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## COVID rates continue to drop in Seward, Four Corners area

by Greg Forbes  
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The Four Corners Health Department last week reported a significant decrease in COVID-19 cases in its coverage area.

During the Four Corners biweekly teleconference on Jan. 21, director Laura McDougall reported that the case rate for the week in the area fell below triple digits for the first time in many months, with 94 cases reported. For comparison, McDougall said the case total in November averaged 400 a week. Of those 94, McDougall said the majority of the cases stemmed from an isolated outbreak at an unidentified care facility in York County.

The positive news continued into the weekend, when Four Corners announced that the risk dial fell to the Moderate level or yellow for the first time since September. The Risk Level for the week was measured at 1.88, compared to the previous week's level of 2.54.

For the period of Jan. 21-22, 44 new cases were reported, with 31 registered in York County. Seward County had just seven new cases in that period. No new deaths in the region were reported.

Vaccination-wise, McDougall said that the second round of vaccinations for the 1A group has been mostly administered. Nursing home residents and staffers in the area have also been vaccinated. She said the next step will be to begin vaccinations for the 1B group.

The 1A group consists largely of healthcare professionals, as well as emergency medical service workers and those working or living in assisted care facilities. The 1B group includes first responders, educators, correctional staff, grocery store employees, postal workers and food processors among others.

She said the waiting list for the vaccine in the Four Corners area has hit 5,000 people but urged those who wish to receive the vaccine to have patience, as no stockpile for the vaccine currently exists in the region.

"We are not getting large amounts of vaccine in the area, they are pretty limited," she said. "As soon as they arrive, they are getting put into arms. We are so thankful people are wanting to get vaccinated, but we do ask that people be patient."

As vaccination efforts in the area increase, McDougall said that the State of Nebraska has granted the Four Corners region the services of three National Guard soldiers to assist with administering the vaccine. She said those individuals will be available to all healthcare partners in the area.

"They'll help us with all things to help us move the vaccine around.

They'll help call people and get them scheduled for appointments," she said. "They're going to be a great assistance to us and helping us with our capacity issues here..."

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## Snow slams Seward



GREG FORBES/SCI

Motorists brave the snow Monday afternoon in Seward. Snow fell throughout the day, closing local government buildings, businesses and schools throughout the area. Forecasts called for a foot or more of snow in some locations.

## MCHS says "1B" vaccinations to begin in Seward County

Memorial Health-care Systems announced Monday that it will be starting Phase 1B of the State of Nebraska vaccination plan this week. Calls will begin Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Vaccines will begin on Thursday, January 28, 2021, by appointment only at the Seward County Ag Pavilion. The calls will begin by age from oldest to youngest. The State of Nebraska will work through the list from top to bottom as the amount of vaccine that

we receive allows. With the present allotment quantities, it is going to take many weeks to get through the first section of 1B.

At present, focused sign ups for the notification system for those age 65 years and older. For those in that age group that haven't already signed up for the district waitlist, use this link: [www.mhcs.us](http://www.mhcs.us) and click on the picture of the COVID-19 virus. If you are unable to fill out the form online on your own, there are the area senior

centers, aging services, and many churches, neighbors, and friends that have been assisting!

Memorial Health-care Systems is looking ahead to increased vaccine supply from the federal government in the coming weeks as supply is the leading factor that dictates our movement through our plan. The more supply received, the quicker vaccines can be made available to everyone who wishes to receive one.

## Nixle keeps Seward County safe

by Stephanie Croston  
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Wondering what the siren was about? Why the police cars are headed out of town? What's up with weather warnings?

Try Nixle. The notification system provides area residents with information about emergencies. "It saves a lot of calls to 911," Seward County Sheriff Mike Vance said.

The system helps law enforcement personnel communicate with each other, as well, Vance said. Each entity uses a different radio frequency, but Nixle allows them to communicate with each other. It was used when the sheriff's office and Nebraska State Patrol were searching for a person running from law enforcement, Vance said.

Weather alerts are added by the county emergency manager, he said.

Chelsea Smith, office

manager for the sheriff's department, said anyone can register and sign up for voice messages, text messages or email alerts. Text 888777 from a cellphone to sign up.

To sign up for more specific alerts, go to [nixle.com](http://nixle.com).

Those who may not be tech savvy or who are uncertain about signing up can call Smith at (402) 643-2359 and she will walk them through sign up.

"It is very easy," Sharon Dickinson, community liaison to the sheriff, said.

"I would like to see every phone in the county sign up," Vance said.

He said even kids' phones should have Nixle so they know what's going on if they're not at home or if they're home alone. A family plan for potential lock-down is also a good idea, he said.

Initially, the system was used for weather alerts, Smith said. It was used to commu-

nicate between staff at the sheriff's department and jail when it came to office closings.

Now, it's used for all the county employees to notify about closings and other information.

In 2018, Smith received awards for using Nixle. One came from a search for a missing person on Interstate 80. The sheriff's office, Nebraska State Patrol and sheriff's posse were able to use the program to tell each group where the other groups were searching.

"That was the only way to communicate with all of them," Vance said.

"People don't want to know until something is happening," Smith said. "It's a great tool."

She said law enforcement can attach photos and sketches of missing people, for example. Tips can be sent back to the Nixle system.

The county uses drug fund money to pay for the system, so there is no charge to the county.



GREG FORBES/SCI

Friedens United Church of Christ Pastor Ford Craig, left, and congregation member Don Pracheil stand next to the bell rope at the church. Pracheil on Jan. 19 tolled the bell 20 times in honor of those who have lost their lives in the COVID-19 pandemic, including long-time Friedens bell ringer Boyd Gabel.

## Boyd remembered for ringing

by Greg Forbes  
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The Friedens United Church of Christ bell tolled 20 times at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 as part of a nationwide tribute to the 400,000 individuals who died due to COVID-19 complications. One of those tolls was dedicated to Johnny Boyd Gabel, the man who rang that very bell for decades up to the point of his death late last year.

"At least one of those was for Boyd," said Friedens Pastor Ford Craig.

Churches throughout the country last Tuesday participated in the bell ringing hosted by the Presidential Inaugural Committee. The ceremony was meant to honor those who lost their lives in the COVID-19 pandemic, including Gabel, who died from the virus on Nov. 10.

For more than 50

years, Gabel had been the man behind the tolls at Friedens. Before that, his father and grandfather served as the bell ringers for the church. Last Tuesday's ceremony marked one of the few times a member of the Gabel family had not rung the bell in nearly a century.

"It's an unfortunate, ironic thing," Craig said. "Here we were ringing the bell

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## Legislature continues adaption to pandemic limitations

by Sen. Mark Kolterman  
Dist. 24

The 107th Nebraska Legislature convened Jan. 6 in the middle of a worldwide pandemic.

As elected representatives, we believe that it is important that the state's elected legislators are on the field during this time to represent our constituents. I support the speaker in wanting to find ways to engage the public while still keeping us safe from the continued threat of the pandemic.

Families, businesses and other governmental entities have had to change and adapt to the challenges posed by the coronavirus. The Legislature is no different. On Jan. 25, the Legislature will convene public committee hearings.

Public committee hearings are one of the most important parts of our legislative process – a critical time in which the “second house” can be heard. To ensure that the committee hearings are safe and we are appropriately responding to the challenges caused by COVID-19, the Legislature has modified its traditional hearing process.

Here are four ways that the process is changing this year:

- Morning and afternoon hearings. In order to minimize the chances of having to suspend our session, the Legislature will have both morning and afternoon committee hearings rather than floor debate during January and February.

- Expanded options to voice your opinion without testifying in person. The Legislature has developed a process for “written submitted testimony.” During the 2021 Session, an individual may hand deliver the morning of the hearing their testimony which will be provided to the committee members during the public hearing.

This will allow someone who has health concerns to limit their exposure to others by not having to sit in the hearing room for an extended period of time. The option of submitting a position letter for the hearing record via email is still available.

In addition, the Legislature has implemented a new feature allowing the online submission of comments on a bill at any stage of debate. The comments will be accessible by all senators and staff to read. You can learn more about how to take advantage of these public input options at [www.nebraskalegislature.gov/committees/public-input.php](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/committees/public-input.php).

- Limited physical space. To accommo-

date social distancing, seating in the hearing room is limited. And because of the restricted physical space caused by the ongoing HVAC renovation of the Capitol building, there will be no overflow rooms available.

- Modified hearing protocols. Hearings will look and feel different. These include a number of procedures, including extra sanitization efforts, masks and social distancing.

This is a unique year with unique challenges. We look forward to doing your work in the Legislature and appreciate your understanding of these modified procedures.

As always, if we can be of assistance to you in any way, do not hesitate 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](mailto:mkolterman@leg.ne.gov), and the office phone number is (402) 471-2756.

Tyler 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 with. Continue to follow me on Facebook at Kolterman for Legislature and on Twitter at @KoltermanforLegisla-

## We asked you:

Have you taken down your Christmas decorations yet?

Yes: 4

No: 2

Never: 0

## Now we want to know:

What do you think: Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow this Groundhog's Day (Feb. 2)?

Yes

No

**Vote this week on Facebook or at [sewardindependent.com](http://sewardindependent.com). Results will be published in next week's issue.**

## Nebraska is moving forward

On Jan. 14, I delivered my annual “State of the State” address to the Nebraska Legislature. Even after back-to-back years of major challenges—historic floods in 2019 and a pandemic in 2020—I am pleased to report that the state of the state is strong. The work of Nebraskans everywhere has helped to meet these challenges with grit, tenacity, and determination.



Gov. Pete Ricketts

As Senators begin this session, there are plenty of opportunities to make our state even stronger. This will require working together the Nebraska Way.

This year, the Unicameral will work on the state budget for the next two years. The budget I've proposed controls spending by limiting the average growth rate to 1.5 percent. Within this framework, we can achieve several important priorities.

First, property tax relief. The budget I've presented to the Legislature delivers \$1.36 billion in relief over the next two years. This includes \$550 million in direct property tax relief through the State's Property Tax Credit Relief Fund, and nearly \$597 million from the new refundable property tax credit. I am also proposing \$214 million to provide for property tax payments under the current homestead exemption program.

To deliver real property tax relief, we have to slow the growth of property tax bills. This will ensure that the relief the State provides goes into people's pockets. Senator Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn and I are proposing to limit the growth of local government property taxes to 3 percent per year. Property taxes are growing at a rate that Nebraskans cannot manage within their family budgets. They've grown by 4.46 percent annually, on average, for the last 10 years for an overall increase of 54.65 percent.

If the Legislature fails to enact spending constraints, I believe Nebraskans will take matters into their own hands and strip local governments of their property tax authority. This happened before in the 1960s when voters stripped the State of its authority to tax property, and it can happen again. The spending limits we're proposing are reasonable. By putting them in place, the Legislature can ensure that Nebraska's communities preserve local control of the institutions they cherish.

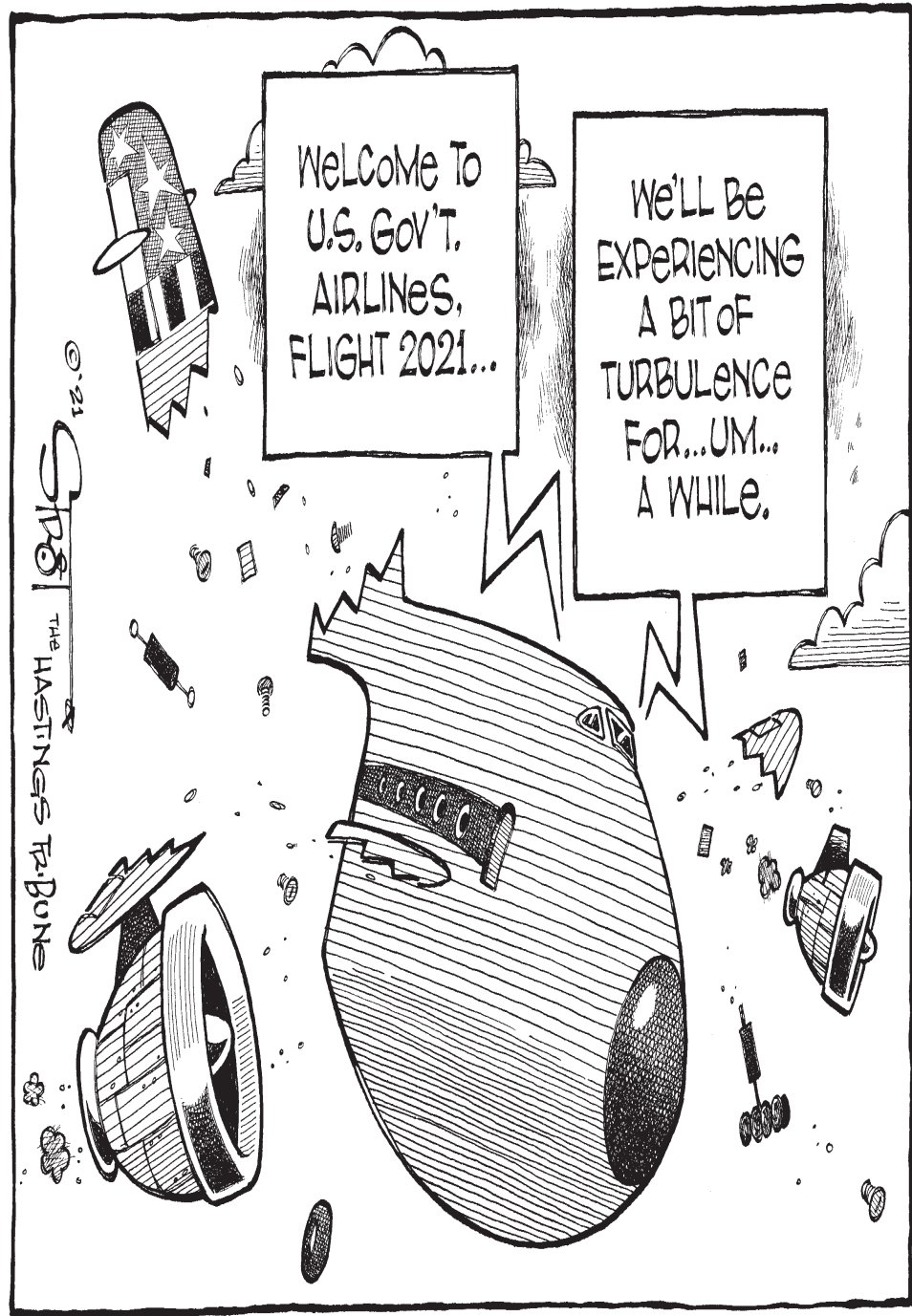
As we take action to reduce the property tax burden, it's important to give strong support to schools as well. Under my budget proposal, the State would give a record-high amount of aid (\$1.1 billion per year) to schools over the next two years. As I have done every year as Governor, I again propose to fully fund

the K-12 education formula. I'm also proposing opportunity scholarships, more career scholarships, and money for our textbook program. We must continue to invest in the next generation of Nebraskans so they can access educational opportunities that can help them achieve their dreams.

I'm also proposing three initiatives to advance toward our goal of becoming the best state in the nation for military families and veterans. First, Nebraska is still working to bring Space Command to the Heartland. Senator John Stinner of Gering and I are recommending for the State to invest \$50 million into a public-private partnership to headquarter this important mission at Offutt Air Force Base. Second, Senator Tom Brewer of Gordon and I are proposing that Nebraska exempt 100 percent of military retirement income for military retirees. This would complete the work on veterans tax relief we began last year. Third, I'm working with Senators Rita Sanders and Carol Blood of Bellevue to remove regulatory barriers that impede military spouses from taking jobs in Nebraska as licensed professionals.

We must continue to invest in better broadband coverage so that more Nebraskans have access to fast, reliable internet service. Over 80,000 Nebraska households lack broadband speeds of at least 25/3. The pandemic revealed how impossible work from home or remote education can be for those on the wrong side of the digital divide. Finally, my budget recommendation takes steps to protect public safety. Nebraska's corrections system has been underbuilt for 40 years, and our infrastructure is aging. We've made progress by investing in sentencing reform, rehabilitation, and the physical plant of our system over the past six years. But more must be done to modernize our prisons and prepare for the future. By 2025, Nebraska's corrections system is forecasted to house over 6,400 inmates. Our current operational capacity is about 5,300 inmates, and the Nebraska State Penitentiary is decaying. To protect public safety and replace the State Penitentiary, my budget plans for the construction of a new, modern correctional facility. It will require an initial investment of \$115 million in the upcoming two-year budget. This amount represents half of the estimated \$230 million of costs to have the facility completed and operational in 2025.

These are all critical priorities to get done this year. If you have questions about them, please email [pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov) or call 402-471-2244. As the session gets underway, I'm confident that we can achieve each of these initiatives by working together the Nebraska Way.



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## Four Corners update

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and help us have more sets of hands to assist with the work.”  
The biweekly teleconference serves an opportunity for department heads and sector officials to provide an update on the current situation in their respective fields as well. Roger Reamer, CEO at Memorial Health Care Systems, said not only are COVID-19 cases decreasing, the hospital has

also seen virtually no influenza cases so far this season. He credited an emphasis on mask wearing and social distancing, among other factors, for the lack of influenza cases.

Seward City Administrator Greg Butcher said that city officials are currently in discussions on how to potentially reopen city facilities to the public and would provide a more in-depth plan at a later date.

## Boyd remembered

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in remembrance of the 400,000 who have died and in support of frontline workers and the only person in our congregation who had passed away from (COVID-19) was our bell ringer.”

Long-time congregation member Don Pracheil assumed the role of bell ringer after Gabel's death. The gravity of Pracheil's new duty was not lost on him as he pulled the rope 20 times.

“I was definitely thinking of Boyd,” said Pracheil, who recollected that Gabel's presence in the church was marked by far

more than the sounds of the bell on Sunday mornings. “Boyd was a great singer, he had this really deep voice. I'd sit three or four pews in front of him and I could hear him really well.”

A member of the church his entire life, Pracheil said Gabel's pride in Friedens showed through his dedication. Gabel rarely missed a service and spent his free time ensuring that the church was in tip-top shape.

“He was council president, he was an elder, he was a trustee...he was always involved,” Pracheil said. “I helped him fix windows and do electrical work. He did a lot of projects.”

Craig, who moved to the area from North Platte five years ago, immediately recognized Gabel as a cornerstone of the church.

“He was always so upfront and welcoming,” Craig said.

Pracheil added that Gabel's presence added to the atmosphere at Friedens every bit as much as his service as bell ringer and efforts to keep the church in working order.

“Boyd always had a smile on his face and always looked at the good side of things,” Pracheil said. “You hear that laughter has healing power and that was definitely Boyd.”

## Seward city council to continue Zoom meeting format for now

by Greg Forbes  
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The Seward City Council will continue to meet via Zoom until further notice.

The council on Jan. 19 discussed the possibility of returning to in-person meetings before ultimately deciding to remain in an online format. One of the reasons behind the decision is the upcoming address of the current mask mandate, which was extended at the Jan. 5 meeting.

Councilman Chris Schmit recommended to hold off on a return to in-person meetings until at least after the March 3 discussion of whether or not to extend the mask mandate. The mandate has been a popular point of discussion at previous meetings.

“We should keep it at least through March 3 when we have to address

the mandate again,” he said. “It'd give everyone the opportunity to join in.”

Mayor Josh Eickmeier said that online meetings have been well received by the public to this point, and participation has increased since the move from in-person meetings was made. He said extending online meetings would not negatively impact the opportunities for input given to the public.

“I can tell you, as you well know, participation, especially on controversial issues, was higher on Zoom meetings than it has been in the past, so I don't feel like the public is being cheated out of any opportunities to speak,” he said. “I'd say it's been arguably more convenient for the public to participate via Zoom.”

The council elected to continue meetings

via Zoom until further notice and did not set a date for a possible return.

Additionally, the council approved the purchase of a sewer cleaning truck for \$356,695 from Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment Company. City Administrator Greg Butcher said the item was budgeted for this year and will replace the old system. He said the city received a favorable price for the new truck and added that the city also received a good trade in value for the old unit.

The council unanimously approved the purchase of the sewer truck.



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The 2021 Club Officers for the Seward Optimist Club were installed by Nebraska Optimist District Governor Sandra Coaxum Allen of Omaha. Pictured are, from left, Optimist Board Member Erich Helge, Optimist President Morgan Kozisek, District Governor Sandra Coaxum Allen, Optimist Secretary Lana Urban and Optimist Treasurer Marc Guthrie. Not present for the photo were Vice President Gaylea Sturgis and Board Member Julie McMeekin.

## Optimist Club officers named

The Seward Optimist Club met in person Jan. 20 at the Seward Civic Center at their regular meeting. Special guests were Nebraska Optimist District Governor Sandra Coaxum Allen of Omaha, State Optimist Oratorical Chair Gloria J. Epps, also of Omaha and members of the Omaha North Optimist Club.

Other special guests were Academic Decathlon team members Miram Voehl and Hannah

Kolterman-Wagner, along with their coach Noelle Baker.

At the meeting the new officers were installed by Allen. Morgan Kozisek was reelected as president, vice president is Gaylea Sturgis, secretary is Lana Urban, treasurer is Marc Guthrie, and board members are Erich Helge and Julie McMeekin.

