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A colorful Dr. Seuss themed quilt was one of 24 donated by the Blue Valley Quilt Guild to Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates in November.

‘Real, individualized love’

Quilt guild donates handmade quilts for children in CASA services

by Greg Forbes
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Children under Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates services rarely have promise of a Merry Christmas. Southeast Nebras-

ka CASA executive director Marci Fehlhafer said holidays are often difficult times for children who are with CASA. “A lot of them have been removed from their home due to abuse and neglect and come to

us with just the clothes on their backs and no personal belongings,” she said. Members of the Blue Valley Quilt Guild recently made sure the 24 children currently under Southeast Nebraska CASA services wouldn’t

go without warmth and a Christmas gift this year. The quilt guild in November donated handmade quilts for each of the children. Other organizations also contributed gifts and other items, ensur-

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ALLO plans projects for Milford, Seward

by Greg Forbes
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Two Seward County communities will soon be able to offer fiber internet to all homes and businesses. ALLO Communications announced fiber-to-the-premise projects offering 10 gigabit bandwidth in Seward and Milford.

Both projects are expected to begin in the spring of 2022.

Milford mayor Patrick Kelley said the announcement is significant for the city, as it provides a vital resource for current residents and adds a service to entice potential new residents and businesses.

“Something I have been working towards since I came into public office is trying to set the table so to speak and provide every resource to make our community attractive for people looking to relocate,” he said.

Seward mayor Josh Eickmeier said ALLO’s investment in the community puts Seward ahead of others that cannot provide fast, reliable internet to its homes and businesses.

“While other communities struggle to gain access to broadband internet, we are fortunate that ALLO Communications will bring high-speed fiber internet access to every home and business in Seward,” he said.

Per information provided by ALLO, the net-

work will feature a 10 gigabit symmetric service that provides equal upload and download speeds to each small business and residential customer via a Wi-Fi 6 router. Services offered through ALLO will include internet, data transport, video, phone systems and connectivity to cloud providers. Seward city administrator Greg Butcher said the partnership with ALLO has been in the works for nearly five years. He said the company and the city worked closely to ensure the correct infrastructure was in place and once everything was set up, ALLO elected to move forward with the project.

“They were interested in getting a Geographic Information System, establishing easements and utility poles so they could build out an engineering plan,” Butcher said. “That’s what they’ve been working on and I think they got to this point where they’re ready to go forward.”

Jonathan Jank, Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership president and CEO, said the breadth of services ALLO will offer aligns well with a recent emphasis on remote working. Now, residents and small business owners have the opportunity to work from home with access to a number of in-demand services.

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Main Street Market under new ownership

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Craig and Karen Bontrager’s personal connections to Main Street Market fueled the Milford couple’s decision to purchase the store.

The Bontragers took ownership of the market from Neil and Lucinda Burkholder in November. Craig, a Milford native with a history of business ownership, wanted to see the store remain in the community as a resource for area residents.

Karen, a Pennsylvania native, gravitated towards the store because of her employment at a similar establishment as a child back home.

“This came up and we thought, ‘this is our opportunity to work

together,’ so we jumped at it,” Craig said.

With the store’s connection to the area Mennonite population and their own Mennonite backgrounds, the Bontragers felt they could create a seamless ownership transition and not disrupt the store’s importance to the community.

“We’re both Mennonite and it’s run the Mennonite way,” he said. “We shopped here ourselves over time and enjoyed it more and more every day. Karen would always say this reminded her of home.”

Shoppers at Main Street Market won’t notice many drastic changes. They’ll still find mostly Mennonite and Nebraska-made

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Cheerleaders in training



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Seven-year-old Grace Hicks of Seward was among dozens of youngsters who performed with the Concordia cheerleaders during the Bulldogs’ home basketball victories against Northwestern Saturday. Photo by Doug Carroll.

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“We have more people doing work remotely and more businesses being flexible how people work,” he said. “If people are able to work from home a couple of days a week, you need this reliable and affordable technology.”

“It’s critical to Seward County to be able to have that amenity expectation.”

Jank added that the ALLO projects will add a significant recruiting tool to

Seward County.

“Companies are more mindful than ever about quality of life and quality of place,” he said. “This is an amenity expectation that businesses have when they’re thinking about where they’re going to expand or relocate. If you don’t have this technology or broadband connectivity, they’re not going to look at you.”

Brad Moline, ALLO president and CEO, said connecting smaller, rural commu-

nities with fiber is a cornerstone of ALLO’s mission and Seward and Milford fit the criteria ALLO looks for in new projects.

“Seward and Milford deserve world-class communications,” he said. “Our goal is to enable and future-proof each community’s communication infrastructure.”

“We’re ready to open up the windows of opportunity to further Seward and Milford’s success.”

Quilts

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ing that CASA children would have some semblance of Christmas.

“This is so special because we ask that our volunteers (advocates) not buy the kids they serve gifts because we want it to be an even playing field,” Fehlhafer said. “Our volunteers will be able to present these gifts and quilts to the children. Every child will have gifts this year.”

Fehlhafer said the quilt guild has contributed quilts before, but this year’s donation was by far the

largest.

Kris Boelter, Blue Valley Quilt Guild president, said the project began in February of this year as a way to keep the quilt guild active while in-person meetings were put on hold because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group made 17 quilts and was able to find seven others in order for each child to have a quilt.

Quilt guild member Janalee Petsch said she was pleased with the efforts of the group because of the value a handmade quilt has for children

in need of comfort.

“Every child deserves their own quilt to hide under, to keep warm, to wrap around themselves like a hug from someone who cares,” she said. “(They need) something that belongs to just them.”

Fehlhafer said the generosity of the quilt guild cannot adequately be put into words.

“Quilts are a symbol of real, individualized love,” she said. “I feel like these wonderful people have prayed over them, worked over them and gave them so generously.”

Market

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items, bulk grocery supplies, hand carved meat and cheese and quality, homemade baked goods and handmade crafts.

Craig said it’s those items that have made the store not only an asset to the community, but a place where people find joy and connections to their childhood.

“We don’t want to change anything that’s here because that’s why people come here,” Craig said. “I had a lady come in from Lincoln and bought a stick of gum. She said, ‘I haven’t seen this since I was a kid’ and that’s the kind of stuff we get in here.”

And shoppers will still find the top-of-the-line customer service that has existed since the Burkholders initially opened the market in 2015, as all the existing staff stayed through the ownership transition.

“They’re (employees) great workers, they’re great people and they’re the reason people come here,” Craig said.

If the Bontragers change anything about the store, Craig said it’ll likely be to add services such as delivery and pre-made meals to add to the customer experience.

“We just want to be a good part of the community,” he said.

Just a few weeks into their ownership,

Craig said he’s seen first-hand the value of the store to the community as well as shoppers who travel to Milford just to stop at Main Street Market.

“People want to stay in town and they want to support their town,” Craig said. “People are really supportive. They’re excited to have it in town and just the uniqueness of it, they know brings in people from other towns.”

“It helps keep our name on the map. There are a lot of towns just fading away and we don’t want to be one of those. This is just something else that makes (Milford) unique.”

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Seward High School presents: ‘The Audition’



Soleil (Ella Gray), seated), tries to ignore some of the other students (Emily Bujarski, Ellen Klintworth, Abby Wignall, Ethan Wilkinson, Jadyn Nelson and Nixon Seegebarth) who are making fun of her in “The Audition,” performed by Seward High.



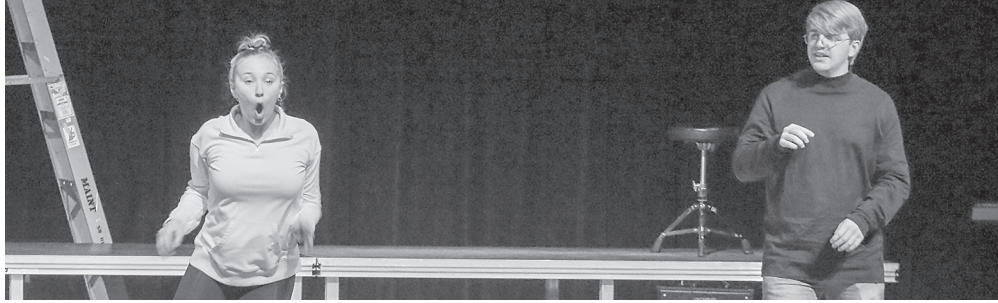
Students warm up before their auditions in “The Audition,” performed by Seward High.



Gina (Rachel Runyan) explains why puppies make her cry in “The Audition,” performed by Seward High.



Alison's father (Camden Baldassano), right, insists that Mr. Torrance (Austin Schroeder) put Alison in the play in “The Audition,” performed by Seward High.



Yuma (Karnie Gottschalk) shows her dancing skills while the stage manager (Noah Fields) watches in “The Audition,” performed by Seward High.



Elizabeth (Emily Yelden), front, tries to live up to her mother's (Bailey Broadwell) expectations even though they're not what she wants in “The Audition,” performed by Seward High.



Yuma (Karnie Gottschalk) is all ears as Mr. Torrance (Austin Schroeder) gives the audtion instructions in “The Audition,” performed by Seward High.

Stuff the Cruiser dates announced

The Seward Rotary Club/Seward Police Department annual Christmas Toy Drive “Stuff the Cruiser” is collecting toys for local children. Toys and cash donations can be dropped off at the Seward Police Station through Dec. 9, or send donations to Seward Rotary Club, PO Box 103, Seward, NE 68434, the distribution day for the toys. Also assisting with the massive toy drive are the members of the Concordia University’s Rotaract Club. A special toy collection box is also being set up at the Seward Civic Center by the office door of the Seward Civic Center Caretaker for the toy campaign. On Dec. 11, local families will be able to select the desired toys at the Seward Civic Center

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments encouraged. To schedule an appointment to select toys, contact the Stuff the Cruiser hotline at (402) 646-5755 as soon as possible.

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A new member of the newspaper team

by Meaghan Stout
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A few things about me...

I love all animals, besides my exes of course. My dream is to have a raccoon as a pet and a yard big enough to have multiple dogs.

I am a recent college graduate, so I have no idea



Meaghan Stout
Reporter

what is going on most of the time but I know that will likely always be the case.

I grew up in the Elmwood-Murdock community surrounded by fields and tractors but I moved to Crete and then Lincoln after my graduation from Doane University.

During college, I majored in Philosophy, Religious Studies and International Studies with minors in English and Asian Studies. In other words, a bunch of stuff that I can't get a job in without a graduate degree.

Outside of my academic work, I helped with Doane's school newspaper as an editor and became the editor-in-chief my senior year.

That's where I realized my love for journalism. Though, I suppose it's much easier to fall in love with a job when you're the chief.

Regardless, I am excited to be a part of the team here in Seward. I look forward to learning more about the people here and the community.

Choosing educational excellence over ideology

By Pete Ricketts
Nebraska Governor

Chancellor Ronnie Green believes the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is racist.

Under his leadership, UNL recently released a plan to address "institutional racism" as part of its "Journey for Anti-Racism and Racial Equity." From racially motivated hiring practices to divisive trainings, the plan would inject Critical Race Theory into every corner of campus.

At the foundation of UNL's plan are the writings of Ibram Kendi, who has openly called for discrimination on the basis of skin color. Kendi has written that "The only remedy to racist discrimination is antiracist discrimination. The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination."

This plan is the product of ideologues – not thoughtful Nebraska academics. Needless to say, I could not be more disappointed in the Chancellor's plan, and I completely disagree with the notion that UNL is a racist institution.

UNL's focus should be on educational excellence, not ideological indoctrination. At its core, the plan is legally questionable, intellectually flawed and politically charged.

UNL's approach not only pushes CRT, but also runs counter to the Nebraska State Constitution. Article I-30 expressly forbids racial discrimination in public education stating that "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of...public education."

Nebraska strives to be a place where people are treated fairly, and we recognize we always need to be open to doing better.

We must address specific acts of racism whenever we encounter them, and we should look to continuously improve the quality of education available to

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– Gov. Pete Ricketts

Nebraskans of all backgrounds.

However, the accusation that UNL is institutionally racist is false and outrageous. It's the product of the sloganeering of political activists – not thoughtful academics.

UNL's plan is also based on the flawed assumption that differences in outcomes among racial groups are the result of systemic racism and how people are treated based on skin color. The data, however, doesn't support this conclusion.

The university's plan makes the claim that racism is "often structural and embedded into systems," however, it does not spell out specific examples of what this looks like at UNL besides vaguely stating there are "different outcomes for different groups."

In reality, degree completion rates of White and Asian students at UNL are virtually identical. In fact, Asian students in Nebraska (on average) display the highest measure of college degree readiness of any racial group.

Additionally, there are factors other than "institutional racism" that help explain educational outcomes.

For example, nationally, students of groups with high family income levels and low nonmarital birth rates tend to do better on measures of academic performance.

In Nebraska, data shows students from higher income families are more likely to go to college than their peers from low-income families. Additionally, males from low-income white households in Nebraska are less likely to attend college than males from low-income Asian, Black or Hispanic households.

There are a variety of factors that influence educational outcomes, and it's important to

look closely at the data to understand the full story.

UNL is also presenting its plan as non-political, however, the plan fails its own test of diversity by presenting only one view of race relations in America.

The chancellor's resource list features the writings of Critical Race Theorists like Ibram Kendi and the New York Times' 1619 Project, while excluding the scholarly work of conservative Black intellectuals like Glenn Loury, Shelby Steele, and Robert Woodson who strongly disagree with CRT.

The university's plan gives the impression that CRT has universal scholarly support, when it clearly does not. In fact, some respected academics, including John McWhorter, a linguist at Columbia University, have gone so far as to call CRT a new form of racism.

McWhorter has been a vocal critic of Kendi, noting the circular logic Kendi uses to argue for

"anti-racism." Kendi writes that, "Racism is a marriage of racist policies and racist ideas that produces and normalizes racial inequities." McWhorter points out the redundant, non-academic nature of this and other claims made by Kendi.

You may not be surprised to learn that McWhorter's work isn't included on UNL's recommended resources list.

The university's misguided focus on achieving equity of outcomes, rather than equality of opportunities, is pushing a Marxist and communist ideology. It fails to honor our American values of respecting individual rights and focusing on excellence.

And it betrays the legacy of our country's great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who dedicated his life to the dream of Americans judging one another according to the content of their character and not skin color.

If you've seen CRT being imposed at a college or K-12 school, let me know by emailing Pete. Ricketts@nebraska.gov or calling (402) 471-2244. Our kids deserve an education that's free from narrow-minded ideology.

Together, let's work to keep the educational focus on excellence, not identity politics, in Nebraska.

Grace and peace

Pass along the light of Christ

by Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty
Seward United Methodist Church

A beloved Advent hymn begins, "I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my heart is Jesus."

We sing it during Advent as the days get steadily shorter, as night lasts longer and longer. We push the night away by decorating our homes and towns with lights — Christmas lights, candle light, holiday displays. It is as if there is something in us that is drawn to light, even as moths are drawn to flame.

Light lifts our spirits, cheers us up, reminds us of hope. No wonder we are drawn to light. Of course, the greater challenge is how we ourselves become light or rather how we share the light. Christ is the light of the world and when we recognize Christ's light, then we long to share that light with others.

So we become ves-

sels for the light — we become candles and lanterns who make room for the light to shine forth from us — shine forth from our words and actions. It's not so much that we are the light, as it is that we let the light shine in and through us.

We reflect the light, we magnify the light, we share the light. How might we be lights in the night during this holiday season? How can we keep night at bay?

We embrace the light of Christ and allow Christ's love and will to shape our lives. We speak kindly, we love gently, we tread lightly on earth, we embody compassion, we look out for all those who tend to get left behind or ignored, we work for the common good. Or as Jesus said so simply and clearly: We love our neighbor as ourself.

During these holidays and the year ahead, may we all pass along the light of Christ to our community and world.

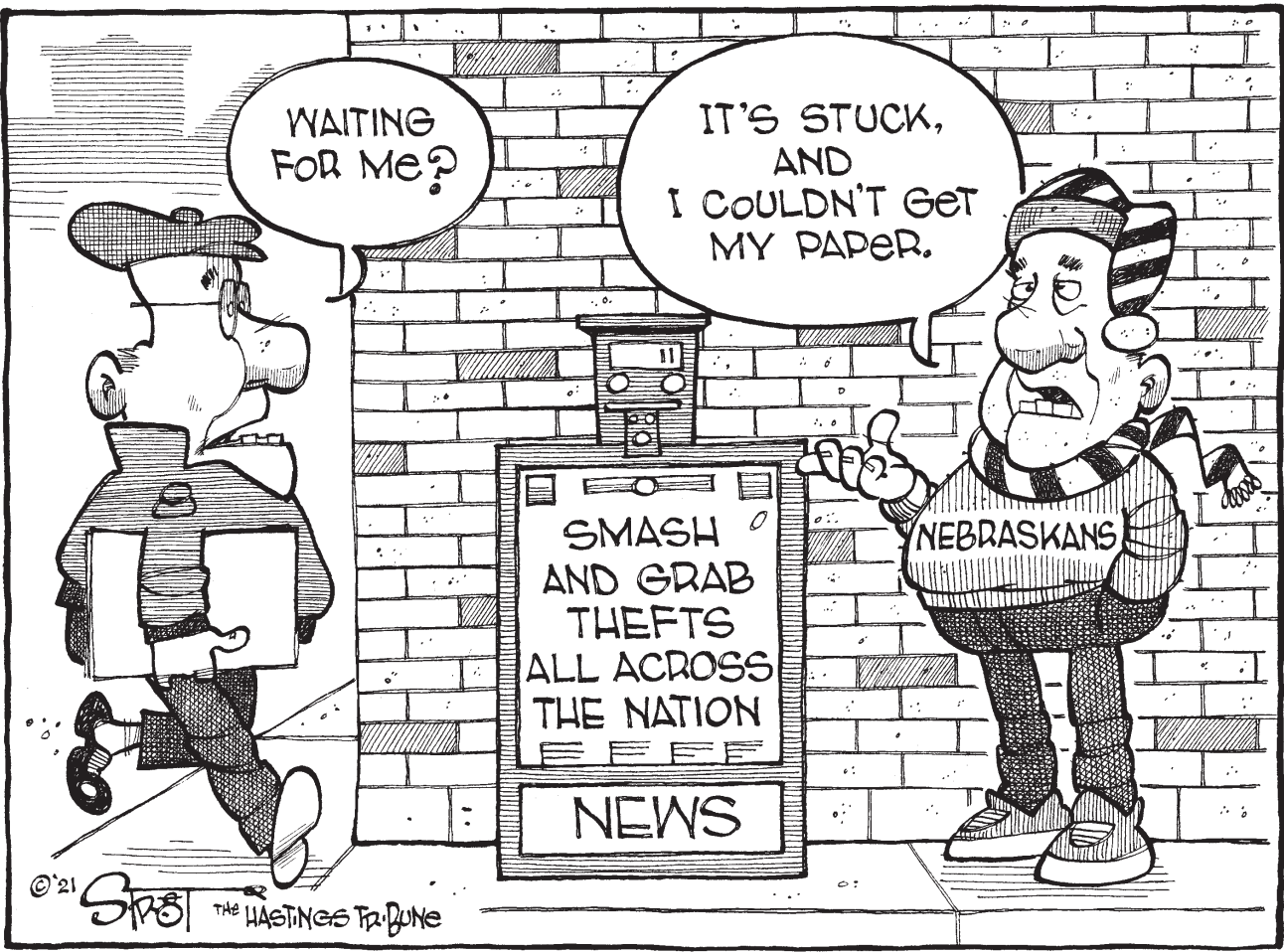
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At 100 years old, Nebraska Hall is the oldest building on the Milford Campus of Southeast Community College. Donations are being sought to renovate the building for various administrative functions.

