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“Historic” snowfall buries most Seward County

by Greg Forbes
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Nearly 15 inches of snow that fell in some parts of Eastern Nebraska Jan. 25 meant local communities continued cleanup efforts late into last week.

“We’ve been really busy and we’ll be busy yet tomorrow,” Seward County Highway Superintendent Terry Wicht said Jan. 28. “We’ve just had to handle it one day at a time.”

Wicht said county road crews began removal efforts at 7 a.m. Jan. 25 and 5 a.m. Jan. 26, working throughout the day both days while also tackling additional removal and street widening projects on Wednesday and Thursday. Wicht expected more cleanup Friday as well.

Personnel-wise, Wicht said the county used 18 motorgraders and three trucks to clear the way. That volume of manpower is rarely needed for snowstorms, he said.

“It was pretty much all hands on deck,” he said. “All that removal takes a lot of time, then



City of Seward crews work to remove the windrow on Sixth Street in Seward following the Jan. 25 snowstorm that dumped more than a foot of snow on the area.

we have to put down salt and sand.”

Bob Miers, Seward street superintendent, said their workload was similar. Removal efforts lasted throughout the day Monday and Tuesday before crews focused on clearing windrows on

city streets Wednesday and Thursday.

He said on a “normal” snowfall, roads are usually clear and safe within 48 hours, but the depth of last week’s storm required far more man hours than usual.

“This reminds me

a lot of my early years when we used to get winters like this, but we haven’t seen much of anything like this for years,” he said. “Holy cow, did that bring back a lot of memories.”

Miers was correct saying that the severity of

last week’s storm was a rarity. National Weather Service Lead Meteorologist Van DeWald, based out of Lincoln, said last Monday marked the first time since October of 1997 that more than a foot of snow fell in the area. The last instance

before 1997 was 1971, he said.

“It was a very historic event,” he said. “We’ll get a snow that’s six to eight inches in a winter, but if you have something pushing 12, 15 inches, that’s historic. That doesn’t happen very often.”

The snow last week was so significant, DeWald said, the average snow total for the winter season has already been eclipsed.

“We’re running around 32 inches and we still have a lot of winter to go,” he said. “Our average snowfall is about 26 inches and we’ve already hit that and historically, our bigger ones occur in February and March.”

DeWald said the silver lining to the storm, if possible, was that meteorologists were aware of the system well before it hit the area. Law enforcement, road crews, school officials and motorists had enough of a heads up to adequately make plans ahead of time.

Seward Police Officer **(continued on 3A)**



St. PJ Supply owner Staci Lewis readies a shovel of snow for the next portion of the igloo as her daughter, Shelby Lewis, works on the base layer.

Shelter from the storm

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Jan. 25’s historic snow storm complicated plans and work schedules for thousands throughout the area, but for St. PJ Supply Owner Stacy Lewis, it presented a rare opportunity.

Lewis, who regularly goes on extensive hikes through the United States’ mountain ranges, assembled a team Jan. 26 to build an igloo using the foot-plus of snow that fell the day before. The igloo is similar to ones she uses for shelter during some of the more extreme hikes. So similar, in fact, that the mold she used to make the layers was invented by hiking partner “Igloo Ed” Heusers.

“He created this form that we’re using,” she said. “He designed it, patented it and has built a ton of them in Rocky Mountain Park. Actually, a couple years ago, I did an igloo trip with Ed and we built an igloo up

in the mountains and stayed in it a couple of nights.”

After that trip in 2019, Lewis said she purchased one of the forms but never had a chance to use it, as a structurally sound igloo typically requires at least a foot of snow on the ground. As the forecasts rolled in and the snow began to fall last Monday, Lewis knew her chance to finally take the form out for a spin was near.

“I was pretty excited,” she said, flashing a thumbs up. “Seeing the forecast, I knew we could make due.”

Lewis enlisted the help of her daughter, Shelby Lewis, and fellow igloo builder Aaron Deschane for the project. The group worked throughout Tuesday and finished the structure Wednesday. Lewis said the design differs slightly from the ones that are typically used on mountain hikes, but is still fully functional.

“When you’re in the mountains, you’ll build one on the ledge and come up underneath it into your igloo and then there are sleeping platforms inside,” she said, adding that the igloo they built Tuesday is just one floor.

She said igloo living is mostly no-frills. A winter sleeping bag and a candle are used for warmth but if built correctly, an igloo’s interior can reach 40 to 45 degrees without even the slightest sign of melting.

While her igloo was sleep-ready, Lewis said she wouldn’t be sleeping in this particular structure. However, it provided a good chance to practice with the tool and gave her an excuse to enjoy the historic Nebraska snowfall.

“This is basically a snowman that takes four to five hours to build and you could live in it if you wanted to,” she said.

Centennial student’s love of turtles leads to switch to paper straws

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It started with sea turtles.

Centennial fourth grader Macy Dishman saw sea turtles on a trip to South Padre Island, Texas, and fell in love with the creatures. There she also learned, though, that plastic straws could kill them.

“I love wildlife and the ocean,” she said. “I don’t want sea turtles to go extinct.”

The six species of sea turtles in the United States are protected under the Endangered Species Act. But Macy wanted to do something.

“If they go extinct, that’s a lot of chains, too,” she said.

She started considering paper straws to replace the plastic ones used at Centennial. Macy made an appointment with CES Principal Ken Booth to talk about her suggestion.

He considered it for about a week and thought it was a good idea.

“Macy was super responsible, set up a



Dishman

meeting with me and discussed her idea,” he said. “I was very impressed with it and talked to the kitchen and a few teachers. I then asked her to talk with the entire elementary and she prepared a speech. She did not even use her notes when she presented to the entire elementary school.”

Booth had Macy tell the elementary students about her idea during a morning assembly.

“I was nervous,” she said with a smile.

She told them how she got the idea and how they could help. **(continued on 3A)**

MHCS vaccinates 180 in 1B group



Gretchen Christenjaere, 102 of Seward, receives the first of two COVID-19 vaccines during the Memorial Healthcare Systems vaccine clinic Thursday, Jan. 28 at the Seward County Ag Pavilion.

by Greg Forbes
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When Memorial Healthcare Systems opened COVID-19 vaccinations to the 1B group last Thursday, 102-year-old Gretchen Christenjaere was one of the first in line.

Christenjaere, who was selected to receive the first round of the vaccine on Jan. 28, said the scene at the Seward County Ag Pavilion was eerily similar to a previous life experience nearly 60 years ago.

“I remember I stood in line at the Seward Armory to receive the polio vaccination in the

1960s,” she said. “That was also a scary pandemic, but I feel this one is a lot worse with it being a respiratory virus.”

Christenjaere added that she feels fortunate to receive the vaccine because of how dangerous it’s proven to be.

“I think it is a great thing for the Seward community to have this vaccination clinic,” she said. “It is a blessing the vaccine became available **(continued on 10A)**





Computer 7 students at Milford apply their knowledge in PowerPoint by creating an animated maze.

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Milford High adds tech options, updates

by Stephanie Croston
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For over a year, Milford teachers Shelly Mowinkel, Nick Restau and Liz Crabtree have been waiting.

The three teach business and math at Milford High School, and they had a vision. They wanted to upgrade the computer hardware and software to desktop systems, giving the students a more stable platform from which to work.

The trio started brainstorming 12 to 18 months ago, Mowinkel said. With the renovations to the high school building, they knew this would be a good time to upgrade.

“We’re so excited to see the direction and vision,” Mowinkel said.

Restau agreed.

“You can see it with the kids’ work. They know it’s good,” he said.

Money from an anonymous donor, who gave \$2.5 million to the school district in 2014, helped fund the new equipment.

“We were able to get our vision going,” Mowinkel said. “It wouldn’t have happened without the donation.”

The goal is to encourage student creativity and help make them workplace ready, she said.

Mowinkel said she has seen the benefit already in the kindergarten classroom, where the students are using iPads and parents are able to see their work through an app.

Mowinkel said using the Windows desktop has allowed students’ creativity to flourish. They use the Adobe Creative Suite for photos and graphics that are used on the district’s social media pages.

“They’re becoming comfortable and building on what they’re doing,” Mowinkel said.

Students have stepped up to the challenge and set their standards higher, she said.

Students are en-

couraged to use sites like Instagram, Google images and blog posts as starting points. They do a lot of brainstorming to come up with new ideas, and that helps them learn skills like problem solving, creativity and creative thinking.

Peers help their fellow students take their ideas up a notch, Mowinkel said.

“They change the way the class looks at a project,” she said.

Liz Crabtree, who teaches both business and math, said the new platform is giving students more opportunities to take certification tests in programs like Microsoft Word and Excel. They are able to practice on the PCs in the lab to hone those workplace ready skills.

“When companies look, they look for Microsoft skills. Certification puts them at the top of the list,” Crabtree said. “Certification proves they’re serious and successful.”

She’s beginning to add databases to the list of skills. Databases are harder to teach on Macs, she said.

“It’s important to understand how to work with data,” Crabtree said. “It’ll be a nice skill to have.”

Students are already comfortable on Macs because they’re used throughout the rest of the district, Mowinkel said. The desktop PCs have bigger screens and provide more opportunities for students to collaborate.

“They’re less frustrating for the students,” Crabtree said. “They’ve adjusted well.”

Nick Restau uses the new equipment in the shop where students run the Computer Numerical Control machines. He said the new equipment helps the shop run more efficiently.

“We can do more and not waste time,” he said. “The projects are more detailed and complex.”

When the district first bought the CNC

machines, students were leery about taking the classes. Now, however, interest has grown, mainly because of the increased options, he said.

Students also use laptops in the class, which allows them to be more mobile and work throughout the day, Restau said.

They’re also using the new space and technology for Striv. Students have created graphics for the Striv broadcasts.

“It’s been awesome,” Restau said.

Students have deconstructed some of the available templates and created new layers, he said. Students are always changing the layout to keep broadcasts fresh for viewers.

Mowinkel said Milford has set a high bar for its offerings.

“When you hear from the community, you know we are moving in the right direction,” she said.

“We wouldn’t be able to do this without the anonymous donor,” Restau said.

The Striv team has broadcast every home event this school year, from sporting events to concerts, Restau said.

“We wouldn’t have been able to do that without this,” he said. “Without this, we would have been scrambling.”

That area is also being used for Zoom speech competitions this year, Mowinkel said.

Students have also been able to use the upgraded technology for the robotics program. The new building space has room for the robots to run without disturbing other classes, Restau said.

Screenprinting has also benefited by the technology for graphic design. Students are able to use one laptop for all areas of the business and technology wing, which allows for more streamlined work, Restau said.

There were glitches, of course, Mowinkel

said, but using the PC desktops has eliminated them.

“Before it was patchwork,” Restau said.

The technology is expanding into the junior high, as well. Seventh graders take a technology class to introduce them to what’s available, and they get excited about it, Mowinkel said.

“I think it will continue to grow,” Restau said.

Mowinkel said having the three teachers in the same wing gives more chances to bounce ideas off each other and collaborate. Now, that is benefiting the students.

“It’s time better spent,” Restau said.

“We can see benefits across K-12,” Mowinkel said. “It’s helped work on our vision to better serve the students.”

The teachers agreed that the new technology and new space have helped push STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) education forward.

The challenge now is to keep moving forward.

“How can we be more innovative so the students are not stagnant,” Mowinkel said.

“It proves the need to have these experiences in the building,” Restau said. “It’s really cool, too.”

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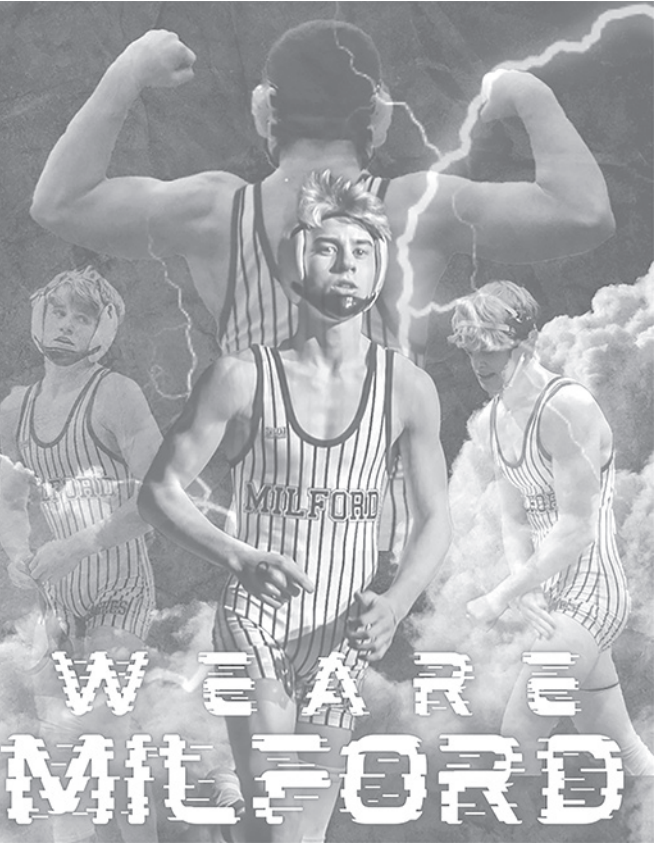
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Macy Stutzman of Milford passes the Microsoft Word exam.



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Snow removal

(continued from 1A) cer Bryce Johnson said the preparedness was reflected in the limited amount of traffic present during the storm. He said the department did have to respond to a number of accidents and stranded vehicles, but the total calls for service were close to that of a normal day.

“I’d like to give props to the public because they did heed the warning,” he said. “I’m a day shift officer and I see a lot of traffic every day, but that was not the case. I saw some people out in two-wheel drive cars getting stuck, but for the most part, the city was very responsive to the warnings.”

The Nebraska State Patrol reported a slightly different scene, particularly across Interstate 80 and other major roadways. A release issued by NSP said that troopers responded to more than 300 weather-related incidents on Monday, 28 of those being crashes.

The advanced storm warning allowed area schools to call off classes before snow started. Seward Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Josh Fields made the decision

Sunday night to cancel school Monday and again called school off for Tuesday on Monday night. He said it was an easy choice, as the snowfall totals would make it nearly impossible for school buses to travel safely on rural routes.

“We had known Monday that the road crews weren’t going to be able to go out on that Tuesday and since snow was falling on Monday night, they (rural roads) weren’t going to be anywhere close to done,” he said.

Seward schools operated under a late start Wednesday. Fields said buses were able to operate smoothly and transport students without incident.

Milford Public Schools Superintendent Kevin Wingard said the district, too, resumed classes Wednesday under a late start, but remaining snow on county roadways required an adjustment of transportation plans.

“The county cleared as much as they could and the majority of our routes were open and the ones that weren’t, the parents were great about getting kids to school,”

Wingard said. “Our bus drivers did great about not going down roads they shouldn’t.”

Both Wingard and Fields said the snow days will be treated as traditional snow days. Students were not expected to participate in any online learning and were just asked to be safe and enjoy the snow if possible.

“We built in four snow days and we’ve taken three of those so far. If we get into a situation down the road when we get well past the four days, we may look into an online learning day,” Fields said. “The board has always felt like we should stick to the thought that a snow day is a snow day.”

Wingard added that snow days are a classic part of being a student and the last two school years have shown the importance of a student’s positive relationship with school.

“For most people, snow days are fun,” he said. “Kids were out sledding and doing things on a snow day. This year, snow days are snow days.”



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Seward City dump trucks wait to unload full beds of snow during cleanup efforts from the Jan. 25 snowstorm.



GREG FORBES/SCI

A snow plow works to clear more than a foot of snow that piled on the Seward County Courthouse sidewalks following the Jan. 25 snowstorm.

Paper straws

(continued from 1) She said her parents, Gale and Dale, were very proud of her, and her brothers, Miles and Parker, were “super excited.”

It took about a week for the change to be complete. Plastic straws were replaced with paper, which doesn’t take as long to dissolve. Macy said milk, which the students drink through straws, doesn’t taste any different with paper.

Centennial goes through about

40,000 straws a year, Booth said. They cost about \$500 annually.

“This is a great idea/cause, and I want to support our students to have a voice and know that they can make a difference,” Booth said.

Up next for Macy is encouraging people in Utica to recycle more and clean up litter.

“I want to start in Utica,” she said, adding that she’d like to reach out to other places, too, but isn’t sure how. “I want to get more people to recycle.”



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Snow days should stay snow days

by Stephanie Croston
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Ah, snow days. Those bastions of unexpected freedom during the course of a school year. Those unforeseen opportunities to stay home, sleep late and in all other ways forget about the rigors of school. Those cherished times of creativity in building snow people, making snow angels, starting snowball fights. Those ... wait, what? We have to go to class?



Stephanie Croston
sports editor

That last is not how a snow day should be.

From the beginning of school (and I don't mean in August), snow days have been a sweet treat for students young and old. They're a chance to take a break, do fun things and not think about school.

The advent of online learning, however, has put snow days in jeopardy. While superintendents in our area have remained true to the spirit of snow days, some school districts haven't.

That doesn't seem fair – to the students or the teachers. Teachers look forward to snow days just as much as kids do, you know. They're a chance for them to spend time with their own kids, having fun in the snow or in the kitchen or in the living room. They're a chance to catch up on

grading papers, if the teacher chooses to do so, a chance to get some much-needed extra rest to recharge the batteries for the next day.

I know the temptation is real. It's easy to just say, "No, go ahead with the Zoom classroom like we did in the spring." "Plan for online learning, even though it's snowing two inches an hour. You don't have to go outside to teach/attend your class."

Just because you can doesn't mean you should.

When my dad was a principal in Kensington, Kansas, my siblings and I would beg for snow days. If there was even a hint of snow in the forecast, our argument was "You know, Dad, it could get bad. You don't want the students, who haven't been driving a long time and aren't used to driving in the snow, out driving in the snow and potentially wrecking their cars, do you?"

I know he didn't want that, but he just shook his head at us. We knew it was pointless to beg for a snow day, but we did anyway. I think it's in the bylaws for school administrators' kids, isn't it?

Anyway, snow days should remain snow days. Waking up in a panic at 9 a.m. when you know you should be in school and discovering you don't have to be in school is a great thing.

And looking out the window at the falling snowflakes and knowing you can just enjoy the day with no classes, no practices, no pressure is even better.

LB19 addresses public health issues

by Sen. Mark Kolterman
Dist. 24

As you may have heard, I, along with the other members of the Appropriations Committee, are in quarantine due to a COVID-19 exposure.

I have tested negative and I am symptom free, but it is important we all adhere to public health guidelines to fight this pandemic.

This year, I introduced LB19 on behalf of the Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art. LB19 is an extension of the effort the Health and Human Services Committee and the Legislature has taken over the past few years in updating the statutes that govern these professions.

LB19 updates the definition of manicuring to include the practice of performing on the natural fingernails of a person and provides a clear cut definition of the practice of pedicuring. Before LB19, the act of pedicuring fell under the definition of manicuring, but the practice was never itself defined.

LB19 also updates statutes regarding tattooing to align the definition with current industry standards and puts into statute language that will allow for temporary body art facilities and temporary body artists. This is important as it will allow for the state to host body art conventions at locations such as the Pinnacle Bank Arena or the CHI Health Center in Omaha.

The temporary body

art facility will be licensed and inspected by the department. The license is only valid for up to 72 hours and shall expire at the conclusion of the event. The temporary body artist license could allow the artist to offer services at the temporary body art facility or to be hosted in by a facility licensed as a traditional body art facility. An individual must be registered by the state before they can practice as a temporary body artist and the registration should only last for 14 consecutive days which can be renewed up to two times per calendar year.

During the hearing on LB19, the Health and Human Services Committee heard from multiple industry professionals who expressed the need for this legislation, particularly the need for statutes that would license natural nail procedures.

Since individuals do not have to be licensed to perform these services, it means these individuals providing these services do not have to have minimum competency and do not have to adhere to disinfectant regulations, equipment regulations and general safety regulations as that licensed nail technicians must meet.

Since these individuals providing unlicensed services do not have to meet minimum competency standards and disinfectant standards, this puts our citizens at risk. By using tools that could be unclean, our citizens are at risk of

contracting mycobacterium fortuitum or even MRSA, an antibiotic resistant staph infection that can lead to severe scarring, amputation and even death.

Unfortunately, there have been multiple lawsuits that have been brought to my attention relating to incidents due to unlicensed individuals providing these types of services that have resulted in harm to the customer. Similar legislation I introduced in 2019 was vetoed last year by the governor after 30 of my colleagues supported this effort to update our statutes.

