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The Seward High band performs at the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association state competition to close the 2021 marching season.

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YEAR IN REVIEW: 2021 EDITION

January

Pandemic conditions are improving in the Four Corners Health Department area but officials are still wary of the potential further spread.

The Seward Public Schools Board of Education at its regular meeting Jan. 11 approved the hire of Jessy Hilkmeier as the new agriculture science teacher at Seward High School for next school year.

The Seward Kiwanis Club replaced 55 state and territory flags Jan. 13 at the Parade of Flags along Highway 34 on the east edge of Seward.

Memorial Healthcare Systems announced that it will be starting Phase 1B of the State of Nebraska vaccination plan this week. Calls will begin

Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Snow fell throughout the day Jan. 25, closing local government buildings, businesses and schools throughout the area. Forecasts called for a foot or more of snow in some locations.

February

A period with total snowfalls reaching 20 inches and sub-zero temperatures with night-time lows in the minus 15-20 range occurred in late January through mid-February.

Carson Fehlhafer of Centennial won a state championship in his weight class at the State Wrestling Tournament.

The Seward City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 16, voted down the first

reading of an ordinance that would repeal the city's mask mandate.

Businesses and homeowners in Seward narrowly avoided power outages last week amid record-breaking frigid temperatures.

March

The welcomed warm-up last week caused headaches for the City of Seward Street Department in the form of significant potholes.

The Centennial High School girl's basketball team won the District C2-8 championship after beating Sutton in overtime to earn a ticket to the state tournament.

Seward County dispatcher Rachel Borges was honored for life-saving actions.

The Seward City Council last week elected to not extend its mask mandate, which required face coverings in public.

Seward County law enforcement officials are investigating a bomb threat reported at the Tenneco facility last week.

The Seward County Suicide Prevention Coalition's Walk for Hope will be offered virtually this year. The event will be March 19 through March 21.

An unusual dusty rainfall last week capped a wet and wild weekend that saw up to six inches of rainfall in the area.

The Utica Village Board next week

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Nebraska's 107th Legislature to convene for second session; senators to gather Jan. 5

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The Nebraska State Legislature is set to meet for their second session from Jan. 5 to April 20.

From the January to April stretch, the legislation will be meeting for 60 of those days. Dist. 24 Sen. Mark Kolterman said that the legislature would be busy during this session.

"We'll be looking at an abundance of different things at the session," Kolterman said. "We will be looking at things ranging from infrastructure, the carry over of funds, ARPA, some routine budget

balancing, property tax bills and much more."

Kolterman also mentioned that he has two bills that he is still working on. They are the LB 375, a pharmacy benefit manager's bill, and a bill to fund cancer research.

The pharmacy benefit manager's bill was created to help local pharmacies survive against other bigger pharmacies. The bill would codify several changes affecting pharmacy benefit managers. This would include requiring PBMs to obtain a certificate of authority from the state Department of Insurance.

Kolterman's other

bill to fund cancer research started in 2019 when he asked the state to allocate \$15 million and private donors to provide another \$15 million to the University of Nebraska Medical Center. This bill came after the death of his wife in November of 2017 from pancreatic cancer.

Kolterman said that along with all the other stuff mentioned, he would be doing appropriations with ARPA funds.

"There's going to be a lot to do in these next few months," Kolterman said. "We're ready for it."

Four Corners District, county see rise in Covid-19 numbers

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Not a lot has changed in the Four Corners Health District when it comes to Covid-19.

"We're still hovering at the same level," Laura McDougall, Four Corners executive director, said during the Dec. 16 briefing.

Of the 163 new cases during the previous seven days, Seward County reported 81. The district is at 367 cases per 100,000 people, which is still in the red zone, McDougall said.

She said Four Corners hit a milestone Dec. 15 with 8,000 positive Covid-19 cases. She said the area is seeing the Delta variant but had not reported in Omicron cases yet.

"The hospitals are definitely busy," she said.

Four Corners has been giving a lot of booster shots and doses of the vaccines, McDougall said. Officials are starting to see fully vaccinated children, as well.

Greg Butcher, Seward city admin-

istrator, said the city is seeing cases within its workforce. He encouraged people to get vaccinated if possible.

Mallory Gibreal of Memorial Health Care Systems in Seward said MHCS is testing by appointment.

Seward Memorial Hospital is allowing visitors for all patients except those who have tested positive for covid. Gibreal said MHCS has provided "a ton of antibody infusions" with great success.

MHCS has conducted more than 100 vaccination clinics and given more than 10,400 vaccinations.

She reminded people that the flu vaccine is also available and estimated a drop of 7% in people getting the flu vaccine.

Gibreal said the hospital was seeing more covid positive inpatients.

"Transfers are getting hard again," she said. "Long-term patients are putting a higher care strain on rural hospitals."

The next Four Corners briefing is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27, via Zoom.

Four Corners Health Department addresses vaccine questions

Four Corners Health Department is working with all communities in the district to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

People have questions and want answers they can trust.

Let's look at some common questions about the COVID-19 vaccine with information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Is it safe for me to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I would like to have a baby one day?

Yes. Currently, no evidence shows that any vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, cause fertility problems (problems trying to get pregnant) in women or men.

- Will getting a COVID-19 vaccine cause me to test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?

No. None of the approved and recommended COVID-19 vaccines can cause you to test positive on viral tests. Viral tests are used to see if you have a current

infection.

- Will a COVID-19 vaccine alter my DNA?

No. COVID-19 vaccines do not change your DNA in any way.

- Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

No. The vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19. The approved COVID-19 vaccines in the United States do not contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

For more vaccine facts, visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vac-](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vac)

[cines/facts.html?s_cid=10495:covid%2019%20vaccine%20facts:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:-FY21](https://www.fourcornersne.gov/cines/facts.html?s_cid=10495:covid%2019%20vaccine%20facts:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:-FY21)

COVID vaccine clinics are 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. During

the holidays, there will not be a clinic on Dec. 31. 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.

For other vaccine options in the district,

check with local clinics and pharmacies. Visit the following 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 info@fourcorners.ne.gov.



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Year in Review



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Thousands of shoes fill the sidewalks at Concordia University in remembrance of suicide victims during the 2019 Walk for Hope. This year's event will be virtual.

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will consider a program that would provide tax increment funding (TIF) for home improvement.

The final phase of work on Karol Kay Boulevard in Seward will begin early in April.

April

Four Corners Health Department last week announced an investigation has been opened regarding a “significant medical event” an individual suffered a week after re-ceiving the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

In a year spotted with close calls, local educators and law enforcement officials are asking motorists to exercise the utmost caution around school buses.

The completion of the new sanctuary at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Seward shows the strength of a community inspired by a common goal.

Seward FFA member Emma Kuss recently received the chance to represent Seward and FFA on a statewide scale. On April 9, during the Nebraska State FFA Convention, she was selected to serve as Secretary for the State FFA Officers committee.

The Seward County Commissioners on April 13 approved a resolution showing support for the Second Amendment in Seward County.

A newly proposed wellness center in Seward would fill a need identified by citizens and community leaders.

A new canine-friendly service in town gives dogs and humans alike a getaway to a quaint mountain town without leaving Seward.

Seward native Dave Engler knew from a young age his future was in fire and rescue, but the most recent turn in his career was beyond his biggest dreams. On April 19, Engler was named the new Lincoln Fire and Rescue Chief after 25 years with the department.

Concordia breaks ground for new Music Center.

May

For 14 challenging months, Nick Werman attempted to provide outreach to area veterans any way he could in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully for Werman and the 30 to 40 veterans who have utilized the Buddy Check program in Seward, the group in April was able to meet in person for the first time since March of 2020.

On May 1, at about 3:51 p.m., Seward County Communications received a 911 call that a shed was fully engulfed in flames in the area of 210th Road and Highway 34. Once deputies arrived on scene it was reported that there was a male party missing from the residence. After an extensive search of the area, the body of William Peters, 70, of Seward was located in the burned building.

The Lincoln Pius X Catholic High School girls' soccer team's trip to North Platte May 5 didn't go quite as planned. The Thunderbolts lost their district finals game 3-0 that evening, but getting to the game in the first place proved to be a challenge. At about 2 p.m. near mile marker 388 on Interstate 80, by the Pleasant Dale exit, the team's charter bus was rear-ended by a minivan. The Seward County Sheriff's Office reported the driver of the van was a 62-year-old man and former law enforcement officer from California. The drivers of the minivan and the bus were taken to Bryan West, but everyone else on the bus was uninjured. The sheriff's office also said that deputies located \$570,000 in suspected drug money inside the minivan. The crash is under further investigation.

Through an initiative to encourage healthier lifestyles, recreational equipment is available for rent just in time for summer fun. With the use of

a library card, guests at the Seward Memorial Library can now rent a slack line and laser tag sets and will soon have access to kayaks, paddles and lifejackets.

Face coverings are now optional for students and staff at Seward schools. The Seward School Board on May 10 voted to ease the district's mask mandate within school buildings, moving to make face coverings optional.

June

A large crane on the south side of the Seward County Courthouse lawn May 26 meant the dome was one step closer to receiving a new coat of paint. Crews used the crane to lift scaffolding onto the roof of the courthouse in order for Lindner Painting, Inc. employees to safely paint the middle structure and dome.

The Seward school district is short handed right now on bus drivers and is looking to find new people to drive for the schools. Marty Telecky, transportation director at Seward Public Schools, talked about the shortage of bus drivers in Seward and what that means for the current drivers.

After a year of silence, the Fourth of July is back in Seward. But this year's celebration has suffered a few “Covid casualties,” according to Clark Kolterman.

For nearly a decade after its closing, The Bakery awning and sign remained on the building's facade, serving as a reminder of the decades of donuts, dinner rolls and desserts that passed through its doors. The sign and awning were removed by the Bennett children June 8. Lucy Bennett was there to watch as the Seward landmark came down after half a century.

As the new Civic Center manager, Erin Wiseman is ready to get involved with the Seward community. Wiseman, who has lived in Seward for a year and a half, previously worked as the manager of the Holthus Convention Center in York. She pursued the Seward Civic Center position with the hopes she could live and work in the same community.

July

Which city celebrates the Fourth better – Seward or Ralston? Representatives from both communities attempted to settle that score July 1. The city of Ralston hosted a friendly Fourth of July debate against Seward at Ralston Arena to determine which town has the best Fourth of July Celebration.

For 100 years, Hughes Brothers has anchored the west side of Seward. Founded by four brothers, the business is still family owned and operated today. John Hughes, third generation and current president, reviewed the company's history July 18 during the Seward County Historical Society's quarterly meeting.

After 46 years of business in Bee, Lou and Mary Anne's Bar closed its doors on July 11. People from all over would come down to Bee to enjoy the famous Friday fish fries paired with a side of coleslaw, French fries and a piece of bread.

Local Make-A-Wish volunteers Lana and Jim Daws, Nebraska Make-A-Wish Regional Director Missy Davis-Schmit and a host of volunteers and local businesses teamed together to give Evelyn a princess experience July 26 prior to the family's departure. The family arrived at JD's Coffee Shop for breakfast Saturday morning, where Evelyn was told her wish had come true. She was greeted with gift cards, matching “Princess Evelyn” T-shirts for the family and other surprises.

August

A new petition called Illuminate Seward is attempting to light up



MEAGHAN STOUT

A tree fell onto the roof of a house near Maple and 3rd on a Wednesday night in Milford. The family posted on Facebook saying they were not in the house at the time and their pets were all OK.

downtown. Gregg Nelson, owner of Rue 6 and Squire Wards, described what the petition is fighting for.

Seward will have a few new faces around as Dr. Bernard Bull starts his first year as Concordia University's president.

After a long overnight trip from the Southern United States border, Nebraska's first district Rep. Jeff Fortenberry visited Seward and spoke at the Rotary meeting on Aug. 11.

Five-year-old Riley Schranz has a secret stash of snacks and treats in her Seward home, but they aren't for her. Every Thursday and Friday, when the garbage and recycling haulers arrive at Riley's home, they're greeted with crackers, cookies and cakes straight from Riley's drawer full of goodies.

September

Alyssa Cochnar, co-owner and instructor at Gold Star Martial Arts in Crete and Seward, is not scared of a challenge. Martial arts has pushed Cochnar out of her comfort zone and challenged her both physically and mentally. But, Cochnar's hard work has paid off as she recently earned her sixth degree black belt.

Recent passersby of The Alps Bark Park, 511 Bradford St., may have noticed a few large eyes staring at them from the west wall of the business. Thanks to Seth Boggs, associate professor of art at Concordia University, the wall contains a mural depicting five dogs, the business' name and a few landscape scenes that represent the Bark Park's namesake.

Staplehurst's new restaurant is packed with history and familiar faces. The family team of Deb Frank, Bobbi McVey-Blath and Ryon Blath will open Good 'Ol Days at 330 A St. on Sept. 24. Many restaurants have called the location home over the years and its new owners wanted to reflect the building's history as a gathering place for generations of Staplehurst residents and visitors.

Patsy Rumpel and Pixie Welch sat side by side folding eating utensils into napkins before the Senior Center of Seward's monthly potato bake Sept. 24. The two have done this routine every day before the potato bake for the last 15 years but next month will be the final time, as they both plan to step down from their duties.

October

Seward native Steve Saunders heard the legend of Robert Hymel and knew he could use his talents as a

filmmaker to bring his unbelievable story to life. Hymel was a U.S. Air Force pilot who was rescued from a battle damaged B-52 bomber in 1972 in Vietnam. Nearly 30 years later, he was killed in the Pentagon when it was struck by American Airlines Flight 77 in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

One of the fastest growing sports in the United States now has a permanent home in Seward. The City of Seward and pickle ball enthusiasts hosted a dedication for the new pickle ball courts at Moffitt Park Oct. 14. The courts were completed in May.

Jana Hughes, a Seward school board member and Seward community leader, announced Oct. 19 that she will run for the District 24 seat in the Nebraska Legislature.

The effort to bring a new wellness center to the community recently moved forward. The Seward City Council at its Oct. 19 regular meeting authorized a letter of intent to the Seward Wellness Committee to put a measure to increase sales tax on the May 2022 primary ballot.

November

Work to reconstruct a mile stretch of Highway 6 through Milford will require adjustment for area home and business owners, but Mayor Patrick Kelley believes the finished project will benefit the community for the distant future.

Candy machines filled with Hot Tamales, M&Ms and other favorite treats will soon appear in Seward businesses. Behind the eight machines will be 17-year-old Brian Rolfsmeier, who has autism. Brian's parents, Mark and Laurie, helped him purchase the machines and are now teaching him how to refill the machines and remove the money.

