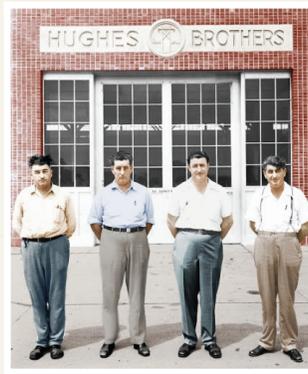


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Thoughts from the July 4th Chairman

Can you believe we are actually going to be allowed to celebrate our annual Fourth of July Celebration in almost a most normal manner this summer? We are most pleased to be able to plan, organize and host our 152nd Seward Fourth of July in the grand style our visitors have come to expect.

We have really been planning this event for two years, as we were confident in March of 2020 that the Covid issues would be over by May or June and we could celebrate the Fourth without any problem. However, we were so wrong and finally canceled our live 2020 Fourth of July event, and worked hard to create an award-winning virtual Fourth of July Celebration.

The silver lining of that entire “Virtual Fourth” effort is that it did give us sort of a Fourth, and it also gave us a large variety of video on the activities of our Fourth—video footage that we can call upon when needed to promote our celebration. Thousands of hits were made on all of our virtual events on the internet last year, with the historic videos proving to be the most popular.

No one missed our Seward Fourth of July more than our dedicated and loyal Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee, and we are on a mission to make this a very successful Seward Fourth of July Celebration—and still be Covid safe! You will see we will not have an air show or a carnival or the beloved trolleys this year—all casualties of Covid concerns. We hope to see all of the activities return for our 2022 celebration!

We proudly point to a full schedule for 2021—still having so much to offer to the celebration visitors. Our 2021 Fourth of July event in Seward, a very full and complete schedule of “live in-person” activities and presentations for all ages, confirming Seward is

indeed Nebraska’s Official Fourth of July City! There are no Zoom events for us this year!

I have personally worked with all of the last 51 Fourth of July celebrations in Seward and feel this one may rank up as one of the best. We have a wonderful business to honor and thank, acknowledging the centennial of our own Hughes Brothers, Inc. and the Hughes family with the theme “Made in America!” We also are holding over the celebration of the centennial of the Historic Rivoli Theatre of Seward with the theme “The Magic of Movies” and honoring Laurie Edwards, director of the Nebraska Film Office.

Please visit our Seward Fourth of July Celebration website, www.julyfourthseward.com, or pick up a poster or brochure, available at the Civic Center, that has been printed for your convenience.

We also thank the Seward County Independent for creating a wonderful “Special Fourth of July” printed insert/special edition. It is a valuable tool to help you discover our Fourth and prepare you for the wonderful day of family fun.

We remind each of you to be safe and make the celebration one to remember for all the right reasons. Please respect the other visitors to our event and make them feel welcome and safe as well.

We are honored to be recognized as one of the “Top Ten Fourth’s” in the U.S. and work hard to keep our special claim to fame as America’s Fourth of July City-Small Town USA. Thank you for being part of our big day and plan to make a visit to Seward every Fourth of July, at least in spirit, if not in person!

Spend the Fourth in Seward!

Clark Kolterman
Fourth of July Celebration Committee-2021

Made in America



Hughes Brothers honored for century of business in Seward

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON

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For 100 years, Hughes Brothers, Inc., has set the standard in electrical infrastructure construction.

The business started in Seward when John Morse Hughes arrived in 1893. A carpenter, Hughes built a reputation for quality work that met the highest standards.

His sons, John, Burr, Ted and Ben, learned from their father and joined together to create Hughes Brothers, Inc., in 1918.

A severe ice storm in Seward in 1921 gave the company the opportunity to replace wooden crossarms on electrical poles for Blue River Power Company. Steel products were added in 1927, and the company began to make the crossarm brace. Its signature X-Brace for H-Frames hit the market in 1929.

In the early 1930s, Hughes Brothers helped Nebraska build the first 115 kilovolt transmission line. The project spanned 225 miles across two-

thirds of Nebraska and brought the company to national recognition.

“This effort was one of the earliest fully-engineered and designed wood transmission projects in America,” according to hughesbros.com.

The Rural Electric Administration and Rural Electrification Act began in 1935, requiring electrical services come to rural communities. Hughes Brothers worked with the government to help build the distribution network.

Its early products were primarily wood and included crossarms, braces, wood guy guards and ground wire moulding.

In the 1940s, the hardware and metal fittings and parts, created for specific jobs, were added.

In the 1980s, Hughes Brothers added a fiberglass plant, began making fiberglass rebar in 1994 and expanded that building in 1997.

Hughes Brothers has helped different areas of the country recover from devastating storms, including providing poles to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

Hughes Brothers’s catalog includes crossarms and dead end assemblies, braces, pole line hardware, equipment mounts, fasteners, fiberglass products, davit arms, structure reframing, lighting poles and sign posts and transmission design.

The company manu-

factures its products in house.

John Hughes, son of Ted who was one of the original Hughes Brothers and served as president from 1973 to 1995, has been the president of the company since 1995 when Ted retired.

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Decades of dedication

Fritz honored as Seward County Community Service Award recipient

BY GREG FORBES

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With nearly 40 years of service as a firefighter, Dean Fritz has always jumped into action without much hesitation.

When he was named the Seward County Community Service Award winner for this year's Fourth of July Celebration, Fritz was unsure how to react for one of the rare times in his life.

"I was blown away," he said. "I absolutely didn't expect this."

A Seward native, Fritz has always prided himself on his dedication to

the community. Through a dozen years as Seward Fire Chief, service on the Seward City Council, involvement in the St. John Lutheran Church and an all-around love of Seward, Fritz has always put community first.

"A lot of people are very appreciative of what I did and what the fire department as a whole did," he said. "It's just a big satisfaction knowing what you did with your life and feeling like you did some good."

Fritz's knack for volunteering goes beyond his work load and con-

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GREG FORBES/SC/MT

Dean Fritz, pictured with past winner Jean Kolterman, was named the Seward County Community Service Award winner for 2021.

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July 4 royalty share winning essays

Miss Independence, Mr. Firecracker and their runners-up will read their essays throughout the day on July 4.

The day's royalty are selected through an essay contest on the topic of Why I Like to Live in Seward, sponsored by the Seward Rotary Club. This essay contest has been held since 1968 and the complete list of Seward Fourth of July Royalty is located on the Seward Fourth of July website.

This year's winners are Sawyer Wollenburg, Miss Independence, Ava Nitz, Miss Independence runner-up, Nolan Brashear, Mr. Firecracker, and Aaron Royuk, Mr. Firecracker runner-up.

BY SAWYER G. WOLLENBURG
Miss Independence

One reason why I like to live in Seward is that every year my family gets the Brown Boxes. The Brown Boxes are boxes that have different trips around Seward. This year there were two Brown Boxes. One was



Sawyer Grace Wollenburg

to visit the cemeteries of Seward County, and the other to view the wildlife such as birds, deer, fish, insects, and more. Last year my family and I went on one of the Brown Box trips for Ridge Road. My aunt came with us, and we did bingo cards, and to get a bingo you had to find things until you got 5 in a row! Some of the things you had to find were beehives, butterflies, birds, deer, and a pond.

This year my fam-

ily and I did the wildlife Brown Box first. We heard frogs, birds, and bees. We also saw some ducks, geese, and Red Winged Blackbirds. We also got to do a puzzle. Did you know there are many wetland areas near Seward? Did you know there's an artesian well a little ways away from Seward in Cordova? It flows 400 gallons of water per minute.

Another reason is because we get to go to the 4th of July parade. We get to go and get the candy from the street and watch the floats. After the parade we get to count how many candies we got. Once I got up to 100. One year I went to my Nana and Papa's house for the 4th of July. I got 150 pieces of candy!

I'm also glad to live in Seward because of the parks it has! One of my favorite parks is the military park. There are two slides and it is shaped like a helicopter! Inside there is a board that shows you all the states. Plus, there is a tunnel,

and it has pretend helicopter gears.

Another park is the Elementary Park. It has five slides and monkey bars. It also has tire swings and a wobbly ladder. I love the Elementary Park because of all the fun equipment it has. They built a new Elementary Park, but it's twice as good!

And one more park is Karol Kay Park. It has a long spiral purple slide and four other slides. It also has monkey bars, merry-go-round, and swings!

My fourth favorite thing I like about Seward is the county fair. The first thing we always go see are the rabbits. Then we go to see the chickens, tractors, and the 4-H building. I always go to the rabbit show.

I love Seward so much especially because of the school I go to! St. John is an awesome school, and it has an awesome playground. It also has awesome teachers like Mrs. Gebhardt, Mrs. Soflin,

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Celebration

Program for July 4, 2025

With the opening of the World's Largest Time Capsule and Pyramid

With the opening of **THE WORLD'S LARGEST TIME CAPSULE AND PYRAMID** this will no doubt be the greatest celebration ever held in Seward, Nebraska. Upwards of 50,000 people are expected to view and take part in the various festivities. Listed, not necessarily in chronological order, are just a few of the events you may expect to witness when you visit Seward, Nebraska on July 4th, 2025.

The big event, of course, will be the opening of **THE WORLD'S LARGEST TIME CAPSULE** which contains, among other things, a mile-less 1975 Chevrolet Vega; a brand new Kawasaki motorcycle; hundreds of packages from Seward merchants contents unknown; thousands and thousands of letters addressed to children and grandparents; much early day advertising; cases of soda pop of many kinds; other liquors; murals on all walls; a flag which has flown over the White House in D.C.; several scrolls, including one signed by each of the presidents in Lincoln; records and taped recordings; a cash prize of \$50,000; and other things by the thousands.

KIWANIS CLUB EARLY RISERS will be starting at 11:00 a.m. Plan on rising just a little early for synthetic eggs, artificial pancakes and imitation bacon.

RUNNING OF THE 45TH ANNUAL FIFTY MILE RACE will start at 10:00 a.m. on 10th Street, and return. Prizes this year will be so large that you will need a new economy.

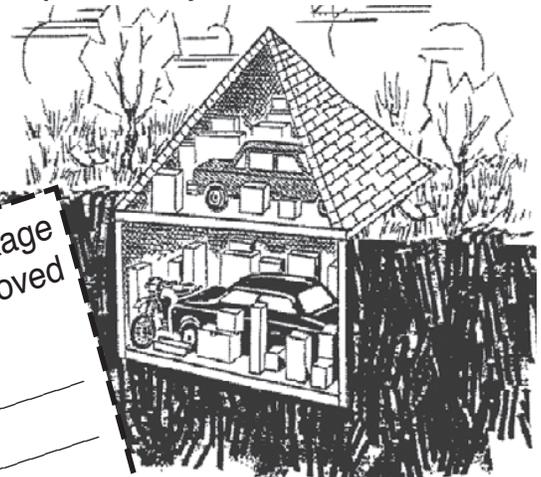
HOURLY TRIPS TO SEWARD, ALASKA via bus. Trip will take 29 minutes for the 4135 mile round trip, and you may stay in Seward, Alaska as long as you like. The special fare is only \$3,500.00, same as the regular bus trip to Alaska.