Because this bill improves public health, while lessening barriers to enter the profession, I am willing and able to work with opponents of the bill and the members of the Health and Human Services Committee to move this important legislation forward.

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 and the office phone number is (402) 471-2756.

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Letter to the editor

What's in a name?

I read with interest the front page article concerning the mask mandate in the Wednesday, Jan. 13, issue of the Seward County Independent. What caught my attention was not the mask mandate extension but rather the naming of the new variant of the COVID-19 as the U.K. Virus, because it was first found in the United Kingdom.

Wow. I thought we weren't supposed to label COVID-19 as the Chinese or Wuhan virus, not because it wasn't first discovered or didn't originate from there, but for other reasons that evidently don't apply to the countries comprising the United

Kingdom. We had the Spanish influenza epidemic and the Hong Kong flu and now the U.K. Virus.

But somehow China is exempt from that kind of nomenclature, but persons who have used that term of description are not exempt from cultural criticism. I suppose many people can think of many reasons for the exemption, however I'll simply state one opinion expressed by some. While the U.S. imports large amounts of Scotch whiskey and vehicles from England, we are vitally dependent, especially old timers like myself, on the many important pharmaceuticals we receive from China.

Whiskey and English cars are individ-

ually not that important and combined quite detrimental to our American way of living. But legal drugs from China are extremely important for helping to keep the American way of living on the healthy and healing side for both young and old.

I'm sure there are other reasons for this dissimilarity of virus descriptive wording that others can better elucidate. Perhaps, though, American politicians aren't worried as much about the growl of an English lion or the swish of a Scottish kilt as about the fire-breathing aspects of a red dragon sidling out of his lair.

John Garske
Seward



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Webinar to look at traceability policy

A Nebraska Extension webinar, at noon Thursday, Feb. 4, will look at the amount that livestock producers are willing to pay for traceability programs. The Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has recently closed its comment period on a potential new policy on animal identification and traceability. The webinar will review this policy, how it impacts producers, how much buyers are willing to pay and how much sellers require to be compensated for a voluntary traceability program. Presenters will include Elliott Dennis, assistant professor of

livestock marketing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; James Mitchell, assistant professor of livestock marketing and management, University of Arkansas; and Brian Vander Ley, assistant professor and veterinary epidemiologist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Extension Farm and Ranch Management team is based in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Department of Agricultural Economics. Webinars in the series are hosted every Thursday at noon and aim to assist producers and other agricultural professionals in their decision-making. Registration is free at farm.unl.edu/webinars.

State park booking window opens now

Guests can now make camping reservations up to 180 days in advance of arrival for stays at Nebraska state park and recreation areas. Guests will be able to book stays for a maximum of 14 days and will have the ability to make multiple reservations for eligible sites and dates. There is no change to the cabin and lodge room reservation booking window. It remains at a year to date. In addition to reservable campsites, first-come, first-served campsites are available year-round at all park locations. The 180-day booking window was determined based on current public health conditions and takes into account statewide and nationwide reservation trends and public input. This new reservation window will be evaluated throughout 2021 and may be adjusted in the future. Adjustments because of COVID-19 previously had limited the reser-

vation booking window in an effort to increase camping opportunities and satisfy the increased demand for outdoor recreation that resulted from the novel disease. “We appreciate the public’s understanding of that action, and we feel rewarded in knowing that the parks are recognized as important and favored destinations,” said Parks Division Administrator Jim Swenson. Reservations are accepted online at nebraskastateparks.reserveamerica.com and by phone at (402) 471-1414, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Park entry permits are required and can be purchased online. Guests looking to make reservations are reminded that Nebraska state park areas will be celebrating their 100th year in 2021, and should look for events and activities that may be scheduled in conjunction with their scheduled visit.

Tax season opportunity to support wildlife conservation

Nebraskans receiving an income tax refund this year have an opportunity to support wildlife and habitat conservation. On Line 46 of the Nebraska state income tax form, 1040N, individuals may donate \$1 or more of their tax refund to the Nebraska Wildlife Conservation Fund, which helps thousands of species in Nebraska, particularly those that are rare, endangered or threatened. Tax refund donations have benefited many species over the years, including the river otter, swift fox, peregrine falcon, bald eagle, songbirds and at-risk pollinators like monarch

butterflies and bumble bees. Donations are used to maintain and improve habitat for these and many other fish and wildlife species, as well as to provide wildlife viewing and other educational opportunities for Nebraskans. Additional information is available at NebraskaWildlifeFund.org. For taxpayers not entitled to a state tax refund, contributions can be made at NebraskaWildlifeFund.org or by mail to: Nebraska Wildlife Conservation Fund, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, 2200 N. 33rd St., Lincoln, NE 68503.



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Triple E Equine was founded by Emily Shook during her time at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Pictured from left, are Hanah Eberspacher, Emily Shook and Sarah Eberspacher.

Beaver Crossing-based equine business to be featured on Women in Ag webcast

“Open for Business: A Nebraska Women in Agripreneurship Series” will feature Triple E Equine, a family-owned and -operated business near Beaver Crossing, during its next live webcast on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. Produced by Nebraska Women in Agriculture, the monthly webcast series highlights the entrepreneurial spirit of women in agribusiness from across the state, offering creative insights and the stories behind what it takes to build a business. The conversations focus on surviving business shocks such as disasters, regulatory changes and shifting family dynamics. Featured business leaders are interviewed by Brittany Fulton, Extension Assistant with the Nebraska Women in Agriculture program.

Triple E Equine is owned by Emily Shook and her sisters, Hanah and Sarah Eberspacher. They have grown up loving, owning and showing horses locally and nationally in the AQHA, APHA, PtHA and NSBA associations. As the fourth generation to live on the family’s farm, they have decided to incorporate their hobby by diversifying the farming operations to include a horse motel. On May 11, 2014, the family farm suffered significant damage from an EF3 tornado, which destroyed the horse barn and indoor arena. Because of this tragic event, they decided to move in a new direction. When the family rebuilt the barn and arena, they also added an attached bunkhouse, which can be used as lodging for travelers.

Shook created Triple E Equine during college through the Engler Entrepreneurship program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The three sisters were natural business partners and they officially launched their business in 2016 to meet the needs of both travelers and their horses. They also offer indoor and outdoor horse boarding, as well as horses for sale. The webcast is free to attend but registration is required. Visit the Nebraska Women in Agriculture program website, wia.unl.edu, to register. Nebraska Women in Agriculture is a program of Nebraska Extension. For 35 years, it has been dedicated to providing unbiased, research-based risk management education for female agricultural professionals in Nebraska.

Bill to assist meat processors, livestock producers introduced in legislature

Brandt bill would create Independent Processor Assistance Program

Ag leaders across the state are applauding the introduction of a bill in the Nebraska Legislature that would help local processors expand their capacity, create new markets for small livestock producers, and give consumers more options. Legislative Bill 324, introduced by Sen. Tom Brandt, District 32, would create the Independent Processor Assistance Program, which provides a roadmap for increasing local processing capacity and expanding market access for small producers. It would also make it easier for the consumer to purchase individual packages of meat directly from the producer or processor and allow the producer and consumer more flexibility when deciding where their meat is processed. Brandt said the bill would provide much needed support for producers, processors and consumers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. “In Nebraska, there are limited marketing opportunities for small scale livestock producers,” Brandt said. “The herd share program was successfully implemented in Wyoming last year in response to the effects of COVID-19 for the benefit of producers and consumers. This legislation would enable Nebraska consumers to buy high-quality Nebraska meat. When grocery store shelves are empty, this is a great alternative.” Johnathan Hladik, policy director for the Center for Rural Affairs, thanked Brandt for taking this important step in addressing disruptions to the state’s food supply caused by the pandemic. “Outbreaks have impeded work at many regional packing plants. When these plants pause, large-scale beef and pork producers turn to local processors to fill the void,” he said. “This has created a debilitating bottleneck at every local meat locker in the state. They simply do not have

the space or equipment to keep up with demand. This has left the family farms in our growing direct sales industry without a crucial partner.” Al Juhnke, executive director of the Nebraska Pork Producers Association, is also appreciative of Brandt’s efforts. “Our farmers are supportive of ways to enhance the capacity of our local meat processors to provide safe products to their community customers,” Juhnke said. “Sen. Brandt’s bill proposes a creative path to do just this.” Local processors, like Mike Boell, owner of the Oakland Meat Processing Plant, play a fundamental role in a small livestock producer’s business plan. Producers sell their product directly to the consumer and view local processors as a trusted partner. Before this year, a typical producer scheduled locker dates four to six weeks in advance. Now, the wait time is 20 to 24 months. This means reservations must be made more than one year before the animal is even born. “Like many local processors, we have seen a significant growth in demand for our services,” Boell said. “Right now, regulatory and financial barriers are making it difficult for businesses like ours to take full advantage of this opportunity. This bill is a step in the right direction and we think it deserves support from the Legislature.” Al Davis, director of the Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska, said the bill is a winner for both consumers and producers. “For producers, the bill opens a marketing opportunity to complete the pasture-to-plate chain which will give them the opportunity to retain a much larger share of the retail dollar,” he said. “For consumers, the bill permits them to purchase fresh, delicious Nebraska-raised beef often from people they know personally. In addition there is potential for economic development opportunities across Nebraska which wouldn’t exist under existing statutory regulations.” A hearing on the bill will be held by the Agriculture Committee.



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Dorchester farm administrator sheds light on crop insurance

Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for many farmers and ranchers. Organic operations, like the one Dorchester farm administrator Logan Sheets works on, have their own unique risks and crop insurance options to consider.



Logan Sheets

Sheets is the farm administrator for a 100% organic operation, producing food- and feed-grade corn and soybeans, along with yellow peas and alfalfa. Among his duties is managing the crop insurance, and Sheets recently attended a multi-day training on federal Multi-Peril Crop Insurance alongside a number of agents to better understand the options available.

“It’s a lot to handle because you walk in once a year and try to understand what’s going on, so we said, ‘This needs to change. We need to have a better idea of how we’re actually going to look at our risk management,’” Sheets said.

Sheets is among a group of farmers and insurance agents featured in a new educational guide developed by the Center for Rural Affairs.

“Conversations from the Field: Crop Insurance for Organic Operations” sheds light on the crop insurance process and options available for organic production.

While crop insurance options for organic have expanded considerably in the past decade, a sizable percentage of organic crops still go uninsured, and beneficial options underused. Topics covered include insuring the higher value of organic crops using contract prices, the claims process, prevented planting, the crop insurance timeline over a given year and advice for finding an agent.

Farm legal, financial issues covered in clinics

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend upcoming free clinics covering legal and financial issues, sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Legal Aid of Nebraska.

The clinics are one-on-one, not group sessions, and are confidential. It offers participants an opportunity to meet with experienced ag law attorneys and farm financial counselors with questions covering farm business planning, loan programs, borrower’s rights, beginning farmer programs, debtor/cred-

itor law, succession and estates and more.

For the time being, the clinics are being conducted as conference calls or as Zoom meetings, making it possible to attend a clinic from any location in the state. In-person clinics are expected to resume in the near future, at which time locations will be announced.

The February farm finance clinic dates are every Wednesday during the month. To sign up or for more information, contact Michelle at the Nebraska Rural Response Hotline at 1-800-464-0258.

UNL Extension holds odor footprint webinar

by Hope Moural
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Members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension held a webinar via Zoom on Jan. 21, featuring a recent livestock nuisance litigation in Lancaster County and a tool developed by faculty to assess odor footprints.

Dave Aiken, an agricultural law and water specialist, reviewed the case that was presented in the Nebraska Supreme Court, known as Egan vs. Lancaster County, regarding an application for a few chicken barns to be built on a producer’s land as contracted with Lincoln Premium Poultry in an agricultural district.

A neighbor living just over half a mile away appealed to the action, claiming the odor would “damage her property,” among other reasons like hurting property value.

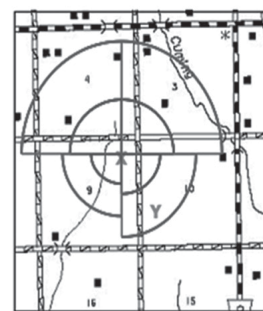
The resident used statements from surrounding neighbors that were quickly contradicted via testimony from Lancaster County Department officials.

According to a press release, “The Nebraska Supreme Court affirmed the rulings of lower courts that a county zoning permit for three poultry barns was justified, in part, because neighbors of the facility would be free of odor 94% of the time.”

The odor footprint tool was expanded upon by Rick Stowell, an animal environmental specialist of the university, and came into play during this particular court case.

“The Odor Footprint Tool was developed by UNL’s Biological Systems Engineering Department to increase the use of objective, sci-

Common Use for Setback Distances:
Improved Siting of Livestock Facilities



No residences within 94% annoyance-free setbacks
Four or five within 98% annoyance-free setbacks
Seems site Y may have advantage.

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Shown above is one part of the footprint odor tool that maps out a radius of fragrances at different setback distances.

ence-based information in decision-making related to livestock odor and setback distances,” a press release said.

Stowell defined odor risk, what the tool measures, as a “projected percentage of hours over an extended period of time that an odor may exist at annoying levels.”

Aiken then took back over to sum up the court case, which ruled 7-0 that Lancaster County had considered public welfare and health and the permit was granted.

“Until we had something like the footprint tool, most of the info was very subjective,” Aiken said. “The big advantage (of the tool) is that it does provide some merit/indication on odor annoyances (percentage-wise). It gives judges and court something more than a ballpark estimate.”

State Sen. Brandt proposes bill to establish statewide farm-to-school food program

Nebraska Sen. Tom Brandt of Plymouth introduced a bill in the Nebraska Legislature on Jan. 14 that would establish farm-to-school programs statewide as part of the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Nebraska Farm-to-School Program Act would connect local farms to schools to provide the children with fresh and minimally processed foods. The bill would also present a new opportunity for local farmers to sell their products.

“It opens up another sales point at the largest restaurant in the state of Nebraska, our school cafeterias,” Brandt said.

Most of the schools, especially in rural areas, are fully supported by local property tax, Brandt said. A portion of the money is used to buy food from other states.

The farm-to-school programs would support local farms by having the money stay within the local economy. It’s an economic development initiative for rural Nebraska, Brandt said.

He said another benefit of the program might be that farmers can diversify what they produce. Schools would also

have access to locally grown high-quality food to improve children’s nutrition.

Nebraska is a leader in meats, dry beans, corn and soybeans. However, farmers in Nebraska also grow a variety of fruits, vegetables and other produce, Brandt said.

A farm-to-school program coordinator would establish a database of all local farmers involved in the program and their products available to schools. The coordinator would also be responsible for informing all 244 public school districts and the state’s private schools about the opportunity to buy healthy food from local farmers.

Alex McKiernan, owner of Robinette Farm in Martell, has been involved with planning the Farm-to-School Program Act since the early stages of its development. He said a program

coordinator would help foster relationships between farmers and schools.

“We’ve tried to reach out to schools and get more involvement from schools with small local farms, but it is a challenge to make that relationship work,” McKiernan said.

Brandt said that the cost of establishing the position would be many times paid back.

Farm-to-school programs already exist in Nebraska. The Nebraska Farm Bureau has a program called Ag in the Classroom that connects urban elementary students with penpals who are adults in agriculture. Another example is the Greenhouse-to-Cafeteria Program through the Center for Rural Affairs. Many schools also have Future Farmers of America chapters. However, many schools do not have any form of

agricultural education.

Half of the state’s goods produced come from agriculture, yet there is very little education in schools associated with agriculture, McKiernan said.

The bill’s second component is intended to promote agricultural education in primary, secondary and private schools.

The program would include learning opportunities such as farm visits, cooking demonstrations, school gardening and composting programs, and activities that integrate nutrition and agricultural education into the school curriculum.

“We need to create a passion in our young people for agriculture. We desperately need workers out here. There are so many opportunities in agriculture, in the state of Nebraska,” Brandt said.



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Hermsmeier to celebrate 100 years

Evelyn (Stirba) Hermsmeier Rahe of Wilber will celebrate her 100th birthday this month.

She was born Feb. 22, 1921.

She has one son, Gary (Helen) Hermsmeier.

To celebrate, her family is requesting a card shower. Cards may be sent to Rahe at the Wilber Care Center, 611 N. Main Street, Wilber,



Evelyn Hermsmeier
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Students

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 Foster, 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 Lautzenhiser 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*

Seward High releases honors list

Seward High School recently released its honor roll for the second term of the 2020-21 school year. Those on the honor roll earned grade point averages of 3.5 and higher with no Cs and no U or N for citizenship.

Students recognized are:

Freshmen—Dalaney Anderson, Hannah Bierbaum, Jaxson Bierman, Emme Brauer, Avery Briggs, Caden Brooks, Katelynn Butzke, Kenyon Caldwell, Gabriel Cepek, Ethan Clodfeller, Emily Coffin, Coral Collins, Kameron Dyer, Easton Else, Alexander Foulk, MaKenna Greene, Krystyn Harris, Lovey Hibbert, Finn Hochstein, Taylor Hostert, Evett Howe, Jaina Johnson, Maryn Johnson, Nicole Kenney, Breken Kocian, Derek Kouma, Madison Kramer, Libby Kratochvil, Riley Kreutz, Rachel Kuss, Kohltyn Lindau, Julia Metschke, Sjoen Munk, Addison Opfer, Kyle Peery, Adeline Izzie Peetz, Joshua Ringler, Kretyn Roth, Matthew Schultz, Brooklyn Stanek, Joslin Stockwell, Katelyn Svoboda, Matthew Wegman and Jordan Yates;

Sophomores—Eli Adams, Natalie Axt, Madelyn Bales, Darrionna Blackwell, Jenna Blersch, Lyssac Bowens, Tanner Bye, Broden Cihal, Justin Cole, Cadance Craig, Jacob DeGroot, Audrey Dobesh, Morgan Dobrusky, Madison Dominy, Derek Erickson, Andrew Frazey, Kar-nie Gottschalk, Sophia Heaston,

Nolan Hill, Braden Hiser, Elijah Hiser, Ainsley Hotovy, Mckenna Kisela, Ellen Klintworth, Ava Krahulik, Keira Llitteras, Kayla Loos, Andres Lopez, Emma Lowther, Tandee Masco, Olivia McMann, Tanya Miller, Kaylie Nelson, Dominique Newton, Gabrielle Hannah Peetz, Emilie Porter, Raquel Ramirez, Grace Roberts, Nathan Roebke, Rachel Runyan, Austin Schroeder, Eden Schulz, Luke Seevers, Gage Smith Voshell, Tanner Todd, Sophia Turek, Isabelle VanBeek, Makenzie Vandenberg, Olivia Volzke, Victoria Wang, Luke Wegman and Eliannah Wunderlich;

Juniors—Emma Bales, Keegan Beisel, Hannah Benedict, Jordan Biggs, Michaela Broadwell, Abigail Brose, Miranda Brumley, Remi Christensen, Jordyn Collins, Audrie Davis, Sabit Duol, Maddox Else, Alyshia Ernesti, Cevahn Ernesti, Jayden Fernau, Ian Fiala, Christian Fields, Ethan Galusha, Bethany Gebhardt, Claire Geidel, Ella Gray, Jakob Gray, Ellie Greisen, Megan Hague, Parker Hammond, Nathan Hochstein, Callie Homp, Olivia Hughes, Joshua Jurchen, Natalie Keller, Ava King, Owen Krahulik, Drew Kratochvil, Reid Marker, Andrew Marshall, Samuel Matthias, Justin Matulka, Nicholas McCormick, Brooke Meyer, Nathan Nottingham, Katie O'Kief, Alexis Pallat, Lauryn Parra, Michael Peery, Bryce Pis-

korski, Sarita Richards, Owen Sackschewsky, Ellissa Sagehorn, Traetyn Schaefer, Samuel Schroeder, Kate Shafer, Karla Sierra Mendoza, Myka Smith, Jeanna Snyder, Gracen Sommerer, Isaac Spotanski, Eric Strole, Raelynn Sugden, Jackson Trost, Abigail Van Engelenhoven, Kimahri Vega-Nipp, Madalyn Viger, Jack Wall, Audrey Wang, Collin Warren, Abigail Wignall, Ethan Wilkinson, Isabelle Wohlford and Emily Yelden; and

Seniors—Braden Adams, Andrew Alley, Michael Bader, Latoya Bauman, Olivia Benes, Franklin Broadwell, Brenna Cihal, Ashton Conner, Ella Davis-Schmit, Hailie Deeble, Trey Dickey, Kylie Edgington, Kylie Gardiner, Elizabeth Gokie, Emily Gokie, Carissa Gottschalk, Cole Gray, Allysen Gross, Faith Hampl, Hannah Helmer, Anna Hughes, Samantha Hughes, Claire Kerkman, Haley Kimbrough, Bailey Kocian, Hannah Kolterman-Wagner, Emma Kuss, Mason Larson, Samantha Liska, Jake Luebbe, Elizabeth Mavis, Nathan Miller, Landon Nelson, Taylor Nitzsche, Hunter Novacek, Claire Novak, Kaitlyn Porter, Emilee Rech, Abbey Ringler, Hannah Roebke, Samantha Rojewski, Cortney Stava, Bailey Suchy, Saleena Tumpach, Heidi van der Heijden, Tayden Vandenberg and David Weigle.