The SHS AD team presented their report on the recent success of their participation in

the Academic Decathlon Regionals in the Large School Division, qualifying for the State Contest Feb. 19 and 20, and thanked the Seward Optimist Club for its continued support.

The budget for the year was approved, committee chairs appointed and reports were heard. The next meeting of the Seward Optimist Club is Monday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center.



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# Gadgets for improving fitness

by Emma Zoller  
Seward County Independent

Looking for a few helpful tools to keep your fitness level in check? Read along for five pieces of equipment that can help keep track of fitness goals and improve your workouts.

- Fitbit Aria Air – A smart scale that connects to the Fitbit app by Bluetooth to show a person's weight, body mass index and overall health progress. Once connected to the Fitbit app, users can track their health graph, which can also be seen through an Apple Watch or other smart watch. The scale can allow also for multiple users to measure their weights.
- Apple Watch Series 3 or higher – Apple sold over 30 million watches in 2019, more than what the entire Swiss watch industry sold in the same year. They're clearly popular, and for good reason. Apple Watch Series 3 and higher offer many advanced features, such as their ability to monitor a user's resting heart rate, pulse, heart beats per minute and workout ranges. The watch also has GPS tracking for distance training, can connect to Bluetooth to play music, while also offering daily activity summaries.
- Smart Rope Rookie – What looks to be a jump rope is actually something far more advanced with the capability of connecting to a user's smart phone to track fitness levels. The rope works by automatically recording exercise data which is synced to the SmartRope app, where users can see their jump counts, calories, duration and goal achievements. Use the app to see a history of workouts, compete with friends, and perform interval training.
- Bowflex SelectTech 552 Adjustable Dumbbells – If you're looking to improve your at-home workouts, the Bowflex Dumbbells can offer multiple weight settings on one pair of dumbbells by simply adjusting the weight dial. Their weight ranges from 5 – 52.5 pounds, with weight increments of 2.5 pounds to gradually increase a user's strength. The dumbbells can also connect to the Bowflex SelectTech app which allows the user to journal their strength training.

  
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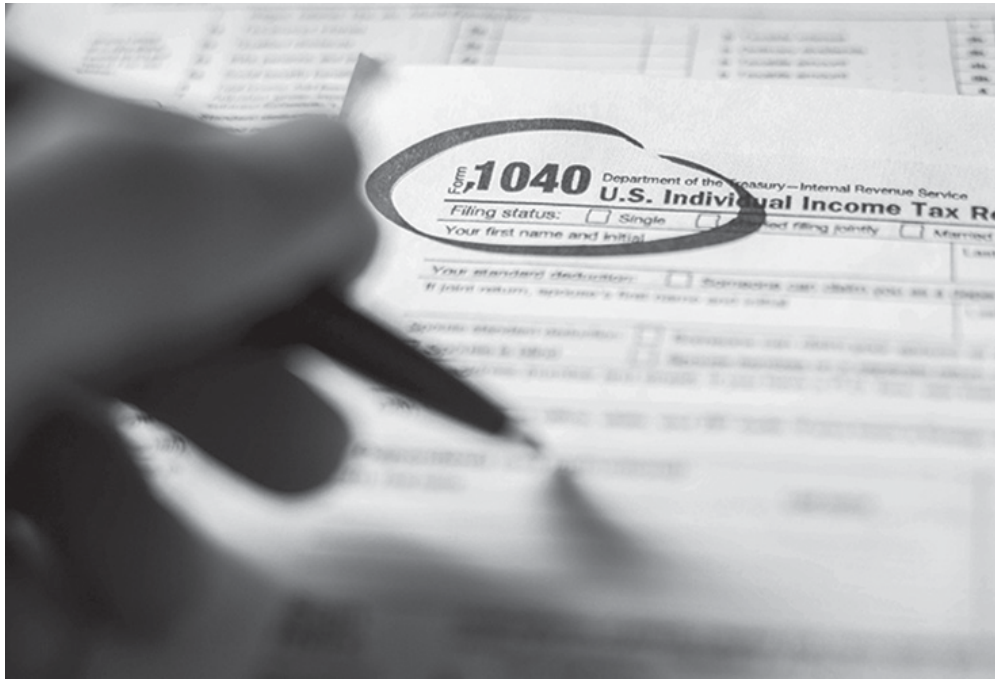
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The Internal Revenue Service offers the following advice to taxpayers who want to get a head start on their returns so they make sure they file on time in 2021.

## Prepping for 2021 tax season

April is synonymous with many things. Many people get their first glimpse of spring blooms in April, while families of faith look forward to gathering for Passover and Easter. Sports fans may welcome the return of professional baseball in April, while scholastic athletes may associate April with the return of spring sports. Though each of those things tends to be welcomed with open arms, one day in mid-April may not be greeted so warmly.

Each year in the United States, April 15 marks the official deadline for taxpayers to file their tax returns. Taxpayers in the United States must file their returns by this day or face penalties. Though the filing deadline may be in mid-April, it's wise for taxpayers to begin preparing to submit their returns much earlier than that. For those who have not done so in the first two months of the year, March is a great time to begin preparations to ensure returns are accurate and filed on time.

The Internal Revenue Service offers the following advice to taxpayers who want to get a head start on their returns so they make sure they file on time in 2021.

- Gather and organize your records. Many people rely on a professional to work on their returns, and April is such professionals' busiest time of year. As a result, it's imperative that taxpayers have all their necessary documents ready prior to their appointments. Any delays could force appointments to be rescheduled, and there's no guarantee tax professionals will have any open dates on their calendar as the filing deadline draws closer. The IRS notes taxpayers will need their W-2s from employers, forms 1099 from banks and other payers and other income documents and records of virtual currency transactions. In addition, people who received an Economic Impact Pay-

ment in 2020 should make sure they have Notice 1444, which includes the amount of the payment and how it was received, as they will need that to file their returns. It's also important that people who received unemployment income recognize that such income is taxable, so they will need a record of that income, especially if they did not pay taxes on it when it was received.

- Where applicable, confirm your Individual Taxpayer Identification Number has not expired. The IRS issues ITINs to individuals who are required to have a U.S. taxpayer identification number but who do not have, and are not eligible to obtain, a Social Security number from the Social Security Administration. The IRS notes that all ITINs not used on a federal tax return at least once in the last three years expired on December 31, 2020. In addition, all ITINs issued prior to 2013 with middle digits of 88 expired at the end of 2020. ITINs with middle digits 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 or 99 that were assigned before 2013 and have not already been renewed also expired at the end of 2020. Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to learn more about ITINs.

- Contact your tax professional. 2020 was a complicated year, and that figures to create some unique challenges as people file their 2020 tax returns. So it pays to contact your tax preparation professional with any questions you have well in advance of April 15. That's true for all taxpayers, but especially so for anyone who filed for unemployment, received an Economic Impact Payment or dealt with any other abnormal circumstances in 2020 that could affect their tax returns.

Taxpayers may face unique challenges as they begin to work on their 2020 tax returns. More information is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Saving strategies to think on as retirement draws closer

Professionals on the cusp of retirement are often excited about what lies ahead. Some prospective retirees may look forward to traveling once they no longer have to go to work each day, while others may plan to return to school. Regardless of how adults envision spending their retirement, they're going to need money when they're no longer being paid by their employers.

As retirement nears, some professionals may be concerned that they haven't saved enough. There's no one-size-fits-all answer in regard to how much money people will need in retirement. People who are worried they haven't saved enough can try various strategies to build up their account balances before they officially call it a career.

- Take advantage of catch-up contributions. Adults who are 50 or older are eligible to take advantage of catch-up contributions. These are designed to help people over 50 contribute more to certain retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) or IRA, than statutory limits would otherwise allow. There are limits that govern the amount of money people can designate as catch-up contributions, but taking advantage of this perk can help people save more as retirement



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draws closer.

- Consider relocating. A recent study from the Employee Benefit Research Institute found that housing costs accounted for 49 percent of seniors' spending. Professionals nearing retirement who live in areas traditionally associated with a high cost of living can begin to rethink their long-term housing strategy. Relocating to an area with a lower cost of living is one option, while those who prefer to remain in their current town or city can consider downsizing to a smaller home to reduce their property taxes and monthly utility bills.

- Continue investing. Conventional wisdom suggests moving away from investing in stocks the closer you get to retirement. Though that's a sound

strategy, professionals who are trying to build their retirement savings in the final years before retiring could be missing out on significant growth by abandoning stocks entirely. Speak with a financial advisor about stock-based investments and your risk tolerance. Maintaining a diversified portfolio with a little risk can be a great way to grow your savings as retirement draws near.

Professionals approaching retirement may be dealing with a mix of excitement and anxiety, particularly if they're concerned about their retirement savings. Various strategies can help quell such anxiety and make it easier for professionals over 50 to build their savings as retirement nears.



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# Safety measures keeping flu at bay

by Greg Forbes  
 editor@sewardindependent.com

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, area medical professionals have noticed that influenza cases have been held at bay so far this year.

Dr. Jason Summa, Seward Family Medical Center, said statewide through Jan. 9, just 140 positive tests for influenza had been recorded. In the last week of December 2020 alone, Summa said the state registered 2,000 positive tests.

Summa credited the lack of influenza cases to safety protocols put in place due to the pandemic.

“These low numbers don’t come from a lack of testing. We’ve run more than 25,000 tests for influenza in the state this flu season,” he said. “There is no doubt that these low numbers are influenced by the measures we are taking to control the virus. Like COVID-19, influenza is a respiratory virus, and social distancing, hand washing and masking are effectively limiting the amount of influenza we are seeing.”

According to the Nebraska Influenza Surveillance Report issued Jan. 15, the positivity rate for influenza

tests sits at just .55 percent.

Laura McDougall, executive director for Four Corners Health Department, said the region has seen almost no influenza presence this year. She, too, said lack of testing is not the case. Along with adherence to social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation, McDougall said the lack of cases correlate with an increase of influenza vaccinations distributed.

“We had record reports of people being vaccinated for influenza this season, compared to other years,” she said. “I believe these are all factors contributing to the dearth of flu cases.”

Summa said that the lack of influenza cases this year is vital to hospitals and care facilities as the battle against COVID-19 continues. By limiting the amount of hospitalizations and clinic visits due to the flu, Summa said resources can be better conserved for those diagnosed with COVID-19.

“These lower numbers mean fewer hospitalizations and complications from influenza,” he said. “This is very important as we deal with the current COVID-19 pandemic.”

# The church grows, is like a tree

by Pastor Greg Gabriel  
 Faith Lutheran Church

“They are like trees planted by streams of water.” (Psalm 1:3)

The church is a tree standing beside a stream of water. The stream represents the mission of God in the world. The roots of the tree suggest the identity of the church, drawing vitality from the stream (mission). The trunk signifies the values which arise from its roots (identity) and the stream (mission).

The challenges which the church faces – some of the challenges, at least – are the branches which grow from trunk (values), roots (identity) and stream (mission). The leaves atop the tree symbolize the future, which proceeds from

branches (challenges), trunk (values), roots (identity) and stream (mission).

A tree grows silently. A tree grows slowly but surely. Even when an observer cannot recognize that a tree is growing, the tree is developing according to God’s design. A tree does not grow in linear fashion – it puts forth branches here and there – and yet it generally reaches towards the sun and the sky. Congregations may grow quietly, gradually and in seemingly random ways.

A tree standing beside a stream is a metaphor for a community of faith. Beyond itself, a tree exerts an influence on its environment. Its roots stabilize the riverbank and the soil beneath the tree. A tree contributes to the process of photosynthe-

sis, absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. Its leaves and branches provide shade and shelter for various creatures.

An apple tree produces fruit and a maple tree produces syrup. Trees give of themselves for house-building materials, furniture and firewood. Tree branches offer adventures in climbing and support for a swing. When leaves, branches or a trunk fall to the ground – when roots wither and die – they fertilize the ground.

If you ever visit Faith Lutheran Church in Seward, you will notice the trees represented in the cut-glass windows in the sanctuary. Why are trees pictured in the windows in the worship space? The church is a tree nourished by a stream.

# County court

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Jan. 11 – 15  
 Michael B. Vantine, 33, Lincoln, fur harvest/possess without permit, \$150 fine.  
 Denis R. Detweiler, 57, Lincoln, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Zachary K. Bode, 19, Fremont, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine; littering first offense, \$100 fine; fail to appear or comply with citation, \$100 fine.

Christoff De Bruyn, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine.

# Police report

Information provided by the Seward Police Department.

Jan. 8  
 2:28 p.m.—A caller in the 1300 block of 280th Road reported a man and a woman walking around a parking lot asking for money.  
 Jan. 10

5:42 a.m.—A caller in the 1400 block of North First Street reported a vehicle driving slowly and stopping in front of every house but no one is getting out. An officer made contact with the occupants and they were delivering newspapers.

Jan. 12  
 3:11 a.m.—An officer located a pickup in the ditch in the area of 168th Road and McKelvie Road. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and jailed at the Seward County Detention Center.

Summary of other calls:

- Barking dog 1
- Civil/keep peace 1
- Disturbance 1
- Field contact 5
- Fraud 2
- Miscellaneous 15
- Motorist assist 3
- Parking violation 3
- Property lost or found 1

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# Arrests

Information taken from arrest affidavits filed with the Seward County Court.

Cody Schafer, 23, Seward, was arrested Nov. 1 in connection with the offenses of possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, a deadly weapon and marijuana, less than one ounce. A bond of \$10,000 was set and the case was bound over to the district

court.  
 Debra Pittman, 66, was arrested Oct. 6 in connection with the offenses of flight to avoid arrest, willful reckless driving, hit and run and driving under the influence. Ten percent of \$100,000 bond was filed and Pittman has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 20.


Ty Sullivan, 41, was arrested

Nov. 2 in connection with the offense of possession of a deadly weapon (two counts). Ten percent of a \$10,000 bond was filed and he is set to appear for arraignment Jan. 19.


Derek Saltzman, 34, Seward, was arrested Nov. 8 in connection with the offenses of false imprisonment, terroristic threats and domestic assault. He was arraigned on Dec. 21.

The case was then bound over to the district court.

Danielle Zelazny, 36, Bellvue, was arrested Oct. 24 in connection with the offense of driving under revocation from fourth DUI. Ten percent of a \$10,000 bond was filed and Zelazny is to appear for sentencing Jan. 27.



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Seward High Academic Decathlon team members reported to the Seward Optimist Club, a team sponsor, on the regional competition recently. Pictured are, from left, Gloria J. Epps of the Omaha South Optimist Club, Morgan Kozisek, Seward Optimist president, AD Coach Noelle Baker, AD team representatives Hannah Kolterman-Wagner and Miriam Voehl and Optimist District Governor for Nebraska-Sandra Coaxum Allen of Omaha.

## SHS Decathlon places second in regionals

The Seward High Academic Decathlon team, coached by Noelle Baker, placed second at the Large School Regionals held online Jan. 9.

Seward competed against other schools in Nebraska of similar size.

A total of 37 gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the Seward team on their AD Regional scoring. They placed second place in the Large School Division, losing only to Omaha's Daniel Gross High School and will now compete again online, adding prepared speech, interview and essay contests to the other seven online tests in the areas of art, literature, music, math, economics, science and social studies.

Academic Decathlon Team representatives Hannah Kolterman-Wagner and Miriam Voehl, along with the AD Coach Noelle Baker, reported

their success at the Jan. 20 Seward Optimist meeting. They thanked the Seward Optimist Club for its support, both financially and "in spirit." The girls presented an Academic Decathlon Team shirt to the Seward Optimist President Morgan Kozisek.

The Virtual State AD competition will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, in the Media Center/Library at Seward High School.

They will be required to write the essay on an assigned topic on the afternoon of Feb. 5 in the SHS Media Center. On Feb. 19 from 5-8 p.m., the students will present speeches on any topic in a Zoom presentation and be interviewed. On Feb. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., members will compete in new tests on the same categories under the theme of "The Cold War!"

It should be noted that everyone on the

Seward Academic Decathlon Team won medals at the Regional Contest. The following 37 medals were awarded at the regional contest to SHS students:

Overall Best Team Score-Elizabeth Gokie; Art-First: Miriam Voehl, Second: Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, Third: Cole Gray;

Literature-First: Miriam Voehl, Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, Third: Cole Gray, Isaiah VanBeek, and Emily Gokie;

Music- First: Miriam Voehl, Second: Andrew Alley, Third: Cole Gray, Tyler Calway and Emliy Gokie;

Math- First-Tyler Calway, Isaiah VanBeek, Braden Adams, Second: Emily Gokie, Elizabeth Gokie, Cole Gray, Ashton Conner, Third: Hannah Kolterman-Wagner;

Economics- First-Andrew Alley, Second: Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, Ashton Conner, Cole Gray and Miriam Voehl, Third: Tyler Calway;

Science-First: Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, Second: Tyler Calway, Cole Gray, Third: Isaiah VanBeek, Ashton Conner;

Social Science/History-First: Cole Gray, Second: Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, Tyler Calway, Third: Miriam Voehl.

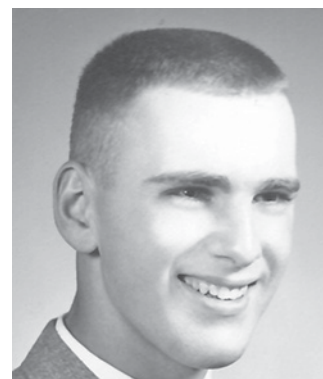
The medals and placement awards were announced online and will now be awarded to the students at a school event. Academic Decathlon T-shirts were made for the team and presented at the Regional Contest. The shirts were funded and sponsored by the Seward Optimist Club.

## Johnson to turn 80

Norman Johnson of York will celebrate his 80th birthday this week.

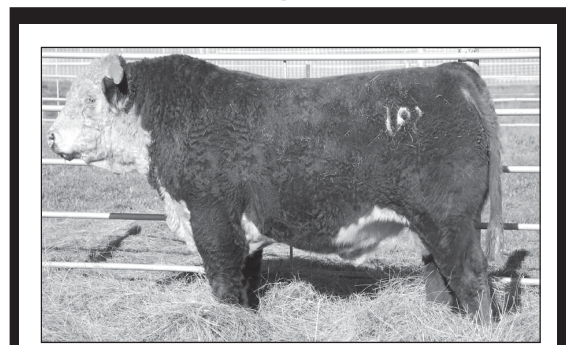
He was born Jan. 29, 1941, in Seward and was in Seward High School's Class of 1958.

To celebrate, his family including wife Marilyn are requesting a card shower. Cards may be sent to 14 Arbor Heights, York, NE 68467.



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## Ag Society members recognized



Three members of the Seward County Ag Society were recognized Jan. 23 at the NAFM annual meeting in Grand Island for years of service. Leading all counting was Ron Gade, with 55 years of service. Doug Brand received a certificate for 45 years of fair work and Ron Herley was honored for 40 years. Pictured are, from left, Brand, Tim Winkleman, representing Gade, and NAFM Secretary Steve Krueger, with Herley's award.

## Update on Farm Bill tools

by Jenny Rees  
Seward/York counties Extension educator

In my desire to share what I've learned with you all about the Farm Bill, I realized I threw too much information into the decision tool blog post, and what I was seeking to share didn't come across clearly.



Jenny Rees  
Extension educator

So, I revised it and you will need to refresh your web browser to view the most updated version.

Ultimately, PLC offers price protection. If your MYA price is less than the reference price (\$3.70 for corn; \$8.40 for soybeans; \$3.95 for sorghum; \$5.50 for wheat), a PLC payment is triggered. ARC-CO is a revenue safety net with price and yield protection, and it takes into account a five-year Olympic average of prices and yields (for this 2021 decision it looks at 2015-2019).

So as things set today, it's possible there won't be either an ARC-CO nor PLC payment for corn or soybeans for 2021. Corn tends to favor a PLC election. Wheat favors PLC. Sorghum traditionally has favored PLC. Soybeans could be selected either way, particularly depending on if the county has irrigated/non-irrigated split or not. What can impact this is if we see major yield or price losses from current expectations.

What I don't know yet is if ARC-IC is an option as a result of the significant windstorm in several counties. Once we get the 2020 county yields (most likely in February), I will start looking at that.

Sometimes looking

at the probabilities in the decision tools can be confusing, but they can also provide direction if you're unsure. Thus, why I provide the blog post on how to use the decision tools.

The calculation I shared with you last week may be the easiest thing you can do. So, I put that into a separate blog post and placed screen shots of county by crop in Nebraska so you can see which way things are favored by county. The best way to find all this info. is go to the "Farm Bill" category on my blog: <https://jen-reesources.com/category/farm-bill-2/> (but only look at the 2021 info.).

Fungus gnats: Kelly Feehan shares, "If you have small gnats flying around your home or windows, these may be fungus gnats. These nuisance pests are small fly-like insects mainly noticed around house-

plants. They cause no harm to people, pets and rarely to plants.

"Fungus gnats develop in overwatered houseplant soil or poorly drained potting mixes. The larvae, which is a tiny maggot, lives and matures in the potting medium, mainly feeding on fungal or algal growth in overwatered soil. If the potting mix is harboring fungus gnats, cut back on watering frequency so the mix dries out briefly between watering.

