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The Fourth is back

by Stephanie Croston
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After a year of silence, the Fourth of July is back in Seward.

But this year's celebration has suffered a few "Covid casualties," according to Clark Kolterman.

The biggest one is the trolleys. For the past decade, trolleys have transported Fourth of July visitors from parking on the north side of Seward to the celebration grounds in the center of town.

"They have become an asset to the festival," Kolterman said.

As organizers put this year's festival together, Trolley Committee Chair Brad Bowen expressed safety concerns when it came to groups on the trolleys. In a letter to the Fourth of July Committee dated May 5, Bowen said for safety, each trolley should probably carry no more than 10 people as opposed to the 30-35 it normally carries. In looking at vaccination statistics, Bowen said the risk was too great.

"If we offer trolley transportation this July 4th, most of the riders will be at risk for obtaining and spreading

COVID-19," Bowen said.

Kolterman said the volunteers who serve as conductors on the trolleys didn't want to risk exposing any visitors to covid.

Kolterman said the trolleys will return for the 2022 celebration, but for 2021, those headed downtown for activities will have to make other transportation plans.

"We did without the trolleys for 40 years," he said with a smile.

Two other festival staples will be absent this year, as well. The air show was an early casualty of Covid, Kolterman said.

Because show organizers didn't know how they would handle covid stipulations, the show was canceled for 2021.

The carnival was another early casualty, Kolterman said.

"It's a coup to have a carnival any more," he said. "With covid, there are fewer carnivals."

Meetings with the Department of Health and Human Services helped answer other questions.

The parade was the first concern for event organizers, Kolterman said. Parade-goers are encouraged to main-

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Honors given at Fourth of July Kickoff



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Dean Fritz, pictured with Seward 4th of July committee member Jessica Kolterman, was named the Community Service Award winner for 2021 at the 4th of July Kickoff Celebration June 2.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

The Seward Volunteer Fire Department was named the Civic Organization Service Award winner at the 4th of July Kickoff Celebration June 2.



GREG FORBES/SCI

Drivers participating in the Big Blue Mile Shootout June 4 trek back to the starting line for another trip down "The Fastest Mile in Seward County."

Remember the fallen



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Gold Star Mother Elva Lee Wilken of Seward, escorted by her daughter Pat, laid a wreath in honor of the military dead May 31 during Seward's Memorial Day service. See more photos from area Memorial Day ceremonies on page 5A.

Big Blue Mile roars to life again

by Greg Forbes
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The roar of engines ripped through Cordova once again as the Big Blue Mile Shootout returned last weekend.

"The Fastest Mile in Seward County" on June 4 and 5 saw dozens of muscle and sports cars race through Cordova, reaching upwards

of 200 miles per hour. Friday featured a new "twist" race, where drivers of all makes and models competed to see who could consistently hit a target speed. Saturday's events were traditional half mile and mile sprints to the finish.

The fifth edition of the race was the most anticipated to date,

said co-organizer Todd Grantski, as last year's event was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's great seeing everyone again," Grantski said, as racers arrived at Grantski Enterprises in Utica June 3 for a tech inspection prior to the race. "There's a little smack talk about whose car is the best

but it's all about the friendships you make. It's a family."

Grantski said the event planners waited as long as possible last year before ultimately cancelling the event. They even had an alternate plan laid out that would increase safety for drivers and limit

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Climbing COVID mountain: One year later

Part six: Summer makes a comeback as festivals return to the area

by Greg Forbes
and Stephanie Croston
Seward County Independent

A year ago, summer stood still.

The sounds, sights and smells of cherished summer festivals were nonexistent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers and volunteers did their best to delay cancelling events but eventually, they determined the gathering of large crowds unsafe

and that it would be impossible to follow rules and guidelines.

"When the world was stopping, we gave it time to maybe change and see where it went, but everything just kept closing down and people were nervous," said Melissa Grantski, co-organizer of the Big Blue Mile Shootout, which took place this year June 4 and 5 in Cordova. "People were ner-



FILE PHOTO

Fireworks will once again return to Seward's skies for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

vous and we knew we couldn't do the event."

Some made up for the loss of in-person activities with virtual adaptations and online events. The Seward Fourth of July Celebration featured music, traditions such as the

anvil firing and other entertainment in a virtual setting.

"We knew we would have something," Fourth of July organizer Clark Kolterman said. "We did what we could."

Volunteers created

videos of Fourth of July staples like the apple pie eating contest. Kolterman said the most popular videos were the flashbacks – including Good Morning America's visit in 1988. Julie Wisheart's tour of the

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Ted Hughes' 2020 McLaren 690 zips down the Big Blue Mile Shootout track in Cordova June 4.



A 2016 Dodge Hellcat, driven by Jason Burow, reached speeds of 150 miles per hour in the half-mile event at the Big Blue Mile Shootout June 4 and 5.

Big Blue

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spectators, however, the overall situation of the pandemic in the area left cancellation as the most plausible option.

The group began accepting driver registrations in February and hoped to have 40 drivers. Grantski said "just shy" of 40 signed up and arrived in Cordova.

One of those was Centennial High School graduate Jason Duryea.

Duryea made the trek from his residence in Mead, Colorado, with his 2011 Chevrolet Grand Sport Corvette.

He said his goal for the weekend was to hit 200 miles per hour but was just happy to be back on the road, putting his car to the test against drivers with similar passions.

"It's just a friendly competition," said Duryea.

A classmate of Grantski's, Duryea

said he has raced in all five Big Blue Mile Shootouts.

Once last year's event was cancelled, Duryea said he immediately anticipated the 2021 edition.

"I called Todd every month for the last 18 months if we're doing it," he said. "I was probably one of the first five to sign up."

The event usually lasts one day but this year, Grantski said a new race was added

Friday night in order to stretch the event over two days and allow spectators and drivers to spend more time in the area.

The "twist" event this year followed more of an open class format and allowed racers of all skill levels to see how their vehicles would do on the track.

"It opens up the doors to anyone," he said. "You don't have to have a Corvette, you don't have to have a hopped

up Mustang...it's open to anybody. I would love to see more local people race."

The heart of the Big Blue Mile Shootout extends beyond fast cars and heart pumping adrenaline.

Proceeds from free-will donations at community dinners during the weekend, an auction of banners signed by racers and even re-gifting of prize money benefit area volunteer fire departments.

Grantski said the hope is that departments use the funds to help purchase equipment to continue to provide life saving services to those in need.

"If we can provide something to help them...if we can raise money, that's doing our part," he said. "At some point in time, everyone will have to make that call to the local fire department and they're there."



GREG FORBES/SCI

Family members gathered at the Heartfelt Children's Memorial May 30 to commemorate new bricks added to the memorial this year. Each brick features the name of a child who has passed away.

Heartfelt families mourn, celebrate together

by Greg Forbes
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Since 2015, Diane Krieser has welcomed grieving families to the Heartfelt Connections and Memorial Children's Remembrance ceremony to dedicate new bricks on the memorial wall.

Each year comes with new stories of a child's life lost too soon and new tears shared with grieving families.

"It never gets any easier," said Krieser.

The bricks bear the names of a deceased child with his or her birth and death dates, as well as a quote or message honoring the life lost.

This year, 13 new bricks with 14 names were added to the memorial, bringing the

wall to 300 total bricks.

The new names were celebrated with the Children's Remembrance ceremony on May 30 at the memorial located at the corner of Hillcrest Drive and Columbia Avenue.

This year's ceremony also included the dedication of a directory that provides a map of where bricks are located on the three different walls.

The Seward High School Industrial Arts class constructed the frame while the high school technology department printed the interactive map and informational sheet. The directory is dedicated to Frank Mikos, whose family contributed a memorial to Heartfelt in his name following his passing.

Krieser said the directory provides an easy guide for visitors to the memorial to find specific names.

"People can pull this up on their phone and easily find where their children's bricks are located," she said.

Krieser welcomed those gathered on the gloomy Sunday afternoon. Rain had passed through the area and loomed throughout the ceremony, but Krieser said the atmosphere was a reminder of lost loved ones in itself.

"I always feel like those are tears in heaven," she said.

Those tears fall from children of all ages. Some names on the wall are babies who were just hours old while others were mothers and fathers, grandparents,

even, who had tragically lost their lives. Krieser said the only requirement for a name to be placed on the wall is the individual must have a living parent.

No matter the age of the deceased, she said, nothing can fill the void left by the death of a child. What parents and other family members dealing with grief can do, she said, is live as survivors and as pillars of strength for others.

"We've all heard the passage, 'If you lose your parents, you lose your past. If you lose your spouse, you lose your present and if you lose your child, you lose your future,'" she said. "As much as it hurts, we are all survivors. We are all standing up and we are all moving forward."



A semi and trailer hauling 60 head of cattle rolled over in the median at mile marker 375.4 westbound on Interstate 80 June 2.

Cow killed in I-80 crash

by Greg Forbes
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An overturned cattle trailer on Interstate 80 led to the death of one animal.

On June 2 at about 5 p.m., a semi and trailer hauling 60 head of cattle rolled over in the median at mile marker 375.4 westbound on Interstate 80, near the Goehner exit.

The driver of the semi was not injured. One animal died as a result of the accident.

The Nebraska State Patrol, Seward Fire and Midwest Automotive assisted with the crash.

The Seward County Sheriff's Office said citizens that brought trucks, trailers and four-wheelers to corral the cattle.

All of the cattle were removed from the interstate and transported to the Briggs Feedlot outside of Seward.

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tain social distances if they're concerned about possible covid spread, he said.

Parade entries will be able to distribute candy, but the sweets may not be thrown from the entry. They must be handed to the parade goers.

Alcohol is not allowed in the parade, nor are water spray devices or water balloons.

A couple of Humanities Nebraska speakers were unavailable because of covid concerns, but Kolterman said new programs will fill those slots.

"If people are concerned, wear a mask or don't come," he

said.

Kolterman was looking forward to honoring Hughes Brothers for a century in Seward.

"They do so much for the community," he said, adding that the company is working on a unique float for the parade.

Overall, however, Kolterman said the day will be similar to past Fourth's.

"We're thrilled to have the Fourth," he said. "It's an honor to get to show off our community."

Look for a comprehensive schedule, interviews and more in our Fourth of July preview in the June 30 edition of the Independent.

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Rivoli Theater was also a highlight.

One event was unexpectedly live, he said. The Seward Volunteer Fire Department had the annual anvil firing to train new people, Kolterman said.

The Seward County Fair operated using a significantly scaled down model, with just 4-H and FFA livestock shows and contests.

These were welcomed adjustments for those longing for summer fun, but a hole left by the loss of traditions still remained.

With improving conditions throughout 2021 and plenty of optimism, event officials are confident this summer will be one tailor made for celebration.

"We're happy to get to have the Fourth of July," Kolterman said.

Plans were actually in the works July 5, 2020. The Fourth of July Committee took the arrangements it had made for 2020 and moved them to the 2021 celebration.

"On paper, we had it organized," Kolterman said. "It was easy to call everyone back and ask if they were on for this

year."

"We're back," said Doug Brand, Seward County Fairgrounds liaison regarding this year's fair.

Jonathan Jank, president and CEO of the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership, said the arrival of festival season and the ability for communities to celebrate safely are important because of the significance of these events to all that attend year in and year out.

"These celebrations are part of the fabric of who these communities are," he said. "It's a homecoming and a wonderful part of our cadence as a community."

The path to host these events again was paved with cautious optimism. Brand said planning began as if the fair would be held as normal.

Vendors, particularly the midway and carnival provider, were contacted in December to ensure the fair had those features for this year. Booking and scheduling the rest of the events followed.

"It kind of just gets to the point where you have to book it, set dates and plan on having the

fair," he said.

This year's fair is set for Aug. 4 through 8. Brand said it will operate without safety restrictions as long as the Four Corners Health Department's risk dial stays in the green zone, the lowest level of caution.

Organizations adapt

Also left in an event-less-wake were service organizations that provide entertainment and resources to the community. Clubs such as Kiwanis and Rotary were unable to host some of their yearly activities, which also serve as major fundraisers.

Jank, Seward Kiwanis president, said the club had to cancel its yearly Empty Bowls Soup Luncheon, which is its most significant source of income, and its annual Ag Banquet.

The club's income allows it to provide services to children, including the weekly Backpack program.

Other fundraisers were lost as well, but Jank said the club was able to overcome those losses thanks to less spending on the club's part as well as donations from individuals and area corporations.

"We were super fortunate in that we had some really good financial management over the years, so we had enough reserves to float ourselves, but we also had an unbelievable amount of generosity of people step up and support," he said. "We had a lot of generosity to continue to support those incredibly important programs for children and families in the area."

Jank said the group was able to use a surplus gained through private contributions to donate back to area causes that were greatly affected by the pandemic.

While the group was left without many of its fellowship programs, Jank said he was pleased the club was still able to support the community in some way.

"We've had a focus on giving that money away this year, which, as the current president, it's been a gift to be able to identify where there are needs in the community because many have been hit really hard," he said.

"We're so fortunate in our club to have so many tremendously dedicated volunteers that love the community and want to take care of children and

families and have made it their life's mission to serve in that way."

Jank said with improving conditions, the group has returned to a hybrid in-person and online model for weekly meetings and will begin offering lunches again this month.

The Ag Banquet is currently scheduled for Aug. 23 and the Empty Bowls Luncheon will return on Oct. 18.

The Seward Rotary Club was one of the first in the area to move to a Zoom model for its meetings. Kolterman, a member of Rotary, said the club has members who are strong in technology, which helped move to the online format.

"We didn't miss a beat," Kolterman said.

The Rotary Club was also one of the first to return to in-person meetings as the pandemic subsided, he said.

"People missed coming together," Kolterman said.

When the club returned to in-person meetings, it moved from Jones Bank to the Civic Center, which has more room to spread out for social distancing.

Some members still attend via Zoom, he

said, which has been a great asset. One, Ken Schmeiding, has been in the hospital so uses Zoom to continue his perfect attendance streak, Kolterman said.

Last year's service recognition banquet was done in a virtual format but still raised over \$9,000 for the Rotary's international project.

Looking up

The ever-improving outlook of the pandemic, lessening restrictions and the arrival of the vaccine allowed groups and organizations to ramp up planning for the 2021 festival season. As each month passed, organizers became more and more confident events could safely happen this summer.

"Once we started planning it again, other than a couple of tweaks, it was business as usual," Grantski said.

And now that many of the events are finalized and just weeks away, the time for celebration is near.

"It means a lot to be able to get back to somewhat normal and come together as a community again," Wergin said.

NENG Museum weapons display room named in honor of local couple

by Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer
NENG Historian/Colonel (retired)

The newest room to be dedicated at the Nebraska National Guard Museum will be named in honor of a local couple.

The museum received a significant financial gift from the John and Darlene Wood Family Donor Advised Fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation in memory of Darlene's late husband John (1934-2020). John served in the Nebraska National Guard in the 1950's. The John and Darlene Wood Weapons Display Room will be dedicated at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 3. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

The John and Darlene Wood Weapons Display Room showcases the arms, ammunitions and various artifacts associated with the Nebraska National Guard since its founding in 1854.

The room's custom-made wood and tempered glass cabinets allow visitors to view the museum's growing collection.

Cabinets are named for historical figures of the Nebraska National Guard. The state-of-the-art room includes large screen electronic monitors, storyboards, custom lighting and advanced security



COURTESY PHOTO

Darlene Wood directed a significant donation to the NENG Museum in memory of her husband. The John and Darlene Wood Weapons Display Room will be dedicated on July 3.

systems. The room also contains two impressive machine gun displays from World War II (M1917 Water Cooled) and Iraq (M2 Heavy Barrel 50 caliber).

The Wood family donation made it possible for the museum to complete the construction of the room as well as to purchase additional weapons for its collection, including certified-replica weapons.

These replicas provide the opportunity for hands-on education (for instance, permitting visitors to appreciate the sheer weight of the arms carried by Guard members deployed on various duties) while protecting

the historic pieces within the collection.

The completion of the Weapons Display Room and the July 3 dedication make it possible to open the room to the visitors expected to arrive at the museum on the Fourth of July.

The dedication may include a visit from Gary Anderson (two-time Olympic gold medal shooter and also a Nebraska National Guard soldier).

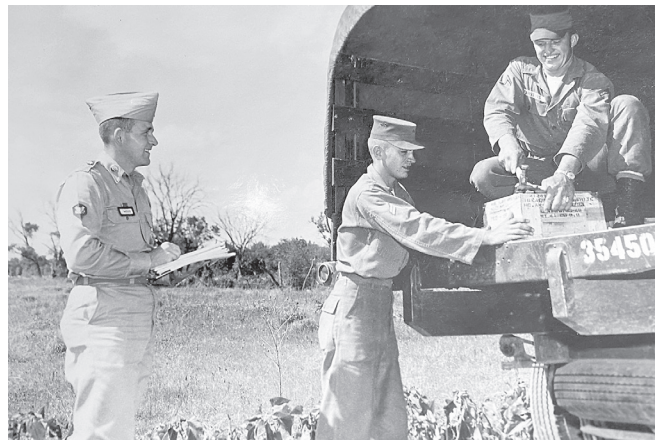
One cabinet featuring the NENG shooting teams is named in Anderson's honor and will contain 3-D copies of his two gold medals.

