Furniture Center, 1,064.90; **Dimensions Educational Research** Foundation, 160.00; Ellis, Gayle, 3,874.60; ESU 6, 107,761.17 Farmers Cooperative, 38.00; Gerhold Concrete, 345.00; Gibbs Smith Publisher, 1,078.92; Gottschalk, Carrie, 300.00; Gottschalk, Kirk, 150.00; Grainger, 756.44; Hiland Dairy & Foods, 4,671.33; Hillyard, 2,336.51; i-Blason, LLC, 50.00; iResQ 362.00; Johnson, Jill, 166.28; JW Pepper, 35.98; K's Corner, 300.00; Kathleen A. Laughlin, 153.00; Kenney, Amanda, 83.16; KSB School Law, 360.00; Lakeshore, 57.49; Lincoln Journal Star, 11.87; Madison National Life, 2,669.72; Matheson 427 29 McKeown Sarah, 8.00: Mechanical Sales Parts, Inc, 2,035.00; Jan Meehl, 1,510.38; Merchant Credit Adjusters, 73.00; Midwest Auto Parts (Napa), 535.16; Midwest Sound & Lighting, 49.90; Jen Nantkes, 1,468.02; NCS Pearson, 343.00; Nebraska Landscape Solutions, 1,642.31; One Source, 145.00; O'Reilly, 183.80; Pac N Save, 265.76; Pac N Save, 3,932.23; Paper Tiger, 30.00; Pay Flex, 147.90; Pepsi, 2,452.00; Safety Kleen, 255.80; Schegg, Christy, 1,497.94; Seward County Clerk, 858.32; Seward County Independent, 303.34; Seward Lumber, 41.90; Karen Shaw, 182.69; Sparqdata Solutions, 4,700.00; Striv, 275.00; Symmetry, 4,664.15; Sysco, 5,751.14; Telecky, Marty, 150.00; Time Warner Cable, 99.98; Trimark, 984.83; Truck Center Companies, 85,976.00; Twin Rivers Urgent Care, 95.00; Unite Private Networks, 1,414.49; UNUM, 536.40; Uribe, 1,818.00; US Cellular, 255.90; US Foods, 15,656.71; Verizon, 152.66; WaterLink, 225.00; Wells Fargo, 344.56; Windstream, 2,205.30 SCI — January 20, 2021

VILLAGE OF UTICA Proceedings

January 4, 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 7:00pm at the Village Auditorium. Roll Call answered by Swanson, Powell, Olhsen, Baack and Micek. Following actions were taken with motions properly carried. Approved: agenda, Minutes December 7 & 8, 2020, Approve ordinance 2021-1 to adopt NE Basic Code of Ordinances, approve resolution 2021-2 to establish policy for "Application to Construct in City Right-of-Way, approve resolution 2021-3 to appropriate up to \$35000 from LB840 funds to SCRWHF, accept landlordowner consent form, to table PTO changes to February meeting, to require auditorium events of over 50 people wanting to serve alcohol to have a licensed liquor

vender, for village to pay Senior

Center's phone, gas and electric utilities, to pay J. Schriner \$17 to preform necessary requirements for Senior Center, reports from, Sheriff, Zoning, Chairman, Park, Maintenance, Clerk, Treasurer, and Keno. Motion to accept claims and adjourn at 9:35 pm.

Claims: Mid-American Research, supplies \$774.75; Midwest service, repairs 276.08; Masonry Restoration, repairs 5550; Nebraska State Volunteers, dues 460; City of York, services 83.75; Quadient Finance, postage 401.78, NE Dept of Revenue, tax 1989.55; Norris Public Power, services 3945.38; Sports Express, uniforms 326.20; Walmart, supplies 84.67; USPS, postage 58.35; Kopchos, services 186.50; Mierau & Co, services 100; Verizon, services 113.56; Seward Independent, services 36.21: E. Slauter, mileage 87.21; Seward County Treasurer, services 100; M. Mullally, services 80; Nebraska Rural Water, dues 150; A. Frye, refund 32.90; Black Hills, services 824.60; Great Plains Pest Maintenance, services 205; Beaver Hardware, supplies 334.06; Interstate Welding, services 200; Pac N Save, supplies 81.58; USA blue book, supplies 131.32; Advanced Office Automation, services 21.65; K Caulder, services 150: Nebraska Public Health, services

33; Recycling Enterprise, services 450; Seward County Sheriff, services 517.80; St Paul Lutheran School, services 855; Windstream, services 904.86; Utica Parts & Repair, repairs 4515.32; D Wren, refund 7.11; Jackson Services, services 58.53; Central Valley Ag, fuel 600; wages 15146.58; Benefits 1495.26; taxes 4879.51. Rita Maier

Village Clerk/Treasurer SCI — January 20, 2021

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 16, 2021

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on January 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Present: Members: Misty Ahmic,

Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky County Treasurer: Bob Dahms Approved Culver as Chairman of the Seward County Board of

Faualization Approved Vrbka as Vice Chairman

of the Seward County Board of Equalization. Approved the minutes of December

22 2020 Approved Tax List Corrections. Approved Vehicle Exemptions, as

presented by Bob Dahms, County Treasurer.

Hladky gave an update of her office. Convened as the Board of Commissioners.

Approved Culver as Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners.

Approved Vrbka as Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners.

In the absence of Chairman Culver, the Committee and Liaison appointments were tentatively set. Approved agreement with Pictometry International Corp. and Seward County for Orthophotography and Digital Oblique Aerial Imagery and

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Software, as presented by Hladky. Approved Dr. Connie Novak as Coroner's physician.

Approved depositories for Seward County.

Approved Seward County Independent and the Milford Times as the official newspapers of Seward County. Approved Terry Wicht as Seward County Highway Supt.

Approved Sherry Schweitzer as the Seward County Budget Making

Authority. Set wages for Deputies of Elected Officials.

Approved extension of Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act for Seward

Approved minutes of January 5, Officials gave updates of their

offices Commissioners gave an update of their activities.

Accepted the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court Fee Reports for December 2020. Approved Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

Accepted the Semi-Annual Settlement of Accounts as submitted by the County Treasurer. Adopted the agenda for January 19, 2021, and adjourned at 10:01

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk SCI/MT — January 20, 2021

BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDY SESSION

School District of Seward 410 South Street Seward, NE 68434 Monday, January 11, 2021 5:30 PM

Attendance Taken at 5:31 PM. Paul Duer: Absent Jill Hochstein: Present Jana Hughes: Present Ryne Seaman: Present Danielle Shipley: Present Shawn Svoboda: Present Attendance Update Taken at 5:39

Paul Duer: Present 1. Preliminary Procedures 1.1. Call meeting to order &

announce Open Meetings Act is Posted 1.2. Public Notice as publicized per

board policy The public notice was publicized in the Seward County Independent and posted at city hall, library and the courthouse. The public notice was dated January 6, 2021.

1.3. Roll Call 1.3.1. Action to excuse board members if necessary Motion to excuse Paul Duer from tonight's meeting Passed with a

motion by Jill Hochstein and a second by Jana Hughes. Jill Hochstein: Yea, Jana Hughes: Yea, Ryne Seaman: Yea, Danielle Shipley: Yea, Shawn Svoboda:

2. Possible Discussion Items 2.1. Discussion of Summer Projects

Yea

Dr. Dominy, Dr. Fields and Mrs. Dominy discussed the upcoming summer projects - green house at the high school, playground equipment at the Elementary, High al raa Elementary, high school gym floor, updating electrical at the high school and middle school lighting. 2.2. Planning Community Grant Megan Kahler discussed the planning community grant and gave the board some background about the grant. Regan Hain discussed the survey that was sent out about the wellness center. Jonathan Jank updated the board on the progress of the wellness center project.