"If needed, repot plants using a well-drained potting mix and containers with drainage holes. Pour excess water out of catch basins after watering. Reduced moisture limits fungal growth, hence fungus gnat larvae food. The upper two inches of the potting mix can also be treated with a labeled houseplant insecticide or insecticidal soap."

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## Area students recognized for academic achievements

### Iowa State University

More than 11,000 Iowa State University (Ames) students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2020 Dean's List.

Students from this area on the list include William Brown and Megan Runyan, both from Seward and both studying Aerospace Engineering, along with Danielle Hoppes of Beaver Crossing in Veterinary Medicine. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

### University of Nebraska - Omaha

More than 5,000 students are being recognized for their academic achievements during the fall 2020 semester at the University of Nebraska at Omaha with inclusion on the Chancellor's and/or Dean's List.

From this area, Max Tomes of Utica and McKenzie Nutter of Malcolm qualified for the Chancellor's List. Students who qualified for the Chancellor's List earned a grade point average of 4.0 for courses taken at UNO during the Fall 2020 semester, provided 12 or more quality hours were completed.

Qualifiers for the Dean's List included Elise Bohning and Jaxson Simmerman of Seward and Rachel Hartgerink and K'lena Schnack of Milford. Students who qualified for the Dean's List earned a GPA of 3.5 or better for courses taken at UNO during the Fall 2020 semester, provided 12 or more quality hours were completed.

### Southeast Community College

Southeast Community College in Nebraska has released its Dean's List for the semester recently completed on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses.

To be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six semester credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Classes with a grade of "P" (Pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum.

Students named to the list and their field of study from this area include: Pleasant Dale—Cassidy Burkhardt, Physical Therapist Assistant; Milford—Thomas Fosler, Computer Information Technology; Cameron Barker, Electrical Technology; Michaela Pickerill, Radiologic Technology; Seward—David Ideus, MOPAR-Chrysler/Dodge/RAM/Jeep College Automotive Program; Marcus Jones, Professional Truck Driver Training; Audrey Schanou, Undeclared; Utica—Clay Lankford, Computer Information Technology

### Wayne State College

Wayne State College included more than 1,300 students on the dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the past semester. Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 grade average.

Students on the list from this area include: Beaver Crossing—Caleb Fowler and Michael Fowler; Denton—Paris TeBrink and Paytra TeBrink\*; Milford—Callie Carraher, Elliott Carraher, Katelyn Deschane, Justin Kenney\*, Naudia Larsen, Jackson Lautzenhisler and Kassie Nitzsche\*; Seward—David Clark, Megan Dworak, Sydney Erickson, Mitchell Hochstein, Hallie Jensen, Hunter Jensen and Caleb Meyer\*; Staplehurst—Jacee Wiesen; Ulysses—Luke Stara; Utica—Brooklyn Gierhan\*

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## Obituaries

### Christine R. Hoag

May 30, 1952 – Jan. 18, 2021

Christine Ruth Hoag was born May 30, 1952, in Yuma, Colorado, to Oliver William and Naida (Bentz) Keiry and passed away Jan. 18, 2021, in Lincoln, at the age of 68 years, 7 months and 19 days. Christine grew up on a dairy farm outside of Nisland, South Dakota, where she attended school and graduated from Newell High School with the Class of 1970.



Christine attended Rockmont College in Denver, Colorado, and later attended Parks Business School. She worked at several places in the accounting areas. Christine met David Hoag at church while in Denver. On March 25, 1978, David and Christine were united in marriage in Nisland. After their marriage, they moved to Kearney, where Dave began working at the police department and Christine worked at the hospital in accounting. Their marriage was blessed with three children. The family moved to Seward in 1995, where Christine began working at Memorial Hospital in 1993 to present and Dave began working at the Seward Police Department. Christine enjoyed sewing, making dolls and being part of a doll club. She also loved doing many different arts and crafts. Christine attended Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church where she enjoyed helping the youth groups and attending her bible study.

Christine was preceded in death by her father, Oliver William Keiry.

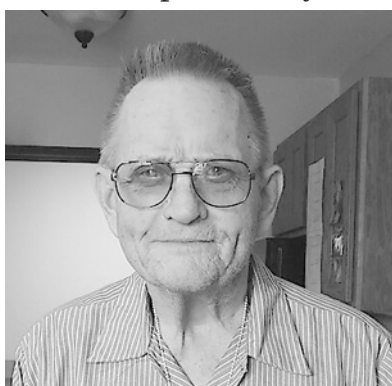
Survivors cherishing her memory are her husband, Dave Hoag, Seward; children, Carissa Hoag, Seward, Brandon Hoag, Lincoln, Derek Hoag and girlfriend, Sami Benjamin, Garrison, North Dakota; grandchildren, Hali Bicket, Marshall Bicket, Oliver Hoag; mother, Naida Keiry, Nisland; siblings and spouses, Cheryl (Steve) Gilmore, Nisland, Steven (Kela) Keiry, Nisland, Stewart (Barbara) Keiry, Wyoming and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church in Seward. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).

### Franklin L. Reynolds

Nov. 8, 1944 – Jan. 17, 2021

Franklin Leon Reynolds was born Nov. 8, 1944, in Seward, the son of Leland George and Martha Marie (Yank) Reynolds. Frank passed away Jan. 17, 2021, also in Seward, at the age of 76 years, 2 months, 9 days.



Frank was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward. He attended St. John Lutheran School and was a 1963 graduate of Seward High School. Frank began his career with the City of Seward as a sexton/caretaker for the cemeteries. He retired in 2010 after 47 years of service to the city. Frank was not only a keeper of the grounds, he was also a guardian of the history of those buried within the cemeteries and was devoted to maintaining the grounds in a caring, respectable manner.

Frank was united in marriage to Lois LaVonne Fuglesmo on June 8, 1979, in South Dakota. Frank welcomed Lois's family as his own.

In earlier years, Frank enjoyed flying, deer hunting and he loved the outdoors. Frank and Lois enjoyed spending time fishing at their cabin near Blue River Lodge in Crete. Frank also enjoyed trips to Laughlin, Nevada, to the casinos. Frank will be remembered for his delicious salt water taffy made from his Grandma Reynolds' recipe.

Frank was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Seward.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Leland and Martha Reynolds; his wife, Lois, in 2002; brother, David Reynolds; sister, Sharon Jackson; and sister-in-law, Clara Reynolds.

Frank is survived by his sister and brothers-in-law, Alice and Stuart Edwards, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Thomas Jackson, Thorsey, Alabama; brother and sister-in-law, William Reynolds, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Bonnie Hilt, Burlington, Colorado; stepchildren, Erika and Jerry Murphy, Lincoln, Steve Fuglesmo and girlfriend Yvonne McAlister, LaVista, Joni Bloebaum, Lincoln, and Jeff and Liz Fuglesmo, Bella Vista, Arkansas; many step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, step-great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

A funeral service was Jan. 22 at St. John Lutheran Church with interment in the Seward Cemetery. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).

### Karen S. Henry

March 28, 1942 – Jan. 16, 2021

Karen Sue Henry passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, with her four children by her side. Karen was born March 28, 1942, in Holdrege to Roy and Mary Ann Burgeson. She grew up in Holdrege with her brothers Jim, John, Dave and Mike and sister, Mary Lou.



After graduating from Holdrege High School, Karen moved to Denver, Colorado, to attend Central Business College. She graduated from the two-year program and went to work for the architecture firm of Wheeler and Lewis.

While with a group of friends, she met Jim Henry who was entertaining the group that evening. They became a couple and were married Sept. 27, 1963.

Daughter Amy was born in 1967 after moving back to Holdrege. In 1970, Jim and Karen moved to McCook, where daughters Carrie and Malinda were born. Son Travis was also born in McCook in 1971. Jim and Karen raised their family in McCook with many good memories and good friends.

After Jim retired from the McCook Police Department, Jim and Karen moved to Missouri Valley, Iowa, where their daughter Carrie and granddaughter Kinley lived. Karen helped Carrie in her New York Life office. When Malinda moved to Missouri Valley from Brazil, Karen was delighted to be able to babysit for her grandson, Justice.

In 2010, Jim and Karen moved to Seward, where daughter Amy, son-in-law Gus and grandchildren Riley, Erin and Cale lived. It was in Seward where Jim was diagnosed with leukemia. Karen and son Travis cared for him for the next 18 months until he passed away in March 2012. After Jim's death, Karen went to work in home health, caring for several ladies in their homes. Taking care of others was what gave her purpose and joy in life. Karen was overjoyed to attend Travis' wedding to Anne Atkins in October 2017.

In late 2019, Karen's health began to be worrisome. Accompanied by her daughter Amy in the daily challenges, Karen patiently and courageously faced her gradual decline in health. She was supported by friends, family and her unwavering faith until her passing.

Karen wished for any memorial contributions to be designated to the hospice organization of the donor's choice. A memorial service will be arranged at a later date. Cards may be sent in care of Amy Miller, 1102 N. First Street, Seward, NE 68434. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).

## County court

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Jan. 4 – 8

James K. Fuller, 52, Grand Island, DUI-alcohol second offense, \$500 fine, 10 days jail, 12 months probation, revoked license 18 months and interlock device.

Tahir N. Al Ibrahim, 47, Wilber, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Joshua W. McKnight, 33, York, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine; improper/defective vehicle lighting, \$25 fine.

Rudy Davila Jr., 57, Seward, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine; no operator's license waiverable, \$75 fine.

Jordan Baxter, 28, Aurora, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, six months probation, revoked license 60 days and interlock device.

Derrick L. Pearson, 31, Lincoln, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Tyler W. Williams, 23, Milford, no proof of insurance, \$100 fine.

David L. McCray

Jr., 30, Lincoln, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Brianna S. Harter, 29, Blair, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, seven days jail, revoked license six months and interlock device.

Edgar J. Alaniz, 28, Seward, dog license required, \$5 fine.

Daniel P. Collins, 20, Goehner, tobacco: possession and use by a minor, \$50 fine.

Mario A. Garcia De Leon, 20, Tobias, minor in possession ages 19-20, six months probation, 50 hours community service; speeding 6-10 mph county/state, \$25 fine, six months probation.

Autumn M. Kouma, 25, Lincoln, driving under suspension when license revoked on points, \$100 fine.

Amber C. Nore, 44, Lincoln, no valid registration – car/pick-up/stepvan, \$25 fine; driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Angelina Keak, 44, Lincoln, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

## Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Jan. 14 – 21

Chuck Cowan and Sue Cowan to Banks Construction, Inc., a tract of land in the SW1/4 NE1/4 2-9-1. DS exempt

Underwood Construction Co., LLC, to Cody Ratkovec and Kelsey Ratkovec, Lot 4,

Country Club Heights Fourth Addition to Seward. DS \$717.75

RYASTE Properties, LLC, to David E. Brooks and Janice A. Brooks, Lot 3, Jarecki Addition, a part of the S1/2 SE1/4 34-11-3. DS \$315

Dolores Mielke to Rachel E. Pozehl, Lot 1, Hillcrest Heights Addition to Seward. DS \$337.50

### Richard L. Bennett

May 21, 1942 – Jan. 19, 2021

Richard Lee Bennett was born May 21, 1942, in Harlan, Iowa, to Kenneth E. and Eva Laura (Crandall) Bennett and passed away Jan. 19, 2021, in Seward, at the age of 78 years, 7 months and 29 days. He attended grade school in Shenandoah, Iowa, and graduated from high school in Schuyler with the Class of 1960.



Dick joined the United States Navy in 1961 and served for 4 1/2 years, stationed at Coronado Island, San Diego, California. He returned home to Seward in 1965, where he worked at The Bakery with his dad, Bob Bennett.

Dick met the love of his life, Lucille Masek, in 1965, and they were married Oct. 28, 1967, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ulysses.

Dick and Lucy were blessed with five wonderful children, Stephanie (Chris) Schmitt, Christopher (Heather) Bennett, Thomas (Jeanette) Bennett, Jason (Kami) Bennett and Kierra Bennett. In 1981, Dick and Lucy purchased The Bakery in Seward and operated it for 33 amazing years. Besides working at The Bakery every morning, Dick worked full time as a clerk at The United States Post Office in Lincoln, retiring after 28 years.

Dick leaves to mourn his passing, Lucy, his wife of 53 years; his five children; 20 grandchildren; mother, Dorothy Bennett; brother, Russell (Monia) Bennett; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Bob Bennett, and sister, Peg Jones.

A funeral service was Jan. 23 with a graveside service and interment at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, plants and statues, memorial contributions are suggested to the Bennett family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.zabkafuneralhome.com](http://www.zabkafuneralhome.com).

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Established in 1991 by Tom and Nancy Osborne, TeamMates was formed in an effort to provide support and encouragement to all school-aged youth. The goal is to see young people graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary education. TeamMates has touched the lives of thousands of youth and mentors across the Midwest. Right now, more than 10,000 matches are meeting in schools across Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Wyoming and South Dakota.

**The Mission:**

To positively impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential through mentoring.

**Values:**

1. **Commitment to Youth** - We are committed to serving youth with compassion and respect.
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3. **Integrity and Trust** - We are committed to integrity and trust in all relationships.
4. **Inclusion** - We are committed to the inclusion of mentees and mentors from diverse backgrounds.

**Mentor Quote:**

“ I love being a mentor. I look forward to it every week. ”

*Every young person deserves to have a mentor.*

**Need for Mentors:**

TeamMates is always looking for adult volunteers (mentors) who want to build a positive relationship with a student in order to help them reach their full potential. You can start mentoring at any time during the school year. By volunteering just one time a week, mentors build a friendship with the student and provide support, encouragement and guidance. Mentors must be 18 or over and have a high school degree or GED equivalent. Mentors are not tutors or counselors, nor are they there to “fix” anything—they’re there to be friends. Mentors are matched with mentees based on interests and life experiences.

Seward TeamMates would like to thank our generous donors and mentors who have been instrumental in providing life-changing mentoring for the youth in our community. Your partnership is greatly appreciated!

**In honor of National Mentoring Month, Seward TeamMates would like to recognize the following mentors and board members for the 2020-2021 school year:**

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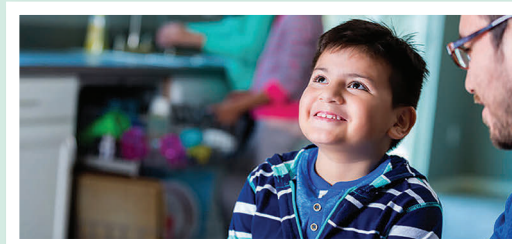
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Ashlynn Sehi brings the ball down the court for the Clippers during the game against Wilber-Clatonia on Jan. 22.

## Malcolm girls keep winning

by Heath Kramer  
Seward County Independent

It was nice to have her back. That was the sentiment of Malcolm girls' basketball head coach Andy Klepper after Emma Brown helped the No. 4 Clippers cruise to a 63-24 win over Mead on Jan. 23.

The 6-foot sophomore has been in the lineup all season, but her numbers have been less than awe-inspiring the past few weeks. That changed against the Raiders as Brown was a perfect 5-of-5 from the floor and 3-for-3 from the line to score 13 points. She also grabbed five rebounds and blocked a shot.

"I told her we need her to be a force inside," Klepper said. "She showed the kind of dominating presence she can be when sets her mind to it."

After struggling to get much going on offense the night before, Malcolm had its way with Mead all night long. The Clippers jumped out to a 19-6 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

"We came out a little more determined," Klepper said. "We got back to the kind of ball we like to play."

Alyssa Fortik led the Clippers with 15 points. The sophomore floor general hit a pair of three-pointers and dished out five assists. Joslyn Small scored 14 while knocking down both of her attempts from three-point range.

"Alyssa has been doing a great job using the dribble-drive to get defenses to collapse on her," Klepper said. "That creates nice opportunities for her teammates and Joslyn has been capitalizing on those chances."

The previous evening, the Clippers turned in a less than impressive offensive performance in a 42-13 win at Wilber-Clatonia.

Through the first three periods, Malcolm averaged just over nine points per frame.

"I don't know what was going on," Klepper said. "We didn't establish much of an inside game and it took a while to get anything to fall from the outside."

Diamond Sedlak was a bright spot offensively. The sophomore three-point specialist hit three from long range as she led the way with 17 points. Fortik added 14.

The Malcolm defense picked up the slack as it forced 42 turnovers.

"As rough as our offense looked at times, I'll take that kind of defense any night," Klepper said.

The Clippers opened the week with a 57-24 rout of Freeman on Jan. 19. Malcolm scored as many in the first quarter as the Falcons scored the entire game.

Sedlak led her team with 16 points, including nailing four from beyond the arc. Small displayed her ability to score off the dribble by dropping in 14 points.

"We can be a dangerous team when we're balanced like that," Klepper said. "With four girls showing the ability to score in double-figures consistently, we're a pretty tough team to defend."

The Clippers (16-0) were scheduled to play Johnson County Central (2-14) Jan. 26 in Malcolm. They are hoping to schedule a makeup game against No. 8 Auburn (14-1) later in the week before turning their attention to the East Central Nebraska Conference tournament.

"We were supposed to play Auburn week one but weren't able to because of the restrictions in our county," Klepper said. "They're a solid team that we'll probably see one way or another in the next couple of weeks."

## SHS wins second of season

by Stephanie Croston  
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The Seward boys' basketball team continues to work hard and saw the fruit of that work Jan. 19. The Jays won their second game of the season, beating Crete 51-43.

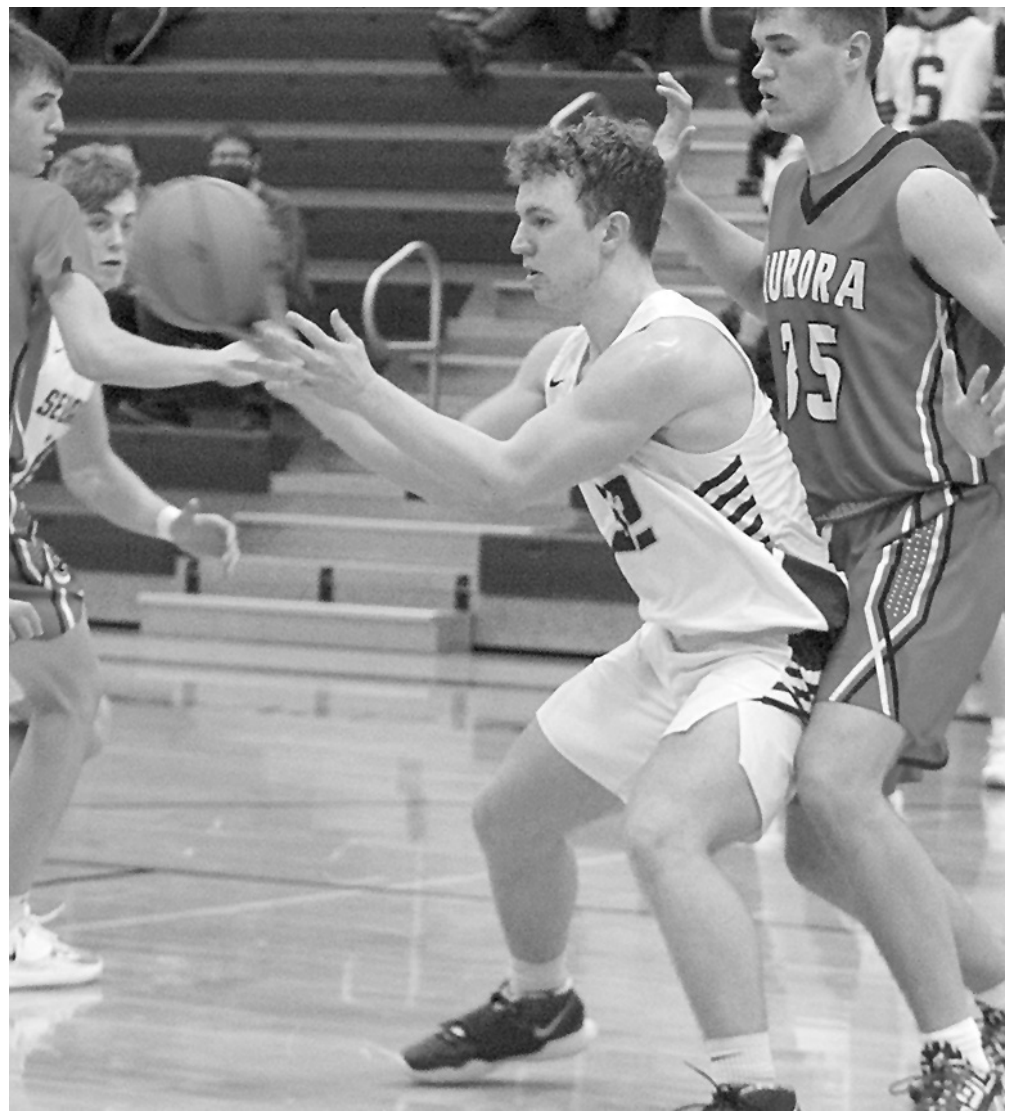
"We shot the ball well early so getting off to a good start early always helps," Coach Trevor Menke said. "Our guys played hard and played together. I'm proud of all of our players for continuing to grind day after day and I think they are starting to see some of the work they've put in pay off."

Seward led 17-11 after the first quarter and 33-20 at halftime. Jackson Trost led the way with 15 points, connecting on four of six three-point attempts. Sam Schroeder added 10 points.