“Choose Optimism” Feb. 4 with club

The Seward Optimist Club invites members of the community to “Choose Optimism” and celebrate Optimist Day on Thursday, Feb. 4, with Optimists and communities from around the globe.

With the global pandemic continuing to affect the lives of people around the world, Optimists are choosing Optimism.

“Now more than ever, we recognize the need to choose optimism,” Optimist Club President Morgan Kozisek said. “Our number one priority is helping youth be all they can be in our community.”

Optimist members continue to find optimism by reciting the Optimist Creed. The Creed is nearly a century old but holds great importance. It is a promise that one makes to themselves to be

so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind; to talk health, happiness and prosperity to everyone you meet; and to press on to the greater achievements of the future, among other things.

The Optimist Club of Seward has been supporting local youth since its charter date of Nov. 30, 1989. Some of the programs and service projects the Seward Optimist Club has been involved in include the annual Seward's Fourth of July Freedom Run, Beautify Bemis Park, midget football concession stand, Pitch Hit and Run, Home Run Derby, Optimist International Oratorical and Essay contests, Sixpence, Plum Creek Literary Festival, hosts for melodrama, Valentines For Backpacks, Adopt a Highway and Movie Day to name a few.

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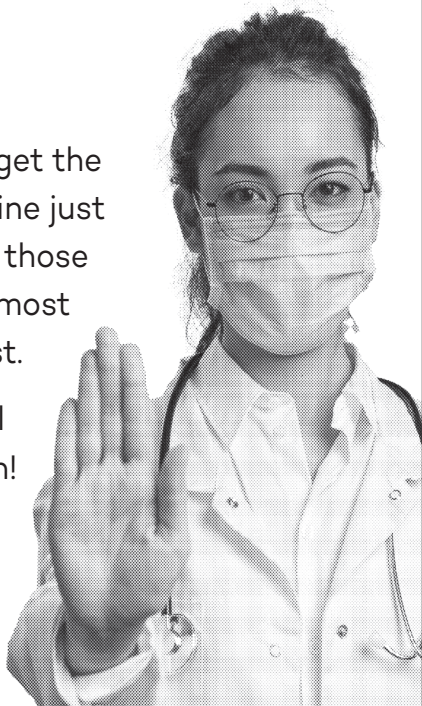
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A special thanks to Seward Memorial Hospital (Dr. Jason Summa and nurse Erin) and Bryan Medical Center East (granddaughter Jordan and Alex Wambold).

To Pastor David from Beth-El, Milford, and Lori Johnson.

To Brad and Jill Purdue for helping us through this difficult time.

Memorials will be divided between My Bridge Radio and the Pregnancy Center of Lincoln.

Everyone's kindness and generosity are sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.

The family of Shirley Stauffer

Area native pens pages on Nebraska politics

by Stephanie Croston
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Part memoir, part journalism, Ross Benes's new book is all Nebraska. Benes is a graduate of East Butler High School in Brainard and earned a degree in economics, psychology and journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2013.

His book, "Rural Rebellion: How Nebraska Became a Republican Stronghold," chronicles Nebraska's political leanings, as well as his own.

"When I was born, Nebraska had two Democratic senators and a Democratic governor," he said Jan. 20. "Now that's crazy to think of."

Part of what he wanted to do was show how views of political parties differ between Brainard, where he grew up, and New York City, where he now lives.

"The divide between urban and rural is really great," he said. "It has a huge effect on the country."

Some people struggle to understand others because the country is so divided.

"If they have a different opinion, it doesn't mean their harsh or stupid," he said. "It's different conclusions, reinforced based on our community."

Benes has gone from Brainard, a town of about 300 people, to Lincoln to Detroit to New York City.

"I could've ended in any city," he said.

During his time at UNL, he was part of the advanced reporting class that spent two weeks working at the Seward County Independent.

He's lived in New York since 2014. He's completed internships in Detroit, with Esquire Magazine and more.

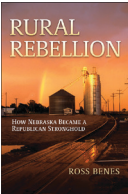
He chose to go with a book format for "Rural Rebellion" because it gave him space to say what he wanted to say.

"I had a lot to say about a bunch of issues," he said, listing abortion, immigration and health care among them.

He wanted to show how viewpoints changed and how big events, like the Affordable Care Act, for example, impacted Nebraska and himself.

"Some is imperceptible," he said. "You don't realize the gradients. You don't realize it in the moment."

Writing this book made him think about what he believed, he said. Looking at social media, where he's still friends with people he grew up with, reminds him of the view in Brainard.



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East Butler High School graduate Ross Benes recently released "Rural Rebellion," a look into Nebraska's political leanings and his own.

It's not necessarily his now.

"After a few years away from home, I knew I had changed," he said.

Because this book is part memoir, one of the challenges was knowing when to include his personal stories and when to stick with the facts and research.

"With some it's easier to talk in first person, like health care," Benes said. "The Unicameral is hard to personalize."

He also had to narrow down his topics. The 256-page book is about 80,000 words, and Benes said he had to cut out parts to hit that number.

"I could've turned in more to cover everything," he said. "It was a challenge."

He said he felt the book was necessary because of the time in which we live. But it wasn't fun to write, he said.

"It's not that enjoyable to write about Nebraska politics," he said.

Benes writes books in his spare time. This is his third offering. The first two, "Turned On," published in 2018, and "Sex Weird-o-pedia," published in 2019, are about sex.

He said he's been working on a book about professional wrestling, which was more fun, and may try to get back to it in the future.

Benes also has a full time job with eMarketer as an analyst who writes "long reports on advertising spending."

"Rural Rebellion" was published by University Press of Kansas and is available there and at other online booksellers.

GFWC Seward Women's Club to host raffle, luncheon

The GFWC Seward Woman's Club will prepare the luncheon and host the big winners in the GFWC Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs Inc. raffle/fundraiser "Lunch with the Author."

The winner will receive lunch for two with Joe Starita of Lincoln, author of "I Am A Man," the story of Standing Bear, and "A Warrior of the People" featuring the story of Dr. Susan LaFlesche. The raffle winner will also win copies of each novel as well.

The drawing will be held in April at the

State GFWC NFWC State Convention. All proceeds of the raffle will assist in funding the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Hospital/Museum in Walthill.

Tickets can be purchased at Chapter's Books and Gifts in Seward, Liberty House Bed and Breakfast in Seward and at the Seward Civic Center, as well as other sites across Nebraska.

Tickets may also be purchased from members of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club and the GFWC NFWC clubs across the state. Tickets are open to ev-

eryone, not just GFWC NFWC Club members. You do not need to be present to win the luncheon date with author Joe Starita.

The luncheon date will be arranged and hosted by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club members at the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Avenue, in Seward.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact project chair Jean Kolterman, 1059 Plainview Ave., Seward, phone (402) 643-3803 or email her at dko5811@windstream.org.

AREA CHURCHES

Calvary Baptist Church

208 E. Bek Ave. • Seward • 402-643-3575
www.cbcseward.com
Pastor Timothy A. Ruegg
Sunday School (all ages).....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

1422 Kolterman Ave. • Seward • 402-643-5802
www.sewardchurchofchrist.com
Pastor: Dr. Mike Case
Sunday Worship9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible StudySmall groups

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1245 N. 2nd St. • Seward • 402-643-6116
www.faithseward.org
Pastor Greg Gabriel
Currently worshipping online only. Watch our Facebook page for worship opportunities.
Sunday Worship (online)9:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2668 Hwy 6 (1 mile west of Milford) • 402-761-3146
www.goodshepherd-milford.org
Pastor Steve Stork
Sunday Adult Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study.....Thurs. 8:30 a.m.
Kids' Bible Classes, Pre-K through 6th grade (during school year)Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class (during school year)Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

746 Pinewood Ave. • Seward • 402-643-4131
www.graceseward.org
Pastor Mark A. Haefner
Sunday Bible Class8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Fellowship9:45 a.m.

Great Plains Community Church

1155 May St. • Goehner • 402-730-2594
Pastor Galen Skinner
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night, Adult Bible Studies, Children and Teen Activities7:00 p.m.

Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

2433 Progressive Road • Seward • 402-643-2316
Senior Pastor Curt Coddington
Administrative Pastor Brant Taylor
Associate Pastor Brad Johnson
Worship Pastor Kyle Soffin
Youth Pastor Zach Mulvihill
Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Children and Teen Activities6:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS)

1042 May St. • Goehner • 816-308-7859
Pastor James Dahlke
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Following Worship

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church

201 S. 11th St. • Seward • 402-641-3494
Pastor Timothy Daywitt
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Worship7:00 p.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church (LCMC)

1300 W. Hillcrest Drive • Seward • 402-643-6445
www.livingwordseward.org
Pastor Scott Krohn
Saturday Worship (1st & 3rd Sat.)5:30 p.m.
Relaxed Worship
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Traditional; Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Words on Wednesday (WOW)6:30 p.m.
Varied activities by age, from youth to adults

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

Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church (AALC)

Partner in ministry with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
252 N. 6th St. • Seward • 402-953-FORT (3678)
www.mightyfortress.us • Like us on Facebook
Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS)

3.5 miles west of Staplehurst • 402-535-2625
Pastor Shawn Kitzing
Worship (church in the country)9:00 a.m.
Sunday School (school in Staplehurst)10:30 a.m.
Bible Class (school in Staplehurst)10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

401 Dimery • Beaver Crossing • 402-532-2545
Msgr. Mark Huber
Saturday Mass5:00 p.m.
Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri. Mass8:00 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass

Seward United Methodist Church

1400 N. 5th St. • Seward • 402-643-4156
Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty, Lead Pastor
Rev. JoEllen Axthelm, Associate Pastor
Sunday Traditional Worship (in person and online)8:00 a.m.
Sunday Small Groups9:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Worship (in person and online)10:30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

6th & Hillcrest • Seward • 402-643-3829
Rev. Pam Williams
Currently worshipping online only. Watch our Facebook page for worship opportunities.
Sunday Worship (online)10:30 a.m.
Clergy office hrs.Wed. by appt.

St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)

919 N. Columbia Ave. • Seward • 402-643-2983
www.stjohnseward.org
Pastor Scott Bruick • Pastor Andy Schermbeck
Pastor David Rempfer
Saturday Worship5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Education Hour10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

200 Paris St. • Cordova • 402-576-3211
Pastor Brian Tuma
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Bible Study10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

110 3rd St. • Utica • 402-532-2545
Msgr. Mark Huber
Sunday Mass9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mass7:00 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1100 'D' St. • Utica • 402-534-2200
Pastor Jon Dunbar
Pastor of Visitation: Pastor Richard Gudgel
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study10:15 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

152 Pinewood Ave. • Seward • 402-643-3421
www.stvincentseward.org / See our FB page
Msgr. Robert Tucker
Saturday Evening Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before each Mass

The Rock (LCMS)

237 S. 3rd St. • Seward • 402-643-6624
therockseward.org • info@therockseward.org
Pastor Michael Meyer
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

370 Fourth St. • Garland • 402-588-2229
Zionlcms@revdobb.com
Pastor David Dobbertien
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.

Happenings

FEBRUARY, MARCH

Art show solicits entries

Seward County students in grades K-12 are encouraged to enter their artwork in the Annual Art Show sponsored by the Seward Junior Women's Club and the Seward Women's Club.

Official rules and entry forms are available at the Seward Library. Kindergarten through eighth grade may enter one piece of artwork, while ninth through 12th grade may enter one piece per medium. Entries will be picked up at the local schools on Feb. 9. All home entries may be dropped off at the Seward Civic Center by noon on Feb. 9. Winners will be contacted by mail.

Artwork will be on display at the Seward Civic Center from Feb. 15 through March 25. For questions, contact Kitty Vacha at kittyvacha@gmail.com. Awards will be done through a virtual presentation.

FEBRUARY 4

Mid-Week Movies return to SML

Seward Memorial Library will host Mid-Week Movies again. Come to the library on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. to watch a feature film on the big screen in the lower level. Masks will be required. For specific titles and questions, call the library at (402) 643-3318.

Library plans after-school movies

During February and March, Seward Memorial Library will host Afterschool Movies on Thursdays for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Children must register to attend the movie. Masks are required. No snacks will be provided during the movie. Seating is limited. Titles will be online as well as the length of the movie. All movies begin at 3:45 p.m. Register at www.sewardlibrary.org/after-school. The first movie will be shown on Feb. 4.

FEBRUARY 9

Check out SML's Pop-Up Programs

Seward Memorial Library will host Pop-Up Programs on Tuesday afternoons, starting Feb. 2, during February and March. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to join the staff at the library for this new 45-minute program which begins at 3:45 p.m. Movement, crafts, games, book sneak peek reviews and more activities are being planned. Masks are required and there will be no snacks. The class is limited to 15 children and registration is required. Visit www.sewardlibrary.org/after-school to register.

FEBRUARY 18

Celebration committee sets next meeting

The monthly meeting of the Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street, in Seward in the West Fireplace room. The meeting is to plan and organize the 2021 Fourth of July Celebration and select honorees and committee chair. Volunteers are welcome and the meeting is open to the public.

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

FEBRUARY 22

Rotary sponsors free movie

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

MARCH

Statehood celebration canceled

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

MARCH 26

Save the date and study up - RESCHEDULED

The 11th annual PTL Trivia Night has been moved to Friday, March 26, at the Seward County Ag Pavilion. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and trivia starts at 7:15 p.m. The team with the most correct trivia answers wins \$400; second place wins \$200. All proceeds will benefit the children of St. John. Cost is \$200 per table of eight players, and must be paid in advance. You may register your team at http://www.tinyurl.com/stjohntrivia. The event will follow public gathering guidelines from Four Corners Health Department. Participants will be asked to wear masks. For more information, email stjohntrivia@gmail.com or call Michelle Meyer at (402) 219-3008. Also, contact Meyer to be a corporate or memorial sponsor for a team or trivia round.

THURSDAYS

Family history questions? Society can help

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

TOPS meets weekly

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

Watch out for kids playing in the snow.

Obituaries

Gerald “Moose” L. Dankers

Feb. 3, 1948 – Jan. 29, 2021

Gerald “Moose” Lee Dankers was born Feb. 3, 1948, in Lincoln, to Elmer William and LaVerne Wilhelmina (Hasse) Dankers and passed away Jan. 29, 2021, in Lincoln, at the age of 72 years, 11 months and 26 days.



Moose grew up on the family farm near Pleasant Dale and attended school in Pleasant Dale/Milford. He began working at Earl Carter Lumber Yard shortly after school and continued to work there for 20+ years. He then returned to farming with his brother, Harlan, until 2018 when he was injured in an accident and was forced to retire. Moose enjoyed riding his four-wheeler to visit with neighbors, family and friends. He had a gift to gab and loved to help anyone in need. Moose was one of the strongest and toughest men around. He enjoyed spending time with his nephews, watching Husker football and he hardly ever missed an episode of “The Price Is Right” or “Wheel of Fortune.” Moose was a lifelong member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he was baptized, confirmed and served as an usher for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and LaVerne Dankers; and brother, Stephen. Moose is survived by his brother, Harlan and wife, Kim Dankers, Pleasant Dale; three nephews and their families, Jeff Dankers and Karleigh Stoynev and his children, Kinley and Knoxlyn Dankers, Pleasant Dale, and stepdaughter, Emma Warner, Lincoln; Mike Dankers, Pleasant Dale; Nick and wife, Kayla Dankers and their children, Kason, Sydney and Brynlee Dankers, Pleasant Dale; uncle, Bob Hasse and several cousins.

A Celebration of Life was Feb. 3 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with a graveside service and inurnment at the Pleasant Dale Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Dankers family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Donald M. Liska

July 10, 1938 – Jan. 26, 2021

Donald Melvin Liska, son of Edward A. and Eleanor (Mares) Liska, was born at Dwight on July 10, 1938, and passed away in Lincoln on Jan. 26, 2021, at the age of 82. Don attended grade school in the Dwight Public School and graduated from East Butler High School in Brainard in 1956. On Dec. 30, 1961, he was married to Mary Jo Hurt at St. Mary’s Catholic Cathedral in Lincoln. Two children were born to them, Linda and Brian.



Don’s career in telecommunications took him to do work for Stromberg Carlson Corporation in Rochester, New York, Pioneer Telephone Corporation in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, and Great Plains Communications in Blair. He retired from Great Plains Communications in 2003, after working for them for 32 years.

Don enjoyed being out in nature. It thrilled him to see pheasants, rabbits, deer, geese and ducks while caring for the family’s land by Dwight. Throughout his life, he got to enjoy hunting, fishing and camping with his family. He also loved to travel. His career and travels took him and Mary Jo coast to coast throughout the United States and also to Canada and Mexico. They enjoyed many of the National Parks throughout the United States. Don was an avid sports fan, too, everything from basketball, football, baseball, bowling, softball and volleyball. While living in Bloomfield, he was a volunteer firefighter with the Bloomfield Volunteer Fire Department for 16 years. Don was also a Third Degree Knights of Columbus member with an Honorary Life Membership. But, most of all, Don loved making many special memories by spending time with his family.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; brother, Eugene Liska, Sr. and his wife, Rose; brother-in-law, Richard Divis; sister-in-law, Adeline Kozisek and her husband, Frank; brother-in-law, Chuck Hurt and brother-in-law, Richard Hurt.

Survivors cherishing his memory include his wife of 59 years, Mary Jo Liska, Lincoln; daughter, Linda Liska, Seward; and son, Brian and wife Jannine Liska, Seward; granddaughters, Jennifer (Samuel) Kophamer, Lincoln, and Samantha Liska, Seward; sister, Jeanette Divis, Seward; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was Feb. 2 at Assumption Catholic Church in Dwight. A private family inurnment will be at the church cemetery at a later time. In lieu of flowers, plants and statues, memorial contributions are suggested to the Liska family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at www.aspenaftercare.com.

Ronald M. Siedel

Oct. 3, 1938 – Jan. 24, 2021

Ronald Marion Siedel, 82, passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, in Seward after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ronald was born Oct. 3, 1938, to Frank and Grace (Bock) Siedel in David City. He attended David City High School and graduated in 1956. He went on to college at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, where he graduated in 1960 with a degree in accounting.

He married Sandra Oberg in Schuyler on June 4, 1961. They were blessed with one son, Brad. Ron was drafted in the army in 1961 and was a processing accountant at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. He was decorated as Expert rifle M-1 and Sharpshooter (Carbine). Ron was honorably discharged in 1963.

Ron’s work career included accounting positions with the Nebraska Medical Center and Pepsi Corporation. He retired from Pepsi after 20 years of employment in 2000.

Ron was an avid fan of the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers, especially the volleyball program.

He is survived by his son, Brad (Michelle) Siedel, Lincoln; grandchildren, Austin Siedel, Omaha, Taylor Siedel (fiance, Ryan Garder), Gretna, and Carter Siedel, Lincoln; brother, Dennis (Ida) Siedel, Valparaiso; nephews, Roger (Helene) Siedel, West Minster, Maryland, David Siedel, Manchester, Pennsylvania, Wayne (Barbara), Shady Side, Maryland, Bruce (Doris) Siedel, Marriottsville, Maryland, and Ross (Kelly) Siedel, Bowie, Maryland; nieces Vonda (Roger) Reamer, Seward, Susie (Bryan) Schneider, Ceresco, and Kristy (Doug) Langemeier, Marquette; and many grand-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brother, Gerald Siedel; and sister, Dorothy Hunsche.

Per Ron’s request, there will be no service. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Nebraska Medical Center Liver Transplant program, in lieu of flowers. Condolences may be left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.



Eugene L. Hladky

April 20, 1949 – Jan. 19, 2021

Eugene Lee Hladky of Utica was born April 20, 1949, to Emanuel and Josephine (Vrbka) Hladky in Seward.