The Wood family hopes the Weapons Display Room will help museum visitors better understand and appreciate the courage and sacrifices of members of the Nebraska National

Guard, serving at home and abroad.

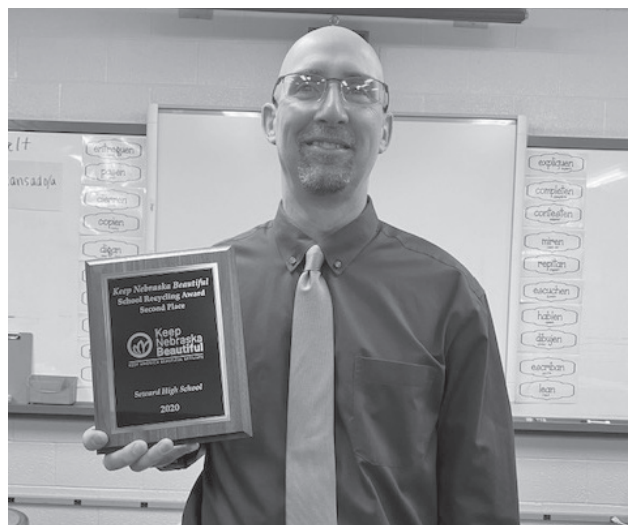
The NENG Historical Society would like to also thank the following additional donors associated with completion of the Weapons Display Room: Berry Law Firm, Seward County Visitors Bureau, Cattle Bank & Trust, Van and Becky Vahle, Lincoln SCHEELS, Col. (retired) BG Kevin Neumann and family, the Krueger family, the Chuck and Jan Matzke family and Casey's.

The Society also thanks those associated with design and construction: SSH Architecture/Kevin Hittle, Rogge General Contractors, Inc., and Hartman Historical Services. If you would like to donate funds or applicable weapons, call (402) 309-8763 to discuss.



John Wood (left) supervises soldiers in training at Camp Ashland (Nebraska) in the 1950's.

Recycling wins second



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Under the leadership of Seward High educator Pat Piskorski, the SHS recycling program was recognized as first runner-up in the Statewide Nebraska High School Recycling program for its extensive recycling efforts with especially paper and plastic bottles. The school was honored at the Keep Nebraska Beautiful conference.

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The part of being a twin no one talks about

by Samantha Bernt
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For 22 years, my twin sister and I have been practically inseparable.

Growing up we were often grouped together as the “Bernt twins” or simply “the twins.” We’ve had a lot of the same hobbies throughout the years from tennis to yearbook.



Samantha Bernt
Reporter

We even ended up in the same college with me being a journalism major, and my sister, Jaydn, an advertising and public relations major. In college, we lived together all four years and have only been separated for three weeks at the most.

Now, as we’ve both graduated college we are growing up and going our separate ways. Jaydn is looking for jobs outside of Nebraska, which is really going to put a damper on watching TV or movies together at the end of the work day.

But, this is a crucial time for both of us to find out who we are and figure out what we want to do with our lives.

We’ve always had each other to lean on. In every new situation we’ve always had each other to make it a little less scary. When we first got to college we would walk around campus and help each other find the buildings our classes were in.

We shared our freshman dorm together, and were there for all of each others big milestones.

Now, I know you’re probably wondering who’s older. It’s me – by a minute. Much to Jaydn’s dismay, but someone has to be older. But being a twin isn’t all sunshine and rainbows.

“What I’m really gonna miss is



Jaydn and Samantha Bernt

fighting and them making up by getting Taco Bell or something a few minutes later,” Jaydn said.

Even though it’ll be an adjustment to not be able to just go to each others rooms and catch up for the day, I think this will be a good thing for us. Growing up we often were “grouped together” and we didn’t feel like we had separate identities.

“That’s the one negative to being a twin,” Jaydn said. “It feels like it took a while to be thought of as separate people.”

As we’ve gotten older we’ve been able to grow into our separate identities more and more, but at the ripe age of 22 we still have growing to do.

I know Jaydn is going to do great things wherever she ends up, and even though it’ll be hard at first, it’s just a part of growing up.

A lot of people wonder what it’s like to be a twin. To us, it’s just like having any other sibling, but one that happens to be the same exact age as you.

For me, there are more pros than cons. I always had someone in my corner, someone to talk to and someone I could count on.

Looking back, almost all of my favorite memories have my twin sister in them.

Even though we’ll be a little further away, there’s Facetime for a reason.

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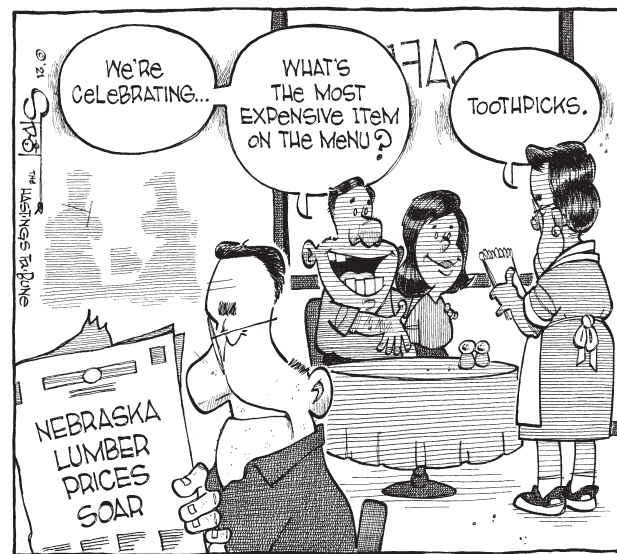
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Nebraska Legislature wraps up historic session

by Gov. Pete Ricketts

Last week, the Legislature wrapped up one of its most productive sessions in history.

With almost 700 bills under consideration, senators and I successfully worked together to control spending growth, deliver tax relief, invest in broadband infrastructure and expand educational opportunities among several other key priorities.

Here are a few of the highlights from an historic legislative session that helped move our state forward the Nebraska way.

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next two years.

Property tax relief: Property tax relief made up the vast majority of the relief this session. Together, the Legislature and I delivered an estimated \$1.7 billion in property tax relief over the next two years. This includes more than \$433 million each year through the new refundable income tax credit, which was passed into law in 2020. This is over triple the \$125 million in tax credits provided this year, which was the program’s first year. We also increased the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund as well as funding for the Homestead Exemption.

And more tax relief: In addition to property tax relief, senators and I agreed on five other important measures. We eliminated taxes on military retirement income as well as provided a tax exemption for 50% of Social Security income that will be phased in over time.

Senators also passed legislation to reduce the business income tax rate to equalize tax rates on different types of job creators. A new “truth in taxation” law will now require local governments to notify taxpayers whenever their property tax askings are scheduled to increase more than 2%. And finally, ag land valuations will be reduced from 75% of market value to 50% of market value for the purposes of property taxes for bond issues. This will reduce the tax burden on farmers and ranchers.

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Broadband infrastructure: The Legislature approved the Broadband Bridge Act, which was introduced at my request. This will invest \$20 million in matching grants annually to expand access to high-speed broadband to 30,000 Nebraska households in the next two years. This improved connectivity will help more Nebraskans to work remotely, do their homework and to access telehealth and e-commerce.

Expanded education opportunities: This session, senators and I expanded education opportunities for the next generation of Nebraskans. We agreed to invest more than \$1 billion annually in state aid to K-12 schools. At my recommendation, the Legislature cut red tape to make it quicker and easier for military spouses licensed in another state to obtain a teaching permit after moving to Nebraska.

This budget creates new scholarships for private institutions of higher education and continues funding scholarships for community colleges, state colleges and the University of Nebraska to connect students to career pathways with great-paying jobs.

The budget also tripled the size of the textbook loan program, providing \$3 million to support textbooks for private schools over the next two years.

Other major wins: Important legislative action also occurred on pro-life tax credits, Second Amendment protections, healthcare licensing and carryout alcohol. A new tax credit for families who have a stillborn baby will help offset medical bills, burial expenses, and costs of preparing for the baby’s arrival.

Senators and I protected your Second Amendment rights by clarifying firearm transportation law and by providing gun owners with better notification and information regarding permit renewals. At my request, the Legislature made it easier for hospitals and healthcare facilities to meet their workforce needs by providing expedited reciprocity for many licensed healthcare professions.

Finally, the Legislature enshrined my popular carryout alcohol executive order in law, ensuring that takeout cocktails, beer, and wine continue past the pandemic.

Even as the Legislature made significant progress on major priorities, there is still more work to do on a couple of key issues. The Legislature still needs to pass limits on the growth of local property taxes. Local government property taxes have gone up 4.3% per year over the past decade in Nebraska. That may not sound like much, but when compounded over 10 years, it’s nearly a 52% increase. By comparison, income grew 48% and inflation just 18.7% during the past decade. Unless Senators take action, this pattern will continue.

Additionally, the Legislature will need to reconvene later this year to complete the process of redistricting maps for congressional, legislative and other districts. The State of Nebraska has been waiting on the Biden-Harris Administration for census data to allow us to complete this work.

As we move into the summer, I will be traveling the state to visit directly with you at town halls and other community events. I’ll be in Clay Center, Norfolk, Wahoo, and Broken Bow for town halls over the next week with more dates and times to be announced.

If you have questions about anything, you are welcome to contact my office at pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or (402) 471-2244.



Pete Ricketts
Governor

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Seward pays tribute to lost veterans



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Seward Legion Post 33 honor guard members, from left, Larry Blecha, Rich Bollwitt and Mike Brown fire the salute to the deceased May 31 during Seward's Memorial Day service. Ken Meyer is behind Brown, and the color guard is Peggy Brown, Lloyd Lipska and Al Kufeldt.



CSM Scott Hansen, Nebraska state command sergeant major, gave the address May 31 at Seward's Memorial Day service. Hansen reminded those attending that Memorial Day was a day to honor those who served. He talked about three National Guard soldiers who influenced his life and said Guard members "ask so little, but provide so much."



Joanie Brecha plays "Taps Echo" May 31 at Seward's Memorial Day service.

Vets awarded honor quilts



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Maurice Zwick of Seward accepts a Quilt of Honor from his daughter Vicki Luebbe May 31.



Leah Good, left, and Vicki Luebbe wrap brother and son Samuel Luebbe in a Quilt of Honor May 31.



Samuel Luebbe and Vicki Luebbe wrap their sister and daughter Leah Good in a Quilt of Honor May 31.



Marlon Good accepts a Quilt of Honor from his mother-in-law Vicki Luebbe, left, and wife Leah Good May 31. Vicki and Del Luebbe made the quilts for their family members.

Malcolm salutes those who served



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE CROSTON

Above: Members of the Malcolm High School band provided music during Malcolm's Memorial Day service May 31.



Left: Dist. 24 Sen. Mark Kolterman gave the address at the Malcolm Cemetery during its Memorial Day service. Kolterman talked about a classmate he lost during the Vietnam War and how he gained a greater appreciation for America's freedoms following a trip to France two years ago.

Below: The Malcolm Legion honor guard fired a salute to the fallen during a Memorial Day service May 31 at the Malcolm Cemetery.



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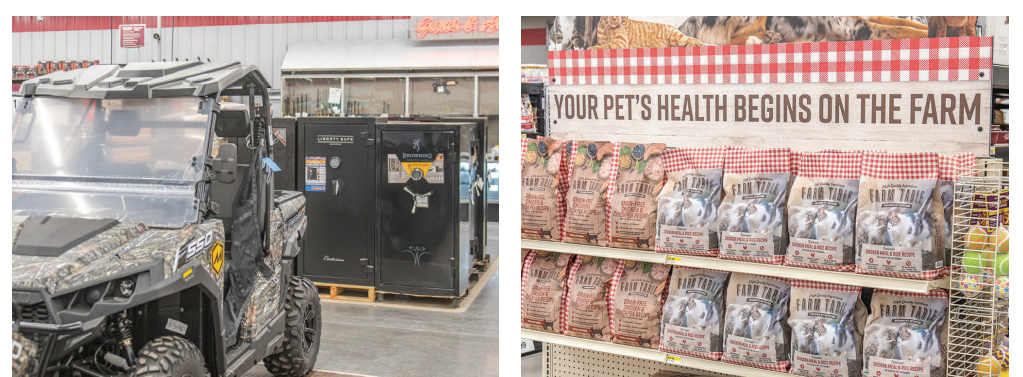
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4-Hers repaint cottage



COURTESY PHOTOS

Volunteer members from the Green Team 4-H club and the Seward County Jr. Leaders scraped paint from the 4-H Cottage and repainted the building white, during three weekends in May. The Seward County Ag Society provided funds to purchase paint for the project. The 4-H Cottage can be rented by contacting the Seward County Extension Office.

Bayer Fund awards scholarship

Centennial High senior Kailey Ziegler was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by Bayer Fund.

In the fall, Ziegler will study horticulture at University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Ziegler exemplifies the quality of students who are selected for Grow Ag Leaders scholarships.

"Bayer Fund is proud to sponsor the Amer-

ica's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders program, helping hundreds of students to pursue higher education studies in the field of agriculture. By supporting these students today, we are supporting the future leaders of our industry.

Bayer Fund remains committed to improving Ag Education opportunities in rural communities," said Amy Simpson, Community Engagement Senior Representative, Bayer

Fund. The future of agriculture relies on talented young people like Ziegler to fill thousands of jobs in a variety of fields, such as plant science, engineering, communications, finance and more.

Grow Ag Leaders raises awareness of diverse career opportunities in the agriculture industry and provides more than 350 scholarships nationwide each year to support a stu-

dent's ag education. Grow Ag Leaders scholarships, administered by the National FFA Organization, are available to high school seniors and college students pursuing degrees in ag-related fields.

To be considered, each applicant is required to receive endorsements from two local farmers. Both FFA members and non-FFA members are eligible to apply.

Upper Big Blue NRD awards scholarships

The board of directors of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District has named Makennen Havlat of Seward one of the 2021 recipients of Burke scholarships.

These awards in the amount of \$2,000 are designated for district residents who are full-time students pursuing a two-year or four-year degree at a Nebraska college or university.

Recipients must be enrolled in a natural resources program or related field and intend to enter the workforce upon graduation in a hands-on position such as farmer, conservationist, land manager, ag educator or engineering technician.

The family of Raymond A. Burke established this scholarship in his memory for the

benefit of young men and women interested in pursuing careers in natural resources related fields.

Mr. Burke was a land improvement contractor and farmer with very strong interests in the management of conservation and educating young people.

Previous recipients of Burke Scholarships have attended technical schools, private colleges, and flagship state universities across Nebraska. Many have gone on to have rewarding careers in natural resources, including conservation and research activities.

Havlat is a 2021 graduate of Milford High School. A passion for wildlife and natural resources have guided her future plans, which involve studying range-

land management at Chadron State College and eventually working for an agency like Nebraska Game and Parks or the U.S. Forest Service. The daughter of Doug and Kendra Havlat, Havlat has been heavily involved in FFA, having served as the chapter president and reporter, and has annually competed in land judging, range judging, livestock judging, leadership development and career development events and Envirothon.

She was also active in musical theatre, band and archery team. She's been a member of Seward County 4-H for 10 years and has used that organization's competitive opportunities to develop livestock and other projects.

Circle G Livestock 4-H Club elects officers

by Kyle Riley
News reporter

The Circle G Livestock 4-H club met in April to election officers for the year.

They are President Cooper Phillips, Vice President Carter Ernes-

ti, Secretary Cevahn Ernesti, Treasurer Crew Potter and News Reporter Kyle Riley.

The club members met in May to plant flow-

ers in the planters on main street in Garland and put out crosses in their adopted cemetery - Union Cemetery.

A new "Circle G 4H

Club" welcome sign was also hung at the south entrance into Garland welcoming people to town.

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Students

University of Nebraska Medical Center

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced its spring 2021 dean's list for students enrolled in programs of nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and the allied health professions. Included on the list from this area are Nathan Canarsky of Pleasant Dale in the College of Dentistry, Caroline Hahn of Utica in the College of Allied Health Professions and Alexandra Kenney of Milford in the College of Pharmacy.

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.

University of Sioux Falls

Amelia Hanson of Seward was named to the University of Sioux Falls spring 2021 Dean's list. Hanson is majoring in psychology. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

Iowa State University

Students named to the Dean's list at Iowa State University must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework. Earning a place on the list are Danielle Hoppes of Beaver Crossing, a senior, studying Veterinary Medicine, William Brown of Seward, a senior, studying Aerospace Engineering, and William Lavelle, a senior and a Centennial High School graduate, studying Computer Engineering.