SCC launches ‘Save Nebraska Hall’

Donations are being sought to “Save Nebraska Hall,” a historic landmark on Southeast Community College’s Milford Campus. At 100 years old, Nebraska Hall is the oldest building on the Milford Campus. Originally built as a hospital for the Soldiers and Sailors Home in 1921, it was converted into a dormitory and cafeteria for the students at the Nebraska State Trade School in 1941. Two new residence halls have been built in the last few years. Prairie Hall opened in fall 2019, and Meadow Hall opened in fall 2021. Because of its historical significance, a “Save Nebraska

Hall” campaign was launched. “The Save Nebraska Hall project is an incredible opportunity to reinvigorate an iconic building on campus that has had such a significant history both for the state of Nebraska and the campus itself,” said Ed Koster, SCC Milford Campus director. The overall historic feel of the building will be preserved, while also including several updates to meet ADA requirements. The future of Nebraska Hall will serve three purposes on the campus. Since the structure has three floors, each one can serve a separate need as follows:

- Student union space with study areas and meeting spaces.
- Business office with admissions, registration and financial aid.
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The college is able to use grants and capital funds to pay for the majority of the estimated \$5.5 million renovation project. The remaining \$1.5 million will be raised privately. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022. To donate to the Save Nebraska Hall campaign, contact Ed Koster at (402) 761-8224 or ekoster@southeast.edu.



COURTESY PHOTO
Crews work to complete a portion of the cart path at Seward Community Golf Course.

Cart path project underway

by Greg Forbes
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November and early December brought significant improvements to the cart path at Seward Community Golf Course. Seward City Administrator Greg Butcher said the city began to implement its two-year plan to increase the concrete portions of the cart path throughout the golf course this fall. The project was meant to form a continuous path and to increase the accessibility for golf carts in wet conditions. “When we have wet conditions, it limits the ability to get carts out,” he said. “With this path, it gives a solid surface and gets people out to play a little faster.” Butcher said the project was divided into two phases, with phase one slated for this year and phase two as conditions allowed. He said the mild, dry con-

ditions have allowed crews to complete more work than initially anticipated this year. Butcher said the most significant portion of work has been centered around hole 8 and other low-lying spots on the course. “They’re trying to take care of the worst spots first,” Butcher said.

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Memorial Ceremony

The City of Seward, along with Volzke Funeral Home and Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home, will be sponsoring the annual Candlelight Memorial Ceremony at Seward Cemetery, located at Highway 15 and Waverly Road on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 6:00 pm. This service is not just for those persons buried in the Seward cemeteries. We would like to invite anyone who has suffered a loss and wishes to place an ornament on the memorial tree to join us.

During the month of December, you may bring an ornament in memory of a loved one to place on the Memorial Tree, which is planted directly north of the Cemetery Office. Ornaments will need to be picked by Monday, January 3, 2022.

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“Equipped to Serve,” over 40 volunteers came together to serve our community. It truly was a “souper” day.



SCC-Milford instructor receives national award



COURTESY PHOTO

Karl Eickhoff, diesel technology instructor from Southeast Community College-Milford, was recently honored with a national achievement award as the Gates Tools for Schools/ASE Instructor of the Year. Shown at the awards ceremony, from left, are Tim Zilke, Colby Florea, Karl Eickhoff and Mark Polke.

Karl Eickhoff, an ASE Certified diesel technology instructor from Southeast Community College-Milford, was recently honored with a national achievement award as the Gates Tools for Schools/ASE Instructor of the Year.

48 automotive professionals were recognized on Nov. 18 at the Fall Board of Governors meeting of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The ASE annual awards put a spotlight on the ASE Certifica-

tion tests from among the ranks of close to a quarter-million ASE certified professionals nationwide.

"Karl, who is the Diesel Technology Program director at Southeast Community College in Milford, is one of the outstanding ASE certified professionals recognized annually by different segments of the automotive service and repair industry," Zilke said. "Each of these elite technicians is presented with an industry-specific award recognizing their achievement."

"We are proud to partner with Gates to recognize Karl's commitment to excellence

in providing the very best in diesel technology instruction. This dedication is reflected in the talented professionals we recognize each year and Karl represents the best of the best."

Thirty-two companies from both OEM and Aftermarket segments sponsored the individual technician recognition awards in the Auto, Truck, Collision, Parts and Service categories, along with awards for instructors. In addition to looking for top scores on ASE tests, award sponsors examine on-the-job excellence, community service and other factors when selecting honorees.

Birthday



Jane Dumpert

Dumpert

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I wish to thank anyone that remembered Raymond Broz at the funeral with memorials for him. I have not yet seen the cards or funeral book to know whom to thank. I know he had many friends.

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Obituaries

John K. “Jack” Aegerter

Nov. 9, 1932 – Dec. 3, 2021

John K. “Jack” Aegerter was born Nov. 9, 1932, near Staplehurst, on the family farm. Jack was baptized into the Christian faith at home on Dec. 11, 1932. He grew up in the Staplehurst area, where he attended school and graduated from Seward High School with the Class of 1950. Jack was confirmed Jan. 25, 1951, at St John Lutheran Church.



After high school, Jack farmed and worked at Rolfsmeyer Dairy. On June 8, 1957, Jack was united in marriage to Betty Rolfsmeyer at St. John Lutheran Church and to this union, three daughters were born. Jack and his brother, Gene, owned Herpolsheimer’s for 49 years until selling the business in 2010. He served on the Seward County Fair Board for 55 years and on the Nebraska State Fair Board for 23 years, where he served as president and held office on each of the boards. Jack was a member and officer on the Nebraska Rebounder’s Board and served on the Seward City Council. Jack started the tradition of playing Santa for Seward County’s children in 1958 and continued for the next 50 years, finally hanging up the boots in 2008. He was a faithful member of St. John Lutheran Church, where he served as an elder and on other various church boards.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mervin and wife, Jane Aegerter, Harold and wife, Ruth Aegerter; Arden and wife, Betty Jane Aegerter, Ted and wife, Phyllis Aegerter, Gene and wife, Delores Aegerter.

Jack is survived by his wife, Betty Aegerter, Seward; three daughters, Jodi and husband, Butch Schaefer, Seward, Jackie and husband, Tony Vanis, Seward, Kim Ewing, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Courtney and husband, Peyton Cookus, Seward and their children, Koen and Kade, Chisum Ewing, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Nathan Vanis and wife, Krista, Grand Junction, Colorado, Zane and wife, Angie Schaefer, Lincoln and their children, Zoey and Wyatt, Garrett and wife, Ashley Vanis, Staplehurst, and their son, Liam; sister-in-law, Bev Harvey, Grand Island; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life is at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Seward County Ag Society. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Donna M. Sheehan

Nov. 4, 1933 – Nov. 27, 2021

Donna Marie Sheehan, of Seward, was born Nov. 4, 1933, to Clarence Henry and Emma (Tonni-ges) Junge in York.

She was baptized in Thayer on Nov. 24, 1933. She graduated from Benedict High School in 1952. On April 6, 1956, Donna was united in marriage to Cornelius Anthony Sheehan in Thayer. They were blessed with three children, Patty, Michael and Timothy. Donna was a homemaker who enjoyed taking care of her family. She also owned a business with her husband from 1971-2015. Donna was a self-taught bookkeeper. In her free time, she enjoyed shopping, especially with her granddaughters, at Christmas time. They were known to have annual shopping trips for holiday outfits. The boys got clothes, too, but did not get to go shopping. She liked to garden and watch birds. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family. Donna passed away Nov. 27, 2021, in Seward, at the age of 88 years and 23 days.



She is survived by her husband, Cornelius Sheehan, Seward; her children, Patty (Robert) Herron, Utica, Michael (Lori) Sheehan, Seward; special niece, Michelle (Jeff) Gibbens, Comstock; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; siblings, Dale (Marlene) Junge, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Connie (Gerald) Saunders, Lincoln; sister-in-law, Jan Junge, Lakewood, Colorado; step sister-in-law, Maxine Erks, Seward. Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Emma Junge; father-in-law and stepmother-in-law, Edward and Jessie Sheehan; mother-in-law, Mary Larkin; son, Tim Sheehan; sisters and brothers-in-law, Alberta and Ernest Brackhan, Ardhith and Gerald Wolvin, Joyce and Kurt Waibel; brother, Marlin Junge; sisters-in-law, Kathleen and Robert Cain; step sisters-in-law, Nadine and Roy Schmer-sal, Helen and Gordon Craig, Betty Jean and Charles Devon; step brother-in-law, Don Erks.

The funeral service was Dec. 3 at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested in care of the Sheehan family. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Oris Hass

April 5, 1922 – Nov. 29, 2021

Oris Hass was born April 5, 1922, to George and Martha (Schmieding) Hass near Malcolm, and passed away Nov. 29, 2021, in Seward, at the age of 99 years, 7 months and 24 days.

Oris was baptized April 16, 1922, and confirmed on April 5, 1936, at Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcolm. He was united in marriage to Helen Ihde on Dec. 2, 1945, at Zion Lutheran Church in Garland. Oris was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Malcolm, where he held several offices such as chairman, trustee, treasurer and financial secretary. He was a member of the Malcolm Fire and Rescue for 25 years. Oris worked for the Lancaster County Engineering Department as an accountant for 35 years and farmed on the side.

Oris is preceded in death by his parents, George and Martha Hass; wife, Helen Hass; and two siblings.

Oris is survived by his two sons, Glen and wife, Beverly Hass, Omaha, and Dean and wife, Nancy Hass, Overland Park, Kansas; five grandchildren, Jennifer Hass and husband, John Stubbs, Jeffrey and wife, Erica Hass, Christina and husband, Bradley Bieker, Scott and wife, Carey Hass, Julie and husband, Jeffrey O’Connor; nine great-grandchildren, Nate and Liam Stubbs, Cooper, Noah and Olivia Hass, Emily and Kate Bieker, Jacob and Jackson O’Connor.

The funeral service was Dec. 6 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Malcolm with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the church, The Lutheran Hour or to Elk Creek Cemetery Association. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.



Ashley M. Jantze

Sept. 25, 1985 – Dec. 2, 2021

Ashley Marie Jantze was born Sept. 25, 1985, in Seward, to Martin D. and Noreen D. (Hormandl) Jantze, the first of three children. She went to be with her Lord Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, at her and Amanda’s apartment that they shared for six years. She went unexpectedly, but peacefully, passing from natural causes. At the time of her death, Ashley was 36 years young.

Ashley was a 2004 graduate of Milford High School and went on to attend Southeast Community College-Lincoln where she received a teaching degree, however, her heart was in retail. She worked at the family supermarket in Milford until it was sold in 2012. She was a dedicated Wal-Mart associate where she filled many various positions. Ashley was recently promoted to Bakery Team Leader and was extremely honored and looking forward in filling this roll.

Ashley’s younger years were filled with various activities. Such as 4-H showing cats, church activities, spending time with family and hanging out with her many friends. She especially enjoyed her time at her grandparent’s farm with her grandma Snooks and her two younger sisters and many cousins where they had horses, livestock and many pets. Ashley loved working with children, being at the family store with her grandpa, Maurice, her parents and the many employees and customers. She loved singing in the church’s youth group choir and playing the clarinet in her high school’s band. Her greatest joy in life was being the oldest sister to Manda and Kimberly and helping to care for her mama. She was an amazing daughter and devoted sister. Ashley also loved collecting elephants.

Ashley is survived by her father, Martin; sisters, Amanda and Kimberly; all of Milford; grandfathers, Maurice Jantze, Milford, Allen Hormandl, Sr., Wilber; foster grandfather, Larry TeSelle, Milford; many aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends, especially her friend of 11 years, Rodney Sypho of Lincoln.

Ashley was preceded in death by her mother, Noreen, just weeks earlier; grandmothers, Alberta “Snooks” Jantze, Beverly TeSelle and Maxine Walrod; and a step-grandmother, Margaret “Peggy” Hormandl.

Ashley will be remembered for her loving heart as well as all the care and support she provided to her family and friends. She was an incredible blessing to all those who knew her. Ashley will be forever missed but her legacy will live on in all those who loved her. This isn’t goodbye but see you again soon. Fly high with our beloved mama, Sissy, until we meet again.

A celebration of her life will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Milford United Methodist Church. A visitation is Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 8 p.m. with family receiving relatives and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lauber Funeral Home, Milford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the family for future designation. Interment is in Blue Mound Cemetery, Milford. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.lauberfh.com.



Julie A. Lazarchic

May 4, 1971 – Dec. 2, 2021

Julie Anne (Gierke) Lazarchic, 50, of Seward, was called out of this life into eternal life as a gift of God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ, on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021. As a baptized child of God, she received the crown of eternal life, and celebrates the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven.

Julie was born in Springfield, Illinois, on May 4, 1971, a gift of God to her parents, Gene and Linda (Hagen) Gierke. She was received into God’s family as His child through Holy Baptism on May, 23, 1971, at Zion Lutheran Church, Chestnut, Illinois. She reaffirmed her baptismal promises in her confirmation on March 31, 1985, at Peace Lutheran Church, Waverly. She grew up in Spencer and Waverly. She graduated from Waverly High School in 1989. She attended Concordia University-Nebraska, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993. From there, she went on to get her Master of Arts degree in Library Science at the University of Iowa in 1995. Being certified as a commissioned minister church worker in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, she accepted her first call to serve at Luther High School South, Chicago, Illinois, where she taught English, library and computers from 1995 – 2002. From there, she accepted a call to serve at Immanuel Lutheran School, Seymour, Indiana, where she taught junior high computers, English and served as the librarian and tech coordinator from 2002-2011.

On July 27, 2007, she was married to John Lazarchic at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, Indiana. To this union was born a son, Caleb, on May 18, 2010. They moved to Seward in 2011 to be near family. Julie was a stay-at-home mom and also served as a substitute teacher in the Seward area. In 2016, she began a teaching position at ESU 7 in Columbus, where she loved serving her students. She also at this time received her Master of Special Ed degree from University of Nebraska-Kearney. Julie was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Seward, along with her family. She served on the PTL board for a few years, played piano for the St. John services at the retirement home, helped with the food pantry and with funeral lunches, was a driver to help take St. John members to medical appointments, served as a writer for the St. John newsletter, served as VBS snack coordinator and willingly served as Jesus’ hands and feet to help many people in need. She was a kind and loving person to many and gave of herself in numerous ways. She also made the best chocolate chip cookies ever and gave most of them away to others.

Those who remain to honor her life are her husband, John, and son, Caleb; her mother and father, Gene and Linda Gierke; one brother, Jeff Gierke, his wife Chris and their children Jaret, Colin, Elizabeth and Makayla, along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends.

Her brother, Brian Gierke; grandparents, Arnold and Lillian Gierke and Ray and Florence Hagen; and her aunts, Judy Gierke and Karen Gehrke, were waiting to greet her upon her arrival in heaven as were her parents-in-law, Robert and Barbara Lazarchic.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Volzke Funeral Home in Seward with gathering of family and friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The funeral service is at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. John Lutheran School, Concordia University-Nebraska or ESU 7 in Columbus. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.



County court

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Nov. 22 – 26

Jason T. Foster, 19, Seward, cruelly mistreat animal-first offense, 24 months probation.

Paul I. Wright, 45, Omaha, driving un-

der suspension before reinstated, 10 days jail, revoked license one year and fail to appear or comply with citation, 10 days jail.

Jason T. Foster, 19, Staplehurst, third-degree assault, 90 days jail.

Traffic

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Nov. 22 – 26

Courtney E. Knott, 36, Columbia, Tennessee, disobey stop lights, \$75 fine.

Melissa H. Sinnard, 40, Lincoln, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan-51+ days, \$200 fine, and speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Christmas shop locally!

Obituary

Jaramie L. Diederichs
Jan. 19, 1974 – Dec. 1, 2021
Jaramie Lee Diederichs was born Jan. 19, 1974, in Kemmerer, Wyoming, to Bruce and Jackie (Mattatall) Diederichs and passed away Dec. 1, 2021, in South Bend, Nebraska, at the age of 47 years, 10 months and 12 days.

Jaramie grew up in Goehner, where he attended grade school and later graduated from Seward High School with the Class of 1992. In 2000, he was united in marriage to Jill Bargen and to this union, two children were born, a daughter, Taylon and a son, Camden. He was later blessed with a second daughter, Charley. He loved his children very much and was always involved in their activities, whether it be working alongside his father on Camden’s go-kart, cheering on Taylon at her many softball games, putting on a princess dress and dancing in the kitchen with Charley or just teaching them anything about hunting, fishing and loving the outdoors. He also enjoyed figure 8 racing, stock car racing, and go-karts with Camden. Even his job included being outdoors, Jaramie worked in the concrete business for nearly 30 years and he never backed away from a hard day’s work. Jaramie also enjoyed his many traveling adventures with his girlfriend, Jessie, and their friends. Jaramie definitely was a family man, he loved spending time with his parents, brother, sister and their families. He learned so much from his father and likewise never turned down a good conversation with anyone he ran into.

Jaramie is preceded in death by his grandparents, Willard and Ruth Diederichs, Marvin and Mary Mattatall; uncles, Bob Brunski and Jim Richardson; aunt, Stephanie Diederichs; Jessie’s mother, Sam Root and brother-in-law, Brent Bargen.

Survivors include his parents, Bruce and Jackie Diederichs, Goehner; significant other, Jessie Root, South Bend; ex-wife and friend, Jill Diederichs, Martell; three children, Taylon Diederichs, Camden Diederichs, Charley Diederichs; brother, Jason Diederichs and significant other, Diane Valenzuela, Goehner; sister, Crissy and husband, Harlan Anson, Staplehurst; nieces, nephews, cousins and many close friends.

A memorial service was Dec. 7 at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Lincoln with inurnment at the Mound Prairie Cemetery in Seward. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Diederichs family for future designation for his children. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.



Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Nov. 23 – Dec. 1
Craig Kubicek and Toni M. Kubicek to Dustin Bundy, south 2/3 of Lots 10-12, Block 52, Mofitt and Robert’s Addition to Seward. DS \$337.50
Danny Luth to Cynthia Smiley, Tax Lot 205 in the SE1/4 NE1/4 2-9-1. DS \$90
Jason Neukirch and Christine A. Neukirch to Patrick Smith, west 75 feet of Lot 9, Block 8, Best’s Addition to Pleasant Dale.

