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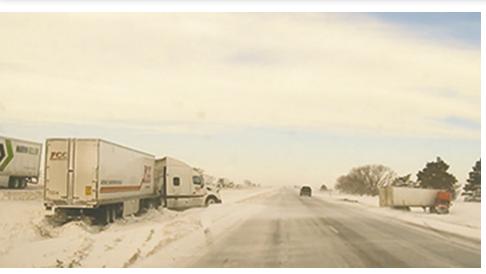


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A still from dash cam footage provided by the Seward County Sheriff's Office shows the effects caused by whiteout conditions on Intersate 80 in the area Feb. 4.

Whiteout conditions wreak havoc on I-80

by Greg Forbes editor@sewardindependent.com

Blowing snow last

Blowing snow last Thursday led to a busy morning for the Seward County Sheriff's Office.

Chelsea Smith, operations manager for the sheriff's office, said deputies began responding to accidents on Interstate 80 at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. With a mid-morning shift change included, Smith said 10 deputies worked the interstate as heavy winds and falling snow created white out conditions throughout the morning

"Everyone was out there," Smith said.

Smith said deputies, assisted by Nebraska State Patrol, worked traffic control and accident response on the interstate throughout the day. The conditions also required deputies to run "football traffic", where a patrol car straddles the lanes in an attempt to have motorists slow down.

Although the call volume was high, Smith said all accidents on the interstate were relatively minor in nature.

"All of them were just non-injury accidents and slide offs into the ditch," she said.

Smith said that last Thursday's storm generated more calls for emergency response and law enforcement assistance than the snowstorm the previous week that dumped more than a foot of snow across Nebraska. She said more motorists were likely out because of a minor amount of snow forecasted and the fact that school and other activities were still scheduled.

"People probably didn't prepare for this as much as they did the last snow storm (Jan. 25)," she said. "Schools were still going and had a late start, so people may have thought it'd be okay."

However, she said conditions deteriorated quickly and caught many motorists off guard.

"The lines on the roads got covered up so fast, it was pretty hard to stay in the lane," she said.

Vaccination efforts in Seward County continue

by Hope Moural hope@sewardindependent.com

The Feb. 4 Four Corners COVID-19 briefing was filled with many questions and discussion about vaccine distribution throughout the health district's coverage area including Seward, Butler, Polk and York counties.

In relation to Seward County, health director Laura McDougall said over 800 doses of the Moderna vaccine have been given out and continue to climb each day.

Within the whole district, COVID-19 cases sit at 4,723 with 4,250 vaccines distributed, and McDougall was hopeful the vaccine number would surpass the reported case number by the end of the Feb. 5 week.

"We have pretty good numbers rolling in and for every shot we have, we want to put it into an arm," McDougall said.

Seward City Administrator Greg Butcher reported that frontline city workers and police staff are the next to get the vaccine within the county. He also reminded participants that Seward's mask mandate is in effect until March 3 but could be discussed again as early as the city council's Feb. 16 meeting.

He said for the most part, compliance among Seward residents has fared well and remains positive.

Next, Memorial Healthcare Systems CEO Roger Reamer came on to talk hospital vaccination plans and answer questions that popped up.

The institution has been giving vaccines via appointment at the Ag Pavilion, with 250 scheduled for this week. Of the 800 vaccines the Four Corners district received, anywhere from 150-250 are given to MCHS on a weekly basis. Reamer answered questions about vaccine notifications, what people can expect when notified and beyond.

MHCS is currently working with those eldest of age in the county and moving down, as of this week sitting in the late 80s age range for distribution.

He told participants that two doses of the vaccine are needed for each person, so distribution will take a good amount of time.

"Over 1,900 people that are in our county are 65 and older, so distribution will take a while," Reamer said.

Representatives from Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership, Concordia University and the ministerial association also gave updates as well.

Foster placement bill gains support of local educators

by Greg Forbes editor@sewardindependent.com

A bill put forward by Nebraska District 24 Sen. Mark Kolterman (R-Seward) that would give schools advanced notice of a new enrollment due to foster placement is being heralded by local education officials.

LB 143 states "that if a determination is made by the Department of Health and Human Services for if it is in the best interest of child who is in the care of the department to not

remain in the same school district after a placement change is made, the notice of placement

change that is filed with the Court shall also be provided to the new school where the child will be enrolled."

The Department of Health and Human Services conducted a hearing on the proposal last Wednesday. Kolterman, along with Seward Public Schools Superintendent Josh Fields and John Skretta, administrator for Educational Service Unit 6 of Milford, provided testimony in support of the bill.

No action has been taken as of yet, but Kolterman said he's pleased with the support the bill has gotten from schools, the court system, the DHHS and virtually all entities involved in the foster care system.

"I feel that when we're talking about the success of children in the foster care system, it's extremely important we bring all the people together who work with those children," he said. "This bill brings all those players together and allows them to talk back and forth and give each other a heads up that this child will be in your school system, in your community and lets them (schools) prepare to make sure the child's new life is successful."

The bill would provide schools with 24

hours or more notice that a new child will likely be enrolled at the school. Skretta said this is important because it allows schools the chance to make sure they have educational supports and programs in place to satisfy the needs of a new student.

"If you have a student that has become a ward of the state, that student typically needs some form of service in support in order to have them have a higher likelihood of success," Skretta said. "Those kids have been through a lot, they've suffered trauma and setbacks and on top of that, they face a change of school placement, which can create an additional level of trauma. It's important schools know in advance what students need."

Fields added that schools are currently at a disadvantage, as foster students typically arrive at school with little

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Milford High School senior Machaela Freeman stands next to two pieces she had featured at the Burkholder Project in Lincoln during the month of January

Milford senior's unique art featured at Lincoln gallery

by Greg Forbes editor@sewardindependent.com

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 inspirations and transform those into her own style of art.

Freeman submitted two paintings for the ex-

hibit. 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 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

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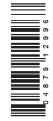
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Freeman

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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

"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, Freeman 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."

Foster bill

(continued from 1A) warning for the districts. He said Seward Public Schools

has seen first hand the need for the bill, which is why he provided a written testimony in support of it at Wednesday's hearing.

"We're a district that's impacted a lot by this," he said. "This will really help in making sure we're doing what's best for our students."

Kolterman said this is the second year the bill has been presented. While the first iteration did not gain momentum, Kolterman said this year's was designed in conjunction with the DHHS, Nebraska Appleseed and other foster care officials. The result was a bill that showed an ambition to provide foster students of all backgrounds the best education possible.

"We came up with legislation everyone could sign off on," he said. "We had no opposition at the hearing from anyone. We're very optimistic we are going to get good results from that piece."

The bill will now be debated by the DHHS committee, which will choose whether or not to advance it.

Although the bill's future is up in the air for now, Fields said he's pleased at the efforts of those involved to write a bill that focuses on the educational needs of foster students. He specifically thanked Kolterman for his steadfastness with the bill and ambition to create a version that's agreeable with all parties involved.

"It's a great example of cooperation and commitment," he said. "I know that from an education side, we appreciate knowing that we've got someone who is willing and ready to partner up with schools to support our children."

Centennial announces honor roll

Centennial Public School recently released its honor rolls for second quarter and first semester of the 2020-21 school year. Students earning honor roll distinction had grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Those receiving honorable mention had GPAs from 3.0 to 3.4999.

> First semester Honor roll

Seniors—Madison Avery, Jared Bailey, Jillian Bailey, Gracelvn Booth, Logan Cast, Dawson Dey, Daylee Dey, Samuel Dunbar, Jayden Foreman, Rayshun Foreman, Cooper Gierhan, Kierra Green, Mason Heiden, Kate Hirschfeld, Megan Jirovsky, Terin Johnson, Samantha Keith, Avery Moore, Austin Nave, Asia Nisly, Benjamin Nordstrom, Jaci Opfer, Ryan Payne, Alexandria Potter, Lexus Prochaska. Kiley Rathjen, Carson Richters, Psalm Rich ters, Tyson Rodewald, Morgan Steckly, Jaycee Stuhr, Sam Tomes and Kailey Ziegler

Juniors—Jacob Bargen, Kia Brown, Carson Fehlhafer, Gracen Fehlhafer, Regan Fickel, Reiden Fowler, Lance Haberman, Javden Hartshorn, Halley Heidtbrink, Johnathan Hoops, Noah Jensen, Halle Kinnett, Dylan Nissen, Xander Novak, Paige Petersen, Carson Prochaska, Ryan Richters and Justin Rumery

Sophomores—Keelie Bronson, Connor Clouse, Alexandria Galavez, Rachel Garcia, Jayde Gumaer, Logan Keith, Kimberly Nitz, Shawn Rathjen, Micah Richters, Samara Ruether, Jonathan Songster, Clinton Turnbull, Elijah Utter and Jacob Warm

Freshmen—Clara Booth, Jarrett Dodson, Jesse Dunbar, Ava Fischer, Riley Grant, Emalee Hawley, Alex Hirschfeld, Cora Hoffschneider, James Hoffschneider, Savannah Horne, Libbie Kubicek, Kate Luebbe, Rylee Menze, Kaylea Moore, Karley Naber, Alexander Nitz, Austin Patchin, Cora Payne, Molly Prochaska, Mallory Rozendal, Benjamin Sams, Garrison Schernikau, Cyrus Songster, Trayton Stewart, Brylie Streit, Ariel Stuhr and Jackson Wellman

Eighth graders— Catelynn Bargen, Lauryn Breitkreutz, Grant Cast, Caylie

Clouse, Jayden Cradick, Parker Dishman, Samuel Ehlers, Ayla Kahler, Ryan Richters, Saige Scheele, Grace Schernikau, Mercedes Stanford, Orion Stuhr, Liberty Tomjack, Jordan Wagner, Ella Wambold, Cassidy Wettengel and Camden Winkelman

Seventh graders— Brodrick Booth, Wyatt Boyer, Tate Copple, Shelby Fehlhafer, Brayden Foley, Kaitlen Johnson, Kobie Kosek, Arieanna Mister, Peytn Nave, Cael Payne, Sarah Payne, Atticus Perkins, Kayla Rystrom, Abigail Saunders, Cooper Stelling, McKenzie Stinson, Madelynn Stuhr, Cheyenne Tonniges, Trenton Waegli and Anna Warm

Honorable mention Juniors-Mattigan Dodson and Arron

Sophomores—Madison Brandenburgh, Xavier Ettwein, John Fehlhafer, Krislyn Green, Keenan Kosek, Cambria Saunders, Elizabeth Tempel and Dillon Tonniges

Freshmen-Masa Brown, Lillian Butzke, Bow Grant, Nickolas Keith, Cooper Miller, Stephanie Olivera and Jake Opfer

Eighth graders— Jayden Butzke

Seventh graders— Garrett Brandenburgh, Payton Cradick, Jocelvnn Garbers, Hope Heidtbrink, Kyle Keith, Bree Nisly and Christopher Potter-Crum

Second quarter Honor roll

Seniors—Madison Avery, Jared Bailey, Jillian Bailey, Gracelyn Booth, Logan Cast, Dawson Dey, Daylee Dey, Samuel Dunbar, Rayshun Foreman, Cooper Gierhan, Kierra Green, Mason Heiden, Kate Hirschfeld, Megan Jirovsky, Terin Johnson, Samantha Keith, Austin Nave, Asia Nisly, Benjamin Nordstrom, Ryan Payne, Alexandria Potter, Lexus Prochaska, Kiley Rathjen, Carson Richters, Psalm Richters, Tyson Rodewald, Morgan Steckly, Jaycee Stuhr, Sam Tomes and Kailey Ziegler

Juniors—Jacob Bargen, Kia Brown, Carson Fehlhafer, Gracen Fehlhafer, Regan Fickel, Reiden Fowler, Lance Haberman, Jayden Hartshorn, Halley Heidtbrink, Johnathan Hoops, Noah Jensen, Halle Kinnett, Dylan Nissen, Xander Novak, Paige Petersen and Carson Prochaska

Sophomores-Keelie Bronson, Xavier Ettwein, Alexandria Galavez, Rachel Garcia, Javde Gumaer. Kimberly Nitz, Shawn Rathjen, Micah Richters, Jonathan Songster, Clinton Turnbull, Elijah Utter and Jacob Warm

Freshman—Masa Brown, Lillian Butzke, Jarrett Dodson, Ava Fischer, Riley Grant, Emalee Hawley, Cora Hoffschneider, James Hoffschneider, Savannah Horne, Libbie Kubicek, Kate Luebbe, Karley Naber, Austin Patchin, Cora Payne, Molly Prochaska, Mallory Rozendal, Benjamin Sams, Cyrus Songster, Trayton Stewart, Brylie Streit, Ariel Stuhr and Jackson Wellman

Eighth graders-Catelynn Bargen, Lauryn Breitkreutz, Jayden Butzke, Grant Cast, Caylie Clouse, Jayden Cradick, Parker Dishman, Samuel Ehlers, Ayla Kahler, Ryan Richters, Grace Schernikau, Mercedes Stanford, Orion Stuhr, Liberty Tomjack, Jordan Wagner, Ella Wambold and Camden Winkelman

Seventh graders-Brodrick Booth, Wyatt Boyer, Tate Copple, Shelby Fehlhafer, Brayden Foley, Kaitlen Johnson, Kobie Kosek, Arieanna Mister, Peytn Nave, Bree Nisly, Cael Payne, Sarah Payne, Atticus Perkins, Kayla Rystrom, Abigail Saunders, Cooper Stelling, McKenzie Stinson, Madelynn Stuhr, Cheyenne Tonniges, Trenton Waegli and Anna Warm

Honorable mention Seniors—Avery Moore

Juniors—Mattigan Dodson, Victoria Kinsinger and Justin Rumery

Sophomores—Connor Clouse, John Fehlhafer, Logan Keith, Samara Ruether, Cambria Saunders, Elizabeth Tempel, Eliza Timmerman and Dillon Tonniges

Freshmen—Jesse Dunbar, Bow Grant, Alex Hirschfeld, Nickolas Keith, Rylee Menze, Cooper Miller, Kaylea Moore, Alexander Nitz and Garrison Schernikau

Eighth graders— Saige Scheele and Cassidy Wettengel

Seventh graders-Garrett Brandenburgh, Payton Cradick, Jocelynn Garbers, Hope Heidtbrink, Kyle Keith and Christopher Potter-Crum

Nebraska soldier "Rambo" of World War II

by Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer

When John Rambo picked up a machine gun and ammo and fired from the hip advancing on his opponents in the 1982 movie "Rambo: First Blood," many people knew this as Hollywood storytelling.

But in September 1944 on a hill outside of Nancy, France, a Nebraska soldier of the 134th Infantry Regiment pulled a "Rambo" against the Germans. His is one of the many stories of heroics that are part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the end of World War II at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward.

Technical Sgt. George L. Hansen was born on Feb. 20, 1919, in Hampton. He joined the Nebraska National Guard's Company D (North Platte), 134th Infantry Regiment and worked his way up to platoon sergeant when he became a legend in the war. He received his accolades on the same battlefield that took the life of his friend in the unit – Sgt. Ralph Greeley.

Sugar Loaf Hill was located outside of the city of Nancy, France (liberated by the regiment on Sept. 15, 1944). On the evening and morning of Sept. 18-19, 1944, the regiment was locked in a battle for the hill overlooking the village of Agincourt.

Greeley held up a massive German assault on the hill that pushed the Americans back to an alternate position. Greeley maintained his machine gun position and allowed the Americans to fall back to a better position before being mortally wounded (later awarded the Distinguish Service Cross – posthumously for this bravery). Greeley rests in

the Lorraine American Cemetery at St. Avold today.

On the morning of Sept. 19, 1944, the Germans opened fire on the Company D positions near the hill. One of the M1917 Machine Gun (water-cooled, 30 caliber) positions was hit by a direct shot, killing the crew. Hansen ran over to the position and grabbed the weapon from the destroyed tripod, wrapped ammo about his shoulder and advanced on the German positions while firing from the hip.

His soldiers in the unit jumped up and rushed forward with him to more advantageous cover. Once he moved his soldiers forward, he set up positions for a follow-up assault to take the hill. While running around and leading his men, he was wounded. He ignored his wounds until the assault on Sugar Loaf Hill was over and the Americans dominated the heights. Hansen was awarded the Silver Star for his actions on that hilltop in France in

After the war, he returned to Nebraska and then moved to California to start his own plumbing business. The "Rambo" of Sugar Loaf Hill passed away on Feb. 22, 1996, at the age of 77 in Carpinteria, California. He is buried in the local Carpinteria Cemetery under a simple black stone. His is one of many stories of

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Allison Echtenkamp, a senior from Wayne, presents her team's plan for Bulldog Mushrooms during the Concordia Catalyst Competition Jan. 26. Echtenkamp and her teammate, Alex Vieselmeyer, a freshman from Amherst, Colorado, won the competition.

Students grow business skills through **Concordia Catalyst Competition**

by Logan Tuttle

A group of Concordia agriculture students recently competed in a business pitch competition, testing their entrepreneurship skills as they presented their ideas for creating potential businesses.

The Concordia Catalyst Competition was organized by Dr. Dennis Brink, professor of agricultural science, Brendan Cremin '18, an ag program graduate assistant, Jonathan Jank CO '08 GR '11, president and CEO of Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership and Brian Larrington, a Concordia supporter, as a way to help students build their entrepreneurship skills and provide them meaningful feedback for their business plans that could eventually come to fruition.

Teams were judged by a panel consisting of Concordia alumni and local business leaders.

"Those involved in agriculture thrive on entrepreneurship, adding value to whatever role they take in ag," Brink said. "It's important that we provide our students with opportunities to learn these skills and receive valuable feedback so they eventually put these ideas into action."

Taking home first place was the team of Allison Echtenkamp, a senior from Wayne, and Alex Vieselmeyer, a freshman from Amherst, Colorado, for their plan for Bulldog Mushrooms. The team's proposed business was focused on growing specialized mush rooms including lion's mane, button, oyster, portabella and reishi—grown

from grain sorghum spawn for culinary purposes.

The mushrooms would be grown in multiple growth chambers that could easily fit in an indoor facility in Lincoln, providing a central location for distribution. The products would be branded as GMO-free and certified organic, both of which appeal highly to the business's target demographics.