William Brown, of Seward, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering and Physics and graduated Cum Laude from Iowa State University May 7 and 8.

Central Community College

Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the President's and Dean's honor lists for the 2021 spring semester. Students on the Dean's Honor List earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses. Students from this area on the list include Lilly Cast of Beaver Crossing and Justin Slawnyk of Utica.

Pleasant Dale American Legion Auxiliary meets

Pleasant Dale American Legion Auxiliary met May 17 with eight members in attendance.

The meeting opened in form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and Rose Weichert gave the treasurer's report. Draping of the Charter was conducted in honor of Kathryn Liesveld and Gretchen Shehorn.

McKenzie Wehner, a fifth-grade student at Malcolm, won third place at Department Level for her Americanism essay.

Junior members were to hand out poppies at Malcolm and Pleasant Dale cemeteries on Memorial Day. Lunch was to be provided for the Legionnaires and the band following the Memorial Day service.

Members have been volunteering at the concessions during ballgames.

Members will next meet at 5:30 p.m. June 15 at the Pleasant Dale Pub. Following the meal, the meeting will be conducted in the Legion building.

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Joe and Doris Huber

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St. Vincent de Paul school celebrates 20 faith-filled years



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Fran Ehlers reacts to items found in the time capsule opened at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish School's 20th Anniversary celebration June 6.



The Polka Dudes provided plenty of entertainment at St. Vincent de Paul Parish School's 20th Anniversary celebration June 6.



Children line up to receive a balloon animal at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish School's 20th Anniversary party June 6.



Max Santo receives pirate face paint at St. Vincent de Paul Parish School's 20th Anniversary celebration June 6.

What's happening, Seward?

THURSDAYS, SUNDAYS

The band is back

Rehearsals for the Seward Municipal Band are Thursdays throughout the summer at the bandshell because of demolition and construction at the Concordia Music Center. Concerts are Sundays at 7:30 p.m., also at the bandshell. Instrumentalists who have completed the eighth grade or who have three years of experience playing in a band ensemble may join at any time. Call Pat Herrold at (402) 643-6202 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS

Farmer's market returns to square

The Seward Farmer's Market will be back on the courthouse square this summer. Vendors will be available Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. The hamburger stand will start Wednesday, June 2. Groups interested in running the stand may contact Carol at (402) 641-4670.

SUMMER

Time for summer smackdown

Starting June 5, adult readers are encouraged to participate in the reading challenge against York: Smackdown 2021. Who will read more on Highway 34? Kilgore Memorial Library would like the unique book trophy back. It has been on display in Seward for several years. Don't let the York readers win it. Get club details and a punch card at the Seward Memorial Library to join in the friendly cross-county competition. The total number of books read will be posted weekly so you can follow the library's standing in the challenge.

JUNE 9

Spend evening with friends, family

VBS at St. John Lutheran Church Wednesday, June 9, will be an outdoor event this year. Enjoy an evening of drama, activities, and singing together. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to the grassy area around the cross and stage west of St. John Lutheran Church. Visit stjohneeward.org and find the link to register under Weekly eNews. (Rain date: June 10)

JUNE 11

SML plans retirement party

After over 27 years of service at Seward Memorial Library, Pam Walz is retiring. The library staff will host a retirement party Friday, June 11, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Seward Bandshell. The rain location is Seward Memorial Library.

JUNE 12

Rustic car show scheduled

The Dwight Knights will host the Bee Rustic Car Show Saturday, June 12, in Bee. Registration is open from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with the show from noon to 3:30 p.m. The show is free and is an opportunity for car owners to show off their projects. For more information, visit the Dwight Knights Facebook page or call Dan at (402) 525-8589 or Chris at (402) 450-1707.

JUNE 14

Library plans One Book discussion

One Book One Nebraska encourages Nebraskans across the state to discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or having a Nebraska theme or setting. James Kimble's "Prairie Forge: The Extraordinary Story of the Nebraska Scrap Metal Drive of World War II" is the 2021 title. The library will host a community discussion on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. with Kimble joining via Zoom. In July, Seward Memorial Library will also host a viewing of the video "Scrapppers: How the Heartland Won World War II" based on Kimble's book. A bonus to this year's One Book One Nebraska program is an in-person visit by the author during the annual Fourth of July celebration in Seward.

JUNE 15, 22, 29

Course offers help with resolution

Conflict and tension often arise in family farms and ranches. A new course, Dealing with Conflict Dynamics for Farm and Ranch Families, strives to provide Nebraskans with

tools to build a better culture. Participants will gain the skills and resources necessary to overcome the conflict that may be hampering their family and business relationships. The course will be taught by renowned farm family coach Elaine Froese and hosted by Nebraska Extension's Women in Agriculture Program.

The Conflict Dynamics Training is a three-part course that will be held virtually from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 15, 22 and 29, via Zoom. An internet connection is required, and participants should plan on attending all three sessions. The course fee is \$35 per participant and the class size is limited to 20 people. Registration closes June 11. Because of the sensitive nature of the course, it will not be recorded. Registration is open at <https://wia.unl.edu/conflict-dynamics>.

JUNE 17

Magician Keith West performs at SML

On Thursday, June 17, Seward Memorial Library will host the amazing magician Keith West. He and his assistant Miss Kitty will perform unexplainable tricks. How does he make objects and people move in the air? Come and watch the free one-hour show which begins at 1 p.m. in the lower level.

Extension offers suicide prevention training

Nebraska Extension will offer an online "Question, Persuade, Refer." suicide prevention training Thursday, June 17, at 2 p.m. via Zoom. The 90-minute training is free, but registration is required at <https://go.unl.edu/qpr21>. Class size is limited to 30 participants. The training helps people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to get help.

JUNE 26

Garden tour planned in Seward

Liberty House is sponsoring the third annual Seward County Garden Tour Saturday, June 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date is July 10. Tickets are available at Liberty House. The tour includes five local gardens and Inner Maker Labyrinth and Arts Village. Chapters Books and Gifts and Red Path Gallery will host an authors and artists showcase that day from 2 to 5 p.m. on the square, as well. More information is available on their websites.

JULY 7-11

Christmas comes to Olde Glory

Olde Glory Theatre will present "A Christmas Story" Wednesday through Sunday, July 7-11. Wednesday's show starts at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday are dinner theaters, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:15 p.m. Sunday is a matinee show and dessert at intermission. The show begins at 2 p.m. For tickets, call (402) 304-5392 or use the order form at OldeGlorySewardNE.com to request by mail. Purchase tickets in person at Olde Glory, Saturday June 12, from 10 a.m. to noon.

JULY 26-30

Red Riding Hood to take stage

The Missoula Children's Theatre will be back in Seward July 26 through 30 to present "Red Riding Hood." Students are needed with slots filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms are available at OldeGlorySewardNE.com. For more information, call (402) 304-5392.

THURSDAYS

Family history questions?

Society can help

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

TOPS meets weekly

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

AREA CHURCHES

Calvary Baptist Church

208 E. Bek Ave. • Seward • 402-643-3575

www.cbcseward.com

Pastor Timothy A. Ruegg

Sunday School (all ages)10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study7:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

1422 Kolterman Ave. • Seward • 402-643-5802

www.sewardchurchofchrist.com

Pastor: Dr. Mike Case

Sunday Worship9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible StudySmall groups

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1245 N. 2nd St. • Seward • 402-643-6116

www.faithseward.org

Pastor Miles Ruch Jr.

Service available on Facebook.

Sunday Worship9:15 a.m.
Sunday School10:15 a.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2668 Hwy 6 (1 mile west of Milford) • 402-761-3146

www.goodshepherd-milford.org

Pastor Steve Stork

Sunday Adult Bible Study9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible StudyThurs. 8:30 a.m.
Kids' Bible Classes, Pre-K through 6th grade (during school year)Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class (during school year)Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

746 Pinewood Ave. • Seward • 402-643-4131

www.graceseward.org

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

Sunday Bible Class8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Fellowship9:45 a.m.

Great Plains Community Church

1155 May St. • Goehner • 402-730-2594

Pastor Galen Skinner

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night, Adult Bible Studies,
Children and Teen Activities7:00 p.m.

Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

2433 Progressive Road • Seward • 402-643-2316

Senior Pastor Curt Coddington

Administrative Pastor Brant Taylor

Worship Pastor Kyle Soffin

Youth Pastor Zach Mulvihill

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday
Children and Teen Activities6:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS)

1042 May St. • Goehner • 816-308-7859

Pastor James Dahlke

Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Following Worship

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church

201 S. 11th St. • Seward • 402-641-3494

Pastor Timothy Daywitt

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Worship7:00 p.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church (LCMC)

1300 W. Hillcrest Drive • Seward • 402-643-6445

www.livingwordseward.org

Pastor Scott Krohn

Saturday Worship (1st & 3rd Sat.)5:30 p.m.
Relaxed Worship

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
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Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty, Lead Pastor

Rev. JoEllen Axthelm, Associate Pastor

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(in person and online)8:00 a.m.

Sunday Small Groups9:15 a.m.

Sunday Praise Worship

(in person and online)10:30 a.m.

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St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)

919 N. Columbia Ave. • Seward • 402-643-2983

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Deaconess Jeri Morrison

Saturday Worship5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Education Hour10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

200 Paris St. • Cordova • 402-576-3211

Pastor Brian Tuma

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

110 3rd St. • Utica • 402-532-2545

Msgr. Mark Huber

Sunday Mass9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Mass7:00 a.m.

Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1100 'D' St. • Utica • 402-534-2200

Pastor Jon Dunbar

Pastor of Visitation: Pastor Richard Gudel

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study10:15 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

152 Pinewood Ave. • Seward • 402-643-3421

www.stvincentseward.org / See our FB page

Msgr. Robert Tucker

Saturday Evening Mass5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Confessions 30 minutes before each Mass

The Rock (LCMS)

237 S. 3rd St. • Seward • 402-643-6624

therockseward.org • info@therockseward.org

Pastor Michael Meyer

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

370 Fourth St. • Garland • 402-588-2229

Zionlcm.com / revdaddobbb.com

Pastor David Dobbertien

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.

Obituaries

Luke J. Mohatt

July 9, 1977 – April 10, 2021

Luke Joseph Mohatt was born July 9, 1977, at Valley County Hospital in Ord, the son of Dick and Christine (Clouse) Mohatt and passed away in West Hollywood, California, on April 10, 2021.



Luke was raised in Olathe, Kansas, and Seward and graduated from Seward High School as a proud member of the class of 1996. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Rockhurst University - Kansas City with a degree in Industrial Relations, Political Science and Theater, and received his Masters of Science in Education from City College New York in 2013.

Luke was an active member of St. Vincent de Paul parish in Seward growing up, serving as both an altar boy and cantor. He was also active at Seward High School in musical theater, one acts, marching band, swing choir, Key Club, Winter Guard, the Blue Jay Buzz and other groups and activities.

Luke spent his adult years in New York City and California, eventually becoming an executive in the world of fashion marketing and media before receiving his MEd and becoming an EVP of one of the largest children's service organizations on the East Coast. After moving west, he continued his work in schools from the classroom to administration in Southern California. On the advice of the parent of one of his former students, John Zimmerman, Luke took the leap and set out to use his experience in marketing and education to contribute to the growth and lobbying efforts of growing the legal-Cannabis industry in partnership with John through his own LLC, "M Management." Luke was active in various PRIDE organizations and had recently started a podcast, serving as a host/co-creator.

Luke was preceded in his death by his uncle, Jerry Mohatt; uncle, Billy Mohatt; grandparents, Margaret (Mell) and Elmer Clouse; and grandparents, Vincent and Teresa (Remmes) Mohatt.

Survivors cherishing Luke's life include his partner, Josh Griffith, West Hollywood, California; parents Dick and Christine Mohatt, Stilwell, Kansas; brother and sister-in-law, Jon and Courtney Mohatt and nieces, Olivia and Chloe, Kalispell, Montana; and niece, Claire and husband David Hamilton, Phoenix, Arizona; brother and sister-in-law, Anthony and Jennifer Mohatt and nieces Madeline and Isabella, Sugar Grove, Illinois; brother-in-law and sister, Jason and Stephanie (Mohatt) Cole, and nephew David, Overland Park, Kansas; uncle and aunt, Dennis and Karen Mohatt, Dacono, Colorado; aunt Roberta Mohatt, Fairbanks, Alaska; aunt and uncle, Teri and Jon Everson, Manila, Iowa; aunt, Carrie Raymond, Manila, Iowa; many cousins and close friend, Jessica Kolterman, Seward.

Luke leaves a legacy of love and service to his family, friends and community.

A memorial mass will be at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, June 19, with Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. Luncheon is to follow at Bottle Rocket Brewery Social Hall. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Seward High School Theater Program. The family will participate in a small graveside service and interment in Stilwell, Kansas, later in June.

Margaret A. Asberry

Feb. 12, 1929 – May 30, 2021

Margaret Ann (Hoffman) Asberry was born Feb. 12, 1929, in Centreville, Illinois, to Glenn and Loretta (Vallowe) Hoffman and passed away May 30, 2021, in Seward, at the age of 92 years, 3 months and 18 days.



Margaret grew up in East St. Louis, Illinois, and attended school at St. Henry Catholic School. She was united in marriage to Louis Mifflin in 1946, and to this union, four children were born. Margaret was later divorced. She was a homemaker as well as a wonderful mother. Margaret worked at the Box Factory in St. Louis for several years. She later married Sylvan Asberry in 1962 in Rosemont, Illinois. The couple settled in Fairmont City, Illinois, then later moved to Seward in 1987 to be closer to family. Margaret was a member of Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church. She enjoyed shopping, decorating for every holiday, doing crossword puzzles and she loved receiving flowers. Margaret loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Loretta Hoffman; husband, Sylvan Asberry; son, Raymond Harr Mifflin; grandsons, Jon Mifflin and Jason Mifflin; brother, Richard Carl Hoffman; and sister, Dorothy Pierce.

Survivors cherishing her memory include her sons and daughters-in-law, Stan and Mary Mifflin, Sun City West, Arizona, Louis and Cathy Mifflin, Maryville, Illinois, and Bruce and Joyce Mifflin, Seward; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was June 4 with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Julie A. Tucker

Dec. 3, 1946 – May 26, 2021

Julie Ann Tucker of Staplehurst was born Dec. 3, 1946, to Laurence and Leona (Ringler) McGowen in Lincoln.



Julie grew up on a farm near Ulysses where she attended Country School District 16. Her family then moved to a farm near Staplehurst, where she attended grade school and later attended Seward High School, graduating in 1965. After high school, Julie moved to Lincoln, met and married William R. Bauer and from that union, two children were born, Lori and Kari. She worked at Weber Bulletin Service and Midwest Life until moving to Seward. Julie was united in marriage to Clay Tucker on April 15, 1989, and gained three stepchildren, Zack, Jake and Alyssa. She worked for the Seward County District Court for 30 years. Julie was a loud and fervent supporter of her kids' and grandchildren's various activities, loved traveling with friends and always arrived at social gatherings with a picnic basket in hand. After retirement, Julie enjoyed gardening, Monday nights in Garrison and Garland and traveling to South Padre, Texas, for two months every winter. Julie passed away peacefully on May 26, 2021, at her home in Staplehurst, at the age of 74 years, 5 months and 23 days.

She is survived by her daughters, Lori Henk, Corpus Christi, Texas, Kari (Scott) Hofpar, Staplehurst, and Alyssa (Mike) Martin, Lincoln; sons, Zack (Sarah) Tucker, Omaha, and Jake (Rachell) Tucker, San Antonio, Texas; sisters, Judy (Mark) Haley, Lincoln, and Jeanne (Butch) Hain, David City; brothers, Jim (Sue) McGowen, Schuyler, and Jon (Barbara) McGowen, Omaha; companion, Gary Navrkal, Bellwood; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Julie was preceded in death by her parents, Laurence and Leona McGowen; husband, Clay Tucker; and nephew, Jeff Hain.

A memorial service was June 4 with interment at a later date. Condolences may be left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

May 5 – 12

Eldon J. Diedrichs and Karen S. Diedrichs to Clayton H. McKay and Kayla L. Gadeken, Lot 13, Trabert Subdivision to Milford. DS \$348.75

Randy Roth and Vickie Roth to Brandon L. Roth and Ashley J. Roth, Lot 4, Corrected R and V Roth Addition in the W1/2 W1/2 of the SW1/4 SW1/4 2-9-3 in Milford. DS \$78.75

Paul J. Smith to Leanne M. Smith, Lot 4 and the E1/2 Lot 5, Block 3, Laune's Addition to Milford. DS exempt

Christopher M. Dishman to Scott A. Dinslage, NE1/4 NE1/4 2-11-4. DS \$258.75

WEB Development, LLC, to Underwood Construction Company, LLC, Lot 2, Block 1, Ridge Run Fourth Addition to Seward. DS \$180

Ashley S. Burns and Adam Reilly to Kolby Burch and Michelle Burch, Lot 2, Block 10, South Seward Addition to Seward. DS \$281.25

State of Nebraska Dept. of Transportation to the City of Seward, a tract of land in 28-11-3 and a tract of land in 29-11-3. DS exempt

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Traffic

Information taken from Seward County court records.