DS \$420.75
Herbert E. Greenwade and Jean A. Greenwade to Cory A. Broeker and Lacey J. Broeker, a tract of land in the NW1/4 25-10-3. DS \$450
Patrick R. Haase and Wanda Gruhn and Michael Gruhn to Larry G. Zimbelmann and Linda S. Zimbelmann, an undivided one-third interest in the SE1/4 SW1/4 and the SW1/4 SE1/4 36-9-2. DS \$420.75
A JZ Property, LLC, to Janet L. Powell, part of Lots 1-2, Block 4, Bader-Jirovsky Fourth Addi-

tion to Seward. DS \$450
Brandon M. Coffey and Emily E. Coffey to Emily E. Coffey, Lots 10-12, Block 48, Wright’s Third Addition to Utica. DS exempt
Patrick J. Spangler and Charlyne R. Spangler to James L. Imig and Donna M. Imig, Lot 1, Block 1, Rolfsmeier Addition to Seward. DS \$630
Kelly Schrad and Terri L. Schrad to Brent Horne and Becky Horne, part of Lot 12 and all of Lot 13, Block 12, South Seward. DS \$517.50

Marriage licenses

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

November
Angela Schwarte, Seward, and Matthew Roush, Seward

Devon Dvorak, Utica, and Eric Tonniges, Utica
Karleigh Stoynev, Pleasant Dale, and Jeffrey Dankers, Pleasant Dale

Hannah Mulligan, Seward, and Ethan Pan-kow, Seward
Makena Perdue, Seward, and Nathan Bierbaum, Seward
Sara Pleschourt,

Ulysses, and Trenton Beckmann, Staplehurst
Kira Dreher, Dorchester, and Dylan Bernard, Dorchester

Seward County officials reflect on census data

by Samantha Hargens
Nebraska News Service

While most Nebraska counties experienced a decline in population, Seward County grew by 5.13% from 2010 to 2020, according to federal census data released in August. Out of 93 counties, Seward saw the ninth highest increase in Nebraska.

According to the United States Census Bureau, 24 Nebraska counties increased in population while 69 counties decreased in population.

Of the counties that saw increases, Sarpy County led the way with a 20% increase in population from the years 2010 to 2020. In 2010, Sarpy County’s population was 158,840 and increased to 190,604. Douglas and Lancaster counties saw the second and third highest increases by growing 13% each.

Douglas County’s population in 2010 was 517,110 and increased to 584,526. Lancaster County increased from 285,407 in 2010 to 322,608 in 2020. Of the counties that saw decreases, McPherson County in the Sandhills saw its population go down 26%. In 2010, McPherson County had 539 and decreased to 399 by 2020.

Rock County and Dundy County followed, both decreasing over 17% over the 10-year span. In 2010, Rock County had 1,526 people and decreased to 1,262 by 2020. Dundy County, in 2010, was at 2,008 and decreased to 1,654 by 2020.

Jonathan Jank, president and CEO of Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership, and Zane Francescato, SCCDP development & government affairs director, both said they are pleased with the rate of growth for Seward County.

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“We don’t want to grow for the sake of growing, and we think we are moving at a pretty good pace,” Jank said.

About 50 homes are added per year in the county. Jank said building homes is crucial to a growing community. He said having more available homes attracts people to a community.

Jank said communities need to be proactive in housing development efforts, which in turn welcomes the workforce in and around the community.

“This affirms where our priorities are as an organization and that we need to continue to move even more into housing and workforce development to support our local businesses that are looking to grow,” Jank said.

Francescato said he completed a housing study in October 2019 to help project housing needs for 2024, but was surprised by the census data that came out.

“The study said we’d be at 17,546 people in 2024, and census data says we’re at 17,609, so we grew a bit more than we originally thought we would,” Francescato said.

Based on the data, Seward County is a popular place to live.

“It seems like a lot of growth is happening along the interstate like Sarpy County and Douglas County because of the close proximity to large cities,” Josh Eickmeier, Seward mayor, said.

Eickmeier said he often hears that people choose Seward

because their job is in Lincoln but they want to raise a family in a smaller community similar to one they grew up in. He said many people who live in Seward find value in places that have a small-town feel.

Seward is a 25-minute drive from Lincoln. People drive to work, attend concerts and go to football games to name a few events.

Eickmeier said having Concordia University in Seward also attracts people.

“I’ve had a number of Concordia graduates say they had no intentions to stay, but they ended up liking the community and staying in Seward,” Eickmeier said.

Seward is known for its annual Independence Day celebration. According to julyfourthseward.com, Seward celebrated its 152nd annual event in 2021 which drew more than 50,000 people.

Eickmeier said various reasons bring people to Seward but it’s the community itself that draws people in.

Eickmeier agrees with Jank and said he doesn’t want Seward County to grow just for the sake of growing, but that he is happy about the growth.

“Each family and individual needs to go their own path and fortunately many roads lead to Seward,” Eickmeier said.

The city of Seward currently has a population of 7,240 people. Seward has increased 3.96% since 2010 when the population was at 6,964 people.

Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Department for activity Nov. 26 – Dec. 2.

Nov. 28

2:59 p.m.—A caller in the 200 block of Greenwood Drive reported they had provided their debit card information to someone they thought was their friend, but now has a debit pending of more than \$1,100.

7:38 p.m.—A person turned themselves in at the Seward County Detention Center on a Seward County arrest warrant.

Nov. 29

12:47 a.m.—A Seward police officer was involved in a high-speed pursuit of a vehicle that lasted about 30 minutes with speeds more than 120 mph. Following successful deployment of spikes, the vehicle was stopped with one person at gun-point and arrested.

Summary of other calls:

Abuse/neglect child 1
Coroner call 2
Criminal mischief 2
Disturbance 2
Field contact 3
Fraud 1
Funeral escort 1
Miscellaneous 18
Motorist assist 1
Noise complaint 1
Parking violations 1
Suicide threat/attempt 1
Suspicious vehicle/person 2
Theft 2
Traffic stops 39
Welfare check 2

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Happenings

NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 19

Holiday Walk is part of Christmas Festival

Walk around the businesses on the Courthouse Square reading a holiday storybook in the store front windows and discovering a secret message. Enjoy a story as well as a treat during the annual Seward Christmas Festival. The Holiday Walk begins Saturday, Nov. 27, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 19. Pick up an entry form at some local businesses and Seward Memorial Library. To receive a holiday treat, message forms must be returned to Seward Memorial Library by Dec. 20.

DECEMBER DATES

Santa Claus will be at Santa’s House

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Santa’s House on the grounds of the Seward County Courthouse at various times until Christmas. The dates are: Thursday, Dec. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

DECEMBER 8 – 12

“A Miracle on 34th Street” to be staged

“A Miracle on 34th Street” will be staged at the Olde Glory Theatre from Dec. 8-12. Show with concessions available will be Dec. 8 through 10, tickets \$17 for adults, \$12 for 12 and under. Dinner theater is Dec. 11, tickets \$27. The dessert matinee is Dec. 12, tickets \$22. For more information go to www.oldegloryseward.com or call 402-304-5392.

DECEMBER 9

League of Women Voters to meet

Learn about the Seward County League of Women Voters at a holiday gathering at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at Rue 6 in Seward. The League is a nonpartisan civic organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, public policy and voter education. The League is open to all genders, not just women. For more information, visit lwnebraska.org/seward.

DECEMBER 11

Rotary plans Breakfast with Santa

The annual Seward Rotary Club Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. and be finished by 10 a.m. It will be in the basement of the Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford St. The admission fee for all attending is \$1 per person. The event includes a special program, music and door prizes. Children with birthdays in December are also recognized. The event is co-sponsored by the Seward Rotary Club and the Seward High Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. The event features a light breakfast of donuts, juice, milk and candy. It will also include music, singing, prizes, candy and of course a visit from Santa. The door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion. Contact Clark Kolterman with questions at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus

Come Celebrate the birth of Jesus with family and friends at Breakfast in Bethlehem. Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8 to 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church (use west entrance). Enjoy a delicious breakfast, hear the Christmas story, take a family photo, create a Christmas ornament and visit the children’s gift shop. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to attend.

DECEMBER 12

Legion plans breakfast

The Pleasant Dale American Legion will host breakfast Sunday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Pleasant Dale Legion Hall. The regular breakfast will be served for a free-will donation.

Holiday event planned at NENG museum

A “Holiday Open House” is Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Nebraska National Guard Museum. Entertainment will feature the Columbus Jazz Orchestra at 3 p.m. on the main floor. Celebrate Christmas and the 167th Birthday of the Nebraska National Guard. Birthday cake and refreshments will be served. There is no charge for admission. Check out the new exhibits at the museum.

DECEMBER 15

Mid-week movie at the library

Seward Memorial Library will host a mid-week movie on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. Come and watch a recently released DVD on the big screen in the lower level conference room. For specific titles and questions, call the library at (402) 643-3318.

DECEMBER 20

Memorial ceremony planned at Seward Cemetery

The City of Seward, along with Volzke Funeral Home and Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home, will sponsor the annual Candlelight Memorial Ceremony at Seward Cemetery at Highway 15 and Waverly Road on Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. This service is not just for those persons buried in the Seward cemeteries. Anyone who has suffered a loss and wishes to place an ornament on the memorial tree is invited to join the service. During December, ornaments in memory of a loved one may be brought to place on the Memorial Tree, which is planted directly north of the cemetery office. Ornaments will need to be picked up by Monday, Jan. 3, 2022. For questions about the ceremony, contact City Hall at (402) 643-2928.

DECEMBER 20 – JANUARY 4

Library offers a North Pole Adventure

Seward Memorial Library is offering a new holiday activity for families. During Dec. 20 – Jan. 4, people of all ages are invited to sign up for an adventure time slot and travel to the North Pole. Teams of two – eight participants will help North Pole residents get their electric lights back on by performing a variety of tasks. Check your calendar and call the library at (402) 643-3318 to make a reservation beginning Dec. 1. The library staff is ready to lead teams on their chosen path winding throughout the library.

JANUARY 21, 2022

Registration open for St John Trivia Night

Registration is open for the 12th annual St. John PTL Trivia Night for Friday Jan 21, 2022. Ag Pavilion doors open at 5:45pm. Teams answer 10 rounds of 10 questions. Bring your own snacks, wear costumes, cash bar available. Team of eight players is \$200. Registration is open at <http://tinyurl.com/stjohntrivia2022>. Send questions to stjohntrivia@gmail.com or call Michelle Meyer at (402) 219-3008.

MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS

Flu shots are available

Flu shots can be obtained from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Family Medical Centers of Milford, Seward and Utica. No appointment is necessary. Walk-in Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at any of the three clinics.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

COVID-19 vaccines available

Memorial Health Care Systems still provide COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters for immunocompromised people on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. in the hospital third level Meeting Room A. The Moderna vaccine is given on Tuesdays, with Pfizer on Thursdays. Appointments are required by calling the Seward Family Medical Center at (402) 643-4800.

SECOND TUESDAYS

Grief support group meets

Tabitha hosts a grief support group the second Tuesday of every month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Seward. To register, call Tabitha at (402) 362-7739.

Vaccine boosters offered for all adults

The COVID vaccine boosters are now available to everyone ages 18 and over. All fully vaccinated people are encouraged to get a booster dose, according to a news release from the Four Corners Health Department in York.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention advises that people who are 18 or older who received the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine should get a booster at least six months after their second shot. Johnson & Johnson recipients who are 18 and older should get a booster at least two months after their initial shot.

At this time, a booster is not recommended for children who are 5 to

17 years old.

The CDC’s latest guidance advises people to get the same booster as their initial vaccine. However, people can mix and match the vaccines. Meaning, people can choose to get a different COVID-19 booster than their initial vaccine.

COVID vaccine clinics are held every week on Tuesday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m. at Four Corners on 2101 N. Lincoln Ave. in York. All three vaccines and boosters (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) are offered at each clinic, including Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 and over. There is no charge for the vaccine.

Those wanting to

receive a vaccine are asked to schedule on the Four Corners’ website at www.fourcorners.ne.gov. Registration is not required but appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome. If you have trouble signing up online, call the Four Corners Office at (402) 362-2621 or (877) 337-3573 to schedule a time. Remember to bring your vaccine card.

Go to this Four Corners link for more options: <https://fourcorners.ne.gov/programs-services-2/coronavirus-covid-19-information/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

For questions or to learn more, call Four Corners at (877) 337-3573 or email at info@fourcorners.ne.gov.

Alzheimer’s group to meet

The local Alzheimer’s Care Givers Support Group will meet at Kinship Pointe the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Rosie Beck by email at beckrmb@gmail.com.

THIRD TUESDAYS

Exercise at Milford Senior Center

The Milford Senior Center hosts resistance band exercises for seniors on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

Family history questions? Society can help

Researching your family in or outside of Seward County? Looking for photographs or maps? Needing some tips on finding relatives or locating that certain piece of land? Want help understanding wills and probates? The Seward County Genealogical Society meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. downstairs at the Civic Center to assist researchers and work on data bases to make researching easier.

TOPS meets weekly

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

Senior Center offers resistance band classes

The Seward Senior Center will be offering resistance band classes on Thursdays at 9 a.m. starting Jan. 6, 2022.

AREA CHURCHES

Calvary Baptist Church

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

www.cbcseward.com

Sunday School (all ages).....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

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

www.sewardchurchofchrist.com

Sunday Worship 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study Small groups

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

www.faiithseward.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 Worship 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study.....Thurs. 8:30 a.m.
Kids’ Bible Classes, Pre-K through 6th grade
(during school year) Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class (during school year)
..... Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

www.graceseward.org

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

Sunday Bible Class8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Fellowship.....9:45 a.m.

Great Plains Community Church

1155 May St. • Goehner • 402-730-2594

Pastor Galen Skinner

Sunday Worship.10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night, Adult Bible Studies,
Children and Teen Activities..... 7:00 p.m.

Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

2433 Progressive Road • Seward • 402-643-2316

Senior Pastor Curt Coddington

Administrative Pastor Brant Taylor

Worship Pastor Kyle Soflin

Youth Pastor Zach Mulvihill

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday
Children and Teen Activities..... 6:30 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 Worship.....7:00 p.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church (LCMC)

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

www.livingwordseward.org

Pastor Scott Krohn

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Traditional; Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Words on Wednesday (WOW).....4:00 p.m.
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Pastor Shawn Kitzing

Worship (church in the country).....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School (school in Staplehurst)..... 10:30 a.m.

Bible Class (school in Staplehurst) 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

401 Dimery • Beaver Crossing • 402-532-2545

Msgr. Mark Huber

Saturday Mass.....5:00 p.m.

Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri. Mass.....8:00 a.m.

Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass

Seward United Methodist Church

1400 N. 5th St. • Seward • 402-643-4156

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty, Lead Pastor

Rev. JoEllen Axthelm, Associate Pastor

Sunday Traditional Worship

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

Sunday Small Groups 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Praise Worship

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

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

6th & Hillcrest • Seward • 402-643-3829

Rev. Pam Williams

Sunday Worship (in person & online).... 10:30 a.m.

Clergy office hrs..... Wed. by appt.

St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

www.stjohnseward.org

Pastor Scott Bruick • Pastor David Rempfer

Deaconess Jeri Morrison

Saturday Worship5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship.8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Education Hour 10:00 a.m.

St. John’s Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Pastor Brian Tuma

Sunday Worship.9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

110 3rd St. • Utica • 402-532-2545

Msgr. Mark Huber

Sunday Mass9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Mass7:00 a.m.

Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1100 ‘D’ St. • Utica • 402-534-2200

Pastor Jon Dunbar

Pastor of Visitation: Pastor Richard Gudgel

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:15 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 Mass.....5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass.8:00 & 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 Worship 10:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Zionlcms@revdobb.com

Pastor David Dobbertien

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

To find out how to list your church, call 402-643-3676

CU coaches, players preview basketball season for Rotary

Ben Limback, head coach for the Concordia University men's basketball team, previewed the approaching basketball season for the Seward Rotary Club.

He was accompanied by Carter Kent of Crete and Gage Smith of Elizabeth, Colorado. He was introduced by Kurth Brashear, Seward Rotarian of the Month and program chair for November.

Limback begins his ninth season at Concordia, with the 98th basketball team of Concordia University –almost 100 years of basketball at Seward Concordia! Limback returned to Seward to coach after coaching at Concordia Ann Arbor for nine years. In 2020, his team was in the national GPAC tournament and is projected to be third in the GPAC polls for this season, following Morningside and Jamestown.

Limback is a 1999 graduate of Concordia University in Seward and was named the Nebraska College Player of the Year in 1999. He prides the fact that “he sells recruits and encourages students to get to know the ‘whole’ Seward community and likes to refer to it as the Concordia Experience.”

While part of CU basketball is to win, they also stress academ-



From left, Carter Kent of Crete, a senior on the Concordia men's basketball team, Seward Rotary President Matt Dominy, CU Basketball Coach Ben Limback and CU Basketball Senior Gage Smith of Elizabeth, Colorado, presented at a Seward Rotary Club meeting, updating the Rotarians on the strength of their 2021-22 season.

ics, a strong faith walk and to care for others in their community, both the college and Seward. He encourages involvement to be well rounded and connect with the community. He used the Cattle Classic basketball tournament as an example, where both the men's and women's team are playing to collect food items for the local food pantries. The Cattle Classic is sponsored by the Cattle Bank and Pac 'N' Save.

Limback introduced two of his “star” seniors who also addressed the Rotary Club. Carter Kent of Crete is a senior with one more year of

eligibility because of the Covid-19 Year. He has been named an Academic All American and All Conference player at CU. He is in the pre-vet program with a biology major, and a chemistry and physical science minors. He has long known Seward, as he is the great-grandson of Clayton Kent and grandson of Russ Kent, both of Seward.

“I selected Seward's Concordia University because of the location, it just felt right!” Kent said. “I appreciated their emphasis on academics and how they have allowed to me to grow and develop as a person,

preparing me to handle any and all situations that may arise.”

Limback said Kent continues to surpass the record holders and continues to make new entries in the CU record books.

Smith is also a super senior and has one more year of eligibility. He came to Concordia because a friend recommended it, and when he arrived he said it just “felt like home!”

“I am from a small town and Seward really felt like home – small town and all,” Smith said. “I enjoy all of my classes and really appreciate our great

professors, plus we have an outstanding facility to work and play in with the Walz Arena.”

Smith is working on a degree in business with a future goal of being a graduate assistant in basketball to eventually coach at a small college. He has not even completed his undergraduate degree and already involved with a graduate program as well, working on an MBA degree. He also is very proud to have a brother that is a freshman on the CU men's basketball team.

Limback said his team is 2-0 and off to a great start. He is also excited to host the CIT,

Concordia Invitational Tournament, in January, which was canceled last year due to COVID. Limback commented on the 2021-2022 team theme: “All In” and explained the theme is based on I Corinthians 9. He encourages the team to be “all in” both as they are to give it their all and also pointed out that it could be interpreted as we need all work together or “be on the same page!”

He noted that the Bulldogs will have all five starters returning from last year, because of the Covid ruling where last year's players will be allowed one more year! However, he noted that the same good fortune is happening with the team's competition, as most GPAC teams will be back, stronger than ever, pointing out that the entire league will be loaded with talent more than ever before!

He invited members of the Seward Rotary Club to attend any or all of the home basketball games, promising 110% effort from his team at each game. They are blessed to play the games at the outstanding and beautiful Walz facility, he said, and thanked the Rotarians and their businesses that support of his team and all of the CU athletic programs.

New CDL program offered at SCC Milford campus

Because of increased demand and new regulations, Southeast Community College's Milford Campus now offers students the opportunity to get a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL-A) on weekends.

This way, students can balance a full-time job with school, if desired.

For 16 weeks, class-

room instruction will be all online beginning Jan. 10, 2022. Driving labs will be held on Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Jan. 14. April 30 is the final Saturday of the class.

“We are already seeing demand for this training ramp up and want to provide some flexibility of options

while increasing the capacity for our program,” said Kevin Uhler, program director. “This is one way to do that by increasing efficiency of our facilities and equipment.”

Uhler added that there are new changes to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration guidelines effective in February. Training will be re-

quired before someone is allowed to test for their CDL license.