Nathan Pence hasn't graduated from high school yet, but he knows what he's going to do afterward. The Seward High senior, who is already a member of the Nebraska National Guard, will be infantry airborne.

Five competitions. Five superior ratings. Perfection. The Seward High marching band finished its 2021 season with a perfect record, earning superior ratings in all five of its competitions.

The City of Seward recently received an additional boost towards its downtown revitalization goals. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development announced the latest recipients of the Community Development Block Grant's Downtown Revitalization funds. Seward was awarded

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One year since first COVID-19 vaccines given in county

Dec. 22, 2021, marked one year since Memorial Health Care Systems administered the first COVID-19 vaccines in Seward County.

The facility has been administering COVID-19 vaccines regularly ever since, working to ensure there is easy access to the COVID-19 vaccinations close to home in rural communities. In that time, countless extra planning and vaccine administration hours have been logged by many departments.

Not only has the team been instrumental in the administration of these vaccines, but it has depended on its strong community partnerships for help getting patients registered, getting education

out on the vaccinations, having a large community space to hold mass vaccination clinics and so much more.

There have been 102 vaccination clinics for the county and surrounding communities, which has added up to more than 10,400 vaccinations being administered.

COVID-19 vaccinations are still free and are still available and encouraged. Most all 5 years and older are eligible for first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Most of those 16 years and older are eligible for a booster vaccine.

For more information or to schedule a vaccination appointment, call Seward Family Medical Center at (402) 643-4800.



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From left, Dr. Joel Gabriel, Meghan Schildt, physician assistant, Nicky Briggs, registered nurse, and Lisa Kimsey, respiratory therapist, posed Dec. 22, 2020, as the first four individuals vaccinated at Memorial Health Care Systems.

Hughes shares center update

Jana Hughes, chair of the proposed wellness center in Seward, shared information on the status of the funding for the project at the Dec. 1 Seward Rotary Club meeting.

“Exciting things are happening within the Seward Wellness Center Planning Committee in conjunction with the City of Seward,” she said. “We have a plan to get the Seward Wellness Center built. The location of the SWC will be north of the Seward Middle School off of Waverly Road.

“The facility will include a six lane indoor swimming pool, two competition basketball courts that can also accommodate volleyball or pickleball, an indoor walking/jogging track, strength and cardio equipment, exercise studios, on site child watch and before and after school childcare, a home for the youth center, and multipurpose rooms.”

It is proposed that the city of Seward will run the center once it is



COURTESY PHOTO
Jana Hughes shares information on the status of the funding for the Wellness Center project. The center would include an indoor swimming pool, two basketball courts, an indoor track, strength and cardio equipment, exercise studios, on site childcare, a home for the youth center and multipurpose rooms.

in May 2022).

“We are looking for pledges and donations from our community to help cover 1/3 of the cost of the facility,” Hughes said. “We have strong financial support from private donors who see this project as a legacy project that will impact our community for generations to come. Now we need your help!”

The committee has applied for a \$5 million matching grant from the state of Nebraska called the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act (LB566). The committee needs \$5 million in pledges for this grant by Dec. 31, 2021.

Pledge forms are available at City Hall, and various places around Seward, or contact Hughes.

“Every little bit helps,” she said. “Pledges can be made over a five year period starting in 2022.”

For more information on the program contact Hughes or www.seward-wellnesscenter.com.

CPS board reviews wellness report

by Stephanie Croston
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The school wellness report looked good at Centennial Public Schools, Superintendent Seth Ford said.

The report is reviewed annually and includes everything from class offerings to guidelines for the lunch program. Ford said mental health is included in the report.

“We have talked quite a bit about mental health,” he said. “It’s everywhere. It’s on our radar.”

In other business, the board:

- accepted the 2020-21 audit report;
- approved hiring Emma Dannehl as the art teacher for 2021-22 to replace Kelly Hiser, who is retiring;
- approved hiring Kristi ten Benschel as the school psychiatrist;
- approved hiring Zach Waller as the high school counselor to replace Bob Fish, who is retiring;
- approved hiring Rochelle Geiger as the elementary school counselor; and
- updated the signers on the district’s various accounts.

Mead is Nebraska site for conference

Area beef producers may attend the Nebraska site for the annual Three-State Beef Conference scheduled for Jan. 11-13, 2022, with locations in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, the program will be at the Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center near Mead. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6 p.m.

The Three-State Beef Conference is designed to give beef cattle producers and others in the beef industry in Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska a regular update on current sire, cow-calf and economic topics. All sessions will be held during the evening to help accommodate producers who work off the farm during the day.

Participants are asked to pre-register by Friday, Jan. 7. Calling or e-mailing with reservations helps with meal plans and also helps keep costs down. Nebraska producers should contact the Saunders County Extension Office at (402) 624-8030 to register. The registration fee is \$25 per person, and it includes a meal and copy of the conference proceedings.

For those unable to attend in person, a recording will be available for later viewing for a fee of \$5. Contact the Extension office if you are interested in that option.

Board talks assessment results

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The Seward School Board looked at possible options for mental health support for the school and discussed the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System results.

The board decided that it would start looking at possible options for mental health support for both students and teachers at the school.

“We are looking into all possible options right now to determine what works best for our school,” Dr. Josh Fields, district superintendent, said. “We are looking into working with Memorial Health Care and teaming up with Milford and Centennial

public schools on this, as well. Nothing has been decided yet on what we will do and what it will look like.”

The board then discussed the results from the NSCAS assessments. The NSCAS assessments includes two different tests, which includes the NSCAS Growth for grades 3-8 and the NSCAS ACT, which is typically given to juniors.

The results from the NSCAS Growth assessments showed that reading/language arts were the area of biggest impact over the last couple of years. Results also showed that math continues to be very strong in the district.

Results from the NSCAS ACT assessment showed that Seward

scores are strong compared to the state and area districts.

Overall, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development Dr. Matt Dominy thinks that the assessments went well.

“Our students did very well considering all of the circumstances surrounding the 2020-2021 school year,” Dominy said. “This test is a one-time test given in April, and although there is information to gain from it, we have more consistent assessments that are given at the classroom and district level that are used to inform our instruction and measure student growth.”

Although the assessments are good for the school, Dominy believes they cannot be com-

pared to previous years.

“The number of questions, the format of the assessment and the issues of lost instruction due to quarantines have impacted our ability to compare assessment results year over year,” Dominy said.

Overall, Dominy is happy with how the assessments went.

“We are proud of our students and teachers and how they have persevered over the past couple of school years and have continued to grow and learn in difficult circumstances,” Dominy said.

Cost-sharing offered for NRD tree program

A new cost-sharing program to help landowners with the purchase of a tree was approved by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors when it met Dec. 15.

Beginning Jan. 12, 2022, landowners can apply to plant a tree on their land through the new Landscape Tree Program, then be reimbursed for 75% of

the cost, up to \$115. Upon approval of the application and planting of the tree by the applicant, LPSNRD will inspect the planting and authorize reimbursement.

The new program is open to owners of land throughout the district, which includes most of Lancaster and Cass counties and smaller parts of Butler, Saunders, Otoe and Seward counties.

The program is based on LPSNRD’s popular Community Forestry Program, which provides cost-sharing on multiple trees for community groups and local governments. The NRD also sells seedling trees in bulk, but the new Landscape Tree Program offers cost-sharing to landowners on the purchase of one larger tree.

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Dream big, but take small steps

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It's that time of the year again, when we think about all the things we've done wrong and make lists of ways to improve ourselves.

When you think about it, it's a bit of a downer of a tradition. Don't get me wrong, I'm all for personal improvement, but why are we so hard on ourselves this season? The ending of one year and beginning of another seems like a natural time to re-evaluate, but what if we did that every month? Every week? Every day?

Making lists of what we want to do better in the future is great, but do any of us succeed when we make new year's resolutions? I know I don't. I don't even remember what they were once the clock strikes 12.



Meaghan Stout
Reporter

But that might be because of the champagne... Regardless, I don't know anyone that sticks with their resolutions for more than a few days or weeks. Maybe you all have had better luck, but I think it's safe to say that our long lists of goals can't be achieved any more easily simply because it's the beginning of a new year.

What if instead of making lists of huge goals for 2022 we just made a list of things we want to accomplish tomorrow? What if rather than lumping the entire new year together in one list of goals, we wrote down each step as a short-term goal?

For example, one of the most popular new year's resolutions is fitness goals or weight loss. Rather than writing down "lose 50 pounds," what if we wrote down "go for a walk" or "drink a glass of water?" While you can have the goal to lose 50 pounds, there has to be smaller goals in place to reach that big one.

One of my goals lately has been to become more emotionally mature. But how can I do that

without first outlining ways to get there? I can't just snap my fingers and get to the place I want to be, I have to take steps.

Today I want to spend more time processing my feelings rather than ignoring them and hoping to distract myself. Maybe tomorrow's goal will be to spend even more time or to write them down. I will have to keep building every day with small, attainable goals to get to my overarching goal. Instead of new year's resolutions, maybe we need new day resolutions.

I'm not saying "don't have big goals." Big goals are what keep the world progressing. Have big goals, especially ones that people tell you are unattainable, but instead of focusing on that huge goal, focus on today's step to reach that goal. Write down your new day's resolutions, or your new week's resolutions.

Small steps every day are going to get you to that place much quicker than a couple big steps throughout the year.

College football playoff needs to expand

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Another year of college football has come and gone, which means another year of post-season bowl games have arrived.

With 43 bowl matchups on the slate for this season, you'd think things would get interesting right? Well, that's not turning out to be the case for all bowl games.

With the recent news of Pittsburgh's star quarterback Kenny Pickett and Michigan State's star running back Kenneth Walker III opting out of their bowl games, it brings up the question of playoff expansion.

Many players who are planning on not returning to college football tend to opt out of their bowl game and prepare for the NFL draft. Many coaches and commentators believe that expanding the CFP could help reduce the number of opt outs.

Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher said that he understands why players opt out when they are projected to be high picks in the NFL Draft, but feels that an expansion to the playoff could bring in more quality bowl games, which would lessen the amount of opt outs.

First of all, let me start out by saying that I truthfully don't agree with the opting out of a bowl game to prepare for the NFL draft.

I get that the draft is an important day in a players life, but a bowl game should be, too. That player's team

has worked hard to get to the bowl game, and then they leave the team for their own selfish reasons? Call me petty, but I'm not a fan.

Second, I do agree that the college football playoff needs to expand to at least 12 teams.

Expanding the playoff would reduce the amount of opt outs and would bring a lot more exciting bowl games. With these games now being a part of the playoff, they would give incentives to players to play because the games would actually mean something.

Another reason that the playoff should expand is because every other sport has a big playoff, and it works just fine.

Think about March Madness and the volleyball tournament; they invite 64 teams to the tournament every year and it ends up fine.

Look at the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs; they invite 24 teams every year and they always have good turnouts and competitive games.

I also think that the playoff should expand because it would be good for revenue. Even if you were just moving current bowl games up to playoff status, because it's a playoff game, it would be likely that more people would buy tickets to the game and watch it on TV, which would boost ratings.

No, I'm not saying to invite 64 or 24 teams to the playoffs every year, but I'm saying that it wouldn't hurt to invite anywhere from 12-16 teams.

I just think that expanding the playoffs would help solve a lot of issues that the CFP is having with opt outs and competitive games.

Growing Nebraska: A year in review

by Pete Ricketts
Nebraska Governor

If you've read my weekly columns, tuned into a press conference, or heard me speak before, you are no stranger to my guiding vision for the state: growing Nebraska.

It's been the mission of my administration, and each year we have achieved success towards that goal. This year has been no different. In fact, Nebraska has made plenty of progress in 2021 worth celebrating.

Last week, Politico ranked Nebraska number one in the country for our pandemic response in its State Pandemic Scorecard. Economically, we outscored every other state.

Nebraska has the lowest unemployment rate of any state in history - 1.8%. This unprecedented low rate is a testament to Nebraskans' work ethic. Due to our strong economic performance and because we have limited spending growth, we have been able to provide enormous tax relief.

Working with the Legislature, we will provide more than \$2 billion of tax relief the next two years. This is the equivalent of 20% of our budget.

The state also took steps to bolster our workforce in 2021. At my request, senators expanded the Career Scholarship Program, extending it to non-public colleges and universities. Additionally, the Legislature exempted 100% of military retirement from state income taxes.

This is a big deal for our workforce, since veterans complete their

military service as young as 38. At this age, they're looking to contribute their skills in civilian life. We'll now be more competitive in retaining and recruiting veterans to the Good Life.

We've seen tremendous manufacturing growth in 2021, with manufacturing employment climbing beyond pre-pandemic levels. Manufacturers, large and small, have made investments in every corner of our state:

- April: Love's and Cargill announced a joint venture to produce renewable diesel. It's bringing 50 jobs to Hastings.

- May: Steel manufacturer Nucor announced a \$58 million investment to grow its operations in Norfolk.

- Summer: Becton Dickinson completed a \$70 million expansion, primarily in Holdrege, to manufacture devices used to administer coronavirus vaccines.

- July: Kawasaki announced a \$200 million investment and the addition of 550 jobs in Lincoln to make more ATVs, Jet Skis, and other vehicles.

- August: Danish bioscience company Novozymes announced a \$300+ million investment in Blair.

- September: Monolith Materials unveiled plans to construct a major plant to manufacture carbon-free ammonia in Hallam and add 200 jobs over 18 months.

- November: Scoular announced a \$75 million expansion of the Pet-source plant in Seward.

- December: Sustainable Beef received approval to move forward with its plant in North Platte. The project is expected to create 875 jobs and will add much-needed processing capacity for our cattle producers.

The list could go on. It is just a sample of the many projects happen-

ing as part of Nebraska's manufacturing resurgence.

As established businesses grow, startups are also thriving. Nebraska companies have brought in more venture capital in 2021 than in any previous year. Last month, for example, Lincoln's Virtual Incision secured \$46 million to commercialize a miniature robot used by doctors to perform surgeries.

We've also minimized disruption to education for our students. In its Scorecard, Politico ranked Nebraska fourth in the nation for Education. Politico's research shows that Nebraska is one of few states whose students displayed virtually no drop in achievement in math and reading during the pandemic.