May 3 – 7

Diane L. Kaye, 62, Omaha, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Patrick S. Phelps, 32, Milford, following too close, \$50 fine.

Jebediah N. Brantley, 27, Seward, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Jeremy L. Tebben, 41, Corsica, South Dakota, speeding 1-5 mph interstate, \$10 fine.

Rontral K. Bluford, 39, Lincoln, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Jeffrey A. Graham, 38, Tobias, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Trista M. Hunt, 35, Seward, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Carissa K. Hackbart, 21, Seward, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Elpidio M. Perez, 57, Dorchester, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Mckenna A. Heim, 20, Omaha, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Shandi S. Harvey, 34, Lincoln, no license on person, \$25 fine.

Mohammed Yusof, 33, Aurora, Colorado, speeding 11-15 mph interstate, \$75 fine.

Madison G. West, 18, Lincoln,

no license on person, \$25 fine and speeding 21-35 mph municipal, \$200 fine.

May 10-14

Sharon K. Hartmann, 62, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

David M. Minchow, 24, Davey, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

May 17 – 21

Daniel E. Flink, 36, Milford, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Elijah T. Greene, 23, Gresham, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine; speeding 16-20 mph municipal, \$125 fine.

John J. Callahan, 37, Lincoln, careless driving, \$100 fine.

Kaleb I. Jordan, 24, Milford, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Courtney J. Graff, 21, Hollenberg, Kansas, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Karen K. Thacker, 62, Crete, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Marcella L. Delgado, 20, Utica, speeding 6-10 mph county/state, \$25 fine.

Marjinder Singh, 27, South Ozone Park, New York, driving on shoulder of highway, \$25 fine; using a hand-held mobile device CMV, first offense, \$200 fine.

Jeffrey D. Ritchison, 27, Council Bluffs, Iowa, speeding 6-10 mph interstate, \$25 fine.

Elizabeth L. Neukirch, 28, Lincoln, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Raymundo Ocegueda Orozco, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Meryria N. Wiedeman, 36, Lincoln, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Marilyn J. Vogt, 71, Seward, fail to yield right-of-way entering roadway, \$25 fine.

Shirley A. Knoell, 70, Crete, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Karissa A. Davis, 28, Omaha, speeding 6-10 mph interstate, \$25 fine.

May 24 – 28

James B. Schroll, 22, North Platte, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Cara M. Landon, 26, Seward, disobey traffic control device, \$25 fine.

Cheyenne N. Smith, 21, Alpine, California, speeding 16-20 mph municipal, \$125 fine.

Luis F. Navajes, 33, Lincoln, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine; speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Andrew D. Spike, 40, Lincoln, speeding 21-35 mph county/state, \$200 fine.

Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Department.

May 27

7:15 p.m.—A truck driver hit a stop sign in the area of South Second and Main streets and knocked it down before leaving the area.

May 29

6:50 p.m.—A caller in the 400 block of North 15th Street reported there was a tent in a playground area and they believed that kids were staying in the tent and smoking pot. An officer found no signs of drugs and reached the parents, who said the tent will be moved.

June 1

9:19 p.m.—An officer stopped to help a driver in the area of 280 Road and Izaak Walton Road. The driver reported he had a wasp in the vehicle and was valiantly attempting to dispel the creature from the premises, and was successful.

Summary of other calls:

911 misdial 2
Abuse/neglect adult 1
Abuse/neglect child 2
Accident-animal 1
Coroner call 1
Domestic assault 1
Extra patrol 1
Field contact 5
Fraud 3
Funeral escort 3
Miscellaneous 9
Non-injury accident 1
Parking violation 6
Property lost or found 2
Reckless driving 2
Security alarm 2
Terroristic threats 1
Traffic hazard/debris 1
Traffic stops 43
Trespassing 1
Welfare check 2

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Obituaries

Dolores Foster

March 27, 1933 – May 1, 2021

Dolores (Vampola) Foster was born March 27, 1933, on a farm near Seward to Joseph and Anna (Vodicka) Vampola and passed away May 1, 2021, in Sun City West, Arizona, at the age of 88 years, 1 month and 4 days.

Dolores was raised in Bee, where she attended grade school and graduated from Dwight Assumption High School with the Class of 1950. She worked at the family general store in Bee for several years, then at the National Board of Commerce in Lincoln. On May 26, 1962, she married Air Force Lt. Royal E. Foster Jr. and to this union, was born a son, Royal III. They lived in several states and the Philippines, traveling throughout the Far East. After Royal's retirement, they moved to Lincoln and then to Sun City West, Arizona.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Anna Vampola; husband, Royal Foster Jr.; sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Ray Policky; brother, Larry Vampola; brother and sister-in-law, Ernie and Beverly Vampola; and brother-in-law, James Madsen.

Dolores is survived by her son, Royal Foster III; daughter-in-law, Susan Foster; granddaughters, Michelle and Veronica who recently wed Jeremy Naeve, all of Colorado; sister, Evelyn Madsen of Arizona, and six nieces, one nephew and their families.

A memorial service is Saturday, June 12, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Bee with a graveside service and inurnment at the church cemetery. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

**Marilyn J. Nelson**

March 5, 1950 – May 29, 2021

Marilyn Jean Nelson, 71, of Cleburne, Texas, passed away Saturday, May 29, 2021, at her home.

She was born March 5, 1950, in North Platte to Allen and Leitha Scott. Marilyn grew up in North Platte and received her education at North Platte High School. She was united in marriage to Gary Nelson on July 12, 1969, at the Chapel of the Lake near Lexington. The couple lived in Kearney, Altus, Oklahoma, Comox, British Columbia, Canada, Lincoln, Lexington, Seward, Umatilla, Florida, and Cleburne.

Marilyn had numerous jobs, but was most proud of being the No. 1 Avon lady in her district for 15 years. She attained the highest club level in Avon, selling \$65,000 of product per year. She received many awards for her sales and made life-long friends of her customers. She was a member of The First Baptist Church in Umatilla. She enjoyed walking, traveling, making crafts, shopping and making jewelry. She was most proud of and loved spending time with her two sons and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Nelson, Jr., parents, two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Nelson; son, Richard Nelson; daughter-in-law, Rachele Nelson; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was June 2 in the Rosser Funeral Home Chapel in Cleburne with burial in Rosehill Cemetery.



Real estate

(Continued from 8A)

Aaron Johnson and Candy Johnson to Nancy Imig Smith Gerald L. Smith, Lots 3-4, Block 2, Best's Second Addition to Pleasant Dale. DS \$564.75

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May 13 – 19

Francis M. Cech to Francis M. Cech and Sheryl A. Racine-Smith, Lots 15-17, Block 11, village of Bee. DS exempt

Pamela Koss to Gerard M. Leif and Janet M. Leif, Lots 15-16, Block 6, Pioneer Townsite Company's Addition to Beaver Crossing. DS \$24.75

Daniel D. Scheer and Patsy L. Scheer to Jeffrey A. Scheer, Valerie D. Thompson and Laurie Scheer, Lots 1-8, Block 26, Lars Jorgensen's Addition to Staplehurst. DS exempt

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Jose Rangel, a tract of land in the NW1/4 NE1/4 28-11-3. DS \$96.75

Christopher R. Johnson and Shawna M. Johnson to Timothy Eickhoff, Lots 9-10, Block J, Davison and Culver's Addition to Milford. DS \$495

James M. Campbell and Natalie S. Campbell to James M. Campbell and Natalie S. Campbell, a tract of land in the NW1/4 21-10-2. DS exempt

Charles P. Keenan and Kathleen Keenan to Janelle Ulrich Lot 3, Block 2 in Skyline Second Addition to Milford. DS \$416.25

Farm Credit Leasing Services Corp. to the Wesley P. Eberspacher Trust and the Marilyn K. Eberspacher Trust, SW1/4 31-9-1. DS exempt

Brad Peetz and Monique Peetz to Jeremy S. Rangel and Elizabeth M. Rangel, a tract of land in the SE1/4 10-10-2. DS \$888.75

May 20 – 25

NOTXAS2, LLC, to Chris C. Eckles and Megan Eckles, Lot 1 of Herring Replat, a replat of the W1/2 SE1/4, 24-12-2. DS \$202.50

Max T. Wake to Columbia Avenue, LLC, an undivided one-half interest in Lot 1, Block 11, Seward. DS exempt

Ryan Ulrich and Deborah Ul-

rich to David Ulrich and Michelle Ulrich, south 10 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lots 6-7, Block 10, Goehner. DS \$371.25

Ned Burkholder and Lucinda Burkholder to Samuel Dierberger and Karissa Dierberger, Lot 8, Block 1, Crestview Addition to Milford. DS \$540

Kalvin Lankford to Steven Lankford, Lots 11-12, Block 19, Utica. DS exempt

Steven Kremer and Wanda Kremer to Thaddeus J. Kremer and Darla R. Kremer, a tract of land in the SE1/4 18-9-4. DS \$45

Sharon W. Rigby to Collin Friesen and Heather Friesen, all of Lot 2 and the east half of Lot 3, Keller Subdivision, Seward. \$425.25

Joseph K. Lovitt and Allisa L. Lovitt to Cody J. Burkhardt and Haley N. Burkhardt, the south 100 feet of Lots 7-8 and the south 100 feet of the west 47 feet of Lot 9, Block 2, Milford. DS \$614.25

Mitch Springer and Tasha Springer to Joseph Lovitt and Allisa Lovitt, Springer Acres, in the W1/2 E1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 33-10-3. DS \$1,460.25

Randy Detweiler to Seward County, a tract of land in the NE1/4 11-9-1. DS exempt

Robert A. Schneider to Seward County, a tract of land in the NE1/4 11-9-1. DS exempt

Carol L. Loseke and Kendal Loseke, Brian C. Thompson and Jayne TenHulzen to Abby Scheele, W1/2 SW1/4 8-9-2. DS \$877.50

MPR Properties, LLC, to Brent M. Tempel, west 73 feet of Lot 1 and the west 73 feet of Lot 2, except the S 18 feet and four inches of Lot 2, Block 1, W.W. Cole's Addition to Seward. DS \$393.75

Carlos E. Velasco to Dana Aegerter, Lot 2, Yeackley Estates in the W1/2 NW1/4 3-9-3. DS \$528.75

May 26 – June 2

Virgil Timblin and Mary Timblin to Fredrick P. Kraye and Judy F. Kraye, Lots 3-4, Block 2, original town of Bee. DS \$56.25

Joe Schluckebier and Trisha Schluckebier and Jason Schluckebier and Kristy Schluckebier to Joe W. Schluckebier, Lot 9, Block 3, Cannon Addition to Seward. DS \$130.50

Kristin S. Mach to Greg D. Mach, E1/2 NE1/4 29-9-4. DS exempt

Pristine Rentals, LLC, to Javier Ortiz Herrera and Yesenia Ortiz, Lot 5, Block 2, Valley View Estates Third Addition, Seward. DS \$546.75

Victor O. Sigala Gonzalez and Aracely Dominguez Veleta to Tamara Gorshenina and Audrey Piglitsin, Lot 8 and all of Lot 9 except the south 10 feet thereof in Block 16, original town of Seward. DS \$382.50

Lee K. Luebbe and Diane R. Luebbe to SLJ Properties, LLC, W1/2 Lot 3 and all of Lots 4-6 in Block 55 of Harris Moffitt and Roberts Addition to Seward and the W1/2 Lot 2 and the E1/2 Lot 3 in Block 55 of Harris Moffitt and Roberts Addition to Seward, DS \$900

Eva Jo Klein to Banks Construction, a tract of land in the SW1/4 NE1/4 2-9-1. DS \$108

Nicholas B. Weimer and Laura A. Hinze to Nicholas B. Weimer and Laura A. Hinze, Lots 1-2, Block 33, Wright's Second Addition to Utica. DS exempt

Gale D. Gruber and Carol A. Gruber to Natalie Demuth, S1/2 NW1/4 24-11-4. DS exempt

Rodney R. Schweitzer and Jana K. Schweitzer and Rance Schweitzer and Asha Schweitzer to Ethan K. Ripa, Lot 2, Schweitzer First Subdivision in the S1/2 NW1/4 1-9-6. DS \$335.25

Dennis D. Christjaener to Stephen Gruber, N1/2 SW1/4 24-11-4. DS \$742.50

LaVerna A. Wiese to Joseph I. Urbanek and Barbara E. Urbanek, Lot 17, RMS Second Addition to Seward. DS \$470.25

Eagle Meadows, LLC to David L. Daake and Betty J. Daake, a tract of land in the S1/2 2-10-1. DS exempt

David L. Daake and Betty J. Daake to Alex J. Daake, a tract of land in the S1/2 2-10-1. DS exempt

Sylvia N. Daake to Alex J. Daake, a tract of land in the S1/2 2-10-1. DS \$4.50

Underwood Construction Company, LLC, to Kelly Kumm and Sarah Kumm, Lot 10, Block 2, Fairway Woods Addition to Seward. DS \$848.25

Doug Davis and Marie Davis to Skyla Henning and Isaac Hegwood, Lot 5 and the N five feet of Lot 7, Block 3, Hughes Addition to Seward. DS \$270

Marriage licenses

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Carter Cuba, Seward, and Michael Byers, Seward
Ripley Creamer, Seward, and Christopher Nelson, Seward

MaKayla Roth, Milford, and Aaron Zach, Bellevue

Clare Wilton, Gresham, and Jacob Bierbaum, Seward

Abigail Jeppesen, Pleasant Dale, and Brennan DeForest, West Jordan, Utah

Mercedes Prochaska, Utica, and Dylan Scheele, Utica

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Get irrigation scheduling equipment installed soon

By Jenny Rees
Seward/York counties Extension educator

We're grateful for the nice weather last week for post-emergence spraying.

As crops continue to rapidly grow, a reminder for proper growth staging using the leaf collar method. A collar develops at the leaf base near the stalk after each leaf fully expands. Think about collars like the collar on a button-down shirt. The collar flares slightly at one's neck, just as a true exposed leaf collar flares at the base of the leaf at the stem.

Start counting leaves at the base of the plant with the smallest rounded-tip leaf with a collar as #1. From there, count every leaf with a true collar. Leaves that are still wrapped in the whorl around the main stem without exposed leaf collars are not counted.

You can also paint a certain leaf of the plant, such as V5 or V6, inside the field (not endrows), so you can continue to count leaf collars as the lower leaves start to slough off.

It may also be helpful to get irrigation scheduling equipment installed soon. For those with watermark sensors, we'd recommend to soak the sensors in water for 24 hours and then read them to make sure they're under 10 kilopascals. Then allow them to dry out to 199.

Before installing, soak again (but only needs to be like five minutes), and they should still read less than 10 kpa before installing. Last year, I made a video regarding installation if it can help (<https://youtu.be/4r5gn2pvvB4>). For those looking for telemetry options, there are options available for watermark sensors too. One option from Servi-Tech is called the Pro-filer through their STEPS program.

Another option is from Irrometer who makes watermark sensors. For those who use ET gauges, remember to use distilled water when filling the main column, prime

the small tube with the stopper and ensure there's no air bubbles and remember to fill the ceramic top with water before adding the stopper.

With Dr. Suat Irmak's departure from UNL to Penn State, the ET gauge site has been decommissioned. ET information can also be found at UNL's CropWatch website at: https://cropwatch.unl.edu/et_resources.

Weed Management Field Day

Growers, crop consultants and educators are encouraged to attend Nebraska Extension's Weed Management Field Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 23, at the South Central Agricultural Laboratory near Clay Center. The field day will include on-site demonstrations of new technology and new herbicides for corn, soybean, sorghum and sweet corn.

An early morning tour will focus on weed management in soybean and sorghum, followed by a tour of weed management in field corn and sweet corn. Field experiments will provide information for weed control options with various herbicide programs.

Three Certified Crop Advisor Continuing Education Units are available in the integrated pest management category. There is no cost to attend the field day, but participants are

asked to preregister at <http://agronomy.unl.edu/fieldday>. The South Central Agricultural Laboratory is five miles west of the intersection of Highways 14 and 6, or 13 miles east of Hastings on Highway 6. GPS coordinates for the field day site are 40.57539, -98.13776.

Bagworms

I have received a few questions regarding if bagworms have emerged yet. The very cold winter hopefully may have impacted bagworm survival since they weren't as insulated on trees. I haven't checked trees yet, but here's a trick to help know.

If you have last year's bags on your trees that are sealed (don't have an open hole at the top), you can pick off some bags, place them in a ziplock bag and place it outdoors on the south side of your house. When/if you see larvae emerge, it's a good indication to start checking your trees in the next few weeks.