He attended high school at Utica High School, graduating in 1967. On Sept. 7, 1973, Eugene was united in marriage to Joan Nordmeyer at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Seward. Eugene farmed and also worked at Goodyear in Lincoln. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, playing pool, hunting, golfing and traveling. He also liked cars, specifically the 1962 Chevy. He especially enjoyed his tomato pivos. Eugene passed away Jan. 19, 2021, in Lincoln, at the age of 71 years, 8 months and 30 days.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Hladky, Utica; children, Adam Hladky, Utica, Sally (Robert) Saf, Ceresco, and Beth (Jason) Coffman, Lincoln; grandchildren, Brielle Hladky, Madelyn Saf, Karissa Saf, Nicholas Saf, Cooper Saf and Hayes Coffman; mother-in-law, Delores Nordmeyer, York; brothers, Ray (Virginia) Hladky, Kansas City, Missouri, Ben Hladky, Los Cruces, New Mexico, and John (Rosie) Hladky, Stuart; sisters, Mary Lou Codr, David City, and Janice Perkins, Broomfield, Colorado; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jan and Bob Palik, David City; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emanuel and Josephine Hladky; daughter-in-law, Nicole Hladky; sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Jim Chermok; and brothers-in-law, Don Codr and Jim Perkins.

A Funeral Mass was Jan. 23 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Utica with interment at the church cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested in care of the Hladky family. Condolences may be left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.



Yvonne M. Patchin

Sept. 6, 1953 – Jan. 24, 2021

Yvonne M. Patchin was born Sept. 6, 1953, and passed away Jan. 24, 2021. Arrangements are pending with Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward. A full obituary may be found and condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Jan. 22

Helen Duffek, Mark Duffek, Judith Barber and Bruce Barber, Daniel Duffek and James Duffek to Sam J. Gaskins, Lot B, Duffek

Subdivision, a subdivision of Tax Lots 14 and 46, in the SW1/4 14-12-3. DS \$346.50

Mark Meierdierks and Carma Meierdierks to Kelly Schrad, south 49 feet of Lots 1-2, Block 5, Garland. DS \$164.25

Macey K. Jeppesen

June 15, 1997 – Jan. 25, 2021

Macey Kate (Kroeger) Jeppesen, age 23, of Lincoln, formerly of Dannebrog, died Jan. 25, 2021, at Bryan East Hospital in Lincoln.

Macey was born June 15, 1997, in Grand Island to Kurt and Kathy (Miller) Kroeger.

She was united in marriage to Micah Jeppesen on July 25, 2020, at Peace Lutheran Church.

She was a 2016 graduate of Northwest High School and was accomplished in many areas. She was heavily involved in music, mock trial and FFA, in which she earned her American FFA Degree. She enjoyed playing softball and being part of a traveling team. Macey was also an active 4-H member. She was a lifelong member of Peace Lutheran and enjoyed mission trips as well as playing the keyboard during the contemporary service. She graduated from Concordia University with dual majors in English and criminal justice and dual minors in art and literature in only three years. She was a member of the band and the Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society while attending Concordia. She played the oboe in the Seward Municipal Band. Macey was also on the staff of the school newspaper. She was employed with Perry, Guthery, Haase, and Gessford Law Office. Her current employment was with the Seward County Attorney’s Office while attending the UNL School of Law. Macey’s heart was filled when she married the love of her life, Micah. She loved spending time with their families and her love for children shined through when spending time with her nieces and nephews. Her other hobbies included photography, crafts, reading and playing games.

Macey is survived by husband, Micah Jeppesen; parents, Kurt and Kathy Kroeger; siblings, Jeremy (Juliana) Kroeger, Brandon Kroeger (Michelle Wachter), Jessica Kroeger and Stephanie Kroeger; step-grandmother, LaJean Kroeger; uncles and aunts, John and Lori Hill and family and Rev. Bob and Kolette Carlson and family; honorary grandma, Marlene Flowerday and family; father- and mother-in-law, Ron and Caroline Jeppesen; brothers and sisters-in-law, Katie (Matt) Drefs, Christy (Peter) Ruhl, Melanie Jeppesen, Rob (Jen) Jeppesen, Natalie (Rev. Tyler) Carter, Laura (Nathan) Smith, Amy (Adam) Johnson, Lydia (Joshua) Smith and Abigail Jeppesen (Brennan DeForest); 14 nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by grandparents, Martin and Violet Miller, Harlan and Mary Ann Kroeger and honorary grandpa, Dale Flowerday.

A funeral service was Jan. 29, at Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island with burial in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Dannebrog. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family for later designation. Condolences can be left for the family at www.livson.com.



Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Department.

Jan. 22

5:39 p.m.—Police arrested a suspect in the 1700 block of North Eighth Street on a York County warrant and transported them to the Seward County Detention Center.

Jan. 23

1:02 p.m.—A suspect was arrested in the 200 block of South Eighth Street on a local warrant and transported to the Seward County Detention Center.

Jan. 24

3:43 p.m.—A caller in the 200 block of Northern Heights Drive wanted to talk to an officer regarding a letter she received from a source in Chicago, Illinois. This was the second letter the caller had received and thinks it is a scam, but wanted to make sure.

Jan. 25

Officers helped several motorists who had become stuck in the snow over the next few days.

7:11 a.m.—A driver in the 2600 block of Progressive Road was arrested for driving under the influence.

3:52 p.m.—Officers responded to a non-injury accident involving a jack-knifed semi in the area of Sixth Street and Jackson Avenue.

Summary of other calls:

- 911 misdial 1
- Abuse/neglected child 2
- Barking dog 2
- Coroner call 2
- Civil – child custody 1
- Civil concern 2
- Disturbance 3
- Domestic assault 2
- Field contact 2
- Funeral escort 1
- Miscellaneous 12
- Motorist assist 22
- Non-injury accident 3
- Parking violations 8
- Property lost or found 1
- Reckless driving 1
- Theft 1
- Traffic hazard/debris 1
- Traffic stop 16
- Welfare check 2

Stay safe out there!

Students build chilly cheer



COURTESY PHOTO
Adelyn Olson and Hunter Parr show off one of several snowmen the third graders at St. John's Lutheran built for residents at Ridegwood Rehabilitation and Care Center last week. In recognition of National Lutheran Schools Week, the St. John's Lutheran School third grade class used the foot-plus of snow to construct snowmen for the residents and staff at Ridegwood Rehabilitation and Care Center. The theme this year was "Sent to Serve."



COURTESY PHOTO
St. John's Lutheran third graders Amelia McCracken, Sam Schermbeck and Landon Samuels stand next to a snowman created for residents at Ridegwood Rehabilitation and Care Center.

Vaccine

(continued from 1A)
became available when it did to save lives.”
The Jan. 28 vaccine clinic was the first step towards vaccinating the 1B group group in Seward County. The chance to be vaccinated was opened earlier in January for individuals 65 and up or adults 18 and older with underlying conditions. The first round was conducted on an oldest-to-youngest basis.
MHCS distributed the vaccine to 180 individuals ranging from ages in the mid-80s to 102 years old. The group will return for its second and final dose on Feb. 24.
For the 180 who ventured to the Seward County Ag Pavillion Thursday, it marked the first significant journey into public since the pandemic-related safety measures were put in place last March.
“I’ve been hibernating,” said Seward resident Mae Thorfinnson. “I didn’t want to get the virus.”
When Thorfinnson arrived at the Ag Pavilion Thursday, she saw many acquaintances she hadn’t seen since the pandemic began check in to receive the vaccine themselves. The chance to see old friends with the vaccine eventually providing more opportunities for social interaction in the near future gave Thorfinnson a feeling of hope.
“I know some of the people that came today and we had gotten so lonesome to see each other,” she said. “I feel very privileged to be here today.”
“It was comforting to see everyone here,” added Marna Grubb, Seward. “Everything was great.”
Mallory Gibreal, Director of Com-

munity Relations with MHCS, said the event was extremely important to the community, but also heart-warming.
“A lot of these people haven’t seen many other people since March. We’ve had people run into their card playing friends,” she said. “They hope that soon they can get back out, volunteer, go to church and be social again.”
After receiving the vaccine, Seward resident Lola Schildt thought for a second what the first thing she’d would be after the vaccination takes hold. A grandson’s wedding reception later this year came to mind but for the most part, Schildt said she just plans on enjoying the opportunity.
“I just want to feel like I’m able to go out again,” she said. “It feels pretty good to have this so I don’t have to be as afraid.”
Schildt added that she was thankful of the efforts of MHCS and the community as a whole to bring the vaccine to the area quickly and offer it to those who need it the most.
“It’s very wonderful,” she said. “I didn’t think it come this quick, but this was well organized and everyone did a good job.”
Gibreal said that the event was a success and was made possible by the dedication of the local communities and the State of Nebraska to make sure that as many people as possible are better protected from the virus.
“We’re so excited,” she said. “We’re thrilled we can offer this and help support vaccination efforts in our community.”

Seward County

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The Milford wrestling team won its first team title in the Southern Nebraska Conference Jan. 30, besting defending champion David City by two points.

Eagles top SNC tournament

by Stephanie Croston
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There's first time for everything, as the saying goes, and that came true for Milford wrestling Jan. 30.

For the first time, the Eagles brought home the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament title, edging defending champion David City by two points.

"Winning conference was a big goal of ours," Coach Joe Schluckebier said. "I take a lot of pride in finishing atop our outstanding wrestling conference which featured four top 10 teams and 36 individually ranked wrestlers including three of the six returning state champs in Class C from last year."

Eleven of Milford's 13 wrestlers finished in the top four of their weights, including champions Eli Vondra and Hunter Oborny.

Coach Joe Schlucke-

bier said the team put itself in good position with a 26-point lead and the chance for seven champions. The finals did not go as planned, the coach said, as the Eagles "had to hang on despite winning just 4 of 11 matches in the medal rounds."

"I felt like we left a lot of points on the table but were still able to pull off our first conference wrestling championship in school history and bring our total to six tournament wins on the year."

The team title was in doubt most of the day, with Milford and David City trading the top spot.

Pins by Thomas Vance in his third-place match and Oborny in the championship match gave Milford its final total.

"It came down to David City's No. 1 ranked heavyweight needing a pin in the final match of



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Eli Vondra of Milford tries to tilt Ryan Payne of Centennial for nearfall points during the 132-pound championship match Jan. 30 at the SNC tournament.

the day for them to win, and he was held to a regular decision," Schluckebier said.

In addition to Vondra and Oborny in the finals, Milford had silver-medal perfor-

mances from Konner Schluckebier, Jack Chapman, Carter Springer, Christopher Sedoris and Lorenzo Temple. Vance and Isaac Voboril placed third, and Conner Kohout and Trent Stauffer

earned fourth.

The Eagles now head to subdistricts Friday, Feb. 5, at David City Aquinas. The top four in each weight class advance to the district tournament the follow-

ing weekend.

Southern Nebraska Conference

Team scores—Milford 188, David City 186, Fillmore Central 105.5, Thayer Central 101, Centennial 91.5, Wilber-Clatonia 85, Fairbury 56, Superior 56, Sutton 27, South Central 25

106—Conner Kohout (MIL) def. Triston Wells (TC) 5-0; injury default to Hayden Neeman (SUP); pin Trayton Stewart (CTL) 0:42; def. by Pedro Hernandez (WC) 2-1, fourth

120—Joey Kenning (MIL) pin Spencer Weers (FBY) 2:14; pinned by Dylan Gewecke (FC) 4:50; def. by Cooper Casey (TC) 13-5

126—Konner Schluckebier (MIL) pin John Brodrick (SC) 0:59; def. by Alex Schademann (FC) 5-1, second

132—Eli Vondra (MIL) pin Avery Drohman (TC) 0:45; pin Dillon Fushia (FC) 1:30; def. Ryan Payne (CTL) 13-1, first

138—Jack Chapman (MIL) pin Myles Jones (SUT) 1:03; def. Jarrett Dodson (CTL) 12-2; def. by Thomas Lokken (WC) 5-0, second

145—Trent Stauffer (MIL) pin Tyler Everhart (SUP) 1:27; def. by Colby Homolka (WC) 5-1; pin Aiden Hinrichs (FC) 2:39; def. by Harley Eickmeier (DC) 5-2, fourth

152—Carter Springer (MIL) pin Devon Carel (FBY) 3:31; def. Noah Monroe (FC) 14-3; def. by Clayton Harris (DC) 13-3, second

160—Isaac Voboril (MIL) def. by Lane Vesely (WC) 5V-1 9-7; pin Ty Cummings (DC) 0:12; pin Riley Arner (FBY) 2:39; pin Vesely (WC) 2:07, third

170—Christopher Sedoris (MIL) pin Ashton McCown (FBY) 3:35; pin Brayton Jarosik (SC) 1:43; pinned by Tre Daro (DC) 2:29, second

182—Thomas Vance (MIL) pin Jordan Brown (SUP) 2:53; pinned by Dylan Vodicka (DC) 4:42; pin Ethan Devlin (SC) 1:41; pin Gunner Mumford (TC) 4:41, third

195—Hunter Oborny (MIL) pin Jared Stephens (FC) 1:47; pin Samuel Payne (CTL) 1:28; pin Domenic Hyson (FBY) 2:39, first

220—Lorenzo Temple (MIL) pin Cason Peterson (SUT) 1:04; pin Carson Adams (FC) 3:00; pinned by James Escamilla (DC) 2:45, second

285—Trey Lyon (MIL) pinned by Jake Ingwersen (DC) 0:22; pinned by Vance Smith (SUT) 4:06

Fehlhafer leads CHS at SNC

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With the high level of competition on display at the Southern Nebraska Conference wrestling tournament Jan. 30, Centennial Coach Phil Payne was pleased with how the Broncos wrestled.

CHS was fifth in the team standings and earned six medals, led by Carson Fehlhafer at 285 pounds.

Ryan Payne (132) finished second, Garrison Schernikau (120), Jarrett Dodson (138) and Samuel Payne (195) were third, and Tyson Rodewald (170) finished fourth.

"There are always some really tough matches," Coach Payne said. "With just nine guys, to be in the top five is respectable."

The Broncos wrestled at or above their seeds, which the coach was happy to see.

One of the marquee matches featured Ryan Payne and Milford's Eli Vondra for the 132-pound championship. This was the third time the two have met on the mat this season, and Vondra got the bet-



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Centennial's Carson Fehlhafer works out of a hold by Kazz Hyson of Fairbury during the SNC semifinals. Fehlhafer went on to win the championship at 285 pounds.

ter of Payne Saturday.

"They're starting to figure each other out," Coach Payne said. "It's good to have that competitive rivalry."

Fehlhafer wrestled Payton Christiancy of Superior for the gold. The match was a rematch from the 2020 state tournament.

Samuel Payne's only loss came to Milford's Hunter Oborny, the eventual champion. It

was the third time the two wrestled, and Payne was able to get the first takedown in the match, Coach Payne said.

"He's gaining confidence to go out there and attack," the coach said.

Schernikau had to wrestle an opponent twice to earn third place. The first time he faced Cooper Casey of Thayer Central, the

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Jays win two in tourney

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Seward is starting to see its work pay off.

The Bluejay boys' basketball team was 2-1 in the Central Conference tournament, beating Lexington 61-46, falling to Aurora 42-30 and beating Holdrege 59-57.

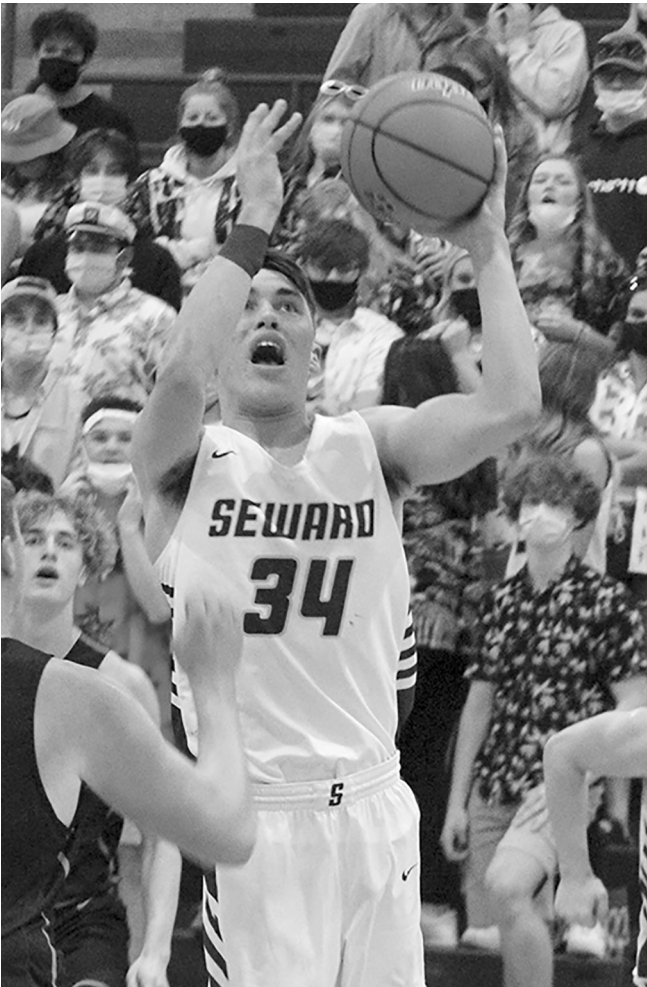
"Our guys deserve a lot of credit for the amount of time and effort they spend working on their skills and getting shots up. We are starting to see the benefits of it," Coach Trevor Menke said.

The Jays opened tournament play with a win over Lexington. Menke said the team shot the ball well with 14 three-pointers.

"That's a credit to our ball movement and player movement," Menke said.

Drew Covalt and Jackson Trost made four each. Traetyn Schaefer added three. Covalt finished with 19 points, Trost 12 and Schaefer 11.

The win put the Jays in the semifinals against Aurora, to whom they lost 54-40 the previous Friday. This



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Seward's Leighton Limback shoots for two against Lexington Jan. 27.

time, AHS got a 42-30 victory.

"I think all our guys responded to the challenge and put a lot more

emphasis on the defensive end," Menke said. "Going to half up one rather than down 20 like

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MHS wrestling wins ECNC tournament

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

Gavin Zoucha knows that it takes more than just a few factors to be an elite wrestler. Not only does it take strength and athleticism, a solid work ethic and a sharp mind are also key. Throw in an extra dose of determination and you have Class C's top-ranked 160-pounder.

The Malcolm junior was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Jan. 30 Raymond Central Invite that included wrestlers from some of the best programs in Classes A, B and C.

"Getting that recognition showed me that other people are beginning to realize my potential," Zoucha said. "I've competed with the best in the state and done pretty well.

"I appreciate the recognition as it shows me all of my hard work and dedication is beginning to pay off."

Zoucha went 2-0 on the day, including a 9-2 decision in the gold medal match over Jarrett Koch of Beatrice who is currently ranked No. 4 in Class B.

"Beatrice is a legit program," Malcolm head coach Matt Coufal said. "They're the top-ranked team in Class B and they wrestle a tough schedule during the season."

The successful day



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm's Josh Stewart tries to turn Brett Bohling of Johnson County during their 170-pound match Friday at the ECNC conference wrestling meet in Malcolm.

at Raymond Central happened just hours after Zoucha won the gold medal at the East Central Nebraska Conference meet on Jan. 29 in Malcolm by going 2-0 and avenging an earlier loss to Freeman's Brody Dickinson to claim the title. Zoucha dominated the match with an 18-3 tech fall.

"Gavin had his way with him this time," Coufal said. "He just wore him down, both physically and mentally, and really had his way with him."

The Malcolm grappler has his eyes set on a spot at the top of the medal stand at the CHI Center

Omaha at the Feb. 20 NSAA State Championships.

"Before the season started, I had one goal: a state title," Zoucha said. "I just have to stay focused and motivated. I don't see any reason for me to fall short of where I want to be."

It was also a good weekend for Kale Nordmeyer who averaged just 83 seconds on the mat as he earned six pins in two days to claim gold at 285 pounds at Raymond Central and the conference meet. Nordmeyer's pin over Zachary Burr of Syracuse in the championship match at Raymond Central took

just 1:32.

"That's what happens when you follow the game plan," Coufal said. "We work on things everyday in practice and when we actually apply them to our matches, good things happen."

Zoucha and Nordmeyer were joined by Zane Zoucha (120), Josh Stewart (170) and Caleb Courter (182) as conference champions as they helped the Clippers to their second straight ECNC title. Malcolm scored 147.5 points. Auburn was second with 123.5.