'If there's an industry with a lot of innovation, it's agriculture," Larrington said. "If someone wants to go either into ag business, or more of a corporate setting, they'll have to find new ways of doing things. Even within large businesses, that's a vital component to success."

In the first year of the competition, the organizers raised nearly \$2,000 worth of seed money and prizes, Larrington said, and there are plans to open the competition to a larger audience in the years to come. Students would also have the option to refine their plan from this year and compete in the following years.

"College doesn't always give you all the answers in life, but it teaches you how to find them," Larrington said. "What we're trying to do is get students to think like entrepreneurs, to find solutions, to think outside the box and prepare them for the future.

"With this event, students have the opportunity to get feedback for four years on their business plan and then graduate with a plan in hand and start their business."

If Concordia alumni or business leaders are interested in volunteering time or resources to next year's competition, contact Jank or Brink.

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KC Feed third place

Cade Lutz, freshman, Benkelman, and Karsten McCarter, freshman, Elm Creek

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Bill's Bouquets and Bees fourth place

Wyatt Ehlers, sophomore, Waco, and Carson Rathje, freshman, Rising City

Bill's Bouquets and Bees business plan is to grow native Nebraska flowers for homemade flower bouquets to sell at local events.

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Apologies for the snow, folks

by Greg Forbes editor@sewardindependent.com

I'm sorry. It's all my

fault. What exactly is my fault? Well, look outside at the 20 inches of snow we've gotten

over the

last two

Greg **Forbes Editor**

weeks. I didn't ask for it, nor do I love it but historic storms seem to follow me to new cities. I hadn't even been in Seward a month before the second biggest snowstorm in recorded history hit the area.

When I moved to Hampton, Iowa, at the end of 2017, we battled windchills that dipped into the negative 30s. I specifically remember water and other beverages we packed in the back of a pickup to move 30 minutes froze solid during the drive. I came to find out it was the coldest New Year's Eve that area had ever experienced.

Prior to Hampton, I lived in a small town in east-central Iowa called Parkersburg. Parkersburg gained

national recognition in 2008 for a tornado that destroyed half of the town. I missed that storm by a few years.

So what storm followed me there? One of the largest March snowfalls in several decades fell just two days after I moved to Parkersburg. This was during a winter season where the high on Christmas Day reached 50 degrees. I recall my new neighbors at the time joking that they thought they had accidentally moved to Florida until that storm hit.

In 2014, I moved to Sioux City to work for the Sioux City Journal. My interview there was delayed because of a blizzard, which wasn't too unusual since it was February, but it still should've been a harbinger of things to come.

I eventually took the job and started the first week of May. The year prior, we had a good ol' four inch snowfall in the middle of May. History didn't repeat itself for the move but within two weeks of working for the Journal, I found myself hunkered down in the basement of the Sioux City City Hall

with the Sioux City Council, public officials and other media as a tornado touched down in the rural parts of the city.

I won't even dive deep into my college move-ins and move outs. I went to college in South Dakota, so you can probably guess that my drives to and from winter break had some doozies. Funnily enough, the worst weather I encountered during my time at South Dakota State was the floods of 2011. A good portion of my route from Brookings to Carroll, Iowa, traveled along the Missouri River. I got pretty familiar with the detours, one-way roads and just the sheer devastation of the waters that summer.

As I'm sitting here writing this column, I'm looking out on another steady snowfall that has covered up the deck I shoveled the

day before. Again, I didn't ask for this but I do apologize. The newness of my move is starting to wear off, so hopefully the winter that has already eclipsed the average snowfall total by a foot isn't far behind.

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Bush cherries – A game-changer

by Sarah Browning Lancaster County Extension educator

Cherries have been a favored fruit for centuries, eaten by people

since before recorded history. Sweet cherries, Prunus avium, are native throughout most of Europe, western Asia and parts of northern Africa. Naturally, they have been used extensively in holiday cooking through the years.

But tart cherries, Prunus cerasus, are the most common and well-adapted cherry grown in Nebraska. Of the tart cherries, Montmorency is the long-time Midwest standard. Montmorency cherry grows into a medium sized tree, 15 to 18 feet in height and width. It has been in cultivation for more than

Other varieties of tart cherry that grow well in Nebraska include Meteor and Balaton. There is also a naturally dwarf variety North Star available, which is extremely hardy and thrives in the harsh Midwest environment. But a new group of cherries, called bush cherries, offer great fruit, even better winter hardiness and much easier picking due to their short statue.

History of shrub cherries

Development of bush cherries began in Canada in the 1940s and resulted in a variety marketed as the Mongolian cherry. During the 1980s, breeders at the University of Saskatchewan made crosses between the Mongolian cherry and the naturally dwarf tree form North Star.

The result of these crosses were a group of shrub-form tart cherries that are very hardy, with the high fruit quality characteristics of North Star and increased sugar content. The Romance cherry series includes the following cultivars - Carmine Jewel, Crimson Passion, Cupid, Juliet, Romeo and Valentine.

Their breeding history makes bush cherries a lesser-known form of tart cherries. They are extremely hardy (Zone 2), suffer from relatively few insect and disease problems and actually have a higher sugar content than tree-types of tart cherries.

Fruit characteristics

Carmine Jewel reaches a height of six feet, with a similar width. Fruit yields increase as plants mature, starting at 15+ pounds per plant in the fourth year and 20-30+ pounds in the fifth year.

Crimson Passion blooms a few days before Carmine Jewel and has low fruit production compared to Carmine Jewel. Height 10 feet, width seven feet.

Juliet is slightly sweeter flavor, moderate fruit production compared to Carmine Jewel. Height five to eight feet.

Romeo is slightly sweeter flavor, moderate fruit production compared to Carmine Jewel. Height six to eight feet.

All four cultivars are self-pollinating, meaning the flowers from one bush will pollinate each other, so technically a second pollinating plant is not needed. However, a second pollinating type of bush cherry can increase fruit set. Each plant should be spaced six feet apart in a

Unfortunately, Cupid and Valentine are not available to home gardeners

Fruit production

Bush forms of cherries begin producing fruit sooner than the tree forms. Fruit production begins at the third year, although there will only be a few fruits that year. Full production is achieved during the fifth year, if the plants have experienced good growing conditions. Carmine Jewel is the best producer with 20 to 30 pounds of fruit per plant once plants are well-established. Depending on the variety, harvest can be as early as late July or as late as September.

But don't get too rosy a picture of bush cherries. Yes, they offer a high level of winter hardiness and easy harvesting, but they are still susceptible to all the common cherry insect and disease problems. Good site selection, regular care (water, mulch, pruning) and pest control will be required to produce high quality fruits.

Still, even considering maintenance needs, bush cherries can be a highly productive addition to a home orchard or landscape. Their versatility allows them to be planted in a variety of settings both a formal orchard or a mixed ornamental planting. They can be an integral part of your formal or edible landscape because of their beautiful flowers and fruit. You can plant them in a windbreak enhancing the structure while supplying delicious cherries to you and wildlife. Considering all these benefits, they are well worth the effort.

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Apples are the most popular backyard tree fruit in the eatern part of Nebraska.

Selecting the proper fruit trees for the eastern part of the state

by Sarah Browning
Lancaster County Extension educator

Tree fruits look very appealing in garden magazines and catalogs. But not all tree fruits in the catalogs do well in eastern Nebraska.

Important considerations to make sure trees thrive and produce well include winter hardiness, bloom time, disease resistance, growth requirements and regular maintenance.

Hardiness

Extreme winter conditions are the biggest limiting factor for backyard tree fruits. Nebraska typically experiences periods of unseasonably warm weather in mid-winter, during which trees may begin to lose full winter hardiness. When warm periods are followed by normal winter temperatures, damage often results including death of flower or leaf buds, or damage to the tree's bark.

Sudden temperature drops in fall, following abnormally warm fall conditions, hail, wind, high summer temperatures and frequent drought also contribute to early fruit tree death.

Crops such as peaches, nectarines and sweet cherries frequently suffer flower death when grown in our climate. Apricots have difficulty because they bloom so early in the spring, making them susceptible to spring frosts. Choices for the home orchard are therefore best made from a list that includes apples, pears, sour cherries and plums.

Growing requirements

All tree fruits prefer full sunlight. Although they may in fact grow in partial shade, fruit quantity and quality will be lower. Choose a site with well-drained soil and elevated somewhat higher than the surrounding terrain so cool air will "drain" to lower landscape levels. This helps avoid cold air pooling around your trees and resulting in frost damage, which is especially important during spring bloom.

Soil pH ranges from 5.6 to 7.0 are best for tree fruit crops.

Keep in mind the pollination requirements of the various trees. Planting two or more different varieties assures adequate pollination and fruit set.

Apples

The most popular backyard tree fruit for this area, there are many apple cultivars available with variation in time of ripening and best use (cooking, eating or both). Scab immune varieties are resistant to apple scab disease. Plan on at least two varieties in the planting to assure cross-pollination.

Consider the following cultivars with good resistance to both cedar-apple rust and apple scab - Enterprise, Freedom and Liberty.

Pears

Requirements for pears are very similar to apples, although insect and fungal disease problems may not be as severe. Pear production is limited somewhat by a disease called fireblight, which can also occur on apples. Pears with good resistance to fireblight include Moonglow, Magness, Luscious, Harrow Sweet, Harrow Delight, Starking Delicous and Harvest Queen.

Plums

Plums will grow in this area, but choose European types over Japanese types and hybrids. European trees typically bloom later, suffer less flower damage from spring frost and are more reliable producers. Plant any two European types for cross-pollination. The most serious problem on plums in our area is black knot disease, which is difficult to control. Cultivars include Earliblue and Damson.

Tart cherries

Sweet cherries will not do well in this area, but tart varieties do. All are called self-fruitful, which means cross-pollination is not needed. The best traditional tree cultivars for Nebraska include Montmorency, North Star and Balaton.

But also consider the bush cherry cultivars Carmine Jewel, Crimson Passion, Juliet and Romeo.

Consider mature tree size
Finally, keep in mind both pest
control and pruning are regular
maintenance practices needed for
productive fruit trees. Regular pruning will assure a strong framework
for the tree, so it can support a load
of fruit. In addition, regular pruning
keeps trees productive, assures good
airflow through the tree and makes it
easier to work in the tree.

Many fruit trees are available on dwarfing rootstocks. Use of these trees is great for growers with limited space. Plus smaller tree size makes pruning, harvesting and pest control easier.

Ducks draw discussion at Seward City Council meeting

by Greg Forbes editor@sewardindependent.com

A Seward resident last Tuesday urged the Seward City Council to reconsider the language in the city's animal licensing ordinance that requires neighbor consent in order to have fowl on a property.

Levy Voehl, 633 N. Sixth St., asked the council at its regular to revise the ordinance to remove the clause that requires neighbor consent to allow a homeowner to have a non-traditional domesticated animal on the premise. Voehl stated he wishes to have two ducks live inside his home.

In a written statement to the council, he said the small ducks would stay inside but would go outside occasionally to play. He said that the ordinance does not require larger animals, such as dogs, to have neighbor consent although dogs can create more safety hazards than ducks.

"I'm only looking to get two or three. They're not big, they're about the size of mallards," he said.
"I don't see why I need
neighbors' permission when they don't
need mine to get cats
and dogs, which can
get loose and harm
others."

The current ordinance requires anyone who owns fowl, livestock, hoofed, exotic or wild animals within the city limits to obtain a permit. Anyone with such animals must have neighbor consent from all property owners and residents living within 75 feet of property lines. One "no" in response would not allow a permit to be issued.

Boehl said he had not gauged neighbors' interest in the matter but wanted to first bring the issue to the council for its consideration.

Councilwoman Ellen Beck said she urges Voehl to first visit with neighbors before the council makes any decision.

"If he had gone to the neighbors and they said no, I'd be more inclined but I think you should make the rounds and see what happens," she said to Voehl. Voehl said he would attempt to seek input from his neighbors

The council agreed and elected to take no action on the matter. However, it did open a discussion to the possibility of revising the ordinance to narrow down which neighbors need to be notified.

City Administrator Greg Butcher said that the 75 feet rule is measured by property line, not the house on the property. Therefore, some houses well across a street fall within the measurement.

One possibility council members suggested was to just require the permission of adjacent properties. Butcher said it'd be worth revisiting at a later date, should the council choose.

"We go by property line, we don't go by house," he said. "We'd want to know that if we just did houses, is it just the ones in the back and on the sides. If the house is on a highway, then we don't really care what the person across the highway thinks."

No action was taken on either matter.

Students

University of Nebraska Medical Center

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its fall 2020 Dean's List for students enrolled in nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and the allied health professions.

Students from this area who qualified include Amanda Engelbart of Malcolm and Nathan Canarsky of Pleasant Dale in the College of Dentistry; Caroline Hahn of Utica in Radiography; Alexandra Kenney of Milford in the College of Pharmacy and Amanda Engelbart

of Malcolm and Nathan Canarsky of Pleasant Dale in the College of Dentristry.

To qualify for the dean's list, nursing and the allied health students must be enrolled for 12 or more hours during the semester and have a grade point average of 3.75 or above. To qualify for the pharmacy dean's list, students must place in the top 20% of their class and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dental students must be in the top 10% of their class for the semester.



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Studies compare effects of nitrification inhibitors

By Jenny Rees Seward/York counties Extension educator

For the next several weeks I will share data from onfarm research

studies on nitrification inhibitors.

Nitrification Inhibitors are best thought of as an insurance policy against loss of applied ammo-



Jenny Rees Extension educator

nium-based fertilizer due to excess rain in the first month or so after fertilization. For spring applications, some active ingredients have been proven by research to slow the conversion of ammonium to nitrate for at least two weeks, with a range of onesix weeks, depending on soil temperature.

They are one tool (not a silver bullet), when used at right place and time, for aiding in nitrogen management. To summarize the research below, nitrification inhibitors are less likely to have a significant impact on increasing yield and reducing nitrate leaching in silt loam and silty clay loam soils as compared to sandy soils.

An ongoing study at UNL's

Jenny's REESources

South Central Ag Lab near Clay Center is conducted on silt loam soils, common in the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District. The majority of the study at SCAL compared spring pre-plant anhydrous vs. side-dress application with and without the use of nitrification inhibitor N-Serve® (nitrapyrin).

A yield increase due to nitrapyrin applied pre-plant was observed in 6 of 28 years with a mean yield change of two bu/ac/year. Only 1 of 28 years was a yield increase observed when nitrapyrin was applied in season during side-dress application with a mean yield change of 0 bu/ac/ year. In this study, they found delayed side-dress N with nitrapyrin could reduce plant N uptake and release N too late, thus it is not recommended to add an inhibitor to nitrogen applied in-season.

In 2019, two York County farmers compared spring anhydrous ammonia applications with and without the nitrification inhibitor (N-Serve®). At York location 1, 180 lbs N as anhydrous was applied on April 10, 2019, in ridge-till, silt-loam soil. At

York location 2, 160 lbs N as anhydrous was applied on April 8, 2019, in no-till, siltloam soil.

These locations were around four miles apart and the previous crop in both was soybeans. Soil samples were taken two inches off the anhydrous band down to three feet for both ammonium and nitrate concentrations at V7 growth stage. The results showed the nitrification inhibitor was still slowing the conversion of ammonium to nitrate in the first foot at York 1 location (longer than would be anticipated for a spring-applied inhibitor treatment), but not at York 2.

At both study locations, no yield difference occurred between the check and inhibitor treatments respectively (250 vs. 251 bu/ac at York 1 and 264 vs. 264 bu/ac at York

In 2020, four farmers (three in York County and one in Fillmore County) conducted on-farm research inhibitor studies. These studies were in partnership with the UBBNRD. Soil samples for ammonium and nitrate concentration were taken

around six and nine weeks post-application based on the protocol provided.

Note: with these being inhibitor focused studies, future protocols will have soil tests taken closer to application. With farmers interested in what nitrogen distribution in the profile looks like in the late season, we will also sample then.

At York location 1, 150 lbs. N as anhydrous was applied in the fall and spring with and without Centuro®. Soil tests in early May showed less total nitrogen in the third foot for the spring anhydrous with Centuro® compared to fall anhydrous with no inhibitor. There were no yield differences between treatments in 2020 (fall and spring check yielded 269 bu/ ac, fall with Centuro® 267 bu/ ac, spring with Centuro® 270 bu/ac).

This study will continue. The other three locations had yields impacted by the July 9, 2020, wind event. At the Fillmore County location, 115 lbs spring applied 32% UAN with and without Instinct® II was compared. There was less nitrate and total nitrogen in

the Instinct® II treatment at second and third foot vs. the check and there were no yield differences (both yielded 213 bu/ac).

At the York 2 location, four products were compared (44 gal. spring applied 32% UAN as a check compared to the check plus either ammonium thiosulfate (ATS), BiovanteTM, or Instinct® II. The UAN+ Instinct® II had less nitrate and total nitrogen in the third foot than the UAN+ Biovante™. The UAN+ATS treatment yielded significantly more than the check (215 bu/ac vs. 209 bu/ac) with no differences amongst the other treatments (212 bu/ac each).

At the York 3 location, 45 gal spring applied 32% UAN was compared to a producer-developed concoction containing humic acid, sugar and ATS. There was more nitrate, ammonium and total nitrate in the inhibitor concoction than the check at the third foot with no yield differences (220 bu/ac check vs. 221 bu/ac inhibitor concoction).

These and other Nebraska on-farm research studies will be presented Feb. 25-26 both virtually and in-person. You can learn more and register here: https://go.unl.edu/h83j.

Arrests

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

Jaysan Hutchinson, 22, Cambridge, Iowa, was arrested Nov. 23 in connection with violating a protection order. Ten percent of a \$10,000 bond was filed and Hutchinson pleaded not guilty Dec. 23. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 3.

Heather Vanderslice, 40, Seward, was arrested Nov. 5 in connection with driving under the influence and willful, reckless driving. Ten percent of a \$5,000 bond was filed and Vanderslice will appear for sentencing Feb. 17.

Wilson Estuardo-Hernandez, 24, Crete, was arrested Nov. 4 in connection with the offense of driving under the influence. Ten percent of a \$5,000 bond was filed and Hernandez pleaded guilty and was fined \$274.