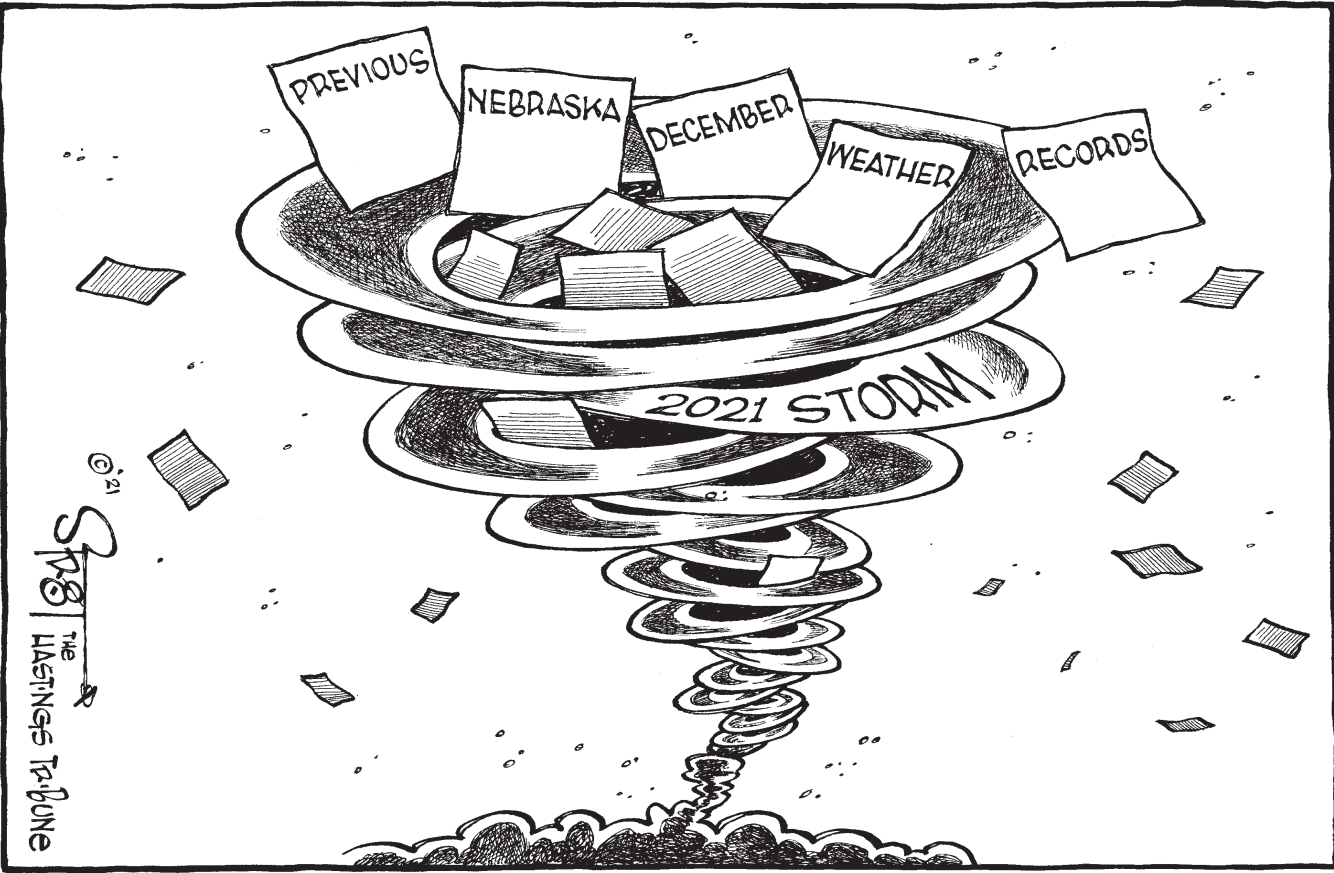
Nebraska also climbed the rankings in child welfare this year. According to the Casey Family Foundation, Nebraska is now #7 out of 50 states for overall child well-being. That's up from #12 in 2019 and #9 in 2020.

Casey ranks Nebraska #2 nationally for children's economic well-being. Our performance is a result of the great work done by our teammates at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Bring Up Nebraska, and the many organizations working across the state to serve children and families.

Our farmers, ranchers and feeders continue to grow Nebraska agriculture. Through September, Nebraska beef exports are at \$1.27 billion for 2021. That's on pace to set an annual record. In both volume and value, U.S. soybean exports broke records in the 2020-2021 marketing year.

The Cornhusker State has lived up to its nickname in 2021, setting a state record for corn production at an estimated 1.83 billion bushels. As with beef and soybeans, U.S. corn exports soared in 2021.

Through 10 months of this year, U.S. corn exports have been higher than they were in 2019 and 2020 combined.



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Check out upcoming happenings in Seward

DECEMBER 31

Chuck Crain to sing at Senior Center

Southern gospel singer Chuck Crain from Presley’s Branson and RFD-TV will be at the Seward Senior Center Friday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and a free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (402) 641-7462.

THROUGH 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 to 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. The library staff is ready to lead teams on their chosen path winding throughout the library.

JANUARY 12

GFWC Seward Woman’s Club to meet

January is officially Canine Month and the GFWC Seward Woman’s Club’s annual meeting program will feature the Seward Comfort Dog Nikko and his trainer Randy Newsome. The first meeting of the new year will be Wednesday, Jan. 12, and begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center in the club’s meeting room (the west fireplace room), at 616 Bradford Ave. in Seward. A brief business meeting, reports and “New Year” dessert will follow the program. The club welcomes new members. Guests and new potential members are welcome to attend. For more information on the meeting, contact the GFWC Seward Woman’s Club President Joanna Treas at joannatreas@gmail.com.

JANUARY 19

Diabetic Support Group plans meeting

The quarterly support group meeting for diabetics and their family members will be Wednesday, Jan. 19, at noon at Memorial Hospital meeting room A. The presentation will be “Diabetes and the Low Carb Diet” by Sarah Hanson, director of nutritional services. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP by Jan. 14 by calling (402) 646-4667. Note: Enter through the hospital front doors and take the elevator or stairs by the specialty clinic to the third floor meeting room.

JANUARY 20

Seward Good Life Car Club to plan events

Seward Good Life Car Club meets at the Cafe on the Square to begin planning for spring and summer events. Menu available for those who care to eat. For more information, see sewardgoodlifecar.club.

JANUARY 21

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.

ONGOING

COVID-19 vaccinations are available

COVID-19 vaccinations are available by appointment at the Seward Family Medical Center. Moderna first and second dose or booster vaccinations are available to those 18 years or older. Pfizer first and second dose vaccinations are available to those 5 and older and boosters for those 18 and older. Appointments are required. Call the Seward Family Medical Center at (402) 643-4800 to schedule an appointment.

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.

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.

THIRD TUESDAYS

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.

WEDNESDAYS

Exercise at Milford Senior Center

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

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.

THIRD THURSDAYS

Seward Good Life Car Club meets

Seward Good Life Car Club meets at the Cafe on the Square at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. For more information, see sewardgoodlifecar.club

Student Success Fair planned Jan. 13 at SCC

Southeast Community College will soon host its spring 2022 Student Success Fair.

Each term, this event assists students in their understanding of Milford community support. This support is inclusive of the school's campus resources and community partners.

The Student Success Fair is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives of area businesses and service organizations are invited to participate in the event at SCC in the Welsh Center.

This event serves to welcome students to the Milford campus and provide information about community agencies and businesses available.

The Milford Campus has seen incredible growth in its student population. SCC welcomed 365 students to reside on campus

during the 2021-22 term.

Providing students with opportunities to adequate resources in Milford is significant in their success.

Participating community agencies and businesses are invited to attend and share information with students. Handouts and other marketing materials may be brought to share with students. About 200 students are expected to attend the event.

If you are unable to attend and would like information shared with students, drop off or mail handouts to Stacy Riley in the Eichler Technical Center, Administration Offices, Second Floor, LRC.

To participate, register by Monday, Jan. 10, at <https://forms.office.com/r/3BBKBpNhfB>. For more information, email sriley@south-east.edu or call (402) 761-8270 or by cell at (402) 806-0017.

Celebration needs volunteers, nominations

The 2022 Fourth of July Celebration Committee is working on the 2022 schedule of Events and activities for the approaching Fourth of July Celebration in Seward, “Nebraska’s Official Fourth of July City!”

Comments and suggestions for activities are welcome and can be directed Clark Kolterman at clark.kolterman@swardschools.org or call him at (402) 641-8522.

Nebraskan’s Friend Award nominations

The Parade Grand Marshall for the 2022 Fourth of July Seward celebration annually receives the Nebraskan’s Friend Award honoring an individual or business that has given service to the State of Nebraska above and beyond their employment.

Nominations for the award can be directed to Clark Kolterman or any member of the Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee.

For a complete listing of the previous honorees from the Seward Fourth of July Celebration, visit the Fourth of July Celebration website at JulyFourthSeward.org. The honoree will be recognized at the Seward Fourth of July June Seward Fourth of

July Kick-Off celebration, honored at the July 4 Governor’s Reception, ride in the Grand Parade on July 4 and be honored at the Seward Bandshell following the Fourth of July parade. Nominations can be sent to clark.kolterman@swardschools.org.

Seward County Community Service Award nominations

The Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee is seeking names of individuals community minded, civic volunteers in Seward County to be placed in nomination for the annual Seward Fourth of July’s Seward County Community Service Award.

The award is presented annually to a resident of Seward County who has exhibited a lifetime of service and dedication to improve the lives of others or serve those in Seward County.

They will be recognized at the Seward Fourth of July June Seward Fourth of July Kick-Off celebration, honored at the July 4 Governor’s Reception, ride in the Grand Parade on July 4 and be honored at the Seward Bandshell following the Fourth of July parade.

The names of previous winners can be found on the Seward

Fourth of July website at julyfourthseward.org. Nominations can be directed also to any committee member or emailed to clark.kolterman@swardschools.org.

July 4 theme, slogan ideas needed

The Seward Fourth of July Celebration usually centers on a general theme and slogan each Fourth of July in Seward.

Last year the theme was a salute to the Hughes Brothers centennial with the slogan “Made in America!” The year prior to that, the committee honored the Rivoli Theater’s centennial year with the movie theme and slogan “The Magic of Movies.”

The Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee has several theme ideas in nomination but still accepting ideas for the 2022 celebration, with a goal of selecting the theme and slogan before the first of December, usually at the November committee meeting.

Nominations can be directed to clark.kolterman@swardschools.org or call him at (402) 641-8522. A complete listing of previous themes and slogans over the years can be found on the celebration website at

julyfourthseward.org.

July 4 Committee Chairmen needed

There is need to fill the vacancy committee co-chair of the annual Seward Fourth of July Celebration Trolley System. The chair or co-chairs would be responsible for the organization and operation of the six tractor pulled trolleys that served the Seward Community July 4 Celebration during the day long celebration of the Fourth of July.

In the past couples and individuals coordinated the effort. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer co-chair for the trolley system for the Fourth of July Celebration contact Clark Kolterman clark.kolterman@swardschools.org or call Kolterman at (402) 641-8522 for more information.

The Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee is also inviting some of the current chairs to be joined with a co-chair and thus more volunteers are needed. Contact Kolterman at (402) 641-8522 or email him at clark.kolterman@swardschools.org to discuss possible open co-chairmanships of committees for the 2022 Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee.

Type 1 Diabetes is topic of Seward Rotary Club program

“A Type 1 Diabetes Update” was the theme of the Seward Rotary Club program Nov. 17.

The program was introduced by Rotarian of the Month and Program Co-Chair Kurth Brashear. Anna Raur, senior community engagement manager for JDRF, spoke on Type 1 Diabetes.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and a main research goal of JDRF is “Improving Lives, Curing Type 1 Diabetes!”

Raur shared some personal stories of her family and living with diabetes, along with several members of the Seward Rotary Club, who have family members living with Type 1 Diabetes.

She shared information on JDRF, which is the leading global nonprofit funding type 1 (T1D) research. Its strength lies in the exclusive focus on the worldwide effort to end T1D and the power of the volunteers.

Founded in 1970 by parents determined to find a cure for their children with T1D, JDRF has expanded to be the leading charitable supporter of T1D research in the world, with chapters across the US and international affiliates,



Seward Rotarians Kurth Brashear and Dr. Joel Helmer visit with JDRF leader Anna Raur about the Nebraska JDRF program. Both Brashear and Helmer have children who have presented at Rotary on their T1D situations and JDRF.

and one million volunteers.

The mission of JDRF is to improve lives today and tomorrow by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat T1D and its complications.

Funding for JDRF supporters comes from all over the world. Last year for every \$1 JDRF invested in research, they were able to attract nearly \$3.5 more from governments, other organizations

and industry partners, with a result of over \$506 million being invested in T1D research.

Raur first spoke on the value of knowing the difference between Type 1 Diabetes and Type 2 Diabetes.

Type 1 Diabetes is an autoimmune disease with potential ties to genetic and environmental factors. People with T1D cannot produce insulin. Type 1 Diabetes requires insulin through multiple daily injections or infusion through insulin pump.

Counting carbohydrates in food and regular physical exercise are important in T1D management. There are 1.6 million Americans diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, which cannot currently be cured.

Type 2 Diabetes is tied to metabolism and genetic susceptibility. People with T2D are insulin resistant. It is largely prevented or delayed through diet and exercise. Treatment varies on an individual basis. It often begins with dietary modifications, exercise and oral medicines.

Some individuals with T2D take insulin shots or wear an insulin pump. Reducing carbohydrate intake and regular physical exercise are

important in T2D management. There are 30-33 million Americans diagnosed with T2D.

Diabetes causes kidney, eye cardiovascular and nerve diseases. Complications are not inevitable, with tight blood sugar control as the only method demonstrated to reduce the risk of developing complications.

Raur pointed out that “everything affects blood sugar” in dealing with diabetes. Most are diagnosed between the ages of 5-14. She touched on “cutting edge” breakthroughs currently happening within the T1D research world, all as a result of the JDRF work to improve and promote funding for diabetes research.

Personal testimony by various Rotary Club members followed on their family’s T1D situations and stressing how important testing for T1D is for everyone with symptoms.

Diabetes is the fastest growing chronic health conditions in the USA-both T1D and T2D. For more information on T1D visit jdrf.org/donate or visit JDRF on facebook.com/myjdrf.

Birthday

Semin

Lois (Timoney) Semin of Seward, formerly of Ulysses, will celebrate her 90th birthday on Jan. 11, 2022.

Her family members include children, Lori (Bob) Osborne, Dona (Gary) Beard, Lisa (Bob) Williams and Mari (Randy) Feerhusen; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

An open house is planned from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at the Seward VFW at 234 S. Ninth St. Greeting cards



Lois Semin

may also be sent to her at 1030 Manor Dr. W. Apt. 109, Seward, NE 68434.

