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‘Historic’ snowfall buries Seward County

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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



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City of Milford crews work to clear paths and roads following the Jan. 25 snowstorm in 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.

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MHCS vaccinates 180 in 1B group

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 when it did to save lives.”

The Jan. 28 vaccine clinic was the first step towards vaccinating the 1B 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 Pavilion Thursday, it marked the first significant journey into public since the pandemic-related safety measures were



COURTESY PHOTO

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.

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.”

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COURTESY PHOTO

Milford High School senior Machaela Freeman stands by her artwork at The Burkholder Project in Lincoln.

MHS senior's paintings land in Lincoln gallery

by Greg Forbes
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Milford High School art teacher Mindy Burton knows senior Machaela Freeman’s art can’t be replicated.

The individuality of Freeman’s works is why Burton selected Freeman to exhibit at The Burkholder Project in Lincoln during the month of January. The Burkholder Project allows its artists, of which Burton is one, to choose

an up-and-coming artist to feature works in their respective exhibits for the “Artists Choosing Artists” program. Recognizing that Freeman’s art would catch eyes, Burton selected her own student for the honor.

“Machaela is a true artist,” she said. “Her art is unique and it is her only. No one creates art like Machaelea.”

Freeman said the uniqueness of her work comes from her ability to draw from her inspi-

rations and transform those into her own style of art.

Freeman submitted two paintings for the exhibit. The first, titled a “Summer’s Stroll,” pays homage to Freeman’s interest in pin-up models and vehicles. The car in the painting is a nod to how her interest in art began.

“My grandpa was an artist...he worked a lot in art and drawing cars

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Three business break-ins reported over the weekend

by Greg Forbes
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The Seward County Sheriff's Office is investigating break-ins at businesses in three communities. Sheriff Mike Vance said in the early morning hours of Sunday, Jan. 31, a suspect or suspects gained access to Chez Bubba Cafe in Goehner, Pizza Kitchen in Milford and Beaver Hardware and Supply in Beaver Crossing. Vance said the office believes the incidents are connected. "All were in the late night or early morning within 40 minutes of each other," he said. In all three incidents, Vance said doors or windows were broken to get into the buildings and all that

was taken was money. "All they wanted was money," Vance said. "There was plenty of stuff at the other businesses they could've taken but they didn't take anything but the money." Vance said surveillance cameras at a neighboring business to one of the locations caught footage of the vehicle that may belong to the suspect. As of Monday afternoon, an arrest had not been made. The break-ins are under investigation and Vance urged the public to keep an eye out for unusual activity and unfamiliar vehicles in their towns. "If you see any strange vehicles, night or day, give us a call no matter what," he said.

Choose the right plant in the right place

by Nicole Stoner
 Gage County Extension educator

'Right Plant, Right Place' is a very important aspect of planting and it is a great time to start thinking about it while building on what I wrote in my last article. The seed catalogs are arriving and planting ideas are forming. However, there are things to keep in mind when planning your garden or new plants for an established garden. **Hardiness zones** Hardiness zones are listed on all plant labels. These zones are made based on the plant's ability to survive the winter. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, plant hardiness zones are based on average extreme minimum temperatures at a given location during a particular time period. In Southeast Nebraska, we are in zone 5b, while most of the state north of I-80 is in zone 5a. It is important to utilize plants that are suited for our hardiness zone to ensure their survival through winter. **Sunlight requirements** The amount of sunlight a plant receives is critical for health and durability. There are many levels of sunlight preferences for plants,

and it can be a little confusing. • Full sun plants need 6 or more hours of sunlight per day. This should be at least six hours of open, full sunlight, not dappled light. These plants grow best if the majority of the sunlight they receive is the hot, afternoon sun. • Part sun plants grow best in 4-6 hours of sunlight per day. • Part shade plants grow best in 2-4 hours of sunlight per day. This can be dappled sunlight. • Full shade plants grow best in less than 2 hours of sunlight per day. This doesn't mean that they receive absolutely no sunlight, but maybe some morning sun or just a bit of dappled sunlight through the day. **Water requirements** The water requirements for plants can vary greatly depending on the plant, the type of soil it is planted in and how long the plant has been planted in that location. For example, plants in sandy soils will need watered more often than those planted in a clay soil. Also, plants that are newly planted will need more water than those that are established in a new location. Those that are newly planted will not have the root mass of an established