Trystan Waller, 21, Seward, was arrested Nov. 1 in connection with the offenses of driving while under revocation, driving under the influence (second offense) and possession of a controlled substance. A \$5,000 bond was filed and Waller has a plea entry hearing scheduled for Feb. 10.

Christopher Forney, 24, Milford, was arrested Nov. 4 in connection with the offenses of possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Ten percent of a \$1,000 bond was filed and Forney pleaded guilty Dec. 9 and was fined \$400.

Jose Cortes was arrested Nov. 10 in connection with the offenses of driving under the influence (second offense), refusal of a breath test and driving with an open alcohol container. Ten percent of a \$10,000 bond was filed and a hearing is scheduled for Feb. 24.

Joshua Hipwell, 40, Grand Island, was arrested Nov. 11 in connection with the offenses of driving under the influence, refusal of a breath test and chemical test, driving left of center and on the shoulder. Ten percent of a \$5,000 bond was illed and Hipwell nas a pretrial hearing sched-

uled for Feb. 24. James Williams II, 52, Huntington, Texas, was arrested Dec. 9 in connection with the offenses of possession of a deadly weapon, theft by shoplifting, disturbing the peace and unlawful consumption of alcohol. He appeared for arraignment Jan. 4 and the case was bound over to the district court.

Ezekiel Menteer, 21. Waterloo, Iowa, was arrested Dec. 9 in connection with the offenses of possession of THC wax, with intent to distribute and flight to avoid arrest. Ten percent of a \$50,000 bond was filed and Menteer appeared in court Jan.

Traffic

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Jan. 11 – 15 Angel R. Wilson, 31, York, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Audrey J. Janousek, 17, Seward, violate stop or yield sign, \$75 fine. Yessine S. Bessaies,

24, Seward, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, and no operator's license/ waiverable, \$75 fine.

Gaven L. Schernikau, 19. Beaver Crossing, no valid registration-car/ pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Douglas P. Rolfsmeier, 64, Seward, illegal U-turn, \$25 fine.

Addison B. Vance, 19, Lexington, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 nne.

Dairy M. Paz, 25, Dorchester, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, \$25 fine.

Tammy A. Brewer, 29, Twin Falls, Idaho, speeding 6-10 mph interstate, \$25 fine.

Matthew C. Stryson, 61, Seward, fail to yield ROW-entering roadway, \$25 fine.

Madelyn A. Lopez, 24, Omaha, speeding 6-10 mph county/state, \$25 fine.

Alexander O. Delgado, 23, Milford, speeding 11-15 mph interstate, \$75

Jeffrey Whitsler, 34, Beaumont, Texas, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Dylan A. Lotz, 22, Peoria, Illinois, speeding, 11-15 mph county/ state, \$75 fine.

Kitisak Phachit, 34, Lincoln, violate no passing zone, \$25 fine.

Jesus Chavez Porras, 35, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph interstate, \$150

Ali T. Aljuboori, 31, Lincoln, improper/defective vehicle lighting, \$25 fine.

Jan. 18 – 22 Jennifer R. Taylor, 67, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 me.

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

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

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

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

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

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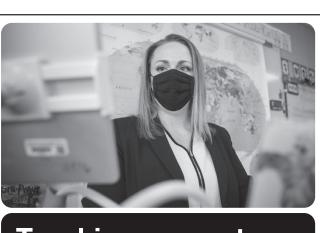




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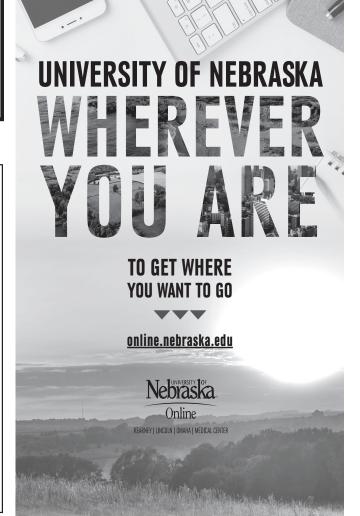
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Nathan Pennington, a sophomore church music major from Lincoln, recently won the Student Organ Composition Competition organized by the Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Pennington wins organ competition

by Logan Tuttle Concordia University

Nathan Pennington, a Concordia University sophomore church music major from Lincoln, recently won the Student Organ Composition Competition organized by the Lincoln Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Pennington's piece, "Fantasy for a Forgotten Flowerbed," stood out to the four judges, who evaluated submissions based on harmonic interest, accessibility, creativity and the musician's potential.

"Honestly, I was not expecting to win," Pennington said. "I just wanted to get some experience writing for a deadline shorter than the semester-long composition lessons I'm in currently. I am grateful to those who helped me in the writing process, both professors and friends, as well as to God for this wonderful opportunity. My gifts come from Him, so all the praise truly belongs to Him

The competition, open to middle school, high school and college students, was created by the Lincoln AGO as a way for students to stay connected auring the COVID-19 pandemic. The idea was brought to the Lincoln AGO by a student organist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln serving on the board. Submissions were received from students in Seward

to Council Bluffs, Brent Shaw, dean of the Lincoln AGO said, including college students from Concordia, Doane University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Southeast Community College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"We were excited to have something to do while everything was shut down," Shaw said. "We couldn't go to recitals or go to church, and it was great to have something positive."

Shaw said the Lincoln AGO includes members ranging from middle school-aged to 92 years old who are either interested in playing the organ or are professional organists. Typically, professors from local universities are members, Shaw said, and they share their membership with students as a way to help them connect with other students and professionals.

The competition's judges lauded Pennington's "Fantasy for a Forgotten Flowerbed" for its form, saying it was organized well and included a great use of chromatic progression, Shaw said. The piece was derived from the combination of Pennington's organ repertoire that includes hymns and baroque/ French organ literature.

"The melody line soloed for the majority of the piece is reminiscent of some of my favorite hymn tunes from church with a little French flair in the harmonic accompaniment," Pennington said.

Before arriving at Concordia, Pennington played the organ for his church in high school and he loved to make music. Once he got to campus, he saw all of the opportunities with Church Music, and he found that to be his calling.

"I hope to be called to a church where I will serve as the director of music," he said, "where I plan to lead the congregation at the organ with the addition of other appropriate music choices, such as vocal chorus or instrumental ensembles, as well as assist the congregation in their spiritual growth through music.'

Pennington's advisor, Dr. Joseph Herl, professor of music, said he believes Concordia students create their own opportunities within the music program.

"There's a lot happening here and it's a fruitful environment to learn about and experience Church Music," he said. "Part of that is generated from professors, but students create a lot of opportunities themselves."

Throughout all of his musical growth at Concordia, Pennington said his faith has grown even more.

"A classic Christian education is the foundation of my Concordia experience and is an integral part of all my classes, even my lessons and ensembles," he said.

Lutringer to turn 90

Emma Lutringer of Seward will celebrate her 90th birthday this month.

She was born Feb. 13,

She and husband Anton had five children including Alvin, Steve, Janell, Julie and Janice. She also has 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

To celebrate, her family requests a card shower. Cards may be sent to her at 220 E. Northern



Emma Lutringer Heights, Seward NE 68434.

Pastor's column

The faithful shall be blessed

By Pastor Scott Krohn Living Word Lutheran Church, Seward

Our country is truly in a time of turmoil. wOur whole world seems to be struggling with what direction it needs to go.

The Bible records many stories of kingdoms that were in the same place. Those that went away from the guidance of our God and Creator found themselves in ruin. Those that stayed faithful even through the trials were blessed and saw hope in the end. Let us always fall on the words in the 33rd Psalm vs 12-22

"12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.

13 From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind;

14 from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

15 ne wno forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they

16 No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

17 A horse is a vain

hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

18 But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

19 to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

20 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. 21 In him our hearts

rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. 22 May your unfail-

ing love be with us, Lord, as we put our hope in you."

'Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" enough said! Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will never leave us as long as we never leave Him. Open your heart to Jesus' love for you. Be amazed by the gentle love of a God who walked the earth and showed us He was the most caring yet the toughest man who was ever crucified by His own people. His words in Luke 23:34 NIV show of His love for us:

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Thanks!

A special thank you to everyone who

remembered me as I celebrated birthday

number 90. WOW! It was awesome.

Thank you.

Ellie Stark

Happenings going on this week, in future

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

THROUGH MARCH 3

Drive collects items for mission, Foster Friends

Concordia University students are heading up a collection drive for People City Mission and Foster Friends. Residents can drop items off at Seward Memorial Library. There is a box near the doorway. The collection will run through March 3. Items sought include gently used clothing - all ages, sizes for men, women, children that are in season. Especially needed are boys/men sport or wind pants mesh type shorts for men and sweats for boys or men.

Also being collected are bottled water, granola bars, wash cloths, men and women's deodorant, sanitizing wipes, cleaning supplies and latex gloves

FEBRUARY 17

Mid-Week movie set at library

NASA's Mission to Mars Perseverance Rover Landing will be on Feb. 18, 2021. Seward Memorial Library will show a feature length movie celebrating Mars exploration on Wednesday, Feb. 17. The movie begins at 1 p.m. in the lower level conference room. Masks are required and space is limited. For the specific movie title and any questions call (402) 643-3318.

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

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

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/stjohn trivia. The event will follow public gathering guidelines from Four Corners Health Department. Participants will be asked to wear masks. For more information, email stiohntrivia@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 ques-

tions? 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.





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Seward County Independent

What to know about the shuttered venue operators grant program

by Zane Francescato Affairs Director

A grant opportunity will soon be available to arts organization operators and businesses who operate live-event venues and have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the omnibus package passed in December, the Save Our Stages Act secured \$15 billion for a Shuttered **Venues Operators Grant** Program. The program will be administered by the Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Assistance and will provide economic relief to eligible business and organizations.

The SBA will release more detailed eligibility requirements soon but has stated eligible entities will include live venue operators or promoters; theatrical producers; live performing arts organization operators; relevant museum operators; zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria; motion picture theater operators, talent representatives and each business entity owned by an eligible entity that also meets the eligibility requirements. Additionally, entities must have been in operation as of Feb. 29, 2020, and are currently in operation or intending to reopen.

Entities are ineligible to apply for this grant if they received a Paycheck Protection Program loan on or after Dec. 27, 2020; are classified as "big arts corporations and large endowments" with 500 or more employees; are explicit in a sexual nature; or are majority-owned or publicly traded. Additionally, any entity that received more than 10% of gross revenue from federal funding in 2019 or entities that have multiple businesses in more than one country or more

than 10 states are also ineligible.

For any entity that is eligible and interested in applying for a grant, the program will be rolled out in a restricted and unrestricted phase to maximize the program's impact. Both phases have specific timelines that interested entities will need to pay attention to.

In the restricted phase, grants will be issued on a priority basis and opened only to those small arts businesses and organizations with 50 or fewer employees. First priority applications will be opened for the first 14 days of the program to entities that suffered a 90% or greater loss in revenue between April 2020 and December 2020 (compared to 2019).

Second priority applications will be opened for the next 14 days of the program to entities that suffered a 70% or greater revenue loss between April 2020 and December 2020 (compared to 2019).

Third priority applications will be opened to entities that suffered a 25% or greater revenue loss between April 2020 and December 2020 (compared to 2019), 28 days after first and second priority awards are made.

Finally, a supplemental round of funding will be made available to award recipients who suffered a 70% or greater loss in revenue for the most recent calendar quarter (beginning in April 2021 or later).

In the unrestricted phase, all eligible entities of any size that suffered a 25% or greater loss in revenue will be invited to apply 61 days after initial grants have been awarded to those who applied in the restricted phase.

If a business is awarded a grant, funds can be used for specific expenses including:

• Payroll costs

- Rent payments
- Utility payments Scheduled mortgage payments (not including prepayment of princi-
- Scheduled debt payments (not including prepayment of principal) on any indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business prior to Feb. 15, 2020)
- Worker protection expenditures
- Payments to independent contractors (not to exceed \$100,000 in annual compensation per contractor)
- Other ordinary and necessary business expenses, including maintenance costs
- Administrative costs (incl. fees and licensing)
- State and local taxes and fees
- · Operating leases in effect as of Feb. 15, 2020
- Insurance payments · Advertising, production transportation and capital expenditures related to producing a theatrical or live performing arts production. (May not be prima-

ry use of funds)

As stated, the SBA has yet to release an application window or process but is expected to release more information soon. In the meantime, the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership encourages interested entities to gather financial statements for 2019-2020 and the information to prove/verify the entity charges admission to live events, pays artists, has 70% of earned revenue coming from live events, and advertises events to the public.

For more information about the SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, visit www. sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/ shuttered-venue-operators-grant or send an email to SVOGrant@ sba.gov.

Finance: Nursing home care and the 'look-back period'

Health care plans provide access to medical care and other necessities and reduce out-ofpocket health-related expenses. Each plan is different, and depending on where you live, your coverage may vary.

People quickly find that many healthcare plans do not include provisions for long-term health care, such as paying for nursing facilities. Understanding how health plans work and learning about potential financial reviews for nursing home payment qualification is a good idea for anyone concerned about financing their future health care needs.

Health care basics

In the United States, health care is largely privately managed, with most employers offering access to various health coverage plans. Government subsidized plans include Medicare, which is for retirement-age individuals and younger people with disabilities. Medicaid is a joint state- and federally-run government program that provides health coverage to low-income individuals and families.

Just as in the United States, health insurance in Canada does not pay for nursing home care in most cases. In the United States, unless an individual meets low-income criteria, nursing home care is paid for by the resident; otherwise, people who qualify for Medicaid can have their nursing home expenditures payed for by that program. To receive Medicaid assistance, applicants should expect a financial review, including a look-back period.

What is the look-back period? The senior health, finance and lifestyle resource Senior Living advises that Medicaid is a "last resort" method of financing nursing home costs. Individuals are expected to use other means of payment first and "spend down" their assets. When financial resources dwindle, Medicaid will kick in to provide coverage. To ensure that individuals simply

Understanding how health plans work and learning about potential financial reviews for nursing home payment qualification is a good idea for anyone concerned about financing their future health care needs.

do not transfer money out of their accounts to avoid paying for nursing home care by their own means, Medicaid requires a look-back period into applicants' finances to determine if there were any violations to rules regarding asset transfers.

Most people engage in some sort of long-term planning to protect a portion of their assets so that they can be used to support spouses or children. According to rules, an applicant is permitted to transfer certain monies to his or her spouse, provided the spouse isn't also applying for long-term care through Medicaid. Most money and tangible asset transfers (check with your state Medicaid office for the most current rules) must have taken place 60 months (5 years) prior to application for Medicaid. Penalties will be instituted when rules are broken, namely gifts or asset transfers that take place within the look-back period. This could delay Medicaid acceptance.

Paying for long-term care can be complicated business with look-back periods and required spend-downs. It is in a person's best interest to seek the guidance of a financial planner who specializes in elder care to navigate these financial waters.

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Obituaries

Dale Mathis

Feb. 27, 1927 - Feb. 1, 2021 Dale Mathis, beloved husband and father, departed this earth Feb. 1, 2021, to join our

mother, Del Daehling Mathis, his brother, Ray Mathis, and his sister, Eileen Kennedy in Heaven.

Dale was born Feb. 27, 1927, to Elmer Mathis and Elsie J. (Brown) Mathis in Greenwood.

He served as a paratrooper in World War II from 1943 to 1945, where he saw combat. He was a First Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne and a Pathfinder, an elite group of the 82nd



After the war, Dale worked at Otis Elevator in the 1940s and Elgin Watch Company from 1946 to 1955. It was while working at Elgin that he developed his love for timepieces, which he collected and repaired throughout his life.

He married Del on Oct. 24, 1956, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Staplehurst. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in

After he met Del, he attended the United States Border Patrol Academy. Dale had an almost 30-year career as a Border Patrol Agent, first in Texas, then New Mexico, then in Washington State and, finally, Alpine, Texas, where he chose to live for 53 years. While in Alpine, he served on the city council and as the municipal judge from 1982 to 1991.

Dale was well-known and respected in Alpine, where, in one way or another, he touched the lives of almost everyone in town. In his later years, he drank coffee at the bank in Alpine with three generations of friends who got together daily to talk about politics and town news. After his morning coffee, he made the rounds at the thrift stores, touching base with his fellow Alpinians and picking up treasures. He also enjoyed getting together with friends most afternoons to enjoy a cool beverage at his favorite watering hole.

He was self-made, tough as nails, a dearly-loved husband, father and grandfather and truly a member of The Greatest Generation. He will be deeply missed.

Dale is preceded in death by his wife, Del, to whom he was married for 55 years; his parents; his parents-in-law, Henry and Ella Daehling; his brother, Ray Mathis; his sister and brother-in-law, Eileen and Al Kennedy; and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Daryl and Vivian Daehling. He is survived by his children, Diana Mathis, Dena Mathis and her husband Guy Clemens and Derek Mathis and his wife Suzy Mathis; grandchildren, Blake Mathis, Blair Mathis, Jaden Clemens and Brylee Mathis; great-grandson Duke LaCaille; sister-in-law, Marilyn Mathis; brother and sisterin-law, Del and Sherry Daehling; many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins, and an army of people who called him a friend.

An 82nd Airborne Rose, Ribbon and Wings funeral service with and burial officiated by Pastor Shawn Kitzing will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Staplehurst at 2 p.m. Feb. 13. Condolences may be left for the family at zabkafuneralhome.com.

Police

Information provided thy the Seward Police Department.

Feb. 2

9:19 p.m.—Two debit cares were found and returned to the owner in the 300 block of Locust

Feb. 4

12:17 a.m.—A caller in the 100 block of Jackson Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle parked across the street from their residence. The caller said someone was looking around a construction site and was concerned about tools possibly being

12:18 a.m.—A caller in the 500 block of North Columbia Avenue reported their father was threatening to kill a dog and was being verbally aggressive to the caller.

9:15 a.m.—A caller in the area of North Fifth Street and Meadow Lane reported that snow had drifted on the road in the area and the street was down to one lane of travel.

9:58 a.m.—A car/pedestrian accident was reported in the 500 block of Main Street.