The larvae are really small and hard to see. Stand still and watch the tree. If bagworm larvae are present, you will see very tiny movements as they begin the process of building new bags.

I have pictures and a video at: <https://jenreesources.com/2015/06/27/bagworms-in-evergreens/>. For more info., see: <https://go.unl.edu/rqju>.

Seward school officials pleased with farm to school bill

by Keaton Burgess
reporter@sewardindependent.com

On May 20 of this year, the Farm to School bill reposed by Sen. Tom Brandt passed by a unanimous vote of 48-0.

The bill will partner with public agencies and nonprofits on a public campaign to set up a network that links farmers and schools. These farmers will be able to supply fresh fruits, vegetables, and meat to schools that want them.

It can also provide schools with hands on learning experiences such as farm visits, cooking demonstrations, school gardening, and compost programs.

Dr. Josh Fields, superintendent of Seward Public Schools, thinks the new bill is a good idea and is excited to see what it can bring.

"I think that the bill is a good idea, and I think it has a good intent," said Fields. "It's all about when we can utilize this local, fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats."

Although Seward schools will be using the new Farm

to School program to their advantage, Fields talked about how tricky it becomes due to the numbers the school has.

"We're going to look at what works best for us," Fields said. "It's a little more difficult for us being a larger school district who has a lot of students to feed. We serve usually around 1,100 to 1,200 lunches a day, and that becomes tough to do."

Fields was also very excited about the learning opportunities that this bill will bring to the students of Seward.

"I think this bill does provide some really great support," Fields said. "There's a lot of pieces of the bill that we are already doing, but it's good to expose students to different things."

"It's also good that we can do new things with our FFA and agriculture programs like the community garden or even the composting. Some of those pieces would be interesting things for us to explore more than what we currently have."

Fields said the bill will not only benefit Seward Public

Schools, but how it will also benefit the town of Seward.

"Expanding our partnerships is a big thing," Fields said. "With the town of Seward being such a strong farming community, this bill allows us to open up and expand and enhance partnerships with the farmers and the agriculture community in the Seward area."

Although the Farm to School provide access to more fresh and local foods, Fields said that the current lunch program at Seward Public Schools will not likely be affected.

"Time will tell on that," Fields said. "One of the biggest pieces of the bill is to buy local when possible, but with the numbers we have, it makes it difficult to buy local all the time."

Overall, Fields is excited about the bill and the learning opportunities that it will bring for kids.

"I think that the educational part is going to be a great asset to our students and that it will bring a lot of great hands on learning activities," Fields said.

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What to consider when leasing land for solar power use

Renewable energy has increased significantly in recent years and the number of wind farms and the size of wind turbines are a visual reminder of renewable development.

Due to higher development cost, solar electric systems, also called solar photovoltaic (PV), have lagged in commercial electric development.

In recent years, the dramatic price decline of solar PV has led to greater interest in utility-scale solar development.

For instance, consider a 5-Megawatt system similar to the one constructed West of Lincoln North of I-80. Based on solar cost benchmarks published by the National Renewable Energy Lab, a 5-Megawatt system constructed in 2010 would have cost \$27.6 million, compared to \$5.65 million to construct the same size project in 2018.

Combine this with the 26% federal tax credit and the economics of utility-scale solar are sufficient for major development interest across the nation.

Utility-scale solar farms are constructed on open ground generally near access to the electric transmission grid.

Other considerations for siting solar farms may be the solar resource, proximity to electricity demand, other local incentives,



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Many considerations must be made before leasing land for solar use. Some topics to keep in mind include how it will impact the land, property taxes and government programs available for assistance.

and regional value of electricity. Access to land is an early step in utility-scale solar development.

Farmers and landowners in Nebraska are being approached to lease land for solar development and these landowners are facing important long-term decisions about the future of their land.

When considering a solar leasing contract many factors should be considered. According to the Farmland Owner's Guide to Solar Leasing published by the National Agricultural Law Center, these considerations are:

- Length of the commitment
- Who has legal interests in the land?

- Impacts on the farm and land
- Family matters
- Property taxes
- Government programs
- Liability and insurance
- Neighbor and community relations

Utility solar farmland leases are long term contracts and need to be reviewed by a qualified attorney.

In Nebraska, these leases can be as many as 40 years and longer if extended. For many landowners, this long-term contract may extend into the next

generation and should be discussed with the family.

Landowners at times feel pressured to sign contracts and this can be stressful.

Take the time to review and negotiate these contracts and always know that saying "no" is an option.

Solar leases can be attractive to landowners as they can offer long term income and profitability on the leased land.

A study in Michigan of landowners with wind farm leases showed farmers with

leases invested more in their farms than farmers without leases. This suggests the lease income may influence farm stability and longevity.

Solar farms like wind farms add to county tax income through a nameplate capacity tax and property tax.

Utility-scale solar farms are unlike wind farms in some ways. For example, wind turbines may take only 1-2 acres out of production per turbine because farmers can farm around the base of the turbine and turbine access road.

In comparison, a 1,000-acre solar farm will take all 1,000 acres out of production.

Solar farms are low to the ground and have less impact on the skyline. Generally, solar farms will be fenced with vegetation growing amongst the solar

panels.

Vegetation could be perennial pollinators, grass, or weeds. Common management is periodic mowing to ensure plants do not disrupt solar operation and production.

Landowners approached about solar leases should seek advice from an attorney and take time to thoroughly consider the contract and its implications to their farmland.

Review of the Farmland Owner's Guide to Solar Leasing published by the National Agricultural Law Center will help frame the issues and considerations for solar leases.

For additional questions about solar leasing, see the Utility Scale Solar section on CropWach, or contact F. John Hay, Extension Educator at (402)-472-0408 or jhay2@unl.edu.

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Siecks welcome 100-year Pioneer Farm designation

by Greg Forbes
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JoAnn Sieck's family farm near Pleasant Dale carries 100 years of stories.

Some of those stories were made by people JoAnn never met, especially her grandfather, John Klintworth, who acquired the land in June of 1921.

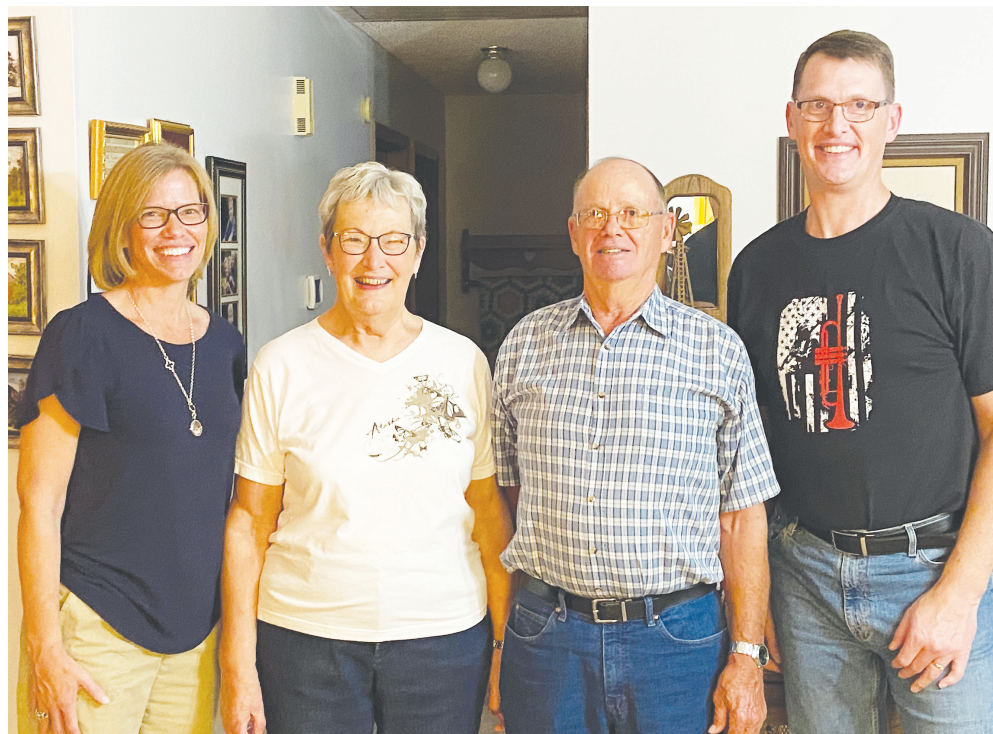
"I don't know how to explain it," she said. "I never knew my grandfather because he died before I was born, but it's kind of like a connection to him."

That connection comes full circle this year, as the Klintworth farm will be honored as a Pioneer Farm.

The Pioneer Farm distinction honors farms that have been in operation under the same family for 100 years - a mark JoAnn's family farm hit in June of this year.

John Klintworth purchased the farm from the Kullman family in June of 1921. John died in 1936 and JoAnn's father, Dietrich, purchased the farm from his siblings following the death of their mother in 1957.

When Dietrich passed away in 1977, he left the farm for his wife, Louise, JoAnn and her two sisters. JoAnn and her husband, Tom, began farming the land in the 70s and formally



The Sieck family of Peggy Bohrer, JoAnn and Tom Sieck and Jeff Sieck, from left, will celebrate the family farm's designation as a Pioneer Farm this year.

purchased the farm in 1994 following Louise's death.

The early days of the farm under Klintworth operation saw it produce alfalfa, prairie hay, corn, oats and wheat as well as chickens, cows and pigs.

"It was all farmed with horses and mules," JoAnn said.

When the Siecks began farming it in the 1970s, they mainly used tractors to work the land and also added soybeans and milo to the list of crops.

Now just corn and soybeans grow on the property.

The Siecks said they recall two major changes the farm underwent during its history. The first was in the 1960s when the Klintworths parted with 11 acres of land on the plot to allow for construction of Interstate 80.

"It was a big deal when that came through and my dad was in favor of it," JoAnn said. "He would look out on Highway 6 and say, 'There's got to be some place for all those trucks to go.' He was very in favor of doing that."

The next big change, Tom said, was the

installation of terraces in the 1970s to aid in soil conservation.

The Siecks now rent the land out to an area farmer who works the land, but to get to that

"For my parents, it was a lot of hard work, it was a lot of physical labor and financially, they didn't have a lot."

– JoAnn Sieck

point took adjustments, hard work and perseverance.

"For my parents, it was a lot of hard work, it was a lot of physical labor and financially, they didn't have a lot," JoAnn said.

Tom and JoAnn continued the legacy of hard work, pushing through difficulties and crises that affected farmers around the world.

"For us, we had harder times in the high interest rates in the 1980s...and there were some instances where we were paying 18 or 19 percent interest," she said. "That was hard

but we were fortunate that I was able to work (at Jones Bank) and we worked with our families. We were very blessed that that things just worked out."

Without the hard work and determination, the Pioneer distinction would not have been possible, JoAnn said. To achieve that mark is an accomplishment for her whole family and everyone who worked and lived on the farm.

"It means a lot to me that we can walk where my grandpa and my dad walked, to have lived where they lived...it just means a lot," she said.



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Seward seniors win first

by Stephanie Croston
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The Seward Legion seniors baseball team found its way to the win column last week, defeating Schuyler 11-3 June 3.

The game didn't start out well, Coach Ben Kuefner said.

"Schuyler was hitting it in places we couldn't get to," he said.

Seward came back with a three-run second inning to take a 4-2 lead. Kuefner said the team was earning walks, which was nice to see.

Isaac Spotanski pitched all five innings, striking out 10 Schuyler batters.

"He throws a lot of strikes and gets guys out," Kuefner said.

Malachi Lyon and Hunter Novacek had two hits each for Seward, with Novacek hitting a double and driving in two, and Lyon driving in three.

The week started June 1 with a 10-1 home loss to Ashland. The score was 3-1 going into the seventh inning.

"We let it slip away late," Kuefner said. "That seems to be a recurring thing."

Novacek got the start on the mound and struck out 11 in 6 1/3 innings. He had to leave the game because he'd reached the pitch limit.

Spotanski was 2-3 at the plate for Seward.

On June 6, Seward came up short against Lincoln Christian 8-0.

Andrew Marshall had the team's two hits, both singles. Novacek got the start on the mound again and threw well, Kuefner said.

Seward entered the bottom of the sixth trailing 4-0 and committed some uncharacteristic errors to allow four more runs and end the game via the run rule.

"We are a good team, but we have to play clean," Kuefner said.

He was pleased with how catcher Cameron Olson has done to open the season. Not only does he do a good job behind the plate, the coach



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI
Malachi Lyon of the Seward Legion seniors waits for a pop fly against Ashland June 1.

said, his hitting is starting to come around.

Seward (1-6) was scheduled to travel to Nebraska City June 8 and host Malcolm Wednesday, June 9, at 8 p.m.

5 Points Bank 8, Seward 0 (May 28)

SEW	000	000	0	
SPB	011	132	8	
SEW	ab	r	h	
Lyon, Malachi	3	0	0	
Tonniges, Zac	2	0	0	
Quakenbush, Peyton	2	0	0	
Novacek, Hunter	2	0	1	
Brown, Zach	2	0	0	
Spotanski, Isaac	2	0	0	
Olson, Cameron	2	0	1	
Gray, Jakob	2	0	0	
Marshall, Andrew	2	0	0	
Totals	19	0	2	
SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Quakenbush (L)	5.1	8(4)	6	3
Lyon	0.1	0	0	1

WP—Quakenbush 4. Hit batters—Lyon 2.

Grand Island 12, Seward 0 (May 29)

SEW	000	00	0	
GI	403	5x	12	
SEW	ab	r	h	
Lyon	1	0	0	
Tonniges	2	0	0	
Novacek	2	0	1	
Brown	2	0	0	
Olson	2	0	0	
Spotanski	2	0	1	
Rhodes, Jacob	2	0	0	
Gray	2	0	0	
Marshall	2	0	1	
Totals	16	0	3	
SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Lyon (L)	2.2	7(5)	6	3
Rhodes	1.0	5(4)	2	1
Spotanski	0.1	0	0	0

WP—Lyon 2, Rhodes 2. Hit batters—Lyon, Rhodes.

Cheyenne 6, Seward 1 (May 29)

CHY	111	030	0	6
SEW	000	000	1	1
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi
Lyon	3	0	0	0
Tonniges	3	0	1	0
Novacek	3	0	1	0
Brown	3	0	0	0
Olson	3	1	1	0
Spotanski	3	0	0	0
Gray	3	0	0	0
Flyr, Matthew	3	0	0	0
Marshall	1	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	3	0

SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Spotanski (L)	7.0	6(4)	2	1

WP—Spotanski.

Ashland 10, Seward 1 (June 1)

ASH	100	200	7	10
SEW	000	001	0	1
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi
Lyon	4	0	1	0
Spotanski	3	1	2	0
Novacek	3	0	1	1
Vandenberg, Tayden	3	0	1	0
Brown	3	0	0	0
Olson	2	0	0	0
Fields, Christian	2	0	1	0
Flyr	1	0	0	0
Gray	2	0	0	0
Duncan, Cash	1	0	0	0
Marshall	3	0	2	0
Totals	27	1	8	1

2B—Spotanski, HBP—Rhodes, SB—Lyon.

SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Novacek (L)	6.1	5(5)	3	11
Vandenberg	0.1	4(0)	3	0
Marshall	0.1	1(0)	0	0

WP—Vandenberg 2. Hit batters—Novacek 2, Marshall.

Seward 11, Schuyler 3 (June 3)

SCH	201	00	3
SEW	131	51	11
SEW	ab	r	h
Lyon	2	2	3
Spotanski	3	1	1
Novacek	4	1	2
Vandenberg	2	0	0
Brown	2	1	0
Rhodes	0	0	1
Fields	3	0	0
Gray	3	2	1
Flyr	2	2	1
Marshall	2	2	1
Totals	23	11	8

2B—Novacek, HBP—Lyon, Rhodes, SB—Lyon 2, Brown.

LCS 8, Seward 0 (June 6)

SEW	000	000	0	
LCS	000	044	8	
SEW	ab	r	rbi	
Marshall	3	0	0	
Spotanski	3	0	0	
Meyer, Colton	2	0	0	
Novacek	2	0	0	
Brown	2	0	0	
Quakenbush, Peyton	2	0	0	
Olson	1	0	0	
Gray	2	0	0	
Fields	2	0	0	
Totals	19	0	0	
SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Novacek (L)	5.0	4(3)	1	4
Quakenbush	0.2	4(1)	1	1

WP—Novacek, Quakenbush.

Beel part of Shrine Bowl



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI
Nick Beel (57), a graduate of Milford High, was a member of the South team at the annual Shrine Bowl June 5. The North edged the South this year 10-3. Read more about Beel's experiences in next week's Independent.

Juniors add victory

by Stephanie Croston
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The Seward Legion juniors baseball team split its games last week, beating Ashland 11-4 June 1 but falling to Lincoln Christian 9-7 June 6.