OLD CARS PARADE, consisting of 1979, vintage cars and solar powered automobiles. These cars, because gas is no longer available, will be pulled by solar powered skateboards, and, in case of cloudy weather, these 1979 cars will be pulled by atomic powered bicycles. There will also be a 2025 Hover Craft in this parade, the car of the 2025's which will eliminate the need for paved streets and paved highways as these machines will travel at blazing speeds two feet off the ground.

AT THE FAIRGROUNDS there will be a display of the latest in farming equipment. Although this type of equipment, which is operated from a control tower located in the farm yard, has been in use for many years, there are several new innovations which will make possible the planting of hundreds of acres in an hour, or less. Also, will be shown, the new type seed, which requires no rainfall during any part of its growing or maturing season, thus making irrigation a thing of the past. Also, this new type grain seed matures in thirty days or less, making it possible to grow at least four crops each year. Since we are feeding the world, this will be a giant step forward for the farmer. With corn selling at \$89.00 per bushel, wheat at \$165.00 and soybean at \$249.00, the farmer should make a comfortable living with yields of 500 to 800 bushel per acre.

GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT. This year's evening show will be greater than ever. Topping off a full day of excitement, we will have an extraordinary feature. In cleaning out one of the city buildings, a package was found with the wording "Aerial Bomb" printed on it. It is presumed this is an ancient piece of fireworks which was used dangerously in the early days around 1979, but were since banned because of their danger. This "Aerial Bomb" will be lighted a good distance from the grandstand, for it is not known whether it will go up or go sideways. It will be interesting to see what early day celebrants found so entertaining.

The main feature of the evening show will be a **DEMOLITION ROCKET SHIP DERBY.** Over fifty teenagers will fly their souped-up ships in an attempt to knock each other out of the sky with new, improved laser eliminator, or by ramming each other and forcing a crash. When the show is over, the remaining ship aloft will be the winner. Contrary to early days, none of the contestants will be injured because of the perfected flotation or levitation systems on all flying aircraft these days. A far cry from the early days of aircraft, when accidents cost hundreds of lives such as the DC 10 crash in Chicago in 1979. Since the perfection of this device, not a single passenger has been injured nor a single aircraft damaged. Those early fliers, protected by only a cumbersome seat belt, were living in a dangerous age of flying. We, today, profit by the mistakes of the 1970's and the great advancement made in flying since those days. ENJOY THE SHOW!!



If your family has placed a package in the Time Capsule and has moved please drop us this form.

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_____ 10th Street, to the bottom of the hill, to Ash Street, to the top of the hill, to the economy. First Prize will be a Gold Streak motorcycle and a vacation for two in the Hawaiian Islands, all expenses paid. Second Prize will be a Slow Poke. Trip will take 29 minutes for the 4135 mile round trip, and you may stay in Seward, Alaska as long as you like. The special fare is only \$3,500.00, same as the regular bus trip to Alaska.

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This program paid for by **HOUSE OF DAVISSON**, Seward, Nebraska.

You may think this "Program" was printed with a tongue-in-cheek attitude...you may be right. On the other hand, with the present inflation and age of advancement it may come to pass.

July 3 and 4 Schedule

Saturday, July 3 - Pre-Party

7:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Self-guided Volkswalk "Sculptures in Seward:" Highlighting sculptures of the area - all day. Starts at Fast Mart, 215 N. 6th St., 5K (3.1 miles) or 10K (6.2 miles) - FREE (See www.julyfourthseward.com for details and maps), all weekend 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit by Patriotic Productions, free, open to all! A must see! July 3, 4, located downtown, I H Feary Building, 132 South 5th Street (east side of the Square). Remembering Our Fallen is a photographic war memorial that honors our country's military fallen from The War on Terror and includes both military and personal photos. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
8:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ OPEN HOUSE at Nebraska National Guard Museum, best public bathrooms in Seward, air conditioned, free; check out the new and latest exhibits, Gift Shop will be open all day 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Red Path Gallery and Tasting Room: Nebraska art. "Unique Apple Pie," wine, beer and spirits! Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Art shows featuring Mike Fluent, Carolyn Albracht, Joe Gustafson, Bert Wagner and Kyle Mock.
9:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Antique Market opens, Liberty House Bed and Breakfast, 5th and Moffitt ★ Bottle Rocket Corn-Hole Tournament: Register at Bottle Rocket Brewery, 230 South 5th Street, for details, 402-641-4314; Also, tours available of the operation. Sign up in the Brewery. ★ Special Postal Station opens - Pictorial cancellation for Seward's July 4th Celebration, U.S. Post Office Lobby, free postcards! July 3! Open 9-11 a.m. Honoring Rivoli Movie Theatre centennial, "The Magic of Movies" ★ Bottle Rocket Brewing open 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Food trucks, brew and beer garden. 	12:00p	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Junto opens. Open noon to 9 p.m., 1356 182nd Rd, Seward. Visit the Tasting Room and walk the beautiful area! Food trucks on the grounds, "Gilded Swine!" Live music, Josh Hoyer 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. ★ Nebraska National Guard Museum Weapons Room dedication ★ Children's Fourth of July Parade: Ridgewood and area senior residences. Join us for a special "Senior Salute" for the Seward seniors! Line up at Ridgewood East parking lot at 1:30 p.m. No pre-registrations required. Contact Molly Marroquin, Youth Parade Chair, with questions; email tina_marroquin@yahoo.com ★ Pole Vault Competition, featuring beginner, intermediate and master vaulters! Chance to see young kids vaulting with the old masters of the sport! Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. on 5th Street between Main and South Streets. Contact Jason Berry, 402-641-4615. ★ Vaudeville Show at Historic Rivoli Theatre. Free. Live talent show sponsored by Nebraska National Guard Museum Historical Society and Rivoli Theatre Centennial Committee. Tickets required. ★ Musical presentation by Wissmann Family Singers and Friends, Bandshell, FREE ★ Chicken Drop, Sparetime Lounge, 123 S. 4th St., sponsored by Seward Youth and Community Club. ★ Homegrown Band, Sparetime Lounge 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
10:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Coffee with the General: Meet Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower from the Supreme Allied Command during World War II, chautauqua style, free, Jones Bank Theatre at Nebraska National Guard Museum ★ ART SALE—American Indian art, jewelry, and books available for purchase. Inner Maker Art Village, 1693 224th Road, Seward, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. ★ Labyrinth Walk—Enjoy nature and walk the Labyrinth. Donations encouraged. Inner Maker Art Village, 1693 224th Road, Seward, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. 	1:00p 2:00p 6:00p	
11:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Seward County Fair 150th Birthday Celebration Exhibit. Historical account of the Seward County Fair's last 150 years in an 18-panel exhibit July 3 and 4. A must see! Located downtown Seward, I H Feary Building, 132 S 5th Street. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ★ New-Flights of Honor Exhibit honoring the Nebraska Flights of Honor 2005-2019 by Patriotic Productions, free, open to all! A must see! July 3 and 4. Located downtown Seward, I H Feary Building, 132 S 5th Street. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 	7:00p 7:30p 8:00p 9:00p	

Sunday, July 4 - "Rain or Shine"

7:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Community Breakfast: French toast and sausage, sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church Music Ministry, Civic Center basement, serving 7-10 a.m. ★ 2 Mile and 10K Freedom Runs, Seward Optimist Club, 14th and Seward Streets, park entrance, ENTRY FEE, forms at www.julyfourthseward.com ★ Registration for July 4 Car Show, FEE, 7-10 a.m., on Seward St. between 7th and 8th Streets. Contact CJ Novak, 402-646-5214, or Larry Ray, 402-523-4020. See www.julyfourthseward.com for more details. ★ Lincoln's Great Plains Bicycling Club's Family Day, bicycle to Brainard/Dwight and back or a shorter route; registration at Living Word Lutheran Church, 1200 West Hillcrest; visit www.julyfourthseward.com for more details. Approved bike helmets required - OPEN TO ALL - FREE 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ery, on 7th Street, between Jackson and Bradford ★ Bottle Rocket Brewing Co., Brew and food truck, beer garden, root beer floats. Open 8 a.m. Tours available, sign up at the Tap Room. ★ Nebraska National Guard Museum Open House, see new exhibits added in 2021. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., 7th and 8th on Jackson Avenue, FREE (best public bathrooms in Seward, air conditioned) ★ Displays at Nebraska National Guard Museum 1776 Soldiers Encampment-Front Lawn First Nebraska Civil War Encampment-Front Lawn Fort Riley Commanding General Mounted Color Guard (events) ★ "Faith Yoga" Free Class - The Rock Church, front lawn - bring a mat ★ Best Decorated Bike/Trike Contest "For the Young at Heart," Bandshell, RIDE YOUR BIKE IN THE GRAND PARADE! - awards/prizes, all ages welcome to decorate their bike/trike, sponsored by SHS FCCLA - FREE ★ Dedication: "Nebraska Women Warriors" NENG Museum ★ Community Church Service: West lawn next to the Alps Bark Park, sponsored by Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church; bring lawn chairs ★ Bottle Rocket Corn-Hole Tournament: Register at Bottle Rocket Brewery, 230 South 5th Street, 402-641-4314 ★ Seward County Fair 150th Birthday Celebration Exhibit: Historical account of the Seward County Fair's last 150 years in an 18-panel exhibit. Downtown Seward. Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., I H Feary Building, 132 S 5th Street ★ New-Flights of Honor Exhibit honoring the Nebraska Flights of Honor 2005-2019 by Patriotic Productions, free, open to all! A must see! July 3 and 4. Located downtown Seward, I H Feary Building, 132 S 5th Street. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ★ Remembering Our Fallen Exhibit by Patriotic Productions, free, open to all! A must see! July 3, 4, located downtown, I H Feary Building, 132 South 5th Street (east side of the Square). Remembering Our Fallen is a photographic war memorial that honors our country's military fallen from The War on Terror (9/11/2001 - Present) and includes both military and personal photos. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ★ Friends of Seward Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-noon, Seward Memorial Library Meeting Room, use west entrance ★ Food Alley opens, 5th Street between Seward and Jackson Streets, food booths ★ Crafts on the Square Craft Show opens, Courthouse Lawn, "Best in the State" ★ Antique Market, opens at Liberty House, 5th and Moffitt Streets ★ Miscellaneous Market opens, 5th Street between Seward Street and Hwy 34. ★ 30th Annual Street Pole Vault Competition featuring two competitions. One is made up of very good pole vaulters, then, we will have an
7:30a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Anvil Firing, colonial custom, Seward Volunteer Fire Dept., Zabka Park behind Bandshell, before and after prayer service ★ Reveille (75mm howitzer fire) and flag raising at Nebraska National Guard Museum ★ Flag Raising, Bandshell, Boy Scout USA Troop 256 ★ Community Prayer Service, Seward Ministerial Association, featuring Rev. Mary Kay Totty, United Methodist Church, Seward, special music featuring United Methodist Praise Band, Bandshell ★ Free juice, donuts, United Methodist Church Witness Committee, Seward, Bandshell/Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home. ★ Self-guided Volkswalk "Sculptures in Seward:" Highlighting sculptures of the area - all day - Starts at Fast Mart, 215 N. 6th St., 5K (3.1 miles) or 10K (6.2 miles) - FREE (See www.julyfourthseward.com for details and maps), all weekend ★ Information Booth/Guest Register opens, register in the guest book, northeast corner of Courthouse Square by Cattle Bank and Trust, also located in Civic Center ★ MRC First Aid Station/Cooling for both participants and pets! Next to the Information Center on 5th and Seward Street, sponsored by Medical Reserve Corps 	8:30a 9:00a	
8:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ VFW Auxiliary Community Buffet Breakfast, VFW Club, serving 8 a.m. to noon. ★ Exhibits open, FREE - open to the public, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. <p style="text-align: center;">EXHIBITS INCLUDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Seward League of Women Voters Centennial Exhibit, 1920-2020, Civic Center, West Room ★ Seward Rivoli Theatre Centennial Exhibit, Movies and Memorabilia 1920-2020, hosted by GFWC Seward Women's Club, West Fireplace Room, Civic Center ★ "Made in America" Art Show, sponsored by the Lincoln Art Guild. Vote for People's Choice award, Langworthy Gallery, Civic Center ★ Camp Creek Threshers and SYA Antique Tractors and Farm Machin- 		