Summary of other calls:

Civil/keep peace 1 Disturbance 1 Extra patrol 2 Field contact 1 Harassment 1 Hit and run accident 1 Miscellaneous 4 Motorist assist 2 Non-injury accident 1 Parking violation 4 Property lost 1 Terroristic threats 1 Traffic control 1 Traffic hazard/debris 1 Traffic stop 11 Welfare check 1

Eileen Holliday

June 17, 1938 - Feb. 4, 2021

Eileen Holliday was born on June 17, 1938, in Fairbury, the youngest of three children of Herman

and Katherine (Herbst) Theye. She grew up in the Gladstone area and attended the Zion United Church of Christ in Gladstone as a child. Eileen attended District 28 School and graduated from Fairbury High School in 1956. She lived in Fairbury, Seward and Goehner throughout her life. She worked at Heritage Care Center in Fairbury, Sundermann Nursing Home in Seward and Blue Valley Region



V Services in Fairbury. Eileen and Steven Holliday were united in marriage on Feb. 1, 1981, at the United Methodist Church in Fairbury and just recently celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Eileen was a loving mother who worked and raised her three children, Don, Bob and Deb, as well as her two step-children, Jeff and Kristin, and her grandson, Tyler. She was a devoted grandmother as well, as her youngest grandsons remember her as the best pancake maker ever, overnights together playing GameCube and the chocolate fudge ice cream bars she always had in the freezer. She was a lover of music, especially polka and country-western, she loved to bake and cook for her family and always had a garden to tend to.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Katherine (Herbst) Theye; her parents-in-law, Myron and Marjorie Holliday; her brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Elsie Theye; her brother-in-law, Stephen Scheer; and her nephew, Martin Scheer.

Eileen is survived by her husband of 40 years, Steven Holliday of Fairbury; her children, Don Theye (Christine Lange) of Endicott, Bob Theye (Deb) of Geneva and Deb Anderson (Dan) of Omaha; step-children, Jeff Holliday (Michelle) of Fairbury and Kristin Burt (Mike) of Seward. Her grandchildren include Tyler Theye, Melanie Theye (Justin Sautter), Nick Theye, Darrin Anderson, William Anderson, Austin Holliday, Devin Holliday, Dalton Burt, Brycen Burt, Jailyn McNealy (Donovan) and Makenna Schmit (Mitchell). She also leaves behind her sister, Viola Scheer of Fairbury; brother-in-law, Paul Holliday and Karen of Johnson, Kansas; and 10 great-grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time. Viewing will be Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home in Fairbury and Thursday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the family greeting friends Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gerdesmeyerfh.com.

Jim Hartmann

Dec. 5, 1935 – Feb. 3, 2021 Jim Hartmann of Seward was born Dec. 5, 1935, and passed away Feb. 3, 2021. Arrangements are pending with Volzke Funeral Home in Seward. A full obituary may be found and condolences left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Verna J. Deinert

Oct. 17, 1933 - Feb. 8, 2021

Verna Jean Deinert was born Oct. 17, 1933, and passed away Feb. 8, 2021. Arrangements are pending with Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward. A full obituary may be found and condolences left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

M. Virginia Mehl

Nov. 24, 1932 - Feb. 3, 2021

M. Virginia Mehl, 87, of Sun City West, Arizona, (originally of Seward), was born Nov. 24, 1932, and passed away Feb. 3, 2021. Arrangements are pending with Volzke Funeral Home in Seward.1 A full obituary may be found and condolences left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Marriage licenses

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

January Jessica Price, Beaver Crossing, and Jacob

Ash, Beaver Crossing Carin Nantkes, Utica, and Tanner Griggs, Utica

Skylar Gambrel, Seward, and Jacob Ainsworth, Seward

Macy Perdue, Lincoln, and Jason Bosak. Lincoln

Kirsten Herling, Garland, and Mitchell Novak, Garland Carmen Wolfenden,

Behrens, David City Elizabeth Dowling, Seward, and Jared Donner, Seward

David City, and Kevin

Elaine M. Janak

March 7, 1948 - Feb. 4, 2021 Elaine Marie Janak was born March 7, 1948, in Seward, to Raymond and Lucille (Divis) Pe-

karek and passed away Feb. 4, 2021, in Wahoo, at the age of 72 years, 10 months and 28 days. Elaine graduated from Aquinas High School with the Class of 1966.

Elaine worked at St. Joseph Villa for several years as a CNA. She was a homemaker and stayat-home mom for her children. She enjoyed polka music, listening to Elvis Presley, playing cards and an ice cold Budweiser. She liked



watching WWE on Monday nights, game shows, western movies and Husker football. Elaine loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events, family gatherings and she enjoyed the holidays, especially Christmas. Her hobbies included working on puzzles, TV Guide crossword puzzles, word searches and latch hook.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents; infant daughter, Mary; significant other, James

Survivors cherishing her memory include her children, Sandra "Sandy" (Janak) Stanek, Brainard, Dan and Kara Janak, Dwight; grandchildren, Tyson and Lacey Wren, Brainard, Danielle and James Dye, David City, Kary and Trevor Maly, Weston, Nicole Janak, Brainard, Robin Stanek, Brainard, Sara Stanek, Brainard; five great-grandchildren, Miles Maly, Briley Wren, Waylon Maly, Brody Wren, Zavian Dye; six siblings, George and Rose Pekarek, Sally and Jim Hodge, Tom Pekarek and significant other, Gayle Burnett, Don and Deb Pekarek, Joe Pekarek, Kenny and Angie Pekarek; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial was Feb. 10 at the Assumption Catholic Church in Dwight with burial in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Janak family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Bernard "Ben" G. Rivers May 18, 1921 – Feb. 2, 2021

Bernard "Ben" G. Rivers, age 99, of Manhat-

tan, Kansas, passed away at his home in his sleep Feb. 2, 2021. He was born May 18, 1921, on a farm in rural

Sherman County, near Loup City. He was the son of Ralph D. and Charlotte (Schleicher) Rivers. He married Elve-

ra Olson on July 17, 1948. They had two children, Douglas (Christine) Rivers of Shoal Creek, Alabama, and Carole (Eric) Johnson of Concordia, Kansas. After Elvera's pass-



ing in 1980, he married Minnie "Mickey" Barber in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 13, 1983. They lived in Phoenix and Concordia prior to moving to Manhattan in 1989.

He is survived by his wife Mickey; his two children, Doug and Carole; and two grandchildren, Brianna and Andrew Johnson of Manhattan and Lawrence, Kansas, respectively. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Ann (Rivers) Brasch; and his first wife, Elvera.

Ben attended a one-room school until his family left the farm and moved to Seward, where he graduated from Seward High in 1938. Upon graduation, he began working for J.C. Penney, Co. as a part-time salesman in Seward. He later worked in Norfolk and Beatrice, and managed stores in Norton, Kansas, (1955-62) and Concordia (1962-1981).

He was probably most proud of his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He enlisted and was trained in communications at the University of Chicago and Treasure Island, California, prior to going to sea. He was aboard three different liberty ships and went around the world carrying supplies and munitions to ground troops in the European and Pacific theaters. He sailed every major ocean except the Arctic with ports of call on every continent except Antarctica.

In retirement, he and Mickey traveled by land and sea and he enjoyed going to football games and cheering on the Wildcats.

A funeral service was Feb. 5 at the Grace Baptist Church in Manhattan, with burial at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Concordia with military honors. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Grace Baptist Church or to the VA Hospital in Topeka. Condolences may be left for the family at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Jan. 14 – 21

Amy Frye and William Frye to Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity, Lot 1, Corrective Subdivision of Block 21,

Wright's First Addition to Utica.

James Patrick Higgins II and Shirley A. Higgins to James Patrick Higgins II and Shirley A. Higgins as trustees of the Higgins Family Revocable Trust, Lot 15, Block 4, Hughes Addition to

Seward. DS exempt

Robert W. Norman and Cami L. Norman to Robert W. Norman and Cami L. Norman, Lots 9-12, Block 14, original town of Staplehurst. DS exempt

Page 10 AUTOMOTIVE

Four factors to consider for safe winter travel

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected. According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads.

Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of factors.

1. Changing visibility While slippery surfaces may contribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your lowbeam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

2. Snow removal Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical

> **Drive** safe out there!

activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

3. Carbon monoxide poisoning Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in

enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, and have furnaces, water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

4. Black ice Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground

is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential. Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring.

Taking steps to stay safe in unpredictable conditions is a necessity each winter.



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Bluejay girls win district championship



The Seward girls' bowling team was the district champion Feb. 1, earning a spot in the state team tournament Wednesday, Feb. 10. Individual qualifiers were Sky Brumm, Olivia Benes, Eve Brumm and Maddie Viger. Read more about the district competition on page 2B.

Six from Seward make district field

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindenendent.com

The Seward wrestling team will send six representatives to the District B2 tournament after they qualified at the Subdistrict B2B tournament Feb. 6.

Nine Bluejays competed at subdistricts, Coach Bob Core said, and they all wrestled well.

"Saturday went about as expected," he said. "There were good kids at all the weights. We knew it would be tough."

Cash Duncan (113 pounds), Cameron Schrad (138) and

Breckin Schoepf (152) earned the top spot in their weights. Boone Duncan (145) and Nolan Hill (170) were second, with Conner Rosendale (132) third. The top four in each weight advance.

Core said there are still things for the Jays to work on heading into districts at Blair Saturday, Feb. 13. The top four finishers at districts qualify for

"I like how we match up. We need to go out and execute,' Core said. "Anything can happen. We need to come in relaxed and not worry about the pres-

Subdistrict B2B

Team scores—Blair 176.5, York 162, Wayne 142.5, Omaha Gross Catholic 119.5, Seward 103, Falls City 57 113—Cash Duncan (SEW) pin Zach McManigal (WYN) 1:40;

def. Luke Frost (BLR) 8-3, first 126-Treyton Hobson (SEW) pinned by Ashton Munsell

(WYN) 3:21; pinned by Atticus Dick (BLR) 1:43 132—Conner Rosendale (SEW) pinned by Kaleb Eliker (YRK) 3:16; pin Shay Bailey (BLR) 1:00; pin Ethan Le (OGC) 2:25, third 138—Cameron Schrad (SEW) pin Nathan Boswell (BLR)

5:06; pin Eli Barner (WYN) 3:11, first 145—Boone Duncan (SEW) def. Cole Paladino (OGC) 15-7; medical forfeit to Charlie Powers (BLR), second

152—Breckin Schoepf (SEW) pin Kadyn Strecker (FC) 0:26, 170—Nolan Hill (SEW) pin Aiden Liston (WYN) 1:24; pinned

by Seth Erickson (YRK) 5:21, second 182—Hunter Novacek (SEW) pinned by Tommy Gilbert

(OGC) 2:45; def. by Braden Hanson (BLR) 12-1 195—Dustin Hurley (SEW) pinned by Thomas Fields (FC) 4:50; pinned by Jake Garcia (OGC) 4:35

Kailey Ziegler of Centennial shoots for two over the Thayer Central defense Feb. 4 during the conference semifinals. **SNC** final leads off last week of season

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

Ordinarily the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament final is on Saturday, played at the conclusion of a week of competition.

But snow and poor weather conditions

moved the final this year to Feb. 8. Played at Utica, the championship game featured the hometown Centennial Broncos against Sutton.

The Broncos defeated Fillmore Central 49-38 and Thayer Central 44-33 to reach the finals.

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by Heath Kramer Seward County Independent

It was sweet revenge. The Malcolm girls' basketball team took the court at Southeast Community College-Lincoln for its Feb. 6 East Central Nebraska Conference championship game with a bad taste that had been lingering for a year. Though the Class C1 No. 1 Clippers had already beaten Class D1 No. 3 Weeping Water once this season, it was the conference title they really wanted back.

A year after blowing a double-digit lead in the championship game against the Indians, it was the Malcolm players adorned with gold medals and celebrating after a 52-38 win.

Weeping Water allstater Grace Cave set the pace early in the game. The Nebraska-Omaha commit scored seven of her game-high 19 points in the first quarter while also finding a pair of teammates, each of whom knocked down three-pointers to propel the Indians to a 15-13 first quarter lead.

Both teams cranked up the defense in a low scoring second quarter that ended with the game tied 20-20.

"I was disappointed with how we played in the first half," Malcolm head coach Andy Klepper said. "But I came out of the locker room feeling confident that we'd take care of business in the second half.

'Joslyn (Small) got pretty vocal in there and told the girls we weren't going to let what happened last year happen again."

Small backed up her words with action on the floor. The 5-3 senior scored all of the Clippers' points in a 7-2 run to open the third quarter. Small finished the

game with 15 points.

'When we came out like that, we felt the tide start to turn," Klepper said. "They rarely sub and we knew if we kept the intensity up, they were going to wear down."

While Small was the star of the third quarter, it was Alyssa Fortik who sealed the deal in the final frame. The 5-2 sophomore scored 10 of her team-high 18 points in the quarter, including back-to-back three-pointers to give Malcolm a double-digit lead.

'Alyssa just has a different look when she plays Grace (Cave)," Klepper said. "It's like she finds another gear and when that happens, get out of her way.'

While the bulk of the scoring came from the duo of guards, several Clippers stepped up to be difference makers. Ashlynn Sehi grabbed seven rebounds and had four pass deflections. Emma Brown also had seven rebounds and blocked two shots. Jordan Denton came off the bench to get three rebounds, two steals, two deflections and block a shot.

"Jordan came up big when we had some girls in foul trouble," Klepper said. "Most of it came

from just pure hustle." The Clippers path to the championship included a 59-23 quarterfinal win over Palmyra on Feb. 1. Diamond Sedlak hit four from behind the arc on her way to 17 points while Fortik led the team with 18.

In the Feb. 4 semifinal, Malcolm dominated Elmwood-Murdock in a 55-20 victory. Brown went 6-of-9 from the field and 4-of-5 at the line to score 17. Fortik added 10.

The unbeaten Clippers (19-0) close out the regular season with a couple of tough road



The Malcolm Clippers' girls basketball team claimed the ECNC Conference tournament championship Feb. 6, beating the Weeping Water Indians 52-38.



Malcolm's Alyssa Fortik looks to poke the ball away from Weeping Water senior Grace Cave during the ECNC Conference Championship game Feb. 6 at Southeast Community College in Lincoln.

tests as they travel to Wahoo (10-8) on Tuesday and visit Yutan (8-8) Thursday, Feb. 11.

"With Wahoo, it's a question of which team shows up," Klepper said. "They have some really good wins against tough teams and some head scratching losses.

"I have to think they'll get up to play us.

They'll be the quickest team we've faced this year. It'll be a battle for sure."

> **ECNC Tournament Championship** Malcolm 52, Weeping Water 38

MALCOLM—Joslyn Small 7-13 0-0 15, Jasmine Small 1-4 0-0 3, Ashlynn Sehi 1-3 0-0 2, Kiley Elkins 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Denton 0-4 0-0 0, Alyssa Fortik 6-14 3-6 18, Diamond Sedlak 3-12 0-0 6, Emma Brown 4-6 0-0 8.

WW—14-41 6-6 38. Three-point goals—MAL 5-21 (Jo. Small 1-4, Ja. Small 1-3, Denton 0-1, Fortik 3-9, Sedlak



Malcolm sophomore Emma Brown shoots over Weeping Water's Reagan Aronson during the Clippers' 52-38 victory to claim the ECNC Conference Tournament championship Feb. 6 at Southeast Community College in Lincoln.

0-4), WW 4-17, Rebounds—MAL 39 (Sehi 7, 22, Fouls—MAL 10, E-M 12, Brown 7), WW 24. Assists—MAL 10 (Fortik 3), WW 7. Steals-MAL 12 (Fortik 3), WW 10. Turnovers—MAL 14, WW 18. Fouls—MAL 12, WW 12.

Malcolm 55, Elmwood-Murdock 20 1 6 4 8 2 20 L 14 12 15 14 55 MALCOLM—Jo. Small 1-4 0-0 3, Wondercheck 3-4 0-0 6, Ja. Small 2-5 0-0 4, Sehi 1-4 5-6 7, Denton 0-2 0-0 0, Abby Zegar 0-1 0-0 0, Fortik 4-12 0-0 10, Sedlak 4-8 0-0 8, Brown 6-9 4-6 17.

E-M-8-39 2-4 24. Three-point goals—MAL 4-13 (Jo. Small 1-2, Ja. Small 0-2, Zegar 0-1, Fortik 2-6, Sedlak 0-1, Brown 1-1), E-M 2-16. **Rebounds**—MAL 30 (Brown 8, Sedlak 6), E-M 30, Assists-MAL 13 (Jo. Small 4, Fortik 3), E-M 8. Steals—MAL 15 (Jo.

Small 4, Fortik 4), E-M 4. Turnovers -- MAL 7, E-M

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PAL-7-33 7-15 23. Three-point goals—MAL 4-13 (Jo. Small 0-5, Wondercheck 1-2, Ja. Small 0-3, Denton 0-1, Fortik 2-6, Sedlak 4-9), PAL 2-9. **Rebounds**—MAL 40 (Sehi 10), PAL 34, Assists-MAL 19 (Jo. Small 5, Fortik 4), PAL 6. **Steals**—MAL 18 (Jo. Small 7), PAL 4. Turnovers—MAL 12. PAL 29. Fouls—MAL

Seward bowling teams make state tourney

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

While Seward's district was the toughest in Class B boys' competition, the wild card worked as it needed to, giving the SHS boys' bowling team a spot in the state tournament.

Seward's district included Fremont and Lincoln Pius X, both ranked near the top

third in the team standings Feb. 1 but earned a wild card spot at state Feb. 9.

"We did alright," Coach Steve Conner said. "It came down to the second-to-the-last frame of bakers."

Seward's Dane Conner, a self-taught bowler, was the district champion, bowling a

"He beat some really good bowlers," Coach Conner said.

"He's put in a lot of time. He has earned it."

Senior Ty Wehrs also qualified as an individual, tving for third with a 601 series. Noah Brumm was eighth, missing a state individual spot by one pin, the coach said.

'He's really coming around," Coach Conner said. "We're excited to have him

The girls' team was the

district champion. SHS got off to a rough start, Coach Julie Benes said, with a 611 in the first game. The Jays got on track with an 860 and 782 in the next two.