plant making it more difficult to find water when it is not available. There are plants that are more drought tolerant than others. These plants have different features to help them survive longer periods without irrigation. They may have fleshy leaves to hold more moisture, smaller leaves or leaves with deep indentations to reduce leaf area. They might also have a very waxy leaf surface or one that is covered with hairs to help hold in moisture. Other plants may have much longer roots to reach deep into the soil to find moisture. On the other hand, there are some plants that are more adapted to wet locations. Plants need oxygen to survive, even through the roots. Some plants can take longer periods of time in wet soils or even in flooded locations. Some plants are even adapted to be under almost constant water, such as bald cypress trees. These trees, however, pop their roots up and out of the ground to get oxygen in constantly wet locations. If your location is constantly wet, choose a plant more adapted to that type of growing conditions. Some plants will not survive long in high-moisture areas.

MHS artwork

(continued from 1) and that kind of inspired me," she said. "He passed a while ago and whenever I get to do a project that reminds me of him, it means a lot. It was nice to be able to incorporate some of him in the project." She added that the "Summer Stroll" work was a challenge in itself, as painting cars is a relatively new medium for her. "I've never painted cars before," she said. "I've drawn them and shaded them in with pencils before, so that was more of a challenge." The second is a self-portrait that has more than meets the eye. "The other one was a self-portrait but with lots of different colors and a few things that weren't necessarily normal and didn't exactly portray my features," she said. An aspiring artist most of her life, Free-

man said this was the first opportunity she's had to display her works in a public gallery, aside from a few local art shows to which she's submitted. Walking through the gallery with her art showcased, Freeman admitted feeling overwhelmed by the idea that thousands of eyes viewed her work. "I've never done anything quite like this," she said. "It was kind of surreal because I never thought that as a high school student I would get to do that. That was really, really nice." Freeman said now that the surreal nature of the opportunity is passed, she has gained an added level confidence in her art and has realized that there is an interested audience should she choose to sell it in the near future. "I hope to be able to start selling stuff and knowing prices because that's a hard thing to get

a handle on," she said. "I'm glad that I've had exposure now to people." After graduation in May, Freeman will further her love of art as a student of the Department of Art at the University of South Dakota. She said she plans to double major in general art and journalism and hopes to obtain a career in journalism with an emphasis on photography while continuing her arts hobby on the side. Burton said she selected Freeman because of her ambitions to pursue art in the future. She knows Freeman's passion and unique talents will lead to success in the future and was honored to give Freeman the chance to prove that on a large scale. "This is her, this is what she's driven to do and what she should do," she said. "She's a go-getter and she will be successful."

MCHS vaccine

(continued from 1) "It was comforting to see every one here," added Marna Grubb, Seward. "Everything was great." Mallory Gibreal, Director of Community Relations with MHCS, said the event was extremely important to the community, but also heartwarming. "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 for 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."

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 Pastor Steve Griffin
 stephenpaulgriffin@gmail.com
 Youth Pastor Taric Leichty • taric33@live.com
 www.bellwoodchurch.org

Sunday School9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Jr. High Youth (Wednesday)6:15 p.m.
 Sr. High Youth (Wednesday)7:30 p.m.
 Christian Montessori School Ages 3-6 • 761-3095

Beth-El Community Church

115 N. F St. • Milford • 761-3610
 Interim Pastor David Baynes

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
 Sr. High Youth (Select Sundays)6:30 p.m.
 Jr. High Youth (Select Sundays)6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

101 Maple St. • Pleasant Dale • 795-3885
 Pastor Tim Gall • www.pleasantdalelutheran.com

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Study10:30 a.m.