advanced/elite competition. Featuring some of the college vaulters in the area and some of the best pole vaulters in the USA. On 5th Street, in front of Bottle Rocket Brewing Co., between Main and South Streets. Contact Jason Berry, 402-641-4615.

★ **Horseshoe Pitching**, Herb Downing Memorial Tournament, County Fairgrounds horseshoe pits - ENTRY FEE

★ **Andrew Malan**, "Mr. Magic," family show, Civic Center Auditorium

★ **Special Postal Station** opens - Pictorial cancellation for Seward's July 4th, U.S. Post Office Lobby, Free Postcards! July 4! Open 9-11 a.m. Honoring Hughes Brothers, Inc. centennial, "Made in America"

★ **Seward Volunteer Fire Department Water Fight**, on Jackson Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, sponsored by SVFD, women and mixed teams welcome!

★ **Pet Parade/Pet Contest**, SHS FFA, Bandshell, Bring your pets. FREE.

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★ **Sparetime Lounge**, open regular hours-Specials for the Fourth!

★ **Entertainment**: The Musical Collin Warren and Friends, Civic Center Auditorium

9:30a

10:00a

★ **LUXE Dance Academy of Lincoln**, dancers/cloggers, Bandshell.

★ **Children's Big Wheel/Hot Cycle Races** in front of Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home, Jackson Ave and 4th St., sponsored by Seward High School Key Club. No "rubber wheels" please! Bring your own Big Wheel or Hot Cycle!

★ **Car Show** opens, Seward St. between 6th and 8th St. See website.

★ **Walking Tour** of Seward's Historic Square, Seward County Historical Society, begins at Information Booth, 5th and Seward Streets, (tour takes one hour) FREE. Wear walking shoes. Led by Historian Zane Francescato

★ **Moolah's Giant 18 ft. Inflated Slide**, Cattle Bank and Trust parking lot, sponsored by Cattle Bank and Trust, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

★ **Lecture**: Cliff Lowell, "The Magic of Disney," Civic Center AV Room

★ **Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church Hot Dog Feed**, 6th and Bradford, proceeds to Blue Valley Community Action

★ **Seward's Ukulele Band**: Bring your ukulele and join in. Civic Center Auditorium

★ **Seward County Genealogical Society**: "Ask A Genealogist" Bring your questions. Meeting in their research office, Lower Level Civic Center, north-west corner

★ **Red Path Gallery and Tasting Room Art Show**: Exhibit, Cigar Box Guitar artist Stan Luebbe, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in front of Red Path Gallery, 514 Seward St.

★ **Lecture**: Dr. Brent Royuk, "142 Seward Street: Story of a House," Large Event Room, Bottle Rocket Brewery, 230 South 5th

★ **Brewery Walking Tour**: Tour the new Bottle Rocket Distribution Facility free! Sign up for tours at the Tap Room.

★ **Lecture**: Nebraska Landmark Buildings by Jeff Barnes, Omaha, Humanities Nebraska, Civic Center East Fireplace Room, sponsored by Seward Arts Council

★ **ART SALE**—American Indian Art, Jewelry, and Books available for purchase. Inner Maker Art Village, 1693 224th Road, Seward, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

★ **Labyrinth Walk**—Enjoy nature and walk the Labyrinth. Donations encouraged. Inner Maker Art Village, 1693 224th Road, Seward, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

★ **Concert**: Rodney Hiser In Concert Civic Center Auditorium

★ **Red Path Gallery and Tasting Room**: Nebraska art. "Unique Apple Pie," wine, beer and spirits! Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Art shows featuring Mike Fluent, Carolyn Albracht, Joe Gustafson, Bert Wagner and Kyle Mock.

★ **Meet and Greet with Gen. Dwight Eisenhower**, National Guard Museum, questions and answers

★ **Red Path Gallery and Tasting Room Art Show**: Lois Smith, Plein Air artist and member artist of Red Path Gallery. Watch Lois while she paints in natural outdoor light. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Red Path Gallery, 514 Seward St.

★ **Quilt Talk**: "Willa Cather and Quilts" by Evelyn Haller, Humanities Nebraska, Cattle Bank and Trust meeting room, 2nd floor (elevator available), sponsored by Blue Valley Quilt Guild

★ **Historical Talk**: "The American Flag and National Unity in World War II" by James Kimble, author, Civic Center, Upstairs East Fireplace Room.

★ **Travelogue**: "Waterways of the Tsars," by Sue Imig, Civic Center AV Room

★ **Concert**: Seward County High School Summer Chamber Choir directed by Dr. Kurt Von Kampen, Civic Center Auditorium

★ **Pie Festival**, homemade pie and ice cream, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Civic Center Basement, West Room, sponsored by Raymond Pie Ladies, Raymond Church

★ **Sloppy Joe/Yum Yum Feed**, Civic Center lower level, serving 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., SHS Band Boosters fundraiser

★ **Bubble Gum/Apple Pie Eating Contest**, Bandshell, sponsored by Seward Rotary Club, FREE - State Championships! No pre-registration

★ **Concert**: Paul Soulek's Piano Presents "A Bit of Patriotism," Civic Center Auditorium

10:30a

11:00a

★ **Pause for** Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, All over celebration grounds

★ **History of Hughes Brothers, Inc.**, John Hughes, "Made in America!" celebrating the centennial of Hughes Brothers, Inc., Civic Center East Fireplace Room

★ **Apple Pie Making Demonstration** featuring "Della's Famous Apple Pie" recipe, Kathy Hartmann and family, Civic Center Room 2, FREE

★ **Quilt Talk**: "The Fabulous Feed Sack Era" by Yvonne Hollenback,

11:30a

12:00p

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Clearfield, South Dakota, Humanities Nebraska, Cattle Bank and Trust meeting room, 2nd floor (elevator available), sponsored by Blue Valley Quilt Guild

★ **LUXE Dance Academy**, Lincoln, dancers/cloggers, Bandshell. Sponsored by Suhr and Lichty Insurance, Seward

★ **FREE Movie** - "TBA" at Historic Rivoli Theatre, (both Theatres), sponsored by Wisehart family and Seward Arts Council. PG. Celebrating 100 years - Historic Rivoli Theatre centennial, 1920-2020!

★ **Concert**: Dana Nottingham, "The United States of America-Forever Strong" patriotic piano presentation showcasing members of the Seward Kiwanis KiTones; musical favorites and patriotic song fest, Civic Center Auditorium

★ **Lecture**: Centennial of League of Women Voters-The 100th Anniversary of the Right for Women to Vote and the 19th Amendment! by Linda Duckworth, Co-State President LWV-NE, Civic Center AV Room, League of Women Voters, Nebraska.

★ **Book Talk**: Joel Green, Lincoln, "Robber's Cave" Lincoln, Bottle Rocket Large Event Room, Seward Arts Council

★ **Junto Winery opens**: Noon to 4 p.m. Visit the beautiful Tasting Room and walk the grounds.

★ **Quilt Talk**: "Patchwork on the Prairie" by Yvonne Hollenback, Clearfield, South Dakota, Humanities Nebraska, Cattle Bank and Trust meeting room, 2nd floor (elevator available), sponsored by Blue Valley Quilt Guild, featuring 30 quilts over 135 years by the same family

★ **1944/45 Travelogue**: "With the Nebraska National Guard From the Normandy Beaches to the Rhine in 1945!" by Dr. Louis Reith, Civic Center AV Room

★ **Concert**: "Folk on the Fourth" featuring the Todd Sisters and Friends, Civic Center Auditorium

★ **A Century of Fashion**, mini fashion show and talk by Sue McLain, sponsored by GFWC Seward Woman's Club and Humanities Nebraska, Civic Center, Upstairs East Fireplace Room, featuring clothes of 1920 to honor the centennial of the Rivoli Theatre, opened 1920

★ **Demonstration** by Gold Star Martial Arts - Team Velocity, 5th and Seward Streets

★ **Concert**: City Municipal Band "Salute to Sousa," honoring "The Greatest Generation," Bandshell

★ **Lecture**: "Uncle Sam - Origin and Evolution of an Idea" by Don Hickey, Wayne State, Bottle Rocket Brewing Co., Large Event Room, 230 South 5th Street, Humanities Nebraska, Seward Arts Council

★ **Concert**: Sally Jost, Piano Concert, Civic Center Auditorium

★ **Rivoli Theatre Presents** "Centennial Review" Free talent show featuring past and present employees of the Rivoli Theatre, variety show, on the stage of the Rivoli Theatre by the Wisehart family, celebrating the centennial of the Rivoli Theatre.

★ **Concert**: Wissmann Family Singers, Civic Center Auditorium

★ **Lecture**: "A Musical Tribute to Doris Day," Clifford Lowell, Civic Center AV Room

★ **Elements Dance Studio**, Milford, Bandshell

★ **Book Review**: "Shon Hopwood, 'Law Man' - From Nebraska Bank Robber to Georgetown Law School Professor," by Dr. Louis Reith, Civic Center East Fireplace Room

★ **Whirlwind Mid-Eastern Dancers** - "Nebraska's Finest!" North side of Square on the bricks, Seward Arts Council

★ **Governor's Community Reception** honoring July 4 dignitaries, hosted by GFWC Seward Woman's Club, St. John Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

★ **Andrew Malan**, "Mr. Magic," FREE magic show, Bandshell

★ **Seward Car Show "Duck Dash"**, 7th and Seward Street at the Car Show.