Students

Doane University

Doane University released its undergraduate Dean's list for the fall semester. To qualify, students must have a 3.7 GPA or above, and have at least 12 graded credits for the semester.

Students on the Dean's list from this area include:

Malcolm—Sydney Roth
Milford—Josiah Gardiner
Seward—Bailee Baack, Brett Meyer and Audrey Reinert

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln conferred degrees during commencement exercises Dec. 17 and 18 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Following is a list of area graduates by hometown, with their college(s) and degree(s).

Beaver Crossing—Eric Olsen, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness with distinction

Garland—Ashlee Lennemann, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences with distinction; Sabryn Phillips, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science

Milford—Quinlan Ackerman-Kelley, College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Kellie Roth, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences with high distinction; Kara Schlueter, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences with highest distinction; Stefanie Sookdeo, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science

Pleasant Dale—Heather Newell, Graduate Studies, Doctor of Philosophy

Seward—Morgan Baack, College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with distinction; Katrina Bergantzel, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts; Clare Bierbaum, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences with distinction; Arden George, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality, Restaurant

and Tourism Management; Michael Hartman, College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Olivia Reinert, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences with distinction; John Russell III, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts; Lyn Stennett, Graduate Studies, Master of Arts for Teachers; Erich Stillahn, College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with high distinction

Utica—Preston Stuhler, College of Business, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Waco—Darrin Lambers, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Mechanized Systems Management.

Seward High Youth Rotarian

Name: Ian Johnson

Parents: Brady and Jill Johnson

Activities: Show choir, select choir, mixed choir, musical, marching band, pep band, symphonic band, wind ensemble, quiz bowl, track and field, cross country, basketball, football, 4-H

Honors: SHS honor roll, P.R.I.D.E. awards, UNK Honor Choir, Concordia Summer Chamber Choir, Musical Arts Day

Work: Windmill Pines, Team Elite Roguing/Detasseling, Hayek Poured Walls, mowing and snowblowing service

Church: St. John Lutheran Church, Seward

Service Above Self: Fairgrounds cleanup before the fair, Blue Valley Adopt-a-Family, Adopt a Cemetery, Operation Christmas Child, Stuff the Cruiser, St. John Vacation



COURTESY PHOTO

Ian Johnson, left, was the December Youth Rotarian of the Month. Rotary President Dr. Matt Dominy presents him with a Rotary banner Dec. 15.

Bible School

College plans: Concordia University to study chemistry

Student shares Christmas traditions from home

Alma Fredriksson of Molndal, Sweden, was a guest speaker for the GFWC Seward Women's Club meeting Dec. 8.

Molndal is a small community located near Gothenburg, Sweden. Fredriksson is an exchange student at Seward High and shared many of the Christmas customs of her homeland.

Fredriksson is the daughter of Claes and Linda Fredriksson,

and her host family are Dr. Jill and Brady Johnson of Seward. She is 17 years old and arrived in time to kick-off the school year.

Fredriksson is a member of the SHS girls' golf team and enrolled as a full time student at Seward High.

She was presented with a Nebraska photo book by Joe Sartore and Nebraska's Bakers

Chocolates.

She is the only international student enrolled at Seward High this year.

Prior to the meeting with the members of the GFWC Seward Women's Club, Fredriksson and the Johnsons attended the Pastor's Day at the Seward Rotary Club meeting at the Jones Bank Auditorium.

Aurora man to represent District 5 on state board of education

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts has appointed Kirk Penner of Aurora to the Nebraska Board of Education, District 5.

Penner will serve the rest of the unexpired term for District 5, which runs through Jan 4, 2023. The next election will be in November 2022. Patricia

Timm resigned earlier in the year and had left the District 5 position vacant. District 5 includes Seward County.

Penner previously served on the Aurora Public Schools board for 16 years and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska

Wesleyan University. Penner currently is the president of Penner Patient Care, a com-

pany that distributes bathing systems to long-term care facilities.

Doris Hartmann



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The residents and staff at Ridgewood Rehabilitation and Care Center would like to thank the many participants in the Mitten Merchant program, Mueri Drug for collecting gifts and coordinating the program, Faith Lutheran Church Piecemakers, St. John Lutheran Church & LWML, St. Vincent Catholic Church, Shooting Stars 4-H group, Concordia University, Terry & Connie Kamprath, Audrey Broadwell & Seward Middle School FCCLA, and the family of Ellen Ahlschwede for their generous donations of gifts, cards, and treats that made Christmas a much brighter time for all.

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Middle school students compete in quiz bowl

The Nebraska Mothers Association of the American Mothers, Inc. hosted its 11th annual quiz bowl for Nebraska middle school students Nov. 10 in Seward. The event featured a series of round robin contests between school's teams in the morning, concluding with the teams all entered in a single elimination tournament in the afternoon. Awards were presented in the three divided tournaments – large, medium and small middle schools. It as a general knowledge quiz bowl on math, history, science, music, language arts and literature-middle school level. Seward Middle School brought two teams to the tournament with two teams, both coached

by SMS teacher Laura Trautman. The members included Addilyn Sugden, Ethan Boggs, Evelyn Theobald, Maddelyn Larson, Kayla Albright, Avery Rodocker, Emma Matulka, Ava Slechta, Isaac VanBeek, Tylan Wohlford, Cardin Goracke and Lucian Gunn. There were a total of 48 teams in the tournament, making it one of the largest in the history of the contest! Schools represented in the Middle School Division included Seward, Centennial, Milford, Our Redeemer Staplehurst, St. John Seward, Columbus Scotus, Gretna, Gretna Aspen, Kearney Catholic, Norris, Central City, Cross County, Howells Dodge, McCool Junction, Shelby Rising



COURTESY PHOTO

Seward Middle School quiz bowl team members at the AMI MS Quiz Bowl included, from left: (first row) Addilyn Sugden, Ethan Boggs and Evelyn Theobald; (second row) Maddelyn Larson, Kayla Albright, Avery Rodocker, Emma Matulka and Ava Slechta; and (third row) Isaac VanBeek, Tylan Wohlford, Cardin Goracke and Lucian Gunn.

City, Thayer Central, Dorchester, Exeter-Miligan, Friend, Fullerton, Hampton, Nebraska Christian, Wilber-Clatonia, Osceola, Hampton,

Tryon, Sue Venteicher and Vicki Dryden of Omaha; Sheila Monke of Fremont/Arlington; Ginger McGurk of Bennington; Sue Imig, Pat Ohlmann, Dr. Louis Reith and Clark Kolterman of Seward; Jenni Erhart of Osceola; and Kathy Wilcox of Crete. Riley Nuttleman, Sue Venteicher and Jean Kolterman coordinated the day's schedule and team postings. Jean Kolterman served as the project chair for the Nebraska Mother's Association-American Mother's Inc. Venteicher hosted the luncheon for the coaches, judges, readers and other volunteers. Timers and scorekeepers were all volunteer students and coaches from the various

schools. Nuttleman of Southeast Community College served as the Quiz Bowl Master and set up the tournament schedules. He was assisted by Clark Kolterman. Teams each pay an entry fee to cover the expenses and any excess funds are directed to the Nebraska Mothers Association- AMI general fund to assist with the various projects of the Nebraska Mother's Association AMI, INC. Another middle school quiz bowl is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2022. For more information on The Nebraska Mothers Association contact Venteicher, state president, at sueventeicher@hotmail.com.

Outdoorsman shares tourism insights with SCVB

Little did he realize that he would be presenting a tourism workshop during his recent hunting trip to Seward and Nebraska. Garry Mason of Springfield, Tennessee, and a delegation of seven annually visit the Greater Seward area in the fall to hunt and enjoy the beauty of Nebraska's outdoors. His hunting team lodges and headquartered at the Liberty House Bed and Breakfast in Seward, owned and operated by Pat Coldiron of Seward. Mason is the recently retired executive director of Western Tennessee Tourism. He is the head coach of the bass fishing team at Bethel University in McKenzie, Tennessee, and the founder of the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame and Legends of the Outdoors TV show. He is also the outdoor editor for Cypress Magazine, promoting hunting and fishing through his articles/stories. Since Coldiron is involved in local tourism promotion and a member of the Seward County Visitors Bureau, she invited him to share his story and insights with local tourism leaders. Mason agreed to an informal gathering. He was also asked to share his impressions and insights on tourism in the Greater Seward County Area. Mason said he is a real "hands on" tourism promoter. Besides his family, he is very proud of his fishing team at Bethel. His team has won 12 national championships and competed with over 800 other fishing teams over the years. Three of his teams have been invited to fish in the prestigious Bass Master's Classic. He is also living his dream as a professional waterfowl instructor and guide and now serves as a professional hunting and fishing

guide. He loves being involved in tourism. "Even a funeral is tourism, as funerals generate tourism dollars with rented motel rooms, filling local cafes and shopping does often happen as well," he said. He pointed out that there are many opportunities for Seward to capitalize on their local tourism resources, such as using the Blue River to promote tourism. He suggested, for example, that maybe Seward should promote kayaks in Seward on the Blue River. He loves kayaks and personally owns 13 for the grandkids and family. Mason stressed creativity, pointing out many examples of success in tourism he has experienced. He cited the example of Hazel, Kentucky, which lost its railroad connection, but is now the Antique Capital of Kentucky. He noted that the topography of Seward County, birds and wildlife are all "sure bets" to promote for tourism. He personally enjoys watching wildlife as much as hunting and fishing. He promotes birdwatching and is sure there are major varieties of birds in this area. He is especially intrigued with the snow geese migration in the spring in Seward County and suggested a Seward County Spring Snow Goose Watch. Mason felt it could almost be as big as the Crane Watch in the Grand Island and Kearney area. He reminded the group that tourism dollars circulate up to four times in the community before leaving the area. He is reminded of the Kevin Costner quote "If you build it, they will come!" and noted that a nature attraction, such as the snow geese migration in Seward County, has a broad base appeal with minor

investments. Mason defended the role and actions of area hunters and fishermen, calling them the first line of conservationists. "We no longer hunt to eat, as it is a form of recreation, but hunting and fishing have other advantages, such as keeping herds and flocks in control," Mason said. "Hunters and fishermen also assist in the financial support of the wildlife preservation, as their license fees support the animal or fowl they hunt to build up the species." He spoke on being creative and how he is the founder/creator of the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame, honoring the people who hunt and fish and are leaders in the great outdoors. The mission statement of the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame is that the "Hall of Fame was established to recognize those outdoor sportsmen and sportswomen who, through countless hours of hard work and devotion to the outdoors, in both hunting and fishing, have played an integral part in setting the standards and guidelines for the rest of the outdoor world to follow." One audience member said that Seward's Denny Brauer should be in that Hall of Fame. Mason smiled and said he was in the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame and they are good friends. He did not realize that Brauer was from Seward, and he pulled out his phone and called him during the meeting on his cell phone. After a brief conver-

sation, he invited Brauer to be a guest on his new TV show Legends of the Outdoors. Brauer also had his photo on a Wheaties cereal box for his success as a professional fisherman and is claimed to be one of Seward's "favorite sons." Mason noted that the beautiful downtown and outstanding Seward County Courthouse compliment the community and make it memorable. Mason is in the process of photographing the courthouses of Tennessee and feels "he knows nice courthouses" and "Seward indeed has a very nice courthouse on a picturesque town square." He questioned why he was helping to promote tourism in Seward. He is trying to keep Seward a secret all to himself, he said with a smile. "It takes the sun all day long to set in Nebraska," he said, reflecting his philosophy of the beauty of the great outdoors of Nebraska. He concluded with each participant to reflect on the questions dealing with tourism in Seward. "How can we attract people to Seward?" "What would you tell an inquiry to get them to come to Seward?" He again reminded the audience "If you build it, they will come," thanking the group in their work to enhance the experience of those who visit Seward. Mason can be contacted at Garry Mason, Legends of the Outdoors, 11020 Hwy. 69S, Springfield, TN 38256-5414, Office: (731) 593-0171 or email grmason@bellsouth.net.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Jerry Meyer, Nick Tuma and Col. Shane Martin cut the Nebraska National Guard birthday cake recently. The NENG was formed on Dec. 23, 1854. Tuma is dressed in World War II uniform and did the honors of cutting the cake with a ceremonial sword.

Guard celebrates holiday, birthday at museum

by Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer
NENG Historian

The Nebraska National Guard Historical Society hosted a Holiday and Birthday Party at the Nebraska National Guard Museum recently. The event featured the Columbus Jazz Orchestra and an appearance by Santa Claus. The Columbus Jazz Orchestra performed swing and Christmas favorites for the large crowd assembled on the main floor of the museum. Two World War II veterans were also able to attend the concert: Ralph Hansen of Seward (Army Air Corps) and Charlie Hermann of Lincoln (Navy). Hermann was a guest of Chuck and Jan Matzke of Seward. he Nebraska National Guard Birthday cake was cut by Col. Shane Martin of Seward and Nick Tuma of Omaha. The Nebraska National Guard was founded on Dec. 23, 1854. The cake was courtesy of the Nebraska National Guard Historical Society and made by Pac 'N' Save.

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Obituaries

Carol L. Mueller

June 22, 1939 – Dec. 19, 2021

Carol Lee Mueller of Lincoln was born June 22, 1939, to Leland and Lottie May (Barton) Coon in Ravenna. She attended Utica High School and received her G.E.D. She then received her CNA certificate and worked at Seward Memorial Hospital and Bethesda Home in Seward. In her free time, she enjoyed watching NASCAR, football, Lifetime and Nancy Grace. She liked to collect cardinals, do word searches and play cards and games. She could always be found on the patio with friends. Carol passed away in Lincoln on Dec. 19, 2021, at the age of 82 years, 5 months and 27 days.