A slow start didn't help the Jays Jan. 22 when they hosted Aurora. The Huskies built a 32-12 halftime lead and, although the Jays cut into that in the second half, they couldn't dig out of the hole.

"We challenged our guys and I thought they responded well in the second half and we played with a lot better pace and more purpose against a really good Aurora team," Menke said.

Trost paced the Jays with 12 points. Carson Tvrdy came off the bench and hit a pair of



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Seward's Sam Schroeder pass the ball to a teammate during the Bluejays' battle against Aurora Jan. 22.

three-pointers. Leighton Limback finished with seven points and seven rebounds.

Up next for the Jays (2-12) is the Central Conference tournament. Seward is the No. 7 seed and is scheduled to host Lexington Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. The

game was moved from Monday because of weather.

| Seward 51, Crete 43 |               |
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| SHS                 | 17 16 7 11 51 |
| CHS                 | 11 9 9 14 43  |

SHS—Drew Covalt 2-7 3-4 8, Traetyn Schaefer 1-3 3-4 6, Jackson Trost 5-7 1-3 15, Gavin Sukup 1-3 1-1 3, Leighton Limback 3-5 2-2 9, Carson Tvrdy 0-2 0-0 0, Sam Schroeder 4-4 2-2 10. Totals 16-31 12-16 51.

Three-point goals—SHS 7-14 (Covalt 1-2, Schaefer 1-1, Trost 4-6, Sukup 0-2, Limback 1-2, Tvrdy 0-1). Rebounds—SHS 21 (Trost, Limback

6). Assists—SHS 11 (Schaefer 4). Steals—SHS 4 (Trost 2). Turnovers—SHS 14. Fouls—SHS 12.

| Aurora 54, Seward 40 |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| AHS                  | 13 19 10 12 54 |
| SHS                  | 7 5 10 18 40   |

SHS—Covalt 2-8 1-2 6, Schaefer 0-4 2-2 2, Trost 4-9 2-3 12, Sukup 1-3 1-2 3, Limback 3-7 0-0 7, Tvrdy 2-2 2-2 8, Schroeder 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 13-38 8-11 40.

Three-point goals—SHS 6-18 (Covalt 1-6, Trost 2-5, Limback 1-4, Tvrdy 2-2, Schroeder 0-1). Rebounds—SHS 21 (Limback 7). Assists—SHS 10 (Schaefer 6). Steals—SHS 4 (Covalt 2). Blocked shots—SHS 2 (Sukup, Tvrdy 1). Turnovers—SHS 15. Fouls—SHS 13.

## Eagles win second at DC

by Stephanie Croston  
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Another strong showing for the Milford wrestlers means another plaque for the trophy case.

The Eagles competed at the David City Invitational Jan. 22 in the smaller-schools division. David City divided its tournament into two to meet the 8-team maximum Covid requirements.

"We knew we could give David City a run for the tournament title, but we were without the services of #3 ranked Carter Springer at 152lbs due to a recent injury, so we had to be flawless," Coach Joe Schluckebier said.

The two teams were back and forth all day, he said, but in the end David City was just a

little stronger, winning by 22.5 points.

"We had a couple matches where we under-performed as individuals, and you just can't have those if you want to beat the returning state champs," Schluckebier said.

The Eagles did bring home three gold medals, thanks to Konner Schluckebier at 126 pounds, Eli Vondra at 132 and Hunter Oborny at 195.

Schluckebier was 5-0 with five pins and had just one match go longer than the first period.

Vondra was 4-0 but needed overtime to beat Ryan Payne of Centennial in the final.

"Eli had an impressive day beating the No. 4 and No. 8 ranked kids and avenging one of his two season losses by beating

(Josh) Spatz from David City," Coach Schluckebier said.

Oborny was 5-0 on the day with five pins and just one match longer than one period.

"That says a lot about how good Hunter Oborny is when the freshman 195-pounder can walk into the David City Invite and not be challenged all day," Coach Schluckebier said.

Another highlight for the Eagles was Jack Chapman winning his 100th career match.

"Always impressive when a junior does it," the coach said.

The Eagles are next in action Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament in Wilber.

The coach was looking forward to battling David City (continued on 2B)

## CHS girls win two on hardwood

by Stephanie Croston  
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With just two games on the schedule for the week, the Centennial girls' basketball team was able to get some rest for another three-game week followed by the conference tournament.

The Broncos beat Wilber-Clatonia 48-23 Jan. 19 and Centura 37-20 Jan. 23.

The team got off to a good start against WCHS, Coach Jake Polk said, but then the offense went stagnant in the second quarter. CHS led 15-8 after the first and 19-15 at halftime.

"We were not as aggressive to the hoop," Polk said.

He said the team talked about its effort during halftime and came out with more intensity in



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Jaci Opfer of Centennial looks for room to maneuver Jan. 23 against Centura.

the third quarter, out-scoring the Wolverines 22-4 to pull away.

Polk said the coaches listen outside the locker room to gauge the mood of the team at halftime.

"I like it when they're encouraging each other and talking about what's going on. They were definitely motivated to have a better performance in the second half," he said.

Jaci Opfer had a good game for CHS, scoring nine points to go with four rebounds, three steals and two assists.

Polk said CHS was happy to play a team it had never played before when it hosted Centura.

"It came down to how we handled ourselves," Polk said.

Centennial held the Centurians to just four

(continued on 2B)



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Keira Lliteras of Seward brings the ball into the lane against Aurora Jan. 22.

## Seward short in two on court

by Stephanie Croston  
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The Seward girls' basketball team dropped a pair of games last week, falling to Crete 60-40 and to Aurora 41-28.

Coach Beth Bohuslavsky said the Bluejays didn't start out badly against the Cardinals Jan. 19, but a couple three-pointers by CHS extended the lead and the Jays couldn't recover.

"We need to find a way to put the ball in the hole," Bohuslavsky said. Abbey Ringler led the team with nine points and six rebounds.

Bohuslavsky was pleased to see just 11 turnovers for the Jays in the game.

"That's a big step for us," she said.

Seward hosted Aurora Jan. 22. The Huskies built a 23-15 lead by half-time and led 35-17 after three quarters.

"I thought we played well without that 17-point first quarter," Bohuslavsky said. "We need to find a way to put four quarters together."

She said the Aurora game was the hardest she's seen the Jays play this season.

Ringler was the

offense's leader again with 12 points and eight rebounds. Bohuslavsky said Keira Lliteras also had a good game, rebounding well after Anna Hughes left with an injury. Dalaney Anderson also played well off the bench, as did Madison Dominy, the coach said.

The Jays (2-12) are the No. 9 seed in the Central Conference tournament. SHS is to play at Lexington Wednesday, Jan. 27, after games were rescheduled because of snow.

**Crete 60, Seward 40**  
SHS 5 11 8 16 40  
CHS 16 15 20 9 60

**SHS**—Tanya Miller 0-5 2-2 2, Keira Lliteras 1-5 1-2 3, Dalaney Anderson 0-1 2-4 2, Hannah Benedict 2-9 0-0 6, Ona Stutzman 2-3 0-0 6, Haylee Sloup 1-3 1-2 3, Abbey Ringler 4-6 1-2 9, Ava King 0-1 0-0 0, Madison Dominy 1-2 0-0 3, Tarryn Hartman 2-5 0-6 6. Totals 13-40 6-10 40.

**Three-point goals**—SHS 7-19 (Miller 0-2, Lliteras 0-1, Benedict 2-6, Stutzman 2-3, Sloup 0-1, Dominy 1-2, Hartman 2-4). **Rebounds**—SHS 16 (Ringler 6). **Assists**—SHS 10 (Anderson, Stutzman 2). **Steals**—SHS 7 (Anderson, Ringler 2). **Turnovers**—SHS 11. **Fouls**—SHS 9.

**Aurora 41, Seward 28**  
AHS 17 6 12 6 41  
SHS 9 7 2 10 28

**AHS**—Totals 13-43 11-21 41. **SHS**—Miller 0-7 2-2 2, Anderson 1-5 2-6 4, Hartman 0-1 0-2 0, Benedict 1-10 0-0 2, Anna Hughes 1-2 0-0 2, Ringler 4-5 4-4 12, Dominy 0-1 0-0 2, Sloup 2-7 2-4 6, Lliteras 0-3 0-0 0, Stutzman 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 9-44 10-20 28. **Three-point goals**—AHS 4-18, SHS 0-20 (Miller 0-5, Anderson 0-1, Hartman 0-1, Benedict 0-6, Hughes 0-1, Dominy 0-1, Sloup 0-2, Lliteras 0-1, Stutzman 0-2). **Rebounds**—AHS 38, SHS 29 (Ringler 8). **Assists**—SHS 6 (Sloup 2). **Steals**—SHS 8 (Benedict 3). **Blocked shots**—SHS 1 (Miller 1). **Turnovers**—SHS 19, AHS 18. **Fouls**—SHS 16, AHS 15.

# Centennial third at invite

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Two duals and a tournament filled the schedule for the Centennial wrestling team last week. The Broncos dualed Fairbury and South Central Nebraska Unified Jan. 19 and wrestled at David City Jan. 22.

"I think we did well," Coach Phil Payne said. "Even our young guys started to step up." Centennial defeated Fairbury 54-30 and SCNU 56-6.

He was pleased to see the Broncos with a winning record in the contested matches.

The dual against Fairbury came down to heavyweight, Payne said. With the score tied 0-0 after the first period, Carson Fehlhafer of CHS chose down and got an escape for a 1-0 lead. In the third period, Kazz Hyson of Fairbury chose down but couldn't get the escape. Instead, Fehlhafer was able to win by pin.

"He's starting to notch big wins," Payne said.

The David City tournament featured two of the top four teams in Class C — David City and Milford. Payne said the Broncos don't have the personnel to stay with them in the team race, but CHS finished third overall.

Ryan Payne and Fehlhafer each finished second. Payne wrestled Milford's Eli Vondra for the third time this season and almost got the win. The match went to overtime, where Vondra was able to win 4-2.

"It was a great match," Coach Payne said.

Fehlhafer wrestled Jake Ingwersen of David City in the final and lost 8-6. Coach Payne said Fehlhafer got a late takedown but wasn't able to score nearfall

points that would have given him the victory.

Overall, Coach Payne said, the Broncos are gaining.

Centennial is scheduled to wrestle in the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament Saturday, Jan. 30, in Wilber.

### Centennial 54, Fairbury 30

106: Trayton Stewart (C) win by forfeit; 113: Aiden Haidul (F) win by forfeit; 120: Garrison Schernikau (C) pin Spencer Weers (F) 0:46; 126: Keenan Kosek (C) pin Joryean Sturm (F) 2:50; 132: Ryan Payne (C) pin Connor Gerths (F) 1:55; 138: Jarrett Dodson (C) pin Ethan McCown (F) 0:37; 145: Cyrus Songster (C) pin Landon Trimm (F) 1:29; 152: Devon Carel (F) win by forfeit; 160: Riley Arner (F) win by forfeit; 170: Tyson Rodewald (C) pin Ashton McCown (F) 3:00; 182: Austin Patchin (C) pin Makena Schramm (F), time not available; 195: Domenic Hyson (F) pin Samuel Payne (C) 0:43; 220: Drake Richtarik (F) pin Nickolas Keith (C) 4:23; 285: Carson Fehlhafer (C) pin Kazz Hyson (F) 5:36

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106: Stewart (C) win by forfeit; 113: Double Forfeit; 120: Schernikau (C) win by forfeit; 126: Kosek (C) win by forfeit; 132: R. Payne (C) def. John Brodrick (SCNU) 9-1; 138: Dodson (C) win by forfeit; 145: Double Forfeit; 152: Songster (C) def. Jacob Hagemier (SCNU) 11-2; 160: Double Forfeit; 170: Brayton Jarosik (SCNU) pin Rodewald (C) 4:56; 182: Patchin (C) pin Ethan Devlin (SCNU) 2:24; 195: S. Payne (C) pin Nathan Elledge (SCNU) 0:28; 220: Keith (C) pin Rocky Miller (SCNU) 3:57; 285: Fehlhafer (C) win by forfeit

### David City Invite

Team scores—David City 240.5, Milford 218, Centennial 119, East Butler 109, Malcolm 100, Schuyler 90, Shelby-Rising City 56, Tekamah-Herman 40.5, Sutton 27

106—Stewart (CENT) pinned by Keaton Kloke (DC) 1:34; pinned by Conner Kohout (MIL) 0:30; pinned by Reece Kocian (EB) 0:31; pinned by Kendall Schindler (DC) 1:23; pinned by Joel Jacinto (SCH) 2:18

120—Schernikau (CENT) pinned by Joey Kenning (MIL) 0:42; pinned by Luke Polivka (EB) 1:47; pin Brayan Romero (SCH) 3:12; pin Zane Zoucha (MAL) 1:06; pinned by Simon Schindler (DC) 0:43, fourth

126—Kosek (CENT) pin Kole Eickmeier (SRC) 0:51; pin Brayden Johnson (DC) 1:29; pinned by Michael Polivka (EB) 1:34; pinned by Konner Schluckebier (MIL) 0:39; pinned by Michael Polivka (EB) 0:40, fourth

132—R. Payne (CENT) def. Josh Spatz (DC) 9-3; pin Ethan Fjell (SRC) 0:35; pin Scott Marshall (SUT) 0:34; def. by Eli Vondra (MIL) SV-1 4-2, second

138—Dodson (CENT) pin Colt Reiling (MAL) 1:31; pin Reid Glasshoff (EB) 1:26; pinned by Jack Chapman (MIL) 2:12; pinned by Logan Burt (TH) 2:53; def. Carter Fjell (SRC) 6-1, third

145—Songster (CENT) pinned by Trent Stauffer (MIL) 1:46; pinned by Harley Eickmeier (DC) 1:39; pin Kyle Heise (EB) 3:42; pin Luke Walters (MAL) 2:20; pinned by Kyle Heise (EB) 4:31

170—Rodewald (CENT) def. by Chris Escobar (SCH) 2-1; pin Cooper Witte (MAL) 1:50; pinned by Tre Daro (DC) 2:02; def. Trevor Lohman (MAL) 5-0; pin Dawson Schram (TH) 2:18

182—Patchin (CENT) def. by Edgar Diego (SCH) 19-4; pinned by Thomas Vance (MIL) 1:35; pinned by Dylan Vodicka (DC) 1:08; pinned by Caleb Courter (MAL) 1:59

195—S. Payne (CENT) pinned by Riley Donahoo (MAL) 5:27; pin Joshua Christian (EB) 1:40; pin Cason Peterson (SUT) 1:15; def. Angel Quezada (SCH) SV-1 8-6; pinned by Hunter Oborny (MIL) 2:31, third

220—Keith (CENT) pin Brandon Ohnemus (DC) 3:52; pinned by Lorenzo Temple (MIL) 1:57; pinned by James Escamilla (DC) 1:02; def. by Cole Bohac (SCH) 17-1, fourth

285—Fehlhafer (CENT) pin Daniel Garcia (SCH) 1:13; pin Kasen Petsch (MIL) 0:37; pin Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) 1:51; pin Trey Lyon

## Milford boys add two victories

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The Milford boys' basketball team picked up two more wins last week, beating Columbus Lakeview 66-44 and Elmwood-Murdock 60-29.

The Eagles built a big lead in the first half at Lakeview Jan. 19, out-scoring the host Vikings 23-11 in the first quarter and 15-7 in the second.

Seth Stutzman scored nine points in the first quarter, and Micah Hartwig hit a pair of three-pointers to add to the MHS lead, Coach Tony Muller said.

In the second quarter, the Eagles started mixing up their defenses and extended the lead to 20 by halftime.

Milford scored the first points of the third quarter, but then Lakeview went on a run, Muller said. Once the Eagles stopped that run, solid defense kept the Vikings at bay.

Stutzman was the scoring leader with 26 points. Jonah Weyand scored 17, and Hartwig added 11 points and nine assists.

"It was a good win for us," Muller said. "We were pleased to limit

their threes."

Lakeview was 4-12 from beyond the arc.

Milford headed to Elmwood-Murdock Jan. 22. The Eagles stuck with their man-to-man defense all game against a deliberate Knight offense, Muller said.

Weyand paced the offense with 20 points. Stutzman and Isaac Yeackley added 12 points each, with Hartwig scoring 11.

The Eagles (16-0) were scheduled to host Sutton Jan. 26 and travel to Wilber-Clatonia Friday, Jan. 29. The Southern Nebraska Conference tournament is set for the next week.

## Milford wrestle

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again, this time with Springer in the lineup.

### David City Invite

Team scores—David City 240.5, Milford 218, Centennial 119, East Butler 109, Malcolm 100, Schuyler 90, Shelby-Rising City 56, Tekamah-Herman 40.5, Sutton 27

106—Conner Kohout (MIL) pin Joel Jacinto (SCH) 1:13; pin Trayton Stewart (CHS) 0:30; pin Kendall Schindler (DC) 0:50; medical forfeit to Keaton Kloke (DC); medical forfeit to Reece Kocian (EB), third

120—Joey Kenning (MIL) pin Garrison Schernikau (CHS) 0:42; pinned by Brayan Romero (SCH) 5:15; def. by Zane Zoucha (MAL) 7-4; pinned by Simon Schindler (DC) 1:26; pin Luke Polivka (EB)

0:35, third  
126—Konner Schluckebier (MIL) pin Bryce Teut (MAL) 0:53; pin Ethan Zegers (DC) 2:16; pin Jesus Hernandez (SCH) 1:56; pin Keenan Kosek (CHS) 0:39; pin Zegers (DC) 1:14, first

132—Eli Vondra (MIL) pin Ethan Fjell (SRC) 1:14; pin Scott Marshall (SUT) 0:45; def. Josh Spatz (DC) 9-1; def. Ryan Payne (CHS) SV-1 4-2, first

138—Jack Chapman (MIL) pin Reid Glasshoff (EB) 1:42; pin Colt Reiling (MAL) 0:38; pin Jarrett Dodson (CHS) 2:12; pin Carter Fjell (SRC) 2:45; pinned by Logan Burt (TH) 1:07, second

145—Trent Stauffer (MIL) pin Cyrus Songster (SCH) 1:46; pin Kyle Heise (EB) 0:55; def. Harley Eickmeier (DC) 6-3; pin Isaac Ruwe (TH) 1:29; def. by Grady Belt (SRC) 2-1, second

160—Isaac Vobonil (MIL) pinned by Joseph Hinrichs (SUT) 1:06; def. by Trevin Brecka (EB) 9-1; pinned by Gavin Zoucha (MAL) 1:52; pin Landon Silva (SRC) 2:22, fourth

170—Christopher Sedoris (MIL) pin Trevor Lohman (MAL) 0:24; pin Dawson Schram (TH) 2:38; pin Josh Stewart (MAL) 2:36;

pin Chris Escobar (SCH) 1:13; def. by Tre Daro (DC) 16-5, second  
182—Thomas Vance (MIL) pinned by Caleb Courter (MAL) 3:50; pin Austin Patchin (CHS) 1:35; pin Edgar Diego (SCH) 1:05; pinned by Dylan Vodicka (DC) 1:53, third

195—Hunter Oborny (MIL) pin Cason Peterson (SUT) 1:02; pin Angel Quezada (SCH) 0:32; pin Joshua Christian (EB) 1:17; pin Riley Donahoo (MAL) 1:20; pin Samuel Payne (CHS) 2:31, first

220—Lorenzo Temple (MIL) pin Nickolas Keith (CHS) 1:57; pin Cole Bohac (SCH) 0:41; pin Brandon Ohnemus (DC) 0:42; pinned by James Escamilla (DC) 1:10, second

285—Trey Lyon (MIL) pinned by Jake Ingwersen (DC) 2:11; pin Vance Smith (SUT) 2:09; pin Brayan Romero (SCH) 1:59; pinned by Carson Fehlhafer (CHS) 3:01; pinned by Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) 1:35, fourth

285—Kasen Petsch (MIL) pinned by Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) 1:42; pinned by Carson Fehlhafer (CHS) 0:37; pinned by Daniel Garcia (SCH) 6-6 pin Kasen Petsch (MIL) 0:43; won by medical forfeit over Vance Smith (SUT); pinned by Garcia (SCH) 0:44

## CHS girls

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points in each of the first two quarters while scoring 14 and 10.

"We played phenomenal defense," Polk said.

Offensively, however, the game wasn't one of Centennial's best. Teh Broncos were 14-53 shooting and just 1-15 from three-point range. Polk said he wasn't upset with the shot selection.

"We hang our hat on defense, and that gives us a lot of opportunities to win," he said.

Daylee Dey led the Broncos with 14 points and recorded two assists. Kate Hirschfeld added 10 points and four steals.

Polk said Asia Nisly played one of her best

defensive games of the season, and he was pleased with one of her assists to Jaycee Stuhr.

"It's great to see unselfish play," he said.

Centennial (15-1) was scheduled to host Fillmore Central Jan. 26 and travel to Thayer Central Friday, Jan. 29. The team is set to host Nebraska Christian Saturday, Jan. 30, at 2:30 p.m. in a make-up game from earlier this season.

The Southern Nebraska Conference tournament starts next week, and Polk said Centennial would probably be the No. 1 seed.