If there were was an endurance award to give out, it would have

gone to Josh Stewart. The 170-pound junior wrestled five times on his way to gold with four of those matches going a full three periods. His lone pin came with 24 seconds to go in his match against his teammate, Cooper Witte.

The Clippers enter the postseason this weekend with a trip to Aquinas Catholic to compete in Friday's C3-A subdistrict.

"We think our subdistrict and the district the next week are probably the toughest in Class C," Coufal said. "That being said, I think we should be able to get at least six or seven wrestlers on to the district round next week."

"Maybe more if some of our younger, less experienced wrestlers keep improving and get some upsets."

East Central Nebraska Conference
Team scores—Malcolm 147.5, Auburn 123.5, Falls City 80, Freeman 63, Palmyra 51, Johnson County Central 45, Weeping Water 30.

113—Cydnee Loos (MAL) pinned by Ray Feek (FCY) 0:31; pinned by Ray Feek (FCY) 1:24, second

120—Cheyenne Benischek (MAL) medical forfeit to Charlie Rinne (JCC); medical forfeit to Zane Zoucha (MAL), third

120—Zane Zoucha (MAL) won by medical forfeit over Cheyenne Benischek (MAL); pin Charlie Rinne (JCC) 1:30, first

132—Bryce Teut (MAL) pinned by Matt Cover (WW) 1:19; pinned by JaPreece Morehead (JCC) 1:06, third

138—Colt Reiling (MAL) def. by Tye Ommert (AUB) 17-1; pinned by Nolan Blevins (WW) 2:11; pin Aidan Hardin (MAL) 0:49, third

138—Aidan Hardin (MAL) pinned by Nolan Blevins (WW) 1:17; pinned by Tye Ommert (AUB) 0:42; pinned by Colt Reiling (MAL) 0:49

145—Luke Walters (MAL) def. by Kadyon Strecker (FCY) 12-5; pinned by Judd Alberts (FRE) 0:50; def. Keegon Jones (AUB) 8-3; pinned by Kyle Thomas (AUB) 1:52, fourth

152—Cayden Witzel (MAL) pinned by Dedrick Dowling (PLM) 0:13; pinned by Brad Hall (AUB) 0:27, third

160—Gavin Zoucha (MAL) pin Isaiah Katzenstein (AUB) 1:04; def. Brody Dickinson (FRE) 18-3,

first

170—Cooper Witte (MAL) pinned by Jarin Pope (PLM) 1:58; pinned by Josh Stewart (MAL) 5:36; pinned by Gabe Goes (FRE) 1:58; pinned by Cameron Schramm (FCY) 4:58; pinned by Brett Bohling (JCC) 2:29

170—Josh Stewart (MAL) def. Gabe Goes (FRE) 1-0; pin Cooper Witte (MAL) 5:36; def. Brett Bohling (JCC) 9-1; def. Jarin Pope (PLM) 3-1; def. Cameron Schramm (FCY) 11-4, first

182—Caleb Courter (MAL) pin Cassius Cotton (AUB) 3:02; pin Brett Hemminger (FRE) 3:57; pin Kemper Foster (FCY) 1:52; pin Trevor Lohrman (MAL) 1:37, first

182—Trevor Lohrman (MAL) pin Kemper Foster (FCY) 1:43; pin Brett Hemminger (FRE) 2:51; pinned by Cassius Cotton (AUB) 2:32; pinned by Caleb Courter (MAL) 1:37, third

195—Riley Donahoo (MAL) pinned by Wyatt Rowell (AUB) 2:43; pinned by Thomas Fields (FCY) 0:51, third

220—Zack Pasco (MAL) def. by Micheal Bryan-Aldrich (PLM) 11-5; pinned by Daryl Wheelodon (AUB) 2:52; pin Phillip Kauffmann (JCC) 1:15, third

285—Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) pin Juan Ceballos (JCC) 0:36; pin Christian Harrifield (JCC) 0:36; pin Trent Hall (AUB) 4:09, first

Raymond Central Invitational
Team scores—Beatrice 249.5, Raymond Central 177.5, Bellevue West 147, Syracuse 142, Omaha Burke 113, Cozad 108, Malcolm 107, Fort Calhoun 97.5, Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer 68, Lincoln High 55.5, Falls City 41, Wakefield 34, Southern 7, Friend 0

113—Cydnee Loos (MAL) pinned by Ely Olberding (FC) 0:42; pinned by Tristan Reinke (BTR) 1:42; pinned by Caleb Caudill (SYR) 0:18

120—Zane Zoucha (MAL) pinned by Lance Olberding (FC) 1:26; pin Jesse Duba (FRI) 4:03; def. by Cameron Shultz (RC) 7-2

126—Bryce Teut (MAL) pinned by Mitch Albrecht (RC) 1:34; pinned by Roman Coats (HTRS) 1:34

138—Aidan Hardin (MAL) pinned by Trevor Reinke (BTR) 0:54; pinned by Creighton Orchard (SYR) 0:49

138—Colt Reiling (MAL) pinned by Trevor Reinke (BTR) 1:56; pin William Taylor (HTRS) 2:37; pinned by Tucker Maxson (RC) 1:59

145—Luke Walters (MAL) pinned by Jesse Cruse (LH) 0:35; def. by Noah McKenzie (SYR) 6-3

160—Gavin Zoucha (MAL) pin Kaden Parde (RC) 1:52; def. Jarrett Koch (BTR) 9-2, first

170—Cooper Witte (MAL) pinned by Blaine Miller (OB) 1:06; pinned by Gavin Soden (RC) 2:18

170—Trevor Lohrman (MAL) pinned by Blaine Miller (OB) 1:45; def. Cameron Schramm (FCY) 15-7; pin Wyatt Anderson (HTRS) 2:41; def. by Quinn Thew (LH) 16-1; won by no contest over Gavin Soden (RC)

182—Caleb Courter (MAL) pin Kemper Foster (FCY) 1:24; pin Jaiveonce Mitchell (OB) 6:00; def. by Deegan Nelson (BTR) 8-4; def. Grant Nixon (FC) 3-1; def. Mitchell (OB) 5-1, third

195—Riley Donahoo (MAL) pin Chris Ruano (COZ) 2:49; pinned by James Keller (BW) 1:03; pin Mason Touring (FC) 0:45; pin Alex Mainor (OB) 2:21; def. by Thomas Fields (FCY) 10-5; lost by no contest to Brock Ostiedt (BTR)

220—Zack Pasco (MAL) pinned by Nolan Bahnson (BTR) 0:46; pin Chance Buchanan (SYR) 3:55; pinned by Skylar Sterns (RC) 1:17; def. Jade Brown (COZ) 3-1

285—Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) pin David Sanchez (COZ) 0:26; pin Jaden Cervantes (COZ) 0:29; pin Zachary Burr (SYR) 1:32, first

Eagles top Wolverines, Sutton

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After the snow rearranged the week's schedule, the Milford boys' basketball team played back-to-back games and got back-to-back wins.

The Eagles defeated Wilber-Clatonia 62-49 Jan. 29 and then topped Sutton 45-35 Jan. 30.

Coach Tony Muller said the Eagles weren't able to get comfortable against WCHS, despite building an 8-point first-quarter lead. Jaxon Weyand and Seth Stutzman got the offense going with nine and seven points, respectively, in the opening period.

Wilber-Clatonia cut into the lead in the second quarter and tied the score at 28-28 with 3:31 to play.

"They were able to penetrate, and we struggled to stop that," Muller said.

Weyand and Stutzman came up big in the third quarter as Milford extended its lead back to 14 points by the end of the third quarter.

"That gave us a little breathing room," Muller said.

Weyand finished the game with 25 points, and Stutzman added 18 points.

"We knew they would be a much better team," Muller said. "It was good to get the win there."

Milford was supposed to host Sutton Jan. 26 but school cancellations moved the game to Saturday. That meant two games in less than 24 hours, Muller said.

"I was concerned about that, but it worked out OK," he said.

The Eagle defense was able to shut down Sutton's leading scorer. Isaac Yeackley drew that defensive assignment and held him to one point.

Milford used a big second quarter to build a 26-18 halftime lead.

The Mustangs did cut the lead to seven in the fourth quarter, but Milford played well down the stretch, the coach said, making high-percentage shots and free throws to preserve the win.

Weyand and Stutzman led the offense with 21 and 16 points, respectively. Stutzman and Cabe Schluckebier finished with seven re-

bounds each, and Yeackley and Weyand grabbed three steals apiece.

"It was a good win for us," Muller said. "You can never count them (Sutton) out with their three-point ability and height."

Milford (18-0) was to open Southern Nebraska Conference play Feb. 2 against the winner of Sandy Creek vs. Superior.

The tournament semifinals are set for Thursday, Feb. 4, at Centennial, with the finals Saturday, Feb. 6, also at CHS.

Milford 62, Wilber-Clatonia 49
MHS 22 11 19 10 62
WCHS 14 14 10 11 49

MHS—Isaac Yeackley 2-5 0-0 5, Micah Hartwig 4-9 0-0 9, Bryce Jakub 0-0 1-2 1, Jaxon Weyand 9-15 3-3 25, Kaleb Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Seth Stutzman 8-14 2-2 18, Cabe Schluckebier 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 25-45 6-7 62.

WCHS—Totals 17-35 11-14 49.

Three-point goals—MHS 6-13 (Yeackley 1-3, Hartwig 1-3, Weyand 4-6, Stutzman 0-1), WCHS 4-15. **Rebounds**—MHS 21 (three with 4), WCHS 19. **Assists**—MHS 16 (Hartwig 8). **Steals**—MHS 11 (Yeackley 4). **Blocked shots**—MHS 1 (Maddox Baack 1). **Turnovers**—MHS 8, WCHS 13. **Fouls**—MHS 13, WCHS 9.

Milford 55, Sutton 45
SHS 16 2 8 19 45
MHS 15 11 9 19 55

MHS—Yeackley 1-3 1-2 3, Stutzman 8-17 0-3 16, Weyand 8-21 3-5 21, Baack 1-2 0-0 3, Kaleb Miller 0-2 0-0 0, Hartwig 2-11 2-2 6, Schluckebier 2-2 2-2 6, Totals 22-58 8-14 55.

Three-point goals—MHS 3-11 (Yeackley 0-1, Hartwig 0-3, Baack 1-2, Weyand 2-5). **Rebounds**—MHS 32 (Stutzman, Schluckebier 7). **Assists**—MHS 8 (Hartwig 4). **Steals**—MHS 11 (Yeackley, Weyand 3). **Blocked shots**—MHS 1 (Yeackley 1). **Turnovers**—MHS 12. **Fouls**—MHS 10.



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Kaleb Miller of Milford moves into defensive position against Wilber-Clatonia Jan. 29.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Madison Dominy, a sophomore at Seward High, helped lead the Bluejays during the Central Conference basketball tournament. She scored nine points in a win over Lexington and seven points in the loss to Crete.

Honorable Mention
Abby Houk - Milford
Jaycee Stuhr - Centennial

NOTE: Malcolm had no games this week.

Hunter Oborny, a freshman at Milford, was the 195-pound champion at the Southern Nebraska Conference wrestling tournament Jan. 30. Hunter was 3-0 with three pins on the day.

Honorable Mention

- Nolan Hill - Seward
- Maj Nisly - Centennial
- Josh Stewart - Malcolm



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Eagles add two wins to tally

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Milford’s girls’ basketball team picked up a pair of wins last week, beating Wilber-Clatonia 50-19 Jan. 29 and Sutton 55-47 Jan. 30.

Coach Phil Stauffer said the Eagles didn’t have their best shooting night against Wilber-Clatonia but made up for that with 22 offensive rebounds.

Milford led 16-2 after the first quarter and 25-8 at halftime. Ten different Eagles scored.

“It was a good night to get everyone back in the flow again after having a few snow days earlier in the week,” Stauffer said.

Hannah Kepler led the team with 17 points. Sydney Stelling and Abby Houk grabbed seven rebounds each.

The Eagles came back the next day against Class C1 No. 10 Sutton and won by eight.

“As we have been doing lately, we got off to a fast start quickly building a 11-0 lead,” Stauffer said.

He said early game defense has helped build momentum, and that happened again against Sutton. Stelling notched seven deflections and four steals to go with 10 points and helped get the defense going.

“Offensively, I was very pleased with the girls’ ability to handle



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Mariah Richards of Milford tries to control the ball against Wilber-Clatonia Jan. 29.

pressure and execute our offense looking for good shot attempts,” Stauffer said.

Kaitlin Kontor did a good job handling the ball against the Sutton pressure, he said.

“That has carried over to the rest of the team as we are doing a much better job of taking care of the ball and limiting turnovers,” he said. “This was a team win from start to finish we had so many different girls make big plays.”

Kepler led the way with 14 points, and Makena Stutzman scored 11.

The Eagles (12-7) are the No. 3 seed in the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament. They were scheduled to play the winner of Fairbury vs. Sandy Creek Feb. 2. Semifinals are set for Thursday, Feb. 4, at Centennial, with the final Saturday, Feb. 6, also at Centennial.

| Milford 50, Wilber-Clatonia 19 | | | | | |
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| MHS | 16 | 11 | 14 | 9 | 50 |
| WCHS | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 19 |
| MHS—Makena Stutzman 3-7 0-0 8, Kaitlin | | | | | |

Kontor 1-13 1-1 3, Hannah Kepler 6-12 4-9 17, Addi Mowinkel 0-2 2-2 2, Alayna Piening 2-5 0-0 4, Kaitlyn Klug 3-5 0-0 6, Taylor Roth 3-5 0-0 6, Sydney Stelling 0-5 1-2 1, Abby Houk 0-3 2-2 2, Mariah Richards 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 18-60 11-18 50.

Three-point goals—MHS 3-19 (Stutzman 2-6, Kontor 0-6, Kepler 1-3, Mowinkel 0-2, Houk 0-2). **Rebounds**—MHS 38 (Stelling, Houk 7). **Assists**—MHS 10 (Kepler 3). **Steals**—MHS 16 (Stutzman 4). **Blocked shots**—MHS 2 (Houk, Richards 1). **Turnovers**—MHS 8. **Fouls**—MHS 9.

| Milford 55, Sutton 47 | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| SHS | 8 | 10 | 15 | 47 | |
| MHS | 17 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 55 |
| MHS—Stutzman 3-6 3-6 11, Kontor 4-8 2-2 11, Kepler 4-12 4-6 14, Roth 1-1 1-2 3, Stelling 5-9 0-1 10, Houk 1-3 1-2 4, Richards 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 18-41 13-21 55. | | | | | |
| Three-point goals —MHS 6-14 (Stutzman 2-5, Kontor 1-2, Kepler 2-6, Houk 1-1). Rebounds —MHS 21 (Kepler 5). Assists —MHS 11 (Kepler 4). Steals —MHS 12 (Kepler, Stelling 4). Blocked shots —MHS 1 (Roth 1). Turnovers —MHS 18. Fouls —MHS 17. | | | | | |



CAITLYN NELSON/SCI

Abbey Ringler puts a shot up for the Bluejays during the conference quarterfinal game against Crete on Jan. 28.

Jays get win in tourney opener

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The Seward girls’ basketball team spent quite a bit of time on the road last week, with a trip to Lexington, one to Crete and one to Aurora.

The trip to Lexington ended in a 57-53 Bluejay victory and opportunity to advance in the Central Conference tournament.

“It was worth it because we got the win,” Coach Beth Bohuslavsky said.

The Jays used pressure defense and a press to keep LHS out of system, she said. Seward focused on its transition offense, trying to speed up ball movement.

The Jays scored 19 points in the second quarter, many coming off turnovers and the transition offense, Bohuslavsky said.

Abbey Ringler led the offense with 11 points. Tarryn Hartman scored 10 and Madison Dominy came off the bench to contribute nine. Keira Lliteras notched nine rebounds, and Haylie Sloup delivered nine assists.

Lliteras finished with five rebounds.

Seward played Aurora for the second time in a week, meeting the Huskies in the consolation game. AHS won the game 44-36.

“The first half was really good, one of the best we have played,” Bohuslavsky said.

In the third quarter, SHS missed too many layups.

Tanya Miller scored 11 to pace the Jays. Ringler finished with nine rebounds.

“I saw improvement in a week,” Bohuslavsky said. “The girls keep trusting the process.”

Seward (3-14) was to host Lakeview Feb. 2 and travel to Blair Friday, Feb. 5.

| Seward 57, Lexington 53 | | | | | |
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| SHS | 13 | 19 | 17 | 8 | 57 |
| LHS | 12 | 20 | 7 | 14 | 53 |
| SHS—Tanya Miller 2-6 0-0 6, Dalaney Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Tarryn Hartman 4-8 1-6 10, Hannah Benedict 2-10 1-2 6, Abbey Ringler 5-6 1-1 11, Madison Dominy 3-4 0-0 9, Haylie Sloup 2-4 1-3 6, Keira Lliteras 2-5 2-3 6, Ona Stutzman 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 21-47 6-14 57. | | | | | |
| LHS—20 5-14 53. | | | | | |
| Three-point goals —SHS 9-19 (Miller 2-4, Hartman 2-2, Benedict 1-6, Dominy 3-4, Sloup 1-2, Stutzman 0-1). LHS 8. Rebounds —SHS 28 (Lliteras 9), LHS 28. Assists —SHS 17 (Sloup 9). Steals —SHS 11 (three with 3). Blocked shots —SHS 2 (Miller, Benedict 1). Turnovers —SHS 22, LHS 24. Fouls —SHS 14, LHS 16. | | | | | |

| Crete 59, Seward 28 | | | | | |
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| SHS | 4 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 28 |
| CHS | 10 | 17 | 18 | 14 | 59 |
| SHS—Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Hartman 0-0 1-2 1, Eden Schulz 0-1 0-0 0, Benedict 0-4 0-0 0, Ringler 1-4 2-6 4, Dominy 3-7 0-1 7, Sloup 2-5 1-2 6, Lliteras 1-4 2-2 4, Stutzman 2-4 1-1 5, Ava King 0-1 2-2 4. Totals 9-31 8-16 28. | | | | | |
| CHS—22 7-11 59. | | | | | |
| Three-point goals —SHS 2-12 (Benedict 0-4, Dominy 1-4, Sloup 1-2, Stutzman 0-2). CHS 8. Rebounds —SHS 18 (Lliteras 5). Assists —SHS 5 (Stutzman 2). Steals —SHS 9 (Dominy, Stutzman 2). Blocked shots —SHS 3 (Ringler 2). Turnovers —SHS 24. Fouls —SHS 9, CHS 12. | | | | | |

| Aurora 44, Seward 36 | | | | | |
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| SHS | 13 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 44 |
| AHS | 13 | 11 | 13 | 7 | 44 |
| SHS—Miller 3-7 4-4 11, Hartman 0-3 0-0 0, Schulz 1-1 0-0 2, Benedict 0-5 2-2 2, Ringler 2-6 4-4 8, Dominy 0-4 0-0 0, Sloup 2-6 2-4 6, Lliteras 1-4 0-1 2, Stutzman 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 11-43 12-15 36. | | | | | |
| AHS—Totals 15-45 10-24 44. | | | | | |
| Three-point goals —SHS 2-19 (Miller 1-4, Hartman 0-2, Benedict 0-4, Dominy 0-2, Sloup 0-1, Lliteras 0-2, Stutzman 1-4). AHS 4-14. Rebounds —SHS 26 (Ringler 9), AHS 38. Assists —SHS 5 (Benedict, Sloup 2). Steals —SHS 12 (Sloup 5). Blocked shots —SHS 4 (Miller, Ringler 2). Turnovers —SHS 24. Fouls —SHS 20, AHS 13. | | | | | |

Hill leads SHS at conference

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Seward took eight wrestlers to the Central Conference tournament Jan. 30 at Adams Central and brought home six medals.

Sophomore Nolan Hill was the team’s lone champion, topping the 170-pound bracket with two wins.

“He really wrestled well,” Coach Bob Core said. “He beat the No. 7 wrestler in Class B in the final pretty handily.”

Hill defeated Sam Holt of Holdrege 14-5 in the championship match.

He was also 2-0 in Seward’s double dual Jan. 28, defeating Gavin Soden of Raymond Central and receiving a forfeit against Boys Town.

Cash Duncan earned second at conference at 113 pounds. He was 3-1 with three pins and lost the final 10-9. The junior was also 2-0 in the duals with a pin and a forfeit.

Boone Duncan earned third at 145 pounds, going 4-1 with three pins.

Breckin Schoepf and Conner Rosendale earned fifth places, and Treyton Hobson was sixth.

Seward will wrestle in subdistricts at York Saturday, Feb. 6.