The college's traditional eight-week classes also are being offered during the spring semester, with

hands-on driving Monday through Wednesday and classroom instruction on Thursday and Friday. The two sessions run Jan. 10 through March 4 and from March 17 through

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Memorial Health Care Systems is offering COVID-19 Boosters

COVID-19 Vaccine Booster eligibility recently expanded. If you qualify and are interested in receiving your booster, please use this link to sign up:

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Memorial Health Care Systems

Focus on our area ...

Agriculture

Build Back Better program offers assistance for producers to help restore food system

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on Dec. 6 the establishment of the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program that will award up to \$400 million for emergency food assistance purchases of domestic local foods. Utilizing American Rescue Plan funds, these purchases will help to transform the food system and build back a better food system—one that is fair, competitive, distributed, and resilient because the purchases will expand local and regional markets and place an emphasis on purchasing from historically underserved farmers and ranchers. The awards will be made through non-competitive cooperative agreements with state and tribal governments.

Eligible state and tribal governments can apply now until April 5, 2022, at www.grants.gov. Also on Dec. 6, as part of the Build Back Better Food System Transformation Initiative, USDA's Food and Nutrition Service announced the availability of up to \$50 million in funds provided by the American Rescue Plan for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Reach and Resiliency Grants to state agencies to expand program access in rural, tribal, and other currently underserved areas. These grants and the LFPA are both part of USDA's robust and ongoing support for food banks and the broader



COURTESY PHOTO

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a series of cooperative agreements that will provide organizations the flexibility to design food purchasing programs and establish partnerships with farmers and ranchers within the state or within 400 miles of the delivery destination that best suit their local needs, accommodates environmental and climate conditions, accounts for seasonal harvests, and meets the needs of the population within their service area.

emergency food system.

The investments are part of USDA's Build Back Better Food System Transformation initiative authorized by the American Rescue Plan and are among the programs derived from a \$1 billion investment announced earlier this year to serve as a bridge from the immediate need to provide producers with support via the Pandemic Assistance Initiative to longer-term investments in food system transformation. One of the lessons from COVID-19 is that the current food system is too rigid, consolidated and fragile. These cooperative agreements will

help state, tribal and local entities purchase food more efficiently from local producers and invest in infrastructure that enables partner organizations to reach underserved communities more effectively.

"As we build back better than we were before, we will strengthen our efforts to provide emergency food assistance and expand economic opportunity for historically underserved producers by allowing state and tribal governments to buy and distribute local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious and unique to

their geographic area," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said. "This program will help get local and regional agricultural products into schools, food banks and other nutritional assistance programs, and organizations that reach underserved communities. It also advances our efforts to ensure that historically underserved populations gain equal access to USDA resources through a combination of grants, loans, pilot programs, technical assistance, cooperative agreements, and more."

The cooperative agreements — managed by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service — will provide organizations the flexibility to design food purchasing programs and establish partnerships with farmers and ranchers within the state or within 400 miles of the delivery destination that best suit their local needs, accommodates environmental and climate conditions, accounts for seasonal harvests, and meets the needs of the population within their service area. State and tribal governments can partner with nonprofits and will be required to submit proposals indicating how they will use the funds to purchase commodities to support local, regional and historically underserved farmers and ranchers within their states or region.

Cooperative agreements will be awarded

based on need and the ability to meet the goals of the program. The period of performance for the cooperative agreements will be for up to two years following the date of award, to include two harvest seasons.

Recipients of the cooperative agreements will be required to submit quarterly performance reports that will include data regarding the procurement and distribution to ensure program goals are met. Recipients will also be required to provide annual and final reports at the end of each performance year and at the end of the agreement.

More information about the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA) is available at www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/lfpacap.

Today's announcement is part of an investment of up to \$1 billion that USDA is making through American Rescue Plan funding through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to support and expand the emergency food network so states, food banks and local organizations can reliably serve their communities. Building on lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, USDA will enter into cooperative agreements with state, Tribal and local entities to more efficiently purchase food from local producers and invest in infrastructure that enables

partner organizations to more effectively reach underserved communities.

USDA believes the food system of the future should be fair, competitive, distributed, and resilient; it must support health and ensure producers receive a fair share of the food dollar while advancing equity and contributing to national climate goals. This investment is part of USDA's Build Back Better Food System Transformation Initiative, which will help achieve that vision and start building a better food system today.

The Build Back Better Food System Transformation Initiative will strengthen and transform critical parts of the U.S. food system. As it makes investments through this initiative, USDA will also seek to increase transparency and competition with attention to how certain types of conduct in the livestock markets and the meat processing sector have resulted in thinly-traded markets and unfair treatment of some farmers, ranchers and small processors. Among other investments in the food system and food supply chain, this initiative will specifically address the shortage of small meat processing facilities across the country as well as the necessary local and regional food system infrastructure needed to support them.



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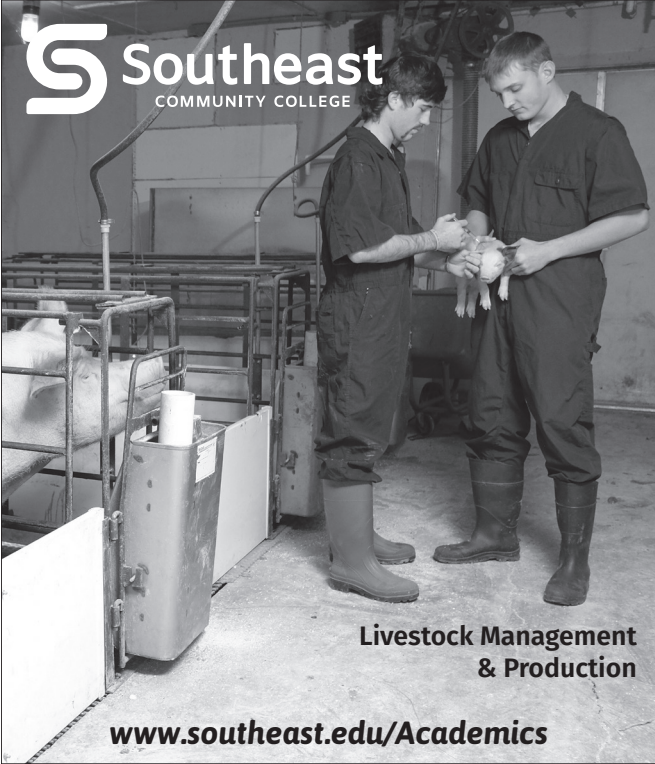

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Examining the value of baling corn residue

by Jenny Rees
Seward/York counties Extension educator

With high fertilizer prices and some short on forage, I’ve received questions on determining a value for corn residue baling for a good month now.



Jenny Rees
Extension Educator

I know there are mixed feelings on this topic, particularly because of the range of what fields look like depending on conditions and equipment settings.

Our job is to share the research. It is an opportunity for residue management while also helping our livestock sector.

The following is a portion of what Ben Beckman, Brad Schick, and I wrote recently for CropWatch and Beef Watch taking a system’s approach to this topic. Additional details of cost considerations can be found at: <https://go.unl.edu/3g84>.

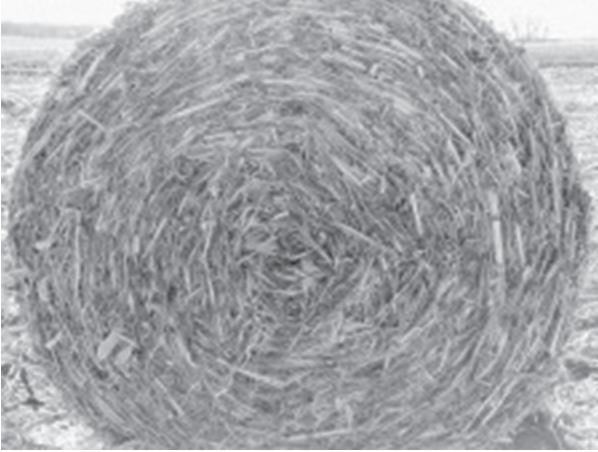
Price of cornstalk bales via Nebraska/Iowa hay summary released Thursdays are currently going for \$60/ton for large rounds (\$100/ton ground). For every 40 bu/ac of corn, approximately one ton of residue is produced. Each ton of corn residue contains 17 lb N, 4 lb P2O5, 37 lb K, and 3 lb S.

With rising fertilizer prices, residue this fall will contain up to \$34 worth of nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus and sulfur per ton (at time or writing this).

Do all those nutrients need to be replaced? Not necessarily for each field. With most Nebraska fields at sufficient K levels, we mostly consider replacing the other nutrients.

The nitrogen replacement may also be flexible due to potential increased mineralization that can occur due to the change in C:N ratio with residue removal.

At South Central Ag Lab near Clay Center, eight years of residue removal showed increased yields in spite of a net negative nitrogen balance by removing residue (more nitrogen removed with the residue than what was applied for the crop). Thirty-six studies over



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An example of a corn bale sits in an area field.

239 site-years showed a 3% average yield increase when residue was removed versus not removed, in locations where water was not a limiting factor. The yield increases are hypothesized to be from more even plant stands and/or from increased soil mineralization.

Based on the research, the following are UNL’s recommendations for which fields to consider for corn residue removal:

- Use reduced tillage (no-till or strip till) on fields where residue is removed.
- Only harvest corn residue when fields yield over 180 bu/ac.
- Avoid fields or areas with slopes greater than 5%.
- Avoid removing more than 2 tons/ac of residue and maintain at least 2.4 tons/ac of residue. Talk with people at equipment companies on how to set the equipment

for corn residue baling to avoid so much soil in the bale and to keep at least 50% residue on the surface.

• In continuous corn, harvest cornstalks every other year. In corn-soybean, harvest cornstalks every four years.

• Consider applying manure or use a cover crop after baling cornstalks for amelioration.

From a nutritional standpoint, cornstalk bales are typically even lower quality than straw. Even if being selective with what we harvest by only baling the two to three rows behind the combine, we can only count on around 5% crude protein and up to 45% total digestible nutrients (TDN).

With these nutritional values, diets will likely need to consist of additional protein, probably in the form of distillers grains.

To find the value, we need to compare a

cornstalk/distillers grain diet with what it would be replacing. Dr. William Edwards, Iowa State emeritus ag economist, solved this problem on a worksheet. For his example, the original diet consisted of 2.6-ton alfalfa-brome hay and 0.3 ton dry distillers grain. One-ton cornstalks replaces 1.16-ton of hay and requires an additional 0.22-ton distillers grain.

If mixed hay is going for \$150 per ton (as fed) and dry distillers grain at \$200 per ton (as fed), the stalk value would be 1.16 x \$150 (hay value) minus 0.22 x \$200 (distillers grain value), which comes out to \$130 per ton.

The stalk and cob in corn residue are unpalatable and will not be consumed by cattle unless the bale is ground. Thus, cornstalk bales are usually ground, reducing the value to the end user by \$10-15 per ton. In the end, this drops our cornstalk value to \$117 per ton.

This value can serve as a breakeven price when deciding to purchase corn residue bales to change feed rations versus using a traditional hay ration.

Area farmers wrap up 2021 harvest season

by Meaghan Stout
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After a long season of complications, harvest wrapped up in the second week of November. According to Extension Educator Jenny Rees, beans were difficult to cut this season because of green stems. The green stems resulted in a slow-going harvest, though Rees said farmers were happy with the yield.

Corn crops persisted this season in spite of the drought.

“They [corn crops] weren’t in the extra dry conditions from drought,” Rees said. “Even with the drought, it was pretty amazing what the corn hybrid could do despite the limited water.”

Rees said they didn’t experience any other major problems during the corn harvest. There were no reported issues with grain quality or corn on the ground. There were a few isolated fires, though small fires during harvest are not uncommon.

Despite limited water and slow progress, both harvests produced good yields.

“I think we were pretty blessed overall,” Rees said.

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D.R. Herrold’s bison graze on a half section of land south of Garland.

A pasture of bison may be closer than you think

by Samantha Hargens
UNL Intern

D.R. Herrold of rural Seward is doing his part to help restore Nebraska grassland by raising bison.

Herrold and his family live on a ranch south of Garland that’s been in his family for six generations. His grandfather and father passed away within a few years of each other leaving Herrold to manage the pasture. In December of 2020, he purchased 11 Plains Bison from Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center in Wood River.

The Crane Trust is a non-profit organization that started in 1978 with a mission to protect and maintain a critical habitat for whooping cranes, sandhill cranes and other migratory birds. Habitat ecologist Josh Wiese said the Crane Trust started a bison program in 2014 when it received 56 bison from T.R. Hughes, a long-time bison rancher and conservation advocate from Seward who died in March of 2015.

“We set our philosophies around bison care, health and genetic management from him when he brought his herd here. He wanted to find a place that would treat his bison right,” Wiese said.

Wiese said Hughes believed that bison deserved to be back on the land and their genetics needed to be diversified so bison could cope with the changes and challenges of a new environment. From Hughes’ belief, the Crane Trust traded some of its bison with various like minded conservation herds with genetically pure bison to help diversify its own herd.

The Crane Trust now has 115 bison. Wiese said the Crane Trust



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D.R. Herrold stands in front of his bison herd on his ranch south of Garland. He bought 11 bison in the winter of 2020 and started raising them on his property. Nine of the 11 are direct descendants of T.R. Hughes’ herd.

likes to know to whom they’re selling bison and why. The Crane Trust is looking for people who are conservation-minded and understand why bison are important.

Herrold is one of those people.

“One day my father-in-law said a couple of bison would look good out there, and I said I think you’re right,” Herrold said.

Herrold started a four-year process of reading articles, watching videos, working on a bison ranch, taking courses and even joined the National Bison Association to educate himself about bison before buying his own. Herrold said nine of the 11 bison he has are direct descendants of Hughes’ herd.

Through his research, he found that bison are an important part of the Midwest ecosystem for many reasons. Bison have sharp hooves that aerate the soil and thick coats that carry seeds. They wander and roll around creating a “wallow” in the pasture, spreading native seeds making the grass diverse and rich.

Wiese said bison also help control the overgrowth of trees. The grasslands animal and insect species are a “full

sun” species, and with overgrowth of trees, the grasslands become more shaded which pushes out native species and draws in non-native species.

“What you’re really in the business of is growing grass. You’re raising bison, harvesting sunlight and trying to create genetic diversity within your ecosystem,” Herrold said.

Herrold said bison are not just better for the ecosystem but for people, too. Bison meat has less fat, less cholesterol and contains higher amounts of protein, iron and vitamin B-12 compared to beef, pork, chicken and fish. Herrold said something he found interesting between working with cattle versus bison is that bison are not genetically modified.

“It’s about working with the land, not against it. Just being able to give people meat that they know where it came from and how it was raised is a big focus for me,” he said.

Herrold said one of the things that drew him to bison was that they don’t have a calving season. Herrold used to raise beef cattle, and during the spring, he had to closely watch the cows and calves because of their susceptibility to

die during cold temperatures. Bison are much more low maintenance and don’t need constant attention. They don’t require a barn or facility. During the summer, they sit in the sun and in the winter they run around in the snow.

“My kids love them. It’s definitely fostering a love for all things natural,” Herrold said.

Herrold has a 4-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son. Teaching his children to be environmentally conscious and take care of the land is important to him. Herrold said owning bison has helped his children be more interested in nature and given him

opportunities to talk to them about the environment. They look down at the earth and collect rocks that are special to them. Herrold said his daughter does miss the cows because she was able to go right up to them and feed them grass from her hand. He takes her to the neighbor’s cows to feed them once in a while.

Herrold said his experience with raising bison so far has been rewarding. Through the classes he’s taken and the programs he’s attended he’s met people with military backgrounds, art backgrounds, even a lawyer.

“The industry in gen-

eral is very helpful and open. It’s really diverse, and they’re a very cool group of people to be next to,” he said.

Herrold said people decide to raise bison for reasons as diverse as the people. Some people are ranchers raising bison like they do cattle and others do it for environmental reasons. Herrold said it’s been a great experience and he couldn’t have done it without the help and support of the industry.

“I want to do good in this life, and I think the best thing I can do is give these animals a chance,” Herrold said.



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Milford starts season with mat success

by Stephanie Croston
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The 2021-22 season got off to a good start for the Milford wrestling team. Milford swept a triangular Dec. 2 and won the Bob Arehart Invitational in Friend Dec. 4 for the third consecutive year.

MHS wrestled Lincoln Lutheran and Louisville at Louisville. Milford beat Lincoln Lutheran 58-12 and dominated Louisville 72-0, winning every contested match by pin.

“We knew we were favored to win the duals,” Coach Joe Schluckebier said.

The Eagles don’t have a lot of duals on their schedule this season. With the goal of the state dual tournament in February, Schluckebier said, MHS needs to win them.

“We can’t have a blunder or we won’t make the state duals,” he said.

Schluckebier said it’s been an interesting six years at the helm of Milford wrestling, going from four wrestlers to being the clear favorite to win tournaments and duals.

“It’s fun but different. You have to take a different approach,” he said.

He said teams assume even the MHS freshmen are good.

“We get everyone’s best shot,” he said.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Christopher Scdoris of Milford tries to tilt Jayden Dickerson of Shenandoah, Iowa, for nearfall points Dec. 4 in Friend.

Milford finished the Bob Arehart Invitational with four champions – Jack Chapman, Carter Springer, Christopher Scdoris and Thomas Vance. Runners-up were Conner Kohout, Eli Vondra and Hunter Oborny. Cooper Rea and Trey Lyon finished third, and Ethan Buchli was fourth.

Schluckebier said the tournament went about as well as it could have. While Oborny and Vondra were favored, their losses are a stepping stone for the two, the

coach said.

“They were toss-ups anyway and can be constructive,” he said. “We want to see tough competition.”

Overall, he said, the week was a good start to the season.

The Eagles will host Seward and Centennial for the county triangular Thursday, Dec. 9, with matches starting at 5 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 11, the Eagles will wrestle at Crete in a tournament featuring Classes A and B schools.

“We are excited for it,”

Schluckebier said. “It’s a big deal to win it. It presents a lot of challenges for us.”