She is survived by her son, Lonnie (Linda) Mueller of Lincoln, and family, Derek Mueller and son, Zayden of Lincoln; Devin (Katie) Mueller of Lincoln; daughter, Lori Fricke of Ulysses and family, Stacia (Jason) Olsen and son, Liam, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Brenden (Jeana) Fricke and children, Leah, Maureen and Margo of Ulysses; son, Lukas Fricke of Ulysses; daughter-in-law, Shawn Mueller and family, Ian and Mattie Mueller and Rhiannon Root of Lutherville, Maryland; Justin (Clarissa) Mueller and children, Raelynn and Ethan of Sutherland; Kerrienne (Chris) Hager and children, Sutton and Brecken of Lincoln; daughter, Linde Nelson (Marty Kotik) of Fremont and family, Soren (Shelby) Nelson of Omaha; Sheldon (Cat) Nelson and daughter, Catherine of Fremont; Sierra Nelson of Fremont; brothers, George (Susan) Coon, Bella Vista, Arkansas, Jim (Janet) Coon, Seward; and sisters-in-law, Polly Coon, Gresham, and Jacque Coon, Utica. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Leland and Lottie Coon; husband, Eldon Mueller; son, Leslie Mueller; son-in-law, Jan Fricke; brothers, Johnnie Coon and Bobby Coon; and aunt, Phyllis Barton.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, with a memorial service to follow at Volzke Funeral Home in Seward. Committal will be at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested in care of the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimers Association. Condolences may be left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Sheila M. Franks

July 22, 1973 – Dec. 24, 2021

Sheila M. Franks was born July 22, 1973, and passed away Dec. 24, 2021. A full obituary can be found and condolences left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Bonnie E. Davis

July 24, 1943 – Dec. 24, 2021

Bonnie E. Davis was born July 24, 1943, and passed away Dec. 24, 2021. A full obituary can be found and condolences left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

County court

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

Dec. 12 – 17

Trace A. Hoffman, 22, Milford, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, 168 hours jail, revoked license six months and ignition interlock device ordered.

Solomon Taylor, 34, Des Moines, Iowa, possess K2/synthetic one ounce or less, \$300 fine.

Tyler J. Hand, 18, Omaha, minor in possession-under 19 first offense, \$300 fine.

Dawn M. Clark, 49, Milford, attempt of a class I misdemeanor, one year probation; criminal mischief \$0-\$500, one year probation and restitution of \$249.99.

Chance R. Robertus, 19, Lincoln, minor in possession-ages 19-20, \$300 fine.

Andrew K. Super, 38, Seward, carry concealed weapon first offense, \$500 fine.

Rodney C. Haase, 48, Milford, no proof of insurance, \$100 fine.

Tiffany Cool, 28, Seward, dogs running

at large, \$9.50 fine; dog license required, \$5 fine.

Joseph M. Probasco, 58, Seward, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Konner S. Schluckebier, 18, Milford, minor in possession-under 19 first offense, seven days jail; DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, seven days jail, revoked license six months and ignition interlock device ordered.

Clayton C. Glendy, 22, Merna, DUI-.15+, \$500 fine, two days jail, one year probation, revoked license one year and ignition interlock device ordered; carry concealed weapon first offense, \$250 fine and one year probation.

Hailey M. Johnson, 22, Lincoln, DUI-.15+, \$500 fine, nine months probation, revoke license one year and ignition interlock device ordered; possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine and nine months probation; driving left of center, \$25 fine, nine months probation.

Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Department for activities .Dec. 17-22.

Dec. 18

10:55 a.m.—A caller in the 100 block of Pearl Street reported some wires were hanging from a pole at the entrance to an alley and is not sure what they were. Someone from Seward Electric checked it out and determined it was an old TV line, which he rolled up so there was no need to worry.

10:49 p.m.—A caller in the 100 block of Seward Street reported he was in a group chat with people he did not know. He tried to make a joke and someone got upset and was threatening to find him and kill him. The reporting party was going to walk next door to the police department and file a report.

Dec. 19

8:19 p.m.—A probation officer was on a home visit in the 1900 block of Star Street and the person they were seeing tested positive for alcohol. The suspect was placed under arrest and taken to the Seward County Justice Center.

Summary of other calls:

911 misdial 1
Abuse/neglect of an adult 2
Civil 1
Extra patrol 5
Field contact 2
Fraud 3
Hit-and-run accident 1
Miscellaneous 18
Parking complaint 5
Property accident 1
Property lost or found 1
Reckless driving 2
Security alarm 1
Suspicious person/vehicle 4
Traffic control 1
Traffic stops 35
Vandalism/criminal mischief 4
Welfare check 2

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Dec. 15 – 20

Robert E. Krieser and Marjorie A. Krieser to Robert E. Krieser and Marjorie A. Krieser, N1/2 SW1/4 21-11-4 and the SE1/4 NE1/4 20-11-4. DS exempt

Joseph M. Luebcke and Catherine L. Easton to Margaret J. Webb, S1/2 SW1/4 7-9-2. DS exempt

Jerome E. Glaser and Victoria M. Glaser to the City of Seward, N1/2 of Lot 7 and the N1/2 Lot 8, Block 39, Cloyd's Addition to Seward. DS exempt

Linda Lawrence and Tommy Lawrence to John T. Heath and Janice R. Heath, a tract of land in the SE1/4 NW1/4 28-11-3. DS \$1,158.75

Randy R. Erb and Dee Ann Erb to Stauffer Rentals, LLC, Lot 19, Block C, Davison and Culver's Addition to Milford. DS \$78.75

Carole M. Schulz to Niki Nelson, Julie Mohnike, Laurie Baack and Davon Schulz, the NW1/4, 5-11-4. DS exempt

Underwood Construction Co., LLC, to Andrew M. Sistek and Betsy M. Sistek, Lot 3, Block 1, Ridge Run Fourth Addition to Seward. DS \$1,361.25

Underwood Construction Co., LLC, to Tyson Schroeder and Jenni Schroeder, Lot

20, Block 1, Ridge Run Fourth Addition to Seward. DS \$1,183.50
James McNally and Wanda McNally to James McNally and Wanda McNally, trustees, a part of the NW1/4 36-10-4. DS exempt

Edith F. Roth to Marvin L. Roth and Karen A. Roth, a fraction of the SE1/4 24-9-3; a fraction of the SE1/4 24-9-3; and the S1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 24-9-3. DS exempt

Timber Creek Development, LLC, to Rustin Riley and Stacy Riley, Lot 8, Timber Creek Subdivision, being a part of the S1/2 NE1/4 11-9-3. DS \$153

Bernice Ries to Gregory Hofer and Diane Hofer, S1/2 NE1/4 22-11/3. DS \$787.50

William W. Beckler and Tressa M. Beckler to Thomas D. Clouse, trustee, an undivided one-half interest in a tract of land in the W1/2 SE1/4 30-9-2. DS \$751.50

William W. Beckler and Tressa M. Beckler to Thomas D. Clouse and Sharon J. Clouse, an undivided one-half interest in a tract of land in the W1/2 SE1/4 30-9-2. DS \$751.50

Kathleen Gloystein and Lynn E. Gloystein, Gwen Tonniges, Stephanie Fahr and James F. Fahr and Melanie Tonniges to James J. Rhodes and Kyle J. Rhodes, N1/2 NW1/4 and the SW1/4 NW1/4 29-12-1. DS \$2,781

Christmas day pursuit leads to multiple charges for Lincoln woman

On Dec. 25 at about 3:22 p.m., a K-9 Sergeant from the Seward County HSI CITF-W Task Force attempted to stop a westbound vehicle on I-80 for traveling 83 mph in a 75 mph zone.

The vehicle also had no license plates displayed. The operator of the vehicle, subsequently identified as Madisen B. Hansen, 20, of Lincoln, failed to comply and continued westbound at a high rate of speed. Hansen reached speeds of 120 mph before exiting at mile marker 373, the Goehner exit.

Hansen continued northbound on 364th Road reaching speeds of more than 100 mph. Hansen's vehicle eventually came to a stop on 364th Road near Agnew Road.

Hansen's blood alcohol content was determined to be .16. Because her BAC was



Madisen Hansen

above a .15, she was charged with Aggravated DUI. Hansen was additionally charged with felony operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, willful reckless driving, operating while license suspended and numerous other offenses.

Hansen was lodged at the Seward County Detention Center pending further court action.

Traffic

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

Dec. 12 – 17

Nicholas G. Yochheim, 26, Lincoln, speeding 21-35 mph county/state, \$200 fine.

Nichole J. Jabar, 40, Lincoln, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$250 fine.

Timothy T. Helget, 54, Milford, unnecessary noise, \$50 fine.

Denisley Valdes Vargas, 36, Pembroke Pines, Florida, speed-

ing 16-20 county/state, \$125 fine.

Caleb G. Clark, 30, Lincoln, following too close, \$50 fine.

Ashley L. Davis, 32, York, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine; driving left of center, \$25 fine.

Stephen C. Clark, 35, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Aryn K. Bartley, 38, Friend, speeding 21-35 mph county/state, \$200 fine.

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Honors

Nebraska Coaches Association
The Nebraska Coaches Association named its super-state and all-state cross country teams following the season.
Nathan Nottingham of Seward, the Class B runner-up, was named to the Class B all-state team.

East Central Nebraska Conference
Members of the Malcolm volleyball team were recognized by the East Central Nebraska Conference for their play in 2021.
First-team honors went to Kiley Elkins and Lauryn England. Diamond Sedlak earned second-team recognition, with Gracie Burwell, Abby Zegar and Reagan Wondercheck receiving honorable mention.

Southern Nebraska Conference
The Southern Nebraska Conference announced its all-conference volleyball selections recently.
Karley Naber of Centennial earned second-team recognition.
Third-team honors went to Sarah Spahr and Caitlin Adams of Milford and Cora Payne of Centennial.
Samara Ruether of Centennial and Avery Saltzman of Milford picked up honorable mention.

LJS Volleyball
The Lincoln Journal Star recently released its all-state selections for the 2021 volleyball season. Area honorees include:
Seward—Gabi Cepek, Desirae Hibbert and Sophia Turek, Class B honorable mention
Malcolm—Kiley Elkins, Class C1 second team; Diamond Sedlak, honorable mention
Milford—Sarah Spahr, Class C1 honorable mention
Centennial—Gracen Fehlhafer, Karly Naber, Cora Payne and Samara Ruether, Class C2 honorable mention

LJS Football
The Lincoln Journal Star recently released its all-state selections for the 2021 football season. Area honorees include:
Seward—Gavin Sukup, second-team super state, first team Class B, offense; Blake Austin, Micah Hackbart, Kalen Knott, Nathan Pence, Bryce Piskorski and Trevor Ruth, honorable mention
Milford—Jaxon Weyand, first-team Class C1, defense; Colten Hauder, Cabe Schluckebier, Ayden Shook, Seth Stutzman, Eli Vondra and Omar Weaver, honorable mention
Malcolm—Lucas Christensen, Hayden Frank, Kale Nordmeyer and Gavin Zoucha, Class C1 honorable mention
Centennial—Jake Bergen, first-team Class C2, offense; Carson Fehlhafer, first-team Class C2, offense; Jayde Gumaer, Jayden Hartshorn, Maj Nisly, Mike Nisly and Sam Payne, honorable mention

NSAA
The Nebraska School Activities Association recently announced the student recipients of the Fall 2021-22 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association Academic All-State Awards.
Each year the NSAA and the NCPA recognize students during fall, winter and spring seasons who are nominated by their schools for their individual academic excellence, leadership, and significant contributions in their NSAA activity.
Area students recognized are:
Centennial
Boys' cross country—Garrison Schernikau and Clinton Turnbull
Football—Jacob Bergen and Lance Haberman
Play production—Gracen Fehlhafer and Rachel Garcia
Softball—Savannah Horne and Halle Kinnett
Unified bowling—Jacob Bergen and Karley Naber
Volleyball—Gracen Fehlhafer and Karley Naber
Malcolm
Boys' cross country—Joseph Brockhaus and Zane Zoucha
Girls' cross country—Lauren Shafer and Natalie Shafer
Football—Brayden Boehle and Gavin Zoucha
Play production—Braxton Dalton and Katherine Lewis
Softball—Abigail Cantrell and Kiana Dostal
Unified bowling—Brayden Boehle and Katherine Lewis
Volleyball—Lauryn England and Diamond Sedlak
Milford
Boys' cross country—Maddox Baack and Gavin Dunlap
Girls' cross country—Sally Burkey and Lilly Kenning
Football—Ayden Shook and Seth Stutzman
Play production—Sophia Birch and Ayden Shook
Softball—Addisyn Mowinkel and Macy Stutzman
Volleyball—Caitlin Adams and Savannah Spahr
Seward
Boys' cross country—Nathan Nottingham and Michael Peery
Girls' cross country—Keegan Beisel and Karnie Gottschalk
Football—Christian Fields and Trevor Ruth
Girls' golf—Remi Christensen and Audrey Dobesh
Play production—Ella Gray and Ethan Wilkinson
Softball—Jordyn Collins and Lauryn Parra
Volleyball—Madison Dominy and Ellie Sagehorn

Jays outdual Bolts at Sparetime

by Stephanie Croston
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The Seward boys' bowling team had a good day Dec. 20, improving from the previous weekend and beating one of the top teams in the state in Lincoln Pius X.
“In the first game, we had four really good scores,” Coach Steve Conner said.
Despite that, the Jays lost 6-2. They came back to win game two 6-2, tying the score going into the deciding baker games. Seward lost by three in the first and won the next two for a 13-8 match win.
“We were pretty good across the board,” Conner said.
Four Bluejays averaged over 200 for the day – Ashton Koetter at 228, Dane Conner at 215, Noah Brumm at 203 and Bryce Piskorski at 202.
Coach Conner said the team set the school record for total pins, breaking the old record of 2,018 with a 2,040.
“It was exciting,”



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Seward's Ashton Koetter celebrates with teammates after a good frame against Lincoln Pius X Dec. 20.

Coach Conner said. “It was fun to see how they'd react to competition. They didn't flinch.”
Up next for Seward was the 16-team Pius Invitational Dec. 28 at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln.

“We look forward to seeing other teams that are doing well. It's a good assessment tool.”
The Seward girls defeated Pius 20-1.

SHS falls before break

by Stephanie Croston
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The Seward boys' basketball team did good things, but they weren't enough against Grand Island Central Catholic Dec. 21, a 52-42 loss for SHS.
“The second quarter put us in a hole that we couldn't come back from,” Coach Trevor Menke said.
GICC outscored Seward 14-5 in the

period, putting SHS in a 25-15 hole at halftime.
“We told the guys all but about three minutes we played pretty well. Those three minutes were huge in allowing them to get a lead though,” Menke said.
The teams played even throughout the second half. Leighton Limback led the Jays with 12 points, and Sam Schroeder grabbed 10 rebounds.
Menke said the team needed to get healthy

over the break and be ready to play at the Wahoo Holiday Tournament Dec. 28 and 29. Teams in the tournament are Wahoo, Bishop Neumann and Elkhorn North.