2.3. COVID-19 Update Dr. Dominy updated the board on COVID-19-cases/statistics, vaccines and remote learners. 2.4. Conflict of Interest Forms Ryne Seaman and Dr. Fields discussed the conflict of interest

forms. 3. Adjournment President Seaman adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Prepared by:

Heidi Covert Paul Duer Secretary

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HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning Commission of the City of Seward, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 8, 2021, at the Seward Civic Center, East & West Basement, 616 Bradford Street, Seward. Nebraska.

Public notice is hereby also given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Seward. Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 16, 2021, at the Seward Civic Center, East & West Basement, 616 Bradford Street, Seward, Nebraska,

The purpose of both hearings is to obtain public comment prior to the review and consideration of a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan for the City of Seward, including a specific redevelopment project.

The properties which are the subject of this notice and of the public hearings is generally located at 606 and 612 Seward Street in Seward, and is legally described as follows:

606 Seward Street:

The East 40 feet of the West 80 feet of Lots 8, 9 and 12, Block 7, Original Town of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the South line of Lot 12, Block 7, Original Town of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, at a point 40 feet West of the Southeast comer thereof; running thence North 126 feet across said Lots 12, 9 and 8, to the North line of Lot 8; running thence West along the North line of said Lot 8, a distance of 40 feet; thence South 126 feet to the South line of Lot 12; thence East to the Place of Beginning. Parcel: 800073053

612 Seward Street:

The West 40 feet of Lots 8, 9 and 12, Block 7, Original Town of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska. Parcel: 800073045 All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearings a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the proposed redevelopment plan amendment. A map of the redevelopment area

and a copy of the cost-benefit

analysis for the proposed project

shall be maintained at the office of

the City Clerk.

/s/Bonnie Otte City Clerk

SCI — January 20, 27, 2021

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 Brittany 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. CÓRDOVA CUSTOMS, LLC111 Paris Street

P.O. Box 72 Cordova, Nebraska 68330 /s/ Christopher J. Buller, Attorney at Law, Organizer

SCI — January 06, 13, 20, 2021

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

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

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 SCI — January 13, 20, 27, 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

Kerry Feld, Trustee, NSBA# 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 Published in the Seward County

Independent BPC Filename: REACRNOR 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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SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT

RECONCILIATION CASH TO TOTAL FUND BALANCE @ 12/31/2020 CASH DRAWER JONES CHECKING ACCOUNT CATTLE CHECKING ACCOUNT INVESTMENTS 19,911,201.57 TOTAL CASH TOTAL FUND BALANCE 21,243,315.55

I, BOB DAHMS, SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS, DISBURGEMENTS, AND BALANCES FOR THE PERIOD 07/01/2020 TO 12/31/2020 AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THE AMOUNTS ENUMERATED IN THE ABOVE ARE

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BOB DAHMS-SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER

AT 12/31/2020 THERE WERE UNPAID CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF -0-AT 12/31/2020 THERE WERE UNFAID CLARMS IN THE AMOUNT OF -0-.
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 8TH DAY OF CHARGE, 2021

SHERRY SCHWEITZER-SEWARD COUNTY CLERK * NEBRASKA **

> 2020 - 2021 FUND BALANCE 6 MONTH ACCUMULATED REPORT 6 Month Report From July Through December

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Fund Name Beginning Balance Disbursements Fund Transfers Ending Balance 0100 6000 14,243,872.11 117,530.82 13,811,133.13 11,097,961.26 622,210.38 -11,686,721,26 1,021,498.98 COUNTY/AG SOCIETY FUNDS STATE TREASURER FUNDS 120,813,81 -625,493.37 0.00 6009 DEPT OF REVENUE FUNDS 403,771.25 1,846,405.72 -1,931,352.02 0.00 318,824.95 6100 6900 7100 7300 SCHOOL/JPA ESU FUNDS TECH SCHOOL FUNDS 1.157.735.61 13.571.801.33 -10,797,676,69 42.24 3.931.902.49 5,603.75 33,528.17 229,682.19 1,375,730.27 0.83 0.00 0.00 0.00 68,951.11 413,405.49 106,205.03 -166,335,66 -995,852.95 -274,055,73 NRD FUNDS CEMETERY FUNDS 7500 7700 8600 9400 9500 2,612.89 1,576.04 -825.00 3,363,93 -261,416.14 114,482.90 RURAL FIRE FUNDS 11,002,21 364,896.83 0.00 HOSPITAL/VILLAGE/CITY
AIRPORT FUNDS
HOLDING ACCOUNT FUNDS 70,592.44 1.387.935.73 -1,179,579.46 -68,380.18 0.00 278,948,71 83,909.80 0.00 17.483.66 1,113,201.65 892,585.02 108,933.06 1,583,750.40 44,593.95 31,954,608.42 -28,492,207.21 1,021,542.05 21,243,315.55 16,759,372.29 **Grand Totals**

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DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Seward's Hannah Benedict is fouled by Waverly's Anna Clarke as she puts up a shot Saturday in Seward.

Seward girls go 1-1 in week

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Seward girls' basketball team picked up its second game of the season Jan. 12, beating Schuyler 59-20.

"Schuyler struggled to score and handle the pressure," Seward Coach Beth Bohuslavsky said. "We came out and took care of business."

Abbey Ringler scored 17, and Anna Hughes pulled down 13 rebounds for the Jays. Hannah Benedict added 11 points and four assists, and Haylie Sloup grabbed six

Bohuslavsky said the Jays worked on execution and getting the ball into the post.

On Jan. 16, the Jays hosted Waverly and lost the Vikings 49-35. Bohuslavsky said Seward had one of its better starts of the season, but Waverly was able to come back to take the lead and pulled away in the second and third quarters.

"We couldn't get anything going in the third quarter," she said. "We were lax on defense, and Waverly took advantage."

Hughes finished with 10 rebounds. Benedict led the offense with nine points.

Seward (2-10) was scheduled to play at Crete Jan. 19 and host Aurora Friday, Jan. 22, with tip off at 6 p.m.

Crete is always disciplined and is a scrappy team, Bohuslavsky said.

With Aurora, "you never know what you're going to get," she said, adding that the Huskies are also scrappy.

"We will be ready to go," she said.



SEW—Tanya Miller 2-4 0-0 6, Dalaney Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Tarryn Hartman 1-5 0-0 2, Eden Schulz 1-3 0-0 2, Hannah Benedict 4-8 0-0 11, Anna Hughes 4-10 0-2 8, Abbey Ringler 7-12 3-5 17, Madison Dominy 2-4 0-0 6, Haylie Sloup 1-7 1-2 3, Keira Lliteras 0-4 0-0 0, Ona Stutzman

0-2 0-0 0, Ava King 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 24-63 4-9 59.

Three-point goals—SEW 7-26 (Miller 2-3, Anderson 0-1, Hartman 0-3, Schulz 0-2, Benedict 3-5, Dominy 2-4, Sloup 0-4, Lliteras 0-1, Stutzman 0-2, King 0-1). **Rebounds**—SEW 41 (Hughes 13). Assists—SEW 15 (Benedict 4). Steals—SEW 14 (Sloup 6). **Blocked shots**—SEW 3 (Miller 2). Turnovers—SEW 8. Fouls—SEW 7.