East Fairview Mennonite Church

508 280th • Milford • 761-2836
 Senior Pastor Kyle Roth • 641-8100
 Associate Pastor Brad Roth • 641-7962

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship10:10 a.m.
 Prayer Meeting Wed., 7:00 p.m.

Family Life Assembly of God

303 S. A St. • Milford • 761-2664
 Pastor Lamoin Lytle • familylifemilford.com

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 RoundTable Discussion Live (Sunday)6:00 p.m.
 KidLife (Wednesday)6:00 p.m.
 Vertical Youth (Wednesday)6:00 p.m.
 RoundTable Discussion Review (Wednesday)6:00 p.m.

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 call 402-643-3676.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2668 Pioneers Road (1 mi. west of Milford) • 761-3146
 Pastor Steve Stork
 www.goodshepherd-milford.org

Sunday Adult Bible Study9:00 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) Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Confirmation Class...(during school year) Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Missionary Church

501 Fairway Drive • Milford • 761-2084
 Senior Pastor Andy Petro • andypetro.mwd@gmail.com
 Associate Pastor Levi Petro • leviticuspetro@outlook.com
 www.gracemissionary.org

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
 Midweek Prayer (Tuesday)7:00 p.m.
 Awana K-6th Grade (Wednesday during school year)7:00 p.m.
 Youth Jr. High (Wednesday at Bellwood)6:15 p.m.
 Youth Sr. High (Wednesday at Bellwood)7:30 p.m.

Milford Mennonite Church

920 Third St. • Milford • 761-2244
 Pastor Tim Springer
 milfordmennonite@gmail.com

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Children's Church10:00 a.m.

Milford United Methodist Church

610 Second St. • Milford • 761-2375
 Pastor Angela DeFisher
 umcmilfordne@gmail.com
 www.facebook.com/MilfordUnitedMethodistChurch
 Little Leaps of Faith • 402-761-3380

Sunday School9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
 Community Food PantryCall for Appointment

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

Obituaries

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.



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.



Grace L. Stauffer

Sept. 25, 1932 – Jan. 27, 2021

Grace L. Stauffer, 88, of Newton, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at her home. She was born Sept. 25, 1932, in Milford, the daughter of Edward and Fannie (Roth) Beckler.

She was a dedicated homemaker, pastor's wife and missionary. Grace loved to read, quilt, crochet and enjoyed spending her time gardening and canning what she had grown. Grace loved to cook and hosted many dinners throughout the years.

Grace was united in marriage to Morris Dale Stauffer on Feb. 19, 1950. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 2018.

She is survived by her five children, Joy (Doug) Kauffman, Twila (Larry) Smith, Mahlon (Annette) Stauffer, Nolan Stauffer and Wendy (Steve) Miller; 12 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; sisters, Faye Beckler and Inez Stauffer; brother, Norman Beckler; and sisters-in-law, Diane and Irene Beckler.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five siblings; and daughter-in-law, Sandy Stauffer.

A graveside service was Jan. 30 at Hesston Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Gideons International in care of Miller-Ott Funeral Home, PO Box 32, Hesston, KS 67062.



Rahe turns 100

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 St., Wilber, NE 68465.



Evelyn Rahe

County court

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Jan. 18 – 22

Andrew A. Adams, 22, York, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine; attempt of a class 2 misdemeanor, \$100 fine.

Noah M. Colter, 20, Milford, attempt of a class 2 misdemeanor, nine months probation, 25 hours community service and 30 days jail.

Jose S. Tapia, 29, Crete, driving during revocation/impound first offense, \$250 fine.

Kayla L. Hogan, 29, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, possess or use

drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Allen D. Wilcox III, 24, York, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Brady L. Frahm, 44, Milford, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Austin Brook, 44, Lincoln, assault-third degree, 30 days jail.

Nathaniel J. Ruegg, 18, Seward, tobacco: possession and use by a minor, \$10 fine.