Milford 58, Lincoln Lutheran 12
145: Hunter Dickinson (M) def. Keyden Uhrich (LL) 19-10; 152: Jack Chapman (M) win by forfeit; 160: Carter Springer (M) win by forfeit; 170: Christopher Scdoris (M) pin Rylen Uhrich (LL) 2:40; 182: Thomas Vance (M) pin Logan Lampe (LL) 0:59; 195: Ethan Buchli (M) win by forfeit; 220: Hunter Oborny (M) win by forfeit; 285: Jackson Masek (LL) def. Trey Lyon (M) 5-1; 106: Ethan VanderTop (LL) win by forfeit; 113: Cooper Rea (M) pin Quan Nguyen (LL) 1:56; 126: Grant Wells (LL) def. Conner Kohout (M) 8-2; 132: Joey Kenning (M) win by forfeit; 138: Eli Vondra

(M) win by forfeit

Milford 72, Louisville 0
113: Rea (M) win by forfeit; 126: Kohout (M) pin Garron Bragg (LVL) 2:09; 132: Kenning (M) pin Nicholas McCaul (LVL) 2:20; 138: Vondra (M) pin Niklas Sorensen (LVL) 1:12; 145: Dickinson (M) pin Blake Dickey (LVL) 2:23; 152: Chapman (M) win by forfeit; 160: Springer (M) pin Quincy Trent (LVL) 1:15; 170: Scdoris (M) pin Reed Toelle (LVL) 0:50; 182: Vance (M) win by forfeit; 195: Buchli (M) pin Tyson Warner (LVL) 1:16; 220: Oborny (M) pin William Rose (LVL) 0:53; 285: Lyon (M) win by forfeit

Bob Arehart Invitational
Team scores—Milford 225.5, Fillmore Central 154, Thayer Central 146, Yutan 142, Tri County 125, Centennial 103, Shenandoah 86, Crete 66, Lincoln Lutheran 61.5, Palmer 54.5, Hi-Line 47.5,

Southern 26, Friend 12, Dorchester 4
113—Rea (MIL) pin Lucas Lewandowski (TRI) 0:34; pin Ariana Tellez (DOR) 1:53; def. by Aidan Trowbridge (FC) 6-3; pinned by Triston Wells (THCE) 1:20; def. Janson Pilkington (YUT) 9-0, third

126—Jake Wanetka (MIL) def. by Ben Stoner (FC) 11-1; pinned by Grant Wells (LL) 1:56; pinned by Dylan Gewecke (FC) 1:49; def. by Ryan Schram (FC) 2-0; pinned by Maung Aye (CRT) 0:52

126—Kohout (MIL) pin Maung Aye (CRT) 2:34; pin Wyrston Brell (HL) 2:37; pin Ben Stoner (FC) 0:38; pin Jeffrey Kuncel (CRT) 0:57; def. by Grant Wells (LL) 5-0, second

132—Vondra (MIL) pin Jayden Boyle (CRT) 1:13; pin Ben Hammer (THCE) 1:44; pin Junior Rafael (CRT) 2:48; def. Trev Arlt (YUT) 5-0; def. by Alexander Schademann (FC) 1:4-4, second

138—Kenning (MIL) pin Ricardo Vicente-Vasquez (CRT) 0:44; def. by Noah Monroe (FC) 6-2; def. by Gatlin Reimers (PLM) 17-2; pin Dayton Kremer (FRI) 1:47

145—Dickinson (MIL) pin Zac Furnas (FC) 0:28; def. by Jacob Hatfield (DOR) 8-2; pinned by Zaid Martinez (TRI) 4:23; def. Keyden Uhrich (LL) 5V-1 8-6; pin Ashton Sundling (CRT) 0:33

152—Chapman (MIL) pin Zakk Smith (FRI) 1:20; pin Dylan Williams (THCE) 0:48; pin Grant Lewandowski (TRI) 1:37; pin Treven Stassinis (FC) 1:27, first

152—Tyce Lopez (MIL) def. Jordan Lake (THCE) 5-4; pinned by Treven Stassinis (FC) 1:22; pinned by Mason Semler (FRI) 2:43

160—Springer (MIL) pin Justin Morales Cerrato (CRT) 0:56; pin Kanin Baker (TRI) 0:46; pin Izzic Paling (FC) 1:40; pin Jesse Keiser (YUT) 0:47; pin Nate Burd (THCE) 0:37, first

170—Scdoris (MIL) pin Ayllynn Schwisow (DOR) 0:11; def. Jayden Dickerson (SHE) 7-3; won by medical forfeit over Jack Hopkins (TRI); pin Emmanuel Valdivinos (CRT) 0:41; def. Gunner Mumford (THCE) 4-1, first

182—Vance (MIL) pin Dawson Lemburg (PLM) 0:47; won by medical forfeit over Conner Schardt (THCE); pin Jayden Hissong (THCE) 0:32; def. Jacob Rystrom (SHE) 16-1; def. Josh Jessen (YUT) 4-1, first

195—Buchli (MIL) pin Josh Fisher (YUT) 1:59; def. by James Kerns (TRI) 9-2; pin Anthony Congdon-Meyer (THCE) 1:32; pinned by Logan Dickerson (SHE) 0:40, fourth

220—Kasen Petsch (MIL) pinned by Gunner Reimers (PLM) 0:35; pinned by Pedro Vargas (CRT) 0:15; pinned by Drew Knoezer (HL) 0:18; def. by Austin Patchin (CENT) 10-4; pinned by Nickolas Keith (CENT) 3:58

220—Oborny (MIL) pin Austin Patchin (CENT) 1:43; pin Nickolas Keith (CENT) 2:12; def. Carson Adams (FC) 10-3; pin Drew Knoezer (HL) 2:57; def. by Gunner Reimers (PLM) 3-1, second

285—Lyon (MIL) pinned by Carson Fehlhafer (CENT) 0:50; def. Jackson Masek (LL) 7-3; pin Gage Brinkman (TRI) 0:16; pin Alejandro Blanco (CRT) 1:36; pin Bladen Weiner (STH) 0:45, third

SHS splits two to open hardwood boys’ season

by Stephanie Croston
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The Seward boys’ basketball team opened its season Dec. 2 with a 44-41 win over Hastings and then came up short at North Bend Central 53-47 Dec. 4.

Coach Trevor Menke was pleased with the start of the season.

“Our kids played hard and pride themselves in that,” he said.

The Bluejays came off a good week of practice and “played with skill and purpose tonight against a good Hastings team,” he said.

Traetyn Schaefer helped the Jays work through the Hastings defense and finished with five assists. Drew Covalt scored 14 to lead the offense, and Leighton Limback added seven points and seven rebounds.

The Jays had their chances against North Bend, Menke said.

“At the end of day, we just didn’t get enough stops to take the lead and earn victory,” he said. “North Bend makes a few more big plays than us and that is the difference.”

Limback led the team with 14 points. Schaefer distributed nine assists, and Sam Schroeder grabbed five rebounds.

“We handled their pressure for the most part but, like I said, just didn’t get enough stops defensively,” Menke said. “There are so many good things that we should feel good about after this one. This group we have is



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Seward’s Gavin Sukup goes up for a shot against Hastings during the Bluejays’ opening game against the Tigers Dec. 2.

hungry and will improve and continue to practice well.”

Seward (1-1) was to host Lincoln Christian Dec. 7 and travel to Northwest Saturday, Dec. 11.

Seward 44, Hastings 41
HHS 13 8 10 10 41
SHS 15 8 14 7 44

SHS—Traetyn Schaefer 1-1 1-4 3, Jackson Trost 3-7 1-2 9, Drew Covalt 6-14 0-0 14, Gavin Sukup 2-4 2-3 6, Kameron Dyer 0-0 0-2 0, Leighton Limback 2-6 3-5 7, Sam Schroeder 2-2 0-4 4. Totals

16-34 7-20 44.
Three-point goals—SHS 4-17 (Trost 2-5, Covalt 2-9, Limback 0-3). **Rebounds**—SHS 20 (Limback 7). **Assists**—SHS 10 (Schaefer 5). **Steals**—SHS 12 (Covalt 4). **Turnovers**—SHS 8. **Fouls**—SHS 15.

North Bend Central 53, Seward 47
SHS 16 14 6 11 47
NBC 16 17 9 11 53

SHS—Schaefer 3-5 0-2 6, Trost 2-8 0-0 6, Covalt 5-12 0-0 11, Sukup 1-4 0-0 2, Dyer 1-4 1-1 3, Limback 6-6 0-2 14, Schroeder 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 20-43 2-7 47.

Three-point goals—SHS 5-15 (Schaefer 0-1, Trost 2-7, Covalt 1-5, Limback 2-2). **Rebounds**—SHS 20 (Schroeder 5). **Assists**—SHS 16 (Schaefer 9). **Steals**—SHS 3 (three with 1). **Blocked shots**—SHS 1 (Schaefer 1). **Turnovers**—SHS 11. **Fouls**—SHS 14.

Centennial wins big at home, on road in season’s first games

by Stephanie Croston
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A pair of wins is a good way to open a season, and the Centennial boys’ basketball team did that last week.

Coach Cam Scholl said the Broncos have a lot of new faces on the team, so it’s hard to know what to expect. He was pleased to see the team play good defense and share the ball well.

Centennial opened play with a 57-33 win over David City Dec. 2. Lance Haberman had a big first quarter, Scholl said, and finished the game with nine points.

The CHS defense also held the Scouts to nine first-half points.

Scholl said the Broncos did a good job rebounding, ending the game with 34 boards. Lane Zimmer paced the team with nine.

Jake Bargen was the team’s scoring leader, connecting for 21 points.

“Overall it was pretty good. It was a good team win,” Scholl said.

The Broncos continued their stifling defense Dec. 4 in a 49-13 win over Nebraska Christian. CHS again defended well, the coach said. Nebraska Christian was 3-23 shooting, including 1-15 from three-point range. The Eagles had just two points in the first half until a three-point fell at the buzzer.

Haberman was hot from long range, connecting on four of eight three-pointers and finishing with 18 points.

“If you’d told me Maj (Nisly) and Jake (Bargen) would have nine points and we’d win by 35, I wouldn’t have believed it,” Scholl said.

He said Alex Hirschfeld and Zimmer both played well, and



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Lance Haberman of Centennial lines up a shot against Nebraska Christian Dec. 4 during the Broncos’ win over the Eagles.

freshmen Sam Ehlers and Devin Slawnyk contributed well off the bench.

“They had a good preseason, and they’ll keep getting better,” Scholl said.

The Broncos (2-0) will host Sandy Creek, Thursday, Dec. 9, with tip scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The Cougars are also 2-0 and have a good inside player and an athletic wing the Broncos will have to contend with.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, Tri County will come to town for a 7:30 p.m. game. The Trojans always play the Broncos tough, Scholl said.

“We need to keep get-

ting better,” he said.

Centennial 57, David City 33
CHS 18 18 8 13 57
DCHS 6 3 10 14 33

CHS—Maj Nisly 2-8 0-0 4, Ryan Richters 1-1 0-0 2, Connor Clouse 0-1 0-0 0, Sam Ehlers 2-4 0-0 6, Alex Hirschfeld 1-2 0-0 3, Reiden Fowler 1-2 0-0 2, Jake Bargen 8-15 3-6 21, Lance Haberman 3-6 0-0 9, Devin Slawnyk 0-0 2-4 2, Lane Zimmer 2-3 4-10 8, Jordan Wagner 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-43 9-20 57.

Three-point goals—CHS 8-17 (Nisly 0-3, Ehlers 2-3, Hirschfeld 1-1, Bargen 2-4, Haberman 3-6). **Rebounds**—CHS 34 (Zimmer 9). **Assists**—CHS 10 (three with 2). **Steals**—CHS 5 (five with 1). **Blocked shots**—CHS 1 (Bargen 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 8. **Fouls**—CHS 13.

Centennial 49, Nebraska Christian 13
NCHS 2 3 1 7 13
CHS 12 12 10 15 49

CHS—Nisly 2-5 0-1 4, Richters 1-2 0-0 2, Clouse 1-3 0-0 2, Ehlers 0-2 0-0 0, Hirschfeld 2-3 0-0 5, Fowler 1-2 0-0 2, Bargen 1-5 2-2 5, Haberman 6-10 2-18, Slawnyk 1-2 0-1 2, Zimmer 2-2 1-1 5, Shawn Rathjen 0-1 0-0 0, Jayde Gumaer 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 19-40 13-22 49.

Three-point goals—NCHS 1-15, CHS 6-18 (Nisly 0-2, Richters 0-1, Ehlers 0-1, Hirschfeld 1-2, Bargen 1-3, Haberman 4-8, Gumaer 0-1). **Rebounds**—NCHS 21, CHS 24 (Zimmer 6). **Assists**—CHS 15 (Bargen 5). **Steals**—CHS 14 (Nisly 7). **Turnovers**—NCHS 22, CHS 9. **Fouls**—NCHS 14, CHS 16.



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Malcolm’s Kiley Elkins drive for a layup as Reagan Wondercheck comes in to rebound against Plattsmouth Dec. 2.

Clippers start slow, come back

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

A sluggish start nearly led to the demise of the Malcolm girls’ basketball team as the No. 6 Clippers traveled to No. 9 Auburn for a Dec. 4 conference tilt. It took a fourth quarter rally for Malcolm to overcome a 14-point deficit and take home a 44-33 win.

“Our girls had a really long day,” Malcolm coach Andy Klepper said. “We have 17 players in our program that are also part of our one-act play production. They had an early bus trip to Elkhorn for districts and then had to go to Auburn for an earlier than usual tipoff. It took them a while to wake up.”

Shooting was a struggle early on as the Clippers tried to adjust to the atmosphere in the Auburn gym.

“They always play tough defense and make it hard for you to get good looks,” Klepper said. “Their fans packed the place. They were loud. It’s a tough place to play.”

Facing an eight-point deficit heading to the fourth quarter, Klepper changed up his defensive pressure which turned the tide.

“We started denying the inbound pass under our basket,” Klepper said. “They kind of fell apart after we did that.”

Diamond Sedlak had a big second half on both ends of the court. It started with the junior guard knocking down back-to-back three-pointers to keep the game within reach in the third quarter.

“When she hit those, we knew we still had a chance,” Klepper said. “Those shots were huge. It was like, all right, we can do this.”

In the final frame, Sedlak’s defense in the middle of the full-court press was the team’s x-factor.

“Diamond was creating all kinds of chaos,” Klepper said. “She got a hand on bunch of

their passes. I really think this was the most complete game of her career.”

Sedlak finished with 19 points while her classmate, Alyssa Fortik led all scorers with 20 points as the duo combined for 89% of the team’s points.

“We have to get more scoring from our other players,” Klepper said. “We’ve got to get points in the paint. But, I’m sure glad those two stepped up like they did.”

The Clippers opened the season on Dec. 2 with a 63-22 rout of future conference foe Plattsmouth.

After jumping out to a 10-point first quarter lead, Malcolm went on an 18-0 run in the second quarter to blow the game open.

Fortik was one steal away from a triple-double as she scored 15 points, dished out 10 assists and had nine steals. Sedlak added 10 points while Reagan Wondercheck cleaned up the glass by grabbing six rebounds.

Malcolm (2-0) travels to defending state champion Weeping Water (0-2) on Tuesday before a Saturday, Dec. 11, trip to Stromsburg to face Cross County (2-0).

“That Cross County team is super athletic,” Klepper said. “They’re off to a good start and I’m sure they’ll test us.”

Malcolm 44, Auburn 33				
MAL	9	7	7	21
AUB	11	7	13	2
MALCOLM—Wondercheck 2-5 0-2 4, Elkins 0-1 0-1 0, Denton 0-5 0-1 0, Fortik 7-17 3-4 20, Sedlak 7-11 2-3 19, Brown 0-2 1-2 1, England 0-1 0-0 0.				
AUB—10-30 7-12 33.				
Three-point goals—MAL 6-16 (Wondercheck 0-2, Denton 0-1, Fortik 3-9, Sedlak 2-3, Brown 1-2), AUB 6-19.				
Rebounds—MAL 18 (Wondercheck 4, Sedlak 4), AUB 27.				
Assists—MAL 5 (Sedlak 3, Fortik 2), AUB 6.				
Steals—MAL 14 (Fortik 5), AUB 3.				
Turnovers—MAL 7, AUB 21.				
Fouls—MAL 12, AUB 15.				

Malcolm 63, Plattsmouth 22				
PLA	6	0	17	12
MAL	16	18	17	12
MALCOLM—Schultz 2-7 0-1 4, Wondercheck 1-5 2-3 4, Babb 1-4 0-0 2, Elkins 1-3 0-0 2, Denton 2-9 0-0 8, Sehi 1-1 0-0 3, Zegar 1-2 3-5 5, Fortik 6-11 2-6 15, Sedlak 4-11 0-1 10, 1-6 0-0 2, England 1-6 0-0 2, Wollberg 1-1 2-2 4, Hanson 0-2 0-0 0.				
PLA—8-35 5-18 22.				
Three-point goals—MAL 4-19 (Schultz 0-1, Wondercheck 0-2, Babb 0-2, Denton 0-2, Sehi 1-1, Fortik 1-5, Sedlak 2-6), PLA 1-8.				
Rebounds—MAL 42 (Wondercheck 6, Zegar 4, Sedlak 4, Brown 4, Wollberg 4), PLA 37.				
Assists—MAL 17 (Fortik 10), PLA 5.				
Steals—MAL 34 (Fortik 9, Sedlak 6), PLA 17.				
Turnovers—MAL 27, PLA 46.				
Fouls—MAL 14, PLA 16.				

Broncos 3-2 in duals, sixth at invite; Fehlhafer hits 100

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Illness might have limited the Centennial wrestling lineup, but those on the mat had a good week.

“I thought we did well for being short-handed,” Coach Phil Payne said.

The Broncos competed in a dual tournament at Palmyra Dec. 2 and went 3-2 with losses to Wilber-Clatonia and Tri County.

Payne said forfeits hurt CHS in the duals. In addition, wrestlers are still getting to their final competition weights, so many were wrestling at higher weights than they will after Christmas.

The Broncos were 21-11 in contested matches, Payne said. Carson Fehlhafer recorded his 100th career win during the dual against Tri County, pinning his opponent in 1:48.

“He looked sharp,” Payne said.

He said Fehlhafer, wrestling at 285, took his opponent down four times before pinning him, a strategy more common at the lower weights.

The Broncos were at the Bob Arehart Invitational Dec. 4 in Friend and finished sixth in the team standings. Fehlhafer and Garrison Schernikau earned top honors in their weight classes. Trayton Stewart finished second and Keenan Kosek and Dodson were fourth.

“We only had seven point scorers and we got sixth,” Payne said.

Payne said the gold medal was the first tournament win for Schernikau. The CHS sophomore put himself in a hole in his first match and had to fight to



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Carson Fehlhafer of Centennial tries to set up a cradle against Trey Lyon of Milford during the Bob Arehart Invitational Dec. 4 in Friend. Fehlhafer won his 100th career match earlier in the week.

win in sudden victory.

“He has some things to work on,” Payne said.

Stewart won his first career match at the tournament, beating Ethan VanderTop of Lincoln Lutheran by pin.

“He’s worked his tail off,” Payne said. “He does things well.”

Stewart is still undersized but is gaining confidence, the coach said.

Fehlhafer pinned his way through the tournament, with his longest match the final against Markey Hinrichs of Fillmore Central.

“We knew he was a quality opponent,” Payne said.

He said Fehlhafer started out with a big move and got put on his back. He fought out of that and worked his way back to the win.

The Broncos will be

in Milford Thursday, Dec. 9, for the county triangular with the Eagles and Seward. It’s the team’s only competition of the week.