Four girls qualified for Feb. 8's individual tournament – Sky Brumm, second, 511 series; Olivie Benes, fourth, 461 series; Maddie Viger, fifth, 438 series; and Eve Brumm, seventh, 431

Coach Benes said the Jays have a good shot at the team championship. Seward will bowl Columbus and Papillion LaVista South in the first two rounds, she said.

The state individual competition was Feb. 8, with the boys' team competition Feb. 9 and girls' teams Wednesday, Feb. 10, all at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln.

Eagles, Broncos square off in SNC final

Milford bench key to wins

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

Milford's boys' basketball team continues to roll. The Eagles added two more wins to their tally during the first two rounds of the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament, setting up a championship clash with county rival Centennial Feb. 8.

The week started with a 67-38 win over Sandy Creek Feb. 2 in the quarterfinals.

"We got off to a good start with 22 in the first quarter," Coach Tony Muller said. "It was up and down the floor."

Seth Stutzman made two three-pointers to start the game. Jaxon Weyand scored nine in the first period, and Micah Hartwig added five.

The second and third quarters were more even, then the Eagles pulled away in the fourth.

Muller said one of the keys was free throws where Milford was 15-23 and Sandy Creek was 7-9. Offensive rebounds were also important; MHS led that category

Stutzman paced the team with 17 points. Weyand added 16 points and seven rebounds, and Hartwig chipped in 12 points, five assists and four steals.

The win put Milford in the semifinals Feb. 4 against Heartland, and MHS got the 66-39 victory. Heartland was 12-2 coming into the game and ranked No. 10, Muller said.

The game started out with everyone on fire. Both teams hit three-pointers. Both teams scored on fast breaks.

CHS girls

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"It's a big week for

us," Coach Jake Polk

The tournament

over Fillmore Central.

Polk said the Panthers

Panthers held a one-

point lead at halftime,

are a scrappy team. The

but the Broncos weren't

worried, the coach said.

where we were," he said.

in the third quarter and

outscored FCHS 12-5 to

take a 37-29 lead into the

fourth quarter. Daylee

Dey hit a three-pointer

as a dagger to seal the

to get this for a chance

at the semifinals," Polk

The semifinals was

Central, a team CHS had

played less than a week

earlier. Centennial was

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who were on the bench

without seniors Jaci

a rematch with Thayer

game.

said.

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"We definitely wanted

Centennial came out

"I felt good about

opened Feb. 2 with a win

said.



Jaxon Weyand of Milford lays the ball off the glass against Heartland Feb. 4 during the conference semifinals.

Muller said it was good to see the offense rolling, and that got the defense going, as well.

"In the second quarter, we were able to clamp down on defense and hit some transition baskets," he said. By the third quarter,

Milford started to get the ball inside to Stutzman, who finished with 17 points.

'It was a complete team effort," Muller

Weyand added 18 man and Cabe Schluckebier recorded six rebounds each.

Muller said the bench play was key to keeping Heartland at bay. Bryce Jakub, Camden Springer, Cason Tucker, Kaleb Miller and Maddox Baack give the Eagles god minutes off the bench every game.

"They give what they have for as long as they're on the court,"

with injuries. Polk said

he was glad the Broncos

had been able to play

one needed to do.

a game or two without

them to see what every-

Centennial led 15-7

Polk said CHS didn't re-

quarter and allowed the

Titans to get back into

"We talked about

he said. "We did a great

job in the second half."

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Hirschfeld led the team

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in both games with 20

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11 rebounds against the

Panthers and 10 against

the Titans. Dey added 10

points in game one, and

Jaycee Stuhr had a good

game in the semifinals,

scoring 12 points on 4-6

lead, the Broncos went

game out of reach.

Senior Kate

rebounding at halftime,"

After the Titans made

the game.

bound well in the second

after the first quarter

and 22-21 at halftime.

Muller said. The Eagles (20-0) were to play Centennial in the conference final Feb. 6, but the game was moved to Feb. 8 because of weather. MHS then hosts Sandy Creek Friday, Feb. 12, and travels to Boys Town Saturday, Feb. 13.

Milford 67, Sandy Creek 38 SCHS 10 12 11 22 13 13 SCHS-Totals 13-37 7-9 38.

MHS—Isaac Yeackley 2-4 2-2 7, Micah Hartwig 4-8 3-3 12, Bryce Jakub 0-1 0-0 0, Camden Springer 1-5 2-4 5. Cason Tucker 3-3 0-2 6. Maddox Baack 1-3 0-0 2, Jaxon Weyand 5-9 5-6 16. Carter Roth 0-1 0-1 0. Kaleb Miller 1-4 0-0 2 Seth Stutzman 6-13 3-5 17. Totals 23-51 15-23 67.

Three-point goals-SCHS 5-13, MHS 6-18 (Yeackley 1-3, Hartwig 1-4, Springer 1-3, Baack 0-2, Weyand 1-3, Roth 0-1, Stutzman 2-2). Rebounds—SCHS 22, MHS 34 (Weyand 7). Assists-MHS 17 (Hartwig 5). Steals-MHS 9 (Hartwig 4). Turnovers—SCHS 17, MHS 6. Fouls-SCHS 19, MHS 13.

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(Yeackley 1-2, Hartwig 1-4, Weyand 1-3, Stutzmar 0-1). Rebounds-HHS 26, MHS 28 (Stutzman Schluckebier 6). **Assists**—MHS 21 (Yeackley, Hartwig 5). **Steals**—MHS 10 (Baack 3). **Blocked shots**—MHS 3 (Schluckebier 2). **Turnovers**— HHS 15, MHS 7.

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3-13 1-3 9, Jaycee Stuhr 0-1 0-0 0, Kailey Ziegler 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 16-41 13-23 49.

Three-point goals—FCHS 6-21, CHS 4-17 (Hirschfeld 0-2, Dey 2-4, Nisly 2-10, Stuhr 0-1).

Rebounds—FCHS 15, CHS 36 (Nisly 11). Assists—CHS 11 (Dey 4). Steals—CHS 6 (Hirschfeld,

Nisly 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 3 (three with 1). **Turnovers**—FCHS 14, CHS 14. **Fouls**—FCHS 18,

Centennial 44, Thayer Central 33

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1-1, Dey 0-3, Avery 0-1, Nisly 0-1, Stuhr 2-3).
Rebounds—CHS 27 (Nisly 10). Assists—CHS

10 (Nisly 3). **Steals**—CHS 6 (Hirschfeld 5). **Blocked shots**—CHS 2 (Hirschfeld, Rathjen 1).

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The regular season



Centennial's Maj Nisly rips down a rebound against Sutton during the conference semifinals Feb. 4.

Centennial wins two to advance

The Centennial boys' basketball team battled through a tough draw in the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament, beating Fairbury and Sutton to advance to the championship game.

id Fairbury is a skilled team with players who can score. FHS made nine three pointers in the game, but CHS did a good job limiting their touches in the paint, the coach said. Centennial also finished with 21 rebounds, which Scholl was pleased to

Centennial trailed 26-24 at halftime and in the third quarter.

mer played well in the post, and Jake Bargen had a good defensive game. Cooper Gierhan led the team with 22 points.

"We gutted it out," Scholl said.

The semifinals pitted the Broncos against Sutton. When the two teams played before, the game went into triple overtime before the Mustangs pulled out the win.

"We settled in after the first quarter," Scholl said. "We defended inside really well."

The Broncos sealed the game in the fourth quarter going 12-12 at the free throw line. Freshman Alex Hirschfeld came off the bench and hit two big three pointers to help extend the lead, as well, the coach said.

Zimmer had a big

"He does the little

With the semifinal win, the Broncos advanced to the championship game to play Milford. The game was scheduled for Feb. 6, but bad weather moved it to

Centennial (14-4)

Saturday, Feb. 13. The

Scholl said, and when

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the offensive glass.

Malcolm hurt CHS on

shooters and rebound the ball," Scholl said.

Centennial 44, Fairbury 39

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Centennial 53, Sutton 42

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4-12 2-2 12, Zimmer 2-5 4-6 8. Totals 16-40 14-17

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Gierhan 2-7) Rehounds—CHS 30 (Zimmer 10)

Assists—CHS 12 (Gierhan 3). Steals—CHS 2 (Ma.

Nisly, Jayden Hartshorn 1). Turnovers—CHS 6.

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Three-point goals—CHS 7-15 (Mi. Nisly

with 1). Turnovers—CHS 14. Fouls—CHS 5.

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'We have to get on the

Clippers can shoot well,

the teams played in the

was to host Malcolm

by Stephanie Croston

The Broncos topped Fairbury 44-39 Feb. 2 and Sutton 53-42 Feb. 4.

Coach Cam Scholl

outscored the Jeffs 18-7

Scholl said Lane Zim-

game again, grabbing 10 rebounds.

things well," Scholl said of the sophomore.

Milford falls in opener

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Milford girls' basketball team had to deal with some adversity in addition to Fairbury Feb. 2 in the Southern Nebraska Conference quarterfinals.

MHS senior Hannah Kepler broke her thumb during the team shoot-around earlier in the day and was unable to play.

"We found out just before taking the floor for warmups that she would not be able to play and it was tough for us to get anything positive going early in the game," Coach Phil Stauffer said.

Shooting was the difference in the game, however. Fairbury started out redhot, Stauffer said, and Milford was cold. The Jeffs finished shooting 46%, while MHS shot 21%. Fairbury was 4-7 from three in the first quarter en route to a 15-4 lead.

Abby Houk scored 10 and Kaitlin Kontor added nine for MHS.

Milford (12-8) was to host Sandy Creek Feb. 9 to close the regular season. Subdistricts start Feb. 15.

Fairbury 52, Milford 30 7 6 12 15 15 FHS 10

FHS—Totals 18-40 9-18 52. MHS-Makena Stutzman 0-8 0-0 0 1-4 0-0 2, Kaitlyn Klug 0-1 0-2 0, Taylor Roth 0-3 3-4 3, Sydney Stelling 2-11 0-0 4, Abby Houk 3-5 3-5 10, Mariah Richards 0-0 2-2 2 Three-point goals—FHS 7-17, MHS

3-18 (Stutzman 0-5, Kontor 2-7, Piening 0-1, Klug 0-1, Stelling 0-1, Houk 1-3). Rebounds—FHS 31, MHS 23 (Stutzman, Houk 5). Assists—MHS 6 (Kontor 2). Steals—MHS Fouls-FHS 12, MHS 16.



Kate Hirschfeld, a senior at Centennial High School, led the Broncos to the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament finals with games of 20 and 19 points. Kate also grabbed two steals against Fillmore Central and five against Thayer Central.

Honorable Mention Hannah Benedict - Seward Abby Houk - Milford Alyssa Fortik - Malcolm

Jaxon Weyand, a junior at Milford High School, helped the Eagles to the Southern Nebraska Conference finals with scoring outputs of 16 against Sandy Creek and 18 against Heartland. Jaxon also grabbed seven rebounds against Sandy Creek.

Honorable Mention

 Traetyn Schaefer - Seward • Malcolm Saltzman - Malcolm

• Lane Zimmer - Centennial



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Jackson Trost of Seward drives around the Lakeview defense toward the lane Feb. 2.

SHS boys see success on court

by Stephanie Croston

The Seward boys' basketball team is starting to reap the fruits of its labors. The Jays picked up two more wins last week, beating Lakeview 52-42 Feb. 2 and topping Blair 59-36 Feb. 5.

Seward's defense came up big against the Vikings at home Feb. 2, holding Lakeview to two points in the first quarter and shutting them out in the third.

Drew Covalt led the team with 16 points.

On the road at Blair, Coach Trevor Menke said the team played the most complete game it's played all season.

"Early in the season we showed spurts of great things in games and practice but continued to get better at putting those moments together for longer durations," he said.

After seeing an 8-8 first quarter, the Jays outscored the Bears 15-6 in the second. Covalt led the way with 22 points

and was 9-13 from the free throw line. Gavin Sukup and Sam Schroeder scored 10 points

"We're playing hard and that's a credit to the leadership and toughness exerted by our leaders on this team," Menke said.

Seward (6-13) was scheduled to host Fairbury Feb. 9 and Wayne Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. The team is set to visit York Friday, Feb.

Seward 52, Lakeview 42											
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1, Trost 1, Limback 1, Tvrdy 2). **Fouls**—CLHS 16, SHS 19.

Seward 59, Blair 36										
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Three-point goals—SHS 4-12 (Covalt 2-5, Schaefer 0-1, Trost 1-2, Limback 0-3, Tvrdy 1-1). Rebounds—SHS 27 (three with 5). Assists—SHS 15 (Schaefer 7). Steals—SHS 6 (Covalt 2). Blocked shots—CHS 1 (Schroeder 1). Turnovers—SHS 14. Fouls—SHS 15.

Broncos send six to district competition

by Stephanie Croston

It's win and move on for area wrestlers in a COVID-year format.

Subdistricts were Feb. 5 for the Centennial Broncos, and six advanced to the district tournament Saturday, Feb. 13, at Centennial.

"It was a tough tournament," Coach Phil Payne said. "I thought we were ready to roll. I felt confident going in."

The team had its ups and downs, he said. He thought a few might finish better than they did and said it's tough to see seasons end.

"Part of that is our youth," Payne said, adding that six of the 11 varsity wrestlers are freshmen.

Carson Fehlhafer was the team's top finisher, winning the 285-pound bracket. Ryan Payne (132) and

Jarrett Dodson (138) finished third, with Trayton Stewart (106), Cyrus Songster (145) and Samuel Payne (182)



Cyrus Songster of Centennial, right, sets up a takedown against an opponent from Louisville Feb. 5 during subdistrict wrestling.

ending fourth.

Wrestlers will be reseeded for the district tournament, Coach Payne said.

"It won't get easier," he said. "It'll be the usual suspects and add

Matches are set to start at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Subdistrict C3A

Team scores—Aquinas Catholic 243.5, Milford 201, Norfolk Catholic 105, Malcolm 97,

Centennial 78, South Central NE Unified Dist #5 49. Lincoln Christian 45. Louisville 31

106—Trayton Stewart (CNT) pinned by Con ner Kohout (MIL) 0:34; pinned by Grady Romshek (AQU) 2:27, fourth

120-Garrison Schernikau (CNT) def. by Zander Kavan (AQU) 8-4; pinned by Joey Kenning (MIL) 2:23

126—Keenan Kosek (CNT) pinned by Nikla Sorensen (LVL) 5:59; pin Bryce Teut (MAL) 2:17; pinned by John Brodrick (SCNU) 4:35

132—Ryan Payne (CNT) pin Garron Bragg (LVL) 1:52; def. by Noah Scott (AQU) 4-3; pin Bricen Wilkie (MAL) 0:41: def. Kanvon Talton (NC) 6-5.

. 138—Jarrett Dodson (CNT) pin Colt Reiling (MAL) 2:38; pinned by Hunter Vandenberg (AQU) 2:47: pin Mason Maas (NC) 0:31: pin Brock Hudson

145—Cyrus Songster (CNT) pin Blake Dickey

21-4; def. Luke Walters (MAL) 8-4; pinned by Allan Olander (NC) 2:51, fourth

170—Tyson Rodewald (CNT) def. by Marcus Eickmeier (AQU) 7-4; pinned by Brandon Kollars (NC) 1:55

182—Samuel Payne (CNT) def. Lane Ballard (LC) 5-1; pinned by Michael Andel (AOU) 0:53; pin Reed Toelle (LVL) 1:34; pinned by Thomas Vance (MIL) 3:26, fourth

195—Austin Patchin (CNT) pinned by Riley Donahoo (MAL) 1:48; pin Nathan Elledge (SCNU) 0:50; pinned by Anthony Roth (LC) 0:19

220—Nickolas Keith (CNT) pinned by Loren Temple (MIL) 1:05; pinned by Nash Callahan (LVL) 0:21

285-Carson Fehlhafer (CNT) pin Zach McColligan (LVL) 0:19: def Paul Buresh (AOLI) 5-3: def. Isaac Wilcox (NC) 6-5, first

Malcolm boys go 1-1 in ECNC

by Heath Kramer Seward County Independent

With the Jan. 25 blizzard forcing games to be canceled, the Malcolm boys' basketball team was eager to get back on the court after a 10-day layoff.

The seventh-seeded Clippers split a pair of East Central Nebraska Conference tournament games with a 56-41 quarterfinal loss to No. 2 seed Freeman that was followed up with a 48-42 win over No. 6 seed Falls

The Tigers claimed the early lead in the Feb. 5 consolation game at Malcolm as they led 11-9 after the opening frame.

"We came out slow," Malcolm coach Chris Lewandowski said. "We thought maybe after their two-and-a-half hour bus ride, they might be tired and we

could jump on them early.

"That didn't happen as we missed the first couple of shots. It took us a while to get going."

Aided by the sharp shooting of Drew Johnson in the second quarter, the Clippers took a two-point lead into the halftime break. The junior hit back-to-back three-pointers to provide

'Our guys did a good job of recognizing Drew had the hot hand," Le-wandowski said. "When we work together as a team like that, we can be pretty good."

Johnson led all scorers with 21 points by going 6-of-12 from the field and 6-of-8 at the free throw line.

While Johnson was the only Clipper in double figures, his teammates found other ways

to make a difference. Hayden Frank grabbed seven rebounds while Malcolm Saltzman had three assists.

"While some of our better scorers struggled to get shots to fall, they picked up the slack in other areas," Lewandowski said. "Several of our guys made big plays at important times in

The win over Falls City moved Malcolm to the fifth place game against Palmyra. That game, scheduled for Feb. 6, got canceled due to heavy snow that morning making travel difficult.

the game."

"That was a disappointment," Lewandowski said. "We had some defensive letdowns the first time we played and we were looking forward Centennial (14-4) Saturto the rematch."

The Clippers opened

conference tournament play with a tough Feb. 2 loss at Freeman. Malcolm led most of the game until a fourth quarter collapse propelled the Falcons.

Freeman outscored the Clippers 28-9 in the closing frame.

"Early in the game, we did a great job defending the paint and forcing them to score from the outside," Lewandowski said. "In the fourth quarter, they forced the issue more and got to the basket, drew fouls and made their free throws."