Raymond Central 49, Seward 19
113: Cash Duncan (S) pin Jacob Schultz (RC) 1:20; 120: Cameron Shultz (RC) win by forfeit; 126: Mitch Albrecht (RC) pin Treyton Hobson (S) 1:25; 132: Conner Rosendale (S) pin Brock Skeahan (RC) 1:16; 138: Cameron Schrad (S) def. Tucker Maxson (RC) 7-5; 145: Kyle Peterson (RC) def. Boone Duncan (S) 3-2; 152: Conner Kreikemeier (RC) pin Breckin Schoepf (S) 3:02; 160: Kaden Parde (RC) def. Eli Hiser (S) 13-4; 170: Nolan Hill (S) def. Gavin Soden (RC) 9-1; 182: Logan Jelinek (RC) pin Hunter Novacek (S) 1:34; 195: Colby DenHartog (RC) pin Ethan Woolard (S) 4:43; 220: Skylar Sterns (RC) win by forfeit; 285: Justin Rothwell (RC) win by forfeit

Seward 42, Boys Town 24
145: B. Duncan (S) win by forfeit; 152: Schoepf (S) pin Jonathan Russell (BT) 0:47; 160: Hiser (S) pin Kehinde Frye (BT) 5:42; 170: Hill (S) win by forfeit; 182: Jay Ballard (BT) pin Novacek (S) 1:40; 195: Jessie Smith (BT) pin Woolard (S) 3:52; 285: Joey Hilding (BT) win by forfeit; 113: C. Duncan (S) win by forfeit; 126: Hobson (S) pin Marshall Brydl (BT) 0:39; 132: Rosendale (S) pin Daniel Bueno (BT) 0:54; 138: Lebron Pendles (BT) win by forfeit

Central Conference
Team scores—Columbus Lakeview 181.5, Aurora 176.5, York 175, Schuyler 155, Northwest 133, Lexington 116.5, Adams Central 110, Seward 90.5, Holdrege 77, Crete 57

113—C. Duncan (SEW) pin Tristen Johnson (HLD) 1:04; pin Trey Svatora (SCH) 0:54; pin Justin Barbee (AC) 2:32; def. by Daven Naylor (LEX) 10-9, second

126—Hobson (SEW) pin Caleb Vokes (GINW) 2:55; pinned by Dylan Hubbard (LEX) 0:59; pinned by Jeffrey Kundl (CRT) 4:16; pinned by Caleb Vokes (GINW) 1:32

132—Rosendale (SEW) def. by Angel Vega (LEX) 4-3; def. Cesar Linares (CRT) 16-0; pinned by Devon Ackles (AC) 4:11; def. Vega (LEX) 4-2

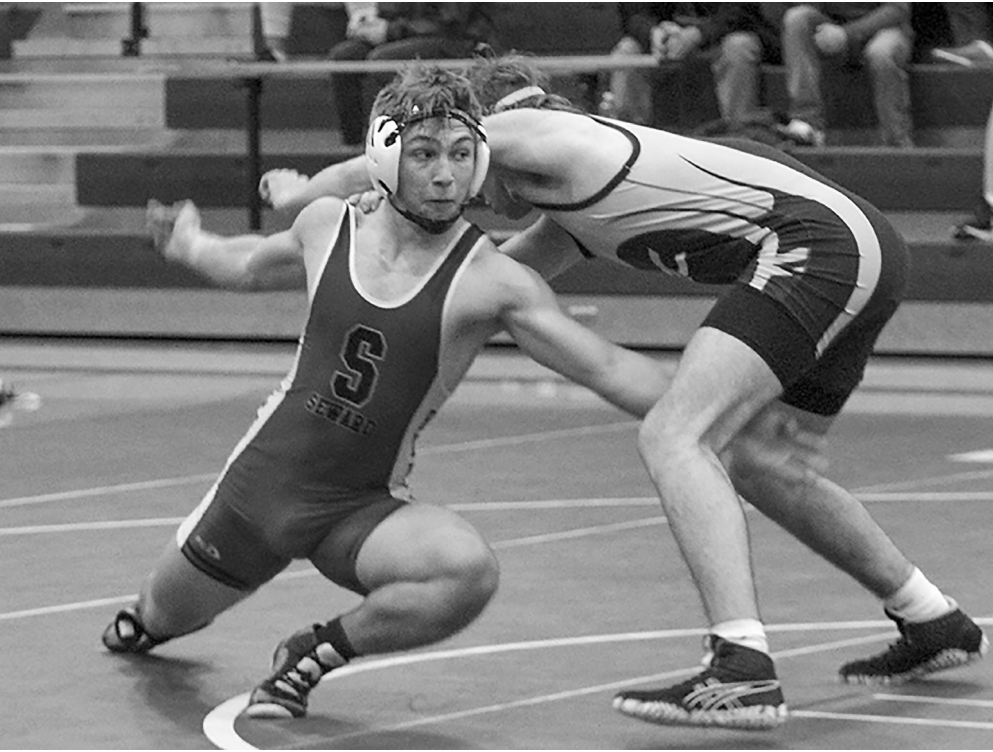
145—B. Duncan (SEW) pin Franklin Musungay (YRK) 0:36; pin Bo Bushousen (GINW) 1:20; def. by Trevor Kluck (AUR) 22-6; pin Carver Powers (HLD) 4:37; def. Jonathon Gonzalez (SCH) 6-1, third

152—Schoepf (SEW) pinned by Diego Maganda (SCH) 2:22; pinned by Eli Arends (GINW) 2:26; pin Jackson Oaks (LEX) 1:32

160—Hiser (SEW) injury default to Jhony Escobar (SCH); medical forfeit to Mason Marquardt (HLD)

170—Hill (SEW) pin Seth Erickson (YRK) 0:46; def. Sam Holt (HLD) 14-5, first

182—Novacek (SEW) pinned by Landon Ternus (CL) 0:52; def. by Ismael Ayala (LEX) 4-1



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Nolan Hill of Seward shoots for a takedown against Gavin Soden of Raymond Central during a dual Jan. 28. Hill won that match and went on to win the Central Conference championship Jan. 30.

CHS wrestling

(continued from 1B) match went into overtime. In the third-place match, Schernikau won by pin.

“That was a good way to finish the day,” Coach Payne said.

Dodson has surprised some people this season as a freshman, winning some big matches.

“He has the right mindset,” Coach Payne said.

His only loss of the day came to Jack Chapman of Milford, but the coach said he’s gained since the first time they met this season.

Rodewald was looking

forward to a rematch with Brayton Jarosik of South Central and got it in the third-place match. Jarosik was able to get the win, however.

“He has improved so much,” Coach Payne said of his senior.

The Broncos are scheduled to wrestle at subdistricts Friday, Feb. 5, at David City Aquinas. Malcolm and Milford are among the teams in that subdistrict. Matches start at 3 p.m.

“We’re just glad for the chance to compete. It’s been a weird year,” Coach Payne said.

Southern Nebraska Conference
Team scores—Milford 188, David City 186, Fillmore Central 105.5, Thayer Central 101, Centennial 91.5, Wilber-Clatonia 85, Fairbury 56, Superior 56, Sutton 27, South Central 25

106—Trayton Stewart (CTL) pinned by Travis Meyer (FC) 0:31; pinned by Conner Kohout (MIL) 0:42

120—Garrison Schernikau (CTL) def. Cooper Casey (TC) SV-1 9-7; pinned by Simon Schindler (DC) 0:56; pin Spencer Weers (FBY) 4:15; pin Casey (TC) 5:30, third

126—Keenan Kosek (CTL) pinned by John Brodrick (SC) 3:18; pinned by Brenner McLaughlin (TC) 2:15

132—Ryan Payne (CTL) def. Connor Gerths (FBY) 12-5; def. Josh Spatz (DC) 8-4; def. by Eli Vondra (MIL) 13-1, second

138—Jarrett Dodson (CTL) pin Aaron Allgood (SUP) 5:46; def. by Jack Chapman (MIL) 12-2; def. Ethan Underwood (DC) 7-2; pin Treven Stassines (FC) 3:00, third

170—Tyson Rodewald (CTL) pin Nate Burd (TC) 1:16; pinned by Tre Daro (DC) 3:40; def. Ashton McCown (FBY) 2-0; def. by Brayton Jarosik (SC) 13-2, fourth

195—Samuel Payne (CTL) pin Michael McGowan (SUP) 1:17; pinned by Hunter Oborny (MIL) 1:28; pin Stone Thelen (WC) 2:03; def. Andrew Engle (TC) 6-4, third

220—Nickolas Keith (CTL) pinned by Drake Richtarik (FBY) 1:56; pin Rocky Miller (SC) 2:37;

def. by Carson Adams (FC) 12-0

285—Carson Fehlihafer (CTL) pin Dahrnan Cast (TC) 0:45; def. Kazz Hyson (FBY) 3-1; pin Payton Christianity (SUP) 4:29, first

Results

Girls’ basketball

Malcolm 63, Mead 24
MEAD 6 8 5 5 24
MAL 19 18 20 6 63

MALCOLM—Joslyn Small 5-10 2-14, Alanae Babb 1-2 1-4 4, Jasmine Small 2-4 0-0 5, Ashlynn Sehi 1-2 0-0 2, Kiley Elkins 0-2 0-0 0, Jordan Denton 1-4 0-0 2, Alyssa Fortik 6-11 1-4 15, Diamond Sedlak 2-7 1-1 6, Emma Brown 5-5 3-3 13, Laurny England 0-0 2-2 2, Cora Schweitzer 0-1 0-0 0, Ava Helms 0-1 0-0 0, Addy Hanson 0-1 0-0 0.

MEAD—9-33 3-6 24.

Three-point goals—MAL 7-14 (Jo. Small 2-2, Babb 1-1, Ja. Small 1-1, Denton 0-2, Fortik 2-4, Sedlak 1-4), MEA 3-11. Rebounds—MAL 30 (Sehi 7), MEA 24. Assists—MAL 19 (Fortik 5), MEA 19. Steals—MAL 16 (Sehi 4), MEA 5. Turnovers—MAL

8, MEA 23. Fouls—MAL 13, MEA 12.

Malcolm 42, Wilber-Clatonia 13
MAL 10 7 11 14 42
WC 5 3 2 3 13

MALCOLM—Jo. Small 1-5 2-4 5, Babb 0-1 0-0 0, Ja. Small 0-1 0-0 0, Sehi 0-1 0-0 0, Denton 0-6, 1-2 1, Fortik 6-10 0-0 14, Sedlak 5-12 4-5 17, Brown 0-8 1-3 1, England 0-1 0-0 0, Schweitzer 1-2 0-0 2, Camry Sehi 1-1 0-0 2.

WC—5-14 3-7 13.

Three-point goals—MHS 6-24 (Jo. Small 1-3, Babb 0-1, Ja. Small 0-1, Denton 0-4, Fortik 2-6, Sedlak 3-8, England 0-1), WC 0-3. Rebounds—MHS 20 (Brown 6), WC 26. Assists—MHS 11 (Ja. Small 3), WC 4. Steals—MHS 25 (Sedlak 7, Fortik 5), WC 11. Turnovers—MHS 19, WC 42. Fouls—MHS 11, WC 15.

Malcolm 57, Freeman 24
FRE 4 10 12 5 24
MAL 24 16 12 5 57

MALCOLM—Jo. Small 5-8 3-4 14, Reagan Wondercheck 0-3 0-0 0, Babb 1-2 0-0 3, Ja. Small 1-5 0-0 2, Sehi 1-1 0-0 2, Elkins 1-3 0-0 2, Denton 1-6 1-1 3, Fortik 3-7 0-0 7, Sedlak 6-9 0-0 16, Brown 1-1 2-2 4, England 0-2 0-0 0, Schweitzer 2-3 0-0 4.

FRE—10-25 2-5 24.

Three-point goals—MHS 7-25 (Jo. Small 1-4, Wondercheck 0-2, Babb 1-2, Ja. Small 0-3, Denton 0-3, Fortik 1-2, Sedlak 4-7, England 0-2), FRE 2-11. Rebounds—MHS 26 (Sehi 5, Elkins 4), FRE 18. Assists—MHS 12 (Jo. Small 2, Denton 2, Fortik 2), FRE 8. Steals—MHS 20 (Jo. Small 5), FRE 4. Turnovers—MHS 11, FRE 26. Fouls—MHS 10, FRE 5.

Concordia University

Honors

After improving her NAIA national best mark in the pole vault last week, Concordia University sophomore Josie Puelz has been chosen as the GPAC/Hauff Mid-America Sports Women's Field Athlete of the Week, as announced by the conference Jan. 27.

A Lincoln Lutheran High School alum, Puelz made an immediate impact upon her arrival at Concordia. Last season she won the GPAC pole vault title and earned All-America honors with a third-place finish at the NAIA National Championships. While winning the pole vault competition at last week's Polar Dog Invite Jan. 22, Puelz cleared 12-7.5, a figure that leads the NAIA by nine inches. Puelz currently ranks No. 2 on the program's all-time indoor pole vault list with her personal best of 12-10.25 achieved as a freshman.

Wrestling

Half of the entire GPAC dual slate unfolded Jan. 30 in Jamestown, North Dakota, where the Jimmies hosted five of the conference's nine wrestling programs. In its first action in two weeks, the Concordia University wrestling team went 1-3 on the day while claiming a 23-22 win over Jamestown that came down to criteria. Ten Bulldogs wrestled at least one match.

GPAC Duals results

Briar Cliff 34, Concordia 7

Concordia 23, Jamestown 22

(9) Doane 36, Concordia 3

Hastings 27, Concordia 24

Head Coach Levi Calhoun's squad wrapped up the conference regular-season schedule with a GPAC record of 3-5 (5-10 overall). Concordia also owns GPAC wins over Dakota Wesleyan and Midland.

The Bulldogs had open weights at 125 and 149 throughout the day. They managed to overcome the lineup gaps in the

win over Jamestown by claiming six of the eight contested matches. With Concordia trailing 22-16 in team scoring, senior Oscar Ramirez-Garcia pulled out a critical 5-4 decision over Ivan Vargas at 197. Freshman Jacob Telles followed at heavyweight with a 3-1 win over Ian Howell. That left the team score knotted, 22-22. A tiebreaker point was added for the Bulldogs based on criteria (more match wins).

Other contributors to the team victory included freshman Javeen Scdoris (major decision at 141), junior Issiah Burks (decision at 157), Tavoris Smith (decision at 165) and TJ Huber (pin at 174). Huber posted one of the team's two pins on the day.

In the day's final dual, half of the matches resulted in forfeits (three by Hastings). Concordia attempted to climb out of a 24-0 hole in the back half of the lineup. The biggest highlight was a first-period pin (11th of the season) for Telles, who beat Marco Valdivia. It was a nice way to bounce back for Telles, who had dropped his previous match by decision to the GPAC's top-rated heavyweight, Brandon Antesberger of Doane.

Doane (7-0) and Briar Cliff (6-2) have proven to be two of the top teams in the GPAC. The ninth-ranked Tigers (guided by former Concordia and Midland head coach Dana Voté) won all but one match over the Bulldogs. Freshman Carter Willis eked out a 5-3 triumph in sudden victory at 133. In the loss to the Chargers, Burks (major decision at 157) and Huber (decision at 174) put wins on the board for Concordia.

When the dust settled on Saturday, a quartet of Bulldogs had each notched two wins at the GPAC Duals: Burks, Huber, Ramirez-Garcia and Telles. Five Concordia wrestlers were credited with one victory apiece: senior Gabe Crawford, senior Cyrus Marshall, Scdoris, sophomore Tavoris Smith and Willis.

The final dual of the 2020-21 season will take place Thursday, Feb. 4, when the Bulldogs

host York College (6-3) inside Friedrich Arena at 7 p.m. Concordia will attempt to avenge the 30-19 loss it suffered at York back on Oct. 30. The Panthers were situated just outside the NAIA top 20 in the latest national team rankings.

Track and field

Sophomore Josie Puelz made history Jan. 30 while becoming just the second female athlete in Concordia University Track and Field history to clear 13 feet in the pole vault. Puelz stood out as one of nine Bulldog event champions at the weekend's Fred Beile Classic hosted in Crete by Doane. In addition, sophomore Wyatt Loga (Malcolm) and junior Cody Williams equaled the school record in the high jump competition.

Head Coach Matt Beisel's squads entered the meet with NAIA national rankings of No. 2 on the women's side and No. 4 on the men's side (according to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association). This marked meet No. 4 of the indoor season. The Beile Classic featured athletes from Concordia, College of Saint Mary, Doane, Hastings, Midland and York.

Named the GPAC Women's Field Athlete of the Week on Wednesday, Puelz is a rising star. The Lincoln Lutheran High School alum surpassed a personal best while vaulting a Fuhrer Fieldhouse record of 13-1.75 (No. 1 in the NAIA) at the Beile Classic. Also in the women's pole vault, senior Anna Baack (PR of 11-8) and freshman Amira Cummings (11-2.25) cleared 11 feet.

As of early Saturday evening, Loga and Williams had put themselves into the top five on the NAIA national list in the high jump. Both Loga and Williams leapt 6-9 as part of a high level high jump competition in Crete. Doane's Jacob Hruska also elevated above 6-9. That mark equaled the Concordia school record first reached by Dave Fiala in 1997.

For the first time this season, the Bulldogs entered into distance medley relays. As it stands right now, Concordia owns the top-rated women's DMR in the NAIA after clocking in at 12:32.60

(converted to 12:24.63) on the Fuhrer Fieldhouse track. The relay team included freshman Rylee Haecker, junior Sarah Lewis, freshman Grace Reiman and sophomore Kylahn Heritage. Lewis blazed to her best 400 split of the season as part of the DMR.

The Bulldog men's DMR registered a time of 10:31.68 (second place) as freshman Calvin Rohde, senior Jacob Jennings, senior Christian Van Cleave and sophomore Camden Sesna paced the track.

Reigning GPAC Athlete of the Year Rachel Battershell authored a fine performance in the 600 meters, winning in a time of 1:37.10 (in her only event of the weekend). Other women's winners on the track included Alyssa Fye in the mile (5:44.28) and 1,000 meters (3:23.13) and Heritage in the 3,000 meters (10:59.88). On the men's side, senior Henry Reimer took first place in the 400 meters (52.72) and freshman Kadin Vrbas claimed the top spot in the 200 meters (24.16).

Beisel liked what he saw in both 3,000 meter races. Heritage held off teammate Sydney Clark (11:00.56) for first on the women's side. Amie Martin (11:06.07) was also close behind. On the men's side, Sesna (9:18.09), Wyatt Lehr (9:21.99) and Antonio Blaine (9:25.19) placed two through four at the meet.

Solid results came out of the throws. In the men's weight throw, sophomore Chris Wren tossed a personal best of 58-2.5 and placed fourth in a loaded field at the Beile Classic. In the women's weight throw, Concordia performers went 1-2-4 thanks to the efforts of Morgan De Jong (56-10.75), Sarah Ragland (54-4.5) and Olivia Buschow (51-8.25), who each turned in season bests. The top Bulldogs in the shot put were Andy Amos (48-3.25; fifth place) and Elle Luehr (41-8.5; third place).

The Beile Classic represented Concordia's second meet this season that has included multi-events. Emily Loy (3,167), Amy Richert (3,118) and Kaylee Boyle (2,768) placed third, fourth and sixth, respectively, in the women's pentathlon. In the men's heptathlon, Jeremiah Reeser finished third (4,376). Loy and Richert currently hold down top 10 national spots in the pentathlon while Reeser

can make that claim in the heptathlon.

Additional noteworthy marks of improvement came from Keri Bauer in the 800 meters (converted time of 2:23.15), Dagne' Buck in the weight throw (53-5), Mackenzie Ferrell in the weight throw (49-3.75), Haecker in the 800 meters (converted time of 2:21.59), Alli Owings in the shot put (39-1.75) and Samantha Thompson in the shot put (39-10.75). Each of these marks ranked in the top 30 on the NAIA national performance lists as of Saturday evening.

The final two meets before the 2021 GPAC indoor championships will be held inside the friendly confines of the Walz Fieldhouse. Next week's Concordia Classic is slated to get underway at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5. The Bulldogs will also host the Concordia Invite on Feb. 13.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI
Chloe Schumacher of Concordia attempts to block a shot against College of St. Mary Jan. 28.

Farrell (18), Luebbe (16), Pfanstiel (13) and Rushton (11). Six other Bulldogs tallied at least six points: Bailey Conrad (nine), Sadie Powell (nine), Chloe Schumacher (eight), Mackenzie Koepke (seven), Rylee Pauli (six) and Troshynski (six).