Grand Island Central Catholic 52, Seward 42									
SHS	10	5	14	13	42				
GICC	11	14	13	14	52				
SHS—Tratetyn Scafeher 2-4 2-4 6, Jackson Trost 2-9 0-0 6, Drew Covalt 4-11 0-1 9, Kameron Dyer 1-2 0-0 2, Leighton Limback 5-13 1-1 12, Sam Schroeder 3-4 1-2 7. Totals 17-43 4-8 42.									
Three-point goals—SHS 4-20 (Trost 2-8, Covalt 1-7, Limback 1-5). Rebounds—SHS 19 (Schroeder 10). Assists—SHS 10 (Schaefter 7). Steals—SHS 2 (Schaefter, Limback 1). Blocked shots—SHS 1 (Limback 1). Turnovers—SHS 6. Fouls—SHS 15. Fouled out—Schroeder.									



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Seward's Alexis Pallat celebrates with teammates after a good frame against Lincoln Pius last week Dec. 20.

Milford wrestlers split with Twin River, David City

by Stephanie Croston
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In its final competition before the holiday break, the Milford wrestling team split a pair of duals, beating Twin River

52-19 and losing to David City 42-32.
Coach Joe Schluckebier said the Eagles didn't have their best performance Dec. 21. “Nothing seemed to go our way,” he said.
Against Twin River, the Eagles won

some tough matches and beat some decent wrestlers, Schluckebier said. David City was another matter. The Scouts won the flip, so they were able to maneuver the lineup to their advantage, he said.
(continued on 10)

Knee injury could end career for Malcolm alumna

Injury ends season, return uncertain

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

When the doctor told her, “You did a good job,” Jaela Zimmerman was hoping that was good news. Then, he finished his sentence. “You did a good job of screwing up your knee.” Ouch.
Ouch is what the 6-2 Creighton outside hitter felt after crashing to the floor in the second set of the Bluejays' Dec. 2 opening round match of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament. At the end of a long rally against Ole Miss, Zimmerman went for a kill but was blocked. As she came down on the inside of her foot, she felt a crunch when she crumbled to the floor.
“I tore my ACL and indented my femur,” the Malcolm High school alum said. “My bones came together so hard that it essentially blew away any cartilage I had there. So, there's meniscus damage, too.”
While any ACL tear means multiple months of recovery, this one might be even longer because of the extent of the damage done.
“Probably a full nine months,” Zimmerman said. “Right now, they're saying I won't be doing sport-specific stuff until next October.”
That would be halfway through the 2022 season.

Thanks to the Covid-extension given to NCAA athletes, Zimmerman is eligible to return for a fifth year. A decision on whether or not she will return is in the distance.
“That's not something I need to decide right now,” Zimmerman said. “We'll see how things go with my surgery in January and then how the rehab goes and we'll figure it out.”
Zimmerman's volleyball dreams began to develop during her junior high years when the girl who was taller than everyone else her age was drawing the attention of college coaches from around the country.
“Growing up, I was always pretty sure I would end up playing basketball in college,” Zimmerman said. “But I was really loving playing volleyball and then, in eighth grade, I got my first recruiting letter. That's when I kind of knew that's what I would pursue.”
When she caught the eye of Creighton head coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth, a relationship developed that felt right. A visit to the campus less than an hour up the road sealed the deal for the then high school sophomore.
“Booth does such a good job of making sure the current players welcome the recruits

and make them feel special,” Zimmerman said. “It didn't feel that way everywhere I went.”
Zimmerman told her mom one day, “Let's go up to Creighton for one more visit.” Little did her mom know that would be the day she would commit to becoming a Bluejay.
“I knew I wanted to be somewhere close enough for my family to come watch me play,” Zimmerman said. “This place just felt like the right fit. I have no regrets.”
Zimmerman helped lead her team to a 31-4 record this season while garnering honorable mention All-American honors and being a unanimous first-team All Big East selection.
Zimmerman earned similar honors during her sophomore and junior campaigns while also earning numerous tournament awards and weekly honors. During her four seasons as a starter, the Bluejays had a .851 winning percentage, won three Big East titles and went to the NCAA Tournament each year.
Zimmerman says the 2019 NCAA Tournament match against Minnesota will be the one she remembers the most. In front of a raucous crowd of more than 4,000 at Maturi Pavilion, Creighton took the eventual Final Four team to five sets before succumbing to

the Gophers.
“We didn't win, but it was sure memorable,” Zimmerman said. “It was so loud in there. It was one of the best atmospheres I've ever played in.”
During her four years at Malcolm, not only did Zimmerman break most school records, she helped lead the Clippers to a state runner-up trophy in 2016 while having plenty of little girls looking up to her, hoping to be the next Jaela.
“If I could give those girls any advice, first it would be to do what you love,” Zimmerman said. “If you don't love volleyball, then do something else.”
“But, If you do love it, then work on all parts of your game. The reason I played as a freshman at Creighton was because I could pass well. I wasn't going to beat out our upperclassmen that could swing. I could handle the ball and that got me on the court.”
Whether she plays again or not, Zimmerman's time at Creighton will conclude with her earning her degree next year in Exercise Science with a minor in Neuroscience. Following her time at Creighton, Zimmerman will look for an opportunity to serve as a graduate assistant at a school where she can pursue a master's in speech pathology.

Clippers split with Cards, Mustangs

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

The Malcolm boys' wrestling team went to its Dec. 21 triangular at Raymond Central with one goal in mind. "Keeping getting better," Clippers' head coach Matt Coufal said. "We had some good opportunities to get guys out there and evaluate their progress as we head into the break."

Some of the younger and less experienced Malcolm grapplers got in important mat time as the Clippers defeated Crete 40-31 in their first dual before falling 51-24 to the Mustangs.

Zane Zoucha (126), Gavin Zoucha (170), Riley Donahoo (182), Caleb Courter (195), Cooper Witte (220) and Kale Nordmeyer (285) all earned wins over the Cardinals.

Gavin Zoucha had the team's most dominant match as the senior pinned Herman Vincente Perez in just 35 seconds. The senior finished his December with a 13-1 record.

"There weren't a lot of great matchups in that dual," Coufal said. "For the most part, our strengths and their strengths weren't in the same weight classes."

Witte returned to the mat for the first time in three weeks after being sidelined with a non-wrestling injury. The senior pinned Logan Johnson early in the second period.

The Clippers knew the Raymond Central dual had the potential for being lopsided as they would give up 18 points to the Mustangs who filled weight classes Malcolm could not. Each of those forfeits cost Malcolm six points.

On the mat, the Clippers won five matches with the Zoucha brothers, Courter and Nordmeyer each getting their second win of the night. Bricen Wilkie had his hand raised after pinning McKay Bryce in the third period of the 138-pound match.

"All of our kids went out there and competed hard," Coufal said. "We're seeing some good things and we can see our younger, less experienced guys taking steps in the right direction."

Following the NSAA five-day moratorium from practicing and competing, the Clippers will return to the mat Thursday, Dec. 30, at Lincoln Christian for a quad with the Crusaders, Lincoln Lutheran and Johnson County Central.

"The break will be good," Coufal said. "We have some kids that need to let their bodies rest and heal a little."

Raymond Central 51, Malcolm 24
195: Jack Henry (RC) def. Riley Donahoo (M) 8-4; 220: Colby DenHartog (RC) pin Cooper Witte (M) 2:50; 285: Kale Nordmeyer (M) pin Jude Burton (RC) 0:41; 106: Sophia Shultz (RC) win by forfeit; 113: Elijah Ehlers (RC) win by forfeit; 120: Jacob Schultz (RC) pin Christopher Burbach (M) 0:39; 126: Zane Zoucha (M) def. Brock Skeahan (RC) 4-1; 132: Logan Bryce (RC) pin Colton Keller (M) 0:32; 138: Bricen Wilkie (M) pin McKay Bryce (RC) 4-29; 145: Tucker Maxson (RC) pin Joshua Fox (M) 1:11; 152: Kyle Peterson (RC) pin Aidan Hardin (M) 1:15; 160: Tie Hollandsworth (RC) win by forfeit; 170: Gavin Zoucha (M) pin Kaden Parde (RC) 2:25; 182: Caleb Courter (M) def. Logan Jelinek (RC) 10-4

Crete 31, Malcolm 40
182: Donahoo (M) pin Jose Mendez-Lopez (C) 2:51; 195: Courter (M) pin Pedro Vargas (C) 1:31; 220: Witte (M) pin Logan Johnson (C) 2:40; 285: Nordmeyer (M) pin Ivery Hoyos (C) 0:42; 106: Double Forfeit; 113: Wyatt Clarke (C) win by forfeit; 120: Jaime Ramos (C) def. Burbach (M) (MD 15-1) 126: Z. Zoucha (M) def. Lesnier Gomez (C) 12-1; 132: Jayden Boyle (C) pin Keller (M) 1:48; 138: Conner Lomax (C) def. Wilkie (M) 9-4; 145: Cesar Linares (C) pin Fox (M) 3:35; 152: Cayden Witzel (M) win by forfeit; 160: Emmanuel Valdovinos (C) pin Hardin (M) 1:22; 170: G. Zoucha (M) pin Herman Vicente Perez (C) 0:35



ZEPHYR MOWINKEL/SCI

Nelson Girmus of Milford looks for the hoop against North Bend Central Dec. 21.

Eagles short in tourney opener

by Stephanie Croston
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Six in a row won't happen for the Milford boys' basketball team.

The Eagles have won the Central City holiday tournament for the last five years, but MHS lost to Mead 55-46 in the opener Dec. 20. The loss was the second in a row for the Eagles.

"We did not get off to a good start," Coach Tony Muller said.

Mead led 15-9 after the first quarter and 31-17 at halftime. It could have been worse, though, Muller said. Micah Hartwig hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to cut the lead to 14.

Mead did a good job with its dribble penetration, Muller said, allowing its three-pointer shooters to get open.

Milford trimmed the lead to less than 10 in the third quarter but couldn't get closer than that. The Eagles had to foul in the fourth quarter to stop the clock, and Mead was 10-17 from the line.

"We couldn't get our

offense consistent," Muller said.

Jaxon Weyand led the team with 21 points. Seth Stutzman added 16, and Cabe Schluckebier finished with seven rebounds.

Milford got back on track Dec. 21 with a 60-52 win over North Bend Central. Muller said they stressed offensive rebounds against NBC and did a better job on the boards in the first quarter.

The offense went flat in the second quarter, scoring just four points while NBC scored 17, making the halftime score 30-26.

"That was as close as it got," Muller said.

Weyand led the Eagles in scoring again with 24 points. Stutzman notched a double double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Hartwig distributed 10 assists, a season high for the MHS senior.

The Eagles (6-2) were to finish the holiday tournament Dec. 27 and 28.

"It's good to get back on track," Muller said.

SHS girls lose on road

by Stephanie Croston
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The Seward girls' basketball team couldn't match Grand Island Central Catholic's size Dec. 21 and lost 62-46.

Coach Beth Bohuslavsky said the Crusaders' three posts made the difference. She was pleased with how the Jays battled in the second half, outscoring GICC 37-36.

"We need to figure out how to come ready to play from the start," she said.

Hannah Benedict scored 15 and Kelsey Miller 11 for SHS.

The Jays (0-7) were to play in the Wahoo holiday tournament Dec. 28 and 29.

Grand Island Central Catholic 62, Seward 46
SHS 8 11 15 12 46
GICC 16 20 12 14 62
SHS—Haylie Sloup 1-3 3-6 5, Tarryn Hartman 0-2 0-0 0, Eden Schulz 0-2 0-0 0, Hannah Benedict 5-12 0-0 15, Ona Stutzman 3-11 0-0 8, Jeffi Schaefer 0-5 0-0 0, Kelsey Miller 3-4 4-5 11, Jayden Fernau 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 15-44 7-11 46.
GICC—Totals 21-39 15-24 62.
Three-point goals—SHS 9-28 (Sloup 0-1, Hartman 0-2, Schulz 0-2, Benedict 5-10, Stutzman 2-7, Schaefer 0-3, Miller 1-1, Fernau 1-2), GICC 5-14. **Rebounds**—SHS 21 (Stutzman 6), GICC 28. **Assists**—SHS 11 (Sloup, Benedict 3), **Steals**—SHS 7 (Schulz 3). **Blocked shots**—SHS 1 (Miller 1). **Turnovers**—SHS 15, GICC 14. **Fouls**—SHS 17, GICC 10.

Milford

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"Mathematically there were very few ways they could beat us, but they found a way," Schluckebier said.

The dual started at 106 with MHS giving up a forfeit. At 113 pounds, Cooper Rea was leading 5-0 before his knee gave out and he couldn't continue.

Milford's first win of the dual came at 138 pounds with a pin by Eli Vondra. Jack Chapman

(152), Carter Springer (160), Christopher Scodris (170), Ethan Buchli (195) and Hunter Oborny (220) won their matches.

Schluckebier said the marquee matchup was at 182 pounds, where a pair of top five wrestlers in David City's Trey Daro and Milford's Thomas Vance took the mat. Vance got caught on his back and lost by pin.

Schluckebier said he took the blame for not having the wrestlers

Malcolm back to wins

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

Back to their brand of basketball.

That was the sentiment after the Malcolm girls' basketball went to Louisville Dec. 21 and dominated the Lady Lions, 54-27.

With its full-court press working well, the No. 3 Clippers took advantage of a depleted Louisville team, jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

"No only did they lose some good seniors from last year's team, they had a really solid six-footer on their team that transferred out," Malcolm coach Andy Klepper said. "They also have some health issues making life difficult. I feel bad for them."

The Lions threw what they could at the Clippers and even tried a box-and-one defense to slow down Alyssa Fortik. It failed as the 5-3 point guard was seemingly able to score at will.

"Honestly, it took us a

little while to recognize that's what they were doing," Klepper said. "Alyssa wasn't having any trouble getting shots off."

The senior scored all 16 of her points in the first half as she went 7-of-15 from the floor with a pair of three-pointers.

Diamond Sedlak and Emma Brown added 12 points apiece as the juniors offered an inside-outside threat. Sedlak nailed three from long range while Brown had her way in the paint and got to the charity stripe six times.

"It was the first time this season all three of our junior starters were in double figures," Klepper said. "When we can get that kind of production out of them, we're a lot tougher to beat."

Sedlak was a difference-maker all over the court as she led the Clippers with eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. Lauryn England came off the bench to provide a spark as she

also added four assists and three steals.

"It seemed like Lauryn was in the right place at the right time a whole bunch," Klepper said. "She did some nice things to help our team."

The Clippers (7-1) are hosting their Boosters' Winter Tournament this week. Malcolm opened with Wilber-Clatonia (1-6) Tuesday and will face either No. 8 Oakland-Craig (6-2) or Centennial (2-5) Wednesday.

"If it comes to down to Oakland-Craig and us, that will be a tough test," Klepper said. "Their guards are good and can make life tough on ball handlers. It should be a good matchup."