Saltzman led the Clippers with 17 points.

Malcolm (6-11) faces a pair of tough opponents this week as they go to No. 2 Yutan (16-2) Thursday before traveling to day night.

Malcolm takes seven to district tourney

by Heath Kramer Seward County Independent

Win and advance. That was the mantra of the Malcolm wrestling team entering its Feb. 5 subdistrict meet at Aquinas Catholic.

Under the new format for Nebraska high school wrestling – brought on by Covid restrictions – the old 16-team district meet has been broken into a two-week, subdistrict and district format that allows for fewer teams to be at one site.

The top four finishers in each weight class at subdistricts move on to districts.

The C3-A subdistrict in which Malcolm competed was one of Class C's most stout.

"We knew it was going to be tough, and it was," Malcolm head coach Matt Coufal said. "We weren't as concerned about our guys finishing first as we were about just making sure they moved on to next week."

Seven Malcolm wrestlers advanced to Feb. 13's Class C-3 district final at Centennial High School.

Gavin Zoucha, Class C's top-ranked 160-pounder, had one of Malcolm's better qualifying finishes as he placed second to Aquinas Catholic's Nolan

Eller. Two of Zoucha's three losses this season have been to the Monarchs' senior.

"It seems like he's at his best when he wrestles Gavin," Coufal said. "But Gavin knows he got outworked in that match. He wasn't as good on his feet as he normally is, and it cost him.

"We're just thankful he'll get another chance against him next week."

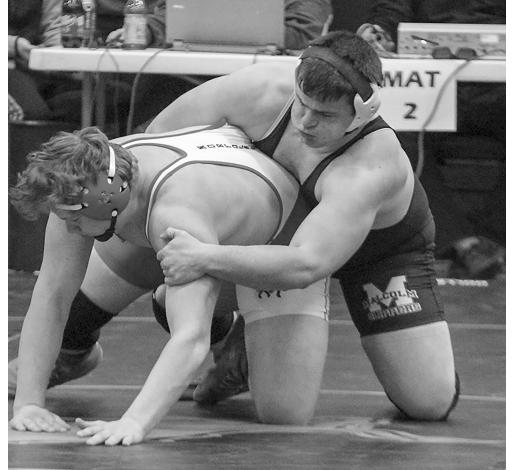
Despite the runner-up finish, Zoucha should still enter the district round as the top seed at 160 pounds.

"They re-seed for districts," Coufal said. 'They have an algorithm that takes into account things like being a previous state qualifier, state medalist, current record and head-to-head. Gavin is in good shape on most of that when compared to the others at 160."

Caleb Courter turned in a gutty performance as the 182-pound junior advanced with a second-place finish.

Courter opened the meet with a first-period pin before earning a 10-6 decision over Milford's Thomas Vance. The ailing Courter was pinned by Anthony Roth of Lincoln Christian in the first place match.

"Caleb was sick all week," Coufal said. "He missed some school and



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Kale Nordmeyer of Malcolm tries to get to better position against an opponent from Norfolk Catholic Feb. 5 during subdistricts.

we kept him out of practice the whole week. By his third match, he was pretty much out of gas."

The Clippers saw third place finishes from Riley Donahoo (195), Kale Nordmeyer (285) and Zack Pasco (220).

"Zack was a nice surprise," Coufal said about the senior. "He went in

as the sixth seed and finished third. I guess he's not ready for his wrestling career to be over yet."

After Zane Zoucha opened the meet with a 7-2 win over Milford's Joey Kenning, the tables were turned in the third-place match and Kenning got a 9-7 win

over Zoucha. The Malcolm sophomore advances to districts with a fourth-place finish at 120 pounds.

"Our district won't be easy by any means," Coufal said. "This new format means you have to be at your best to make it to Omaha.

"We're hopeful that

we'll get a few guys up there, but we can't take anything for granted."

Subdistrict C3A Team scores—Aquinas Catholic 243.5, Milford 201, Norfolk Catholic 105, Malcolm 97, Centennial 78, South Central NE Unified Dist #5

49. Lincoln Christian 45. Louisville 31 113—James Watts (MAL) won by injury default over Logan Sanders (SCNU); pinned by Jakob Kavan (AQU) 0:12, second

120—Zane Zoucha (MAL) def. Joey Kenning (MIL) 7-2; pinned by Isaac Wegrzyn (LC) 1:36; pin Nicholas McCaul (LVL) 4:11; def. by Kenning (MIL) 126—Brvce Teut (MAL) pinned by Konner

Schluckebier (MIL) 0:52; pinned by Keenan Kosek (CNT) 2:17 132—Bricen Wilkie (MAL) def. by Kanyon Talton (NC) 10-4; pinned by Ryan Payne (CNT)

138—Colt Reiling (MAL) pinned by Jarrett

145—Luke Walters (MAL) pinned by Allan Olander (NC) 1:23; def. by Cyrus Songster (CNT)

152—Elliott Robotham (MAL) pinned by Carter Springer (MIL) 0:22; pinned by Noah Wattier (NC) 1:58 160—Gavin Zoucha (MAL) def. Francisco

Mendez (NC) 7-2; def. by Nolan Eller (AQU) 7-2, 170—Josh Stewart (MAL) pinned by Brayton Jarosik (SCNU) 1:01; pinned by Jacob Byers (LC)

(LVL) 1:54; def. Thomas Vance (MIL) 10-6; pinned by Michael Andel (AQU) 1:55, second

195-Riley Donahoo (MAL) pin Austin Patchin (CNT) 1:48; pinned by Reilly Miller (AQU) 0:45; pin Caden Arens (NC) 0:37; pin Anthony

220—Zack Pasco (MAL) pin Nash Callahan (LVL) 1:32; pinned by Lorenzo Temple (MIL) 4:41; pin Ben Sousek (NC) 2:51; pin Jackson Emanuel

285—Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) pinned by Isaac /ilcox (NC) 4:23; pin Zach McColligan (LVL) 0:31; pin Paul Buresh (AQU) 2:44, third

Beel picked for bowl

Nick Beel, a senior at Milford High, was named to the 2021 Shrine Bowl. The game will be played June 5 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Concordia University

Wrestling

On a night when the Concordia University wrestling program honored its senior class, the Bulldogs got a glimpse at a future that appears to be promising. In Feb. 4's dual inside Friedrich Arena, visiting York College dominated in the first half of its lineup while toppling Concordia, 28-14. The bright spots for the Bulldogs included an upset victory for freshman Jeaven Scdoris and a pin by freshman Jacob Telles to cap the evening.

A state champion at Milford High School, Scdoris has the potential to put together a strong collegiate career. At 141 pounds, Scdoris faced off with Pierce Mederios, ranked 11th in the NAIA at 133. Scdoris went on the attack in a 15-9 decision in a match he nearly won by pin in the first period. There have been ups and downs for Scdoris (15-14), but Thursday's performance showed what he is capa-

"Coach was telling me to go out with confidence and do what I do, don't be nervous and hit my moves," Scdoris said. "Going out to my match, I knew the kid was good. I just wanted to go out there with confidence and wrestle the way I do."

Ranked 17th in the NAIA at heavyweight, Telles had no problem taking care of Jakavion Williams in the heavyweight bout. Telles picked up near-fall points in the opening period and then sealed the deal in the second while earning his 26th win and 12th pin of the season.

Sophomore Tavoris Smith stepped into Crawford's spot in the lineup at 165 and held off Lennorise Echols by decision, 7-4. Smith notched one takedown in each period. Hopes of a comeback team victory were then kept alive at 174 when TJ Huber recorded two takedowns in the third period on his way to a 7-5 win over Derek Samudio. The Panthers proceeded to clinch the team victory via Jarvis Echols' win at 184.

A battle between nationally-ranked combatants took place 157, where No. 4 John Fox of York took a 5-1 decision over No. 20 Issiah Burks. The Panthers (8-3) dealt the Bulldogs crippling blows early in the dual by securing pins at 133 and 149 (following a Concordia forfeit at 125). Head Coach Chad Mattox's squad has beaten



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Concordia University junior Gage Smith protects the ball during a Feb. 6 game against Dakota Wesleyan. Smith finished with 32 points on the night.

Concordia twice this season, including the season opener at York.

Sioux City In the final outing prior to conference tournament, the Concordia University wrestling team came away with three individual place finishes while competing at the Sioux City Dave Edmonds Open Feb. 6. Ten Bulldogs took part in the event hosted by Morningside. They combined for 19 wins, including four via fall.

Huber claimed runner-up status at 174 pounds while fellow rookies Jeaven Scdoris (149) and Jacob Telles (285) placed fourth in their respective brackets. A Gretna native, **Huber defeated GPAC** opponents in Midland's Jeshua Castillo (pin) and Northwestern's Tyler Zeimen (major decision) on his way to the championship match. Huber was then upended by Massoma Endene of Iowa Lakes Community College.

Scdoris put together a 4-2 tournament, two days after he knocked off a nationally-ranked opponent from York. The Milford native toppled three GPAC foes (two by major decision) as part of a successful run.

Telles has reached an impressive milestone in pushing his season win total to 30. He did so by recording four wins on Saturday – one by pin. After falling in his first match, Telles rebounded with four-straight victories while advancing to the heavyweight thirdplace bout.

Eight of the 10 Bull-

dogs to wrestle at the Edmonds Open notched at least one win. Jose Sanchez (157) and Tavoris Smith (165) turned in three victories apiece. One win each was put on the board by Mason Garcia (197), Cyrus Marshall (184) and Andrew Reid (174). Garcia and Reid both picked up one pin.

Now it's all about prepping for the 2021 GPAC Championships at Midland on Feb. 19-20.

Dance

While hosting the third annual Concordia Cheer and Dance Invitational, the Concordia University dance team posted a score of 71.26 while taking second place out of a field of eight teams that descended upon Friedrich Arena Feb. 6. The competition featured seven GPAC squads and Peru State College.

Head Coach Mandi Maser's squads are making waves while displaying major improvement as compared to the past

several seasons. Only conference rival Midland outperformed Concordia, which had placed sixth out of 10 teams at its own invite one year ago. The Bulldogs were graded consistently high in their team turns and team leaps.

The competition team for the Bulldogs on Saturday included Katherine Anderson (Columbus), Haleigh Fitzsimmons (Lincoln), Kenna Holtzen (Stromsburg), Avery Lewis (Seward), Han-



Concordia 165-pounder Tavoris Smith looks for backpoints against York's Lennorise Echols en route to a 7-4 decision.

nah Schmidt (Gretna), Lizbeth Vargas-Tapia (Omaha) and Madeline Wittstruck (Milford).

The Bulldogs will make their final home competition appearance on Wednesday, Feb. 10, when they host Hastings for a dual that will take place inside Friedrich Arena. The action is scheduled to start at approximately 6:30 p.m. (halftime of the women's basketball game).

Cheer

While hosting the third annual Concordia Cheer and Dance Invitational, the Concordia University cheer team posted a score of 66.18 while taking second place out of a field of six teams that gathered inside Friedrich Arena Feb. 6. The competition featured five GPAC squads and Peru State College.

Only conference rival Midland outperformed Concordia, which had placed fourth out of six teams at its own invite one year ago. They collected particularly high marks in their pyramids, basket tosses, standing tumbling and jumps.

The competition team for the Bulldogs on Saturday included Kaci Hohenthaner (Council Bluffs, Iowa), Brenden Ingram (Kearney), Danielle Larsen (Omaha), Kenna Millhouse (Twin Bridges, Mont.), Josie O'Laughlin (Winona, Minn.), Sabrina Reed (Crete), Cora Rhode (Fort Morgan, Colo.), Isabel Sermeno (Seward), Kathryn Taylor (Oklahoma City, Okla.) and Shelby Timmerman (Clatonia).

The Bulldogs will make their final home competition appearance on Wednesday when they host Hastings and Peru State as part of a triangular that will take place inside the PE Center Gym. The action is slated to get started at approximately 7:30 p.m. (after that night's women's basketball game ends).

Track and field

Sophomore Josie Puelz keeps on flying high in the pole vault while headlining a Concordia University women's track and field team ranked second in the NAIA (according to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association).

Puelz rose above a school record as one of 10 Bulldog event championship performances at Feb. 5's Concordia University Classic that took place inside the Fieldhouse. Doane and Hastings joined Concor-

Considering Puelz had cleared 13 feet last week, it seemed to be only a matter of time before she blew past former teammate Allie Brooks' school record of 13-4.25. Puelz became the new record holder on Friday when she lifted herself over 13-4.5 while dominating the field of competitors.

On the men's side, Chase Berry led the way by vaulting 15-1.5. Concordia currently boasts the NAIA's top-rated pole vault crews for both men and women.

Read more about how the team performed at

www.cune.edu/athletics. The Bulldogs will host their final home meet of the indoor season Feb. 13 when the Concordia University Invite will unfold inside the Fieldhouse. The Concordia Invite will lead into the **GPAC** Championships (Feb. 19-20), which will be hosted by Dordt.

Men's basketball

In its first outing since Jan. 23, the Concordia University men's basketball team shook off a sluggish start to make Feb. 3's clash at Dordt a nail-biter. Despite second half outbursts from Carter Kent and Gage Smith, the Bulldog rally fell short in a 75-69 loss in Sioux Center, Iowa. The 16-point deficit Concordia faced in the first half was whittled all the way down to one in the latter stages of the contest.

Justin Wiersema kept alive his streak of consecutive games in double figures (24 in a row) by contributing 10 points and six assists. Scarpelli added nine points while Ryan Holt notched six points and six rebounds.

CU 89, DWU 77 This was The Gage Smith Game. The junior from Elizabeth, Colorado, had himself a night to remember while spurring Concordia to an 89-77 upset win over 16thranked Dakota Wesleyan University on Saturday (Feb. 6). Inside Friedrich Arena, the Bulldogs shot 50.8% while moving to 9-1 at home this season.

This was a big one in terms of the hopes Head Coach Ben Limback's squad has of earning a top four spot in the GPAC regular-season standings. Concordia now sits at 15-8 overall and at 12-6 in the GPAC.

Smith got loose for 20 of his career-high 32 always energetic hustler, Smith has transformed his game by becoming a more well-rounded offensive threat. During a four-minute stretch early in the second half, Smith tickled the twine by knocking down four-straight 3-point attempts. Then in the

final five minutes of the game, Smith helped put the finishing touches on the victory with a threepoint play that pushed the lead to 14 (81-67) and moved him past the 30-point mark.

The 6-6 junior finished with 32 points, nine rebounds, four assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

In next week's only outing, Concordia will welcome Hastings (6-17, 2-16 GPAC) to Seward for an 8 p.m. tipoff on Wednesday.

Women's basketball

The 25th-ranked Concordia University women's basketball team led most of the way and responded to Dordt's second half push in the process of claiming a 77-71 win in Sioux Center, Iowa, Feb. 3. Coach Drew Olson hit a milestone with the 400th win of his career.

The Bulldogs came out hot offensively (52.4% shooting in the first quarter), but the story of this contest was more about tenacity on the boards. Up against one of the nation's top rebounding teams, Concordia beat the Defenders at their own game. Rylee Pauli bruised her way to eight of the team's 22 offensive rebounds. Pauli finished with 13 points and a career high 14 rebounds.

CU 76, DWU 69 Per usual, the outcome of a clash between Concordia and Dakota Wesleyan hung in the balance until late in the contest. The Bulldogs typically find a way to win. That happened to be the case Feb. 6 as 25th-ranked Concordia made 14 treys and took care of the basketball on the way to a 76-69 victo-

The result was a reversal of the 85-80 loss the Bulldogs suffered earlier this season in Mitchell, S.D. Olson's squad has won six of its last seven games to move to 16-7 overall and to 15-5 inside the GPAC (second place).

Taysha Rushton topped all players with 23 points. She knocked down four treys and went 7-of-9 on free throw attempts. Cockerill collected 10 points and five assists as part of her double-double. Koepke added 11 points, three steals and a blocked shot. Bailey Conrad, Farrell, Higgins and points after halftime. An Rylee Pauli each chipped in with either seven or eight points apiece. Conrad dished out four assists.

In its only outing next week, the Bulldogs will host Hastings (6-15, 5-14 GPAC) in a clash set to tip off at 6 p.m. inside Friedrich Arena.



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Bailey Conrad of Concordia moves the ball towards the net during a game against Dakota dia at the meet. Wesleyan Feb. 6.

Eagles send big group to district wrestling

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindenendent com

With an additional layer of postseason wrestling added this season, the Milford wrestlers have two weeks of do or die wrestling, Coach Joe Schluckebier said.

The Eagles competed in the C3A subdistrict Feb. 5 at Aquinas.

"Our subdistrict featured some top level wrestling when you consider that us and Aguinas have two of the deepest teams in Class C," Schluckebier said.

The finals featured seven head-to-head matchups between the two programs, with most of the wrestlers ranked.

The top four in each weight class advance to the district tournament. Milford had 12 of its 13 wrestlers finish in the top four. They will wrestle Saturday, Feb. 13, at Centennial with matches starting at 10:30 a.m.

Conner Kohout (106 pounds), Konner Schluckebier (126), Eli Vondra (132), Christopher Scdoris (170) and

ished atop their weights. Jack Chapman (138), Trent Stauffer (145), Carter Springer (152) and Lorenzo Temple (220) were second. Joey Kenning (120) and Thomas Vance (182) were third, and Isaac Voboril (160) was fourth.

Among the marquee matchups, Coach Schluckebier said, were Konner Schluckebier beating No. 2 ranked Zach Zitek of Aquinas 15-3 in the final and Oborny beating No. 6 Reilly Miller of Aquinas 2-1 in the final.

Vondra was 2-2 against two ranked opponents.

"We will face the same guys again next week, plus the top four from the other subdistrict to see who goes to state," the coach said.

He was pleased with how well the team wrestled Friday.

"There was a lot of excitement for the large Milford crowd in attendance," he said.

He said there were

Hunter Oborny (195) fin- thought Milford should have won, but "we will get another shot on Saturday with state qualification on the line.'

Junior Carter Springer picked up his 100th career win in the opening round with a 22-second pin of Elliott Robotham from Malcolm. He's the second MHS junior to reach 100 career wins this season.