★ **GRAND PARADE**, begins at 1st St. and Bradford Ave. and goes west on Seward Street to City Park, contact Tonia, Jamie or Carin Nantkes, 402-641-8912, visit www.julyfourthseward.com or email grandparade@outlook.com

★ **Beef Bar-B-Que Meal/Buffer**, Olde Glory (inside), advance tickets at Seward banks, can buy on site as well. Also serving desserts! CK Catering - Olde Glory Volunteers

★ **VFW Hamburger/Hot Dog Basket Feed**, 5-8 p.m., VFW Post 4755, 243 S. 9th St.

★ **Concert**: Esprit de Corps Free concert, bandshell

★ **Mayor's Welcome** - Crowning Miss Independence and Mr. Firecracker, sponsored by Seward Rotary, Seward County Community Service Award, Nebraska's Friend Award, Bandshell

★ **Concert**: Bandshell, sponsored by Seward Arts Council

★ **Concert in the Park** featuring Route 66 Band - Plum Creek Park, FREE. Extra seating and parking for fireworks following the concert in Middle School Grounds and Plum Creek Soccer Fields.

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Royalty

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Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Royuk, and Mr. Meyer.

I hope you love Seward as much as my family and I do! Have a happy 4th of July, everybody!

Sawyer has finished third grade at St. John Lutheran School. Her teacher was Deb Gebhardt, and her parents are Anita Foor and Adam Wollenburg.

BY NOLAN BRASHEAR

Mr. Firecracker

In the typical day in summer, I wake up and go to the park. Then I walk down to Chapter's Books or the library. I like books. The Courthouse Square is awesome.



Nolan Brashear

Seward makes me feel welcome. There is always some event like the Fourth of July going on

in Seward. Everyone is happy to help. I can walk to a friend's house.

Everyone is nice. They're supper friendly. They make me feel like I fit in. Where ever you go, expect "Hi!"

It's the best town ever! It's the perfect size. We have good schools like St. John, St. Vincent, Seward Public and Concordia University.

All in all, Seward is the best!

Nolan has finished fourth grade at St. John Lutheran School with Montana Soflin as his teacher. His parents are Jessica and Kurth Brashear.

BY AVA NITZ

Miss Independence runner-up

"Why I Belong in Seward!"

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Volkswalk shows unique side of Seward

BY GREG FORBES

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This year's edition of the Volkswalk combines history with a healthy dose of physical activity.

The theme of the walk this year is "Sculptures of Seward." The 5k and 10k paths take walkers to some of the historical sites and monuments throughout the city.

Both walks will begin at the Civic Center before venturing to the Nebraska National Guard Museum. Depending on the route a walker chooses, stops will be made at the Seward Memorial Library, the Seward County Courthouse square, the



Seward Volunteer Fire Department, Concordia University, the Parade of Flags and more.

Sandy Spaulding, chair of the coordinating committee for Volkswalks in Nebraska, said that theme of the walk fits with Seward's standing as the country's Fourth of July City because of its focus on local history.

"Just being able to be in the city on such a significant date when everyone's so focused on the Fourth of July...that's a great day to do the event, to get information about the community and why the Fourth is there," she said.

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Children's parade brings Fourth of July festivities to area seniors

BY SAMANTHA BERNT

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When Molly Marroquin joined this year's Fourth of July Committee, she wanted to do something to bring the national holiday to senior citizens who can't enjoy the festivities in person.

"It was the first or second meeting when I came up with the idea," Marroquin said. "I came up with the idea for a small parade and wanted to get kids involved."

Marroquin, 13, thought getting kids involved with the parade would not only be entertaining for the seniors, but would be beneficial to the kids as well.

"Molly came up with this all on her own as something to add to the celebration," said Jessica Kolterman, a member of the Fourth of July Committee. "I reached out to



Molly Marroquin

the nursing homes, and our goal is to involve all the facilities in some way."

Since Marroquin joined the Fourth of July Committee before planning began, she had a while to think about how she wanted to be involved. What she did know was that she wanted to help others.

"This idea stood out to

me because I wanted to keep the seniors involved since they don't get to go out for the Fourth of July," Marroquin said. "I thought it would be fun for them, and then I came up with the parade to go past the senior centers."

The children's parade will start at 2 p.m. on July 3 at Ridgewood Rehabilitation and Care Center where the kids involved will gather. In addition to Ridgewood, the parade will also go past Greene Place and Kinship Pointe.

Kids of all ages can take part in the parade and there is no pre-registration required.

"The hope is that kids will take their free time with summer vacation to decorate their bikes, wagons or have parents decorate strollers to show the residents," Kolterman said. "We hope to have a lot of participation to bring joy and a smile to

the residents."

As the youngest member of the Fourth of July Committee, Marroquin said this was a beneficial experience for her and is excited for Seward seniors to experience it.

"I've always wanted to do something like this," Marroquin said. "It's been really fun to plan it out and I hope they love it."

With such a big Fourth of July celebration in the city, Kolterman said everyone in the town is involved in some way, and the children's parade helps bring the festivities to those who cannot necessarily participate.

"I love that Molly is involved because it keeps the Fourth of July spirit in young people," Kolterman said. "It will mean so much to those in the assisted living facilities here and will be a great addition to the celebration."

Children's parade, Saturday, July 3, 2 p.m. starting at Ridgewood

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Fritz

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tributions. Phil Bangert, Seward Fourth of July Awards Committee, said Fritz not only showed up in the community whenever possible, but he always did so with the attitude of a leader.

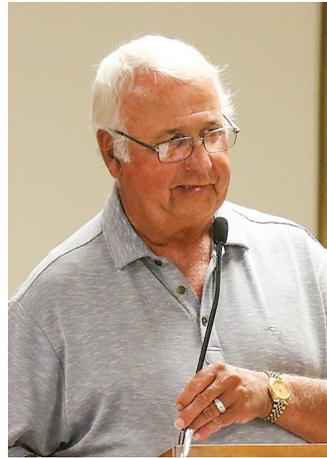
“Dean Fritz is a very kind and caring volunteer extraordinaire and a long-time leader of the Seward Volunteer Fire Department,” Bangert said. “It is hard for Dean to turn anyone down who needs a hand, and he is the type of person you can go to if you need any form of help.”

“We are most pleased to recognize Dean Fritz as the recipient of the annual Seward County Com-

munity Service Award, as he indeed is a wonderful volunteer in the truest sense of the word,” added Clark Kolterman, Fourth of July Committee chair. “We are so pleased to be able to say, ‘Thank you, Dean Fritz.’”

Fritz said the years of volunteering, particularly with the fire department, did come with tests. Tornadoes, accidents and fire calls while he was chief required a leader who would be able to act confidently and calmly. Fritz said he aimed to do just that but joked he tried to downplay the responsibilities of chief for whoever may replace him.

“A fire chief is responsible for a lot of things



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Dean Fritz thanks those attending the July 4 kickoff June 2 after receiving the Community Service Award.

and I guess if you explained that to the next guy in line...he may turn and run,” Fritz said with a laugh. “I may have

turned and run, too, but somebody's gotta do it.”

With his firefighter service, Fritz said he hasn't gotten much of a chance to enjoy the Fourth of July in Seward as a spectator. He's either been out responding to active calls or driving a truck in the parade. But now retired from the department, Fritz said he intends to enjoy the festivities from the other side this year.

“I'm glad I can really go out and enjoy the Fourth because a lot of years we're either doing water fights, standing by to make sure things go right,” he said. “This year, I just get time to enjoy the events for the day.”



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League of Women Voters celebrates 100 years of 19th Amendment

BY SAMANTHA BERNT

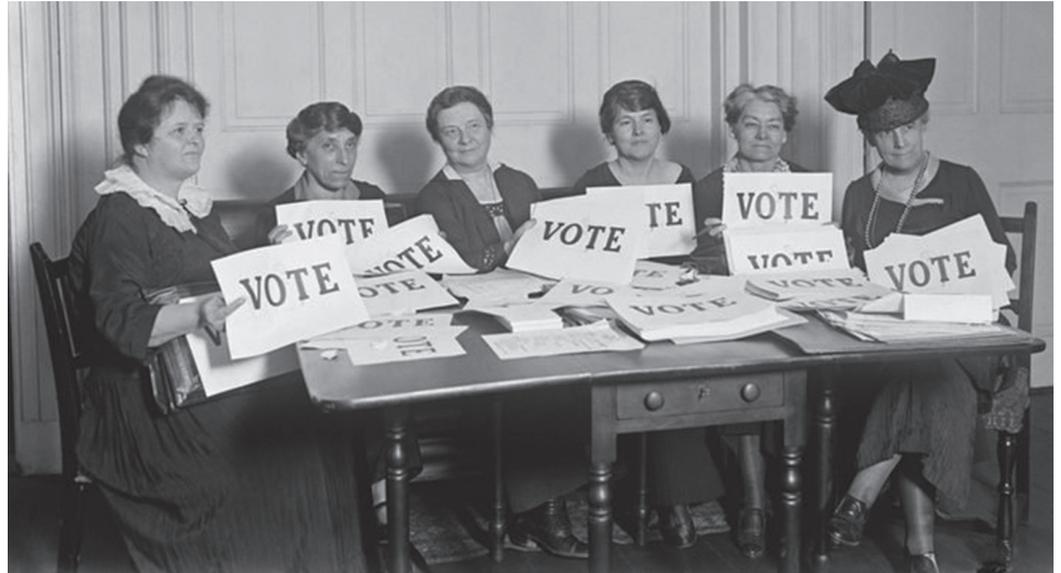
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Last year, the League of Women Voters of Seward County planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment on the Fourth of July. But because of COVID, the League had to push off the monumental celebration.

With the Fourth of July celebration back in Seward this year, the League is finally able to celebrate the women's suffrage movement and fighting for the right to vote.

This year, the League will have a free exhibit at the Seward Civic Center on the Fourth from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m, as well as a lecture from Linda Duckworth, the vice president of membership for the Nebraska League of Women Voters, at noon.

Emily Hemphill, president of the Seward County League of Women Voters, said the exhibit and lecture aren't only



COURTESY PHOTO

National League of Women Voters members hold up signs reading 'VOTE' Sept. 17, 1924. Millions of women voted in 1920 and 1924, but in a lower proportion than men.

for women.

"It can be a little misleading because we're the League of Women Voters, but we have men that are members, too," Hemphill said. "It's a lot about voting, but there's other issues, too. We do a lot of voter education and getting people registered to vote. Hopefully the Fourth will help recruit some new members."