Waverly 49, Seward 35 10 22 10 7 9 14 1 11 **SHS**—Miller 1-7 0-0 3, Hartman 1-3 3-6 6, Schulz 0-2 0-0 0, Benedict 3-7 1-2 9, Hughes 2-7 0-0 4, Ringler 2-4 0-3 4, Sloup 1-4 0-0 2, Lliteras 0-2 0-0 0, Stutzman 2-3 1-2 7. Totals 12-39 5-13

Three-point goals—SHS 6-18 (Miller 1-3, Hartman 1-3, Schulz 0-1, Benedict 2-4, Hughes 0-1, Sloup 0-3, Stutzman 2-3), WHS 7. Rebounds—SHS 29 (Hughes 10), Assists—SHS 10 (Benedict 4). Steals—SHS 7 (Ringler 3). Blocked shots—SHS 4 (Ringler 2). Turnovers—SHS 22, WHS 8. Fouls—SHS 19, WHS 11.



Seward 113-pounder Cash Duncan pins Platteview's Carter Moore in the first period.

DOUG CARROLL/SCI

SHS ends busy week on mat

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Seward wrestlers competed in a tournament and six duals over the course of the past

Competition started Jan. 12 at Wilber-Clatonia in a tournament with Platteview. Coach Bob Core took 10 wrestlers and was able to put some of his junior varsity athletes in the lineup.

"The kids are doing well. They held up pretty good," Core said.

Cash Duncan (113 pounds), Breckin Schoepf (152) and Nolan Hill (170) topped their weight classes.

The Bluejays headed to Grand Island Jan 14 for a dual against Northwest and lost 64-12. Match wins came from Cash Duncan and Boone Duncan.

"We didn't wrestle well," Core said. "We lost some close matches."

The team wrestled in the Rumble in River Country Jan. 16 at Nebraska City and went 2-3 in duals. Seward beat Falls City and Crete and lost to Aurora, Platteview and Wahoo.

"We wrestled better," Core said, adding that only nine Bluejays were in the lineup. "I like how we bounced back."

Hill was 5-0 on the day. Cash Duncan and Conner Rosendale were

"The effort was better than Thursday," the coach said.

One of the challenges was making weight three days during the week and managing weight with no school on Friday, he said.

Up next for Seward was a dual against Schuyler Thursday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. at Seward High. On Saturday, Jan. 23, the team will be at Fairbury for a dual tournament with Auburn, Falls City and the host Jeffs.

The JV wrestlers will compete at Centennial Saturday, Core said.

Wilber-Clatonia

113—Cash Duncan (SEW) pin Logan Herndon (WC) 1:08; pin Carter Moore (PLTV) 1:01, first 126—Xander Foulk (SEW) pinned by Aiden Riha (PLTV) 2:29; pinned by Dillon Bills (PLTV) 1:25; pinned by Jordan Marsh (WC) 1:10, fourth 126 JV—Treyton Hobson (SEW) def. Roberto Torres (WC) 12-9; pin Bryson Rock (PLTV) 0:53; pin

Tim Tyler (PLTV) 0:23, first

132—Conner Rosendale (SEW) pinned by Reed Patera (PLTV) 3:31, second 138-Nolan Stanton (SEW) pinned by Thom(PLTV) 1:38, third

145—Boone Duncan (SEW) def. Dylan Roesler (PLTV) 17-1; pinned by Colby Homolka (WC) 3:49, second 152—Breckin Schoepf (SEW) pin Zander

Baker (WC) 4:25; pin Liam Eberly (PLTV) 1:37; def. Lane Vesely (WC) 11-0, first 152 JV—Zack Vrbka (SEW) pin Nathan

Menkov (PLTV) 0:57; pin Jesse Brinkman (PLTV)

160—Thunder Hayek (SEW) pinned by Eliott Steinhoff (PLTV) 3:10, second 170—Nolan Hill (SEW) pin Saul Sanchez

(WC) 0:36; pin Carson Ross (PLTV) 0:50, first 170 JV—Conner Towle (SEW) pin Allen

Odvody (WC) 1:01; pinned by Matt Flyr (SEW) 170 JV—Matt Flyr (SEW) pin Allen Odvody (WC) 4:55; pin Conner Towle (SEW) 2:00, first

182—Hunter Novacek (SEW) pin Hugo Pomajzl (WC) 0:40; pinned by Nick Horst (PLTV) 195—Dustin Hurley (SEW) pinned by Sawye

Kunc (WC) 0:58; def. by Anthony Scala (PLTV) 14-5; def. Ethan Woolard (SEW) 6-5, third 195—Ethan Woolard (SEW) pinned by An-

thony Scala (PLTV) 3:12; pinned by Sawyer Kunc (WC) 0:33; def. by Dustin Hurley (SEW) 6-5, fourth

Northwest 64, Seward 12

120: Ben Briseno (GINW) win by forfeit; 126: Caleb Vokes (GINW) def. Foulk (S) 17-7; 132: Grady Arends (GINW) pin Rosendale (S) 2:43; 138: Max Yendra (GINW) pin Stanton (S) 3:32; 145: B. Duncan (S) win by forfeit; 152: Eli Arends (GINW) pin Schoepf (S) 3:02; 160: Austin Cooley (GINW) pin Hayek (S) 1:04; 170: Hill (S) def. Cailyb Weekley (GINW) 8-5; 182: Joseph Stein (GINW) pin Novacek (S) 2:32; 195: Victor Isele (GINW) pin Woolard (S) 0:38; 220: Nolan Moorman (GINW) win by forfeit; 285: Billy Schleichardt (GINW) win by forfeit; 106: Gavin Ruff (GINW) win by forfeit; 113: C. Duncan (S) def. Caleb Alcorta (GINW) 8-4

Rumble in River Country

Aurora 60, Seward 17 113 - Caden Svoboda (A) def. C. Duncan (SEW) 10-5; 120 - Colin Kennedy (A) win by forfeit; 126 - Jeremy Oswald (A) pin Foulk (SEW) 1:46 132 - Rosendale (SEW) pin Tyson Kottwitz (A) 4:36; 138 - Schrad (SEW) def. Kayden Massing (A) 16-1; 145 - Trevor Kluck (A) pin B. Duncan (SEW) 3:48; 152 - Britton Kemling (A) def. Schoepf (SEW) 8-3; 160 - Allen Stalnaker (A) pin Hayek (SEW) 1:05; 170 - Hill (SEW) win by forfeit; 182 - Mack Owens (A) pin Novacek (SEW) 3:14; 195 - Brekyn Papineau (A) win by forfeit; 220 - Jack Allen (A) win by forfeit; 285 - Aaron Jividen (A) win by forfeit; 106 - Caden Meyer (A) win by forfeit

Platteview 51, Seward 27

120 - Gage Ryba (P) win by forfeit; 126 - Aiden Riha (P) pin Foulk (SEW) 3:50; 132 - Rosendale (SEW) pin Reed Patera (P) 3:33; 138 - Bryar Nadrchal (P) def. Schrad (SEW) 5-4; 145 - B. Duncan (SEW) pin Dylan Roesler (P) 0:23; 152 - Schoepf (SEW) pin Liam Eberly (P) 0:19; 160 - Eliott Steinhoff (P) pin Hayek (SEW) 0:34; 170 - Hill (SEW) def. Carson Ross (P) Dec 7-5; 182 - Nick Horst (P) pin Novacek (SEW) 0:33; 195 - Anthony Scala (P) win by forfeit: 220 - Leo Guenther (P) win by forfeit; 285 - Brennan Campbell (P) win by forfeit 106 - Caleb Woodward (P) win by forfeit; 113 - C. Duncan (SEW) pin Carter Moore (P) 1:07