Austin J. Luebbe, 25, Milford, speeding 6-10 mph interstate, \$25 fine, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine; possess open alcohol container, \$50 fine.

Livestock traceability webinar to look at costs

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.

Registration is free at farm.unl.edu/webinars.

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

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Traffic

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Jan. 18 – 22

Jennifer R. Taylor, 67, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Jessica M. Woolsey, 28, Gibbon, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Leslie M. Ramirez Guevara, 24, Lincoln, no operator's license/waivable, \$75 fine.

Kevin S. Dutra, 23, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Steven J. Flodman, 73, Lincoln, speeding 6-10 mph county/state, \$25 fine.

Amanda L. Kuhs, 35, South Dayton, New York, speeding 6-10 mph interstate, \$25 fine.

Stephanie A. Lloyd, 28, Provo, Utah, speeding 16-20 mph interstate, \$125 fine.

Sierra M. Nevius, 26, Lincoln, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Christopher M. Sills, 44, Plattsmouth, speeding 11-15 mph interstate, \$75 fine.

Natalie R. Kurtenbach, 28, Lindsay, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$150 fine.

Irac D. Linares-Melendez, 39, Sioux City, Iowa, speeding 16-20 mph interstate, \$125 fine.

Isaac F. Howes, 20, Shawnee, Kansas, careless driving, \$100 fine.

Dylan K. Arington, 24, Lincoln, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, \$25 fine.

Kristine K. Martin, 51, Milford, expired in-transit decal, \$50 fine.

Emelia Rodriguez Jaime, 20, York, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Tyler W. Williams, 23, Eros, Louisiana, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Levany Pozas Baguet, 48, Lexington, exceed length limits, \$490 fine.

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Thank You

Our family was blessed with cards, memorials, prayers, food, flowers, phone calls and more after the passing of our dear loved one.

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

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?

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.



Stephanie Croston
sports editor

LB19 addresses public health

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.

Tyler and Katie are always available to assist you with your needs. If I am not immediately available, do not hesitate to work with them to address any issues that you may need assistance. Follow me on Facebook at Kolterman for Legislature and on Twitter at @KoltermanforLegislature.

We asked you:

Will Punxsutawney Phil show his shadow this Groundhog's Day (Feb. 2)?

Yes: 3

No: 1

Now we want to know:

What are you snacking on this Superbowl Sunday?

Wings, duh.

Nachos.

Pigs in a blanket.

All the cheese dip, please.

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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.