The exhibit at the Civic Center will display the history of the Seward County League of Women Voters and the women's suffrage movement in Nebraska. Duckworth's speech will focus on the work of Fannie Williams and Susan B. Anthony.

"The direction I'm going is to provide some history of the suffrage movement, including the

additional work that was needed on behalf of African American women and men after the 19th Amendment was passed, thus Fannie Williams," Duckworth said.

She will also briefly discuss the early years of the League of Women Voters and what the League focuses on now.

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Rivoli Theatre hits century mark

BY KEATON BURGESS
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Last year, the Rivoli Theatre hit a milestone of being open for 100 years. The building was purchased in October 1919 and was re-furnished and opened in May of 1920.

Julie Wisheart, co-owner of the Rivoli, talked about some of the previous owners that the building had.

“The building used to be owned by a big New York Producer,” Julie said. “We didn’t even know that he owned it until my daughter and I did some research at the library and found that out.”

Although Chuck, Julie’s husband, worked as a state trooper for 27 years, he also worked at the Rivoli in 1970 to bring in extra income to help support his family. While doing this, he became interested in what the theatre had to offer for the Wishearts.

In January of 1979, Chuck and Julie Wisheart purchased the Rivoli Theatre. The Wishearts also purchased Movie Place Video and the old-fashioned soda shop in the early 1980’s.

“When we first bought the theatre, it was a really fancy place,” Julie said. “It had some really nice curtains in the screening room. Also, when we bought the rental place, Blockbuster hadn’t been around for very long, and we had a great salesman.

“We went full force on movie rentals and they did really well for a long time.”

In 2013, the Wishearts upgraded the theatre and added a second screening room. The second screen allows the theatre to show more than one movie at a time.

“It was a huge upgrade,” Julie said. “It was a needed upgrade for the theatre.”

Although the theatre is mainly

known for its movies, Julie mentioned other events that have taken place at the theatre.

“We’ve actually held three weddings at the theatres before,” Julie said. “They all ended up turning out really nice.”

The Wishearts were supposed to be recognized at last year’s Fourth of July celebration for the big milestone they hit, but will be recognized this year because last year’s celebration was canceled because of COVID.

The theatre itself was also affected by COVID, as it wasn’t able to be open during the pandemic.

“We ended up closing down on St. Patrick’s Day last year,” Julie said. “Right away we decided that we weren’t going to open back up for awhile. However, we were able to have the rental place open on Friday, Saturday and Sundays. It was a very COVID friendly envi-

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2020 royalty to be honored in 2021

BY CARLY KOLTERMAN
Miss Independence

It is a crazy time right now for so many people but that doesn't mean that Seward is changing. When looking at the question, "Why I like to Live in Seward," I guess the reason I like to live in Seward is because Seward is perfect – even with all the changes we are facing.

I really don't "live in Seward" but I live "near Seward" in the country. I spend most of my time in Seward and feel that I live in Seward enough to write this essay. Seward is a fun place, offers many learning choices and is my home. I love "living" here in Seward!

I like to live in Seward because it is fun and because of all the fun activities. For example, I love our county fair, our great swimming pool and all the recreation activities for the kids like, softball, soccer and basketball.

The Fourth of July parade is my favorite summer activity. I love watching all the people



Carly Kolterman

of Seward gather around the streets and watch the parade. Sometimes I am even in the parade on a float or truck. I also like the pet parade, and this year I am hoping that I can enter our new dog into the contest. (I don't think he will wear his bandana there though. He doesn't like wearing it at all at our home so, we may have to make him wear a bandana anyway, even if he does tear it off.) The fireworks are so much fun too and a great way to end the day.

Another reason I re-

ally like living in Seward is because of the schools and my education. I love my school – St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. We have great teachers, wonderful priests, super kids and even a school dog named Daisy. Education also happens at our Memorial Library and the summer programs like "Summer Horizons," where I learn to cook and make pottery and movies on the computer.

The Old Glory plays are also very fun and educational, and my piano and dance teachers have taught me so much. One of my favorite educational activities is learning about cattle and showing cattle. I need to know all the answers about my cow when I show them.

The final reason I like living in Seward is that it is my home. Almost all of my family lives here – great grandmas, grandpa and grandmas, lots of cousins, aunts and uncles and even some relatives I don't know how we are related but we are. Seward is my home and the home of my family and friends,



Jordyn Samuels

so why would I not like it here? We get together as a family here to celebrate all of the holidays and many birthdays. It is a perfect place for me to live and grow up.

I plan on living in Seward for a long time and will always spend my Fourth of July in Seward.

Seward is fun, has great schools and it is the home of my family – that is why I like to live in Seward and call it home. No matter how crazy things get, Seward is my home and I like to live

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BY JORDYN SAMUELS
Miss Independence runner-up

5...4...3...2...1...Boom!!!
That was a firework and a countdown to the list of my top five reasons why I like to live in Seward. There are so many places, people, and activities that make our town special, and I can't wait to share some of my favorites with you.

My fifth reason why I like living here in Seward is going to the Seward Memorial Library. I love going there to pick out books, to watch

my baby brother climb on the small indoor slide, and to attend the library's clubs. The clubs give opportunities for building with Legos, learning about animals, playing chess, making fun projects, and trading Pokémon cards.

My fourth reason that I enjoy Seward is that Seward is a town full of kind, caring people. I like going outside and playing tag with the kids in my neighborhood. I also like knowing that I live in a safe town because there are a lot of people who become policemen, firemen, and doctors. I think we all should thank

them for their hard work.

My third reason that I like Seward is that there are a lot of things to do here in all seasons of the year. When it is hot, I like to go to Seward's swimming pool to go down the twisting and turning slide or to jump off the diving board into the deep pool. I like biking down to Plum Creek Trail and finding animal tracks there. When it's cold, I like to go sledding on one of Seward's many hills with my brothers and sister or watching a movie while eating yummy popcorn at the Rivoli Theater with my family.

My second reason why living in Seward is so enjoyable is going to school and church at St. John Lutheran. I like going to a Christian school with so many friends and awesome teachers. This year, my teacher was Mrs. Soflin, and she taught me so many things! My favorite classes are religion, music, P.E., and Language Arts. I also love going to church with my family and learning about God's Word.

My number one reason why I love living in Seward is the Fourth of July celebration! Seward

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Glawatz honored with 2020 award

Reprinted from the 2020 Seward County Fourth of July section.

Roger Glawatz, long-time Seward public servant and former Seward mayor and Seward County commissioner, was honored at the Seward County Ag Pavilion and presented the 2020 Seward County Community Service award by the July 4 Committee gathering to honor the 2020 Rotary Club Essay Royalty and other awardees.

Because the Fourth of July celebration was not held in 2020, Glawatz will be recognized during festivities in 2021.

The award is usually presented at the annual Fourth of July Celebration Kick-Off Celebration, however it could not be held this year, due to the coronavirus.

The Seward County Community Service Award is a local award, presented since 1971, and was presented to Glawatz and his wife Sharon by Seward Mayor Josh Eickmeier and Jean Kolterman, the first recipient of the Seward County Community Service Award in 1971.

The award selection is based first on community nomination, and there were 31 nominees this year. The nominee names and resumes were



Roger Glawatz

distributed to 12 residents identified as community leaders from across Seward County. Each leader voted and ranked their top five.

“We had an obvious winner this year,” Kolterman said. “The selection committee voted and Roger’s name was almost on every ballot. He was, by far, the choice of the voters and while there were many deserving volunteers in competition for the honor, Roger is a great choice and most deserving. He has served the public as a true volunteer for decades and I am glad we are able to honor him.”

The winner receives a plaque and has their name engraved on the major award that hangs in the Seward Civic Cen-

ter. The major plaque was donated to the Seward Fourth of July Committee by Jones Bank in Seward.

Glawatz received his engraved plaque and was honored on the Seward Fourth of July Celebration Facebook page in the July 4 Virtual Celebration and in the Seward County Independent’s special edition. He, his wife Sharon and family will again be honored in person on July 4, 2021, at the Governor’s Reception and Grand Parade.

Glawatz served as the mayor of Seward for 15 years, along with being a longtime Seward city councilman. He was elected and served as

a Seward County commissioner, serving as the board chair. He is a member and active leader at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward, has a longtime commitment of leadership with Concordia University, served as president of the Seward Rotary Club and enjoys memberships and activities with numerous groups and organizations, such as the Seward Chamber of Commerce and Seward County Visitors Committee.

He recently served as a rehabilitation counselor for the State of Nebraska. He and Sharon are both retired and live in Seward.

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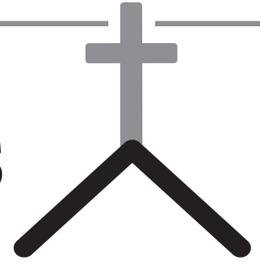
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Award winners for 2020 will also be recognized in 2021 because COVID canceled last year's festivities.

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9:30 a.m. – Bible Study
10:30 a.m. – Worship

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Sunday, July 4
9:15 a.m. – Worship

Grace Lutheran Church (WELS)

- Sunday, July 4
8:45 a.m. – Worship

Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

- Sunday, July 4
9:00 a.m. – Service at 6th & Jackson
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- Sunday, July 4
9:00 a.m. – Worship

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church

- Sunday, July 4
10:00 a.m. – Worship

Living Word Lutheran Church (LCMC)

- Saturday, July 3
5:30 p.m. – Saturday Night Recharge
- Sunday, July 4
9:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship

Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church (AALC)

- Saturday, July 3
5:30 p.m. – Worship

The Rock Lutheran Church (LCMS)

- Saturday, July 3
10:00 a.m. – Worship

Seward United Methodist Church

- Sunday, July 4
10:30 a.m. – Communion Worship Service
in the church sanctuary

St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)

- Saturday, July 3
5:30 p.m. – Worship
- Sunday, July 4
8:30 a.m. – Worship (*No 11:00 a.m. service*)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

- Saturday, July 3
5:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass
- Sunday, July 4
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass



Visit the Seward Fourth of July website
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402-643-4189 for more information.

Ukuleles take center stage

The Seward Area Ukulele Players will perform its first formal concert under the spotlight of Seward's Fourth of July celebration.

The group began three years ago and features players of all ages and skill levels. Once a month, anyone with a ukulele and a desire to learn more can join in the circle, share music and work to build skills in a relaxed atmosphere.

"It's fun to play with other people, learn different songs, share with each other and just laugh," said group leader Veronica Gabel.

Gabel is part of the Ukuladies group, which typically provides the ukulele music to the Fourth's offerings. Because other members of the Ukuladies were unable to perform this year,



GREG FORBES/SCI/MT

The Seward Area Ukulele Players practice ahead of their performance at the Fourth of July Celebration.

Clark Kolterman asked if the group could step in.

This particular group isn't typically a performance act, she said, but this will be their chance to show the public the heart of the group and how something as simple

as an instrument can bring people of all backgrounds together.