Coach Ben Kuefner was pleased with how the team played against Ashland. Seward finished with 10 hits, including a 3-3 game by Carter Ernesti, who doubled and drove in four runs. Conner Matzke and Cole Luebbe had two hits each.

Matzke was also the winning pitcher, throwing all six innings and striking out five.

"I'm excited for them," Kuefner said. "We can hit well. Our pitching will be OK.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI
Seward third baseman Braiden Herring watches the ball fly into his glove against Ashland June 1.

We just need to throw strikes."

Sunday's loss to Lincoln Christian was a back-and-forth battle. LC took the lead for good with four runs in the bottom of the third

and added two more in the fourth and fifth.

Seward cut into the lead with two runs of its own in the fifth and sixth but couldn't completely dig out of the (continued on 6B)

Annual baseball skills contest planned at Plum Creek Park

The Seward Optimist Club will host a free Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run Competition for area youth.

Pitch Hit & Run is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. This grassroots program is designed to provide

boys and girls with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills. No home run derby is planned for this year.

Four age divisions for baseball and four age

divisions for softball with age determined as of July 12, 2021. They are: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14. Officials will enter scores online, and participants will be notified by email if they qualified for Team Championships, and then Finals during the

World Series.

The Seward event will be Monday, July 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Plum Creek Sports Complex. The deadline to preregister is Wednesday, July 8, at 10 p.m. Go to www.sewardoptimistclub.org for more information.

Rain date is Monday, July 19.

Parents/guardians should be ready and able to show proof of participant age (copy/picture of birth certificate, etc.). Everyone who enters receives a Diary Queen certificate. For questions con-

tact, Seward Optimist chairmen: Bob and Lana Urban via email at famofurbs@gmail.com or by phone at home (402) 643-3964 (leave message) or via cell phone (402) 641-3099 and leave a text message.

Dogs see 2021 season end at World Series

The most thrilling season in Concordia University Baseball history has reached a conclusion. On day two of the 2021 Avista NAIA World Series, the 10th-seeded Bulldogs were eliminated from the tournament in a 10-0 loss at the hands of event host and third-seeded Lewis-Clark State College May 29.

The World Series veteran Warriors rattled off nine runs over the game's first three innings while making it a long afternoon for the crew from Nebraska. Concordia had also dropped a 4-2 decision to seventh-seeded Indiana University Southeast on Friday.

Head Coach Ryan Duplic guided the program to its first-ever trip to the NAIA World Series as part of a season that included GPAC regular season and postseason championships. The



Bulldogs ended the campaign with a 42-12 overall record.

"We knew coming in that getting them out was going to be a challenge," Duplic said of the matchup with Lewis-Clark State. "We had to be at our best. Early on in that ballgame, I didn't think we were bad. We walked a couple guys and made a couple errors. When you're playing some of the best teams in the country, your margin for error is small. We got off to

a rough start with a few of those plays – mis-executing a pitch or not making a play."

A victory on Saturday would have kept the season alive until at least Memorial Day, but the rough start made for a daunting challenge. In highlighting Lewis-Clark State outbursts in the second (five runs) and third innings (three runs), Aidan Nagle delivered a bases clearing triple in the second and Brock Ephan recorded a two-run single in the third. By the time Trent Wood entered the game and settled things down from a pitching perspective, it was too late.

Offensively, Concordia struggled to string things together on both Friday and Saturday. The potent Bulldog lineup was held in check by Warrior hurler Trent Sellers, who fired eight

shutout innings and notched seven strikeouts while making 117 pitches. The scoring threats were few and far between for the Bulldogs, who were limited to one extra base hit (Carlos Benavides double) among their five total hits.

Wood was a bright spot on this particular day. He allowed just one run on two hits and two walks over his five innings in relief. Concordia used six different pitchers, including starter Alex Johnson (1.1 IP). The Bulldogs committed four errors in the field, although none of those miscues led to unearned runs.

World Series debut
In a historic day for the Concordia University baseball program, the Bulldogs came up on the short end of a (continued on 2B)

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(continued from 1B) 4-2 decision at the Avista NAIA World Series May 28. It marked Concor- dia's first-ever appear- ance at the World Series, which is hosted at Har- ris Field in Lewiston, Idaho. The 10th-seeded Bulldogs were not sharp enough while up against seventh-seeded Indiana University Southeast.

“We weren’t at our best today,” Duplic said. “It was really a grind. We just could not get into the flow of the game. We struggled hav- ing quick innings and getting into a flow on the mound. We walked more people than we normally do and made a couple de- fensive mistakes. I give us credit for hanging in there and staying in the game. We’re playing really good teams here so you have to give them credit too. We couldn’t get rolling today.”

Despite Concordia pitchers issuing six walks, in addition to a pair of errors, the outcome was in doubt until the very last pitch. Jacob Frankel managed to strike out Bulldog No. 3 hitter Joey Gra- banski with a runner on second for the final out of the contest. Concor- dia (42-11) outhit the Grenadiers, 8-5, but was limited to only one extra base hit.

Like the first game of the opening round, Duplic gave Nick Little the nod as the starting pitcher. Little worked 2.1 shutout innings before ace Jake Fosgett was called upon out of the bullpen, just as planned. Fosgett (9-1) wound up being tagged with his first loss of 2021. He fired 3.2 innings, allowing one earned run on two hits and four walks (five strikeouts). AJ Cotton, Shane Whittaker and Nathan Buckallew also worked out of the ‘pen.

As the World Series fades into the past, mem- bers of the 2021 Con- cordia team will likely remember the exhila- rating moments much more than the results of the past two days. In the spring of ‘21, the Bul- dogs experienced a pair of celebratory champion- ship dogpiles, won more games than any team in program history, obliterated a wealth of school records and lived out a dream in making it to Lewiston. There is a new standard for what is possible for Concordia Baseball.

“People talk about going to the World Series but until you’re actually able to break through and do it, it’s still just a conversation,” Duplic said. “It certainly raises the bar for our program and helps people under- stand what we’re capable of at a place like Concor- dia. I’m just very grate- ful that we were able to do it.

“We all know how much fun this season was and what a huge step forward it was for the program. This is the best season that we’ve ever had. I’m proud of everyone – it was a real- ly fun year.”

Sharks back in pool for summer season

After missing last season because of covid and adding more than 30 first-year swimmers, the Seward Sharks swim team opened its season June 6 in Fairbury.

“We had an amazing first meet of the season,” Coach Corey Gray said. “We have some things we can work on in practice this week, and we are only going to keep getting better.”

The Sharks are sched- uled to swim in Crete Saturday, June 12.



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Seward Sharks swim team members show their spirit with festive art at the first swim meet of the 2021 season, June 6 in Fairbury.

Fairbury Invitational Girls 8-and-under
50 free—Jordyn Kozisek, first, 38.18; Clara McLaughlin, 1:16.0, sixth
25 back—Alayna Brozovsky, 30.7, second; Lexi Roth, 40.89, fourth
25 breast—A. Brozovsky, 33.29, first; J. Kozisek, 45.14, third
25 free—A. Brozovsky, 27.61, fourth; Myra Ellis, 37.62, fifth; J. Kozisek, 32.59, eighth; C. McLaughlin, 37.03, 10th; Lexi Roth, 47.62, 15th
100 free relay—
Girls 9 and 10
50 free—Adelyn Luebke, 38.75, second; Sophia Ellis, 51.44, fifth; Aubree Solano, 51.71, sixth; Lena Weber, 55.17, seventh; Addy Roth, 1:01.03, eighth; Olivia Clark, 1:03.36, 10th
50 fly—A. Solano, 1:11.87, first; A. Roth, 1:20.86, second
50 back—A. Luebke, 50.49, second; Carlee Erwin, 56.77, third; A. Solano, 59.68, fifth; L. Weber, 1:01.23, sixth; S. Ellis, 1:03.03, seventh; A. Roth, 1:04.53, ninth; O. Clark, 1:20.51, 12th
50 breast—A. Luebke, 58.01, second; C. Erwin, 1:04.72, third
100 free—C. Erwin, 2:06.16, first
Girls 11-12
50 free—Aeva Corbin, 34.89, first; Annabelle Gray, 36.17, fifth; Kennedy Domy, 36.53, sixth; Lainey Abell, 38.04, eighth; Kalveen Hendrix, 38.18, ninth; Ryane Cowan, 38.27, 10th; Chloe Brozovsky, 44.3, 18th
50 fly—K. Domy, 44.27, third; La. Abell, 51.88, fourth
50 back—Olivia Brozovsky, 45.1, second; Sophia Erwin, 46.52, third; K. Hendrix, 49.78, eighth; Chloe Brozovsky, 55.6, 10th; R. Cowan, 56.32, 11th; L. Abell, 1:14.64, 16th
50 breast—An. Gray, 46.74, first; S. Erwin, 56.27, ninth; O. Brozovsky, 57.66, 10th; C. Brozovsky, 1:03.7, 13th; A. Corbin, 1:04.2, 14th
100 free—A. Corbin, 1:24.51, first; R. Cowan, 1:30.94, second; S. Erwin, 1:33.2, third; O. Bro-

zovsky, 1:37.49, fourth; K. Hendrix, 1:37.53, fifth
200 IM—K. Domy, 1:39.66, fourth; An. Gray, 1:42.8, fifth

Girls 13-14
50 free—Rilyn Luebke, 31.99, third; Addy Heaston, 32.83, fifth; Kyla Novak, 33.2, sixth; Mad- dison Stokes, 33.98, seventh; Sophie Matthias, 35.09, 10th; Kaytee Hostert, 35.89, 11th; Kaleigh Penas, 36.58, 13th; Annaeese Beermann, 37.07, 14th; Calley Abell, 37.41, 15th; Jordyn Harms, 39.23, 18th; Alexis Davis, 42.61, 21st
100 fly—M. Stokes, 1:43.15, first
100 back—Lexey Abell, 1:35.58, first
100 breast—Audrey Gray, 1:25.3, first; K. Novak, 1:30.64, second; A. Heaston, 1:31.56, fourth; R. Luebke, 1:34.77, fifth; K. Penas, 1:41.42, sixth; K. Hostert, 1:48.85, seventh; J. Harms, 1:54.75, ninth; S. Matthias, 1:55.62, 10th; C. Abell, 1:56.56, 11th; A. Davis, 1:59.4, 12th; Le. Abell, 2:04.2, 13th
100 free—Au. Gray, 1:11.69, second; K. Novak, 1:16.32, fourth; K. Hostert, 1:18.16, fifth; M. Stokes, 1:18.59, sixth; Le. Abell, 1:23.58, seventh; A. Beermann, 1:28.61, 11th; S. Matthias, 1:30.4, 13th; C. Abell, 1:31.52, 14th; K. Penas, 1:31.98, 15th; A. Davis, 1:44.91, 17th
200 IM—Au. Gray, 3:13.6, second; A. Heaston, 3:17.83, third
Girls 15 and up
50 free—Katelynd Stokes, 33.98, third; Taylor Hostert, 38.69, seventh; Jaina Johnson, 42.93, ninth
100 breast—K. Stokes, 1:40.36, second; T. Hostert, 1:42.55, third
100 free—K. Stokes, 1:20.643, third; T. Hostert, 1:33.58, sixth; J. Johnson, 1:42.85, eighth

Boys 8 and under
50 free—Charles Wake, 1:13.53, second; Liam Clark, 1:37.4, fifth
25 back—L. Clark, 38.07, second; Miles Erwin, 1:05.84, sixth
25 breast—M. Erwin, 48.72, first
25 free—C. Wake, 33.67, seventh; L. Clark, 34.3, eighth; Jase Blum, 36.34, ninth; M. Erwin, 38.23, 11th

Boys 11-12
50 free—Collin McCoy, 36.38, fourth; Ran- dall Pardike, 39.55, fifth; Dillon Kozisek, 52.4, 13th
50 back—C. McCoy, 43.82, second
50 breast—C. McCoy, 53.08, second; D. Kozisek, 57.11, fourth; R. Pardike, 1:00.42, fifth
100 free—R. Pardike, 1:37.01, first
Boys 13-14
50 free—Torlan Ibarra, 38.71, fifth; Lucian Gunn, 41.03, sixth; Daniel Backhus, 46.68, eighth
200 medley relay—
100 breast—D. Backhus, 51.51, first; T. Ibarra, 1:47.64, fourth; L. Gunn, 2:13.93, fifth
100 free—L. Gunn, 1:38.15, third; T. Ibarra, 1:41.27, fourth
200 IM—D. Backhus, 4:14.36, second
200 free relay—
Boys 15 and up
50 free—Riley Pearson, 34.94, third
100 free—R. Pearson, 1:34.3, second

Mixed
9-10 200-meter medley relay—Seward, 3:44.84, first (Carlee Erwin, A. Luebke)
11-12 200-meter medley relay—Seward

A, 3:00.61, second (R. Cowan, A. Corbin); Seward B, 3:15.28, third (D. Kozisek, L. Abell, K. Hendrix); Seward C, 3:33.56, ninth (O. Brozovsky, R. Pardike, C. Brozovsky)

13-14 200-meter medley relay—Seward D, 2:31.87, first (A. Gray, A. Heaston, R. Luebke, K. Novak); Seward B, 2:45.09, second (L. Abell, K. Penas, M. Stokes, S. Matthias); Seward A, 3:00.27, fourth (L. Gunn, T. Ibarra, C. McCoy, D. Backhus); Seward C, 3:09.15, sixth (C. Abell, K. Hostert, A. Beermann, A. Davis)

15 and older 200-meter medley relay—Seward A, 3:08.48, third (K. Stokes, T. Hostert, R. Pearson)

8 and under 100-meter free relay—Seward B, 2:20.01, second (M. Ellis, L. Clark); Seward A, 2:28.11, fourth (C. Wake, C. McLaughlin, M. Erwin, J. Blum)

9-10 200-meter free relay—Seward A, 3:23.67, first (A. Luebke, A. Solano); Seward B, 4:11.4, fourth (O. Clark, A. Roth)

11-12 200-meter free relay—Seward A, 2:26.85, first (K. Domy, R. Cowan); Seward B, 2:47.92, fifth (R. Pardike, S. Erwin, D. Kozisek); Seward C, 2:50.96, sixth (O. Brozovsky, L. Abell)

13-14 200-meter free relay—Seward A, 2:11.78, second (Au. Gray, A. Heaston, K. Novak, R. Luebke); Seward B, 2:21.37, third (A. Beerman, M. Stokes, K. Hostert, S. Matthias); Seward C, 2:39.58, sixth (J. Harms, Le. Abell, K. Penas, A. Davis); Seward D, 2:49.26, seventh (T. Ibarra, C. Abell, D. Backhus, L. Gunn)

15 and older 200-meter free relay—Seward A, 2:36.63, fourth (T. Hostert, R. Pierson, J. Johnson)

Area athletes picked for all-star teams

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

Area basketball and volleyball players were named to all-star games by both Southeast Community College and Striv.

The Striv all-star basketball games will be Saturday, June 12, starting at 5 p.m. at Grand Island Central Catholic. Kate Hirschfeld

of Centennial was picked for the girls’ game, and Cooper Gierhan of Centennial was selected for the boys’ game.

The SCC all-star volleyball game will be Friday, June 11, at SCC-Beatrice. Hannah Kepler of Milford, Jaci Opfer of Centennial and Abbey Ringler and Anna Hughes of Seward were named to the west team.

The basketball games will be Saturday, June 12, starting at 6 p.m. The west girls’ squad includes Kepler and Abby Houk from Milford and Daylee Dey and Asia Nisly of Centennial. Jake Polk of CHS is the head coach.

The west boys’ team includes Carson Tvrdy of Seward and Isaac Yeackley of Milford.