Malcolm 54, Louisville 27
MAL 18 16 11 9 54
LOU 7 9 7 4 27
MALCOLM—Schultz 0-0 0-1 0, Wondercheck 2-5 0-1 4, Babb 0-2 1-2 1, Elkins 1-3 0-0 2, Denton 1-4 3-4 5, Zegar 1-2 0-0 2, Fortik 7-15 0-0 16, Sedlak 3-7 3-4 12, Brown 4-8 4-6 12, England 0-1 0-1 0.
LOU—Totals 11-43 2-10 27
Three-point goals—MAL 5-11 (Wondercheck 0-1, Elkins 0-1, Denton 0-1, Fortik 2-4, Sedlak 3-4), LOU 3-12. **Rebounds**—MAL 32 (Sedlak 8), LOU 31. **Assists**—MAL 16 (Sedlak 4, England 4), LOU 8. **Steals**—MAL 10 (Sedlak 3, England 3), LOU 9. **Blocks**—MAL 4 (Elkins 3), LOU 5. **Turnovers**—MAL 12, LOU 22. **Fouls**—MAL 12, LOU 12.

Eagle girls top Mead, fall to No. 1

by Stephanie Croston
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Shots weren't falling Dec. 20, but the Milford girls' basketball team found a way to win anyway. Milford defeated Mead 32-22 in the first round of the Central City holiday tournament.

The Eagles made their first three and missed the next 18, Coach Bryce Roth said.

"I'm not sure I've ever been a part of a game where we shot so poorly but still managed to find a way to win on the road," he said.

Tanya Miller led the team with 14 points.

Milford competed hard the next night, as well, but top-ranked North Bend Central was too much, taking the 54-34 victory. Roth said the Eagles cut the lead to 10 at one point, but NBC pulled away.

Kaitlin Kontor was the leader with 11 points.

Milford (6-2) was to finish the holiday tournament Dec. 27 and 28.



BRANDON MOWINKEL/SCI

Izzy Yeackley of Milford shoots past the North Bend Central defense Dec. 21.

Broncos split duals

The Centennial wrestlers were 2-2 at the Sutton Duals Dec. 21, beating Freeman and Sutton and losing to Wood River and Thayer Central.

Coach Phil Payne said the team wrestled well all day. CHS outwon Wood River 7-2 in matches wrestled and tied Thayer Central 4-4.

The Broncos will next wrestle Jan. 7 and 8 at the High Plains Invitational.

ready to compete.

"It was a blunder we try not to have," he said.

The moratorium came at a good time for Milford, giving the Eagles a chance to rest, heal and reset, he said.

"I think we'll be a better team for the break," he said.

Milford is next on the mat Friday, Jan. 7, at the Wilber-Clatonia Duals and Saturday, Jan. 8, at the David City Aquinas Invitational.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

12-22-21

Tanya Miller, a junior at Milford, scored 10 points against Ashland-Greenwood and 15 against Centennial, both wins for the Eagles. Tanya was 2-3 from three against AGHS and 1-4 against Centennial.

Honorable Mention

- Diamond Sedlak, Malcolm
- Eden Schulz, Seward
- Karley Naber, Centennial

Seth Stutzman, a senior at Milford, helped lead the Eagles to a 45-44 win over Centennial Dec. 17. Seth scored 24 points, 18 of them in the second half, and grabbed two steals. On Dec. 18, Seth scored his 1,000th career point in a loss to Ashland-Greenwood.

Honorable Mention

- Leighton Limback, Seward
- Lane Zimmer, Centennial
- Bricen Wilke, Malcolm

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Clipper boys hoops misses win at buzzer

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

They had a chance. After trailing most of the night in its Dec. 21 trip to Louisville, the Malcolm boys' basketball team almost pulled off the win. The Clippers came up just short as Hayden Frank's shot at the buzzer missed to the left and the Lions got the 54-53 upset over the Clippers. In a back-and-forth game in which both teams went on scoring runs, it was Malcolm

that had the ball at the end. With the Clippers trailing by a point, Coach Chris Lewandowski called a timeout with 4.2 seconds to go draw up what he hoped would be the game winner. "We wanted to get the ball in Drew Johnson's hands," the head coach said. "But, the way they defended the in-bound took that away from us, so we went to Hayden (Frank)." The junior guard's shot was contested just

enough to keep it out of the basket. That the Clippers were even close enough to attempt a game-winner was a bit of a miracle as they trailed by as many as 12 points in the second half. "We had to keep chipping away at their lead," Lewandowski said. "It seemed like every time we'd go on a bit of a run, they would knock down a three-pointer." The Lions hit well from beyond the arc while Malcolm seemed

to settle much of the night. "We didn't execute what we planned," Lewandowski said. "We were putting up shots after one or two passes. We didn't make their defense work very hard." With the game on the line, the Clippers struggled to make their free throws as they missed eight from the charity stripe. "In a close game, that can't happen," Lewandowski said. While Malcolm's

two leading scorers this season — Frank and Johnson — were held to single digits, three others had double figures. Brayden Boehle and Connor Zegar each scored 14, while sophomore Maddox Meyer came off the bench to add 11. Malcolm (5-3) is hosting its holiday tournament this week. The Clippers opened with Wilber-Clatonia (1-6) Dec. 28 and will play either Oakland-Craig (4-4) or Centennial (4-3)

on Wednesday, Dec. 29. "It's going to be a physical tournament," Lewandowski said. "We'll see some well-coached teams that play intense man-to-man defense. It's going to be a challenge."

Louisville 54, Malcolm 53					
MAL	16	13	11	13	53
LOU	11	20	17	6	54
MALCOLM —H. Frank 3-11 1-18, Meyer 4-6 2-2 11, Christensen 0-0 0-2 0, Boehle 5-6 3-6 14, Johnson 3-7 0-2 6, Zegar 5-10 0-0 14, Kouma 0-0 0-0 0.					
LOU —19-33 7-12 54.					
Three-point goals —MAL 7-20 (H. Frank 1-6, Meyer 1-3, Boehle 1-2, Johnson 0-2, Zegar 4-7), LOU 9-17. Rebounds —MAL 23 (Boehle 6, Johnson 5), LOU 18. Assists —MAL 15 (Frank 7), LOU 11. Steals —MAL 7 (Johnson 3). Blocks —MAL 2 (Johnson 2). Turnovers —MAL 11, LOU 13. Fouls —MAL 16, LOU 16.					

PUBLIC NOTICES

NAME CHANGE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF LILLY NICOLE LYN KENNING
Minor Child, by Parent or Guardian, TAMARA KENNING.
Case No. CI 21-232
LEGAL NOTICE FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of December 2021 a Petition was filed in the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the object and payer of which is to change a minor child's name from Lilly Nicole Lyn Kenning to Lilly Lyn Kenning. A hearing will be had on said Petition before the Honorable James Stecker, in the Seward County District Court, 261 South 8th Street, Seward, NE, 68434, on January 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon after as will be convenient for the court, and unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary,

the minor child's name will be changed from that of Lilly Nicole Lyn Kenning to Lilly Lyn Kenning.
DATED: December 15, 2021
AARON AND TAMARA KENNING
Petitioners, on behalf of Lilly Nicole Lyn Kenning, Minor child
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Dominic Russell Girmus
Petitioner
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City of Seward – Part-Time Position

LIBRARY CLERK

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Part-time, Regular (no health benefits) position with the City of Seward at the Seward Memorial Library, 233 S. 5th Street, for approx. 10-15 hours per week; hours vary but includes at least one evening (4:00 or 4:30-8:15 p.m.) as well as weekend time plus subbing for others. Essential duties include shelving, using computers, assisting patrons, light cleaning, and more. Must be able to lift 40 lbs., climb step stools and kneel to the floor, keyboard 40 wpm accurately. Applications accepted until filled—application review begins Thursday, January 6, 2022, with interviews scheduled as appropriate. Applicants must be 16 or older and enrolled in or graduate of high school or equivalent or have one year of applicable work experience.

Job description and application: www.CityofSewardNE.gov or www.sewardlibrary.org.
For questions, please contact the Seward Memorial Library (402) 643-3318.

Reasonable accommodations available for persons needing assistance in completing application and should be made at time of application. All positions of employment with the City of Seward are subject to a Veteran's Preference. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Aramark Facility Services

ARAMARK Facility Services, located at Concordia University in Seward, NE, is seeking applicants for the following position:

Maintenance Technician

Drug screen and background check required. Full-time benefits include ten paid holidays, optional health/dental insurance, paid vacation and PTO. Applicants can apply at the Concordia University Buildings and Grounds office, 700 E. Lincoln St., Seward, Nebraska, or online at www.aramark.com/careers.

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Experience required.

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Contact Joel @ 402-641-3530

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The School District of Seward is accepting applications for a **food service position**. Hours are 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the high school.

Applications are available at the District Office, 410 South Street, Seward, NE 402-643-2941 or on our website at www.sewardpublicschools.org under employment opportunities.

The position is subject to a veterans preference.

- **RN/LPN:** FT Eve (M-F), Nights (Fri-Sun), Weekend Only (Special Pay Rate!)
- **CNAs:** FT Day, Evening & Night Shifts
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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 – Diabetes Nurse Educator: Part-Time RN Diabetes Nurse Educator is responsible for providing the Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) to patients and families in an individual or group setting. This includes assessment, goal setting, education, phone follow-up and evaluation of patient learning. The Diabetes Educator will participate in community presentations, educational programs and events, communicate and present to our providers as needed, participate in leading the Diabetes Support Group meetings and the Diabetes Prevention program. This position requires variable hours. RN licensure required. Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) preferred. –*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*

Radiology Technician I: 7 a.m.–5 p.m. CT experience preferred, or willing to train. Must be ARRT certified and have a Nebraska License. Candidate will be part of the on-call weekday evening, weekend and 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:
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



Memorial
Health Care Systems

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

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HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is given that the Seward County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 17th, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Seward County Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street Seward, Nebraska, regarding the following: **PUBLIC HEARING FOR A REZONE** from A-1 to TA-1. Owner: Radford. In the Southwest ¼ of, Section 20, Township 11N, Range 4E, Seward County Nebraska. Information on the proposed action is available in the Seward County Zoning Office. The public's comments and concerns are welcome at the time of the public hearing.
Seward County
Zoning Administrator
SCI/MT — December 29, 2021
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Parcel ID: 800021061
Owner: David Stava
Contractor: AVA Technology Investment Group dba NEXTLINK
Located in Precinct P, in the Southeast ¼ of Section 20, Township 9N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska.
Information on the proposed action is available in the Seward County Zoning Office.
The public's comments and concerns are welcome at the time of the Public Hearing.
Seward County
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning Commission of the City of Seward, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 10, 2022, at the Seward Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska.
Public notice is hereby also given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Seward, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2022, at the Seward Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska.
The purpose of both hearings is to obtain public comment prior to the review and consideration of a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan for the City of Seward, including a specific redevelopment project.
The property which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearing is generally located 1313 West Hwy 34 in Seward, Nebraska and is legally described as follows: SEWARD H M & R ADDITION ALL BLOCK 30 S OF HWY, LOTS 1-6 BLOCK 19, 1/2 ADJ VAC ST & ALLEYS (PID# 800083296).
All interested parties shall be afforded at each public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the proposed redevelopment plan amendment. A map of the redevelopment area and a copy of the redevelopment plan and cost-benefit analysis shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk.
Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
SCI — December 22, 29, 2021
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. and a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building at 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska.
Said public hearing will be to review a Special Use Permit application for a property located at 335, 353, 379, 401, and 409 South 3rd Street and 348, 340, and 336 Ash St., Seward, NE, described below. Said application is to allow construction of single-family housing and residential living in central business district. All persons interested may appear and be heard.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16 in CNG 1st Addition, Seward, Seward County Nebraska. (PID's 800228640, 800228645, 800228650, 800228655, 800228660, 800228695, 800228700, 800228705)
All persons interested may appear and be heard.
Tim Dworak
Building/Zoning & Code Enforcement Director
SCI — December 29, 2021
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MINUTES

December 21, 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 JANUARY 18, 2022
The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Approved minutes of December 14, 2021.

Approved Seward County claims for the period through December 10, 2021.
Officials gave reports of their offices.
Approved Service Agreement for Justice Center Security Automation System.
Approved Surplus Property Request for Veterans office.
Approved forgiveness for interest on taxes for property belonging to Sandra Oswald.
Commissioners gave reports of their activities.
Accepted Zoning Fee Report for November 2021.
Accepted recommendation of 911 Board and to hire Spencer Conradt as 911 Director.
Approved setting the annual salary for the 911 Director at \$56,846.40.
Approved ARPA funds for Cordova Lift Station and Sewer projects, as presented by Travis Due of the Village of Cordova.
Approved ARPA funds for CASA training equipment.
Approved the agenda for December 28, 2021, and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.
Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 10, 2021
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR, SE, \$8,717.30; ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$106.70; ALL COPY PRODUCTS, SU, \$31.77; AMAZON CAPITAL SERV, SE, \$159.35; AMERITAS LIFE INS, FE, \$16,561.04; B & P CASINO PARTIES, SE, \$985.00; BI, SE, \$68.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UT, \$3,050.38; BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH, SE, \$487.50; BLUESTEM NETWORK, UT, \$110.00; BOBS MOBIL, SE, \$193.70; JENNIFER CIMPL BOHN, SE, \$213.75; BRENNAN LAH OFFICES, SE, \$13,021.15; BUTLER CO SHERIFF, SE, \$34.77; CATTLE BANK & TRUST, SE, \$55.90; CITY OF SEWARD, UT, \$5,848.99; CLERK OF DIST CRT ASSOC, FE, \$50.00; CLERK OF THE DIST CRT, SE, \$602.00; CULLIGAN, SE, \$292.66; GREGORY C. DAMMAN, SE, \$665.00; DELL MARKETING L P, SE, \$950.00; E 911, FE, \$30,448.67; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$868.71; EHLERS ELECTRONICS, SE, \$4,330.00; EQUIFAX WORKFORCE, SE, \$192.56; FARMERS COOP, SU, \$15,190.05; GALLS LLC, SE, \$99.86; GENERAL FIRE & SAFETY, SE, \$179.45; GRAHAM TIRE, SE, \$1,705.28; GWORKS, SE, \$16,162.50; HERPOLSHEIMERS, SE, \$360.13; HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, \$404.26; JONES BANK, SE, \$250.00; JONES BANK (FICA), FE, \$16,597.34; DAVID KIMBLE, SE, \$387.00; LANCASTER CO SHERIFF, SE, \$82.13; MCKESSON MED SURG, SU, \$1,088.56; MID AMERICAN BENEFITS, FE, \$97.75; MID-AMERICAN INS, FE, \$41,838.77; MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV, SE, \$3,909.30; MILWAUKEE CO CLK CIRCT CRT, SE, \$94.17; MIPS INC, SE, \$2,268.29; NE FSMA, FE, \$35.00; NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV SYS, SE, \$90.00; NEBRASKA STATE BARASSOC, FE, \$300.00; NEBRASKA GOV, FE, \$106.00; ONESOURCE, SE, \$675.30; OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, SU, \$354.22; PAPER TIGER SHREDDING, SE, \$170.00; C. JO PETERSEN, SE, \$98.00; PIZZA KITCHEN, SU, \$148.75; POLLACK AND BALL LLC, SE, \$641.25; QUADIANT LEASING USA, SU, \$81.98; REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$98.49; REGION V SERVICES, SE, \$2,724.58; RICKY'S CAFE, SU, \$1,137.06; SEWARD CO CHAMBER, FE, \$694.00; SEWARD COUNTY COURT, SE, \$679.04; SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND, FE, \$164,699.08; SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT, SE, \$2,810.84; SEWARD CO ROAD FUND, FE, \$400,000.00; SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLLTD FEES, FE, \$351.00; SEWARD LUMBER, SU, \$35.20; SOARIN GROUP, LLC, SE, \$7,322.25; ST OF NE DAS ST ACNTNG, SE, \$582.28; SHARILYN K STEUBE, SE, \$190.00; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, SE, \$6,382.47;