Schumacher (Malcolm) also grabbed eight rebounds while feeding a team advantage of 48-30 on the boards. Meanwhile, Mackenzie Toomey plucked six steals and Abby Aplaca and Powell nabbed three apiece. Conrad dished out four assists.

College of Saint Mary had also played road games on Sunday and Monday. The Flames are paced by a talented freshman in Honnah Leo, who collected 16 points while going 4-for-6 from 3-point range on Thursday. As a team, CSM shot 33.3% from the floor. The Flames did manage to force 18 Concordia turnovers.

The 111 points scored by the Bulldogs equaled the season high they also achieved at Doane back on Nov. 18. The victory on Thursday marked the 399th win in Olson's coaching career. The only basketball coach in school history to reach 400 wins is Grant Schmidt, who guided the men's program to 445 victories from 1989 to 2012.

Idle this weekend, the Bulldogs now get set for their final road game of the regular season. They will play at Dordt (12-9, 11-7 GPAC) at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Women's basketball

Everyone had their opportunities to make an impact Jan. 28 as the 25th-ranked Concordia University women's basketball team dominated visiting College of Saint Mary, 111-52.

The Bulldogs made 15 treys and scored at least 23 points in each quarter in a strong performance inside Friedrich Arena. Sophomore Taylor Farrell topped all players with 18 points.

Head Coach Drew Olson's squad hopes to show it belongs in the NAIA top 25 after reclaiming a national ranking on Wednesday. Concordia (14-7, 13-5 GPAC) currently sits in second place in the GPAC standings.

In unleashing the press, the Bulldogs flustered the Flames (2-16, 1-14 GPAC) into committing 36 turnovers. On the other end, Concordia found wide open shooters all evening. Four different Bulldogs curled in multiple 3-point field goals: Farrell (4-for-6), Chaise Pfanstiel (3-for-4), Taysha Rushton (3-for-6) and Faith Troshynski (2-for-3). When it wasn't bombing away from the perimeter, Concordia could drop it down low to Kayla Luebbe (Seward), who racked up 16 points and seven rebounds.

Pfanstiel found a groove early on. Before six minutes had elapsed in the opening quarter, the Millard West High School product had knocked in 11 points while connecting on three triples. The arrival of Pfanstiel for the second semester gives the Bulldogs another weapon.

Concordia double-figure scorers included



CAITLYN NELSON/SCI

Rachel Battershell leads the pack in the women's 600-meter run at Doane's Fred Beile Classic. Battershell finished the run in 1:37.2, earning first at the meet.



CAITLYN NELSON/SCI

Henry Reimer leans into the finish line in the men's 400-meter dash at the Fred Beile Classic at Doane on Jan. 30. Reimer won the event with a time of 52.72 seconds.

CHS enters SNC as top seed

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Snow last Monday and Tuesday canceled a game for Centennial, but the Broncos played two in the week anyway.

The CHS girls headed to Thayer Central Jan. 29 to play the Titans and brought home a 49-39 win.

“It went well,” Coach Jake Polk said. “We knew it would be a tough battle and that Thayer Central would be amped up.”

The last trip to Hebron saw the Centennial volleyball team beat the Titans in the district final for a trip to state.

“But we wanted it bad, too,” Polk said.

Kierra Green came off the bench to score 11 points and lead the offense. Daylee Dey added 10. Jaci Opfer and Asia Nisly notched eight rebounds each.

Polk said the game, which was a physical one, didn’t have a lot of flow because of fouls. Centennial was able to make free throws down the stretch.

“You have to hit pressure free throws in tight games,” Polk said. “The only way to be poised is to play in that environment.”

Centennial finished the week with a make-up game against Nebraska Christian Jan. 30. Polk said he was nervous going into the game because NC is an unfamiliar opponent.



GREG FORBES/SCI

Centennial senior Asia Nisly drives past Nebraska Christian’s Sidney Mchargue during the Broncos’ 47-33 win over the Eagles last Saturday, Jan. 30.

“They have a nice team,” he said.

CHS didn’t start the game well and trailed 15-12 after the first quarter. The Broncos outscored NCHS 17-10 in the second quarter and held them to eight points in the second half.

“In the second quarter we were able to knock down shots and regain our mojo,” Polk said.

Kate Hirschfeld led the team with 13 points,

five rebounds and six assists.

The Broncos (17-1) are the No. 1 seed in the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament. CHS was scheduled to host the winner of Fillmore Central vs Heartland Feb. 2. The semifinals are set for Thursday, Feb. 4, with the finals Saturday, Feb. 6, all at Centennial.

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| Centennial 49, Thayer Central 39 | | | | | |
| CHS | 15 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 49 |
| TCHS | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 39 |
| CHS—Kate Hirschfeld 2-7 1-5 5, Kierra Green | | | | | |

4-6 0-0 11, Daylee Dey 2-3 5-6 10, Jaci Opfer 3-6 0-0 6, Kiley Rathjen 2-3 2-4 6, Asia Nisly 3-7 0-2 6, Jaycee Stuhr 1-3 2-3 5. Totals 17-35 10-20 49.
Three-point goals—CHS 5-11 (Hirschfeld 0-2, Green 3-5, Dey 1-1, Nisly 0-2, Stuhr 1-1). **Rebounds**—CHS 32 (Opfer, Nisly 8). **Assists**—CHS 13 (Dey 3). **Steals**—CHS 3 (three with 1). **Blocked shots**—CHS 7 (Hirschfeld, Rathjen 3). **Turnovers**—CHS 13. **Fouls**—CHS 20. **Fouled out**—Dey.

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|---|----|----|----|---|----|
| Centennial 47, Nebraska Christian 33 | | | | | |
| NCHS | 15 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 33 |
| CHS | 12 | 17 | 10 | 8 | 47 |
| CHS—Hirschfeld 6-9 1-2 13, Green 1-2 0-0 3, Dey 2-6 1-2 7, Rathjen 2-4 1-1 5, Nisly 4-10 0-0 8, Stuhr 4-4 0-0 9, Kailey Ziegler 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 20-37 3-5 47. | | | | | |

Three-point goals—CHS 4-11 (Hirschfeld 0-2, Green 1-1, Dey 2-5, Nisly 0-2, Stuhr 1-1). **Rebounds**—CHS 18 (Hirschfeld 5). **Assists**—CHS 14 (Hirschfeld 6). **Steals**—CHS 6 (Nisly, Stuhr 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 7 (Hirschfeld, Dey 2). **Turnovers**—CHS 14. **Fouls**—CHS 8.

SHS boys

(continued from 1B) it was when we played them the first time was encouraging.”

Covalt led the team with 12 points, going 4-8 from three.

The loss dropped Seward into a consolation game against Holdrege, and SHS rallied to beat the Dusters 59-57.

Finn Hochstein came off the bench in the second half and made three three-pointers, Menke said, giving the team a

spark.

“We didn’t play great but stressed how good teams find a way to win, even when they might not play well,” he said.

He was pleased to see balanced scoring from the Jays, which gives the team the chance to spread the floor.

Covalt scored 17 and was 5-13 from three.

Sam Schroeder finished with six points and nine rebounds.

Seward (4-13) was to

host Lakeview Feb. 2 and travel to Blair Friday, Feb. 5.

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| Seward 61, Lexington 46 | | | | | |
| LHS | 12 | 14 | 7 | 13 | 46 |
| SHS | 15 | 20 | 11 | 15 | 61 |

SHS—Drew Covalt 6-10 3-3 19, Traetyn Schaefer 4-6 0-0 11, Jackson Trost 4-6 0-0 12, Dalton Burt 0-0 1-2 1, Gavin Sukup 0-3 0-0 0, Andrew Frazey 0-1 0-0 0, Leighton Limback 3-3 0-0 8, Carson Trvdy 2-6 0-0 5, Sam Schroeder 2-7 1-2 5.

Three-point goals—SHS 14-24 (Covalt 4-8, Schaefer 3-5, Trost 4-5, Frazey 0-1, Limback 2-2, Trvdy 1-3). **Rebounds**—SHS 21 (Schroeder 5). **Assists**—SHS 15 (Schaefer 6). **Steals**—SHS 6 (Covalt 3). **Blocked shots**—SHS 3 (Schroeder 2). **Turnovers**—SHS 15. **Fouls**—SHS 15.

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| Aurora 42, Seward 30 | | | | | |
| SHS | 8 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 30 |
| AHS | 13 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 42 |

SHS—Covalt 4-8 0-0 12, Schaefer 0-7 0-0 0, Trost 3-6 0-0 8, Sukup 0-1 0-2 0, Cole Gray 1-1 0-0 2, Limback 1-2 0-0 2, Trvdy 1-5 0-0 3, Schroeder 1-5 1-2 3.

Three-point goals—SHS 7-18 (Covalt 4-8, Schaefer 0-3, Trost 2-4, Trvdy 1-2, Schroeder 0-1). **Rebounds**—SHS 18 (Schroeder 7). **Assists**—SHS 10 (Schaefer 5). **Steals**—SHS 3 (three with 1). **Turnovers**—SHS 8.

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|------------------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Seward 59, Holdrege 57 | | | | | |
| SHS | 9 | 11 | 17 | 22 | 59 |
| HHS | 7 | 12 | 20 | 18 | 57 |

SHS—Covalt 5-16 2-4 17, Schaefer 1-6 0-1 2, Trost 2-4 0-0 5, Sukup 2-5 4-4 8, Finn Hochstein 3-4 0-0 9, Limback 2-5 2-3 6, Trvdy 2-4 0-0 6, Schroeder 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 20-51 8-12 59.

Three-point goals—SHS 11-29 (Covalt 5-13, Schaefer 0-3, Trost 1-3, Hochstein 3-4, Limback 0-2, Trvdy 2-4). **Rebounds**—SHS 25 (Schroeder 9). **Assists**—SHS 14 (three with 3). **Steals**—SHS 5 (five with 1). **Turnovers**—SHS 13. **Fouls**—SHS 17. Fouled out—Limback.



GREG FORBES/SCI

Centennial senior Cooper Gierhan guards Nebraska Christian’s Isaac Herman during the Broncos’ 67-32 win Saturday.

Broncos win two on hardwood

by Stephanie Croston
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After a couple days off because of snow, the Centennial boys’ basketball team hit the court Jan. 29 at Thayer Central and beat the Titans 67-41. The next day, the Broncos downed Nebraska Christian 67-32.

Coach Cam Scholl said CHS shot well in both games. Senior Cooper Gierhan made 10 more three pointers and moved into 23rd on the all-time state charts for made threes.

Against Thayer Central, Maj Nisly scored 20 to lead the offense. Gierhan added 19 and Jake Bargaen 11.

“That was a nice win. It’s a tough place to play,” Scholl said.

Against Nebraska Christian, Bargaen led the way with 24, and Gierhan added 21 with

Nisly scoring 10.

Scholl said having more people score makes it harder to defend CHS.

Centennial (12-4) is the No. 3 seed in the Southern Nebraska Conference and opens tournament play Feb. 2 against the winner of Fairbury vs. David City.

Centennial 67, Thayer Central 41
CHS—Michael Nisly 1-1 0-0 3, Alex Hirschfeld 0-1 0-0 0, Maj Nisly 9-13 1-3 20, Jake Bargaen 4-7 2-2 11, Lance Haberman 0-1 0-0 0, Cooper Gierhan 7-13 0-0 19, Lane Zimmer 4-6 0-0 8, Jayden Hartshorn 0-1 0-0 0, Jayde Gumaer 3-3 0-0 6, Carson Prochaska 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-47 3-5 67.
Three-point goals—CHS 8-14 (Maj Nisly 1-1, Hirschfeld 0-1, Ma Nisly 1-3, Bargaen 1-2, Haberman 0-1, Gierhan 5-6). **Rebounds**—CHS 22 (Hartshorn 5). **Assists**—CHS 12 (Ma Nisly 4). **Steals**—CHS 5 (Gierhan 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 1 (Ma Nisly 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 9. **Fouls**—CHS 8.

Centennial 67, Nebraska Christian 32
NCHS 11 7 10 4 32
CHS 22 22 15 8 67
CHS—Elijah Utter 0-1 0-0 0, Ma Nisly 5-8 0-0 10, Bargaen 9-13 6-6 24, Haberman 1-2 0-0 2, Gierhan 8-17 0-0 21, Shawn Rathjen 0-1 0-0 0, Zimmer 2-5 0-0 4, Hartshorn 0-1 0-0 0, Gumaer 2-2 0-0 4, Prochaska 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 28-53 6-6 67.
Three-point goals—CHS 5-14 (Ma Nisly 0-1, Bargaen 0-1, Haberman 0-1, Gierhan 5-10, Hartshorn 0-1). **Rebounds**—CHS 36 (Gierhan 7). **Assists**—CHS 16 (Gierhan 4). **Steals**—CHS 5 (Gierhan 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 1 (Gierhan 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 13. **Fouls**—CHS 12.

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STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

The 2020 Centennial middle school wrestling team included, from left: (front row) Wyatt Boyer, Paul Fehlhafer, Christopher Potter-Crum and Tate Copple; and (back row) Parker Dishman, Cael Payne and Kasten Ruether. Atticus Perkins is not pictured.

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REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2021, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said decedent and that MELVIN H. DEINERT, whose address is 1851 NW 98th Street, Lincoln, NE 68528, and JOANN C. BOSHART, whose address is 3100 NW 98th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this court on or before March 20, 2021, Or be forever barred.

/s/Sheila R. Beins
CLERK OF
THE COUNTY COURT

MICHAEL G. MULLALLY
#17373
MICHAEL G. MULLALLY
P.C., L.L.O.
510 Seward Street
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Seward, Nebraska 68434
(402) 643-4581
Attorney for
Personal Representative
SCI — January 20, 27, February 03, 2021
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MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The February meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit 6 will meet at the Educational Service Unit 6 main office, located at 210 5th St, Milford, NE, on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for said meeting is on file at that location and kept continually current.
SCI/MT/FS/WR/CR — February 03, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:
Seward County Ag. Society
Monday, February 15, 2021
7 p.m.
Ag. Pavilion
Seward County Fairgrounds
Michael J. Flyr
Secretary
Seward Co. Ag. Society
SCI/MT — February 03, 10, 2021

NOTICE
A Public Meeting of the Seward County Planning Commission will be held February 15th, 2021, 7:30 pm, Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street, Seward, Nebraska. Notice of said meeting will be posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and in the Zoning Administration Office. The agenda for said meeting will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Zoning Administration Office during normal business hours. The agenda will be held open until 4:00 p.m. of the day, five 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 — February 03, 2021

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Seward Community Scholarship will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at the Seward Civic Center at 7:00 o'clock PM in Seward, Nebraska. Membership shall be open to any person or entity, which annually contributes funds in an amount of \$100 or more to the Seward Community Scholarship Organization. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Directors and for the transaction of other business as may come before the meeting.
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The board of education of the School District of Seward will meet in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting which shall be kept continually current is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours. To view the agenda go to <http://SewardPublicSchools.org/> and find the eMeeting link.
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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

NOTICE

Seward County Ag Society is seeking bids until February 12 to redo concrete floors at Harvest Hall and Ag Pavilion. Bids to include options: seal joints, grind, polish, stain, seal floor and epoxy coating. Send bids to Jones Bank, Attn: Mike Flyr, 203 S 6th St, Seward, NE 68434.
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HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is given that the Seward County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 15th, 2021, 7:30 p.m., Seward County Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street, Seward, Nebraska. Regarding the following:
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
Parcel ID: 800007662
KOLN-KGIN INC.
KOLN-Beaver Crossing Tower Construction
Located in Precinct K, Section 27, Township 10N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska.
Information on the proposed action is available in the Seward County Zoning Office.
The public's comments and concerns are welcome at the time of the Public Hearing.
Seward County
Zoning Administrator
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GENERAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is an announcement for all workers of Tenneco, Inc. Trade Certification TA-W-95,705, Trade Adjustment Assistance Act (TAA) for workers of Tenneco, Inc., 1111 Izaak Walton Rd, Seward, NE, including all workers assisting in the production of exhaust systems for motor vehicles. If you have been laid off or will be laid off by Tenneco, Inc. between 2/18/2019 and 1/7/2023, please contact Nebraska Department of Labor to attend an informational session. The TAA program is designed to help workers become reemployed when jobs are lost due to foreign trade. Assistance may include supplemental income; wage subsidy, training/schooling and reemployment services. For questions or an appointment, please contact Emily Meyer in Beatrice at 402-223-6086/ emily.meyer@nebraska.gov
SCI — February 03, 2021
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LIQUOR LICENSES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2021, for the following retail liquor licensee:

American Legion Post 369
150 4th Street
Garland, Nebraska 68360

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the Village of Garland or Seward County on or before February 10, 2021, in the office of the Village of Garland Clerk and that in the event

protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.
Salene Ulrich
Garland Village Clerk
SCI — February 03, 2021
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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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ORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
of
Nebrascut, LLC
Notice is hereby given that Nebrascut, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 2628 Bluff Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Andrew R. Schlueter, 2628 Bluff Road, Seward, Nebraska 68434. Nebrascut, LLC
SCI — February 03, 10, 17, 2021

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a Limited Liability Company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The name of the company is BRUCE BURGER CONSULTING, LLC The address of the designated office is 1613 N. Columbia Ave., Seward, NE 68434. The registered agent and address for service upon the company is Bruce Burger, 1613 N. Columbia Ave., Seward, NE 68434. The company shall engage in any lawful business and act for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. MICHAEL G. MULLALLY MICHAEL G. MULLALLY, P.C., L.L.O. Attorney at Law 510 Seward St. Seward, NE 68434 (402) 643-4581
SCI — February 03, 10, 17, 2021

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a Limited Liability Company under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The name of the company is LMKALIFF FARM, LLC The address of the designated office is 3004 Fletcher Road, Seward, NE 68434. The registered agent and address for service upon the company is Melissa Briggs, 3004 Fletcher Road, Seward, NE 68434. The company shall engage in any lawful business and act for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. MICHAEL G. MULLALLY MICHAEL G. MULLALLY, P.C., L.L.O. Attorney at Law 510 Seward St. Seward, NE 68434 (402) 643-4581
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PROPERTY SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Re: #1 - Deed of Trust filed for record on October 7, 2009, at Instrument No. 200903242 and refilled on December 10, 2010, at Instrument No 201003222
Chad J. Wythers
Wythers Law Office
P.O. Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
Phone 402-643-3639
You are hereby notified that the following-described property will be sold by Chad J. Wythers, Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder at the North side of the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward St., in the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, on March 19, 2021, at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00am):
Lots 1 and 4, in Block 3, in Mary R. Spear's Addition to the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, commonly known as 945 North 5th St., Seward, NE 68434,
The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, at the time of the sale, cash or a cashier's check in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the full purchase price, in certified funds, to be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. on the following business day.) This sale is 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, (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and/or deeds of trust, (6) ground leases of record, all applicable fees, and all taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This property is sold "as is" and this sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.
Chad J. Wythers
Attorney at Law,
Successor Trustee.
By: s/ Chad Wythers
Chad J. Wythers, #22383
Wythers Law Office
129 N. 5th St., Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
(402) 643-3639
SCI — February 03, 10, 17, 24, March 03, 2021

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Re: #2 - Deed of Trust filed for record on September 25, 2018, at Instrument No. 201802216
Chad J. Wythers
Wythers Law Office
P.O. Box 98
Seward, Nebraska 68434
Phone 402-643-3639
You are hereby notified that the following-described property will be sold by Chad J. Wythers, Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder at the North side of the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward St., in the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, on March 19, 2021, at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00am):
Lots 1 and 4, in Block 3, in Mary R. Spear's Addition to the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, commonly known as 945 North 5th St., Seward, NE 68434,
The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, at the time of the sale, cash or a cashier's check in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the full purchase price, in certified funds, to be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. (If the sale is held after 1:00 P.M., the deposit requirement remains the same, and the full purchase price, in certified funds, shall be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. the following business day.) This sale is 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, (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and/or deeds of trust, (6) ground leases of record, all applicable fees, and all taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This property is sold "as is" and this sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.
Chad J. Wythers
Attorney at Law,
Successor Trustee.
By: s/ Chad Wythers
Chad J. Wythers, #22383
Wythers Law Office
129 N. 5th St., Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
(402) 643-3639
SCI — February 03, 10, 17, 24, March 03, 2021

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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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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ONLINE ONLY AUCTION
Antique & Collectible Tractors & Farm Equipment

Visit www.larsensauctions.com for a link to view the items that will be selling through Auctiontime! The items will be available to view from Jan. 27 through the end of bidding on Feb. 10. There will be an open house to view the items in person on Feb. 6 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Location of items: 2212 Road 12, Fairmont, NE

TRACTORS: JD 630, Restored; JD 60, Restored; Farmall M, Restored; Farmall 350; IH 354; IH 240 Utility; Oliver Super 77; (2) Farmall F-20's; (2) Farmall F-20's for Parts; Farmall Super M For Parts.
The tractors are all in good running condition. The restored tractors are very well done.
FARM EQUIPMENT & COLLECTIBLES: JD #200 Stack Mover; Little Genius 3-14 Plow; IH 3-14 Fast Hitch Plow; 30 Ton Hyd Shop Press; Arc Welder; Several Pieces of Horse Drawn Farm Equipment; Walking Plows; Cultivators; Cast Butchering Kettle; JD Bicycle; Western Field Bike; Schwinn "Panther" Bicycle; Dempster Windmill Pump Adv A.B. Wiedman McCool Jct., NE; Wooden Corn Shelter; Cast Iron Seats; Steel Wheels; JD 18" Chain Saw; Galv. Buckets & Cans; Several other Farm Antiques; (5) Marble Stair Treads from the old IOOF Bldg in York, NE; (6) Reclaimed Barn Benches, 6"x6"x18" Approx; Other Misc. Items.
This is just a partial listing of the items that will be for sale. To view and bid on all of the items visit www.larsensauctions.com and follow the link to Auctiontime.com. Register to bid on Auctiontime!
DAVE BRISTOL, SELLER
Larsen & Assoc. Auctioneers
Cordova, NE
402-576-3002 / 402-641-1348 • www.larsensauctions.com

NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR

Seward County Agricultural Society

IN

Seward County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 13-511, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of February, at 7pm at the Seward County Fair - Ag Pavilion for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to amending the budget which was originally adopted on the 14th day of September, 2020. Due to unforeseen circumstances, actual expenditures for the current fiscal year will exceed budgeted expenditures unless the current fiscal year budget of expenditures is revised. The Seward County Agricultural Society is amending the budget due to additional funds received from State of Nebraska CARES Act. The originally adopted budget of expenditures cannot be reduced during the remainder of the current fiscal year to meet the need for additional money because of the spending restrictions placed on CARES Act funds. The budget detail is available at the office of the Treasurer during regular business hours.