Seward 48, Falls City 24

126 - Wyatt Olberding (FC) pin Foulk (SEW) 0:59; 132 - Rosendale (SEW) win by forfeit; 138 Schrad (SEW) win by forfeit; 145 - B. Duncan (SEW) pin Kadyn Strecker (FC) 3:10; 152 - Schoepf (SEW) win by forfeit; 160 - Hayek (SEW) pin Calvin Crouse (FC) 0:59; 170 - Hill (SEW) pin Cameron Schramm (FC) 1:49; 182 - Novacek (SEW) pin Kemper Foster (FC) 1:07; 195 - Thomas Fields (FC) win by forfeit; 220 - Double Forfeit; 285 - Double Forfeit; 106 - Kaleb Zulkoski (FC) win by forfeit; 113 - C. Duncan (SEW) win by forfeit; 120 - Ray Feek (FC) win by forfeit

Wahoo 55, Seward 15

132 - Malachi Bordovsky (W) pin Rosendale (SEW) 2:10; 138 - Sebastian Lausterer (W) def. Schrad (SEW) SV-1 6-4; 145 - Griffin Lausterer (W) def. B. Duncan (SEW) 11-1; 152 - Brandon Hasen kamp (W) pin Schoepf (SEW) 4:35; 160 - Jacob Andresen (W) pin Hayek (SEW) 2:00; 170 - Hill (SEW) pin William Nielson (W) 0:19; 182 - Cooper Hancock (W) pin Novacek (SEW) 0:36; 195 - Kyan Lausterer (W) win by forfeit; 220 - Noah Visger (W) win by forfeit; 285 - Dominek Rohleder (W) win by forfeit; 106 - Jet Nuckolls (W) win by forfeit; 113 - C. Duncan (SEW) def. Isaiah Foster (W) 11-10; 120 - Double Forfeit; 126 - Foulk (SEW) pin Drake Carlson (W) 1:29

Seward 46, Crete 24

138 - Schrad (SEW) pin Conner Lomax (CRT) 0:25; 145 - B. Duncan (SEW) def. Anthony Frahm (CRT) 14-0; 152 - Schoepf (SEW) pin Barrett Eggerling (CRT) 0:47; 160 - Zachary Binder (CRT) pin Hayek (SEW) 1:22; 170 - Double Forfeit; 182 Hill (SEW) win by forfeit; 195 - Novacek (SEW) win by forfeit; 220 - Kennedy Vicente Vasquez (CRT) win by forfeit; 285 - Ivery Hoyos (CRT) win by forfeit; 106 - Jaime Ramos (CRT) win by forfeit; 113 - C. Duncan (SEW) pin Wyatt Clarke (CRT) 3:27; 120 - Double Forfeit; 126 - Foulk (SEW) pin Jeffrey Kuncl (CRT) 2:48; 132 - Rosendale (SEW) pin Cesar Linares (CRT) 1:17

Eagle wrestlers win fifth tournament

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

"Our guys continue to get the job done on the

mat," Joe Schluckebier said.

Schluckebier and the Milford wrestling team brought home their fifth tournament title Jan. 16, winning the Arlington Invitational. The tournament featured four of the top 10 teams in Class C, Schluckebier said.

"t was a back and forth battle all day between Milford and Logan View, as I told our guys it would be," the coach said. "We needed to get every point we could from every wrestler to pull off the win."

All 13 Eagles earned medals including four champions - Konner Schluckebier, Eli Vondra, Thomas Vance and Lorenzo Temple.

The championship came on the heels of a triangular sweep of York and Cross County/Osceola Jan. 14. Milford beat York 54-25 and CCO 60-12.

"The first marquee matchup of the night was Konner Schluckebier against Thomas Ivey from York where our state champ took it to the York state medalist by piling up a 13 point lead before pinning Ivey," the coach said. "Konner is wrestling well and he loves to set the tone for our team."

The next big battle came when Carter Springer wrestled returning state runner-up and No. 1 ranked Cameron Graham of CCO.

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Malcolm

(continued from 9) Jacob Schweitzer scored the Clippers' first points of the second half with a baseline drive.

'That was a big, aggressive play for Jacob," Lewandowski said. "We moved him into the starting lineup last week in double figures as Mato give us a spark and he's responded well."

Against Fillmore Central, it was Johnson who had the hot hand. The 6-2 sophomore hit four of his five three-pointers in the second half. He also went 4-for-4 from the charity stripe as he led all scorers with 23

"He's probably the

best pure shooter I've coached," Lewandowski said. "But, it comes from hard work. I wish you could have seen the amount of time he spent in the gym last sum-

A pair of seniors were clain Beach had 16 and Saltzman added 10.

The Clippers (4-8) have a tough week ahead as they host Freeman (11-3) Tuesday before traveling to Wilber-Clatonia (8-5) Friday, Jan. 22. Mead (7-3) comes to Malcolm Saturday

"We've proven we can hang with almost

anyone," Lewandowski said. "This week will be a chance to prove it again and, if we get in a close one, maybe turn that into into a win."

Malcolm 51, David City 45 MALCOLM—Hayden Frank 11, Malcolm Saltzman 11, Maclain Beach 8, Jacob Schweitze 6, Drew Johnson 11, Connor Zegar 2, Ethar

Rebounds-Frank 8, Saltzman 6, Beach Schweitzer 8, Johnson 7, Zegar 2, Robotha 2. Assists-Frank 3, Saltzman 2, Beach 3, Schweitzer, Johnson 2, Zegar. **Steals**—Frank, Beach Schweitzer, Johnson. Blocks-Beach, Schweitzer

Malcolm 65, Fillmore Central 43

Rebounds—Frank 5, Saltzman 4, Beach 4 Zegar 5. Steals-Frank 2, Saltzman, Brayden

4 11 13 15 8 14 23 20 MAL MALCOLM—Frank 10, Saltzman 11, Beach 16, Schweitzer 2, Johnson 23, Zegar 3. Schweitzer 5, Johnson 4, Zegar 4, Robotham 4. Assists—Frank, Saltzman, Beach 3, Schweitzer

Concordia University

(continued from 10) Crawford (decision at 165) and Mason Garcia (technical fall at 197). The Bulldogs still had a shot at the team win going into the heavyweight match, where the Blue Hawks squeaked out a

4-2 decision.

Concordia wrestlers with two wins apiece on Saturday included Burks (2-0), Crawford (2-0), Garcia (2-1), Sanchez (2-0), Scdoris (2-1) and Telles (2-1). Burks has won seven matches in a row and is 19-6 overall. Absent from the lineup was the team's most highly rated competitor, Mario Ybarra (ranked seventh in the NAIA at 133). Ybarra is expected back the next time out.

The Bulldogs will have another break in the schedule due to the Missouri Valley Invite (originally scheduled for Jan. 22-23) being canceled. That means the GPAC Duals on Jan. 30 are up next. The major conference event will take place in James-

town. North Dakota.

Track and field

The Concordia University track and field program ventured into competition for the second time this indoor season and for the first time in 2021 as a competitor at the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic hosted by Doane.