**Centennial 48, Wilber-Clatonia 23**  
WCHS 8 7 4 4 23  
CNTL 15 4 22 7 48

**CNTL**—Kate Hirschfeld 5-14 2-2 12, Savan-

nah Horne 0-1 0-0, Kierra Green 2-5 0-0-5, Daylee Dey 1-5 1-1 3, Karley Naber 0-4 0-0 0, Jaci Opfer 4-5 1-2 9, Halle Kinnert 0-1 0-0 0, Kiley Rathjen 2-9 0-0 4, Maddie Avery 2-4 0-0 6, Asia Nisly 4-8 0-0 9, Jaycee Stuhr 0-4 0-0 0, Hailey Heidtrink 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-61 4-5 48.

**Three-point goals**—CNTL 4-21 (Hirschfeld 0-2, Horne 0-1, Green 1-4, Dey 0-2, Naber 0-2, Kinnert 0-1, Avery 2-4, Nisly 1-4, Stuhr 0-1). **Rebounds**—CNTL 30 (Rathjen 8). **Assists**—CNTL 11 (Dey 3). **Steals**—CNTL 24 (Hirschfeld 7). **Blocked shots**—CNTL 4 (Rathjen 2). **Turnovers**—CNTL 11. **Fouls**—CNTL 11.

### Centennial 37, Centura 20

CNTA 4 4 5 7 30  
CNTL 14 10 4 9 27

**CNTL**—Hirschfeld 4-12 2-5 10, Green 0-4 2-2 2, Dey 5-10 3-6 14, Opfer 0-4 1-2 1, Rathjen 1-3 0-2 2, Nisly 2-10 0-0 4, Stuhr 2-9 0-0 4, Kailey Ziegler 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 14-53 8-19 37.

**Three-point goals**—CNTL 1-15 (Green 0-4, Dey 1-5, Opfer 0-1, Nisly 0-2, Stuhr 0-3). **Rebounds**—CNTL 30 (Nisly 8). **Assists**—CNTL 8 (Dey, Nisly 2). **Steals**—CNTL 13 (Hirschfeld, Stuhr 4). **Blocked shots**—CNTL 1 (Stuhr 1). **Turnovers**—CNTL 10. **Fouls**—CNTL 9.

**Centennial 57, Shelby-Rising City 26 (1/12)**  
CHS 10 12 14 21 57  
SRC 3 2 11 10 26

**CHS**—Kate Hirschfeld 7-21 0-0 15, Madison Brandenburg 0-1 0-0 0, Kierra Green 1-5 0-0 2, Daylee Dey 1-4 4-6 6, Cora Payne 0-2 0-0 0, Jaci Opfer 0-4 0-0 0, Kiley Rathjen 4-7 0-2 8, Maddie Avery 1-3 0-0 3, Asia Nisly 4-8 0-0 11, Jaycee Stuhr 4-9 0-0 8, Kailey Ziegler 0-0 1-2 1, Hailey Heidtrink 1-1 1-2 3, Karly Naber 0-1 0-0 0. Totals

23-66 10-57.

**Three-point goals**—CHS 5-20 (Hirschfeld 1-4, Green 0-2, Dey 0-2, Payne 0-1, Avery 1-3, Nisly 3-5, Stuhr 0-2, Naber 0-1). **Rebounds**—CHS 48 (Hirschfeld 9). **Assists**—CHS 16 (Hirschfeld, Stuhr 4). **Steals**—CHS 12 (Hirschfeld 4). **Blocked shots**—CHS 4 (four with 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 12. **Fouls**—CHS 12.

**Centennial 46, Columbus Lakeview 34 (1/15)**  
CHS 3 18 18 7 46  
CLHS 11 8 9 6 34

**CHS**—Hirschfeld 1-5 5-7 6, Green 3-5 0-0 8, Nisly 1-2 1-2 3, Opfer 0-4 0-0 0, Rathjen 0-1 0-0 0, Dey 10-12 1-2 26, Stuhr 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 16-32 6-11 46.

**Three-point goals**—CHS 8-14 (Hirschfeld 0-1, Green 2-4, Dey 0-1, Nisly 5-7, Stuhr 1-1). **Rebounds**—CHS 21 (Nisly 6). **Assists**—CHS 15 (Dey 5). **Steals**—CHS 8 (Hirschfeld 3). **Blocked shots**—CHS 3 (three with 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 17. **Fouls**—CHS 7.

**Centennial 47, Central City 37 (1/16)**  
CCHS 13 7 4 13 37  
CHS 12 20 6 9 47

**CHS**—Hirschfeld 6-13 6-7 18, Green 1-3 0-0 3, Dey 1-3 2-3 4, Opfer 1-2 4-4 6, Rathjen 1-1 0-2 3, Nisly 4-11 0-0 9, Stuhr 1-4 0-0 2, Ziegler 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 15-38 15-18 47.

**Three-point goals**—CHS 2-9 (Green 1-2, Dey 0-2, Nisly 1-3, Stuhr 0-2). **Rebounds**—CHS 23 (Hirschfeld, Nisly 5). **Assists**—CHS 11 (Dey 5). **Steals**—CHS 6 (Hirschfeld, Dey 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 6 (Dey 4). **Turnovers**—CHS 10. **Fouls**—CHS 12.

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**Abbey Ringler** continues to lead the Bluejays on the basketball court this season. She led the team with nine points and six rebounds against Crete Jan. 19 and 12 points and eight rebounds against Aurora Jan. 22.

**Honorable Mention Makena Stutzman** - Milford  
**Diamond Sedlak** - Malcolm  
**Kiley Rathjen** - Centennial

**Cooper Gierhan** of Centennial led the Broncos with 17 points against Centura Jan. 23, connecting on five three-pointers. He has made 38 this season and is averaging 14.64 points per game for the Broncos.

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# Seward goes 2-2 in week's dual action

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The Seward wrestlers competed in four duals last week, squaring off against Schuyler Jan. 21 and Fairbury, Falls City and Auburn Jan. 23.

The Jays gave up too many open weights against Schuyler, Coach Bob Core said. With five open classes, the Jays spotted the Warriors 30 points and lost the dual 51-30.

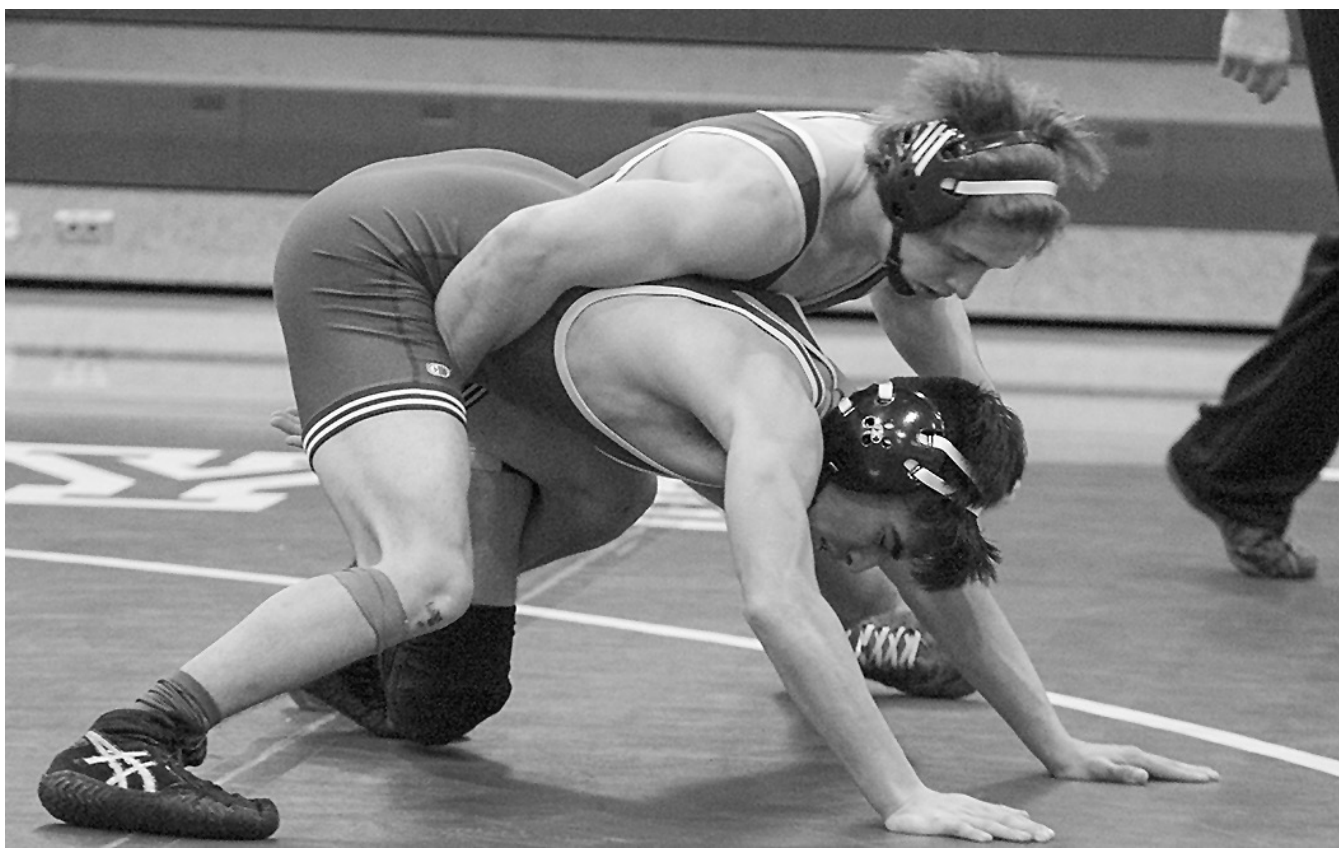
"Giving up 30 points hurts," Core said.

Nine wrestlers made the trip to Fairbury and wrestled well, Core said. Seward lost to Fairbury 42-35 but beat Falls City 42-18 and beat Auburn on criteria, Core said.

"The kids wrestled well," he said.

He said Hunter Novacek is starting to wrestle better after not wrestling since junior high.

Conner Rosendale was 3-0 at Fairbury, and Nolan Hill and Cash Duncan continue to wrestle well.



Cameron Schrad of Seward holds his position during a dual against Schuyler Jan. 21.

"We're still getting better," he said.

Seward is scheduled to host its double dual with Raymond Central,

Boys Town and Holdrege Thursday, Jan. 28, starting at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 30, the team is scheduled to wrestle in

the Central Conference tournament at Adams Central. Subdistricts are scheduled for the next weekend.

## Schuyler 51, Seward 30

106: Joel Jacinto (SCH) win by forfeit; 113: Cash Duncan (SEW) pin Trey Svatora (SCH) 2:40; 120: Brayan Romero (SCH) win by forfeit; 126: Xander Foulk (SEW) pin Jesus Hernandez (SCH) 5:55; 132: Freddy Basilio (SCH) win by forfeit; 138: Cameron Schrad (SEW) pin Jesus Carrasco (SCH) 1:29; 145: Jonathon Gonzalez (SCH) pin Boone

Duncan (SEW) 4:19; 152: Bryan Valdivia (SCH) pin Breckin Schoepf (SEW) 2:00; 160: Jhony Escobar (SCH) pin Thunder Hayek (SEW) 5:12; 170: Nolan Hill (SEW) pin Chris Escobar (SCH) 0:35; 182: Hunter Novacek (SEW) pin Edgar Diego (SCH) 3:45; 195: Gabriel Moyao (SCH) def. Dustin Hurley (SEW) 6-4; 220: Daniel Jerez (SCH) win by forfeit; 285: Bryan Romero (SCH) win by forfeit

## Fairbury 42, Seward 35

106: Double Forfeit; 113: C. Duncan (SEW) pin Aiden Haidul (F) 0:33; 120: Spencer Weers (F) win by forfeit; 126: Foulk (SEW) def. Joryean Sturm (F) 16-0; 132: Conner Rosendale (SEW) pin Connor Gerths (F) 1:36; 138: Schrad (SEW) pin Ethan McCown (F) 1:03; 145: Landon Trimm (F) win by forfeit; 152: Devon Carel (F) pin Schoepf (SEW) 4:43; 160: Riley Arner (F) pin Hayek (SEW) 0:57; 170: Hill (SEW) pin Ashton McCown (F) 3:39; 182: Novacek (SEW) pin Makena Schramm (F) 1:51; 195: Domenic Hyson (F) pin Hurley (SEW) 2:41; 220: Drake Richtarik (F) win by forfeit; 285: Kazz Hyson (F) win by forfeit

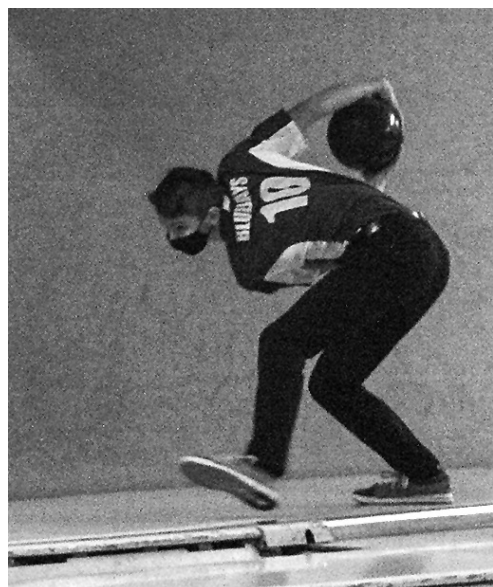
## Seward 42, Falls City 18

106: Kaleb Zulkoski (FC) win by forfeit; 113: Double Forfeit; 120: C. Duncan (SEW) pin Ray Feek (FC) 0:20; 126: Wyatt Olberding (FC) pin Foulk (SEW) 0:54; 132: Rosendale (SEW) win by forfeit; 138: Double Forfeit; 145: Schrad (SEW) pin Kady Stracker (FC) 4:29; 152: Schoepf (SEW) win by forfeit; 160: Hayek (SEW) pin Calvin Crouse (FC) 1:26; 170: Hill (SEW) win by forfeit; 182: Novacek (SEW) pin Kemper Foster (FC) 0:52; 195: Thomas Fields (FC) pin Hurley (SEW) 1:34; 220: Double Forfeit; 285: Double Forfeit

## Seward vs. Auburn not available

## Centennial JV Invite

138—Nolan Stanton (SHS) pinned by Franklin Musungay (YORK) 4:59; pin Jack Glitter (MM) 3:05; pinned by Dalton Noble (CCO) 3:06, third 152—Eli Hiser (SHS) pin Andrew Balch (MM) 0:37; pin Zach Coash (FC) 0:08; pin Zack Vrbka (SHS) 2:56; pin Andrew Dubas (CCO) 2:42, first 152—Zack Vrbka (SHS) pin Zach Coash (FC) 1:15; pin Andrew Dubas (CCO) 1:09; pinned by Eli Hiser (SHS) 2:56; pin Andrew Balch (MM) 2:56, second 170—Conner Towle (SHS) pin Blake Nun (FC) 1:34; pin Blake Nun (FC) 1:04, first 195—Ethan Woolard (SHS) pinned by Hunter Lukes (FC) 0:50; def. by Conner Jones (CCO) 5-4; pinned by Peyton Albers (YORK) 5:02; def. Nathaniel Oehler (MM) 9-4, fourth



Dane Conner of Seward prepares to send the ball down the lane Jan. 23 during a dual against Wayne.



Sky Brumm of Seward approaches the line during a dual at Spartetime Jan. 23.

## Bowlers finish regular season

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The Seward bowling teams finished the regular season with duals against Wayne at Spartetime in Seward Jan. 23.

The boys continued their dominant run by winning 20-1 over the No. 5 Wayne team.

"We beat a pretty good team," Coach Steve Conner said. "We are peaking at the right time."

Seward bowled a 1,066 and 952 as a team. Dane Conner led the Jays with games of 268 and 231. Noah Brumm bowled 236 and 194. Ashton Conner averaged 195 and Ty Wehrs averaged 203, Coach Conner said.

The win over Wayne came on the heels of a 21-0 win over Gretna

Jan. 19 in Seward.

"We put up some big numbers," Coach Conner said.

The team bowled a 1,000 and 979, with Dane Conner bowling 244 and 206 and Brumm finishing with a 245 game.

"He's just a sophomore and is an emerging talent," Coach Conner said.

Seward will be in action Monday, Feb. 1, at districts at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln. Seward's four-team district includes three of the top teams in the state — Seward, Fremont and Pius X. Gretna is the fourth team in the district.

"We're in an incredibly difficult district," Coach Conner said. "I hope the wildcard system does what it's

supposed to."

## Girls sweep week

The Seward girls' team swept its duals, as well, beating Gretna 21-0 and Wayne 12-9.

Coach Julie Banes said Gretna didn't provide much competition. Olivia Benes bowled a 202 game and 371 series. Sky Brumm finished with a 309 series.

Against Wayne, who was undefeated coming into the dual, Seward won 12-9. Coach Banes said the dual came down to the baker games, and Seward bowled 165 and 198 in them.

Brumm finished with a 211 game and a 366 series, and Olivia Benes notched a 358 series.

Seward is 14-3 going into districts and second overall.

## Three make choices known



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Nathan Miller, a senior at Seward High, signed to play football at Concordia University. Pictured are, from left: (seated) Mindy, Nathan and Greg Miller; and (standing) SHS coach Wade Miller, CU coach Patrick Daberkow and SHS coach Jamie Opfer. Nathan said he chose football because it's a sport he's built for. "I'm big, not quick," he said with a smile. He chose Concordia because his parents and aunt and uncle went there. "I've been a fan since forever," he said. He plans to major in business and said Concordia's business program is one of the best he saw in his college visits. He will be on the offensive line but didn't know if he's play as a freshman. "We'll play it by ear," he said.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Trey Dickey, a senior at Seward High, signed to compete in track and field at Doane University. Pictured are, from left: (seated) Kristy, Trey and Travis Dickey; and (standing) DU coach Zachary Lurz, SHS coach Kyle Royuk, SHS coach Jordan Hinrichs and DU coach Ed Fye. Trey said he chose Doane because the school and track program were amazing and close to home. "It fit me," he said. He said it was a tough decision, but he knew what he wanted and Doane offered it. He plans to major in wildlife biology and wants to be a hunting guide in Colorado or Montana. Trey is looking forward to training at a higher level and being around people who want to do and excel at the same things. "I hope to contribute right away," he said.

## CHS wins week's game

by Stephanie Croston  
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A good week of practice for the Centennial boys' basketball team carried over into Jan. 23's win over Centura.

"We came out and shot well," Coach Cam Scholl said.

He was pleased with how Centennial's defense shut down Centura's post.

"Lane Zimmer played really good defense, good without fouling," Scholl said. "He's gotten good at that."

The Bronco offense, which was sizzling early, sputtered in the second quarter, scoring just seven points.

Overall, however, Scholl was happy with



Michael Nisly of Centennial tries to stop a Centura drive Jan. 23.

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Boone Duncan, a senior at Seward High, signed to play football at Concordia University. Pictured are, from left: (seated) Brody, Boone, Kristi and Cash Duncan; and (standing) SHS coach Jamie Opfer, CU coach Patrick Daberkow and SHS coaches Jeff Haas and Wade Miller. Boone said he chose Concordia because he liked the football program. "It's a brotherhood," he said. The decision was pretty easy, he said, because CU stood out. He decided to play football because it's something he's always wanted to do. He plans to play wide receiver for the Bulldogs. Boone will major in ag business and hopes to become an agronomist.

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# Concordia University

## Honors

On the same day she was named GPAC Field Athlete of the Week, Concordia University senior Morgan De Jong has been chosen as the NAIA National Field Athlete of the Week, as announced by the NAIA Jan. 20.

De Jong emerged as the national winner out of a field of conference award honorees. This is the first week that the NAIA has announced 2021 indoor athletes of the week.

A 2020 NAIA All-American in the weight throw, De Jong nearly matched her personal best in the same event with her toss of 56-8.75 in a winning performance at the Nisely Memorial Classic hosted by Doane. The native of Orange City, Iowa, also competed in the shot put and placed 10th with a mark of 37-5.

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A pair of standouts from the national powerhouse Concordia University Track & Field program have picked up awards based on their performances last week at the Scott Nisely Memorial Classic.

Senior Morgan De Jong has been named the GPAC Hauff/Mid-America Sports Women's Field Athlete of the Week while sophomore Kylahn Heritage has been voted the GPAC Hauff/Mid-America Sports Women's Track Athlete of the Week. The announcement was made by the GPAC Jan. 20.

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A star distance runner, Heritage won the one mile and 3,000 meter races at the Nisely Memorial. The Nampa,



Taylor Cockerill of Concordia works the ball around a Briar Cliff player Jan. 23 during a home game.

Idaho, native clocked in at 5:25.05 in the mile and at 11:05.97 in the 3,000 meters. On the current NAIA national lists, Heritage ranks among the top 12 in three events: seventh in the 1,000 (3:06.04), seventh in the mile (5:21.87) and 12th in the 3,000 (11:00.31).

## Track and field

The indoor season is now in full swing as the Concordia University Track and Field program hosted its second meet of the 2020-21 campaign.

The annual Concordia Polar Dog Invite yielded 12 combined event titles for the Bulldogs, who showcased a standout performer in both the men's and women's pole vault competitions. Jan. 22's meet that took place inside the Fieldhouse welcomed foes from GPAC rivals Doane and Hastings.