"We're just having fun," she said. "All you have to know is a couple chords, don't worry about being a good ukulele player. It doesn't matter...

we're just having fun."

They'll perform a couple of patriotic tunes, as well as some classic radio hits. Gabel said the group has enjoyed readying itself for a new experience and learning new songs along the way.

Concerts, performances fill weekend

Music will fill the air over the Fourth of July weekend in Seward.

A free vaudeville show will be on the Rivoli Theatre stage Saturday, July 3, at 7 p.m. Tickets are required and may be obtained at the Nebraska National Guard Museum and the Rivoli Theatre.

The Wissmann Family Singers and Friends will perform a free concert Saturday, July 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the bandshell.

On July 4, concerts start at 9:30 a.m.

✓ The Musical Collin Warren and Friends, 9:30 a.m., Civic Center

Auditorium

✓ Seward's Ukulele Band, 10 a.m., Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Rodney Hiser in Concert, 10:30 a.m., Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Seward County High School Summer Chamber Choir, 11 a.m., Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Paul Soulek's Piano Presents "A Bit of Patriotism," 11:30 a.m., Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Dana Nottingham, "The United States of America – Forever Strong" with the Kiwanis KiTones, noon, Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Folk on the Fourth featuring

the Todd Sisters and Friends, 1 p.m., Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Seward Community Band, "Salute to Sousa," 1 p.m., Seward bandshell

✓ Sally Jost in Concert, 1:30 p.m., Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Wissmann Family Singers, 2 p.m., Civic Center Auditorium

✓ Esprit de Corps, 5 p.m., Seward bandshell

✓ Concert, 7 p.m., Seward bandshell

✓ Route 66 Band, 8 p.m., Plum Creek Park



PHOTO COURTESY OF COMMANDING GENERAL'S MOUNTED COLOR GUARD

Members of the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard will be hosted at the Nebraska National Guard Museum on July 4 and participate in the annual Grand Parade. Visitors can meet the soldiers on Jackson Street or behind the museum on the west property. Event times will be posted at the NENG Museum.

Mounted Color Guard to be in Seward

BY GERALD D. "JERRY" MEYER
NENG Historian

Soldiers and horses of the Commanding Gener-

al's Mounted Color Guard will be on display at the Nebraska National Guard Museum and in the Grand Parade on July 4.

The horses will be housed at the Seward County Fairgrounds the night before and are sponsored by the Seward

County Visitors Committee. The group will bring up 14 horses, two mules and 20 soldiers. During
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Color Guard

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the day on July 4, they will be near the NENG Museum (on Jackson or on the west property). Check the museum for posted event times.

Established in 1992, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard provides a link to Fort Riley's historic past. Troopers and horses of this unit are outfitted in the uniforms, accoutrements and equipment of the Civil War period. Soldiers are detailed from the ranks of units assigned to Fort Riley and receive instruction from manuals used by Civil War cavalrymen.

From privates to officers, these men and women recreate the colorful spectacle of the American horse soldier. They demonstrate their horsemanship for professional rodeos, community events, parades, school groups and official ceremonies.

The CGMCG performs mounted drill and weapons demonstrations and parades for community events and rodeos, as well as military ceremonies on Fort Riley.

The mounted demonstration is an exhibition of skill and precision required of a cavalry horse soldier. It includes various drills using

the 1861 Cavalry Light Saber, .45-caliber revolver and the 1873 Remington .45-caliber lever action repeater rifle.

The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard represents Fort Riley and the U.S. Army in a highly professional and polished display of cavalry horsemanship and military tradition. They portray the U.S. Cavalry as they appeared in mid to late 19th century.

Soldiers in the CGMCG are assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Infantry Division.

Events at the Nebraska National Guard Museum begin at 7:30 a.m. with Reveille, firing the 75mm howitzer and raising the flag.

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The Magic of Disney, Cliff Lowell, 10 a.m., Civic Center AV Room

142 Seward Street: Story of a House, Dr. Brent Royuk, 10 a.m., Bottle Rocket Brewery

Nebraska Landmark Buildings, Jeff Barnes of Humanities Nebraska, 10 a.m., Civic Center East Fireplace Room

The American Flag and National Unity in World War II, James Kimble, 11 a.m., Civic Center East Fireplace Room

Waterways of the Tsars, Sue Imig, 11 a.m., Civic Center AV Room

History of Hughes Brothers, John Hughes, noon, Civic Center East Fireplace Room

Centennial of the League of Women Voters and the 19th Amendment, Linda Duckworth, noon, Civic Center AV Room

Robber's Cave, Joel Green, noon, Bottle Rocket Brewery

With the Nebraska National Guard from the Normandy Beaches to the Rhine in 1945, Dr. Louis Reith, 1 p.m., Civic Center AV Room

A Century of Fashion, Sue McClain of Humanities Nebraska, 1 p.m., Civic Center East Fireplace Room

Uncle Sam – Origin and Evolution of an Idea, Don Hickey of Humanities Nebraska, 1 p.m., Bottle Rocket Brewery

A Musical Tribute to Doris Day, Cliff Lowell, 2 p.m., Civic Center AV Room

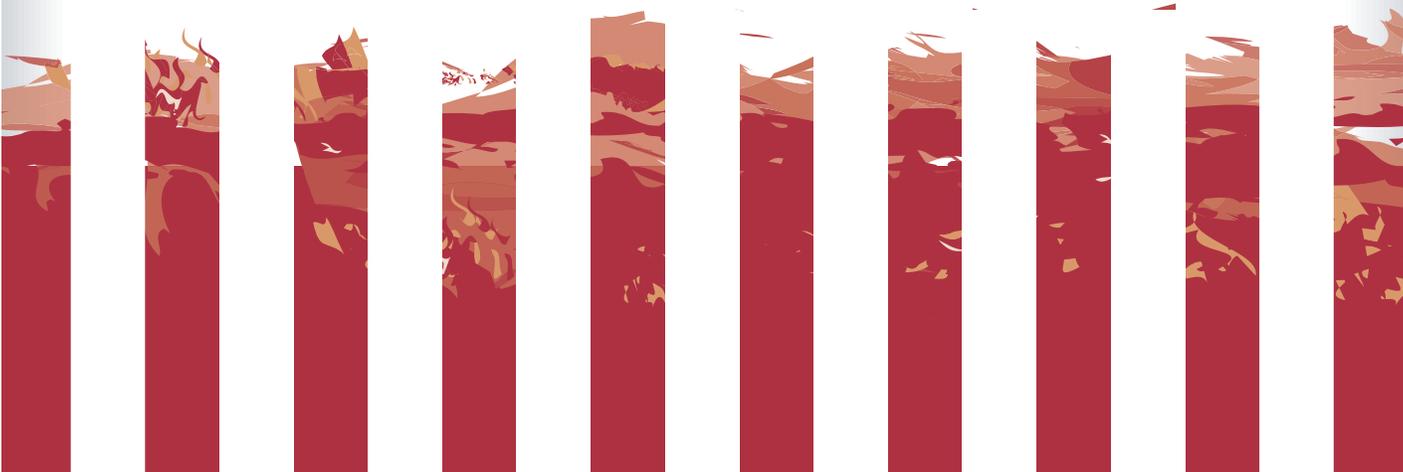
Shon Hopwood, Law Man, Dr. Louis Reith, 2 p.m., Civic Center East Fireplace Room

Quilt talks Cattle Bank and Trust meeting room

Willa Cather and Quilts, Evelyn Haller of Humanities Nebraska, 11 a.m.

The Fabulous Feed Sack Era, Yvonne Hollenback of Humanities Nebraska, noon

Patchwork on the Prairie, Yvonne Hollenback of Humanities Nebraska, 1 p.m.



Gold medalist to visit for July 4

BY GERALD D. "JERRY" MEYER
NENG Historian

Gary Anderson, former Nebraska National Guard soldier and two-time Olympic gold medalist, is spending the July 4 holiday in Seward. He is a guest of the Cattle Bank and Trust.

Anderson will participate in several events to include the dedication of the new John and Darlene Wood Weapons Display Room on Saturday, July 3 at 1 p.m. at the NENG Museum in Seward.

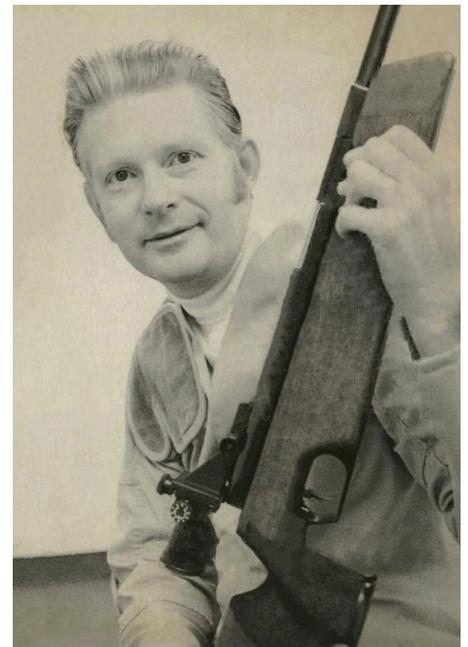
Gary Anderson is considered by many to be the father of competitive sport shooting. His gold medals in Tokyo (1964) and Mexico City (1968) in shooting made him a household name around the country. The Holdrege native went on to win many more national and international awards in shooting during his career.

In the new John and Darlene

Wood Weapons Display Room is a cabinet dedicated to the NENG shooting teams and named in honor of Anderson. The Gary Anderson Cabinet contains many of the firearms the NENG has used in shooting competitions around the world. The case will also include a 3D replica of his Olympic gold medals.

While in Seward, he will be staying at the Liberty House Bed and Breakfast. The place will become Bachelor Quarters Number One as Gen. Dwight Eisenhower (actor Chan Taylor) will also be staying there.

Several times have been set aside for patrons to meet Anderson at the NENG Museum over the holiday weekend. He will also be riding in the Grand Parade. Anderson will be the guest of Van and Becky Vahle of Seward for the evening fireworks on the Fourth.



COURTESY PHOTO

Gary Anderson, former Nebraska National Guard soldier and two-time Olympic gold medalist in shooting, will be attending events at the Nebraska National Guard Museum on July 3 and 4.

Schedule full at NE National Guard Museum

BY GERALD D. "JERRY" MEYER
NENG Historian

The Nebraska National Guard Museum is planning a full slate of activities for the July 4th holiday. Visitors will get to meet a World War II icon (albeit a re-enactor), view new exhibits and rooms, immerse yourself in the Revolutionary and Civil War history on display and participate in many other activities.

The museum will be open both Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4.

July 3

Start off the day at 10 a.m. with "Coffee with

the General" in the Jones Bank Theater. Meet Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (actor Chan Taylor) and discuss such topics as the planning for Operation Overlord or the cross country convoy he led in 1919.