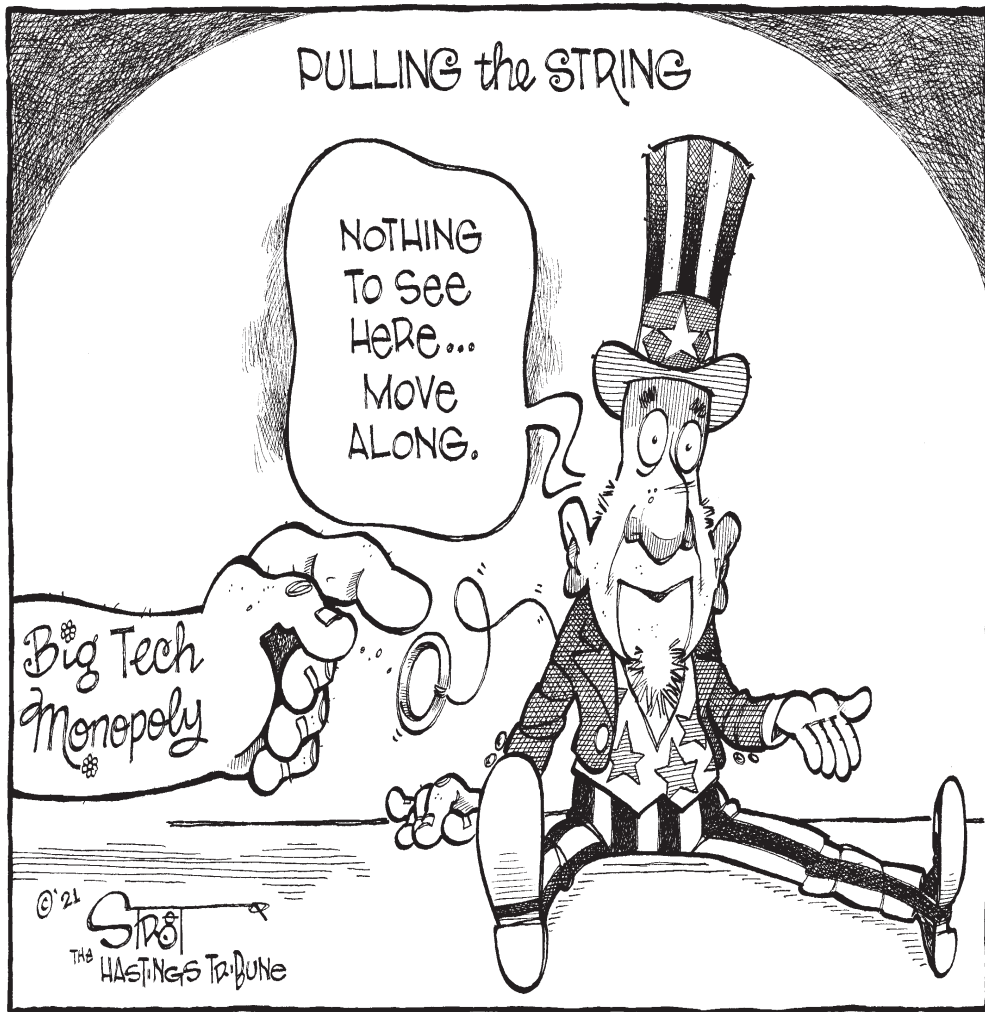
But somehow China is exempt from that kind of nomenclature, but persons who have used that term of description are not exempt from cultural criticism. I suppose many people can think of many reasons for the exemption, however I'll simply state one opinion expressed by some. While the U.S. imports large 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 individually 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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Milford wins first conference tourney

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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 Schluckebier 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 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 performances 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 following 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



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Milford freshman Hunter Oborny works to pin Domenic Hyson of Fairbury in the 195-pound championship match in the SNC tournament Jan. 30.

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



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Cabe Schluckebier of Milford battles Trenton Kracke of Wilber-Clatonia for a rebound Jan. 29.

Eagles top WC, SHS

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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 rebounds 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.

MHS wins two more

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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 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.



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Milford's Alayna Piening (11) and Hannah Kepler defend a Wilber-Clatonia pass Jan. 29.


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Snowstorm

(continued from 1) Officer 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.”

Extension programs to watch

by Jenny Rees
Seward/York counties Extension educator

It seems like January flew by. This week sharing on some upcoming programs in February.

Nebraska Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference will provide information to growers who are just getting started with cover crops and to those who are already making cover crops part of their operation. The program will take place Thursday, Feb. 11, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Attendees have the opportunity to attend either virtually or in-person at a number of sites throughout Nebraska.

In-person sites (limited attendance) include York with 25 people. There’s no fee to attend and pre-registration is required at: <https://go.unl.edu/tmj5>. CCA credits are pending.

Topics and presenters include: Soil Sensing and Soil Health – Kristen Veum, Research Soil Scientist at USDA-ARS Cropping Systems and Water Quality Research Unit, University of Missouri-Columbia; Optimizing Your Cover Crop ROI – Rebecca Clay, Strategic Initiatives Agronomy Coordinator

at Practical Farmers of Iowa; Using Aerial Imagery to Determine Cover Crop Impacts on Cash Crop Growth and Development – Dr. Andrea Basche, Assistant Professor, Agronomy & Horticulture University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Experiences and Economics Using Cereal Rye as a Cover Crop – Chad Bell, Farmer; Pathway toward a Healthy and Resilient Soil to Achieve Optimum Productivity and Environmental Quality: Cover Crops are Key! – Jerry Hatfield, Retired Director, National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment; On-farm Research of Incorporating Cover Crop into a Three-Crop Dryland Rotation, Ken Herz, Owner/Operator of Herz Land and Cattle, and Cover Crop Panel – discussion with growers, landowners and consultants.