A large field of Bulldogs combined for 12 event titles at Saturday (Jan. 16)'s meet held inside Fuhrer Fieldhouse in Crete. Athletes from five Nebraska GPAC schools took part in the meet.

The competition for Head Coach Matt Beisel's squads included College of Saint Mary, Doane, Hastings and Midland. The Concordia women were especially impressive in claiming 10 first-place finishes, including top performances by NAIA national leaders (as of Saturday night) Morgan De Jong (weight throw) and Josie Puelz (pole vault). It should be noted that

there are no automatic national qualifying marks moving forward this indoor season.

In order to keep the numbers to a minimum (due to COVID-19 protocols), only the top 16 NAIA competitors in each event will earn spots at the national championship meet. Based on the results on Saturday, throws coach Ed McLaughlin will certainly expect to see some of his athletes at nationals. On the women's side,

De Jong (weight throw) and Elle Luehr (shot put) made it clean sweep of throws titles at the Nisely Memorial. De Jong approached her personal best in the weight throw with a first-place toss of 56-8.75 that currently ranks No. 1 nationallv. Also in the weight throw, Sarah Ragland turned in a mark of 54-1.75 and placed third. Jordyn Anderson and Luehr have also eclipsed

50 feet this season in the weight throw. Meanwhile, Luehr's winning shot put throw measured in at 42-6.25 (good for No. 2 in the NAIA).

Also in the field events, Concordia got big performances from sophomore Wyatt Loga (Malcolm) and freshman Amy Richert.

Both achieved new personal bests with Loga jumping 6-8 for a runner-up claim while Richert leapt 5-5.25 and won the women's high jump.

Richert is currently ranked in the top 10 of the NAIA for both the high jump and pentathlon. In the triple jump, Taylor Moes took the event title with a jump of 34-9 (teammate Adrianna Sims (Malcolm) placed second).

The Bulldogs did not enter any of the relays, but they did collect seven of their event titles on the track. Beisel came away pleased with the work of a distance group that he's been pushing

Sarah Lewis of Concordia glides over a hurdle in the 60-meter hurdle event at the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic at Doane on Jan. 16. Lewis won the event with a 9.09-second finish in the finals.

Standout Kylahn Heritage raced to wins in the mile (5:25.05) and 3,000 meters (11:05.97) in a stellar day. Additional victories on the track were delivered by Rachel each performed well in Battershell (600 meters),

Jacob Jennings (400 meters), Rachel Lewis (400 meters; 60 hurdles) and Calvin Rohde (mile). Rohde (4:30.92), Camden Sesna (4:31.53) and Micah Willweber (4:43.68) the mile.

Centennial battles through seven duals

by Stephanie Croston

Seven duals in two days is a lot of wrestling, but the Centennial Broncos ran that gauntlet.

CHS hosted Neligh-Oakdale and Fillmore Central Jan. 14 and wrestled a lot of good matches, Coach Phil Payne said. On Jan. 15, the team was at Minden and went 2-3 in duals.

Freshman Jarrett Dodson was 7-0 on the week and is wrestling well, Payne said.

"All the freshmen won matches," he said, adding that they are starting to settle in to their weights.

At Minden, Centennial started out against Holdrege and lost 42-39 but won seven of the nine contested matches.

CHS beat Franklin 48-24 but lost to Minden 45-30. The Broncos edged Cambridge 39-30 in a dual in which all three freshmen won their matches, Coach Payne said.

The dual against Cozad ended with Centennial winning on criteria.

"It was crazy. I didn't

think we had enough to win," the coach said.

The final came down to a double forfeit, which hurt Cozad but helped the Broncos, the coach said. At the end of the dual, Centennial had won seven matches and Cozad six.

Centennial picked up two more duals Jan. 19 at Sandy Creek with South Central Nebraska Unified and Fairbury. The Broncos are scheduled to wrestle at David City Friday, Jan. 15.

Coach Payne said the David City tournament features a lot of conference schools. The conference tournament is set for Saturday, Jan. 30.

Neligh-Oakdale 42, Centennial 27

106: Carson Whitesel (NO) win by forfeit: 113: Double Forfeit: 120: Garrison Schernikau (C) pin Cody Booth (NO) 3:05; 126: Keenan Kosek (C) pin Griffin Claussen (NO) 3:13; 132: Ryan Payne (C) def. Brock Kester (NO) 11-7; 138: Jarrett Dodson (C) pin Thomas Johnson (NO) 0:35; 145: Ashton Higgins (NO) def. Cyrus Songster (C) 6-2; 152: Jacob Henery (NO) win by forfeit; 160: Austin Rudolf (NO) win by forfeit; 170: Aiden Kuester (NO) win bv forfeit; 182: Conor Dempsey (NO) pin Tyson Rodewald (C) 3:09; 195: Caleb Payne (NO) def. Samuel Payne (C) 5-3; 220: Dawson Kaup (NO) pin Nickolas Keith (C) 0:45; 285: Carson Fehlhafer (C) win by forfeit

Fillmore Central 51, Centennial 17

106: Travis Meyer (FC) win by forfeit; 113: Aidan Trowbridge (FC) win by forfeit; 120: Dylan Gewecke (FC) def. Schernikau (C) 1-0; 126: Alex Schademann (FC) def. Keenan Kosek (C) 18-3; 132: R. Payne (C) def. Dillon



Jarrett Dodson of Centennial tries to escape from Treven Stassines of Fillmore Central during a dual Jan. 14 in Utica.

Fushia (FC) 8-1; 138: Dodson (C) def. Treven Stassines (FC) 15-4; 145: Noah Monroe (FC) win by forfeit; 152: Jackson Turner (FC) def. Songster (C) 8-0: 160: Izzic Paling (FC) win by forfeit; 170: Rodewald (C) pin Zach Coash (FC) 0:54; 182: Blake Nun (FC) win by forfeit; 195: S. Payne (C) def. Jared Stephens (FC) 12-1: 220: Hunter Lukes (FC) def. Keith (C) 5-1; 285: Connor Asche (FC) pin Fehlhafer (C) 5:54

Minden Dual Invite

Holdrege 42, Centennial 39 106 - Matt Janssen (H) win by forfeit; 113 - Tristen Johnson (H) win by forfeit; 120 Schernikau (CTL) pin Trey Rich (H) 3:07; 126 Kosek (CTL) pin Andrew Jacobson (H) 1:04 132 - R. Pavne (CTL) def. Brandon Carpenter (H) 4-0; 138 - Dodson (CTL) pin Jacob Janssen (H) 3:17; 145 - Jaydan Janssen (H) win by forfeit; 152 - Carver Powers (H) pin Songster (CTL) 1:02; 160 - Cade Kirwan (H) win by forfeit; 170 - Rodewald (CTL) pin Sam Holt (H) 3:05; 182 - Nelson Milks (H) win by forfeit; 195 - Damian Smith (H) pin S. Payne (CTL) 1:31; 220 - Keith (CTL) win by forfeit; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Connor Fulmer (H) 0:43

Centennial 48, Franklin 24

106 - Kyler Carraher (F) win by forfeit; 113 - Grant Haussermann (F) win by forfeit; 120 - Schernikau (CTL) pin Yancy Welsh (F) 0:18; 126 - Kosek (CTL) win by forfeit; 132 - R. Payne (CTL) win by forfeit; 138 - Dodson (CTL) pin Tyler Scheuneman (F) 1:58; 145 - Songster (CTL) pin Grant Kahrs (F) 3:29; 152 - Alex Wilbur (F) win by forfeit; 160 - Double Forfeit; 170 - Rodewald (CTL) pin Barett Haussermann (F) 2:54; 182 -Double Forfeit; 195 - Joseph Kahrs (F) pin S. Payne (CTL) 3:38; 220 - Keith (CTL) pin Gabe Pettit (F) 2:56; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) win by forfeit