Van Springer

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| | | Treasurer |
| Summary of Proposed Revised Budget | | |
| 2018-2019 Actual Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 779,726.00 |
| 2019-2020 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 495,267.76 |
| 2020-2021 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 1,319,000.00 |
| 2020-2021 Necessary Cash Reserve | \$ | 249,233.36 |
| 2020-2021 Total Resources Available | \$ | 1,568,233.36 |
| Total 2020-2021 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement | \$ | 389,000.00 |
| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year | \$ | 386.55 |
| Breakdown of Property Tax: | | |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds | \$ | - |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes | \$ | 389,000.00 |
| Summary of Originally Adopted Budget | | |
| 2018-2019 Actual Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 779,726.00 |
| 2019-2020 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 495,267.76 |
| 2020-2021 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers | \$ | 569,000.00 |
| 2020-2021 Necessary Cash Reserve | \$ | 249,233.36 |
| 2020-2021 Total Resources Available | \$ | 818,233.36 |
| Total 2020-2021 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement | \$ | 389,000.00 |
| Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year | \$ | 386.55 |
| Breakdown of Property Tax: | | |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds | \$ | - |
| Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes | \$ | 389,000.00 |
| Additional Monetary Requirements | | |
| Fund | Purpose | Amount |
| General | Cares Act | \$ 750,000.00 |

CI — February 03, 2021

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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| ADVERTISING LIST FOR PUBLIC SALE | | | | |
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| SEWARD COUNTY | | | | |
| NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING LOTS AND TRACTS OF LAND IN SEWARD COUNTY, SAID PUBLIC SALE WILL COMMENCE THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH (3/01/2021) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A.M AND 4 P.M., EXCLUDING SATURDAY, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS. | | | | |
| TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE UNTIL ALL TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LISTED ON THIS ADVERTISING LIST HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC, INTEREST, ADVERTISING, AND OTHER RELATED COSTS WILL BE ADDED AT THE TIME OF THE PURCHASE OF TAXES, AND/OR SPECIALS. | | | | |
| ON THOSE PROPERTIES, UPON WHICH A PREVIOUS COUNTY TAX SALE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN WRITTEN, THE COUNTY CERTIFICATE MAY BE PURCHASED. THOSE PROPERTIES WHICH WOULD FALL UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOUND IN SECTION 362 OF THE U.S. BANKRUPTCY CODE HAVE BEEN OMITTED FROM THE ADVERTISING LIST, AND/OR OTHER EXCEPTIONS AS DETERMINED BY LAW. | | | | |
| THE AMOUNTS ARE AS OF THURSDAY AT 5 P.M., PRIOR TO PUBLICATION, THE AMOUNTS ARE EXCLUSIVE OF ACCRUED INTEREST AND OTHER RELATED COSTS. ON*ONE SIDE INDICATES SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE PROPERTY TAX SALE MARCH 1, 2021. | | | | |
| SEWARD | 800072243 | SEWARD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 1 E 40' LOTS 2-3 & 6 (TL 14) & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY SEWARD | 763.34 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800072324 | ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOT 1 & N 24' LOT 4 | 1,776.22 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800077156 | SEWARD CANNON ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 6 | 1,081.44 | 1/2 |
| SEWARD | 800083113 | SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 26 LOT 5 3 & 4 | 85.20 | 2017 |
| SEWARD | 800083644 | SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOT 5 8-9 | 1,489.58 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800085779 | SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 84 LOT 5 11-12 | 1,609.98 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800086740 | SEWARD HM&R ADDITION BLK 96 LOT A ADMIN REPLAT 58' LT 8 & ALL LOT 9 | 1,658.44 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800091183 | SEWARD PETERSEN'S SUBDIV OF BECK'S ADDITION BLK 4 W 49' LOT 15 & E 53' LOT 1 6 | 2,921.94 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800092023 | SEWARD SCHLUETER HEIGHTS 1ST ADDITION BLOCK 4 N 45' LOT 5 & S 1/2 LOT 6 | 2,256.62 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800093593 | SEWARD 21-11-3 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 TL 224 248 AC | 2,449.66 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800105206 | SEWARD THROMAS SUBDIVISION BLOCK 2 LOT 1 ADMIN REPLAT OF LOT 4" | 2,380.94 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800216407 | SEWARD HEARTLAND PARK ESTATES FIRST ADDITION BLK 4 LOT 1 | 6,394.64 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800226330 | SEWARD JIROVSKY-FEIGION RAILROAD SUBDIVISION BLOCK 1 #5W CORNER LOT 1 | 43.80 | 3-2018-072 |
| SEWARD | 800226435 | SEWARD HM&R ADDITION BLK 96 LOT B ADMIN REPLAT 58' LT 8 & ALL LT 9 | 1,643.54 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800229355 | SEWARD RIDGE RUN 4TH ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOT 13 | 669.86 | 1 |
| SEWARD | 800252861 | SEWARD RIDGE RUN ADDITION LOT 4 1.1 0 AC | 2,087.11 | 1/2 |
| BC | 800046854 | BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 4 LOTS 11-12 & S 1/2 LOT 13 | 161.78 | 1 |
| BC | 800046900 | BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 6-7 & #LOTS 4-5 | 530.56 | 3-2019078 |
| BC | 800047354 | BEAVER CROSSING MRS ROSS NICHOLS' SUBD IV OF BLOCK 9 O T LOTS 11-12 | 572.98 | 1 |
| BC | 800047559 | BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S ADDITION BLOCK 12 TAX LOTS 17 & 20 | 1,122.24 | 4-2018057 |
| BC | 800047877 | BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 19 LOT 4 & N 28' LOT 5 | 76.32 | 1 |
| BC | 800048296 | BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 5 LOTS 32-34 | 551.50 | 1 |
| BC | 800048385 | BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 6 LOTS 15-16 | 145.54 | 1 |
| BC | 800048679 | BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 9 W 50' LOT 3 & #LOT 4 | 612.98 | 1 |
| BC | 800049276 | BEAVER CROSSING THOMPSON'S 1ST ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOTS 7-10 | 387.70 | 1 |
| BC | 800216083 | BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BL 10 TRT III REPLAT O LT 1 & 1/2 ADJ VAC WALNUT | 513.92 | 1 |
| BC | 800219090 | ST BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 5 LOTS 29-31 | 290.62 | 1 |
| BC | 800228955 | BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 18 S 22' LOT 2 & N 13' LOT 3 | 135.56 | 4-2018069 |
| BEE | 800050398 | BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 8-12 | 392.46 | 1 |
| BEE | 800050681 | BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 7 LOTS 1-3 | 209.03 | 1/2 |
| BEE | 800051092 | BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 11 LOTS 18-2 0 | 211.60 | 1 |
| BEE | 800051122 | BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 S 50' LOT 1 & ALL LOT 2 | 481.80 | 1 |
| BEE | 800051246 | BEE 14-12-3 SW 1/4 HTL 44-91' X 100 ' 20 AC | 1,289.90 | 1 |
| BEE | 800230220 | BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF HTL 30 LOT 5 | 33.22 | 1 |
| BEE | 800230225 | BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF HTL 30 LOT 6 | 37.70 | 1 |
| BEE | 800230235 | BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF HTL 30 LOT 8 | 75.38 | 1 |
| BEE | 800051114 | BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 N 100' LO T 1 | 93.12 | 1 |
| BEE | 800051262 | BEE 14-12-3 SW 1/4 S 90' OF N 360' T L 43 .25 AC | 222.76 | 1 |
| CORDOVA | 800052854 | CORDOVA DELANEY'S SUBDIVISION 29-9-1 #LOT 8 4.42 AC | 1,086.68 | 1 |
| CORDOVA | 800059905 | CORDOVA ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 8 LOT 8 & S 1/2 LOT 9 | 150.90 | 3-202056 |
| GARLAND | 800052994 | GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 3 N 60' LOTS 1-2 | 787.10 | 1 |
| GARLAND | 800053125 | GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 7 -8 | 1,093.24 | 1 |
| GARLAND | 800053354 | GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 10 LOT 5 & E1/2 LOT 6 | 555.09 | 1/2 |
| GARLAND | 800053869 | GARLAND 4-11-4 #SE 1/4 SW 1/4 & 1/2 A DJ VAC NASH ST .63 AC | 2,422.50 | 1 |
| GOEHNER | 800054466 | GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 1 0-11 | 846.02 | 1 |
| GOEHNER | 800054679 | GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOT 10 | 158.44 | 1/2 |
| GOEHNER | 800054709 | GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOT 24 & S 1/2 LOT 25 | 685.24 | 1 |
| GOEHNER | 800055071 | GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 9 N 35' LOT 19, ALL LOTS 20-21 & S 15' LOT 22 | 1,798.80 | 1 |
| MILFORD | 800060474 | MILFORD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 7 LOTS 6 -7 & N 18' LOT 8 | 1,549.60 | 1 |
| MILFORD | 800064135 | MILFORD LAUNE'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 1 & E 20' LOT 2 | 1,405.50 | 1/2 |
| P DALE | 800056264 | PLEASANT DALE BEST'S ADDITION BLK 6 N100' LOT 8 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ST | 2,301.56 | 1 |
| P DALE | 800056795 | PLEASANT DALE BEST'S 4TH ADDITION BLO CK 2 LOTS 1-2 | 1,583.90 | 1 |
| P DALE | 800057384 | PLEASANT DALE VAN ANDEL'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 3 LOT 3 | 2,141.82 | 1 |
| P DALE | 800213831 | PLEASANT DALE REEDS LANDING SUBDIVISIO N OUTLOT A | 15.00 | 1 |
| STAPLEH | 800057457 | STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 4 LO T 6 & W 1/2 LOT 5 | 1,299.62 | 1 |
| STAPLEH | 800057589 | STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LO TS 5-7 & W 67' LOTS 8-10 | 112.78 | 1 |
| STAPLEH | 800058348 | STAPLEHURST JORGENSENS ADDITION BLOCK 16 E 60' LOTS 17-20 | 150.04 | 1/2 |
| UTICA | 800070283 | UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 | 3,763.50 | 6* |
| UTICA | 800067886 | UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 5 LOTS 1-6 & 1/2 ADJ VAC F ST" | 482.37 | 2-202053 |
| UTICA | 800069196 | UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4 | 724.10 | 1* |
| UTICA | 800070054 | UTICA WRIGHTS 2ND & 3RD ADDITION BLO CK 34 S 84' LOTS 11-12 | 458.83 | 2-202061 |
| UTICA | 800071069 | UTICA 29-11-1 NW 1/4 TL 60 & HTL 61 24 AC | 313.77 | 1/2 |
| UTICA | 800071085 | UTICA 29-11-1 NW 1/4 550' OF N72' OF W 102' OF E135' TL 61 .12 AC | 982.60 | 1 |
| UTICA | 800071093 | UTICA 29-11-1 NW 1/4 W62' OF E186' OF N50' OF S110' OF TL 61 .06 AC | 801.26 | 1 |
| UTICA | 800071867 | UTICA SOUTHWIEW ADDITION LOTS 18, 20 & 22 | 1,227.26 | 1/2 |
| UTICA | 800096916 | UTICA WRIGHTS 1ST ADDITION CORRECTIV E SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 21"LOT 2" | 151.34 | 1 |
| O | 800015932 | 1-9-3 TL 28 S OF RIVER NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.74 AC | 90.16 | 1/2 |
| O | 800019237 | 33-9-3 E 1/2 320 AC | 24,335.74 | 1 |
| GROVER | 800055764 | GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 1 6 | 34.86 | 1 |
| GROVER | 800055772 | GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 7 -18 | 423.71 | 1/2 |
| GROVER | 800055950 | GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 5 LOTS 1 12 & ADJ VAC ALLEY & STREETS | 28.58 | 1/2 |
| GROVER | 800055977 | GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 7 LOTS 1 6 | 17.43 | 1/2 |
| GROVER | 800056000 | GROVER FIRST ADDITION ALL BLOCK 8 & AD J VAC ST | 54.14 | 1/2 |
| J | 800216105 | 27-10-3 NELY COR NE 1/4 NE 1/4 10.26 AC | 377.47 | 1/2 |
| I | 800002679 | 35-10-4 #S 1/2 NE 1/4 61.52 AC | 2,443.16 | 1/2 |
| I | 800002849 | 36-10-4 SW1/4 NW1/4 EXC SE COR & SE 1/4 NW1/4 EXC SW CORNER & #W1/2 SW1/4 1 33.43 AC | 2,557.72 | 1/2 |
| P | 800019644 | 2-9-4 NE4 NW4 & #S2 NW4 & #SW4 NE4 IN CLTS 3-4811 #S2 NW4 #SW4 NE4 INC LITS 5-6 143.04 AC | 2,464.25 | 1/2 |
| P | 800019792 | 3-9-4 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 20 AC | 3,412.86 | 1 |
| P | 800020774 | 15-9-4 E 1/2 SW 1/4 79.75 AC | 3,377.62 | 1 |
| I | 800099354 | 26-10-4 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 72.48 AC | 1,046.54 | 1/2 |
| B | 800025865 | 29-12-3 S 1/2 NW 1/4 80 AC | 1,464.72 | 1/2 |
| B | 800025938 | 30-12-3 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 40 AC | 1,221.51 | 1/2 |
| C | 800028864 | 34-12-2 HERRING REPLAT IN W 1/2 SE 1/4 LOT 1 4.15 AC | 1,659.72 | 1 |
| C | 800028945 | 35-12-2 TLS 25-26 IN NW 1/4 NE 1/4 1 58 AC | 2,043.92 | 1 |
| TAMORA | 800059204 | TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 14 LOTS 9-12 | 79.08 | 2-2019081 |
| TAMORA | 800059301 | TAMORA MOWRY'S & ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 16 LOTS 1-6 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY | 481.42 | 1 |
| TAMORA | 800059670 | TAMORA 29-11-2 HTL 7 IN SW 1/4 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY" | 139.08 | 3-2019084 |
| TAMORA | 800108124 | TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 13 LOTS 8-12 | 72.38 | 2-2020058 |
| TAMORA | 800209044 | TAMORA DAILEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOTS 9-10 | 25.38 | 1/2 |
| TAMORA | 800209125 | TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 13 LOTS 5-7 | 53.15 | 2-2020059 |
| TAMORA | 800209567 | TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 13 LOT 13 & 1/2 ADJ VAC DAIL YST | 36.70 | 1/2 |
| J | 800003373 | 6-10-3 #S 48' OF E 451' OF SE 1/4 S 14AC | 140.98 | 1/2 |
| J | 800003586 | 9-10-3 RIEGER SUBDIVISION IN W 1/2 NE 1/4 4.43 AC | 1,544.84 | 1 |
| J | 800044940 | 20-10-3 LT 27 BLK 3 (CT LOT 30) GLENHAV EN SUB REPLAT SE1/4 SE1/4 | 1,119.68 | 1 |
| J | 800229650 | 12-10-3 ROLFSMEIER SUBDIVISION IN NE 1/4 LOT 2 5.01 AC | 415.32 | 1 |
| H | 800043685 | 26-11-4 #W 1/2 SW 1/4 78.25 AC | 3,545.74 | 1 |
| H | 800043782 | 27-11-4 N 1/2 SE 1/4 & #SE 1/4 SE 1/4 117.99 AC | 3,416.78 | 1 |
| A | 800099141 | 22-12-4 DISHMAN ACRES IN E 1/2 NE 1/4 LOT 1 13.93 AC | 601.46 | 1 |
| M | 800012070 | 18-9-1 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 20.04 AC | 1,535.30 | 1 |
| L | 800008510 | 6-10-1 N 1/2 SE 1/4 EXC E 85' 76.66 AC | 3,621.30 | 1 |
| L | 800009711 | 24-10-1 TRACT IN SW 1/4 SW 1/4 6.1 AC | 1,315.88 | 1 |
| M | 800010744 | 1-9-1 E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OR E 1/2 LOT 10 5 AC | 757.84 | 1/2 |
| M | 800011503 | 11-9-1 TRACT IN NE 1/4 NW 1/4 1.15 5 AC | 177.58 | 1 |
| M | 800011511 | 11-9-1 HTL 29 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 2.11 AC | 271.51 | 1/2 |
| N | 800011538 | 11-9-1 TL 18 E 1/2 W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 5 AC | 488.21 | 1/2 |
| N | 800013727 | 6-9-2 GEIS ADDITION IN NW 1/4 & NW 1/4 NE 1/4 7.57 AC | 1,855.24 | 1 |
| E | 800033205 | 23-11-1 N 1/2 SE 1/4 80 AC | 5,022.22 | 1 |
| E | 800033981 | 34-11-1 EIKENHORST ADDITION IN W 1/2 S W 1/4 3.58 AC | 486.16 | 1/2 |
| F | 800035720 | 21-11-2 TRACT 125'X220' SW 1/4 SW 1/4 63 AC | 305.21 | 1/2 |
| E | 800097068 | 23-11-1 #SE 1/4 SE 1/4 38.16 AC | 2,169.20 | 1 |
| L | 800210026 | 6-10-1 #NE 1/4 NE 1/4 & #S 1/2 NE 1/4 & E 50' OF NW 1/4 NE 1/4 106.87 AC | 6,153.96 | 1 |
| M | 800012313 | 22-9-1 N 1/2 SW 1/4 & NW 1/4 EXC 1.5 AC TRACT IN SW 1/4 NW 1/4 238.5 AC | 12,548.42 | 1 |
| M | 800227210 | 24-9-1 #S 1/2 S 1/2 NW 1/4 15.01 AC | 514.62 | 1 |
| A | 800226935 | 12-12-4 53 AC TRACT IN NW 1/4 SW 1/4 | 57.24 | 1 |
| K | 800006240 | 5-10-2 #NE 1/4 SE 1/4 4.90AC | 650.44 | 1 |
| | | | TOTAL | 163,888.27 |
| SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS | | | | |
| 55 | 80069196 | UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4 | 352.61 | |
| 55 | 80069196 | UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4 | 249.93 | |
| 55 | 80070283 | UTICA UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 1 | 1,110.00 | |
| 55 | 80070283 | UTICA UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 | 4,100.00 | |
| 55 | 80070283 | UTICA UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 | 1,410.00 | |
| | | | TOTAL | |
| | | | TOTAL SUM | 171,110.81 |

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