Wilber-Clatonia 45, Centennial 34

138: Keenan Kosek (CTL) pin Jordan Marsh (WC) 3:21; 145: Dakota Guinn (CTL) def. Roberto Torres (WC) 18-7; 152: Jarrett Dodson (CTL) pin Lexand Baker (WC) 1:55; 160: Lexand Baker (WC) def. Cyrus Songster (CTL) 7-5; 170: Lane Vesely (WC) win by forfeit; 182: Lucas Karpisek (WC) win by forfeit; 195: Hugo Pomajzl (WC) win by forfeit; 220: Mike Rhodes (WC) pin Austin Patchin (CTL) 3:14; 285: Carson Fehlhafer (CTL) win by forfeit; 106: Trayton Stewart (CTL) win by forfeit; 113: Ashton Keltner (WC) win by forfeit; 120: Pedro Hernandez (WC) win by forfeit; 126: Garrison Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 132: Iverson Mejia (WC) win by forfeit

Centennial 54, Freeman 6

106: Stewart (CTL) win by forfeit; 113: Double forfeit; 120: Schernikau (CTL) pin Wesley Havelka (FRE) 1:40; 126: Double forfeit; 132: Double forfeit; 138: Kosek (CTL) win by forfeit; 145: Guinn (CTL) win by forfeit; 152: Parker Dishman (CTL) win by forfeit; 160: Dodson (CTL) win by forfeit; 170: Songster (CTL) win by forfeit; 182: Trevor Parde (FRE) win by forfeit; 195: Double forfeit; 220: Patchin (CTL) win by forfeit; 285: C. Fehlhafer (CTL) win by forfeit

Centennial 45, Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer 16

113: Double forfeit; 120: Schernikau (CTL) win by forfeit; 126: Double forfeit; 132: Double forfeit; 138: Kosek (CTL) win by forfeit; 145: Guinn (CTL) win by forfeit; 152: Dishman (CTL) pin Caleb Werman (HTRS) 1:06; 160: Dodson (CTL) def. Brandt Leech (HTRS) 14-8; 170: Andy Maloley (HTRS) def. Songster (CTL) 9-0; 182: Clayton Shook (HTRS) win by forfeit; 195: Isaac Bittner (HTRS) win by forfeit; 220: Patchin (CTL) pin River McNeely (HTRS) 0:49; 285: C. Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Ty Faulks (HTRS) 1:00; 106: Stewart (CTL) win by forfeit

Centennial 45, Palmyra 9

106: Stewart (CTL) win by forfeit; 113: Double forfeit; 120: Double forfeit; 126: Schernikau (CTL) pin Brennan Hoskins (P) 1:12; 132: Double forfeit; 138: Kosek (CTL) pin Gage Bohaty (P) 1:18; 145: Guinn (CTL) pin Jonathan Glantz (P) 2:20; 152: Dishman (CTL) pin Gavin Chloupek (P) 0:41; 160: Dodson (CTL) pin Robert Hegwood (P) 1:29; 170: Songster (CTL) def. Wesley Parolek (P) 7-1; 182: Cameron Steinblock (P) win by forfeit; 195: Double forfeit; 220: Micheal Bryan-Aldrich (P) def. Patchin (CTL) 9-8; 285: C. Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Evan Bryan-Aldrich (P) 1:36

Tri County 42, Centennial 15

106: Double forfeit; 113: Lucas Lewandowski (TC) pin Stewart (CTL) 2:55; 120: Double forfeit; 126: Cole Spahr (TC) pin Schernikau (CTL) 3:51; 132: Double forfeit; 138: Caden Reedy (TC) pin Kosek (CTL) 4:13; 145: Zaid Martinez (TC) pin Guinn (CTL) 1:36; 152: Dodson (CTL) pin Grant Lewandowski (TC) 2:35; 160: Songster (CTL) def. Kanin Baker (TC) 4-0; 170: Cael Washburn (TC) win by forfeit; 182: Jurgen Baker (TC) win by forfeit; 195: Double forfeit; 220: James Kerns (TC) pin Patchin (CTL) 1:41; 285: C. Fehlhafer (CTL) pin Toby Ambrose (TC) 1:48

Bob Arehart Invitational

Team scores—Milford 225.5, Fillmore Central 154, Thayer Central 146, Yutan 142, Tri County 125, Centennial 103, Shenandoah 86, Crete 66, Lincoln Lutheran 61.5, Palmer 54.5, Hi-Line 47.5, Southern 26, Friend 12, Dorchester 4.

106—Stewart (CENT) pinned by Drew Krajcek (YUT) 1:52; pin Ethan VanderTop (LL) 1:11, second

120—Schernikau (CENT) def. Max Egr (YUT) SV-1 7-5; pin Avery Drohman (THCE) 1:51; pin Brenner McCann-Coen (FC) 0:48; pin Jaime Ramos (CRT) 3:54; def. Ashton Sinn (THCE) 5-4, first

138—Kosek (CENT) def. Wyatt Rayburn (FC) 13-2; pin Jade Spangler (SHE) 1:45; def. by Caden Reedy (TRI) 17-0; pinned by Isaac Kult (YUT) 4:47, fourth

145—Dodson (CENT) pin Nate Rupp (YUT) 0:56; pin Conner Lomax (CRT) 1:30; pin Keyden Uhrich (LL) 3:28; def. by Zaid Martinez (TRI) 9-8; pinned by Aiden Hinrichs (FC) 1:34, fourth

145—Guinn (CENT) pin Broden Dean (HL) 1:52; pinned by Aiden Hinrichs (FC) 2:53; def. by Mason Remmers (THCE) 9-6; pinned by Jesse Kult (YUT) 2:24; pin Zac Furnas (FC) 0:47

152—Dishman (CENT) pin Gail Jacinto (CRT) 3:25; pinned by Grant Lewandowski (TRI) 0:56; pinned by Dylan Williams (THCE) 0:43; won by disqualification over Jordan Lake (THCE)

160—Songster (CENT) def. Dylan Mallula (FC) 5-1; pin Brandon Carmichael (STH) 4:36; def. by Cooper Stokebrand (TRI) SV-1 8-3; pin Nate Redwine (HL) 0:03; def. by Izzi Paling (CTL) 3-2

220—Nickolas Keith (CENT) def. by Carson Adams (FC) 4-1; pinned by Hunter Oborny (MIL) 2:12; def. by Patchin (CENT) 5-0; def. by Pedro Vargas (CRT) 5-4; pin Kasen Petsch (MIL) 3:58

220—Patchin (CENT) pinned by Hunter Oborny (MIL) 1:43; pinned by Carson Adams (FC) 3:51; def. Nickolas Keith (CENT) 5-0; def. Kasen Petsch (MIL) 10-4; pinned by Pedro Vargas (CRT) 2:16

285—Paul Fehlhafer (CENT) pinned by Markey Hinrichs (FC) 0:56; pinned by Ivery Hoyos (CRT) 3:13; pinned by Bladen Weiner (STH) 0:38; def. by Toby Ambrose (TRI) 10-6; pin Gage Brinkman (TRI) 1:57

285—C. Fehlhafer (CENT) pin Gage Brinkman (TRI) 0:41; pin Trey Lyon (MIL) 0:50; pin Alejandro Blanco (CRT) 0:58; pin Jackson Masek (LL) 1:24; pin Markey Hinrichs (FC) 5:13, first

MHS girls wrestle into history book

by Heath Kramer
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History was made the afternoon of Dec. 3 when four girls from Malcolm took to the mat to compete in high school wrestling. While there have been several girls that have grappled for the Clippers over the years, this was the first time for them to compete for a Malcolm girls’ wrestling team.

Malcolm is one of the 125 schools to add girls’ wrestling this year. All schools will compete in one NSAA class. Boys’ wrestling has four classes.

The Clipper team is made up of Cheyenne Benischek, Kennedy Cole, Grace Frahm, Cydnee Loos and Cora Schweitzer. Benischek and Loos were previously members of the boys’ team. Kim Watson is the coach for the girls’ team.

“These girls are excited about this opportunity and they are eager to learn,” Malcolm head wrestling coach Matt Coufal said. “We’re working them hard but they don’t mind. They want to practice longer.”

The ladies competed in Nebraska City’s Friday Night Fracas where Frahm earned a third-period pin in her first match. Loos got pins in two of her matches. As a team, the Clippers earned 14 points.

“We got some seniors trying this sport for the very first time,” Coufal said. “It really makes me wish the NSAA would have done this sooner.”

Friday Night Fracas

Team scores—South Sioux City 140, West Point-Beemer 139, Grand Island Senior High 110, Lexington 99, Nebraska City 92, Millard South 71, Weeping Water 71, Bellevue East-West 70, Millard North 64, BRLD 57, Yutan 50, Crete 46, Fairbury 44, Bennington 41, Southwest Iowa 41, Omaha Westside 36, SW Valley Schools 30, Omaha Burke 28, Stanton 23, Falls City 18, Malcolm 14, Cedar Bluffs 13, Palmyra 6, Omaha Bryan 2, Bedford-Lenox 0

100—Grace Frahm (MAL) pin Rose Pearsall (LEX) 5:38; pinned by Riley Hohn (WW) 1:27; pinned by Gloria Flores (SSC) 0:37

114—Cheyenne Benischek (MAL) pinned by Addison Newill (CB) 3:04; pinned by Bettie Chambers (PAL) 0:59

132—Cydnee Loos (MAL) pin Nyuayoung Gatluk (MN) 2:49; pinned by Allison Isaacson (MS) 1:52; pin Kendall Bauer (BEN) 0:46; pinned by Lexi Southard (NC) 1:29

138—Cora Schweitzer (MAL) pinned by Daphne Schramm (FC) 4:44; medical forfeit to Alea Broschkowski (FBY)

Zoucha leads boys

The Malcolm boys’ team took the long trip to Broken Bow for a Dec. 4 invite in which the Clippers placed fifth out of 13 teams while bringing home four medals.

Gavin Zoucha went 4-0 on the day. The 170-pound senior got first period pins in his first two matches. In his semifinal match, Zoucha pinned St. Paul’s Ashton Meinecke midway through the second period.

Zoucha faced off with Broken Bow’s Zander Sch-

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ayla Roth, a freshman at Milford, helped lead the Eagles to a pair of wins last week, scoring 21 points against Fillmore Central and 11 against Raymond Central.

Honorable Mention
Cydnee Loos, Malcolm
Cora Payne, Centennial
Hannah Benedict, Seward

Carson Fehlhafer, a senior at Centennial High, recorded his 100th career win Dec. 2 during dual competition at Palmyra. He was 5-0 that night and 5-0 at Friend Dec. 4 to win the Bob Arehart Invitational.

Honorable Mention
Cabe Schluckebier, Milford
Traetyn Schaefer, Seward
Hayden Frank, Malcolm

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Connor Zegar of Malcolm dribbles past a screen by Lucas Christensen (13) during the Clippers' game against Platts-mouth Dec. 2.

Clippers cold, hot in first game

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

It was a tale of two halves in the Malcolm boys' Dec. 2 home basketball opener. The second half was the tale they hope to tell again and again this season. The Clippers took a three-point lead over Plattsmouth into the halftime break. When the buzzer sounded to end the game, that lead had increased to 22 as Malcolm earned a 58-36 win over the Blue Devils.

"If we're going to win games this year, it's going to be with our defense," Malcolm coach Chris Lewandowski said. "That's where we're hanging our hat."

After allowing 27 first-half points, the Malcolm defense shut down Plattsmouth in the second half, allowing just five points in the third quarter and four in the final frame.

"We have a unique group of guys on this team," Lewandowski said. "They feed off of each other, and when good things start to happen for one, it builds confidence for the whole group."

As the defense created offense, Hayden Frank took advantage. The junior guard had a career high 27 points as he shot 75% from the field, including knocking down 4-of-5 from beyond the arc.

"Hayden is a special talent," Lewandowski said. "But it's talent that comes from hard work. He puts in time in the gym that most people don't see. He's a competitor that is constantly trying to improve himself."

Luke Schmidt came

off the bench to provide a spark for the Clippers. The sophomore forward went 4-of-5 from the floor and was perfect from the charity stripe to score 10 points.

On Dec. 4 the Clippers traveled to Auburn where the top-ranked and three-time defending state champion Bulldogs upended Malcolm, 54-36.

After Malcolm led much of the first quarter, an Auburn three-pointer at the buzzer had the Clippers trailing heading to the second frame.

"We've worked on end-of-quarter situations," Lewandowski said. "We want the ball in our hands at the end. We didn't do that the first three quarters and it ultimately cost us about nine points. That's an area we need to improve."

Frank led Malcolm with 14 points as he nailed four from long range.

Malcolm (1-1) goes to Weeping Water (0-1) Tuesday before a Saturday, Dec. 11, trip to Cross County (2-0).

"Cross County is a very athletic team that was just in the football state finals," Lewandowski said. "We'll need to bring our A-game that night."

Auburn 54, Malcolm 36					
MAL	12	7	8	9	36
AUB	15	13	16	10	54

MALCOLM—H. Frank 14, Meyer 2, Christensen 4, Boehle 3, Johnson 8, Zegar 3, Kouma 2.
Rebounds—H. Frank 3, Meyer 3, Boehle 3, Johnson 4, Zegar 3, Schmidt 2. **Assists**—H. Frank 2, C. Frank, Meyer 2, Boehle, Johnson 2. **Steals**—H. Frank 2, Zegar 2. **Blocks**—Schmidt.

Malcolm 58, Plattsmouth 36					
PLA	10	17	5	4	36
MAL	11	18	16	13	58

MALCOLM—H. Frank 27, Meyer 5, Boehle 2, Johnson 6, Zegar 8, Schmidt 10.
Rebounds—H. Frank 6, C. Frank, Meyer 3, Christensen 6, Boehle 10, Little, Johnson 6, Zegar 5, Kouma, Schmidt 2. **Assists**—H. Frank 3, Meyer, Christensen, Boehle 2, Zegar 3, Kouma. **Steals**—H. Frank 2, Meyer 3, Boehle, Johnson, Schmidt 2. **Blocks**—Christensen.

Offense sputters for Broncos

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The early season will be a roller coaster for the Centennial girls, Coach Jake Polk said, as they search for the best lineups.

The Broncos saw the ups and downs in their first games last week, a 47-33 loss to David City and a 43-27 loss to Nebraska Christian.

"We don't value the ball right now, but I'm seeing great effort," Polk said. "This is a great group to be around."

It's a young team with just three seniors and half the roster freshmen and sophomores.

The Broncos started out slowly against David City Dec. 2 and dug a hole they couldn't get out of. The Scouts led 28-20 at halftime and held the Broncos to 11 points in the second half.

Polk said Centennial didn't shoot well and didn't attack the DC zone enough. CHS was just 6-13 from the free throw line.

Halley Heidtbrink led the team with eight points and three steals, and Catelynn Barga added seven points.

The Broncos improved on defense against Nebraska Christian Dec. 11, Polk said. Turnovers hurt the team again, however. After committing 21 against David City, CHS gave up 32 against the Eagles.

Polk said the team executed on offense and rebounded well, pulling down 31 boards.

"We need to not be



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Halle Kinnett of Centennial tries to fight through a trap against Nebraska Christian as Coach Jake Polk watches the play unfold Dec. 4.

afraid to attack," he said.

Barga's seven points led the offense, with Karley Naber adding five. Heidtbrink and Barga grabbed nine rebounds each.

Polk said Barga has played well in her first two high school games and is proving herself to the coaches and her teammates.

The Broncos are still looking for a consistent ball handler, someone who values the ball and is disciplined.

The Broncos (0-2) will

host Sandy Creek Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. and Tri County Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. Polk said Sandy Creek (0-2) has a new coach, but the Broncos need to come ready for a physical game.

Tri County is also 0-2. "Everybody will be hungry for a win," Polk said.

David City 47, Centennial 33					
CHS	11	9	7	6	33
DCHS	18	10	14	5	47

CHS—Halle Kinnett 0-2 0-1 0, Savannah Horne 0-4 0-0 0, Gracen Fehlhafer 1-3 0-0 3, Molly Prochaska 1-1 0-0 3, Karley Naber 2-7 0-0 6, Madison Brandenburg 1-5 0-1 2, Cora Payne 0-4 1-2 1, Ava Fischer 0-2 0-0 0, Averie Stuhr 0-2 0-0 0, Halley Heidtbrink 4-6 0-3 8, Alex Galavez 0-0 1-2

1, Catelynn Barga 2-10 2-2 7, Ella Wambold 0-3 0, Natalie Sams 0-0 2-2 2, Totals 11-49 6-13 33.

DCHS—Totals 15-35 11-20 47.

Three-point goals—CHS 5-27 (Kinnett 0-1, Horne 0-4, Fehlhafer 1-3, Prochaska 1-1, Naber 2-7, Brandenburg 0-3, Fischer 0-2, Barga 1-4, Wambold 0-2), DCHS 6-15. **Rebounds**—CHS 29 (three with 5), DCHS 29. **Assists**—CHS 8 (Horne 3), DCHS 11. **Steals**—CHS 11 (Heidtbrink 3), DCHS 12. **Blocked shots**—CHS 2 (Naber, Wambold 1), DCHS 2. **Turnovers**—CHS 21, DCHS 18. **Fouls**—CHS 23, DCHS 20. **Fouled out**—Payne.

Nebraska City 43, Centennial 27					
NCHS	11	10	12	10	43
CHS	6	6	10	5	27

CHS—Kinnett 1-1 0-0 3, Horne 0-2 0-0 0, Prochaska 0-1 1-2 1, Naber 2-8 0-0 5, Brandenburg 0-5 0-0 0, Payne 2-4 0-2 4, Stuhr 2-4 0-0 4, Heidtbrink 1-5 1-2 3, Barga 3-8 0-0 7. Totals 11-39 2-6 27.

Three-point goals—CHS 3-13 (Kinnett 1-1, Horne 0-1, Naber 1-4, Brandenburg 0-2, Stuhr 0-1, Barga 1-4). **Rebounds**—CHS 31 (Heidtbrink, Barga 9). **Assists**—CHS 7 (Barga 2). **Steals**—CHS 9 (Payne, Barga 3). **Blocked shots**—CHS 6 (Payne 3). **Turnovers**—CHS 32. **Fouls**—CHS 16. **Fouled out**—Payne.

Eagles 2-0 in opening week

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The Milford girls opened the season with a pair of wins, topping Fillmore Central 50-38 and Raymond Central 49-32.

Coach Bryce Roth was pleased with the effort he saw from the Eagles.

"We just need to get back to work and have a great week of practice, pay more attention to detail and take another big step in growing as a team," he said.

Milford started strong against Fillmore Central, leading 12-7 after the first quarter.

"We had a really good start in the first quarter setting the tone defensively. We also hit some shots and we were able to get out to an early lead," Roth said. "They switched up some things defensively in the second quarter that really slowed us down."

Fillmore Central led 25-20 at halftime, but then the Eagle defense kicked in.



CRAIG JONES/SCI

Kaitlin Kontor of Milford looks for room to drive to the hoop against Raymond Central Dec. 4.

"Coming out at half we made some adjustments attacking their zone and our defensive effort in the third

quarter was absolutely phenomenal to hold them scoreless," Roth said. "We take a lot of pride in our defense and on nights where we struggle offensively that's huge to be able to lean on solid D."

He said the offense did a better job taking care of the ball and got great looks at the hoop.

Freshman Ayla Roth made a splash in her first varsity game, scoring 21 points to lead MHS. Tanya Miller added 10 points.

With a quick turnaround, the Eagles were back on the court Saturday and showed a lot of toughness, Roth said. RC threw pressure at the Eagles and Milford responded well, committing just 11 turnovers in the game.

"Offensively we were really balanced with our scoring which is awesome to see. We talk a lot

about 'sharing the sugar' and not caring who scores and I thought that showed up on Saturday," Roth said. "We have a lot of different players capable of scoring, so it just makes us that much tougher."

Ayla Roth scored 11 to lead the way again.

The Eagles (2-0) are scheduled to play at Fairbury Friday, Dec. 10, and host Lincoln Lutheran Saturday, Dec. 11, starting at 3 p.m.

Milford 50, Fillmore Central 38					
MHS	12	8	12	18	50
FCHS	7	18	0	13	38

MHS—Kaitlin Kontor 3-0 0-9, Addi Mowinkel 0-0 0-0, Ayla Roth 7-3 4-21, Tanya Miller 3-3 3-10, Izzy Yeackley 2-0 0-4, Taylor Roth 2-4 6-17. Totals 17-11 50.

FCHS—Totals 11 12-20 38.