Following the coffee at 11 a.m., come out to the main floor to meet former Nebraska National Guard soldier and two-time Olympic gold medalist Gary Anderson. He is considered to be the father of modern competitive shooting in America. He is here in Seward to help celebrate the dedication of the new weapons

display room at 1 p.m.

The "John and Darlene Wood Weapons Display Room" is a custom built room that showcases the history of firearms since the founding of the Nebraska National Guard in 1854. Darlene Wood gave a significant contribution in honor of her late husband, John, to help make this room become a reality.

The evening entertainment starts at 7 p.m. at the historic Rivoli Theater as we help kick off the holiday with "Vaudeville 1921" on stage. Get your free tickets at the theater or museum and

enjoy local and state talent as we celebrate the Rivoli Theater.

July 4

We start off the day with a "boom" with Rev-eille at 7:30 a.m. Firing the 75mm World War II pack howitzer in conjunction with the anvil firing is sure to get people up and moving for the day! This will happen near the flag pole in front of the museum.

The open house will start at 8 a.m. and go until 7 p.m. (we will be open during the parade if you need to use the

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New display features flights

The new Flights of Honor exhibit will be in Seward Saturday and Sunday, July 3 and 4, as part of the Fourth of July celebration. It will be open Saturday, July 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the I.H. Feary Building in downtown Seward.

For anyone concerned about COVID-19, this exhibit consists of nine separate frames that will have ample spacing between each of them.

This exhibit, created by Patriotic Productions of Omaha, includes hundreds of photos from the Heartland Honor Flights that took 3,466 veterans from 386 Nebraska communities to Washington, D.C., from 2008-2019. The exhibit provides opportunities for veterans to re-live

their experiences, and for family members, volunteers and patriots of all ages to reminisce and educate others about the importance of thanking and honoring our veterans. There is no admission fee, thanks to tour sponsors. The exhibit's underwriting sponsor is Sandhills Global of Lincoln.

The exhibit includes nine separate double-sided frames with photos of the flights for our World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Female and Purple Heart Veterans of Iraq/Afghanistan.

Remembering Our Fallen will also be on display during the same hours. The Seward Arts Council is sponsoring the memorial display.

The memorial is a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by Nebraskans killed during the War on

Terror (Post 9/11/01). Both military and personal photos are displayed.

Patriotic Productions is a non-profit organization with a mission of honoring our military by offering opportunities for those who wish to do the same. Initially focused on our nation's fallen who called Nebraska home, an emotional traveling memorial – "Remembering Our Fallen" – was created that expanded to 15 state-specific memorials since launching in 2010, with a national memorial now the focus. The mission also included taking veterans to Washington, D.C., for their Flight of Honor.

For more information, visit www.PatrioticProductions.org, www.RememberingOurFallen.org or [www.Facebook.com/PatrioticProductions](https://www.facebook.com/PatrioticProductions).



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Museum

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restrooms). Static displays will also be set up out front and on Jackson Street. Come out and see the Revolutionary War (1776) soldiers' encampment. This group does a wonderful camp set up on the front lawn of the museum and you can learn about life during the Revolutionary War.

Another encampment will feature the First Nebraska Infantry of the Civil War. They are new to the holiday here in Seward but are helping us celebrate the 160th anniversary of the victory at Fort Donelson next year.

You need to check out the Commanding Generals' Mounted Guard from Fort Riley, Kansas. They are bringing 14 horses and two mules to Seward this year. They will be on Jackson or on the west property for displays and exhibits of their skills on horseback. All of these groups will also be in the Grand Parade.

At 9 a.m., the focus shifts to the dedication of the "Nebraska Women Warriors" Exhibit. The dedication is planned for the front parking area of



COURTESY PHOTO

Revolutionary soldiers re-enactors will be at the Nebraska National Guard Museum on July 4. They will set up an encampment and carry the colors in the Grand Parade.

the museum. The speaker for the event is Maj. Gen. Wendy Johnson, Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Material Command. She is a member of the Nebraska Air National Guard and the first female two star in the NENG. The dedication will unveil the new exhibit honoring the service of females in the Nebraska National Guard

since 1972.

At 11 a.m., visitors can meet Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Olympic medalist Gary Anderson inside the museum. The Veterans Administration will have a station to answer questions and stamp out dog tags for visitors. Another table will include the First Nebraska Infantry (Civil War re-enactors) with information on how you can

support their mission. Visitors can check out the new "Nebraska's Women Warriors" Exhibit and the "John and Darlene Wood Weapons Display Room" at the Museum.

Events will start to taper off around 3 p.m. to prepare for the Grand Parade. The 1776 and First Nebraska soldiers will carry the colors in the front of the parade with the VFW and American Legion. Expect to see Eisenhower riding in a World War II half-track. Anderson will be in a 1950's era Jeep. The women veterans of the NENG will be riding in a white 1960's era Jeep. The pack howitzer will be towed by a British World War II era Jeep. Following them will be the Commanding General's Mounted Guard from Fort Riley.

Sponsors for the actors and activities on July 3/4 are Cattle Bank and Trust, Van and Becky Vahle, Jones Bank, Chuck and Jan Matzke and Vernon "Charlie" Hermann. The NENG Museum is free and open to the public. Parking is limited (reserved for support staff).

Weapons display room named for 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.

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Annual pie eating contest highlights July 4 competitions

✓ The “**Made in America**” art show, sponsored by the Lincoln Art Guild, will be held at the Langworthy Gallery in the civic center, starting at 8 a.m. Cast your vote for the People’s Choice award.

✓ The **Best Decorated Bike/Trike Contest** will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Bandshell.

✓ The **Herb Downing Memorial Horseshoe Pitching Tournament** will begin at 9 a.m. on the Seward County Fairgrounds horseshoe pits.

✓ The **Water Fights** will begin at 9 a.m. on Jackson Avenue, between

Third and Fourth streets.

✓ The annual **Street Vault** competition will start at 9 a.m. in front of Bottle Rocket Brewing on Fifth Street.

✓ The **Pet Parade/Pet Contest** will start at 9 a.m. at the Bandshell.

✓ The **Children’s Big Wheel/Hot Cycle Races** will take place at 10 a.m. on Jackson Avenue and Fourth Street in front of Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.

✓ Noses to the sugar! The **Bubble Gum Blowing** and **Apple Pie Eating** contests will start at 11 a.m. at the Bandshell.

✓ The **Corn-Hole Tournament** at Bottle



FILE PHOTO

Participants in the 2019 apple pie eating contest make their mothers proud during their heat. This year’s state championships start at 11 a.m. at the bandshell.

Rocket Brewing will start at 9 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

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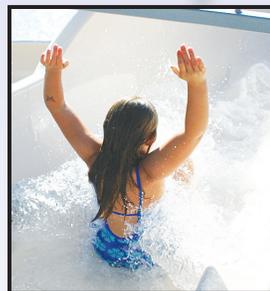
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Weapons room

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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 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.



COURTESY PHOTO

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

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.

Donors associated with completion of the Weapons Display Room include 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.,

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Bandshell good stopping point

Concerts, contests fill stage throughout Fourth of July celebration

When you're not sure what to do on the Fourth of July, stop at the Seward Bandshell for a variety of free activities.

★ On Saturday, July 3, the Wissmann Family Singers and Friends will perform at the bandshell at 7:30 p.m.

★ On July 4, activities start at 7:30 a.m. when Scouts USA Troop 256 raises the flag. A community prayer service, sponsored by the Seward Ministerial Association and led by the Rev. Mary Kay Totty of the Seward United Methodist Church follows.

The United Method-

ist Church praise band will perform as part of the opening ceremonies.

★ The Seward Volunteer Fire Department will conduct its annual anvil firing both before and after the service in Zabka Park, directly behind the bandshell.

★ Those with decorated bicycles and tricycles will have their work judged at the bandshell beginning at 8:30 a.m. Prizes and awards will be given, and riders of all ages are welcome to enter and may ride in the Grand Parade. The contest is sponsored by the Seward High School

chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

★ Pets and their young owners take the stage at 9 a.m. during the pet parade, put on by the Seward FFA and sponsored by Petsource by Scouler. The free event is open to the public.

★ At 10 a.m. and noon, the LUXE Dance Academy of Lincoln dancers will kick up their heels for the audience.

★ The annual bubble gum/apple pie eating contest is on tap at 11 a.m. The competitions are sponsored by the Seward Rotary Club, which provides the pie and

the gum. No pre-registration is necessary.

★ At 1 p.m., the City Municipal Band will offer its annual "Salute to Sousa."

★ The Elements Dance Studio of Milford will present a show at 2 p.m.

★ The mayor's welcome, crowning of the 2021 royalty and recognition of the Community Service Award and Nebraskan's Friend Award winners will be at 6 p.m.

★ A concert sponsored by the Seward Arts Council will begin at 7 p.m.

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Parade to fill streets July 4

The grand parade starts at 4 p.m. on July 4 on First Street, turns onto Seward Street and goes west to Moffitt Park. Floats, bands, tractors, emergency vehicles, military units, politicians and Czech queens make their way down Seward Street, waving to parade goers and sometimes sharing candy with the children. Please remember to stay out of the way of parade participants.



Stay fueled all day

☞ One breakfast option is the **community breakfast**, at 7 a.m., in the Seward Civic Center basement. Menu includes French toast and sausage, sponsored by the St. John Lutheran Church Music Ministry.

☞ Free **juice and doughnuts** will be at the bandshell and Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home following the community prayer service at 7:30 a.m.

☞ The Seward VFW Auxiliary will hold a **community buffet breakfast** at the VFW Club at 8 a.m.

☞ **Food Alley** opens at 9 a.m. and is filled with vendors who serve snow cones, gyros, burgers and more.

☞ Mighty Fortress Evangelical Lutheran Church will host a **hot dog feed**

starting at 10 a.m. on Sixth and Bradford streets. Proceeds will benefit the Blue Valley Community Action food pantry.

☞ The **pie festival** will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west side of the civic center basement.

☞ The Seward High Band Boosters will hold the **sloppy joe/yum yum feed** starting at 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the civic center basement.

☞ A **beef bar-b-que meal/buffet** will be held at Olde Glory Theatre at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at Seward banks or they can be bought at the door.

☞ The Seward VFW will hold a **hamburger/hot dog basket feed** at the VFW Post starting at 5 p.m. and going until 8 p.m.

Ready ... jump!



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A parachute jump takes place over Plum Creek Park at 8 p.m. to help set the stage for the 10 p.m. fireworks show.

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is the Fourth of July city! I love going downtown for the parade to watch the floats and get candy. One of my favorite times is when we get lunch from the food trucks. My favorite food truck is Dip-pin' Dots. After we eat, we get to go and watch the beautiful fireworks at dusk to celebrate our country's freedom.