The Polar Dog marked the third time out this indoor season for Head Coach Matt Beisel's squads. Concordia entered the meet with 43 total marks that ranked inside of the top 10 of the NAIA national performance lists. Beisel came away pleased with what he saw from the mid-distance and distance runners that he coaches most closely.

"Our athletes crushed it as a whole," Beisel said. "Most of them ran all-time personal bests or big season bests. We had some good things and also some disappointments in terms of injuries, but I'm really happy for a large number of kids who had a

good day. I'm hoping some of those injuries heal quickly. We have to trust God in this whole process. We have kids who are really supporting each other. I was really proud of the team atmosphere."

In the pole vault, Bulldog junior Zach Bennetts made waves on Friday by turning in a personal best of 15-8.25 (previous PR was 15-1). He took second place after a close battle with Doane's Conner Floyd at the top of the heap. Zach Zohner and Cody Williams vaulted 14-10.25 while also placing in the top four of the event. Only one vaulter in the entire NAIA has gone higher than Bennetts this indoor season.

On the women's side, Josie Puelz continues to star while taking aim at surpassing the 13-foot barrier. The defending GPAC champion Puelz managed to push her NAIA leading clearance to 12-7.5. Teammates Amira Cummings (11-7.75) and Erin Mapson (11-3.75) also vaulted over 11 feet. Four Bulldog women (including Anna Baack) have vaulted over 11-3 this indoor season.

Senior Morgan De Jong is consistently tossing the weight throw at an elite level. She popped off a throw of 55-1.5 at the Polar Dog and placed third while in close competition with MaKenzie Peters (57-2) of Hastings. De Jong stands out amongst another strong group of throwers.

"I think it's going pretty well so far. It's been fun to see the progress from the beginning of this year until now,"

said De Jong, a native of Orange City, Iowa. "It's just really exciting to be able to compete since we had such a long break of not being able to. I'm really thankful for the opportunity."

The Bulldogs also got things accomplished on the track with top sophomore distance runner Kylahn Heritage leading the way. The native of Nampa, Idaho, ran the second leg of a 4x800 meter relay that slashed more than three seconds off a season best by clocking in at 9:44.40. Heritage was joined on the 4x8 by Rylee Haecker, Grace Reiman and Keri Bauer. Heritage (reigning GPAC Track Athlete of the Week) did not stop there. She also placed first in the 5,000 meters with a time of 18:51.89. She outkicked teammate and runner up Sydney Clark (19:20.65).

"We definitely have high expectations for ourselves," Heritage said. "We've all been training really hard and are keeping the focus on encouraging each other and on God. We just want to have fun and make memories this season."

The list of additional Concordia individual winners on the track included Rachel Battershell (400 meters), Bauer (600 meters), Haecker (1,000 meters), Jordan Hilyard (800 meters), Sarah Lewis (60 meter hurdles), Calvin Rohde (800 meters) and Christian Van Cleave (600 meters). After conversions, the times for Bauer (1:41.11), Haecker (3:02.15) and Van Cleave (1:22.32) turned in at the Polar Dog would currently rank in the top 10 of the NAIA (as of Jan. 22). Haecker is a freshman to watch as someone who has posted solid times this season in four separate individual events.

On the men's side of the 5,000 meters, sophomore Camden Sesna came up just shy of the 16-minute mark and was the runner up. Sesna has the potential to make a big impact while making his way back to full strength after being hobbled towards the end of cross country season.

"It felt great last week running healthy for the first time in almost three or four months. All glory to God," Sesna said. "It felt amazing to get back out there after everything we've went through with COVID and then getting hurt at the end of cross."

Other noteworthy efforts included the work of Elle Luehr (42-7) and Abigail Gerber (42-3.25) in the shot put. They placed third and fourth, respectively. In the men's throws, Chris Wren improved his weight throw mark to 54-9.5 (seventh place).

The newest member of the Concordia coaching staff, Ben Hinckfoot, made his first appearance at a home meet as an assistant coach. He works closely with a jumps group that features the likes of Jamey Broman, Emily Loy, Cora Olson and Katie Severt.

Olson was the winner out of a small field of triple jumpers (and also placed second in the 200 meters). In the men's long jump, Jacob Jennings (21-10.75) placed second in a hotly contested competition.

The Bulldogs will shift back to Crete next week for the Fred Beile Classic hosted by Doane on Jan. 29-30. Following



Colton Meyer of Concordia tries to get over the final hurdle in the 60-meter prelims Jan. 22.

the Fred Beile Classic, Concordia will host two additional meets leading into the GPAC Championships on Feb. 19-20.

## Women's basketball

A matchup between teams tied for second place in the GPAC standings turned into just the type of physical, wire-to-wire battle that one would have expected. The Concordia University women's basketball team rode an offensive outburst from freshman Taysha Rushton and a tenacious defensive effort to a 65-59 win over Briar Cliff Jan. 23. Rushton nailed five of her side's 11 treys in a victorious effort.

The Bulldogs moved to 13-7 overall and to 12-5 inside the GPAC.

Rushton's production and a couple of clutch fourth quarter treys from Mackenzie Koepke were key in Concordia building a double-digit lead with under a minute to go. Olson also cited the play of Abby Aplaca, Rylee Pauli, Sadie Powell and Mackenzie Toomey as critical factors.

The stretch of six home games over the final seven outings continues on Thursday (Jan. 28) when the Bulldogs will host College of Saint Mary (2-13, 1-11 GPAC) at 7 p.m.

## Men's basketball

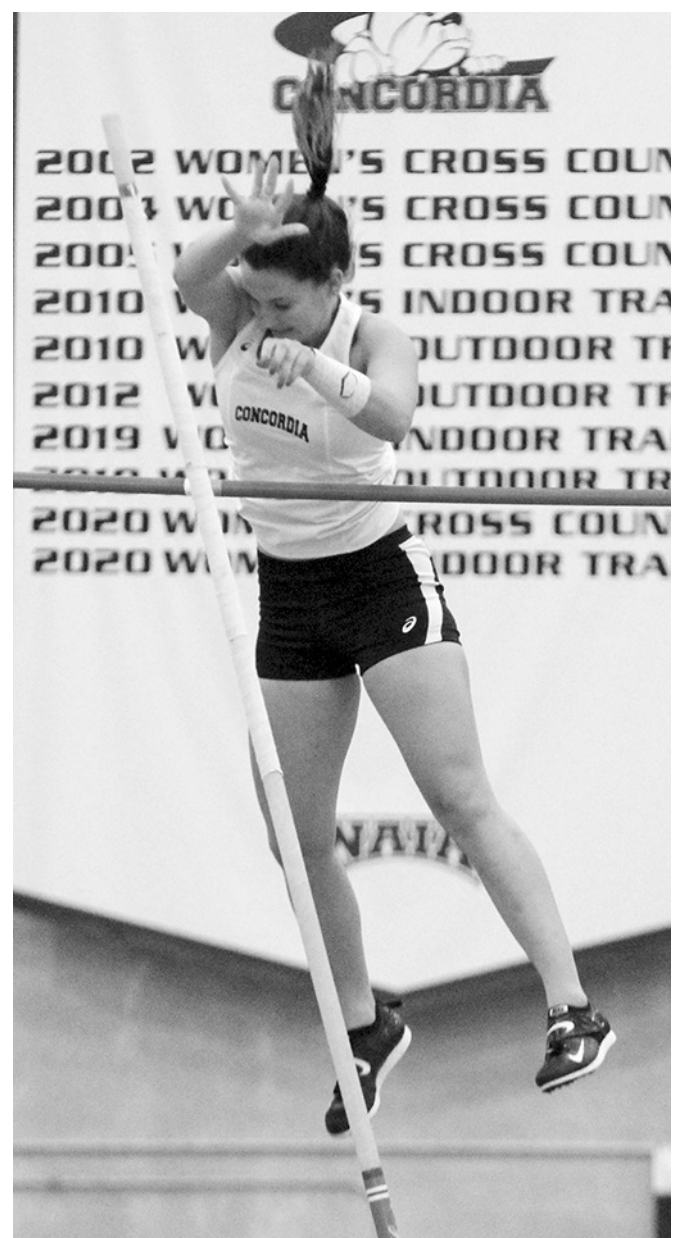
In a complete reversal of the first matchup between the same two sides, the Concordia University men's basketball team rocked Briar Cliff's world. The 3-point reliant Chargers went just 6-for-29 from long range and watched as Carter Kent ran wild on the other end. It all added up to an 81-58 home victory for the Bulldogs Jan. 23.

Concordia now stands at 14-7 overall (11-5 GPAC).

The Bulldogs will wait until the calendar flips to February before returning to action. With the 2021 Concordia Invitational Tournament wiped out, CI will have all of next week off while looking forward to its matchup at Dordt (15-6, 10-6 GPAC) on Wednesday, Feb. 3.



Concordia junior Justin Wiersema looks for an open teammate during a Bulldogs' home game against Briar Cliff Jan. 23.



Anna Baack of Concordia University clears the bar in the pole vault during the Polar Dog Invite Jan. 22.

# Malcolm wrestlers improve

by Heath Kramer  
Seward County Independent

Gavin Zoucha is a goal-setter. Now, the Malcolm junior is trying to prove that he is also a goal-achiever.

Prior to the season, the 160-pounder made it a goal to be competing for a title when the state wrestling championships roll around in February. The way things are going, that goal looks pretty realistic.

Zoucha – ranked fourth in Class C 160 – improved his record to 28-2 with back-to-back tournament wins at David City on Jan. 22 and the following day at Oakland-Craig. He earned six pins in the two events and beat a defending state champion.

Zoucha scored a 4-0 decision, handing Sutton's Joe Hinrichs his first loss of the season to take the gold medal at David City. It was the second time in two weeks Zoucha beat a No. 1 ranked wrestler.

“Gavin set some pretty lofty goals in the offseason,” Malcolm head coach Matt Coufal said. “He knows what it takes to get it done, and he’s a different wrestler this year than he was his first two years.

“He’s become more cerebral as he’s gotten older and that’s really starting to show up on the mat.”

While Zoucha was the only one of the Clipper grapplers to bring home gold over the weekend, there were several silver and bronze medals that came home to Malcolm.

Caleb Courter was runner-up at both meets. The 182-pound junior has come a long way since moving to Nebraska prior to his freshman year.

“He didn’t start wrestling until he got here,” Coufal said. “As he continues to learn the sport, he just keeps getting better.

Courter went 5-2 on the weekend with five pins.

Kale Nordmeyer finished second at Oakland-Craig and third at David City. The 285-pounder got five pins in the two events.

Riley Donahoo finished second at 195 pounds at David City, while Zane Zoucha earned the bronze at 120 pounds at Oakland-Craig.

“We’re a team of three tiers of wrestlers right now,” Coufal said. “We’ve got guys like Gavin, Caleb and Kale that we expect to be in the top two or three at every meet.

“We’ve got another group with Zane, Riley and Josh (Stewart) that are really close, but they just need more experience and have to do more things correctly with more consistency. When that happens they’ll get there. Then, we have a group of really young and inexperienced wrestlers that are still learning the sport. In another year or two, we’ll see some of them earning medals consistently.”

The Clippers have another busy week ahead as they return to David City on Thursday, Jan. 28, for a triangular with the Scouts and North Bend Central. Malcolm will host the East Central Nebraska Conference meet on Friday, Jan. 29, and then wrestle at the Raymond Central Invite on Saturday, Jan. 30.

**David City Invite**

Team scores—David City 240.5, Milford 218, Centennial 119, East Butler 109, Malcolm 100, Schuyler 90, Shelby-Rising City 56, Tekamah-Herman 40.5, Sutton 27

113—Cydnee Loos (MAL) pinned by Zach Bongers (DC) 0:49; pinned by Lane Bohac (EB) 0:16; pinned by James Castahon (SCH) 0:32, fourth

120—Zane Zoucha (MAL) def. by Luke Polivka (EB) SV-1 9-7; pinned by Simon Schindler (DC) 1:03; def. Joey Kenning (MIL) 7-4; pinned by Garrison Schernikau (CHS) 1:06; def. Brayan Romero (SCH) 8-3

126—Bryce Teut (MAL) pinned by Konner Schluckebier (MIL) 0:53; pinned by Jesus Hernandez (SCH) 1:54; pinned by Ethan Zegers (DC) 0:34; pinned by Kole Eickmeier (SRC) 0:39; medical forfeit to Brayden Johnson (DC)

138—Colt Reiling (MAL) pinned by Jarrett Dodson (CHS) 1:31; pinned by Jack Chapman (ML) 0:38; lost by disqualification to Reid Glasshoff (EB); lost by disqualification to Ethan Underwood (DC); lost by disqualification to Myles Jones (SUT)

145—Luke Walters (MAL) pinned by Grady Belt (SRC) 0:22; def. by Jonny Medina (SCH) 16-6; def. by Isaac Ruwe (TH) 10-4; pinned by Cyrus Songster (CHS) 2:20; pinned by Medina (SCH) 1:52

152—Elliott Robotham (MAL) pinned by Clayton Harris (DC) 2:56; pinned by Bryan Valdivia (SCH) 0:19, third

160—Gavin Zoucha (MAL) pin Trevin Brecka (EB) 4:26; pin Landon Sliva (SRC) 1:28; pin Isaac Voboril (MIL) 1:52; def. Joseph Hinrichs (SUT) 4-0, first

170—Josh Stewart (MAL) def. Dawson Schram (TH) 6-1; def. Trevor Lohrman (MAL) 5-3; pinned by Christopher Scioris (MIL) 2:36; pinned by Tre Dario (DC) 2:27; def. by Chris Escobar (SCH) 3-0, fourth

170—Trevor Lohrman (MAL) pinned by Christopher Scioris (MIL) 0:24; def. by Josh Stewart (MAL) 5-3; def. by Dawson Schram (TH) 15-2; def. by Tyson Rodevald (CHS) 5-0; pin Cooper Witte (MAL) 2:23

170—Cooper Witte (MAL) pinned by Tre Dario (DC) 1:45; pinned by Tyson Rodevald (CHS) 1:50; pinned by Chris Escobar (SCH) 3:26; pinned by Dawson Schram (TH) 2:24; pinned by Trevor Lohrman (MAL) 2:23

182—Caleb Courter (MAL) pin Thomas Vance (MIL) 3:50; pin Edgar Diego (SCH) 1:43; pinned by Dylan Vodicka (DC) 1:26; pin Austin Patchin (CHS) 1:59, second

195—Riley Donahoo (MAL) pin Samuel Payne (CHS) 5:27; pin Cason Peterson (SUT) 4:56; pin Angel Quezada (SCH) 2:19; pinned by Hunter Oborny (MIL) 1:20; pin Joshua Christian (EB) 0:40, second

285—Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) pin Kasen Petsch (MIL) 1:42; pin Daniel Garcia (SCH) 0:09; pinned by Carson Fehlhafer (CHS) 1:51; def. by Jake Ingwersen (DC) 6-2; pin Trey Lyon (MIL) 1:35, third

**Oakland-Craig Invitational**

Team scores—O’Neill 222, Winside 145.5, Norfolk Catholic 143, Cross County/Osceola 115, Malcolm 108.5, Guardian Angels Central Catholic 107, West Point-Beemer 106, Pender 101, North Bend Central 97.5, Howells-Dodge 93, Oakland-Craig 79.5, Ponca 67, Quad County Northeast 65, Hartington Cedar Catholic 44.5, Winnebago 23, Tri County Northeast 13, Cedar Bluffs 6

113—Cydnee Loos (MAL) pinned by Cooper Behmer (WNS) 0:10; pinned by Kristopher Pena (WPB) 0:53

120—Zane Zoucha (MAL) def. Oliver Johnson (OC) 17-1; pinned by Joseph Yates (ONL) 1:10; pin Carter Olson (OCN) 1:28; pin Colton Kirby (CCO) 1:56, third

138—Aidan Hardin (MAL) pinned by Chase Hofmeister (PND) 0:39; pinned by Austin Hegemann (HD) 1:00

145—Luke Walters (MAL) pinned by Brady Thompson (ONL) 2:37; def. by Bo Oligmueller (GACC) 9-2

152—Elliott Robotham (MAL) pinned by Tye Hollandsworth (OCN) 1:44; pinned by Ethan Baumert (GACC) 2:57

160—Gavin Zoucha (MAL) pin Caden Ernsti (GACC) 1:53; pin Ivel Belina (HD) 3:08; pin Francisco Mendez (NC) 5:55, first

170—Trevor Lohrman (MAL) pinned by Hunter Bennett (PON) 4:31; def. Alex Montenegro (WPB) 4-2; pin Ethan Brehm (CCO) 2:06; pinned by Servando Gonzalez (ONL) 2:51; def. by Josh Stewart (MAL) 3-2

170—Josh Stewart (MAL) pinned by Servando Gonzalez (ONL) 5:14; pin Kaden Kennedy (WNB) 2:19; pin Ajay Gubbels (OCN) 3:21; def. by Hunter Bennett (PON) 3-0; def. Trevor Lohrman (MAL) 3-2

170—Cooper Witte (MAL) pinned by Justin Bayer (HD) 1:27; pinned by Ethan Brehm (CCO) 3:58

182—Caleb Courter (MAL) pin Jacob Hegemann (HD) 3:38; pin Mason Topp (WNS) 4:44; pinned by Cash Meier (GACC) 0:56, second

195—Riley Donahoo (MAL) pinned by Matt Logue (PON) 2:58; pinned by Salvador Rodriguez (ONL) 0:44

285—Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) pin George Fraher (GACC) 2:32; pin Jace Owen (NBC) 4:21; pinned by Isaac Wilcox (NC) 3:48, second

**Malcolm JV Tournament**

117 Girls—Cheyenne Benishek (MAL) pinned by Alejandra Loredo (Lincoln North Star) 1:44; def. Cydnee Loos (MAL) 7-2, second

117 Girls—Cydnee Loos (MAL) pinned by Alejandra Loredo (LNS) 0:26; def. by Cheyenne Benishek (MAL) 7-2, third

126B—Bryce Teut (MAL) def. Drake Carlson (Wahoo) 13-4; pinned by Cruz Rodriguez (Lincoln High) 1:02, second

145—Luke Walters (MAL) pinned by Andrew Creek (Beatrice) 3:34; pinned by Kyle Peterson (Raymond Central) 1:36; pin Cayden Witzel (MAL) 0:43, third

145—Cayden Witzel (MAL) pinned by Kyle Peterson (RC) 1:04; pinned by Andrew Creek (BTR) 0:15; pinned by Luke Walters (MAL) 0:43, fourth

152B—Elliott Robotham (MAL) pinned by Parker Beyer (LNS) 2:50; def. by Jaydon Ironshell (LH) 11-6, third

120—Zane Zoucha (MAL) pin Dominic Bramlett (Logan View)

1:05; pin Ben Stoner (FC) 0:38; pin Zohaib Shaikh (LH) 3:42; pin Victor Perez-Jimenez (LH) 0:52, first

138—Colt Reiling (MAL) pin Evan Bushlow (LV) 1:26; pin Aidan Hardin (MAL) 0:59; pin Leo Tracy (LNS) 3:43; pinned by Treven Stassines (FC) 0:48, second

138—Aidan Hardin (MAL) pin Evan Bushlow (LV) 1:33; pinned by Treven Stassines (FC) 0:27; pinned by Colt Reiling (MAL) 0:59; pinned by Leo Tracy (LNS) 0:18, fourth

170A—Josh Stewart (MAL) def. Trevor Beavers (Wahoo) 7-3; def. Tyson Malousek (RC) 7-0; def. Trevor Lohrman (MAL) 5-2, first

170A—Trevor Lohrman (MAL) def. Tyson Malousek (RC) 9-0; def. Trevor Beavers (WAH) 4-0; def. by Josh Stewart (MAL) 5-2, second

170B—Cooper Witte (MAL) pinned by Blake Nun (FC) 3:24; pin Shea McManus (LNS) 2:51; def. by Jack Henry (RC) 5-2, third

**2021 Pius X JV Invite**

PXJVinVite 121-127—Bryce Teut (MAL) pinned by Cade Scott (Lincoln Pius X) time not available; pinned by Jaidon Bell (Waverly) 2:00, third

PXJVinVite 121-133—Zane Zoucha (MAL) pin Kayden Nickel (Beatrice) time not available; def. Zach Mumm (Raymond Central) SV-1 8-6; pinned by Caleb DeGarmo (Waverly) 2:00, third

PXJVinVite 133-142—Aidan Hardin (MAL) pinned by Justin Morales Cerrato (CRT) 0:51; pinned by William Foster (Waverly) time not available; pin Caden Clapper (Beatrice) time not available, third

PXJVinVite 139-146—Colt Reiling (MAL) def. by Cole Schulz-kump (Lincoln Pius X) 15-0; pinned by Jackson Miller (Beatrice) time not available; Travis Nelson (Raymond Central) time not available, fourth

PXJVinVite 145-149—Cayden Witzel (MAL) pinned by Zach Faust (Lincoln Pius X) 0:30; pinned by Barrett Eggerling (CRT) time not available; pinned by Michael Williamson (Waverly) 0:03, fourth