Three-point goals—MHS 8-19 (Kontor 3-5, Mowinkel 0-2, A. Roth 4-6, Miller 1-2, Yeackley 0-3, T. Roth 0-1). FCHS 4-10. **Fouls**—MHS 15, FCHS 14.

Milford 49, Raymond Central 32					
RCHS	10	8	6	8	32
MHS	19	5	15	10	49

RCHS—Totals 10 8-20 32.

MHS—Kontor 2-2 3-8, Mowinkel 2-0 0-6, A. Roth 5-1 2-11, Miller 3-0 0-9, Yeackley 1-2 2-4, Hannah Schilz 2-0 0-4, T. Roth 3-1 2-7. Totals 18 6-9 49.

Three-point goals—RCHS 1, MHS 8 (Kontor 2, Mowinkel 2, Miller 3, Yeackley 1). **Fouls**—RCHS 13, MHS 13.

Malcolm

(continued from 2B) weitzer in the championship match. The match went the distance with Zoucha claiming gold with a 5-0 win.

"He really dominated the whole match," Coufal said. "He's got big goals set for himself this season and this first weekend was a good first step toward those goals."

Caleb Courter (195) and Kale Nordmeyer (285) each earned silver medals. Courter pinned his first three opponents before getting pinned by Ryan Gabriel of Ord in the championship match.

Nordmeyer needed just 37 seconds to get his first pin of the season. After a 1-0 decision over Tyler Thomas of Broken Bow in the semifinals, Nordmeyer was pinned by Bridger Rice of Ord in the title match.

"Both guys wrestled well for the first weekend of the season," Coufal said. "Right now, we're all just trying to get better."

Josh Stewart earned the bronze medal at 182 pounds. After losing his opener to Taylon Pascoe of Gordon-Rushville, the senior came back to win three in a row with two

wins coming by pinfall.

The Malcolm boys and girls travel to Crete this Saturday.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how both teams performed the first week," Coufal said. "We're setting daily goals this year and just trying to get better one day at a time. December is a good time to start making progress toward February."

Broken Bow Invite	
Team scores—Broken Bow 245.5, Gordon Rushville 126, Ord 108.5, St. Paul 101, Malcolm 90, Mitchell 81, Southern Valley 68.5, Kearney Catholic 58, Chase County 51, Broken Bow JV 43, Perkins County 39, Grand Island Central Catholic 36, South Loup 33	
120—Christopher Burbach (MAL) pinned by Clay Rasmussen (KC) 1:05; pinned by Dawson	

Mason (SL) 2:59	
126—Zane Zoucha (MAL) def. Treyton Hurlburt (BBJV) 6:0; pinned by Braylan Rynearson (BB) 5:0 pin Zane Zoucha (MAL) 3:10; pin Kaden Golden (MIT) 4:26; pin Mason Toner (PC) 4:23; def. by Sam Luther (KC) 14-4	
138—Joshua Fox (MAL) pinned by Santiago Castillo (MIT) 2:46; pinned by Westyn Mendenhall (CC) 2:35	
145—Bricen Wilkie (MAL) pinned by Connor Wells (BB) 1:21; def. Braxton Hathorn (GR) 4:0; pinned by Brendan Boyce (Ord) 2:19	
152—Aidan Hardin (MAL) pinned by Mason Noel (SV) 1:09; pinned by Cody Duffy (CC) 0:19	
170—Gavin Zoucha (MAL) pin Nate Grilli (SV) 1:45; pin Brycen Woodward (BBJV) 0:29; pin Ashton Meinecke (SP) 2:22; def. Zander Schweitzer (BB) 5-0, first	
182—Josh Stewart (MAL) def. by Taylon Pascoe (GR) 8-3; pin Carson Grossnicklaus (SV) 2:55; pin Hunter Shiers (KC) 3:40; def. Cael Peters (MIT) 3-2, third	
182—Riley Donahoo (MAL) def. by Max Denson (BB) 4-2; pin Thomas Reeves (CC) 3:09; def. by Cael Peters (MIT) 6-0	
195—Caleb Courter (MAL) pin Lain Tausan (GR) 2:46; pin Hunter Borges (GICC) 1:26; pin Rio Remund (SL) 1:56; pinned by Ryan Gabriel (Ord) 1:11, second	
285—Kale Nordmeyer (MAL) pin Garrett Pawloski (SP) 0:37; def. Tyler Thomas (BB) 1-0; pinned by Bridger Rice (Ord) 2:30, second	



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Concordia’s Jose Sanchez works to control Friend University’s Treyton Rusher during his sudden victory match Dec. 4 in Crete (SV-1 10-8).



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Concordia’s Sam Scarpelli drives the ball upcourt against Northwestern Dec. 4 during the Bulldogs’ home victory over the Raiders.

Concordia University

Volleyball

There was going to be heartbreak for one side or the other in a five-set nail-biter in the quarterfinals of the NAIA National Championship.

The Concordia University volleyball team wouldn’t have it any other way. It just wasn’t meant to be Dec. 2. The Bulldogs were edged in five by seventh-ranked Marian University (Ind.), 30-28, 21-25, 25-19, 24-26, 15-12, in a rematch from the 2020 national tournament.

During a journey with both peaks and valleys, Head Coach Ben Boldt’s squad shook off a 4-6 start to GPAC play (then ninth place in the conference) and advanced all the way to the national quarterfinals. That showing equaled a program standard for deepest national tournament run.

“As a coach personally, I’ve been very fulfilled in the effort that our team has given us, the buy-in that they’ve had with us,” Boldt said. “When we think about the college experience and what you want a team to be, that’s what this team is. That will be our takeaway. We talk about love, trust, hard work and sacrifice. Those are our core values, and I feel like we’ve lived those out.”

This was the type of match where being slightly out of position on an attack, block or dig can be the difference between winning and losing. The margins were finer than the print on an Aspirin label on Thursday. Both teams produced exactly 68 kills and exactly 105 digs. Down 6-1 in the fifth set, Concordia (19-12) displayed its mettle once again.

The Bulldogs rallied back to take an 11-10 lead on an Arleigh Costello kill. It was then even at 12-12 before the Knights (35-2) rattled off the final three points and celebrated the victory. Match point came via Averi Lanman’s kill from the middle. Marian played just a bit cleaner in the fifth set with three errors to Concordia’s six.

“It was an even match obviously – it went 15-12 in the fifth,” Boldt said. “We were even in kills and we were even in digs. We had a couple more errors than they did. I think that was the difference in the match.

They blocked really well too. It kind of took us out of some of the things we wanted to do, but the mentality our team had was great. We were taking swings fearlessly. That’s really what we ask of them in big moments.”

The moment was not too big in the fourth set when the Bulldogs brushed off a 17-15 deficit. After a timeout, Concordia got rolling with five-straight points. The final tally in that sequence came on a combined block from Gabi Nordaker and Carly Rodaway. For set point, Rodaway teamed up with Kalee Wiltfong on a denial that set the stage for the 12th five-set match this season for the Bulldogs.

It was another outstanding national tournament for outside hitter Camryn Opfer, who accumulated 15 kills and 22 digs versus Marian (one day after a 21-kill, 16-dig performance). In the middle, Nordaker (15 kills, seven blocks) dominated in stretches while polishing off a stellar second collegiate season. Also key contributors on the attack, Erica Heinzerling (13) and Rodaway (11) reached double figures in kills. Four Concordia players besides Opfer turned in 10 or more digs: Bree Burtwistle (22), Rebecca Gebhardt (14), Tara Callahan (13) and Lexie Kreizel (10). Callahan added three aces and Cassidy Knust had two.

Round two
Opfer mashed 21 kills, including one for match point as No. 19 Concordia edged second-ranked Viterbo, 22-25, 25-20, 25-18, 22-25, 15-11 Dec. 1.

Considering the stage and what was at stake, this was an all-timer of a performance for Opfer, who racked up 21 kills while hitting an otherworldly .514 from the outside. The Seward High School product also notched 16 digs as part of a defensive effort that limited one of the nation’s most prolific attacks to a .138 hitting percentage. North Star Athletic Association Player of the Year Miah Garant hit .167 (12 kills, six errors) while contending with the reach of Bulldog middle Gabi Nordaker (13 blocks).

Round one
There was nothing easy about it Nov. 30, but Concordia has been in these situations before. One of many contributors to the victory,

Arleigh Costello put the contest away with a match-point kill while locking up the program’s seventh all-time win at the national tournament. The Bulldogs held off No. 25 Oregon Tech, 26-24, 23-25, 25-17, 25-23, as part of NAIA Volleyball National Championship pool play.

Opfer honored

At the conclusion of the national championship match played Dec. 4, Concordia standout Camryn Opfer was named to the 2021 NAIA National Championship All-Tournament Team. Opfer garnered the same recognition at the 2020 national tournament. The Seward High School product helped lead the Bulldogs back to the national quarterfinals for the second season in a row.

Also recently chosen as First Team All-GPAC and as an NAIA All-West Central Region team selection by the America Volleyball Coaches Association, Opfer is racking up career accolades. In 2021, she enjoyed her finest season yet while posting career highs in kills (394) and digs (389) in 2021. Opfer also hit .221 from the outside and added 45 blocks. She has pushed her career kill total to 948, a figure that ranks 10th on the program’s all-time list. In 2019, the AVCA named Opfer the West Central Region Freshman of the Year.

Over this season’s four national tournament matches, Opfer totaled 59 kills, 68 digs and seven blocks while hitting .236 from the outside. Opfer put together an especially memorable performance in the win over No. 2 Viterbo. In that match, she went off for 21 kills, 16 digs and four blocks and hit an eye popping .514.

“That’s who Cam is,” Coach Ben Boldt said. “Cam got put in a good spot, and she did the rest. That’s who Cam is. It’s no surprise to us.”

Men’s basketball

It was a down-to-the-wire battle between two squads with hopes of reigning atop the GPAC by season’s end. Unfortunately for the visitors Dec. 1, Morningside continues to be an unsolvable jigsaw puzzle.

The Concordia University men’s basketball team couldn’t quite over-

come a sluggish first half in a what amounted to a 79-77 loss to the 18th-ranked Mustangs in Sioux City, Iowa.

Carter Kent enjoyed a monster second half on his way to a 20-point night. He was also commended by Coach Ben Limback for his defensive work on Mustang leading scorer Aidan Vanderloo, who went 0-for-5 from the floor and failed to score.

Meanwhile, Noah Schutte made his first seven shot attempts and notched 17 points. Sam Scarpelli finished with 10 points and three assists while Justin Wiersema put up nine points, five rebounds, four assists, two steals and two blocks. Gage Smith chipped in with eight points and seven rebounds.

Dec. 4 saw an especially dizzying first half of action as both teams shot better than 58% from the floor. Behind Carter Kent, Concordia kept up its offensive pace while increasing its defensive intensity in the process of earning a 95-78 home win over Northwestern. Kent scored a career-high 32 points, and the Bulldogs built a lead as large as 21 points in the second half.

Limback’s squad moved to 9-2 overall (4-2 GPAC). A re-commitment to defensive effort made the difference in the latest outing.

“That was our whole talk at halftime,” Limback said. “Offensively, we were really good. We were moving it and sharing it, and Carter was really good in both halves. Our message was that we have to defend. We were up 13 at one point in the first half and I thought we started to relax and get a little bored on the defensive end. Those are two really good players – (Trent) Hilbrands and (Alex) Van Kalsbeek. It’s tough to stop them, but we needed to slow them down a little bit better.”

All five starters scored at least eight points for the Bulldogs. Schutte posted 18 points on 7-for-9 shooting, Wiersema finished with 14 points and four rebounds and Smith collected 11 points, seven rebounds, three blocked shots and three steals.

The Bulldogs now look forward to their final home game for the month of December. Concordia will welcome Mount Marty (3-10, 0-5 GPAC) to Friedrich Are-



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Concordia’s Rylee Pauli is fouled as she puts up a shot against Northwestern during the Bulldogs’ 84-82 overtime defeat of the previously undefeated Raiders Dec. 4 in Seward.

na for a 7:45 p.m. tipoff on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Women’s basketball

A spirited run in the middle of the contest by the Concordia women’s basketball team wasn’t enough as they fell short against No. 10 Morningside Dec. 1. The deficit was as much as 12 for the Bulldogs, who trailed by four in the final minute before falling in Sioux City, Iowa, 89-83.

An upside for Concordia was Lauren Baker, who had a breakout performance in the game, making 6-of-9 attempts from 3-point range.

Rylee Pauli was one rebound shy of picking up a double-double in the contest, finishing with 16 points and nine rebounds. Mackenzie Toomey was key off the bench for Concordia. She tossed in 15 points and grabbed five rebounds.

Concordia claimed an 84-82 overtime upset of 12th-ranked Northwestern Dec. 4. Sadie Powell scored all nine of her points in the extra session.

In a stressful affair, Concordia survived Northwestern possessions at the end of regulation and overtime. It was Powell time in overtime. She sank two crucial triples and came away with a steal.

Powell’s rebound after the Red Raiders missed a free throw with a chance to tie in the final few seconds of overtime helped pull this one out of the fire.

The Bulldogs will play at home for the final time in the calendar year 2021 when they host Mount Marty (1-8, 1-4 GPAC) at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Wrestling

It was one up and one down for the Concordia University Wrestling team, which joined the rest of the conference at The Arena Sports Academy Dec. 1 for a showcase event in Sioux City, Iowa. The Bulldogs opened the night with a 32-13 win over Dakota Wesleyan before dropping a 27-9 decision at the hands of Morningside. Each of the nine GPAC wrestling programs competed in at least one dual.

Head Coach Myron Bradbury’s squad is now 1-2 in conference duals.

Eighteen competitors represented Concordia University at the Doane Conner/Oppenheim Open Dec. 4 in Crete, where the Bulldogs emerged with a total of 30 victories.

Place finishes were earned by Isaac Agabin (133), Jovon Howe (184) (continued on 6B)

Concordia

(continued from 5B) and Jacob Telles (285). “We’re finding a little more success and seeing our training start to pay off,” Bradbury said. “We still have a lot of ground to cover, but we’re wrestling better competition each week. We’re inching along.” “Jovon handled his first tournament well and it was good the way he was able to get out and wrestle. There are big plans for him moving forward. Coach (Tyree) Cox and I have been saying how Isaac has another level. He wrestled like he had a chip on his shoulder today.” Prior to Saturday, Agabin’s best showing thus far had been a two-pin performance at the Dakota Wesleyan Open. He produced five wins (one pin) at the Doane Open and was credited with fifth place at 133 pounds. Agabin’s pin came over Doane’s Luke Davis. As for Howe, he returned from injury and won three matches in a row at point, before pulling out of the tour-

namment. Howe triumphed over two competitors from Doane. The best is yet to come from the heavyweight Telles, who got rolling after dropping his first match of the day. The native of Albuquerque, N.M., responded with three-consecutive pins,

including two over foes from Friends University (Kan.). Telles finished with four wins on the day. Two other Bulldogs collected two or more wins apiece: Carter Willis (4-2 at 133), Tavoris Smith (3-2 at 157), Adam Roberts (2-2 at 125) and Jose Sanchez (2-2 at 165). Four-

teen of the 18 Concordia grapplers at the Doane Invite registered at least one win. One win each was earned by Issiah Burks (165), Josh Broyles (141), Jeaven Scdoris (149), Brandon Gonzalez (149), Tracy Allen (149), TJ Huber (174) and Jesse Guadarrama (285).

Concordia’s highest rated wrestler, Mario Ybarra (10th in the NAIA at 133), did not compete at the Doane Open. The Bulldogs entered the weekend ranked fifth in the official GPAC ratings thanks to six competitors who are ranked at

the conference level in their respective weight classes. GPAC dual action will pick back up on Thursday, Dec. 9, when the Bulldogs (1-2 GPAC) host Midland inside Friedrich Arena. Wrestling is slated to get underway at 7 p.m.

Team represents SMS on hardwood



GREG FORBES/SCI

The 2021-22 Seward Middle School girls 7th grade basketball team includes, from left: (front row) Grace Brees, Olivia Brozovsky, Alayna Clark, Lexi Collings, Kennedy Dominy, Jackie Eberspacher and manager Matalyn Erickson; and (back row) Sophia Erwin, Aubrey Hanes, Brooklyn Hesse, Julie Luebbe, Torrie Mayo, Reagan Meyer, Izzy Moore, Emerson Rucker and Sammi Wintz. They are coached by Heidi Weber and Janni Hanson. Not pictured is manager Lexi Solano.

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Mr. Michael Eldridge, Superintendent
East Butler Public School, P.O. Box 36, Brainard, NE 68626
402-545-2081 • meldridge@ebutler.esu7.org • EOE

SHOP LOCAL

Administrative Clerk

The Seward County Clerk's Office is now accepting applications for an Administrative Clerk II. Applicants must be 19 years of age or older, have a high school diploma or GED, and experience in performing clerical work. Experience in real estate descriptions and/or land records preferred.

Application and job description available online at www.countyofsewardne.com.

For questions, email hr@co.seward.ne.us.

Seward County is an EOE.

This position is subject to a Veteran's Preference.



WEBER FEEDYARDS, LLC
Full-Time MECHANIC
Position Available

Experience required.

Position requires a valid driver's license and must be insurable under the company insurance policy. Competitive pay and benefits.

Contact Joel @ 402-641-3530

- **RN/LPN:** FT Eve (M-F), Nights (Fri-Sun), Weekend Only (Special Pay Rate!)
- **CNAs:** FT Day, Evening & Night Shifts
- **MedAide:** FT Eve (M-F) & PT Weekend Only
- **Dietary:** FT AM Shift • **Housekeeping**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
SUNRISECOUNTRYMANOR.COM
610 224th Road, Milford
Ph: (402) 761-3230 ext. 224

Applications at www.sunrisecountrymanor.com/careers.html

East Butler Public School
is accepting applications for
Elementary Paraprofessional

for the current school year in Brainard and Dwight.

\$13.00 per hour/Insurance plan included.
Positions are open until filled.

Interested persons should send a letter of application, resume, and references to:
Mr. Michael Eldridge, Superintendent
East Butler Public School, P.O. Box 36, Brainard, NE 68626
402-545-2081 • meldridge@ebutler.esu7.org • EOE

Briggs Feed Yard Now Hiring

Full-Time Cattle Feeder – Immediate opening for a FT Cattle Feeder (not over the road) at a family-owned, 8,000-head cattle feed yard in Seward, NE. Would be running a feed truck and loader on a daily basis. Must be able to follow instructions, get along well with others and work as a team. Daily duties include, but are not limited to, feeding cattle, feed truck and equipment maintenance, mending fence, cleaning bunks, waterers, snow removal and any other duties as required. Workdays are M-F, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and every other weekend.

Full-Time Feed Yard Cowboy – Immediate opening for a FT Feed Yard Cowboy. Applicant must be able to proficiently ride a horse (horses provided). Must have knowledge and understanding about cattle behaviors and be able to identify sick cattle, be able to segregate and treat sick cattle and return to home pens accurately, and accurately receive and ship cattle by weighing and counting. Other duties include cleaning/maintaining water tanks, horse barn/stalls, hospital and processing areas, fencing and other duties as required. Must have the ability to communicate and work well with others. Workdays are Monday–Friday and every other weekend.

Applicant must be at least 19 years of age, have a valid driver's license and qualify as insurable under the company's vehicle insurance guidelines. We offer competitive wages, bonuses and vacation pay. Pay will commensurate with experience.