The Seward Memorial Library, friendly people, many activities to do throughout the year, my school and church, and the Fourth of July celebration are my five biggest reasons why I love to live in Seward. 5...4...3...2...1... KABOOM!!!

BY MICHAEL FRISBIE

Mr. Firecracker

Seward...where the Fourth of July lives! We



Michael Frisbie

celebrate our freedom in this town! It's the best town of ALL!

There's LOTS to do in Seward. Take a dip in the big, round pool! Go to Concordia University and watch a football or soccer game. Ride your bike or take a walk on the Plum Creek Trail. Take a nice nature walk around the

Seward pond. In August there's a great county fair with animals, rodeos, rides, concession stands and music.

Visit the National Guard Museum to learn about history. You will even see some tanks and airplanes there. If you're hungry after all that, go out to eat at one of Seward's good restaurants.

But the best time to visit Seward is the Fourth of July! In the morning you can see basketball games, firefighters having water fights, apple pie eating contests, a pole vaulting contest, a car show and an air show. In the afternoon you can watch a huge parade. There's floats, fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, tractors, bands, and LOTS of candy! If you're hungry you can find a funnel cake at a concession stand. At night there's a humongous fireworks show. You will always have a good time.

This is why I LOVE to live in Seward, Nebraska!

BY DARIEN SUGDEN

Mr. Firecracker runner-up

What I love about Seward is that there a lot of parks for us to enjoy. It is so convenient to find a park to play in or to play catch. Our parks are



Darien Sugden

outstanding.

Another reason I like to live in Seward is the Bike Trail. My family and I ride our bikes on the trail and it is fun. We even had a family picture taken on the trail.

In Seward you don't have to worry because Seward is a small town. One more reason is that Seward has friendly neighbors that take care of your pets when you are gone and take in your mail but don't open it until you have read it.

The final reason I like to live in Seward is because of the Fourth of July Celebration. We have a lot of activities during the day and then at night we have a giant fireworks show. It is great day.

And that is why I like to live in Seward!

Volkswalk

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Walkers are invited to choose whichever route they wish and complete it at their leisure. Spaulding said it's a leisurely walk meant to encourage physical activity while giving walkers a unique view of a community.

"We gear these walks to anyone traveling through the area because the historical value of the walk," she said. "It's not just about seeing all the attractions of the town, it's seeing downtown Seward, seeing the Pa-

rade of Flags and seeing things a normal tourist wouldn't see."

The walk is a staple of the Fourth of July in Seward but can be completed at any time this year. Walkers must first go to Fast Mart in Seward and request the walk box. The walk box contains a notebook to sign a waiver, an informational envelope, map and a start card.

For more information about the walk visit: <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=116728>.

Congratulations to all the July 4 honorees and dignitaries.

Richards 2020 Nebraskan's Friend winner

Laurie Richards of Lincoln, the Nebraska State Film Officer since 1995 for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, was selected the recipient of the annual Nebraskan's Friend Award in 2020.

The Seward Fourth of July Celebration theme for 2020 was "The Magic of Movies" and saluted the 100th anniversary of the historic Rivoli Movie Theater in Seward.

Her responsibilities include managing and marketing all aspects of Nebraska to promote, attract and host media-related projects that

provide jobs for local industry professionals.

Her educational experiences include a bachelor of arts degree in 1983 from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in art history and Spanish, preparator, 1977-1983, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, UNL; Marketing and Public Relations classes, 1987 Creighton University Continuing Education, Member association Film Commissioners, International, 1995 to present, Board Member, 2001-2003, Public Lectures, Videographer for the GESKE Talks on Art, 1995-2006, 1995 to present.

Richards' memberships include Nebraska Independent Film Projects; Nebraska Film Association; Sheldon

Art Association; board member, Friends of the Mary Riepa Ross Media Arts Center and UNL; Filmstreams.

Vote

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to impart the idea of citizen involvement and how rewarding it can be," Duckworth said.

To accompany the lecture, Duckworth hopes to open up a dialogue with audience members about their "experiences in making democracy work."

Hemphill, a Seward native, said she is glad the

League gets to get back to participating in the Fourth of July.

"We're excited to be a part of that and offer something on the schedule that people can take a look at, learn something new and learn why it's important that women have the right to vote," Hemphill said. "It would be a very different society today if we didn't."

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diving board, a slide and a kiddie pool for every age to have fun.

And we have a water tower. Don't judge me by my likes. It's useful. The whole town gets fresh, clean water and guess what? There are two of them! I've been here my whole life, and I don't know some of the parts of Seward. To me, the town is pretty big.

Next, we have food. There's Runza. Their food is great. It's not that big but it is useful. Also there is Sparetime. It is next door to the bowling alley and you're in luck—they have fast food. It takes them 20 minutes. Last, there is Café on the Square. It is a real Café.

Finally, of course, we have outdoors. The bike trail is fun, long and perfect for exercise. I like the highway. What is a highway doing in town? No one knows. There are



Ava Nitz

lots of parks scattered around Seward. Last, you can find lots of baseball fields and lots of sports.

Well, I hope you had fun on the tour of Seward. And if you're still trying to find a home, why not try Seward?

Ava has finished fourth grade at St. John Lutheran School. Her teacher was Montana Soflin, and

her parents are Kelby Nitz and Andrea Krull.

BY AARON ROYUK

Mr. Firecracker runner-up

There are lots of things to do and places to go in Seward.

There are many good food places like Subway, Casey's and DQ. At Subway, you can order whatever you want on your sub. Casey's pizza is amazing. At DQ there is great ice cream and Blizzards.

There are also lots of sports options. If you go to most schools, you will probably have a track team. You can join a baseball team in Seward and play in close places. If you get invited, you can join a basketball team if you are older.

There are lots of places to go. You can go to the pool. They have a diving board and a water slide. You can go to the movie



Aaron Royuk

theater. They have awesome snacks. There are lots of parks, all over town!

In conclusion, I love living in Seward because there is great food, sports and places to go!

Aaron has finished fourth grade at St. John Lutheran School with Montana Soflin as his teacher. His parents are Amy and Kyle Royuk.

Rivoli

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ronment.”

For the Fourth of July celebration this year, the Rivoli is having a special for its moviegoers.

“We haven't decided on a movie quite yet,” Julie said. “As always, the movie will be free admission for anyone who wants to come.”

The Wiseharts are still debating on whether or not to have a float in this year's parade.

“Although we've really enjoyed

doing a float the past few years, it is a lot of hard work and we know that our employees are busy people,” Julie said.

With the Wiseharts celebrating this big milestone, Julie described the city of Seward's impact on the theatre and her life.

“I love Seward tremendously,” Julie said. “I've loved it since the day I moved here. All the people are so friendly and kind. I love seeing all of the people who come in to

watch movies.”

The Wiseharts are also very thankful for the opportunities that the community of Seward has brought them.

“We're very grateful for the grants that we got to fix up the building,” Julie said. “We want to keep adding and improving the theatre so that we can offer the best experience possible for our customers.”

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The Seward Volunteer Fire Department hosts the anvil firing, a colonial custom, at 7:30 a.m. on the Fourth of July at Zabka Park.

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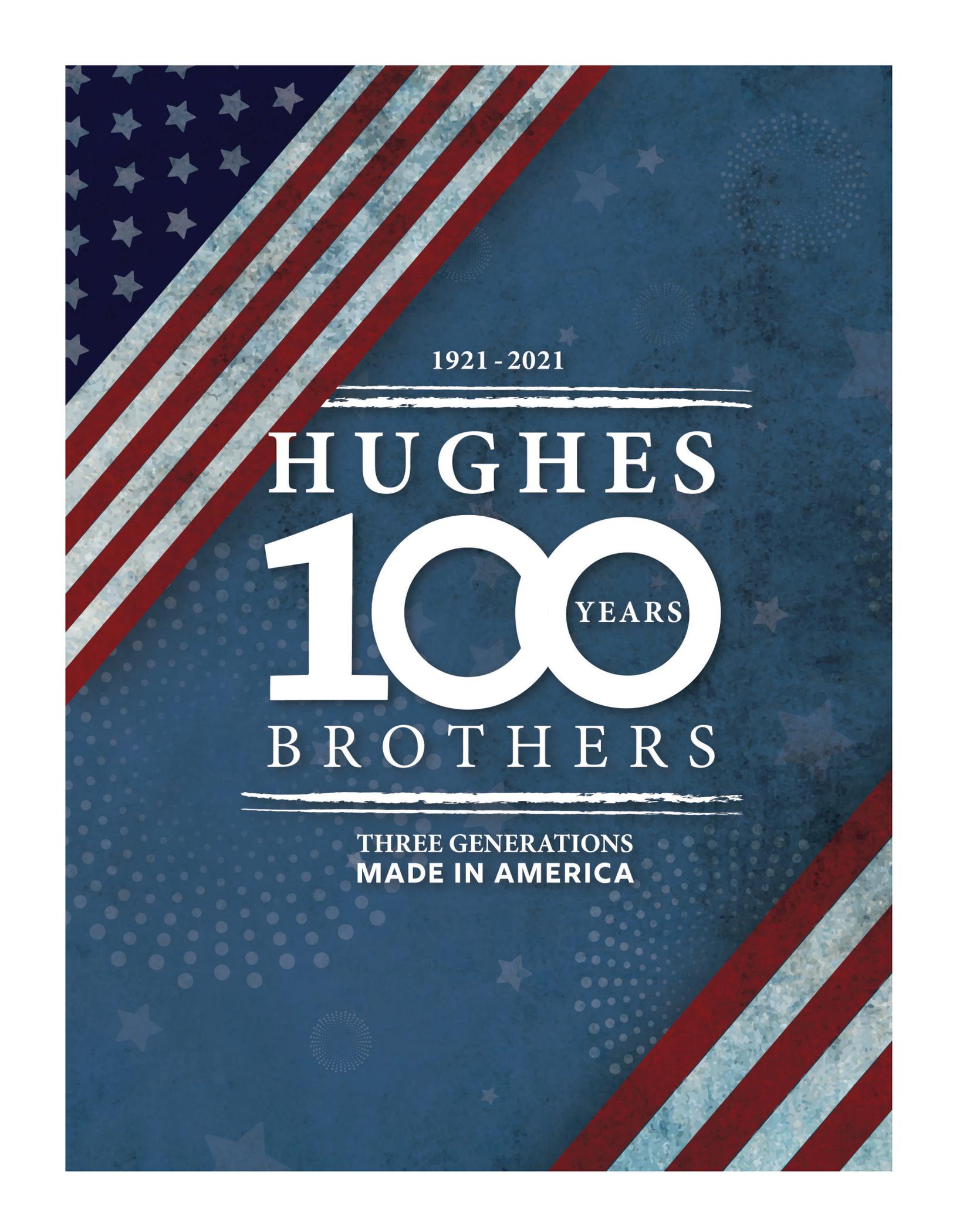
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