PXJVinVite 146-158—Luke Walters (MAL) def. by Simon Willis (Lincoln Pius X) 6-0; pinned by Carter Scheer (Lincoln Pius X) 4:00; def. by Colton Layman (Beatrice) 9-3, fourth

PXJVinVite 151-156—Elliott Robotham (MAL) pinned by Jared Hobelkan (Lincoln Pius X) time not available; pinned by Byron Ostdiek (Beatrice) time not available; pinned by Ian Morehead (Waverly) time not available, fourth

PXJVinVite 168-183—Cooper Witte (MAL) pin Hayden Knickerbocker (Waverly) time not available; pinned by Tyson Malousek (Raymond Central) 2:00; pin Tyler Erlanson (Waverly) time not available, second

PXJVinVite 170-185—Trevor Lohrman (MAL) pin Stephen Sullivan-Diaz (Lincoln Pius X) time not available; pin Jack Henry (Raymond Central) time not available; pin Gabe Griffin (Waverly) 2:00, first

**Raymond Central 43, Malcolm 24**

132: Brock Skeahan (RC) def. Wilkie (MAL) 10-4; 138: Tucker Maxson (RC) pin Reiling (MAL) 1:33; 145: Jeremiah Karpov (RC) pin Walters (MAL) 1:43; 152: Travis Nelson (RC) pin Robotham (MAL) 1:09; 160: G. Zoucha (MAL) def. Connor Kreikemeier (RC) 3-2; 170: Gavin Soden (RC) pin Witte (MAL) 2:27; 182: Logan Jelinek (RC) def. Lohrman (MAL) 15-4; 195: Courter (MAL) pin Colby DenHartog (RC) 0:45; 220: Donahoo (MAL) pin Jude Burton (RC) 0:39; 285: Nordmeyer (MAL) win by forfeit; 106: Double Forfeit; 113: Sophia Schultz (RC) pin Loos (MAL) 0:29; 120: Z. Zoucha (MAL) def. Jacob Schultz (RC) 5-0; 126: Mitch Albrecht (RC) win by forfeit

**Malcolm 54, Archbishop Bergan 18**

120: Z. Zoucha (MAL) win by forfeit; 126: Double Forfeit; 132: Wilkie (MAL) win by forfeit; 138: Reiling (MAL) win by forfeit; 145: Cal Janke (AB) pin Walters (MAL) 2:42; 152: Owen Pruss (AB) pin Robotham (MAL) 0:34; 160: G. Zoucha (MAL) pin Aiden Helgenberger (AB) 1:57; 170: Andrew Fellers (AB) pin Witte (MAL) 2:35; 182: Lohrman (MAL) pin Ben Simonson (AB) 1:18; 195: Courter (MAL) pin Zelan Hurst (AB) 2:28; 220: Donahoo (MAL) pin Clay Hedges (AB) 1:59; 285: Nordmeyer (MAL) pin Jake Hedges (AB) 0:31; 106: Double Forfeit; 113: Loos (MAL) win by forfeit

**Malcolm Round Robin (Jan. 16)**

Team scores—Conestoga 151.5, Malcolm 141.5, Fairbury 136, West Point-Beemer 134, Tri County 125, Tekamah-Herman 72, Shelby-Rising City 56

124 Girls—Loos (MAL) pin Cheyenne Benishek (MAL) 1:28; pinned by Baylee Tracy (FBY) 1:17, second

124 Girls—Cheyenne Benishek (MAL) pinned by Cydnee Loos (MAL) 1:28; pinned by Baylee Tracy (FBY) 1:10, third

120—Z. Zoucha (MAL) def. Brink Stawniak (CON) 8-0; def. Spencer Weers (FBY) 19-4; pinned by Braden Ruffner (CON) 2:57, second

126—Teut (MAL) pinned by Keaghan Chini (CON) 2:28; pinned by Jamison Evert (WPB) 4:12; pinned by Ethan Avidano (CON) 1:55; pinned by Kole Eickmeier (SRC) 0:50; pinned by Jor-yan Sturm (FBY) 1:22

132—Wilke (MAL) def. Ethan Fjell (SRC) 11-1; def. by Cameron Williams (CON) 17-0; def. Connor Gerths (FBY) 9-6; pin Fjell (SRC) 3:45

138—Aidan Hardin (MAL) pinned by Logan Burt (TH) 1:08; pinned by Scott Dufault (CON) 0:35; pinned by Carter Plowman (CON) 0:48; pinned by Ethan McCown (FBY) 1:03; pin Jacob Landon (CON) 1:00

145—Walters (MAL) pinned by Brady Braniff (TH) 5:13; pin Cayden Witzel (MAL) 1:47; pinned by Lucas Anderson (CON) 2:19; pinned by Isaac Ruwe (TH) 1:42

145—Witzel (MAL) pinned by Grady Belt (SRC) 0:37; pinned by Luke Walters (MAL) 1:47; pinned by Landon Trim (FBY) 0:41

152—Robotham (MAL) pinned by Grant Lewandowski (TC) 0:57; pinned by Landon Sliva (SRC) 1:23; pin Ethan Johnson (FBY) 0:43, third

160—G. Zoucha (MAL) pin Jabari Parsons (CON) 0:57; pin Riley Arner (FBY) 0:40; pin Nate Kaup (WPB) 1:56; pin Jack Hopkins (TC) 3:00, first

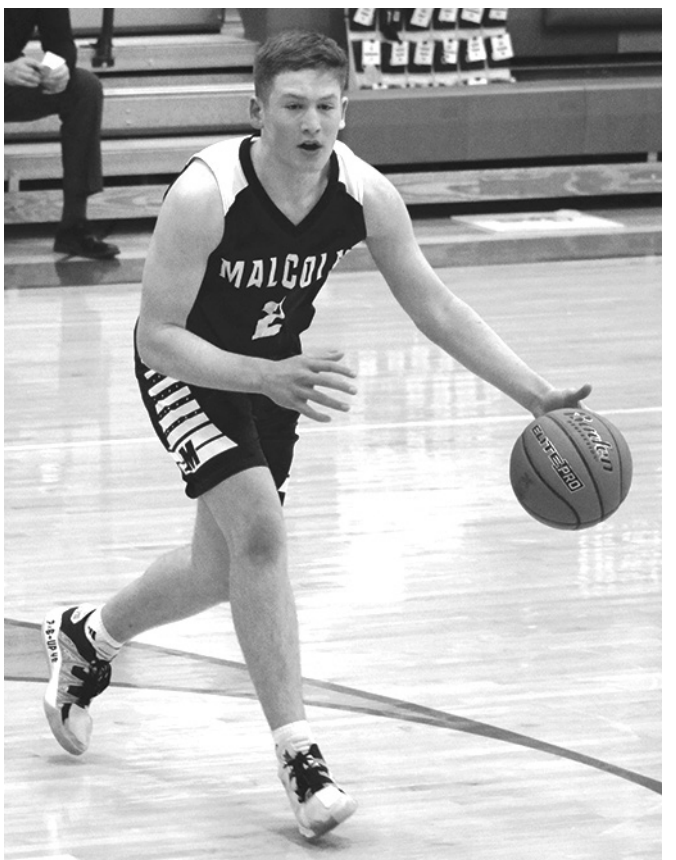
170—Stewart (MAL) def. Ashton McCown (FBY) 8-3; def. Cooper Witte (MAL) 14-2; def. Dawson Schram (TH) 8-1, first

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182—Courter (MAL) pin Makena Schramm (FBY) 1:40; pin James Kerns (TC) 1:13; def. Zachary Paasch (WPB) SV-1 14-12, first

195—Donahoo (MAL) pinned by Domenic Hyson (FBY) 0:18; pinned by Cooper Colson (WPB) 1:18; pinned by Brandon Beeson (TC) 3:11; pin Gage Totillas (CON) 5:20, fourth

285—Nordmeyer (MAL) pin Dallas Katzenstein (CON) 0:21; pin Jason Hagedorn (WPB) 0:46; pin Brant Gillham (FBY) 0:22; pin Toby Ambrose (TC) 0:20; pinned by Kazz Hyson (FBY) 5:09, second



Caitlyn Nelson/SCI  
Hayden Frank brings the ball across the top of the three point line, working around Wilber-Clatonia's defense during game-play on Jan. 22.

# Clippers see court success

by Heath Kramer  
Seward County Independent.

They finally showed up. The team Malcolm boys’ basketball head coach Chris Lewandowski often sees at practice made an impressive appearance Jan. 23 at Malcolm as the Clippers disposed of a solid Mead team, 63-42.

“They have some impressive wins this month,” Lewandowski said. “They knocked off No. 1 Parkview Christian and No. 5 Yutan.”

The Clippers — now 5-10 this season — are a few possessions from having that record reversed as seven of their 10 losses have been by single digits with three being lost by one bucket.

“We finally showed what we can look like when we put together a full game,” Lewandowski said. “We played with some attitude and it made a difference.”

The Clippers came out on fire as Drew Johnson had the hot hand. The sophomore sharpshooter nailed three-in-a-row from long range as he helped Malcolm to a 10-point first quarter lead.

“If we can get him open, he’s as dangerous as they come,” Lewandowski said. “Our guys did a nice job setting screens to free him up for some good looks.”

Johnson finished the night with 19 points on five treys while going 4-of-6 from the charity stripe.

“We made it a point to attack the basket and try to draw fouls,” Lewandowski said. “They only play seven guys in their rotation and we figured if we could get them in foul trouble that would put some stress on them.”

The Clippers attempted 31 free throws. Mead shot just 11.

“Too bad we only made 16 of ours,” Lewandowski said. “That’s an area we need to improve as we come down the stretch.”

Hayden Frank had 15 points and seven rebounds.

The night before, at Wilber-Clatonia, the Clippers struggled to finish in another close one as they fell 46-41 to the Wolverines. It was

back-and-forth through the first three periods with the teams tied 32-32 headed to the final frame.

“They struck first in the fourth quarter and we didn’t answer,” Lewandowski said. “It was another lost opportunity where we didn’t play with consistency the whole night.”

Maclain Beach led Malcolm with nine points while five players — Frank, Johnson, Malcolm Saltzman, Jacob Schweitzer and Connor Zegar — each had six.

“I like a balanced attack,” Lewandowski said. “But we need some of those guys in double figures if we’re going to get Ws.”

Malcolm opened the week with an ugly, 49-34 loss to Freeman on Jan. 19 in Malcolm.

Johnson led the Clippers with 12 points including three buckets from long range.

Malcolm was scheduled to play Johnson County Central (8-6) Tuesday night in Malcolm. There was also talk of rescheduling a postponed game with No. 1 Auburn (13-0).

“They’re one of the games we missed out on during week one when we were restricted in our county,” Lewandowski said. “I don’t know if we’ll get that one in or not.”

“If not, we’ll turn our attention to the conference tournament.”

Malcolm will start East Central Nebraska Conference tourney action on Feb. 2.

**Malcolm 63, Mead 42**

MEA 9 12 6 15 43  
MAL 19 12 11 21 63

**MALCOLM**—Hayden Frank 15, Malcolm Saltzman 5, Maddox Meyer 2, Maclain Beach 4, Jacob Schweitzer 6, Drew Johnson 19, Connor Zegar 6, Ethan Robotham 6.

**Rebounds**—Frank 7, Saltzman 2, Gavan Dunsie 2, Beach 5, Schweitzer 7, Johnson 3, Zegar, Robotham. **Assists**—Frank 2, Saltzman 3, Beach 3, Schweitzer 2, Johnson 3, Zegar 2. **Steals**—Frank, Saltzman, Lucas Christensen, Beach 2, Schweitzer. **Blocks**—Schweitzer.

**Wilber-Clatonia 46, Malcolm 41**

MAL 12 9 11 9 41  
WC 14 7 11 14 46

**MALCOLM**—Frank 6, Saltzman 6, Dunsie 2, Beach 9, Schweitzer 6, Johnson 6, Zegar 6.

**Rebounds**—Frank 4, Saltzman 3, Beach, Schweitzer 9, Johnson 4, Zegar. **Assists**—Frank 2, Saltzman 2, Schweitzer 3, Johnson 3, Zegar. **Steals**—Saltzman, Dunse, Beach, Schweitzer 2.

**Freeman 49, Malcolm 34**

FRE 15 6 9 19 49  
MAL 8 3 10 13 34

**MALCOLM**—Frank 8, Saltzman 4, Christensen 2, Beach 5, Johnson 12, Zegar 3.

**Rebounds**—Frank 2, Saltzman 2, Beach 2, Schweitzer 3, Johnson 5, Zegar 3. **Assists**—Frank 2, Saltzman, Schweitzer, Zegar 3. **Steals**—Frank, Christensen, Johnson, Zegar 2. **Blocks**—Frank, Schweitzer.

# Milford girls win two on road

by Stephanie Croston  
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A great start helped the Milford girls’ basketball team to a 46-41 win at Columbus Lakeview Jan. 19.

MHS led 21-14 after the first quarter, thanks to Hannah Kepler’s 13 points. The senior finished the game with 20.

Coach Phil Stauffer said Milford struggled on offense in the second and third quarters but did a good job on defense. The offense got going again in the fourth quarter, led by Kaitlyn Klug and Taylor Roth in the post.

Kepler’s 20 points led the team. Kontor added 11.

The Eagles were on the road again Jan. 22 at Elmwood-Murdock and brought home a 58-35 victory. Stauffer said the Eagles shot well from three-point range, making 10 of 21 attempts.

Kepler connected on four, and Makena Stutzman made three, which Stauffer was happy to see.

“We did an excellent job moving the ball on offense and working for good shots,” he said.

Nine Eagles scored in the game, which he was also pleased with.

Kepler led the way with 18 points and four steals. She and Roth grabbed six rebounds each.

Milford (10-7) was

scheduled to host Sutton Jan. 26 and travel to Wilber-Clatonia Friday, Jan. 29. The Southern Nebraska Conference tournament is set for the next week.

**Milford 46, Lakeview 41**

MHS 21 7 4 14 46  
LHS 14 9 9 9 41

**MHS**—Makena Stutzman 0-4 0-0 0, Kaitlin Kontor 3-14 2-4 11, Hannah Kepler 6-12 3-5 20, Alayna Piening 0-1 0-0 0, Kaitlyn Klug 2-2 0-0 4, Taylor Roth 2-6 0-0 4, Sydney Stelling 1-5 2-2 4, Abby Houk 0-1 3-4 3, Totals 14-44 10-15 46.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 8-22 (Stutzman 0-3, Kontor 3-9, Kepler 5-7, Roth 0-1, Stelling 0-1, Houk 0-1). **Rebounds**—MHS 27 (Kontor, Stelling 6). **Assists**—MHS 10 (Stelling 4). **Steals**—MHS 8 (Kontor 3). **Turnovers**—MHS 9. **Fouls**—MHS 13.

**Milford 58, Elmwood-Murdock 35**

MHS 15 15 16 12 58  
EMHS 9 15 8 3 35

**MHS**—Stutzman 3-8 0-2 9, Kontor 2-6 0-0 5, Kepler 5-14 4-8 18, Addi Mowinkel 1-1 0-0 2, Piening 0-1 0-0 0, Klug 1-2 2-2 4, Roth 2-4 2-3 7, Stelling 2-6 0-0 4, Houk 1-1 0-0 3, Mariah Richards 2-4 2-2 6, Totals 19-47 10-17 58.

**EMHS**—Totals 14-40 3-6 35.

**Three-point goals**—MHS 10-21 (Stutzman 3-8, Kontor 1-4, Kepler 4-7, Roth 1-1, Houk 1-1). **Rebounds**—MHS 28 (Kepler, Roth

6), EMHS 29. **Assists**—MHS 14 (Kontor, Kepler 3). **Steals**—MHS 13 (Kepler 4). **Blocked shots**—MHS 2 (Kepler, Roth 1). **Turnovers**—MHS 15, EMHS 23. **Fouls**—MHS 5, EMHS 14.

**Malcolm 46, Milford 33 (Jan. 8)**

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

**MIL**—Makena Stutzman 0-2 0-0 0, Kaitlin Kontor 2-8 2-8 8, Hannah Kepler 5-14 3-4 15, Alayna Piening 1-4 0-0 2, Kaitlyn Klug 0-1 2-2 2, Taylor Roth 0-2 2-2 2, Sydney Stelling 2-6 0-4 4, Abby Houk 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 10-41 9-14 33.

**MAL**—Totals 14-42 14-22 46.

**Three-point goals**—MIL 4-17 (Stutzman 0-2, Kontor 2-6, Kepler 2-6, Stelling 0-1, Houk 0-2), MAL 4-17. **Rebounds**—MIL 27 (Roth 9), MAL 39.

**Assists**—MIL 7 (Roth 4). **Steals**—MIL 5 (Houk 2). **Blocked shots**—MIL 4 (Kepler 2). **Turnovers**—MIL 11, MAL 10. **Fouls**—MIL 17, MAL 13.

**Milford 46, David City 40 (Jan. 9)**

DCHS 7 10 12 11 40  
MHS 17 14 10 5 46

**DCHS**—Totals 15-49 6-11 40.

**MHS**—Stutzman 0-4 0-0 0, Kontor 3-8 0-0 8, Kepler 6-11 1-2 15, Roth 4-8 0-1 8, Stelling 4-7 1-3 9, Houk 2-6 2-2 6, Mariah Richards 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-45 4-8 46.

**Three-point goals**—DCHS 4-21, MHS 4-16 (Stutzman 0-4, Kontor 2-6, Kepler 2-4, Houk 0-2). **Rebounds**—DCHS 35, MHS 30 (Kepler, Klug 6). **Assists**—MHS 11 (Kontor, Kepler 3). **Steals**—MHS 8 (Stelling, Houk 2). **Blocked shots**—MHS 2 (Kontor, Roth 1). **Turnovers**—DCHS 11, MHS 9. **Fouls**—DCHS 12, MHS 14. **Fouled out**—Roth.

# CHS boys

(continued from 3B) how the Broncos played.

He said Jake Bergen, Cooper Gierhan and Maj Nisly made big plays in the third quarter, and Michael Nisly came off the bench and helped shut down Centura’s

driving guards.

Gierhan finished with 17 points, making five three pointers in the game. Four of those came in the first quarter.

“I’m happy with how we played,” Scholl said.

The Broncos (10-4) were scheduled to host Fillmore Central Jan. 26, travel to Thayer Central Friday, Jan. 29, and host Nebraska Christian Saturday, Jan. 30, in a makeup game from earlier this season.

The Southern Nebraska Conference tournament is scheduled to be played next week.

**Centennial 43, Centura 23**

CTRA 7 6 4 6 23  
CNTL 17 7 11 8 43

**CNTL**—Michael Nisly 2, Maj Nisly 6, Jake Bergen 16, Lance Haberman 1, Cooper Gierhan 17, Lane Zimmer 1.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## MEETINGS

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS CITY OF SEWARD

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following will be held:

LB 840 Seward Economic Development Program Application Review Board, January 27, 2021, 5:30 PM, via ZOOM, Meeting ID: 823 7941 1976, Passcode: 238141.

Library Board, February 3, 2021, 8:00 AM, Seward Memorial Library, Main Level Conference Room, 233 S 5th St., Seward, NE 68434  
Seward City Council, February 2, 2021, 7:00 PM, Seward Civic Center East & West Basement, 616 Bradford St., Seward, NE, 68434  
Planning Commission, February 8, 2021, 7:30 PM, Seward Civic Center East & West Basement, 616 Bradford St., Seward, NE 68434  
Seward Aging Services Commission, February 9, 2021, 1:00 PM, Lied Senior Center, 1010 Manor Drive West, Seward, NE 68434  
Community Redevelopment Authority, February 10, 2021, 5:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434.  
Seward City Council, February 16, 2021, 7:00 PM, Seward Civic Center East & West Basement, 616 Bradford St., Seward, NE, 68434

All meetings are open to the public. The agenda for each meeting listed, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 537 Main Street, Seward, Nebraska, during normal business hours.

Bonnie Otte  
City Clerk  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Annual Membership Meeting for Olive Branch Assessment Insurance Society of Sprague, NE, will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the office located at 18930 Market St., Sprague, NE.  
Marilyn Palmer  
Secretary  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Four Corners Board of Health meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Four Corners Health Department, 2101 N Lincoln Ave, York, NE. Agenda available upon request at (877) 337-3573 or Email: info@fourcorners.ne.gov  
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### 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.  
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## ESTATES

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 COURT

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  
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## ORGANIZATIONS

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

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

### WASHTECH 1, LLC

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

Bonial & Associates, P.C.  
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555  
St. Louis, MO 63141

### Notice of Trustee's Sale

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 02/26/2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the North doors of the Seward County Courthouse, 261 South 8th Street, Seward, NE 68434:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA; THENCE 128.0 FEET IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING WEST ALONG THE LAST DESCRIBED LINE, A DISTANCE OF 722.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4), A DISTANCE OF 385.0 FEET, THENCE EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 722.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4), A DISTANCE OF 385.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCLUDING THE SOUTH 60 FEET THEREOF. All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.  
By: Kerry Feld, Trustee, NSBA# 24614  
Bonial & Associates, P.C.  
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555  
St. Louis, MO 63141  
Phone: (314) 991-0255  
Fax: (314) 991-6755  
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## 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

### 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 Commissioners convened on January 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Present: Vice Chairperson: Bob Vrbka  
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki  
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer  
Absent: Chairman: John Culver  
Approved the minutes of January 12, 2021.