Entering districts, here are Milford's records:

Konner Schluckebier

Eli Vondra 39-2 Christopher Scdoris

Carter Springer 37-6 Jack Chapman 36-10 Hunter Oborny 36-9 Thomas Vance 34-14 Conner Kohout 34-10 Trent Stauffer 34-12 Lorenzo Temple 32-11 Joey Kenning 15-10 Isaac Voboril 8-7

Teams in the C3 district are Aquinas Catholic, BRLD, Centennial, Cross County/Osceola. HTRS, Lincoln Christian, Lincoln Lutheran, Logan View, Louisville, Malcolm, Milford, Norfolk Catholic, Palmyra, Ponca, South Central Nebraska Unified District #5 and Twin River.

Subdistrict C3A

Team scores—Aquinas Catholic 243.5, Milford 201, Norfolk Catholic 105, Malcolm 97, Centennial 78, South Central NE Unified Dist #5 49, Lincoln Christian 45, Louisville 31 106—Conner Kohout (MIL) pin Traytor Stewart (CNT) 0:34; def. Dominic Liess (NC) 4-2,

120-Joey Kenning (MIL) def. by Zane Zoucha (MAL) 7-2; pin Garrison Schernikau (CNT) 2:23; def. Zoucha (MAL) 9-7, third

126—Konner Schluckebier (MIL) pin Bryce

Teut (MAL) 0:52; pin Niklas Sorensen (LVL) 0:49; def. Zach Zitek (AQU) 15-3, first botham (MAL) 0:22; pin Jackson Cooley (LC) 0:50; def. by Ethan Schmid (AQU) SV-1 9-7, second

132—Eli Vondra (MIL) def. Kanyon Taltor . 160—Isaac Voboril (MIL) pinned by Nolan Eller (AQU) 3:07; pin Cody Gray (LVL) 3:24; def. (NC) 4-2; def. Noah Scott (AQU) 4-2, first 138—Jack Chapman (MIL) pin Brock Hudso by Francisco Mendez (NC) 14-4, fourth (LVL) 1:05; pinned by Hunter Vandenberg (AQU) 170—Christopher Scdoris (MIL) pin Marcus

subdistricts Feb. 5.

152—Carter Springer (MIL) pin Elliott Ro-

Eickmeier (AQU) 0:24; pin Brayton Jarosik (SCNU) 145—Trent Stauffer (MIL) def. Allan Olander (NC) 5-3; medical forfeit to Christopher Nickolite 182—Thomas Vance (MIL) pin Ethan Devlin

(SCNU) 1:13; def. by Caleb Courter (MAL) 10-6; pin Lane Ballard (LC) 2:00; pin Samuel Payne (CNT)

Milford's Lorenzo Temple holds his position against Nicholas Keith of Centennial during

195-Hunter Oborny (MIL) pin Anthony Roth (LC) 1:44; def. Reilly Miller (AQU) 2-1, first 220—Lorenzo Temple (MIL) pin Nickolas Keith (CNT) 1:05; pin Zack Pasco (MAL) 4:41; def. by Coy Meysenburg (AQU) 7-0, second 285—Trey Lyon (MIL) pinned by Isaac Wilcox

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(NC) 1:37; pinned by Paul Buresh (AQU) 4:39



Seward's Haylie Sloup picks off a steal against Lakeview

Bluejays need overtime for win

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

Heading into the final week of the regular season, the Seward girls' basketball team handed Columbus Lakeview a 52-49 overtime loss Feb. 2 and lost to Blair 51-41

Coach Beth Bohuslavsky said the Jays executed their offense and got stops on defense against the Vikings in the win.

Hannah Benedict took over in the fourth quarter and overtime, Bohuslavsky said. The junior finished the game with 15 points and was 3-7 from three-point range.

"She showed character and leadership," Bohuslavsky said. "She battled fouls all game, but we trusted her to still be able to make plays.'

Abbey Ringler was 3-4 at the free throw line to help seal the win and ended with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Bohuslavsky said she wanted to see more urgency on defense early in the game.

The team played a good game at Blair, she said. SHS trailed by about 20 in the third quarter and came back to cut the lead to single digits with about three minutes to play, she said.

"We showed grit,

heart, passion," she said. The offense was more

scattered than she wanted to see in the first half. but by the fourth quarter, the Jays were able to score some easy baskets, Bohuslavsky said.

Tanya Miller led the Jays with 13 points and made three three-pointers. Benedict added 11 points, and Ringler finished with 10. All Ringler's points came in the fourth quarter.

Up next for Seward (4-15) was Fairbury Feb. 9, a home game against Wayne Thursday, Feb. 11, and a trip to York Friday, Feb. 12. Thursday's game is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

Subdistricts start Monday, Feb. 15.

Seward 52, Lakeview 49 (OT) 5 10 17 12 5 16 9 14 CLHS

CLHS—Totals 19-51 10-15 49. SHS-Tanya Miller 1-5 0-0 2, Dalaney Anderson 1-1 0-0 2, Tarryn Hartman 0-4 1-3 1, Eden Schulz 0-1 0-0 0, Hannah Benedict 6-12 0-1 15, Abbey Ringler 7-10 3-4 17, Madison Dominy 0-5 2-2 2, Haylie Sloup 1-9 4-6 7, Keira Lliteras 0-4 0-2 0, Ona Stutzman 1-5 0-0 3, Ava King 1-1 0-0

3. Totals 18-57 10-18 52. **Three-point goals**—CLHS 1-10, SHS 6-26 (Miller 0-2, Hartman 0-4, Schulz 0-1, Benedict 3-7, Dominy 0-3, Sloup 1-4, Stutzman 1-4, King 1-1). **Rebounds**—CLHS 37, SHS 41 (Ringler 10). **As**sists—SHS 12 (Sloup, Lliteras 3). Steals—SHS 15 (Ringler, Sloup 4). Blocked shots—SHS 5 (Ringler 3). **Turnovers**—CLHS 19, SHS 22. **Fouls**—CLHS 16, SHS 17.

> Blair 51, Seward 41 14 3 7 16 12 15 16

41 51 BHS **SHS**—Miller 4 2-2 13, Benedict 4 2-3 11, Ringler 4 2-3 10, Sloup 0 1-2 1, Lliteras 1 0-0 3, Stutzman 1 0-0 3. Totals 15 7-10 41. BHS-Totals 17 9-12 51.

Three-point goals—SHS 6 (Miller 3, Bene dict 1, Lliteras 1, Stutzman 1), BHS 8. Fouls—SHS





Wrestling for Milford junior high in 2020 were, from left: (front row) Cooper Rea, Daegan Torwirt, Landon Miller, Quinn Zegers and Sean Stanton; and (back row) Coach Ken Burkhardt Jr., Korbyn Kemerling, Tyce Lopez, Raef Oborny, Easton Springer, Jake Wanetka and Head Coach Jonah Peterson.

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

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

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HR Dept., 300 N. Columbia Ave. Seward, NE 68434

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Applications are available at the District Office, 410 South Street, Seward, NE or on our website at www.sewardpublicschools.org under employment opportunities. 402-643-2941. The position is subject to a veterans' preference.

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Assistant Manager (Age 18 & Up) Lifeguard (Age 15 & Up)

Water Safety Instructor and Instructor Aide (Age 14 & Up)

Applications available at Seward City Hall, 537 Main St., P. O. Box 38; Seward, NE 68434-0038, Telephone 402-643-2928

and at City website: www.CityofSewardNE.gov.

Reasonable accommodations available for persons needing assistance in completing application. Request for accommodations should be made at time of application.

All positions of employment with the City of Seward are subject to a Veteran's Preference. City of Seward is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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Full job description and application: www.CityofSewardNE.gov. Seward City Hall, 537 Main St.; P.O. Box 38; Seward, NE 68434 • 402-643-2928

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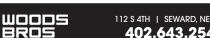
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PROPERTY SALES By:

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 refiled 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 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.

March 03, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Re: #2 - Deed of Trust filed for record on September 25, 2018, at Instrument No. 201802216 Chad J. Wythers

P.Ó. Box 98 Seward, Nebraska 48434 Phone 402-643-3639

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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,

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Wythers Law Office

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Successor Trustee.

March 03, 2021

ESTATES

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN S. HENRY, Deceased. Case No. PR21-06

NOTICE OF

INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that on February 5, 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 CARRIE M. MCINTOSH, whose address is 6081 N. 146th Street. Omaha, NE 68116, was informally

estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this court on or before April 10, ,2021, or be forever barred.

/s/Sheila R. Beins

appointed by the Registrar as

Personal Representative of this

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT MICHAEL G. MULLALLY #17373 MICHAEL G. MULLALLY P.C., L.L.O. 510 Seward Street

P.O. Box 411 Seward, Nebraska 68434 (402) 643-4581 Attorney for Personal Representative SCI — February 10, 17, 24, 2021 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF

SEWARD COUNTY. **NEBRASKA** IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. SHONKA,

Deceased. Case No. PR21-05 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that on February 1, 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 AGNES A. SHONKA, whose address is 2117 406th Rd., Gresham, NE 68367, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of this estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this court on or before April 10, 2021, or be forever /s/Sheila R. Beins

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
MICHAEL G. MULLALLY #17373 MICHAEL G. MULLALLY P.C., L.L.O

10 Seward Street P.O. Box 411 Seward, Nebraska 68434 (402) 643-4581 Attorney for Personal Representative SCI — February 10, 17, 24, 2021

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

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

Burger, 1613 N. Columbia Ave.,

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

MICHAEL G. MULLALLY

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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

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

MEETINGS NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Malcolm Board of Education will be Monday, February 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Board Room, 10004 NW 112th St., Malcolm, NE. The agenda will be published the Friday before each meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCI - February 10, 2021

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Seward County Extension Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at the Seward County Extension Office, 322 S. 14th St, Seward, NE. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available at the Seward County Extension Office. Rebecca McKay

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: Seward County Ag. Society Monday, February 15, 2021

Administrative Assistant

SCI — February 10, 2021

7 p.m. Ag. Pavilion Seward County Fairgrounds Michael J. Flyr

Secretary Seward Co. Ag. Society SCI/MT — February 03, 10, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING The DVLG consortium will meet at ESU 4 and ESU 6 via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 1:30 PM. The agenda is available for public inspection at the office of the administrator at ESU 6 in

Milford, NE. SCI/MT/FS/WR/CR — February 10, 2021 **ZNEZ**

MINUTES

SEWARD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Following is a condensed form of minutes. A complete copy is on file at City Hall, 537 Main St. or may be viewed at http://www. CityofSewardNE.gov. The Seward City Council met in regular session in the Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford St, Seward, on January 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Councilmembers present: Ellen Beck, Jonathon Wilken, Ellen Beck, Sid Kamprath, Jessica Kolterman, Karl Miller, John Singleton, Chris Schmit, Alyssa Hendrix. Absent: None. Following items were approved: Minutes January 5, 2021; Claims; Treas Reprt; Codes Reprt; Police Reprt; Add Kelly Kumm to Vol Firefighter Roster; Refuse Hauler Annual Lic; Infrastructure Cost Items Reimb to City; Annual Cert of Firefighter List; Updated job desc for Police Captain & Sergeant; Addendum #1 to Seward/Saline Cnty Solid Waste Agency adding Village of Garland; Purchase of sewer clng truck; City

Admin report; Adjourn. ABC Electric, Equip, 1,575.00; AKRS Equipment, Re, 15.89; All Road Barricades Inc, Su, 95.49; Altec Industries Inc, Re, 360.34; Amazon.Com Credit Service, Su, 525.12; Baker & Taylor, Su, 2,494.40; Baldinger Charlotte, Mi. 25.30; Bern's Body Shop, Re, 30.00; Bizco Technologies, Se, Eq, 5,932.48; Black Hills Energy, Ut, 1,618.98; Blackstrap Inc, Ma, Su, 6,124.80; Border States Industries, Un, Re, Ci, 4,599.12; Campbell Cleaning, Bu, 975.00; Center Point Large Print, Su, 6.92; Chelewski Kent, Ex, 90.00; City Seward Buildings/Gr, Op, Ma, 3,000.00; City Seward Electric Fund. Ut, 41,655.76; City Seward General Fund, Franchise Fees, 290,922.60; City Seward Library Petty, Su, 83.62; City Seward Merchant Serv, Ex, 1,894.55; City Seward Payroll Accou, Payroll, 147,394.09; City Seward Perpetual Fd, Perp Care, 300.00; Commonwealth Electric Co, Ma, 6,308.32; Control Services Inc, Eq, Ci, 15,306.00; E M C Insurance Companies, Ins. 150.22; Edison Lighting Supply, Bu, 531.33; Farmers Coop Seward, Su, Re, 3,688.20; Fast Mart, Su, 37.51; Fastenal Company, Su, 124.77; Galls LLC, Un, 1,171.26; Global Equipment Co, Eq, Bu, 1,086.16; H & S Plumbing Heating, Bu, 211.96; Hall Jamen, Key Refnd, 75.00; Hamilton Equipment Company, Ma. Re. 172.06: Hansen Dan. Ex, 31.00; Hobson Automotive & Tire, Re, 208.00; Husker Electric Supply Co, Su, Re, Inv, 2,718.68; Hydraulic Equipment Servi, Re, 1,356.70; I E S Commercial Inc, Ci, 59,349.13; IOT Integrators LLC, Se, 585.75; J.P. Cooke Co., Su, 78.98; Konica Minolta Business , Ma, 19.85; Kramer Ron. Incentive. 600.00: Last Mile Network Consult, Se, 90.00; Lewis Mike, Incentive, 600.00; Lincoln Winwater Works, Re, Su, 2,756.90; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Su, 62.34; Menards North, Bu, 230.39; Mid-American Benefits Inc, Ins, 386.99; Midwest Auto Parts, Ma. Re. 212 14: Midwest Automotive Re 392.03; Midwest Laboratories Inc, Se, 921.58; Midwest Turf & Irrigation, Re, 333.82; Municipal Supply Omaha, Op, Ma, 473.91; Nebraska Pub Pow-Desmoine, Ut, Incentive, 463,676.45; Niemann's Port-A-Pot LLC, Se, 100.00; Nifco Mechanical Systems, Se, 200.00; Norris Public Power Distr, Ut. 1,511.05; Olsson, Se, Ci, 11,419.10; One Call Concepts Inc, Se, 80.38; Oneby Michael, Ex, 90.00; Onsolve Intermediate Hold, Se, 1,797.42; Onyx Digital Group, Su, 311.00; O'Reilly Automotive Inc, Re, Su, 780.82; Orscheln Farm & Home, Bu, Su, Re, Gu, 549.36; Overhead Door Co-Lincoln, Bu, 275.00; Pac 'N' Save Discount Food, Su. Bu. Gu. Re. 487.65; Paper Tiger Shredding, Se, 30.00; Quill Corp, Su, 79.65; Resco, Ci - Utility Software/Ma, 32,000.00; Sam's Club (Lib-Rec-Pool), Su, Dues, 444.31; Seward County Independent, Ex, 1,635.38; Seward County Treasurer, Se, 19,217.17; Seward Lumber & Home Cent, Su, Gu, Bu, 638.41: Seward Public Schools. Fines/Fees, 95.00; Seward Wind LLC, Ut, 34,039.93; Sparqdata Solutions, Se, 4,100.00; Taylor Robert, Incentive, 600.00; Total Fire & Security Inc, Ma, 449.40; Ty's Outdoor Power & Serv, Re, 376.50; Verizon Wireless, Se, 269.68 Visa - Pinnacle Bank: 455.37

Sams Club, Re, Ma, 21.07; WalMart, Ma, Su, Misc, 85.18; McDonalds, Misc, 11.31; Bluestem Network, Se, 115.00; Zoom.Us, Se, 16.03; Mattice Lock & Safe, Ma, 10.50; City Clock Co., Ma, 60.00; Amazon.com, Su, 51.99; Harlequinn, Su, 29.79; Dollar General, Su, 54.50 Windstream Nebraska Inc, Se,

1.917.20 CLAIMS TOTAL: \$1,187,616.67

Bonnie Otte Asst. Admin/Clerk-Treasurer/ Budget & HR Director

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Boards of Commissioner Meetings are held each Tuesday morning in the Seward County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m., except for the first Tuesday of each month when meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. Notice of each meeting is posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

CLAIMS ALLOWED

FEBRUARY 19, 2021 The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on February 2, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Darrell Zabrocki Deputy County Clerk: Brandy

.lohnson Absent: Member: Ken Schmieding

DUE TO A SNOWSTORM, THERE WAS NO MEETING ON JANUARY 26, 2021 Officials gave updates of their

offices Zane Francescato, Development & Government Affairs Director for the Seward County Chamber & Partnership Development, updated the Commissioners on activities of the organization. Approved the minutes of January

19, 2021. Approved Seward County Claims

through January 22, 2021. Commissioners gave an update of their activities.

Approved Fee Schedules for County Clerk, Human Resources, Clerk of the District Court, Road Department and County Attorney's Office.

Accepted Treasurer's 2nd Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt. reported on the Road Dept. Gravel

Budaet. Approved Final Acceptance of Project Construction on Project

BRO-7080 (27) Seward South. Approved Service Agreement with Vigilnet for monitoring equipment, as presented by Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, and Sara Stenger, Detention Center Programs Director.

Approved Surplus Property Disposal request for District Court. Approved contract with Electronic Contracting Company for courtroom audio systems.