Minden 45, Centennial 30 106 - Logan Choquette (M) win by forfeit;

113 - Kole Nielsen (M) win by forfeit; 120 -Schernikau (CTL) pin Tucker Schmidt (M) 3:06; 126 - Kosek (CTL) def. Alex Brais (M) 4-2: 132 Evan Smith (M) pin R. Payne (CTL) 3:38: 138 -Hunter Heath (M) win by forfeit; 145 - Dodson (CTL) pin Jasper Birkestrand (M) 2:53; 152 - Jon Brais (M) def. Songster (CTL) 1-0: 160 - Dalton Sinsel (M) win by forfeit; 170 - Alex Banuelos (M) win by forfeit; 182 - Rodewald (CTL) pin Hunter Fredrickson (M) 2:45; 195 - S. Payne (CTL) def. Zach Smith (M) 4-1; 220 - Daulton Kuehn (M) pin Keith (CTL) 0:33; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Gavin Lupkes (M) 0:36

Centennial 39, Cambridge 30

106 - Double Forfeit; 113 - Karson Klumpe (CMB) win by forfeit: 120 - Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 126 - Kosek (CTL) pin Matt Morgan (CMB) 1:19; 132 - Double Forfeit; 138 - R. Payne (CTL) win by forfeit; 145 -Dodson (CTL) pin Adam Corbett (CMB) 3:18; 152 - Songster (CTL) def. Tye Stanton (CMB) 5-3; 160 - Gabe Huntley (CMB) win by forfeit; 170 - Rodewald (CTL) pin Christian Thompson (CMB) 3:47; 182 - Wyatt Ervin (CMB) win by forfeit; 195 - Bobby Evans (CMB) pin S. Payne (CTL) 1:07; 220 - Julien Grindle (CMB) pin Keith (CTL) 1:46; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Keithen Huntley (CMB) 0:11

Centennial 37, Cozad 36

132 - R. Payne (CTL) def. Dreu White (COZ) 5-4; 138 - Dodson (CTL) win by forfeit; 145 - Songster (CTL) def. Cam Buesing (COZ) 7-3; 152 - JJ Rodriguez (COZ) win by forfeit; 160 - Isaac White (COZ) win by forfeit; 170 -Rodewald (CTL) win by forfeit; 182 - Double Forfeit; 195 - Kaleb Pohl (COZ) pin S. Payne (CTL) 1:05; 220 - Jade Brown (COZ) pin Keith (CTL) 1:36; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Jaden Cervantes (COZ) 0:23; 106 - Nate Haggart (COZ) win by forfeit; 113 - Bryson Bussinger

(COZ) win by forfeit; 120 - Schernikau (CTL) pin Kooper Pohl (COZ) 0:54; 126 - Kosek (CTL) win by forfeit; Centennial's team score was adjusted by 1.0 for Criteria pt

Pender Duals (Jan. 7) Centennial 66, Niobrara/Verdigre 0

138 - Jarrett Dodson (CTL) win by forfeit; 145 - Cyrus Songster (CTL) win by forfeit; 152 - Double Forfeit: 160 - Garett Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 170 - Double Forfeit; 182 Tyson Rodewald (CTL) pin Gavin Chohon (NV) 2:37; 195 - Samuel Payne (CTL) win by forfeit; 220 - Nickolas Keith (CTL) win by forfeit; 285 - Carson Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Beau Hrbek (NV) 1:06; 106 - Trayton Stewart (CTL) win by forfeit; 113 - Double Forfeit; 120 - Garrison Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 126 - Keenan Kosek (CTL) win by forfeit: 132 - Ryan Payne (CTL) win by forfeit

Centennial 63, Winnebago 0

145 - Songster (CTL) win by forfeit; 152 - Double Forfeit; 160 - Gare. Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 170 - Double Forfeit; 182 - Rodewald (CTL) pin Kaden Kennedy (W) 1:06; 195 - S. Payne (CTL) pin RJ Urbanec (W) 1:56; 220 - Keith (CTL) def. Zeriah George (W) 6-4; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Darion Earth (W) 1:29; 106 - Stewart (CTL) win by forfeit; 113 - Double Forfeit; 120 - Garr. Schernikau (CTL) pin Ladanian Free (W) 1:13; 126 - Kosek (CTL) pin Aiden Bear (W) 2:43; 132 - R. Payne (CTL) pin Zeke Sharpback-Lujan (W) 0:39; 138 Dodson (CTL) pin Melaki George (W) 1:14

Centennial 45, Creighton 9

152 - Double Forfeit; 160 - RJ Wilmes (CR) pin Gare. Schernikau (CTL) 1:16; 170 - Sam Vortherms (CR) def. Rodewald (CTL) 7-3; 182 - Double Forfeit; 195 - S. Payne (CTL) win by forfeit; 220 - Double Forfeit; 285 - Fehlhafei (CTL) win by forfeit; 106 - Stewart (CTL) win by forfeit: 113 - Double Forfeit: 120 - Garr. Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 126 - Kosek (CTL) win by forfeit; 132 - R. Payne (CTL) win by forfeit; 138 - Dodson (CTL) win by forfeit; 145 - Songster (CTL) def. Shane Farnik (CR) 8-2

Centennial 37, Ponca 24

160 - Gare. Schernikau (CTL) pin Eli Persinger (P) 0:31; 170 - Hunter Bennett (P) pin Rodewald (CTL) 3:04; 182 - Double Forfeit; 195 - S. Payne (CTL) pin Miguel Balvantin (P) 1:23; 220 - Matt Logue (P) pin Keith (CTL) 4:31; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) win by forfeit; 106 - Grant Sprakel (P) pin Stewart (CTL) 1:22; 113 - Double Forfeit; 120 - Garr. Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 126 - Brady Carnell (P) pin Kosek (CTL) 1:40; 132 - R. Payne (CTL) def. Dalton Anderson (P) 1-0; 138 - Dodson (CTL) def. Sam Taylor (P) 9-0; 145 - Songster (CTL) win by forfeit; 152 - Double Forfeit

Centennial 48, Pender 30

170 - Gare. Schernikau (CTL) pin Alexander Johnson (P) 1:47; 182 - Rodewald (CTL) pin Jacob Bruns (P) 1:07; 195 - S. Payne (CTL) pin Andrew Duncan (P) 3:55; 220 - Colton Sanderson (P) pin Keith (CTL) 2:34; 285 - Fehlhafer (CTL) win by forfeit; 106 - Layne Sturek (P) win by forfeit; 113 - Marcus Brown (P) pin Stewart (CTL) 3:13; 120 - Garr. Schernikau (CTL) pin Matthew Ferris (P) 0:10; 126 - Kosek (CTL) pin Trey Johnson (P) 2:33; 132 - Double Forfeit; 138 - R. Payne (CTL) pin Chase Hofmeister (P) 0:41; 145 - Dodson (CTL) pin Brian Robertson (P) 1:50; 152 - Quinton Heineman (P) pin Songster (CTL) 0:53; 160 - Zachery Randall (P) win by forfeit

Milford

(continued from 14) "Carter fell behind

early but came back and but Graham on his back and eventually won the match 12-7," Coach Schluckebier said.