Approved Seward County Claims through January 8, 2021.

Officials gave updates of their offices.

Commissioners gave an update of their activities.

Accepted the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for November 2020.

Jennifer Igo and Stacy Phillips from the Nebraska Strong Organization were present to give information about their organization.

Accepted the Delinquent Tax Listing and set the Tax Sale Steps for 2021.

Marci Fehlhafer of Southeast Nebraska CASA was present to explain her organization's purpose and give the annual report for 2020.

Adopted the agenda for January 26, 2021, and adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2021

ADV CORR'L HLTHCR, SE, \$4,439.57; ADV OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$68.69; AKRS EQUIPMENT, EQ, \$2,250.00; AMERITAS LIFE INS, FE, \$17,410.96; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UT, \$682.25; BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH, SE, \$390.00; CITY OF SEWARD, UT, \$9,468.14; CLERK OF DIST CRT ASSOC, FE, \$50.00; CLERK OF DIST CRT, SE, \$738.00; CNA SURETY, SE, \$40.00; CULLIGAN, SE, \$371.85; DAVISSON FURN CNTR, SU, \$529.00; DES MOINES STAMP, SU, \$82.25; DODGE CO SHERIFF, SE, \$19.21; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$721.24; EGAN SUPPLY CO, SU, \$657.84; ESRI, SE, \$3,400.00; FARMERS COOP, SU, \$1,236.83; HELMINK PRINTING, SU, \$438.93; HERPOLSHEIMERS, SE, \$123.11; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, \$149.85; IDEMIA IDENTITY, SE, \$480.17; JOHN DEERE FINAN, SE, \$130.20; JONES BANK (FICA), FE, \$16,324.59; KONICA MINOLTA, SE, \$181.90; MCKESSON MED SURG, SU, \$226.42; MID AMERICAN BENEFITS, SE, \$123.25; MIDWEST AUTO PARTS, SU, \$1,232.10; MIDWEST CARD AND ID, SE, \$500.00; MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$61.99; MIDWEST TOWING, SE, \$69.56; MIPS INC, SE, \$4,925.40; NEBRASKA INTERACTIVE, SE, \$4.00; OFFICENET, SE, \$3,958.47; OREILLY AUTOM, SU, \$398.54; PAC N SAVE, SU, \$30.49; PAPER TIGER SHRED, SE, \$170.00; PEREZ INTERPRETING, SE, \$100.00; PETTY CASH FUND, FE, \$735.00; REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$335.77; REDWOOD TOX LAB, SE, \$110.00; REGION V SYSTEMS, SE, \$10,466.50; SEW CO INDEPENDENT, SE, \$872.17; SEWARD CO PUB TRANS, SE, \$60.00; SEW LUMBER, SU, \$2.25; SOARIN GROUP, SE, \$5,981.89; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, SE, \$4,386.69; THE HOME DEPOT PRO, SU, \$235.70; THOMSON REUTERS, SE, \$1,241.00; TIME WARNER CABLE, UT, \$346.74; TOP QUALITY GLOVES, SU, \$442.50; TWIN RIVERS, SE, \$50.00; VALLEY CO SHERIFF, SE, \$18.00; VERIZON CONNECT, UT, \$909.49; VISA, FE, \$217.48; WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS, SE, \$198.15; WINDSTREAM, UT, \$7,970.19; WRECKONCILED, SE, \$500.00; AFFORDABLE INT SOL, UT, \$74.99; KENNETH PANKOKE, SE, \$281.13; CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL, SU, \$13,853.84; CENTRAL STATES HYDR SERV, SE, \$870.13; DALE JOHNSON ENT, SE, \$11,067.30; FASTENAL COMPANY, SU, \$151.01; G & P DEVEL LANDFILL, FE, \$5.00; JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL, SU, \$43,649.03; KERFORD LIMESTONE CO, SU, \$12,436.02; MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, SU, \$70.00; MEMORIAL CLINIC, SE, \$105.00; MIDWEST SERVICE, SE, \$847.85; NE ASSN OF CO ENGINEERS, FE, \$325.00; NE PUB POW DIST, UT, \$160.46; NMC, INC, SE, \$7,575.08; NORRIS PUB POW DIST, UT, \$1,308.32; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, SE, \$793.40; PRECISION TOOL, SE, \$40.04; RDO TRUCK CENTERS,

SE, \$557.39; ROSE EQUIPMENT, EQ, \$1,596.70; SACK LUMBER, SU, \$28.99; TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE, SE, \$136.50; VILLAGE OF GARLAND, FE, \$49.13; SEWARD CO CHAMBER, FE, \$1,250.00; DELTA DENTAL OF NE, SE, \$87.56; SEW CO HLTH CLM FND, FE, \$75,716.95; AGING PARTNERS, SE, \$105.22; MOMS MEALS, SE, \$138.23; US POST OFFICE, SU, \$55.00; BIZCO INC, SE, \$12,425.26; ENTERPRISE UAS, SE, \$10,355.99; FIRST WIRELESS, UT, \$861.04; MARVCO ENT, SE, \$2,056.10; JONES AUTOM, SE, \$1,245.55; LINCOLN POLICE, SE, \$72.10; POTTER REPAIR, SE, \$75.68; SHINETECH SFTWR, SU, \$7,470.00; TRANSUNION, SE, \$323.00; CENTNLL TEAMMATES, FE, \$126.00; E911 WIRELESS FUND, FE, \$4,413.80; GEOCOMM INC, UT, \$1,011.00 SALARIES: \$253,659.08 GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE; MIDAMERICAN COWISCONSIN; DELTA DENTAL; VSP VISION; WADELLE & REED  
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### SEWARD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Following is a condensed form of minutes. A complete copy is on file at City Hall, 537 Main St, or may be viewed at <http://www.CityofSewardNE.gov>. The Seward City Council met in regular session in the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford St, Seward, on January 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Councilmembers present: Ellen Beck, Jonathon Wilken, Sid Kamprath, Jessica Kolterman, John Singleton, Chris Schmit. Absent: Karl Miller, Alyssa Hendrix. Following items were approved: Minutes December 15, 2020; Claims; Infrastructure Cost Items Reimb to City; Recommnd Gary Jewell as Mgr of Veterans FW liq lic; Hughes Bros to display 100-year anniversary banners on Seward St & near Muni Bandshell in 2021; Move lighting to west side of Karol Kay proj at City cost; Res 2021-1 – install stop sign at Waverly Rd & 4th St; 50/50 match use remng fnds for current projs-DTR grant; Update job desc for WWTR Treatmnt/San Swr Op & Util Bil/Acctnt Clrk; Ord 2021-1 comp pay plan chng titles; Ord 2021-2 extend mask mandate; City Admin report; Adjourn.

Aclara Technologies LLC, Misc Ex, 16.06; AKRS Equipment, Su, Re, 1,004.35; Bizco Technologies, Se, Eq, Software, 1,756.81; Blue Cross Blue Shield Ne, Ins, 49,648.10; Bluestem Network LLC, Se, 100.00; Bode, Adam, Ex, 90.00; Border States Industries, Re, Un, Inv, 6,008.69; Brandt John, Ex, 390.00; Capital Business-Dallas, Ma, 351.00; Cash-Wa Distributing Co, Su, 90.38; Chase Card Service, 4,173.99; Walmart, Su, Gu, 560.32; USPS, Su, 24.00; Cab Store LaVista, Un, 85.99; Interstate All Battery, Su, 47.70; JL Matthews Co, Tools, 322.72; Menards, Re, 123.34; Dollar-General, Su, 6.42; Covers Direct, Re, Ma, 320.84; Amazon Mktp, Su, 66.32; Great Lakes Power Tools, Tools, 66.86; Constant Contact, Su, Misc, 20.00; Talech, Ex, 67.00; Zoom.us, Ex, 85.56; Office Depot, Eq, 838.96; Runza, Meals, 171.88; Stauffers Café/Pie Shop, Meals, 348.97; Lou & Mary Annes Bar, Meals, 157.50; SamsClub, Su, 199.88; Checksforless, Su, 323.85; Microsoft, Ex, 211.88; Nebraska NursNLA Stripe, Dues, 124.00; Chelowski Kent, Ex, 90.00; Chemsearch, Su, 685.50; City Seward Library Petty, Su, 119.45; City Seward Payroll Account, Payroll, 145,874.21; Commercial Turf Services, Gu, 1,375.00; Constellation Newenergy, UT, 1,249.14; Core Robert, Ex, 90.00; CSG Forte Payments Inc, Eq, 327.20; Dodds Chad, Ex, 90.00; Dworak Tim, Ex, 90.00; Ehlers Electronics, Eq, 340.00; Emergency Medical Product, Su, 455.38; Ergotech Controls, Se, 705.05; Fastenal Company, Su, 286.65; Fisher Zachary G, Ex, 90.00; Foltz Fred, Se, Misc, 175.00; Fyr-Tek, Re, Su, 839.35; Gehring Construction, Ci, 151,483.76; Great Plains Communication, Ex, 490.00; H & S Plumbing Heating, Bu, 123.87; Hans Jared, Ex, 90.00; Hansen Dan, Ex, 90.00; Hawkins Inc, Su, 2,436.75; Helmink Printing/Grph Inc, Su, 202.00; Herald Cody, Ex, 90.00; Hoffschneider Law Pc LLo, Se, 4,500.00; Home Depot Pro, Su, 99.00; Husker Electric Supply Co, Re, bu, 1,023.88; InkAlley, Su, 475.00; Int'l Institute Municipal, Dues, 175.00; Janicek Gary M, Ex, 90.00; Kahler Daniel S, Ex, 90.00; Kocian Tyler, Ex, 90.00; Kolterman Betty Jean, Ex, 34.00; Konica Minolta Business S, Se, 19.30; Last Mile Network Consult, Se, 75.30; Lincoln Winwater Works, Su, 64.68; Logan Contractors Supply, Re, 899.45; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Su, 17.86; Menards North, Gu, Su, 426.57; Meyer Trucking/Repair, Re, 112.96; Mid-American Benefits Inc, Ins, 1,698.21; Midco Diving & Marine, Se, 3,398.00; Miers Robert M, Ex, 90.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip, Re, 365.43; My-Lor Inc, Su, 195.65; Nebraska D A S Acct OCIO, Se, 231.00; Nebraska Golf & Turf, Re, 15.55; Nebraska Health Environment, Se, 157.00; Nebraska State Patrol,

Fees, 775.50; Oborny Tanner, Ex, 90.00; O'Kief John F, Ex, 90.00; Olsson, Se, 7,677.74; Orscheln Farm & Home, Bu, Su, Gu, 446.05; Pac 'N' Save Discout Food, Meals, 1,806.00; Pedersen Brent, Ex, 90.00; Policky Brandon A, Ex, 90.00; Pollak Cody, Ex, 90.00; Pollak Douglas W, Ex, 90.00; Precision Tool & Machine, Ma, 68.00; Principal Financial Group, Ins, 2,176.82; Rathjen Shad, Ex, 90.00; Resco, Su, 139.40; Richtig Tim L, Ex, 90.00; Schemmer Architects Engin, Se, Ci, 4,094.70; Seward County Clerk/Reg D, Su, Se, 351.75; Seward County Independent, Se, Misc, Ex, 1,104.89; Seward Electronics, Eq, 5,545.10; Seward Veterans Foreign W, Su, 60.00; Short Elliott Hendrickson, Se, Ci, 3,965.60; Sleuth Systems, Se, 324.00; Spickelmier & Son Inc, Se, 1,390.00; Sports Express, Su, Gu, 372.22; Time Warner Cable, Se, 743.55; U S Cellular, Se, Ut, 260.16; U S Postal Service, Fees, Ex, 240.00; Valentino's, Misc Ex, 172.34; Verizon Wireless, Se, 304.91; Watson Wendell B, Ex, 90.00; Wesco Distribution Inc, Inv, 545.70  
CLAIMS TOTAL: \$419,235.96  
Bonnie Otte  
Asst. Admin/Clerk-Treasurer/  
Budget & HR Director  
SCI — January 27, 2021

### VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING

January 13, 2021

The following is condensed form of the minutes for the January 13, 2021, meeting. A complete copy is on file at Village Hall, 800 Dimery St, Beaver Crossing, NE.

The Board of Trustees met in open public session at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. Board members present: G. Zieg, J. Leif, L. Breitkreutz, M. Banks, J. Black. Motions were properly made, seconded and carried for the following: Treasurer report, Claims, Minutes December 9, 2020, 2010 Well repair project, 2021 Auditor, 2021 Interlocal Agreement split, enter Executive Session, return to regular meeting, pay increase for Village maintenance man. Maintenance Report; 2010 Well, leak inside well house, due to corrosion, Sargent Drilling gave bids for repair. Discussion on Maple Street project. Camera system will be reordered. Maintenance time off request, approved. Community Betterment committee reported that paper product fixtures will be ordered and installed in snack/restroom project in city park. NRD funding should be received soon. Allowed food truck to come into Village twice monthly. Reviewed SENDD information on nuisance project. Meeting adjourned 9:48p.m.  
P. Pankoke  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Claims: Recycling Enterprises, \$180.00 general; Aqua Chem INC, \$1,143.90 water; Seward Co. Clerk, \$100.00 general; Ackerman Rock & Gravel Co. \$1,027.11 street; NE Public Health Envio. Lab, \$31.00 water; Viking Industrial Painting, \$15,600.00 water; Stutzman Digging LLC, \$870.00 water; Office Net, \$64.19 general; Windstream, \$477.10 general; Beaver Hardware, \$161.88, general, street, water; One Call Concepts, \$6.14, general; Seward Co. Independent, \$112.41 general; Farmers & Merchants Bank, \$13,591.77 note payment; A. Philyaw, \$100.00 general; G. Grantski, \$100.00 general; Card Services, \$1,149.93 general, street; Farmers Union Coop Co. \$221.45 street; Central Valley Ag, \$594.56 general, water; J. Kozisek \$928.33 general; Kpochos, \$56.00 general, Norris PPD, \$2,042.96 general, street, water; Cornhusker Press, \$7.80 general; U. S. Treasury, \$980.96 general, street, water; NE Dept. of Revenue, \$550.90 street, water; Wages, \$3,617.76 general, street.  
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### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of Staplehurst

December 29, 2020

The following is a condensed form of minutes. A complete copy is on file at the Village Hall. The Staplehurst Village Board held their monthly meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the village hall. Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and announced the open meeting act and location in the village hall. Roll call was taken with members present: Thompson, Stava, Benedict, Blath, Alloway. The following actions were taken: Swearing in of board members: Stava, Blath and Alloway. Approved minutes of the November meeting. Approved claims. No claims were submitted for the fire department. Report 2 Rescue calls 2 fire call. Fire department is asking village to help fund addition to exiting building. Attorney to look into statutes. Miller and Associates present to explain to Village Board what their engineering service can provide. Our Redeemer was present to have village trustees approve application for planning grant for the school which is to have Seward County Development assist. Special Liquor License was approved for the Women's community club in February. Julie Ogden was appointed Street Superintendent. Tabled the

appointment of JEO as village engineer. Sheriff contract was discussed. Appointment of Donna Thompson as Chairperson and Sharon Reinmiller as Village Clerk. The following claims were approved: Greg Damman 250.00; Reinmiller 143.47; Mt. Goodwin 552.50; US Postal 311.85; Recycling Enterprises 200.00; Waste Connections 62.00; Seward Lumber 6.99; NNTC 59.39; JEO 600.00; One Call Concepts 20.76; Farmers Co-Op 32.07; John Deere Financial 21.97; JEO 7579.10; Midwest Laboratories 280.28; Black Hills Energy 165.91; Constellation Energy 58.29; Seward County Clerk 100.00; Norris Public Power 1645.72; Wayne Regnier 23.92; EFTPS 1082.08; Moravec & Associates 1725.00; EMC Insurance 13,084.00; Salaries 3568.40.  
Sharon Reinmiller  
Staplehurst Village Clerk  
SCI — January 27, 2021  
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## HEARINGS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. and the City Council of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the East & West Basement of the Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street Seward, Nebraska.

MEETINGS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO/TELE-CONFERENCE UNDER STATE OF NEBRASKA, GOVERNOR PETE RICKETTS, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-02 (CORONA VIRUS- PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIREMENT WAIVER)  
TO PARTICIPATE - Join Via Computer, Tablet, or Smart Phone: Enter this URL into your browser: <https://zoom.us/join>  
Enter Meeting ID: 851 6448 6670  
Passcode: 247220  
TO PARTICIPATE - Join Via Telephone - call one of the numbers below:  
1-669-900-6833 or  
1-253-215-8782  
Enter Meeting ID: 85164486670#  
Passcode: 247220#  
Said public hearings will be to review a Preliminary and Final Plat of PITSCH 1ST ADDITION (816 N. 5th St. and 916 N 5th St.). The area which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearings is described as follows.  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
AREPLAT OF PITSCH ADDITION AS PLATTED IN THE NW.1/4 OF THE NW.1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 11N. RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., CITY OF SEWARD, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
B E G I N N I N G AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION, ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N 00°01'09" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 179.00' TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION; THENCE S 88°55'02" E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION, FOR A DISTANCE OF 126.87' TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION; THENCE S 00°01'12" W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION, FOR A DISTANCE OF 179.33' TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION; THENCE N 88°54'14" W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PITSCH ADDITION, FOR A DISTANCE OF 126.87' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (PID's 800082397, 800082400)  
All persons interested may appear and be heard.  
Tim Dworak  
Building/Zoning  
Code Enforcement Director  
SCI — January 27, 2021

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that the Seward County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 18th, 2021, 7:30 p.m., on a zoom telephone or video conference online.  
Please use:  
<http://zoom.us/j/9421681714>  
online Password 768261  
Regarding the following:  
Discussion/Action Public Hearing- Conditional Use Permit to operate a Livestock Feeding Operation, Parcel ID: 800103971, on a parcel of ground located in the west 1/2 of the South East 1/4 & the East 1/2 of the South West 1/4 of, Section 12, Township 9 North, Range 2 East, Seward County, Nebraska.  
Notice of said meeting will be posted in the Courthouse North Door. The agenda for said meeting will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the Zoning Office during normal business hours. The agenda will be held open until 4:00 p.m. of the day, four days before the day of the meeting. The Planning Commission has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meetings.  
Seward County  
Zoning Administrator  
SCI/MT — January 27, 2021

### 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 St, Seward, NE 68434.

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 St, Seward, NE 68434.

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 property which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearing is generally located 1814 Pine Street in Seward, Nebraska and is legally described as follows: Lot 1, Block B, Replat of Blocks 2 and 3, Seward Rail Campus PUD Original Addition Final Plat, and a portion of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6th P.M., City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska (PID# 800229470). All interested parties shall be afforded at each public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the proposed redevelopment plan amendment. A map of the redevelopment area and a copy of the redevelopment plan and cost-benefit analysis shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk.

Bonnie Otte  
City Clerk  
SCI — January 27, 2021

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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 corner 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

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, on Monday, February 8, 2021, 7:30 p.m. via video/tele-conference under State of Nebraska, Governor Pete Ricketts, Executive Order No. 21-02 (corona virus- public meetings requirement waiver)  
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1-253-215-8782  
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Said public hearings will be to review BLUFF ROAD 1ST ADDITION Minor Plat (2566 Bluff Rd).  
The area which is the subject

of this notice and of the Public hearing is described as follows:

Legal Description:  
A REPLAT OF "BLUFF ROAD ADDITION" AND THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
B E G I N N I N G AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15, ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N00°00'29"W FOR A DISTANCE OF 2643.11' TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15; THENCE N89°59'26"E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15, FOR A DISTANCE 2661.40' TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15; THENCE S00°01'41"W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1106.37'; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT, AN ARC LENGTH OF 961.40', A RADIUS OF 1859.86', A CHORD BEARING OF S29°44'18"W, A CHORD LENGTH OF 950.73' TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15, THENCE N89°59'31"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 15, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1412.90' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. (PID's 800226540, 8000038339, 800209842)  
All persons interested may appear and be heard.  
Tim Dworak  
Building/Zoning  
Code Enforcement Director  
SCI — January 27, 2021

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Said public hearing will be to review a Re-zone application to the City of Seward Unified Land Development Ordinance; said application is to re-zone the BLUFF ROAD 1ST ADDITION, LOT A (2566 Bluff Rd) from AG Agricultural District to RR Rural Residential District.

The area which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearings is described as follows.  
Legal Description:  
LOT A, BLUFF ROAD 1ST ADDITION, AREPLAT OF BLUFF ROAD ADDITION AND THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M. SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA (PID# 800038339).  
All persons interested may appear and be heard.  
Tim Dworak  
Building/Zoning &  
Codes Enforcement Director  
SCI — January 27, 2021  
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## BIDS

### NOTICE

The Seward County Board of Commissioners will obtain proposals in the form of sealed bids for preparation and painting of the exterior of the Seward County courthouse dome, corner domes and clocktower.  
To obtain a copy of the request for proposal contact the Seward County Clerk at 402-643-2883. Proposals must be submitted by 9:30 a.m. February 12, 2021, at the Seward County Clerk's office, Room 205, 529 Seward Street, Seward NE.  
SCI/MT — January 27, February 03, 2021  
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