Approved 2020/2021 Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Activity Report, Control Plan, Budget Report, Board Roster

& Infestation Report. Held Executive Session for

Agenda items dealing with 911 Center Reorganization/ not discussed. Adopted the agenda for February

9, 2021, and adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Brandy Johnson

Deputy County Clerk

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2021 ADVANCED CORRL HLTHCR. SU. \$20.70: ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$236.74; AMERITAS LIFE INS, FE, \$17,699.91; APPLIED CONCEPTS, SE, \$364.15; BETTER LIVING COUNSEL, SE, \$1,760.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UT, \$3,074.86; BLUE360 MEDIA, SU, \$81.75; ROBERT D BOSHART, SE, \$160.00; BRENNAN, NIELSEN, WOOSTER, SE, \$1,949.75; CAMPBELL CLEANING, SE, \$2,255.00; CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS, SE, \$25.00; CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER, SE, \$264.50; CLERK OF DIST CRT JEFFERS, SE, \$5.75; CLERK OF DIST COURT, SE, \$817.32; CONTINENTAL ALARM, SE, \$128.75; GREGORY C. DAMMAN, SE, \$475.00; JACK DANIEL, SE, \$345.00; E 911, SE, \$36,687.33; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$64.38; EBERSPACHER, CURT, SE, \$259.50: EQUIFAX. SE. \$153.20: FARMERS COOP, SU, \$7,367.43; GREAT PLAINS COMM. UT. \$1.183.95: HELMINK PRINTING. SU. \$806.00; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, \$412.10; INDOFF INC, SU, \$325.71; DON JIRSA, SE, \$323.00; JONES BANK (FICA), FE, \$16,140.25; RYAN KRENK, SE, \$50.60; LANCASTER CO SHERIFF, SE, \$76.15; ERIC LANDKAMER, SE, \$195.13; LAUBER FUNERAL, SE \$520.00; BECKY MCCRACKEN, SE, \$67.00; SUE MEDINGER, SE, \$153.38; MEMORIAL CLINIC, SE, \$65.60; MERLES GARDEN CENTER, SU, \$17.00; MID-AMERICAN INS, FE, \$36,090.89; MIDWEST DOOR, SE, \$184.00; MIPS INC, SE, \$64.42; NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS, FE, \$100.00; NE HHS SYSTEMS, SE, \$93.00; NE LAW ENF TRAINING, SE, \$75.00; DALE NIEMANN, SE, \$62.10; PEGGY OBORNY, SE, \$10.36; OFFICE DEPOT, SU, \$72.02; O'KEEFE ELEVATOR, SE, \$260.00; MICHAEL PAYNE, SE, \$75.00; PETTY CASH FUND, FE, \$108.00; POLLACK AND BALL LLC, SE, \$218.50; QUADIENT FINANCE, FE, \$244.06: QUADIENT LEASING. SE, \$81.98; QUADIENT, INC. SF \$23.30; QUILL CORPORATION,

SU, \$290.90; REGION V

SERVICES, SE, \$2,484.58; ZOE RICHERT, SE, \$276.60; RR DONNELLEY, SE, \$159.73; SEWARD CO COURT, SE, \$1,279.00; SEW CO HLTH CLM FND, FE, \$140,342.45; SEW CO INDEPENDENT, SE, \$17.61; SEW CO SHERIFF'S DEPT. SE \$33.34; SEW CO SHERIFF UNC FEES, FE, \$106.00; SOARIN GROUP, LLC, SE, \$135.00; SPARETIME, SU, \$179.77; ST NEB DAS ST ACCTING, SE, \$675.28; STEINMEYER, ZACH, SE, \$2.88; SUMMIT FOOD SERV, SE, \$4,328.33; THE HOME DEPOT, SU, \$130.20; THOMSON REUTERS-WEST, FE, \$731.65; TRITECH SOFTWARE, SU, \$214.40; UNL PRINT AND COPY SERV, SE, \$140.00; UPS, SE, \$0.60; VERIZON WIRELESS SERV, UT, \$1,266.26; VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS, SE, \$20.00; VISA, FE, \$5,722.23; VOSS ELECTRIC, SE, \$87.80; VRBKA, AMY, SE, \$20.70; WRECKONCILED COLL, SE, \$548.20; WYTHERS LAW, SE, \$589.00; YORK COUNTY EMA, SE. \$12.80: 3RD MILLENNIUM CLASS, SE, \$60.00; ACKERMAN DESIGN, SE, \$84.25; DALE JOHNSON ENT, SE, \$14,723.83; HEARTI AND TIRES & TREADS SU, \$367.90; JOHNSON IRON WORKS, SE, \$175.00; KERFORD LIMESTONE CO, SU, \$1,919.93; LOGAN CONTR SUPPLY, SU, \$49.00; MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES, SE, \$1,650.00; NE EQUIPMENT INC, SE, \$10.34; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, SU, \$14,478.60; SIOUX CITY TARP INC, SU, \$1,725.90; SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL, SU \$62.71; WARRIOR STRUC INTEGRITY, SE, \$900.00; DELTA DENTAL OF NE, FE, \$29.97; AXON ENTERPRISES, SU, \$5,928.00; BIZCO INC, SE \$251.71; RONALD STACHURA, SE, \$425.00; GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS, SE, \$2,619.13; LINCOLN GLASS INC, SU, \$900.00; MEYER AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$217.52; NMC, INC, SU, \$8,236.00; OSWALD ELECTRIC SE, \$3,177.66; SHINETECH SOFTWARE, SU, \$6,278.00; SID DILLON, EQ, \$34,083.00; WESTERN OIL II LLC, SU, \$575.39; SEWARD CO GEN FND, FE, \$1,000,000.00; FIRST WIRELESS, INC, UT, \$430.00 MOTOROLA, SE, \$3,213.92; NPPD, UT, \$266.32; ST OF NE DAS COMM, SE, \$704.00; WINDSTREAM, UT, \$3,585.07;

ENCARTELE INC, SE, \$4,443.49 SALARIES: \$257,361.29 GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE

DEDUCTIONS TO: COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE; MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN; DELTA DENTAL; VSP VISION; WADDELL & REED

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PROCEEDINGS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BEE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Regular meeting November 4, 2020

The following is a condensed form of minutes from the general meeting of the Village of Bee Board of Trustees held via conference call. A complete copy of said minutes is on file in the office of the Village and is available for public inspection. The general meeting of the Village of Bee Board of Trustees was called to order by Board Chair Shipley at 7:00 p.m. Shipley, Slack, Timblin, Roberts and Holloway answered roll call. Village Attorney Damman was on the conference call. Village Clerk Lavicky, and a few residents were present. Notices were posted in three locations. The following motions were made, seconded. and carried by unanimous vote: approve November minutes. to waive the three readings of an ordinance to repeal the ordinance for holding the board meeting the first Wednesday, to approve the ordinance to hold the board meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, to approve signing of an agreement with Miller & Associates regarding the drainage study, to approve appointing Timblin to the new board, to appoint the Damman as village attorney, to appoint Shipley as board chair, to appoint Miller & Assoc as engineers, to appoint Lavicky as clerk/treasurer, to approve an administrative plat, to pay the following claims: Black Hills \$227.67 Village use utilities; Card Service \$896.09 supplies; Constellation \$238.77 Village use utilities; Damman \$90 legal; Hawkins \$76 chlorine powder pillows; John Deere Financial \$9 balance due for supplies; Nebraska Public Health Environment \$8,810.90 loan payment; Nebraska Public Health \$45 testing; Norris Public Power \$1,595.73 Village Use utilities; Enterprises \$200 recycling pickup; Seward County Independent \$50.01 publishing; Seward County Sherriff \$104.50 monthly contract; Sewer Reserve account \$115.50 transfer; Suhr Lichty \$535 workers comp insurance; State of Nebraska \$295.45 sales tax and withholding; Village of Bee VFD truck fund \$10,000 annual transfer; USPS \$55 stamps; Walmart \$34.98 supplies; Waste Connections \$1.671.12 Village purchased utilities; Windstream \$185.66 Village use utilities; payroll & reimbursements \$1,927.80; and to adjourn.

Resa Lavicky, Village Clerk/Treasurer SCI — February 10, 2021

PROCEEDINGS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BEE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Regular meeting

January 13, 2021 The following is a condensed form of minutes from the general meeting of the Village of Bee Board of Trustees held in the Village Hall. A complete copy of said minutes is on file in the office of the Village and is available for public inspection. The general meeting of the Village of Bee Board of Trustees was called to order by Board Chair Shipley at 6:59 p.m. Shipley, Slack, Timblin, Roberts and Holloway answered roll call. Village Attorney Damman called in via conference call. Village Clerk Lavicky, and a few residents were also present. Notices were posted in three locations. The following motions were made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, unless notated: approve December minutes, approve signing the contract with the state for the Grant money, to approve resolution 2021-01 for the year-end certification of street superintendent, to send Lavicky to the clerk institute. to approve a liquor license for 7/17, to pay the following claims:

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Black Hills \$254.24, Constellation \$315.82, Norris PPD \$296.71, Windstream \$184.09 Village Use Utilities; Card Service \$ 85.34 Supplies; CVA \$228.01 fuel; Damman \$202.50 legal; IIMC \$215 membership; Morave & Assoc \$1500 audit waiver; NE Public Health \$487 testing; One Call Concepts \$1.54 locates; Recycling Enter. \$200 recycling; Seward Co Clerk \$100 election; Seward Co Sherriff \$104.50 contract; Seward Co Indep \$21.78 pubishings; Sewer reserve \$115.50 transfer; State of NE \$290.41 sales tax & withholding; USPS \$55 stamps; US Treasury \$1337.12 withholding; Waste Connections \$959.85 trash pickup; Payroll & reimbursements \$2052.87; and to adjourn. Resa Lavicky

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BIDS

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. SCI - February 03, 10, 2021

Public Notices



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ADVERTISING LIST FOR PUBLIC SALE 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,

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 ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 1 E 40' L $\,$ OTS 2-3 & 6 (TL 14) & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY

SEWARD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOT 1 & N 24' LOT 4

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SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOT S 8-9 2017 800083644 1,489.58 SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 84 LOT S 11-12 1,609.98 800086740 SEWARD HM&R ADDITION BLK 96 LOT A ADMIN REPLAT S8' LT 8 & ALL LOT 9 1,658.44 800091183 SEWARD PETERSEN'S SUBDIV OF BECK'S ADD $\,$ ITION BLK 4 W 49' LOT 15 & E 53' LOT 1 $\,$ 6 800093593 SEWARD 21-11-3 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 TL 224 .248 AC 2,449.66 SEWARD HROMAS SUBDIVISION BLOCK 2 LO T 1 ADMIN REPLAT OF LOT 4 2,380.94 800105206 800226330 SEWARD JIROVSKY-FEIGION RAILROAD SUBDI VISION BLOCK 1 #SW CORNER LOT 1 43.80 3-2018-072 SEWARD HM&R ADDITION BLK 96 LOT B ADMIN REPLAT S8' LT 8 & ALL LT 9 800226435 1,643.54 SEWARD RIDGE RUN 4TH ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOT 13 800229355 669.86 800252861 SEWARD RIDGE RUN ADDITION LOT 4 1.1 0 AC 2,087.11 1/2 BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 6-7 & #LOTS 4-5 800047354 BEAVER CROSSING MRS ROSS NICHOLS' SUBD IV OF BLOCK 9 O T LOTS 11 -12 572.98 800047559 BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S ADDITION BLO $\,$ CK 12 TAX LOTS 17 &~204-2018057 800047877 BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 19 LOT 4 & N 28' LOT 5 76.32 800048296 BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOC K 5 LOTS 32-34 800048385 REAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 6 LOTS 15-16 145.54 800048679 BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOC $\,$ K 9 W 50' LOT 3 & #LOT 4 612.98 800049276 BEAVER CROSSING THOMPSON'S 1ST ADDITIO N BLOCK 1 LOTS 7-10 387.70 BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOC K 5 LOTS 29-31 800219090 290.62 BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S 2ND ADDITION $\,$ BLOCK 18 S 22' LOT 2 & N 13' LOT 3 800228955 800050398 BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 8-12 392.46 BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 7 LOTS 1-3 BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 11 LOTS 18-2 0 800051092 211.60 BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 S 50' LOT 1 & ALL LOT 2 800051122 800051246 BEE 14-12-3 SW 1/4 #TL 44--91' X 100 ' .20 AC 1.289.90 BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF #TL 30 LOT 5 800230220 BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF #TL 30 LOT 6 800230225 800230235 BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF #TL 30 LOT 8 75.38 BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 N 100' LO T 1 800051262 BEE 14-12-3 SW 1/4 S 90' OF N 360' T L 43 .25 AC 222.76 CORDOVA DELANEY'S SUBDIVISION 29-9-1 #LOT 8 4.42 AC 800052854 800059905 CORDOVA ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 8 LOT 8 & S 1/2 LOT 9 150.90 3-202056 800052994 GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 3 N 60' LOTS 1-2 787.10 800053354 GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 10 LOT 5 & E1/2 LOT 6 555.09 1/2 800053869 GARLAND 4-11-4 #SE 1/4 SW 1/4 & 1/2 A DJ VAC NASH ST .63 AC 2,422.50 800054466 GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 1 0-11 846.02 GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOT 10 800054679 158.44 1/2 GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOT 24 & S 1/2 LOT 25 GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 9 N 35' LOT 19. ALL LOTS 20-21 & S 15' LOT 22 800055071 1,798.80 800060474 MILFORD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 7 LOTS 6 -7 & N 18' LOT 8 800064135 MILFORD LAUNE'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 1 & E 20' LOT 2 1,405.50 1/2 PLEASANT DALE BEST'S ADDITION BLK 6 N100' LOT 8 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ST 800056264 2,301.56 800056795 PLEASANT DALE BEST'S 4TH ADDITION BLO CK 2 LOTS 1-2 1.583.90 PLEASANT DALE REEDS LANDING SUBDIVISIO N OUTLOT A 800213831 15.00 STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 4 LO T 6 & W 1/2 LOT 5 800057457 1,299.62 800057589 STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LO TS 5-7 & W 67' LOTS 8-10 112.78 STAPLEHURST JORGENSENS ADDITION BLOCK 16 E 60' LOTS 17-20 800070283 UTICA UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 3,763.50 UTICA WRIGHT'S 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 5 LOTS 1-6 & 1/2 ADJ VAC F ST~ 2-202053 800069196 UTICA WRIGHT'S 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4 724.10 800070054 UTICA WRIGHT'S 2ND & 3RD ADDITION BLO CK 34 S 84' LOTS 11-12 2-202061 UTICA 29-11-1 NW 1/4 TL 60 & #TL 61 .24 AC 313.77 800071069 1/2 UTICA SOUTHVIEW ADDITION LOTS 18, 20 & 22 800071867 1,227.26 1/2 1-9-3 TL 28 S OF RIVER NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.74 AC 800015932 90.16 1/2 800019237 33-9-3 E 1/2 320 AC 24,335.74 GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 1- 6 800055764 800055772 GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 7 -18 423.71 1/2 GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 5 LOTS 1- 12 & ADJ VAC ALLEY & STREETS 800055977 GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 7 LOTS 1- 6 17.43 1/2 800056000 GROVER FIRST ADDITION ALL BLOCK 8 & AD J VAC ST 54.14 1/2 800216105 27-10-3 NELY COR NE 1/4 NE 1/4 10.26 AC 377.47 1/2 35-10-4 #S 1/2 NE 1/4 61.52 Ac 2,443.16 1/2 800002679 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 800002849 2-9-4 NE4 NW4 & #S2 NW4 & #SW4 NE4 IN C LTS 3-4&11 #S2 NW4 #SW4 NE4 INC LTS 5-6 143.04 AC 800019644 2,464.25 1/2 800019792 3-9-4 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 20 AC 3,412.86 15-9-4 E 1/2 SW 1/4 79.75 AC 800020774 3,737.62 26-10-4 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 72.48 AC 800025865 29-12-3 S 1/2 NW 1/4 80 AC 1,464.72 1/2 800025938 30-12-3 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 40 AC 1,221.51 1/2 800028864 34-12-2 HERRING REPLAT IN W 1/2 SE 1/4 LOT 1 4.15 AC 1,659.72 35-12-2 TLS 25-26 IN NW 1/4 NE 1/4 1. 58 AC 2,043.92 800028945 800059204 TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 14 LOTS 9-12 79.08 2-2019081 TAMORA 29-11-2 #TL 7 IN SW 1/4 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY~ 3-2019084 139.08 2-2020058 TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 13 LOTS 8-12 800108124 72.38 800209044 TAMORA DAILEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOTS 9-10 25.38 1/2 TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 13 LOTS 5-7 800209567 TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TO WN BLOCK 13 LOT 13 & 1/2 ADJ VAC DAIL YST 36.70 1/2 800003373 6-10-3 S 496' OF E 451' OF SE 1/4 5 .14 AC 1/2 800044940 20-10-3 LT 27 BLK 3 (CT LOT 30) GLENHAV EN SUB REPLAT SE1/4 SE1/4 1,119.68 12-10-3 ROLFSMEIER SUBDIVISION IN NE 1/4 LOT 2 5.01 AC 800229650 26-11-4 #W 1/2 SW 1/4 78.25 AC 3.545.74 800043782 27-11-4 N 1/2 SE 1/4 & #SE 1/4 SE 1/4 117.99 AC 3,416.78 22-12-4 DISHMAN ACRES IN E 1/2 NE 1/4 LOT 1 13.93 AC 800099141 601.46 18-9-1 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 20.04 AC 800012070 1,535.30 6-10-1 N 1/2 SE 1/4 EXC E 85' 76.66 AC 800009711 24-10-1 TRACT IN SW 1/4 SW 1/4 6.1 AC 1,315.88 1-9-1 E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OR E 1/2 LT 10 5 AC 800011503 11-9-1 TRACT IN NE 1/4 NW 1/4 1.15 5 AC 177.58 11-9-1 #TL 29 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 2.11 AC 800011511 271.51 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 6-9-2 GEIS ADDITION IN NW 1/4 & NW 1/4 NE 1/4 7.57 AC 800013727 1,855.24 800033205 23-11-1 N 1/2 SE 1/4 80 AC 5,022.22 34-11-1 EIKENHORST ADDITION IN W 1/2 S W 1/4 3.58 AC 800033981 848.16 1/2 21-11-2 TRACT 125'X220' SW 1/4 SW 1/4 .63 AC 800035720 305.21 800097068 23-11-1 #SE 1/4 SE 1/4 38.16 AC 2,169.20 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 $\,$ 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 24-9-1 #S 1/2 S 1/2 NW 1/4 15.01 AC 514.62 800227210 800226935 12-12-4 .53 AC TRACT IN NW 1/4 SW 1/4 57.24 5-10-2 #NE 1/4 SE 1/4 4.90AC 650.44 800006240 147.364.79 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS 80069196 UTICA WIRGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4 352.61 80069196 UTICA WIRGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4 249.93 UTICA UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 1,110.00 80070283 UTICA UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 4,100.00

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