Up next for Milford is a tournament at David City Friday, Jan. 22. Conference is set for Saturday, Jan. 30.

Milford 54, York 25 145: Trent Stauffer (MIL) pin Franklin Musun gay (Y) 1:00; 152: Keenan Troyer (MIL) win by forfeit; 160: Kobe Lyons (Y) pin Carter Springer (MIL) 2:27; 170: Christopher Scdoris (MIL) pin Seth Erickson (Y) 0:41; 182: Kaden Lyons (Y) def. Thomas Vance (MIL) 16-5; 195: Hunter Oborny (MIL) pin Peyton Albers (Y) 3:26; 220: Morgan Collingham (Y) def. Lorenzo Temple (MIL) 5-4; 285: Kadence Velde (Y) pin Trey Lyon (MIL) 1:22; 106: Conner Kohout (MIL) pin Hudson Holoch (Y) 2:00; 113: Koy Gieck (Y) win by forfeit; 120: Joey Kenning (MIL) pin Jesus Rodriguez (Y) 1:20; 126; Konner Schluckebier (MIL) pin Thomas Ivey (Y) 4:54; 132: Eli Vondra (MIL) pin Dakota Brown (Y) 0:38; 138: Jack Chapman (MIL) pin Kohen Dye (Y)

Milford 60, Cross County/Osceola 12

160: Springer (MIL) def. Cameron Graham (CCO) 12-7; 170: Scdoris (MIL) pin Jakob Hogan (CCO) 2:57; 182: Vance (MIL) pin Ethan Brehm (CCO) 1:29; 195: Ethan Buchli (MIL) pin Conner Jones (CCO) 1:06; 220: Kyle Sterup (CCO) pin Oborny (MIL) 0:57; 285: Temple (MIL) def. Terrance Heyes (CCO) 6-4; 106: Kohout (MIL) pin Tyler Shoup (CCO) 1:17; 113: Double Forfeit; 120: Kenning (MIL) win by forfeit; 126: Schluckebier (MIL) win by forfeit; 132: Vondra (MIL) win by forfeit; 138: Chapman (MIL) pin Dalton Noble (CCO) 0:22; 145: Stauffer (MIL) pin Channer Marsden (CCO) 1:52; 152: Leighton Nuttelman (CCO) win by forfeit

Arlington Invite

Team scores—Milford 247.5, Logan View 226.5, Raymond Central 153.5, Arlington 92, Wilber-Clatonia 91, North Bend Central 76, Boys Town 19, Cedar Bluffs 0

106—Kohout (MIL) pin Sophia Shultz (RC) 3:01; def. by Pedro Hernandez (WC) 7-0; pin Trey Hill (ARL) 0:55, second 120—Kenning (MIL) pin Ethan Norton (NBC)

0:50: def. by Cameron Shultz (RC) 17-2; won by forfeit over Elijah Nacke (RC), third 126—Schluckebier (MIL) pin Justus Weide mann (LV) 1:04; pin Trevor Cooley (ARL) 2:43; def. Mitch Albrecht (RC) 12-3, first 132—Vondra (MIL) pin Zachary Mullally

(NBC) 1:01: def. Camden Mueller (LV: def. Chance Foust (LV) 15-0, first 132-Brody Mach (MIL) def. by Brock Skeahan (RC) 11-0; pinned by Chance Foust (LV) 4:58;

def. Zacharv Mullally (NBC) 6-0 138—Chapman (MIL) pin Tucker Maxson (RC) 5:18: def. by Thomas Lokken (WC) 11-1: pin McKay Bryce (RC) 1:41; pin Tucker Maxson (RC)

138—Cale Burkhardt (MIL) pined by Thomas Lokken (WC) 1:26; pinned by Tucker Maxson (RC)

145—Stauffer (MIL) def. Jeremiah Karpov

(RC) 18-6; pin Colin Rhynalds (NBC) 1:45; def. by Hunter Gilmore (ARL) 14-5; def. by Colby Homolka 152—Springer (MIL) pin James Kirschenmann (NBC) 0:36; pin Alex Foust (LV) 3:19; def. by Conner Kreikemeier (RC) 4-2; pin James

160-Isaac Voboril (MIL) pin Kehinde Frye (BT) 1:29; pin Jacob Purdy (LV) 3:13; pin Lane Vesely (WC) 5:38; def. by Braydon Wobken (LV)

Kirschenmann (NBC) 0:58; pin Zander Baker (WC)

170-Scdoris (MIL) def. Gavin Soden (RC) 5-4; pin Gavin Ruwe (LV) 1:14; pin Wyatt Rangeloff (NBC) 0:31; def. by Josh Miller (ARL) 9-0, second

182-Vance (MIL) pin Trinton McDuffee (ARL) 3:24; pin Cade Podany (ARL) 3:01; pin Dylan Silva (LV) 3:08, first

182—Ethan Buchli (MIL) def. by Dylan Silva (LV) 15-2; def. by Logan Jelinek (RC) 12-5; pin Trinton McDuffee (ARL) 3:49

195—Oborny (MIL) pin Jessie Smith (BT) 3:21; pin Colby DenHartog (RC) 1:06; def. by Logan Booth (LV) 9-5, second 220—Temple (MIL) pin Jude Burton (RC)

0:10; pin JoeSeth McBride (ARL) 2:11; pin Demarius Bosveld (NBC) 1:59; pin Zach McGee (LV) 4:22, 285—Lyon (MIL) in Fernando Vasquez (WC) 2:17); pinned by Jace Owen (NBC) 0:39; pin Kasen

Petsch (MIL) 0:52; pinned by Justin Rothwell (RC)

1:03, fourth 285—Kasen Petsch (MIL) pinned by Jace Owen (NBC) 0:12; pinned by Fernando Vasquez (WC) 3:48; pinned by Trey Lyon (MIL) 0:52



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Seward tops Warriors for first win of season

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

After nine attempts, the Seward boys' basketball team got its first win. The Bluejays defeated Schuyler 48-40 Jan. 12.

"Our kids earned victory in this one," Coach Trevor Menke said. "We got behind early but our guys stayed the course and did a great job playing four quarters and finding a way to win."

Seward trailed 16-10 after the first quarter but led 27-26 at halftime. The Jays were able to extend the lead in the second half.

Drew Covalt scored 17 to lead Seward. Sam Schroeder added 10 points and eight rebounds.

The Jays couldn't maintain the winning momentum Jan. 14 against Platteview, losing 75-49. Menke said SHS didn't match PHS's ability to make shots and space the floor.

"I thought we put many stretches of good basketball together, but when you are playing the rated teams night in and night out that we've seen, you have to sustain it for a full 32 minutes," he said.

Schroeder led the way with a double double of 12 points and 10 rebounds. Leighton Limback added 11 points.

The week ended Jan. 16 with a 57-40 loss to Waverly.

"I was proud of the effort from our guys Saturday," Menke said. "We didn't fear the moment against the No. 3 team in Class B (Journal Star) and make enough plays to be down four at half. They made some big shots in the third quarter like great teams



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Seward's Gavin Sukup steals a pass intended for Waverly's Tyztin Hoos Saturday in Seward.

do that allowed them to build a lead on us."

The Vikings outscored the Jays 21-8 in

the third quarter. Covalt led the offense with nine points. Schroeder and Jackson Trost grabbed five rebounds each, and Traetyn Schaefer delivered nine of the team's 10 assists.