Area track leaders

Seward • Milford • Centennial • Malcolm

Girls

100-meter dash
1) Savannah Horne, Centennial, 12.73
2) Sydney Stelling, Milford, 12.89
3) Eden Schutz, Seward, 13.08

200-meter dash
1) Ava Krahulik, Seward, 26.69
2) Sydney Stelling, Milford, 27.46
3) Lexus Prochaska, Centennial, 27.66

400-meter dash
1) Caitlyn Adams, Milford, 1:01.74
2) Kate Hirschfeld, Centennial, 1:04.94
3) Molly Prochaska, Centennial, 1:05.17

800-meter run
1) Caitlyn Adams, Milford, 2:27.53
2) Samantha Hughes, Seward, 2:33.04
3) Karnie Gottschalk, Seward, 2:34.11

1,600-meter run
1) Haylie Sloup, Seward, 5:39.17
2) Keegan Beisel, Seward, 5:41.95
3) Daylee Dey, Centennial, 5:42.7

3,200-meter run
1) Keegan Beisel, Seward, 12:14.97
2) Abbie McGuire, Milford, 12:19.33
3) Tande Masco, Seward, 12:40.49

100-meter hurdles
1) Drew Kratochvil, Seward, 16.65
2) Mavis Hansen, Milford, 17.4
3) Kiley Elkins, Malcolm, 17.8

300-meter hurdles
1) Libby Kratochvil, Seward, 51.3
2) Kiley Elkins, Malcolm, 51.52
3) Hannah Schiltz, Milford, 52.23

4x100-meter relay
1) Seward 51.43
2) Centennial 53.04
3) Malcolm 53.34
4) Milford 53.501

4x400-meter relay
1) Seward 4:17.42
2) Malcolm 4:29.08
3) Centennial 4:29.26
4) Milford 4:47.24

4x800-meter relay
1) Centennial 10:13.03
2) Seward 10:19.7
3) Milford 10:30.64
4) Malcolm 10:46.18

Shot put
1) Mariah Richards, Milford, 38-0
2) Kailey Ziegler, Centennial, 37-1.25
3) Desirae Hibbert, Seward, 36-5.75

Discus
1) Maddie Viger, Seward, 127-10
2) Camille Stauffer, Milford, 119-3
3) Cora Schweitzer, Centennial, 114-0

High jump
1) Sarah Spahr, Milford, 5-4
2) Brooke Meyer, Seward, 5-3
2) Abbey Ringler, Seward, 5-3

Pole vault
1) Samara Ruether, Centennial, 8-10
2) Hannah Helmer, Seward, 8-6
2) Gracen Fehlhafer, Centennial, 8-6

Long jump
1) Abbey Ringler, Seward, 16-8.5
2) Jillian Bailey, Centennial, 16-2.25
3) Grace Schleising, Malcolm, 15-8.75

Triple jump
1) Kate Hirschfeld, Centennial, 34-3.75
2) Alanea Babb, Malcolm, 33-3.25
3) Morgan Heywood, Malcolm, 32-6.5
final list of 2021

Boys

100-meter dash
1) Katon Thomas, Malcolm, 11.11
2) Ayden Shook, Milford, 11.25
3) Antonio Sims, Malcolm, 11.49

200-meter dash
1) Boone Duncan, Seward, 22.31
2) Ayden Shook, Milford, 23.03
3) Colby Sizemore, Malcolm, 23.15

400-meter dash
1) Reid Schanou, Seward, 50.7
2) Boone Duncan, Seward, 54.13
3) Easton Else, Seward, 54.64

800-meter run
1) Maddox Baack, Milford, 2:08.22
2) Colin Standifer, Seward, 2:08.61
3) Kameron Dyer, Seward, 2:12.39

1,600-meter run
1) Nathan Nottingham, Seward, 4:46.77
2) Carter Roth, Milford, 4:48.3
3) Ty Brockhaus, Malcolm, 5:48.32

3,200-meter run
1) Nathan Nottingham, Seward, 10:11.53
2) Ryan Payne, Centennial, 10:31.73
3) John Boesen, Malcolm, 10:42.74

110-meter hurdles
1) Collin Piening, Milford, 15.33
2) Will Saunders, Centennial, 15.61
3) Logan Petersen, Malcolm, 16.25

300-meter hurdles
1) Collin Piening, Milford, 41.76
2) Will Saunders, Centennial, 42.91
3) Jake Bargaen, Centennial, 43.94

4x100-meter relay
1) Malcolm 44.47
2) Seward 45.59
3) Milford 46.11
4) Centennial 47.26

4x400-meter relay
1) Seward 3:29.35
2) Malcolm 3:43.01
3) Centennial 3:52.18
4) Milford 3:57.84

4x800-meter relay
1) Seward 8:43.28
2) Malcolm 8:46.04
3) Milford 9:01.51

Shot put
1) Trey Dickey, Seward, 52-2
2) Vlad Rybak, Malcolm, 48-3.5
3) Nathan Pence, Seward, 46-0.5

Discus
1) Trey Dickey, Seward, 170-4
2) Carson Fehlhafer, Centennial, 167-8
3) Nick Beel, Milford, 136-4

High jump
1) Jake Bargaen, Centennial, 6-2
2) Drew Johnson, Malcolm 5-10
2) Ayden Shook, Milford, 5-10

Pole vault
1) Kalen Knott, Seward, 14-6
2) Cooper Gierhan, Centennial, 13-0
3) Sam Tomes, Centennial, 12-6

Long jump
1) Boone Duncan, Seward, 21-11
2) Rayshun Foreman, Centennial, 20-1
3) Austin Earnest, Malcolm, 20-0.75

Triple jump
1) Boone Duncan, Seward, 43-7.5
2) Austin Earnest, Malcolm, 41-8
3) Lucas Christensen, Malcolm, 40-10

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPERTY SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Re: #2 - Deed of Trust filed for record on September 25, 2018, at Instrument No. 201802216
Chad J. Wythers
Wythers Law Office
P.O. Box 98
Seward, Nebraska 68434
Phone 402-643-3639
You are hereby notified that the following-described property will be sold by Chad J. Wythers, Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder at the North side of the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward St., in the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, on Friday, July 16, 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.

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
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(402) 643-3639
SCI — June 09, 16, 23, 30, July 07, 2021
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MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Seward County Extension Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 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. SCI — June 09, 2021
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The board of education of the School District of Seward will meet in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting which shall be kept continually current is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours. To view the agenda go to <http://SewardPublicSchools.org/> and find the eMeeting link. SCI — June 09, 2021
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Seward County Ag. Society
Monday, June 21, 2021
7 p.m.
Conference Room-Harvest Hall
Seward County Fairgrounds
Michael J. Flyr
Secretary
Seward Co. Ag. Society
SCI/MT — June 09, 16, 2021
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MINUTES

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

CLAIMS ALLOWED JULY 6, 2021
The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on June 1, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zbrocki County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Officials gave updates of their offices. Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, gave an update of the organization. Approved minutes of May 25, 2021. Commissioners gave reports of their activities. Approved Cattle Bank and First Bank of Utica to pledge securities. Approved annual agreement with Region V for Emergency Protective Services. Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, gave an update on investments of the American Rescue Act Funds. Constituent, Dale Nieman, asked the Board previously about signing a support letter to TransCanada for pipeline placement change. The item will be on next week's agenda. Marci Fehlhafer, CASA Director, gave an update of Southeast CASA and request funding for the 21-22 Fiscal Year. Appointed Jeremy Steele to the Seward County Planning Commission. Alyssa Hendrix asked the Commissioners to wait on her request to complete a study of the vacation of roads and streets in the subdivision. Adopted the agenda for June 8, 2021, and adjourned at 9:56 a.m. Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk SCI/MT — June 09, 2021 ZNEZ

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 May 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Councilmembers present: Ellen Beck, Alyssa Hendrix, Jessica Kolterman, Karl Miller, Chris Schmit, John Singleton, Jonathan Wilken. Councilmembers absent: Sid Kamprath. Following items were approved: Minutes May 4, 2021; Claims; Treas Reprt; Codes Reprt; Police Reprt; Add Ian Finkbiener, Thomas Barnett to Seward Vol FF Roster; Infrastructure Cost Items Reimb to City; Rev of 2019 One & Six YR Plan; Flag Disp at City Burn Site; City Admin Rprt; Adj. Altec Industries Inc, To, Re, 592.20; Almquist Maltzahn Galloway, Audit FYE 9-30-2020, 30,500.00; Amazon.Com Credit Service, Su, Re, Bu, Donat, 1,605.68; American Water Works Asso, Mbrshp, 403.00; Arps, Ci, 10,761.63; Baker & Taylor, Mat, 2,502.78; Baldinger Charlotte, Mbrshp, 20.16; Bern'S Body Shop, Re, 2,754.43; Bizco Technologies, Se, Eq, 5,846.74; Black Hills Energy, Ut, 814.63; Blue To Gold Law Enforce, Mbrshp, Trn, Mi, 318.00; Blue Valley Pest Control, Bu, 80.00; Bockmann Inc, Se, 2,135.00; Border States Industries, Un, 498.39; Bridgestone Golf, Su, Misc, 405.36; Callaway Golf, Su, Misc, 539.20; Carroll Construction Supp, Ci, 948.89; Center Point Large Print, Su, 168.00; Ceresco Youth Recreation, 10U SB Tourney Fee, 200.00; City Seward Electric Fund, Ut, 29,647.92; City Seward Library Petty, Su, 70.04; City Seward Merchant Serv, Se, Su, Misc, 2,787.95; City Seward Payroll Accou, Payroll, 153,863.47; City Seward Perpetual Fd, Cem Fees, 750.00; Commercial Trf Services, Misc, 1,375.00; Constellation Newenergy, Ut, 870.64; Creative Prod Sourcing, Su, 1,100.26; Danko Emergency Equipment, Eq, 222.30; Denton Baseball, 8U SB Tourney Fee, 200.00; Dorcey Patrick, Releaf Tree Program, 150.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Su, 56.97; Ehrlich Roy D, Reimb, 22.89; Electronic Contracting Co, Se, 81.00; Emergency Medical Product, Ms, 574.89; Exchange Bank, Misc, 3,300.00; Farmers Coop Seward, Oi, Gu, Re, 3,407.56; Fast Mart, Oi, 91.52; Fastenal Company, Su, 263.04; Fernau Dakota, Ms, 98.00; First Wireless Inc, Eq, 5,125.00; Fry-Tek, Eq, Re, 1,337.81; Galls Lic, Un, 79.99; Geidel Amanda /

Jeremy, BB Ump, 60.00; General Excavating, Ci, 50,077.00; Gerhold Concrete Co Inc, Ci, 2,553.00; H & S Plumbing Heating & Re, Bu, 406.34; H W Wilson Company, Su, 390.50; Hach Company, Su, 99.70; Hobson Automotive & Tire, Oi, Gu, Re, 386.32; Holmes Nick, Youth Soccer Camp Instr, 400.00; Husker Electric Supply Co, Su, Un, Su, Gu, 1,209.12; Hydraulic Equipment Servi, Re, Bu, 1,523.37; J E O Consulting Group, Se, 1,360.30; Jackson Services Inc, Su, Un, 53.50; Janicek Gary M, Misc, 59.98; Jensen Audra, Misc, 1,152.24; K & Z Distributing, Su, 266.50; Konica Minolta Business, Su, 24.25; Last Mile Network Consult, Se, 90.00; Leadership Resources, Se, 870.65; Liermann'S Service, Re, 39.95; Lincoln Winwater Works, Gu, 440.00; M C 2 Inc, Re, Bu, 869.35; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Su, 139.73; Memorial Health-Drug, Se, Misc, 170.00; Menards North, Gu, Bu, 177.22; Mid-American Benefits Inc, Ins, 72.62; Midwest Auto Parts, Oi, Su, Re, 364.59; Midwest Laboratories Inc, Se, 1,694.08; Midwest Turf & Irrigation, Re, 510.94; Nebraska Municipal Power, Se Maint Agmt, 400.00; Nebraska Rural Water Assoc, Mbrsp, Trn, Mi, 150.00; Nebraska Treasurer, Misc, 67.10; Nelson Vicki, Misc, 70.00; Niemann'S Port-A-Pot LLC, Re, Gu, 399.36; Norris Public Power Distr, Ut, 838.85; One Call Concepts Inc, Un, Su, 151.91; One Source Background, Misc, 19.00; O'Reilly Automotive Inc, Re, Oi, 163.23; Orscheln Farm & Home, Eq, Gu, Su, Bu, Re, Un, 3,272.17; Pac 'N' Save Discount, Un, Gu, 2,350.85; Paper Tiger Shredding, Se, 30.00; Plunkett'S Pest Control, Bu, 61.61; Quality Brands of Lincoln, Su, 927.20; Quill Corp, Su, 174.74; Reams Sprinkler Supply, Gu, 993.32; Rose Equipment Inc, Re, 1,079.03; Sargent Drilling Inc, Gu, 581.50; Seward County Independent, Fees, Misc, 1,348.47; Seward County Treasurer, E911 Comm Cntr, 19,217.17; Seward Lumber & Home Cent, Gu, Su, Misc, Ci, 1,087.85; Seward Public Schools, Fines, Fees, 870.00; Seward Wind LLC, Ut, 42,583.91; Short Elliott Hendrickson, Se, 1,183.91; Skarshaug Testing Laborat, Su, 818.46; Southeast Comm-Lincoln, Trn, 6,546.00; Spickelmeier & Son Inc, Su, 617.50; Sports Express, Su, Un, 927.75; St Louis Auto Body, Re, 492.61; State Distributing Co, Misc, 197.45; T Elevator Corp, Se, 188.01; Totes To Go, Se, 360.00; U S Postal Service, Su, 4,500.00; Vaba, 10U Bsb Tourney Fee, 250.00; Van Kirk Bros Contracting, Ci, 188,987.89; Verizon Wireless, Se, 263.38; Village of Roca, 12U SB Tourney Fee, 200.00 Visa - Pinnacle Bank: 743.71 Bluesiem Network, Se, 115.00; Casey's, Staff Mtg, 40.63; Liz'S Sweet Stuff, Staff Mtg, 33.00; MDC, Su, 183.59; Sam'S Club, Su, Donat, 177.44; Walmart, Staff Mtg, Su, Bu, 178.02; Zoom, Se, 16.03 Wesco Distribution Inc, Inv, Su, 1,396.62; White William, Ci, 5,000.00; Windstream Nebraska Inc, Se, 1,878.92; Woods & Aitken LLP, Se, 152.50; York Equipment, Re, 310.63 CLAIMS TOTAL: \$623,884.20 Julie Moody Deputy Clerk SCI — June 09, 2021 ZNEZ

PROPERTY SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, in an action therein indexed as Case CI20-111, wherein, Adair Asset Management, LLC., Plaintiff, and Randall J. Micek, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Trustee on be-half of the certificate holders of Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2004-NC3, Beneficiary, Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC3, Recontrust Company, Successor Trustee, Village of Utica, John Doe, and Mary Doe, and all other persons/entities Unknown claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein, are Defendants, I will at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, July 1st, 2021, in the main lobby of the Seward Justice Center (261 S. 8th St.), Seward, Ne. sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:
Lots 5 and 6, Block 38 in Wright's Third Addition to the Village of Utica, Seward County, NE.
To satisfy said Judgment of the Plaintiff, plus all accruing costs of this action.
TERMS OF SALE:
Announcements day of sale or prior take precedence over printed material. Full bid amount to be paid immediately after said sale. Confirmation of real estate sale will be heard approx. 15 to 30 days after sale date by the District Court. Sheriff Deed to be awarded upon said confirmation. Bidder (s) are responsible for all research of property. For information, call Seward County Attorney for the Plaintiff at 402-643-2795 or the Seward County Sheriff Civil Division at 402-643-2359. Dated this 28th day of May 2021. Michael G. Vance Seward County Sheriff
By:
Capt. David D. Wood Deputy Jordan M. Legband Civil Process Deputy Sheriff SCI — June 09, 16, 23, 30, 2021 ZNEZ

BIDS

INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Seward County Ag. Society will receive sealed bids until June 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bids recorded for furnishing the labor, materials, and performing all necessary work for the project entitled "Ag. Pavilion Audio-Visual Upgrades and Improvements." The envelopes containing bids shall be marked as follows:
Proposal For:
Ag. Pavilion Audio-Visual Upgrades and Improvements Seward, Nebraska.
Bids must be submitted before: June 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m., which bids will be opened at the Harvest Hall Conference Room during the Seward County Ag. Society meeting.
Bids submitted prior to the meeting shall be submitted to:
Mike Flyr
203 S. 6th Street
Seward, NE
Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the following location:
Mike Flyr
203 S. 6th Street
Seward, NE
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk, Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, for one (1) Heavy Equipment Trailer. Sealed bids will be received by the Seward County Clerk until 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Said sealed bids to be addressed to "Seward County Clerk, 529 Seward Street, Seward, Nebraska, 68434," and plainly marked "HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAILER". Specifications and quantities are available at the office of the Seward County Highway Superintendent, 320 S. 14th St., Seward, Nebraska, 68434. A bid bond or cashier check of 5% of the total bid shall be furnished with the sealed bid.
The Seward County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any technicalities. Seward County is a tax-exempt government entity and is not charged any sales tax. All trade-in equipment is taken "as is".
Published by order of the Seward Bros Contracting, Ci, 188,987.89; Verizon Wireless, Se, 263.38; Village of Roca, 12U SB Tourney Fee, 200.00
Highway Superintendent
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ESTATES

NOTICE
ESTATE OF GRACE V. ACKERMAN, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR 21-39
Notice is hereby given that on June 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 Ann M. Miller, whose address is 2326 Holdrege Road, Milford, NE 68405, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 9, 2021, or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
County Court Clerk
Donald H. Bowman #10391
Attorney for Applicant
1045 Lincoln Mall, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402)476-8005
dbowman@bowmanandkrieger.com
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MUREEN E. BANGERT, Deceased.
Case No. PR21-28
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that on April 7, 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 PHILIP A. BANGERT, whose address is 1542 Plainview Ave., Seward, NE 68434, 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 July 26, 2021, or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
MICHAEL G. MULLALLY, #17373
MICHAEL G. MULLALLY, P.C., L.L.O.
510 Seward Street
P.O. Box 411
Seward, Nebraska 68434
(402) 643-4581
Attorney for Personal Representative
SCI — May 26, June 02, 09, 2021 ZNEZ