Soils School: This is a great opportunity for those needing CEUs for soil and water credits and for anyone wanting to learn more about soils. Co-sponsored by the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Nebraska Agri-Busi-

ness Association, this virtual course has been specifically designed for new employees and a refresher course for all employees to give them the basics in soils.

Watch it live Feb. 17-18, or earn credits by accessing the recordings and self-reporting your CEUs. A total of nine soil and water and seven nutrient management CEUs are being made available through this course. More info here: <https://na-ba.com/member-resources/calendar/>.

Nebraska On-Farm Research Updates will be held both virtually and in-person on Feb. 25 and 26. Nebraska farmers conducted more than 100 on-farm research studies in 2020. There were 20 studies locally where farmers worked with me.

These updates are an incredible opportunity to learn from these farmers and network with other innovative producers. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. Seating is limited, so register early. Visit <https://go.unl.edu/2021onfarm-research-for-registration>, details and program updates.

Winter is a good time for planning a garden

by Nicole Stoner
Gage County Extension educator

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

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

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

afternoon sun is best.

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

Another thing to remember is to plant your garden near a water source. Your plants will need supplemental watering through the summer; having a nearby water source is much easier for management. Remember to avoid low areas or where water tends to pond in your landscape. Areas of poor drainage will constantly be a difficulty in your garden.

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

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

If you are thinking about plants for a new landscape bed, you need to first determine

the sunlight and moisture levels in the area, then look at plants that will grow in those growing conditions. You also should consider the amount of management for the plants you desire. Some plants take a lot more care, with cleanup and deadheading, while others don’t take as much.

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

You can start your own plants from seeds indoors, or you can purchase transplants in April or May for direct planting. Starting from seed can be less expensive but take more time and will have some

initial costs of lights, trays and soil. Transplants are more expensive, but you can’t always find the varieties you prefer in the stores. Starting the seed yourself ensures that you can have specifically what you like best for tomatoes or peppers or others.

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

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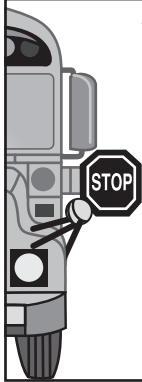
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Bids

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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 ZNEZ

Meetings

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the regular school board meeting of the Milford School District will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Milford Elementary in the sixth grade room. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and is available during regular working hours at the Superintendent's Office, 1200 West First Street, Milford, NE. MT — February 03, 2021

NOTICE

The Early Childhood Planning Region Team Meeting for the ESU 6 service area will be held on Friday, February 12th at 12:00 noon at ERT 6 in Milford. The ESU 6 PRT holds six meetings throughout the year for local school providers, DHHS, Head Start and Early Head Start, families and others to assist in collaborative planning and problem solving to serve young children with disabilities and their families. Please register at www.esu6.org and following the registration instructions when you click on the Login to Upcoming Events button. If you are concerned about a child's development or ongoing health condition contact ESU 6 Early Development Network for more information about referral, evaluation and possible services available at no cost to your family. Call 402-761-3341 and ask for the EDN Office. MT — February 03, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

Seward County Ag. Society
Monday, February 15, 2021
7 p.m.
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Seward Co. Ag. Society
SCI/MT — February 03, 10, 2021

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

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 ZNEZ

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 SCI/MT — February 03, 2021 ZNEZ



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

Beaver Crossing 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.

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UNL Extension holds odor footprint webinar

by Hope Moural
hope@sewardindependent.com

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, science-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.”

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/creditor law, suc-

cession 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.

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