"We are playing harder and better for longer periods of time. As the calendar changes, the attitude and improvement of this group has been remarkable. I'm proud of them," Menke said.

Seward (1-11) was to play at Crete Jan. 19 and host Aurora Friday, Jan. 22, with tipoff at 7:30 p.m.

The Central Conference basketball tournament is scheduled to start Monday, Jan. 25.

 Seward 48, Schuyler 40

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 SEW—Drew Covalt 3-12
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Schaefer 1-5 2-6 5, Jackson Trost 2-7 3-4 8, Trevor Ruth 1-2 0-1 3, Leighton Limback 1-6 2-2 5, Sam Schroeder 4-6 1-2 10. Totals 12-38 17-25 48. **Three-point goals**—SEW 7-21 (Covalt 2-6,

Three-point goals—SEW 7-21 (Covalt 2-6, Schaefer 1-3, Trost 1-4, Ruth 1-2, Limback 1-5, Schroeder 1-1). Rebounds—SEW 24 (Schroeder 8). Assists—SEW 11 (Schaefer 5). Steals—SEW 6 (Schaefer 2). Turnovers—SEW 6. Fouls—SEW 9.

Platteview 75, Seward 49 16 8 16 9 23 20 20 12

SHS—Covalt 2-3 0-0 6, Schaefer 3-7 0-2 6, Trost 1-5 0-0 2, Dalton Burt 0-1 0-0 0, Gavin Sukup 3-8 2-2 8, Ruth 1-2 0-0 3, Limback 5-5 0-1 11, Carson Tvrdy 0-3 1-2 1, Schroeder 6-9 0-1 12.

Totals 21-43 3-8 49.

Three-point goals—SHS 4-16 (Covalt 2-3, Schaefer 0-3, Trost 0-3, Burt 0-1, Ruth 1-2, Limback 1-1, Tvrdy 0-3). Rebounds—SHS 24 (Schroeder 10). Assists—SHS 11 (Schaefer 4). Steals—SHS 2 (Trost 2). Blocked shots—SHS 2 (Trost, Sukup 1). Turnovers—SHS 10. Fouls—SHS 12.

Waverly 57, Seward 40 12 16 21 11 13 8

SHS—Covalt 3-6 0-0 9, Schaefer 2-7 3-4 7, Trost 2-6 0-0 6, Sukup 3-3 1-2 7, Cole Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Limback 2-5 0-0 5, Tvrdy 0-1 0-0 0, Schroeder 1-3 4-4 6, Totals 13-32 8-10 40.

Three-point goals—SHS 6-16 (Covalt 3-6, Schaefer 0-2, Trost 2-6, Gray 0-1, Limback 1-1). Rebounds—SHS 15 (Schroeder, Trost 5). Assists—SHS 10 (Schaefer 9). Steals—SHS 2 (Trost, Sukup 1). Blocked shots—SHS 2 (Sukup, Schroeder 1). Turnovers—SHS 11. Fouls—SHS

Eagles stay unbeaten

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Milford boys' basketball team played a pair of Centrals – Raymond and Thayer – last week and won both.
MHS beat Raymond Central 68-43 and Thayer Central 60-35.

Milford came out strong against RCHS, leading 25-13 after the first quarter.

Jaxon Weyand led the team with 17 points. Seth Stutzman scored 13 and Isaac Yeackley 11. Micah Hartwig finished with seven rebounds and nine assists.

The Eagles needed until the second half to take control against Thayer Central.

Weyand scored 17 again, to go with 24 from Hartwig.

"It was a good two nights for us," Coach Tony Muller said. "The bench played well and that allowed us to stay in a flow."

The Eagles (14-0) are scheduled to play at Lakeview Jan. 19 and at Elmwood-Murdock Friday, Jan. 22.

Milford 68, Raymond Central 43



CRAIG JONES/S

Cabe Schluckebier, a Milford High School junior, takes a shot in the Eagles' game Jan. 16 with Thayer Central.

RCHS 13 13 4 13 43

MHS—Isaac Yeackley 5-8 0-0 11, Micah
Hartwig 3-6 1-3 9, Camden Springer 0-1 0-0 0,
Cason Tucker 0-0 1-2 1, Maddox Baack 4-7 0-0 9,
Jaxon Weyand 7-11 0-1 17, Kaleb Miller 0-3 0-0
0, Seth Stutzman 6-8 1-2 13, Cabe Schluckebier
4-6 0-0 8. Totals 29-50 3-8 68.

RCHS—Totals 17-50 6-7 43.
Three-point goals—MHS 7-11 (Yeack-ley 1-2, Hartwig 2-3, Baack 1-2, Weyand 3-3, Stutzman 0-1), RCHS 3-19. Rebounds—MHS 30 (Hartwig 7), RCHS 22. Assists—MHS 24 (Hartwig 9). Steals—MHS 7 (Hartwig, Stutzman 2). Blocked shots—MHS 1 (Collin Piening 1). Turnovers—MHS 10, RCHS 15. Fouls—MHS 13,

Milford 60, Thayer Central 35

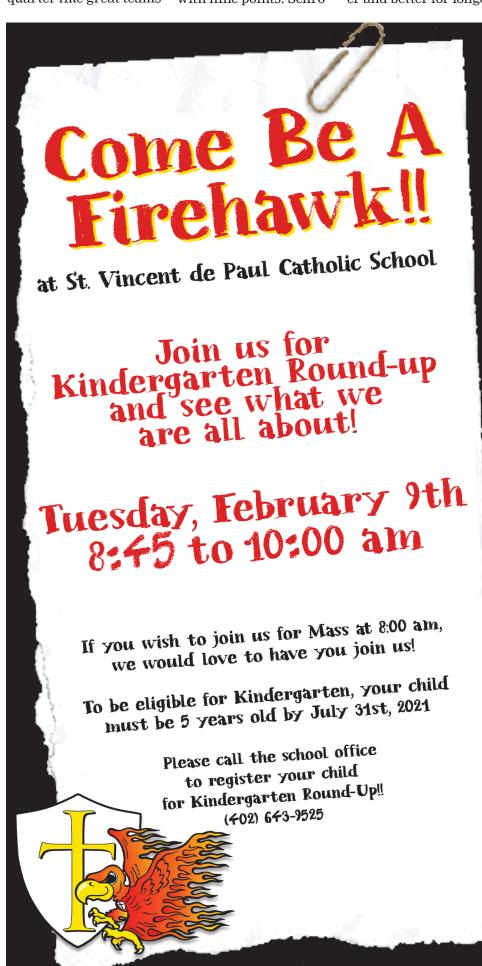
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MHS—Yeackley 3-9 0-0 7, Hartwig 8-13 4-7 24, Bryce Jakub 0-2 0-1 0, Tucker 0-1 0-0 0, Baack 0-1 0-0 0, Weyand 6-13 5-6 17, Miller 1-2 0-2 2, Stutzman 4-12 0-0 8, Schluckebier 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 23-56 9-16 60.

TCHS—Totals 11-40 10-15 35.

Three-point goals—TCHS 3-18, MHS 5-17 (Yeackley 1-4, Hartwig 4-8, Baack 0-1, Weyand 0-3, Stutzman 0-1). Rebounds—TCHS 30, MHS 32 (Stutzman 10). Assists—MHS 14 (Stutzman 5). Steals—MHS 8 (Yeackley, Hartwig 2). Blocked shots—MHS 1 (Hartwig 1). Turnovers—TCHS 20, MHS 0. Equils 17 CHS 17 MHS 18.







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