Apply in person Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at:

Briggs Feed Yard
3044 Alvo Rd., Seward, NE
or email sheri.rech@briggs-group.com
or call 402-643-2303 to request an application.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

This full-time job would include creating print and online advertisements and commercial printing. InDesign and Photoshop knowledge, attention to detail, the ability to work on deadlines, adapting to rapid and frequent change and working well within a team are required. Prior newspaper experience helpful.

Our newspapers include the Seward County Independent, The Milford Times, The Crete News, the Friend Sentinel, and the Wilber Republican.

Please send a resume to: **Kevin L. Zadina, Publisher**

SEWARD COUNTY
INDEPENDENT

P.O. Box 449 • Seward, NE 68434

or e-mail: kevinzadina@sewardindependent.com

General Laborer for an Agronomy & Fuel Plant

- Competitive pay • Company paid health & life insurance
- Paid holidays & vacation • Great retirement plan, HSA & 401K
- Clothing Allowance • Possibility for tuition reimbursement
- Growth opportunities • Must have valid driver's license

Stop in the office at 101 N. Main in Friend or email friendelev@diodecom.net for an application. If you have any questions, please call Ed Menke at 402-947-4291.

Farmers Union Cooperative Co.
Friend, NE

HUGHES BROTHERS
SEWARD, NE SINCE 1921

2nd Shift Production Openings

Hughes Brothers Inc., in Seward, NE, is accepting applications for general production openings on 2nd shift.

Work performed in factory environment, requires prolonged standing, frequent heavy lifting, reaching, twisting, and bending.

Apply in person at 210 N. 13th Street or mail resume to:
Human Resources
PO Box 159, Seward, NE 68434
Email: chantel@hughesbros.com EOE

HUGHES BROTHERS
SEWARD, NE SINCE 1921

Accountant

Hughes Brothers Inc., in Seward, NE, is seeking a full-time Accountant. Responsible for assisting the Accounting Dept with daily/monthly/annual functions including but not limited to inventory and labor costing, G/L entry and account reconciliation, A/R processing, sales tax programs, preparation of financial statements and various reports. Excellent self-motivation, organizational and communication skills required.

This is a salaried/exempt position with a competitive salary based on education and experience, plus vacation, 401(k), health, dental, vision, life, and disability insurance.

Bachelors or Associates degree in Accounting or Business discipline and three years experience or equivalent combination of both. Cost accounting experience highly preferred. Visit www.hughesbros.com for more company information.

Mail or email cover letter and resume to:
Chantel Denker
Human Resources Manager
PO Box 159, Seward, NE 68434
Email: chantel@hughesbros.com EOE

Memorial Health Care Systems
WE ARE RECRUITING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Accountant: Full-Time Day Position. Candidate is responsible for general accounting functions including general ledger entries. Must possess the ability to process and analyze data with high attention to detail. Expertise in MS Excel and financial software products required. Accounting degree required, minimum Associates, Bachelor's preferred; health care experience helpful. –*Memorial Hospital*

Hospital Business Office Director: Full-Time Days, Monday–Friday. Responsible for the overall direction, coordination and evaluation of the department. Candidate will carry out various supervisory responsibilities in accordance with policies and applicable laws. Assures patients' rights are maintained; ensures timely billing and collection of patient charges; oversees patient admission and registration; and maintains electronic claims/remittance process. Bachelor of Science degree or one to two years related experience and/or training; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Health Care related education and experience preferred. Medicare, Medicaid and Commercial Insurance billing preferred. –*Memorial Hospital*

Child Care Teacher Aide: Full-Time Days. Early childhood education or experience required. Candidate must be at least 18 years old. –*Memorial Hospital*

RN - Days & Nights: Full-Time, Part-Time & PRN Day and Night Positions, Day Shift 5 a.m.–5 p.m., Night Shift 5 p.m.–5 a.m. Acute Care, ER and OB experience preferred. Flexible scheduling includes every third weekend with holiday rotation. RN licensure and ACLS required. Position includes night shift retention bonus. –*Memorial Hospital*

RN - Days Outpatient Specialty Clinic: Full-Time Day Position. One to two years Clinical nursing experience preferred with excellent customer service and communication skills. RN licensure and ACLS required. –*Memorial Hospital*

Medical Technologist/Medical Lab Technician / Bachelor of Science in Biology or Chemistry: Full-Time Day Position. Rotating one out of eight weekends and one call shift per week. Candidate must be able to multi-task and have excellent customer service skills. –*Memorial Hospital*

Nutritional Services Aide / Cook: Part-Time Day (6 a.m.–2:30 p.m.) & Evening Shift (10 a.m.–7 p.m.), three or four days/evenings per week approximately 24–32 hours per week. Seeking responsible, motivated, dependable individual as a float employee. Candidate will be trained in multi-positions/tasks in the department. Must be able to multitask, have excellent customer service skills and be at least 18 years of age. Schedule includes every other weekend with holiday rotation. –*Memorial Hospital*

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

Patient Care Manager: Full-Time Day position. Candidate supervises all Memorial Family Medical Center nursing personnel and manages all nursing functions. Additional duties include: coordination with other departments and agencies; patient care management, regulatory compliance including, but not limited to, OSHA, CMS Rural Health Clinic, working in a direct care role. Actively involved in development and implementation of Population Management programs, clinic resource for Electronic Medical Record and is Employee Health nurse for MHCS. Two years supervisory experience and NE RN license required; two years medical practice experience preferred. –*Seward Family Medical Center*

Please visit our website <http://www.mhcs.us/about-us/employment> for a listing of the Temporary - As Needed (PRN) positions available at Memorial Health Care Systems

For immediate consideration,
complete an application at or send your resume to:



Memorial
Health Care Systems

HR Dept., 300 N. Columbia Ave.
Seward, NE 68434
or visit www.MHCS.US to complete
an online application. For more
information call 402-646-4618. EOE

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CLASSIFIED VALUE!

FOR RENT

2 BR, 1 1/2 bath duplex, with single stall attached garage \$775/month, Pet OK plus fee, no smoking, Available 12/15 Located in Milford. Please call 402-890-6360

2 BR, W/D hook ups, \$550 mo. plus deposit, no pets. 1 yr lease. 240 Main St-Seward- call 402-480-0064 or 402-646-5774

Two bedroom brick house with attached garage. Newly updated with wood floors, carpet, paint, appliances, lighting. 246 Bradford Street-Seward. No pets. No smoking. \$1,200/mo. 402-641-1374. Available Now

Wanted to rent: Pasture for 2022 season and beyond. Contact Brian at 402-239-8660 call anytime

Rent Sokol Hall for various social and business functions. Hall is air-conditioned and handicap accessible. Contact Lumir Sukovaty at 402-821-2429 or Leon Slama at 402-239-2857. For kolaches, contact Joan Kotas at 402-821-2971.

COTTAGE FOR RENT

700 sq ft., 2 BR, garage, no basement. Kitchen appliances, laundry hook ups. No animals, no smoking. \$600/month. 1 year lease. Proof of income required. See Trish at Davisson Furniture.

EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status, or national origin, or an intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." Family status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. The Independent will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-642-6112. <http://www.nor.org/home/NEOC>.

FOR SALE

VERY GENTLE JERSEY MILK COW and calf with portable milking machine. Must sell, because of death in family. Call Helen Odvody-Broz at 402-300-0702.

For sale like new, Merits brand, 4-Wheel mobile electric-chair, reflectors, trunk, swivels. Easy to use toggle, multi-speed, holds charge well, \$450/OBO. Call Robb at 531-541-7895

PUBLIC NOTICES

GENERAL NOTICES

UNLESS YOU ACT YOU WILL LOSE THIS PROPERTY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
To: The Heirs or Legal Representatives of Charles W. Concklin, Deceased
1236 280th Road, Unit 20
Seward, NE 68434

You are hereby notified that on March 5, 2019, Vicki Pflughaupt purchased a Tax Certificate (Certificate No. 2019052) from the Seward County Treasurer in Nebraska for delinquent taxes on the following described real estate in Nebraska:

Lot 1, Sumaran Subdivision in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th P.M., Seward County, Nebraska, commonly known as 1236 280th Road, Unit 20, Seward, Nebraska, and described on the assessor's rolls as: Parcel #800003152 - 4-10-3 LT 1 SUMARAN SUBDIV IN NW1/4 SW1/4 1.02 AC.

The real estate subject to the Tax Certificate lien was assessed in the name of Charles W. Concklin, 1236 280th Road, Unit 20, Seward, NE 68434. The Tax Certificate covers delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for tax year: 2017. The amount of taxes represented by the Tax Certificate: \$283.69. Subsequent taxes may have been paid and interest may have accrued as of the date this notice was signed.

THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER SECTIONS 77-1824 TO 77-1830.

THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION REQUIRES PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY TREASURER, FOR THE USE OF SUCH PURCHASER, OR HIS OR HER HEIRS OR ASSIGNS, THE AMOUNT OF TAXES REPRESENTED BY THE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR THE TAXES WERE LEVIED OR ASSESSED AND ANY SUBSEQUENT TAXES PAID AND INTEREST ACCRUED AS OF THE DATE PAYMENT IS MADE TO THE COUNTY TREASURER. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR REAL PROPERTY THAT IS ACTUALLY OCCUPIED BY THE RECORD OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE RECORD OWNER, OR A MINOR CHILD OF THE RECORD OWNER, THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION EXPIRES AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR THE TAX DEED, AND A DEED MAY BE APPLIED FOR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE.

Dated: November 18, 2021
VICKI PFLUGHAUPT
Applicant

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MEETINGS

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Seward County Ag. Society
Monday, December 13, 2021
7 p.m.

Conference Room-Harvest Hall
Seward County Fairgrounds
Michael J. Flyr
Secretary
Seward County Ag. Society
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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, December 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting which shall be kept continually current is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours.

To view the agenda go to <http://SewardPublicSchools.org> and find the eMeeting link.

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ESTATES

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF MARCELLA M. COUFAL, DECEASED
Estate No. PR 21-88

Notice is hereby given that on December 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 Marvin Coufal, whose address is 2150 S Road, Bee, Ne 68314, and Dennis Coufal, whose address is 2043 Road 26, Brainard, NE 68626, were 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 February 8, 2022, or be forever barred.

/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court

Robert I. Blevens 10344
Blevens & Damman
Law Office
Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3639
Attorney for Estate
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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF RONALD DEAN SUHR DECEASED
Estate No. PR 21-89

Notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2021, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, Jason Suhr, whose address is 1370 294th, 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 February 8, 2022, or be forever barred.

/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
Justice Center
Seward, NE 68434

Robert I. Blevens #10344
Blevens & Damman Law Office
Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3639
Attorney for Estate
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ORGANIZATION

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF RGM INVESTMENTS, LLC

Notice is hereby given that RGM Investments, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 1021 Augusta Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Joshua D. Mooney, 4362 Superior Road, Utica, Nebraska 68456. RGM Investments, LLC
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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 **2LS MECHANICS, LLC**. The address of the designated office is 2162 308th Road, Seward, NE 68434. The registered agent and address for service upon the company is Tyler N. Luebke, 2162 308th Road, Seward, NE 68434.

The company shall engage in any lawful business and act for which a Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

MICHAEL G. MULLALLY
MICHAEL G. MULLALLY, P.C.,
L.L.O.
Attorney at Law
510 Seward St.
Seward, NE 68434
(402) 643-4581
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CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION

A Nebraska Limited Liability Company

1. The Name of the Limited Liability Company is as follows:

TRIBUTE ARCHERY LLC

2a. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office:

Street Addr: 2424 Star St., Seward, Nebraska 68434

Mailing Ad: 2424 Star St., Seward, Nebraska 68434

2b. The name, and street and mailing addresses and post office box number, if any, of the initial agent for service of process of the company:

Name: Ben Klenke

Street Address: 2242 Star St., Seward, Nebraska 68434

3. Is the limited liability company organized to render a professional service? NO

/s/Ben Klenke

Organizer

October 19, 2021

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

SOUTH WIND STORAGE LLC

Notice is hereby given that South Wind Storage LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 1021 Augusta Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Brock Henderson, 1021 Augusta Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434.

South Wind Storage LLC
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

CULTURE ACCELERATION GROUP, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Culture Acceleration Group, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 2019 172nd Drive, Garland, Nebraska 68360. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Kelly Schrad, 2019 172nd Drive, Garland, Nebraska, 68360.

Culture Acceleration Group, LLC
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

HENDERSON CONSULTING LLC

Notice is hereby given that Henderson Consulting LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 1021 August Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Shelby J. Henderson, 1021 Augusta Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The Company is organized to render professional mental health counseling services in the State of Nebraska.

Henderson Consulting LLC
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INCORPORATIONS

Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO
1120 K Street, Suite 200
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF

CENTENNIAL BRONCO BOOSTER CLUB INC.

Notice is hereby given that a nonprofit corporation has been formed under the laws of the State of Nebraska as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is Centennial Bronco Booster Club, Inc.

2. The address of the initial

registered office is 1301 Centennial Avenue, Utica, Nebraska 68456, and the initial registered agent at that address is Jenny Wagner.

3. The corporation is a public benefit corporation, and is organized exclusively:

A. To qualify as a corporation organized for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States revenue law); and

B. To do everything necessary, proper, advisable or convenient for the accomplishment of the purposes hereinabove set forth, and to do all other things which are not forbidden by the State of Nebraska, or by these Articles of Incorporation, or by the Internal Revenue Code that will result in a loss of said corporation's status as a Section 501 (c)(3) entity. The corporation shall have all of the powers now or hereafter set forth in the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act.

4. The corporation commenced existence on the filing and recording of its Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, and it shall have perpetual existence.

5. The corporation shall have no members.

/s/Kelly R. Hoffschneider

Incorporator

Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO

1120 K Street, Suite 200

Lincoln, NE 68508

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SVEHLA LAW OFFICES, P.C.,
L.L.O.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of November, 2021, an Amended Articles of Incorporation of GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCH, a Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation, was filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office. The Amended Articles of Incorporation indicate that the name of the Nonprofit Corporation has been amended from GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCH to GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Kent E. Rauert, Agent

Svehla Law Offices, P.C.

408 N. Platte Ave., Suite A

York, NE 68467

(402) 362-5506

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MINUTES

November 30, 2021
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 DECEMBER 10, 2021

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on November 30, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic (via Zoom), Ken Schmieding, Bob Vrbka, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson

Approved minutes of November 23, 2021.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., gave an update of his department.

Commissioners gave reports of their activities.

Kelly Danielson and Jessica Bodfield, G&P Landfill, were present to request adding counties to the jurisdiction of accepting waste at their landfill in Milford.

Approved request to increase the 2022 medical flexible spending amount.

Approved correction/change in starting wage for employee numbers 7058 and 0193.

Approved signing of Annual Certification of Highway Superintendent.

Discussion was held on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Approved the agenda for December 7, 2021, and adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Brandy Johnson
Deputy County Clerk

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Your Right to Know

SIMULCAST PUBLIC AND ONLINE LAND AUCTION

157.33± Acres Lancaster County, Nebraska

L-2200066

Friday, December 17, 2021 at 10:30 AM

Embassy Suites
1040 P Street Lincoln, Nebraska

ONLINE SIMULCAST BIDDING
Starts Friday, December 10, 2021 at 10:30 AM
Bidding closes at close of public event

— Close to Lincoln on hard surface road —
— Good row crop farm with mostly strong soils, 87% tillable —
— Outstanding timber areas providing great wildlife habitat —

To Register and Bid on this Auction, go to: www.FNCSbid.com

For more information on property details, please contact:

Jerry Wiebusch, Agent
Phone: (402) 430-8489
JWiebusch@FarmersNational.com

www.FarmersNational.com

UNRESERVED ONLINE LAND AUCTION

PRIME DEVELOPMENT GROUND
67.77± ACRES SEWARD COUNTY, NE
» SELLING IN 3 TRACTS «

- » **Tract #1: 56.92± Acres**
- » **Tract #2: 10.09± Acres**
- » **Tract #3: 2 Building Lots**

For additional information, visit www.bigironrealty.com

» BID ONLINE DEC. 3-17, 2021 «
BIDDING ENDS AT 2 P.M. CST

Get a salebill, register and bid at www.bigironrealty.com

Contact Your Listing Agents
John Buhl 402.649.3750
Ron Stock 402.649.3705

TIMED ONLINE | NO-RESERVE RETIREMENT AUCTION

BIDDING CLOSES: THURS., DEC. 9TH STARTING AT 10:00 A.M. CT
Physical Address: 1113 Rd. 12, Geneva, Nebraska 68361
(Approximately 70 miles southeast of Grand Island)

Highlights: 2013 John Deere 8335R MFWF tractor. 3,779 hours; 2012 John Deere 8335RT track tractor, 2,905 hours; 1969 International 856 2wd tractor, 7,590 hours; 2019 John Deere S760 2wd combine, 214 eng./122 sep. hours; 2014 John Deere 612C 12 row 30" corn head; 2019 John Deere 630F 30" HydraFlex platform; E-Z Trail 672 30' head cart; Shop built 32' head cart; 2011 John Deere 1770NT CCS 24 row 30" planter; Unverferth SeedRunner 3750 seed tender; Orthman 839 1 tRiPr 12 row 30" 3-pt. strip till bar; Orthman 839 1 tRiPr 12 row 30" 3-pt. strip till bar; Fast 8100 24 row 30" liquid applicator; Case-IH 2800 nutri-placer 12 row 30" liquid applicator; MonTag C12 Gen II dry fertilizer applicator; B&H 9100 12 row 30" 3-pt. cultivator; Demco Side Quest 1,200 gal. saddle tanks; Demco 1,000 gal. saddle tanks; (2) 85 gal. chem inductor tanks; (2) 2,250 gal. poly tanks w/stands; Landoll 7431 VT Plus 33' vertical tillage tool; John Deere 630 30' disk; John Deere 10' 3-pt cultivator; J&M 1151 grain cart; J&M 750 grain cart; Mayrath 10"x32' belt conveyor; Mayrath 10"x71' swing away auger; Sidney 81' grain leg; Caldwell 24" 3-phase bin fan; 2014 John Deere 4940 self-propelled sprayer, 2,720 hours; Best Way pull-type sprayer; (12) 360 Y-drops off JD 4940 sprayer; 2019 John Deere StarFire 6000 receiver; (3) John Deere StarFire 3000 receivers; (3) John Deere 2630 GS3 displays; (2) Digi farm RTK cell modems; JD application controller; (2) JD GS2 rate controllers; (2) JD Link kit, modem and antenna, 4G; (2) John Deere RTK radios; 20/20 SeedSense Gen III monitor; 2005 Peterbilt 357 day cab semi; 557,230 miles; 2001 Freightliner day cab semi, 525,556 miles; 2001 Freightliner day cab semi, 579,317 miles; 1986 Freightliner cab over semi; 2012 Chevrolet 3500 HD 4wd service truck, 130,161 miles; 2006 Chevrolet 2500 HD 4wd pickup, 171,967 miles; 1990 Dodge LE250 2wd pickup, 177,300 miles; 2018 Timpco 40' hopper bottom trailer; (3) Timpco 42' hopper bottom trailers; 1983 Transcraft TL-22 42' step deck nurse trailer; 1969 Evans-Plugge 40' lowboy nurse trailer; And much, much more!

Steve Ewalt • (402) 366-1812

Auction Managers: Cody Holst (217) 242-8747
Kyle Ferguson (309) 255-8353 & Matt Sullivan (309) 221-7001

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