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF CAROL M. KRALIK, DECEASED
Estate No. PR21-34
Notice is hereby given that on May 14, 2021, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Staci J. Lewis, whose address is 1870 266th, Seward, NE 68434, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before July 26, 2021, or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
Seward County Court
261 S. 8th Street
Seward, NE 68434
Timothy L. Moll (#20451)
Rembolt Lutdke LLP
1128 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 475-5100
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GENERAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
To Brandon Williams and Stevojhonay Gordon or any other person who has an interest in the drug related currency of \$33,180. Said currency is subject to forfeiture proceedings at CI21-74 in the Seward County District Court at 261 S. 8th St., Seward, NE 68434, 402-643-4895. You have 30 days from the last day of publication to answer to the Petition for Disposition of Seized Property. Failure to answer will result in said currency being forfeited and loss of all your interest and rights in said property. Any questions, contact Seward County Attorney's Office at 402-643-2795.
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PUBLIC NOTICE:
Industrial Tower West, LLC. proposes to construct a 202-foot lattice telecommunications tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 371st Road, Goehner, Seward County, Nebraska 68364. (lat/long 40 deg 50 min 0.83 sec N, 97 deg 13 min 29.42 sec W). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1194847.
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.
HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS - Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Terracon Consultants, Inc.
Jessica Engelbart
15080 A Circle
Omaha, NE 68144
402-330-2202
jessica.engelbart@terracon.com
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HEARINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is given that the Seward County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 29th, 2021, 10:00 a.m., at the Seward County Court House, 529 Seward Street, Seward, Nebraska, regarding the following:
To Adopt all the 2018 revised addition(s) of the Nebraska International Building Code(s) IBC, in adherence to the Nebraska State Law of requirements and regulations.
A copy of the full text of all proposed amendments is available at the Seward County Zoning Office and the Seward County Clerk's Office. The public's comments and concerns are welcome at the time of the public hearing.
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Zoning Administrator
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ORGANIZATIONS

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF BLESSED PRAIRIE, L.L.C.
Notice is hereby given that Blessed Prairie, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, was organized on May 17, 2021, under the laws of the state of Nebraska. Its registered agent is Gary L. Petersen at 1740 154th Road, Garland, NE 68360, and its principal place of business and designated office is at 1740 154th, Garland, NE 68360. The general nature of the business to be transacted by the company shall be to do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance under the laws of Nebraska, and the duration of the company shall be perpetual from the date the Certificate of Organization is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska. The affairs of the company shall be conducted by its Members/Managers.
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

of **JM SOUKUP FAMILY FARMS, LLC**
Notice is hereby given that JM Soukup Family Farms, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The address of its designated office is 1015 S. Columbia Ave., Seward, NE 68434. The name and address of the initial registered agent is Kristy Peterson, 1015 S. Columbia Ave., Seward, NE 68434. JM Soukup Family Farms, LLC, commenced business on May 27, 2021, and the general nature of its business is to engage in any lawful business not prohibited by the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.
By:
Gregory C. Damman, #19030
BLEVENS & DAMMAN
129 N. 5th St.
P.O. Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
(402) 643-3639
Attorney for
JM Soukup Family Farms, LLC
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STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

As a matter of policy, Concordia University admits students of any age, race, color, gender, and national and ethnic origin. Admitted students enjoy the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally offered to all Concordia students. Further, Concordia University does not discriminate according to age, race, color, gender, and national and ethnic origin in administering admissions and educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. The university does not discriminate against handicapped persons regarding student admission or worker employment, and provides university activities and programs to all who qualify.
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Petri Retirement Farm Auction

Saturday, June 19, 2021 • 9:30 a.m.
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Auctioneer's Note: Mark is retiring from his farming operation and will be offering a clean line of well-maintained equipment.
There are not many small items, so please be on time!!!
Total sale time will be approximately 2 hours.
**** Please note the internet bidding available at equipmentfacts.com on major machinery items will be starting at 10:00 a.m. ****
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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 GRANT HARTMAN PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC. The address of the designated office is 1652 392nd Road, Seward, NE 68434. The registered agent and address for service upon the company is Grant J. Hartman, 1652 392nd Road, Seward, NE 68434. The company shall engage in any lawful business and act for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.
MICHAEL G. MULLALLY
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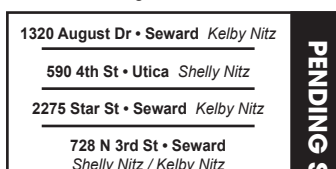
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Crete-Milford seniors win second

by Stephanie Croston
scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Crete Legion Post 147 seniors picked up their second win of the summer season during last week's action.

Crete joins with baseball players from Milford for the season.

CM notched a 10-3 win over Fairbury June 2. The team pounded seven hits in the win, led by Tadd TeBrink's 2-3 game. TeBrink hit both a double and a home run and drove in two.

CM added doubles from Mason Crumbliss, Madaux DeLong, Lucas Lenhoff, Ethan Wittstruck and Ethan Zegers.

Crumbliss pitched all seven innings for CM and struck out seven.

Crete-Milford finished

the week June 5 with a 6-1 loss to Wilber. Wilber pitching held CM to just one hit, a single by Braden Schmeckpeper.

Schmeckpeper also took the loss on the mound, pitching six innings and striking out nine.

CM lost to DJ's Dug-out of Plattsmouth 5-1 May 28, beat Concordia 3-0 May 29 and lost to Auburn 6-4 May 30, all in the Plattsmouth Tournament. Crete-Milford fell to Nebraska City 10-1 June 1.

Coming up next for the Crete-Milford seniors (2-8) are a home game against Waverly June 8, a home game against Southern/Diller-Odell Wednesday, June 9, and the Thom Stallard Tournament starting Friday, June 11. CM is scheduled to



Crete's Braden Schmeckpeper delivers a pitch against Wilber during their senior legion game June 5 in Crete.

play Fairbury Friday at 8:30 p.m., Malcolm Saturday, June 12, at 6

p.m. and York Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Sunday game times

will be determined based on tournament results.

Seward

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hole. Kyle Peery led the offense with two hits, and Carl Taylor drove in two runs.

"I thought this was a team we could compete with," Kuefner said. "These guys do a good job fighting and clawing back."

Seward (2-5) was scheduled to travel to Nebraska City June 8, host Malcolm Wednesday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. and play in a tournament Saturday, June 12, at Springfield.

Seward 8, York 7 (May 29)					
SEW	001	026	0	8	
YORK	520	000	0	7	
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi	
Kocian, Breken	3	2	2	1	
Luebbe, Cole	4	0	0	0	
Herring, Braiden	5	2	2	2	
Ernesti, Carter	4	1	1	1	
Taylor, Carl	4	0	3	1	
Nagel, Collin	3	0	1	1	
Read, Dylan	4	0	0	0	
Lindau, Kohityn	4	0	2	0	
Peery, Kyle	4	2	1	0	
Totals	35	8	12	6	

HBP—Kocian 2, Ernesti, Luebbe. SB—Taylor, Luebbe, Peery.

SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Herring	2.0	7(7)	4	3
Kocian (W)	5.0	0	1	5

WP—Herring. Hit batters—Herring.

York 7, Seward 6 (May 29)					
SEW	002	010	3	6	
YORK	322	000	x	7	
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi	
Kocian	1	1	0	1	
Luebbe	3	2	0	0	
Taylor	3	0	1	0	
Ernesti	3	0	1	0	
Nagel	1	1	1	0	
Peery	4	1	2	0	
Read	3	1	1	1	
Hurley, Dustin	3	0	0	0	
Bartels, Cade	3	0	0	1	
Totals	24	6	6	4	

2B—Taylor. HBP—Kocian, Luebbe. SB—Ernesti, Peery.

SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Nagel (L)	3.0	7(1)	1	4
Ernesti	3.0	0	1	2

WP—Nagel. Hit batters—Ernesti 2.

Seward 11, Ashland 4 (June 1)					
ASH	301	000	4	11	
SEW	013	610	x	11	
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi	
Peery	3	1	0	0	
Kocian	3	2	1	0	
Herring	1	2	0	0	
Read	1	0	0	0	
Taylor	2	2	1	1	
Bartels	1	0	0	0	
Ernesti	3	2	3	4	
Hurley	1	0	1	1	
Matzke, Conner	4	1	2	1	
Nagel	4	0	0	1	
Lindau	3	0	0	1	
Luebbe	3	1	2	1	
Totals	29	11	10	10	

2B—Ernesti.

SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Matzke (W)	6.0	4(3)	2	5

LCS 9, Seward 7 (June 6)					
SEW	012	022	7	9	
LCS	014	22x	h	rbi	
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi	
Peery	4	1	2	1	
Kocian	2	2	0	0	
Ernesti	4	0	1	1	
Taylor	3	1	1	2	
Matzke	3	0	1	0	
Luebbe	1	0	0	1	
Nagel	3	0	0	0	
Lindau	3	1	1	0	
Read	2	2	0	0	
Totals	25	7	6	5	

2B—Matzke. HBP—Luebbe, Kocian. SB—Taylor.

SEW	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Ernesti	2.2	5(2)	6	1
Nagel (L)	2.1	4(2)	3	2

WP—Ernesti 3. Hit batters—Nagel.

Malcolm experiments in early season games

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

As a first-year head coach for the Malcolm Legion baseball program, Brandon Rieschick is looking at things with a long-term perspective. Sure, winning games early in the season is nice, but the games at the end are the ones that matter the most.

That perspective means Rieschick is

changing up his lineups and giving a lot of players opportunities as he knows it will take more than just nine players to get through the postseason.

"You can't win districts with just three pitchers," Rieschick said. "We'll have some nights we'll take our lumps but, hopefully, we'll be better for it in the end."

The Malcolm seniors went 2-2 on the week as they split a June 3

doubleheader against Lincoln Lutheran after losing to Syracuse earlier in the week and outlasting Valparaiso in a 2-0 pitchers' duel.

The first three innings were scoreless in game one against Lincoln Lutheran as Brennan Tarzian of Lutheran and Malcolm's Gavan Dunse kept hitters off balance. Dunse stranded five baserunners over the first three frames while Tarzian allowed

just one Malcolm hit.

Malcolm got on the board in the top of the fourth after Maclain Beach reached on an error and advanced to second on a wild pitch. After Dunse bunted Beach to third, Jacob Clark drove him home with a single to left.

Malcolm failed to record any more base hits after the fourth inning but were able to take advantage of some errors and wild pitches to add to their lead in the 5-2 win.

In the nightcap, Lutheran had an 11-5 lead after four innings. By that point in the game, Malcolm had committed seven errors which made for some long innings for the Malcolm pitching staff.

Lutheran held on for a 16-7 mercy rule win in six innings.

Errors became an issue again on June 1

in Malcolm's 14-3 loss at Syracuse. Four fielding miscues accounted for eight unearned runs.

Griffin Goering held Malcolm to just four hits while striking out eight.

Dunse and Colin Bouc faced off on May 28 at Valparaiso in what turned into a 2-0 win for Malcolm. Bouc went the distance for Valparaiso as he threw just 67 pitches over the seven innings.

Dunse struck out four while allowing just two hits in five innings of work. Connor Zegar took the mound in the sixth and struck out six batters in two innings while allowing just one hit.

The Malcolm juniors went 3-1 on the week with a pair of wins in a June 6 doubleheader at Tri County, a loss at Syracuse and 4-2 win at Valparaiso.

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Noah Gonyea of Malcolm gets under the pitch during a Legion juniors doubleheader at Tri County June 6.

Team opens season strong



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Utica 12u baseball team are, from left: (first row) Chase Robinson, Cooper Stelling, Ruger Webb and Parker Perry; (second row) Terin Donohoe, Ayden Konken, Nelson Anderson, Owen Naber, Van Choma, Hurley Harroun and Caleb Clouse; and (back row) Coaches Marshall Webb, Kyle Konken, Shawn Harroun and Dave Donohoe. The team started the season 16-0 and won the Malcolm tournament May 21-22 by a combined score of 51-6. Ayden Konken pitched a complete game in game one, an 11-1 win over Malcolm. In game two, Terin Donohoe and Caleb Clouse combined for the win in a 19-1 mercy rule victory over Denton. Utica beat Dwight 21-4 in the championship game. Donohoe and Owen Naber combined for the four-inning win.

Bulldog women third in NAIA national meet

It's been a 2021 to remember for Concordia University Women's Track & Field. Not only did the Bulldogs sweep indoor/outdoor GPAC titles, they can now claim NAIA third place national finishes for both indoor and outdoor. Between the Bulldog men and women, the three-day 2021 NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships yielded at least one All-America plaque for 16 individuals, including three national champions.

Head Coach Matt Beisel's women's team produced a total of 63.5 points (16.5 on day three) while placing behind only Indiana Tech (84) and William Carey (Miss.) (65). The placement for the women marked the best for the program at an outdoor national meet since winning the 2016 national title.

On the men's side, Concordia got all of its 10 team points via Jacob Cornelio's hammer throw national title and tied for 28th.

"I'm just grateful to God," Beisel said. "We have such a great group of athletes and coaches. I'm super proud of all of them. We gave it our best and ended up getting a

third place trophy. To have two third places in one year is outstanding. The significance of that is not lost on me. I'm very proud of the effort of our guys. I'm super sad, and glad, for our seniors. We have a lot of seniors moving on. Such a great experience to have them as part of our team. Huge kudos to our coaching staff as well."

A two-time NAIA national champion, Rachel Battershell gave it another run at a 400-meter championship. In the finals of the event, the native of Wheatland, Wyoming, sprinted to a time of 55.75 and placed third behind the first and second place times of 55.29 and 55.33, respectively. Battershell's hectic few days at the national meet also included her anchoring the 4x400 meter relay that closed the week out with an eighth-place finish.

The 4x4 crossed the finish line at 3:51.32 in the finals. In the prelims, Concordia turned in a time of 3:49.51, just shy of the school record. Five Bulldogs contributed to the All-America 4x4: Jacey Pfeifer, Sarah Lewis, Sydney Schernikau, Battershell and Keri Bauer.

Lewis has been dynamic in her own right in events that cover 400 meters. She also notched her first career All-America honor in an individual event by taking eighth in the 400 hurdles. She ran the finals of the event in 1:02.80.

"Being part of the program is huge," Lewis said. "It's home and it's family. Teammates aren't just teammates. They are sisters in Christ. The opportunity is huge. We didn't get an outdoor season last year - I'm super blessed and proud that we accomplished what we did."

Shaw may have had higher hopes for the week, but that's because of the lofty standards she has set. Though she fell short of winning a national title, the Bulldog senior pushed her career All-America total to 11 by placing fifth in the hammer, fifth in discus and sixth in shot put. Her collegiate run ended on Friday with Shaw turning in a mark of 146-1 in the discus. Shaw's career achievements also included two national titles in discus, three national runner up claims and four individual GPAC titles.

Throws coach Ed Mc-

Laughlin knows first-hand just how special Shaw has been for the program.

"Addie is an amazing woman who has given so much of herself to this program, this school and this sport," he said. "Her tenacity and dedication is second to none. I was so excited when she decided to use her final year of eligibility. We had a lot of fun this year and she accomplished so much. She did so much for us and I hope she knows she will be missed. Her impact on our family will be far reaching. She is a Bulldog through and through and I can't wait to see what the future holds for her."

Concordia qualified six competitors in the women's discus. Sara Huss joined Shaw in the finals and wound up in sixth place (145-11) in the process of grabbing her first ever All-America accolade. The rest of the Bulldog field featured Bethany Shaw (14th), Alli Owings (19th), Erin Painter (23rd) and Morgan De Jong (26th).

Also a member of a national championship Concordia women's basketball team, Mackenzie Koepke secured the first All-America award

of her career by placing in a tie for seventh in May 28's high jump. Koepke shared that placement with three others, including teammate Amy Richert. Both Bulldogs cleared 5-4.5 while making that height on their first attempts. Richert was also a sixth-place finisher in the heptathlon.

It's worth noting that four throwers who competed this week each made the decision to come back for an extra season of eligibility (granted due to the COVID-19 cancellation of the 2020 outdoor season). Those individuals were Jacob Cornelio, Jerod Peters, Bethany Shaw and Addie Shaw. Cornelio took advantage by winning the hammer national title. Meanwhile, Peters was the final Bulldog men's athlete to compete on Friday. He placed 23rd in the shot put.

In his tenure as throws coach, McLaughlin has presided over 19 individual throws national champions. Cornelio and Liz Stottlemeyer (javelin) became the latest titlists. Cornelio, Stottlemeyer and Josie Puelz (pole vault) all celebrated their national titles on Wednesday.