TELMATE LLC, SE, \$50.00; ULINE, SE, \$172.10; VANGUARD APPRAISALS, SE, \$5,137.50; THE VERDIN COMPANY, SE, \$1,405.00; DR CARROLL VERHAGE, SE, \$285.00; VERIZON CONNECT NWF, UT, \$818.50; VISA, FE, \$5,472.94; WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS, SE, \$198.15; WINDSTREAM, UT, \$10,690.27; SUE WURM, CRT REPORTER, SE, \$125.00; WYTHERS LAW, SE, \$4,438.50; KENNETH PANKOKE, SE, \$147.22; DALE JOHNSON ENT, SU, \$47,669.27; FASTENAL COMPANY, SU, \$66.59; FRED'S AUTO ELECTRIC, SE, \$133.70; G & P DEVEL LANDFILL, SU, \$39.66; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SE, \$59.55; JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL, SU, \$49,954.41; MIDWEST AUTO PARTS, SE, \$191.72; MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$80.76; NE EQUIPMENT INC, SE, \$62.21; NEB STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SE, \$360.00; NEWMAN SIGNS, INC, SU, \$778.11; NEXTLINK AIS, SE, \$74.99; NMC, INC, SE, \$295.79; NORRIS PUB POWER DIST, UT, \$1,198.00; PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO, SE, \$525.63; POWERPLAN, SU, \$2,550.89; RDO TRUCK CENTERS, EQ, \$6,952.58; TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE, SE, \$44.82; UTICA PARTS AND SERV, SE, \$66.70; VERIZON WIRELESS SERV, UT, \$483.57; VILLAGE OF GARLAND, UT, \$48.45; GEHRING CONST, SU, \$70,824.07; NEB RURAL RADIO ASSOC, SE, \$115.00; PAC N SAVE, SU, \$341.40; VALENTINO'S SEWARD, SU, \$163.66; DELTA DENTAL OF NE, FE, \$59.94; VISION SERVICE PLAN INS, FE, \$23.29; MILFORD AGING SERVICES, SE, \$235.20; MOMS MEALS, SE, \$132.22; SEWARD AGING SERVICES, SE, \$387.80; US POST OFFICE, SU, \$88.00; UTICA AGING SERVICE, SE, \$221.20; COAST TO COAST SOLUT, SU, \$1,156.94; LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE, SE, \$452.29; SCHAEFER CONCRETE, SU, \$600.00; SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC, SU, \$221.70; STOP STICK LTD, SU, \$1,097.00; TRANSUNION RISK, FE, \$303.00; WESTERN OIL II LLC, SE, \$932.39; VIGILNET, SE, \$27.80; APCO INT'L, SE, \$345.00; NEMAHA CO SHERIFF, SE, \$1,413.67; ENCARTELE INC, SE, \$6,423.02
SALARIES, \$240,025.02
GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE, MIDAMERICAN CO WISCONSIN, DELTA DENTAL, VSP VISION, WADDELL & REED.
SCI — December 29, 2021
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SEWARD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Following is a condensed form of minutes. A complete copy is on file at City Hall, 537 Main St. or may be viewed at <http://www.CityofSewardNE.gov>. The Seward City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 142 N 7th Street, Seward, on December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Councilmembers present: Ellen Beck, Alyssa Hendrix, Sid Kamprath, Jessica Kolterman, Karl Miller, John Singleton, Matt Stryson, Jonathon Wilken. Councilmembers absent: None. Following items were approved: Minutes Nov 16, 2021; Claims (SCI - PARAGRAPH FORM, PLEASE); SCCDP Reprt; Dan Brumm as Asst Fire Chief; Reappt Cheryl Zumpfe to Aging Serv Comm; Appt Janet Odvody, Maureen Freitas, Renee Larsen to Aging Serv Comm; Upd Pol Offc II job desc; Res 2021-29 - Hndcp Park, 5th St-Seward St; Res 2021-30 - Motorcyc Park, 5th St-Seward St; City Admin Rprt; Adj. Aclara Technologies LLC, FA, 3,112.80; All Copy Products Inc, MA, 23.05; ARPS, GU, 11,934.50; Backencamp Jun, MC, 650.00; Badger Meter, SE, 138.43; Blue Cross Blue Shield Ne, BE, 58,885.72; Bluestem Network LLC, SE, 100.00; Border States Industries, IV, 9,695.76; Burlington Northern Santa, UT, 1,341.54; Campbell Cleaning, SE, 1,629.48; Capital Business-Dallas, MA, 561.44; Carroll Construction Supp, GU, 52.47; Cattle Bank, IT, 400.00; Chase Card Service, 7,533.94; Amazon, SU, 4,023.46; Constant Contact, SE, 20.00; Culver's - Grand Island, ML, 9.81; Dollar General, SU, 41.93; Dragon Palace, ML, 152.90; Fast Mart, GS, 3.06; Hilton Hotels - Chicago, TG, 561.18; Hilton Kitty O'Sheas, ML, 26.30; Humanities Nebraska, SE, 200.00; La Quinta - Kearney, TG, 265.20; McDonald's - Seward, ML, 9.08; Microsoft, SE, 150.08; NWEA, TG, 200.00; Osceola Implement, RE, 38.21; Pacific Coast Laboratory, SE, 135.10; Portillo's Hot Dogs - Chicago, ML, 13.22; Rotorooter, BU, 462.98; Runza - Seward, ML, 100.37; Sam's Club, BU, 192.73; ULine, SU, 264.08; USPS, PO, 46.90; Walmart, SU, 403.46; Zoom, SE, 213.89; City Seward Electric Fund, UT, 32,456.67; City Seward Payroll Accou, SA, 160,293.42; Cline Williams Law Firm, SE, 1,275.00; Concrete Industries Inc, MA, 74.24; Constellation Newenergy, UT, 668.16; Emergency Medical Product, SU, 3,299.24; Envision Electric LLC, BU, 2,100.00; ES Opco USA LLC/Veseris, IT, 1,932.00; First Wireless Inc, EQ, 4,906.15; Foreup Golf Software, SE, 455.00; Galls LLC, UN,

620.16; Gehring Construction, CI, 9,888.00; Gerhold Concrete Co Inc, GU, 357.30; Global Industrial, FA, 12,827.89; Graybar, IV, 1,033.28; Great Plains Communicatio, SE, 490.00; H & S Plumbing Heating & SE, 657.15; Hartmann Custom Service C, SU, 1,329.93; Helmink Printing/Grph Inc, SU, 324.00; Herpolsheimer'S Inc, RE, 183.75; HireRight LLC, SE, 502.02; Hoffschneider Law PC LLO, SE, 4,750.00; Holeka Kenneth, SE, 46.80; Home Depot Pro, SU, 582.66; Husker Electric Supply Co, TO, 2,258.51; J E O Consulting Group In, SE, 6,722.10; Kaczor Charles, MC, 75.00; Knott Edison, SE, 60.00; Last Mile Network Consult, IT, 165.30; League Ne Municipalities, MS, 395.00; Lee'S Refrigeration, SE, 224.51; Lincoln Winwater Works, RE, 780.03; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, OP, 285.38; Memorial Health-Drug, SE, 805.00; Menards North, SU, 28.19; Metering & Technology Sol, IV, 5,437.75; Meyer Automotive, RE, 40.43; Mid-American Benefits Inc, BE, 909.88; Midwest Automotive, RE, 913.65; Midwest Turf & Irrigation, RE, 59.66; NDEE, MS, 345.00; Nebrascut Lawn Care, GU, 661.16; Nebraska D A S Acct Ocio, OP, 231.00; Nebraska Equipment Inc, MC, 722.37; Nebraska Golf Association, EX, 22.00; Nebraska Health Environme, MA, 628.00; Nebraska Nursery & Landsc, TG, 150.00; Nebraska Pub Pow-Desmoine, UT, 390,962.98; Nebraska Society Certifie, MS, 419.00; Niemann's Port-A-Pot LLC, SE, 350.00; Norris Public Power Distr, UT, 1,057.81; Odeys Inc, SU, 11,952.00; Olsson, SE, 20,895.52; Oneby Michael, MI, 126.56; ONSOLVE LLC, SE, 2,037.79; O'Reilly Automotive Inc, SU, 158.49; Orscheln Farm & Home, GU, 615.81; Overhead Door Co-Lincoln, BU, 40.25; Page My Cell, MS, 500.00; Principal Financial Group, BE, 2,320.15; Quality Brands Of Lincoln, SU, 274.90; Quill Corp, SU, 174.98; Richters Inc, GU, 141.95; Samek Lacy, MC, 15.00; Schemmer Architects Engin, CI, 15,533.80; Schulz Jensen, RI, 46.38; Seward Storage, SE, 2,310.00; Short Elliott Hendrickson, SE, 8,517.04; Silver State Consulting, TG, 35.00; St P J Supply Inc, SU, 75.96; Suhr & Lichty Insurance A, MS, 936.00; The Music Bingo People, SE, 100.00; Time Warner Cable, SE, 772.46; Titan Machinery, FA, 7,000.00; Top Shape Tree LLC, SE, 4,200.00; Ty's Outdoor Power & Serv, RE, 300.49; U S Cellular, SE, 261.93; Verizon Wireless, SE, 306.81; Wieseman Drew, MC, 400.00
CLAIMS TOTAL, \$831,870.93
Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
SCI — December 29, 2021
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ESTATES

AMENDED NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF ORIS A. HASS, DECEASED
Estate No. PR21-92
Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 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 Glen Hass, whose address is 3865 S. 177th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68130 and Dean Hass, whose address is 11618 W. 157th Terrace, Overland Park, Kansas 66221, were informally appointed by the Registrar as co-Personal Representatives of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 28, 2022, or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
Seward County Court
261 South Eighth Street
Seward, NE 68434
Timothy L. Moll (#20451)
Rembolt Ludtke LLP
1128 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 475-5100
SCI — December 29, 2021, January 05, 12, 2022
ZNEZ

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF RICHARD T. DUGDALE, DECEASED
Estate No. PR 21-90
Notice is hereby given that on December 13, 2021, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, Jenifer Dugdale, whose address is 721 Rockhurst Dr., Lincoln NE 68510, 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 22, 2022, or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
Justice Center
Seward, NE 68434
Robert 1. Blevens #10344
Blevens & Damman Law Office
Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3639
Attorney for Estate
SCI — December 22, 29, 2021, January 05, 2022
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NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF ROBERT J. THOMPSON, DECEASED
Estate No. PR21- 91
Notice is hereby given that on December 6, 2021, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the Court entered an Order that Laura Thompson, whose address is 6007 Curtier Dr., Unit F, Alexandria, VA 22310, was formally appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 15, 2022, or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
Seward County Court
Justice Center
Seward, NE 68434
Gregory C. Damman #19030
Blevens & Damman Law Office
Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3639
SCI — December 15, 22, 29, 2021
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ORGANIZATION

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION of RRK 2021, LLC
Notice is hereby given that RRK 2021, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 204 S. Fifth Street, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Richard W. Beckler, 204 S. Fifth Street, Seward, Nebraska 68434.
RRK 2021, LLC
SCI — December 15, 22, 29, 2021
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF AA BADER FARMS LLC
Notice is hereby given that AA Bader Farms LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 1957 Star Street, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Andrew J. Bader, 1957 Star Street, Seward, Nebraska 68434.
AA Bader Farms LLC
SCI — December 29, 2021, January 05, 12, 2022
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF SWEET TEA MEDIA, LLC
A Nebraska Limited Liability Company
Notice is hereby given that Sweet Tea Media, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office and its registered office at 647 Chestnut Circle, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The name of the Company's Registered Agent is: Angie D. Zadina. The general nature of its business is to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on December 15, 2021, and will have perpetual existence unless terminated sooner. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by a Manager, Kevin L. Zadina, until such time as his successor is selected pursuant to the Operating Agreement.
SCI — December 29, 2021, January 05, 12, 2022
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION COCOA & CANES, LLC
has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The designated office of the Company is 311 E. MOFFITT ST., SEWARD, NEBRASKA 68434. The registered agent of the Company is Shad Rathjen, 311 E. MOFFITT ST., SEWARD, NEBRASKA 68434. The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The LLC was filed with the State of Nebraska November 01, 2021. Organizer Name: Shad Rathjen.
SCI — December 15, 22, 29, 2021
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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 **FOSTER FLIGHT SERVICES, LLC**
The address of the designated office is 4338 D Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. The registered agent and address for service upon the company i ed 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
SCI — December 29, 2021, January 05, 12, 2022
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF JKT CATTLE, LLC
Notice is hereby given that JKT Cattle, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 740 364th, Beaver Crossing, Nebraska 68313. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Kyle Vander Pol, 740 364th, Beaver Crossing, Nebraska 68313.
JKT Cattle, LLC
SCI — December 22, 29, 2021, January 05, 2022
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MEETINGS

NOTICE
A Public Meeting of the Seward County Planning Commission will be held, January 17, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street, Seward, Nebraska. Notice of said meeting will be posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and in the Zoning Administration Office. The agenda for said meeting will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Zoning Administration Office during normal business hours. The agenda will be held open until 3:00 p.m. of the day, five days before the day of the meeting. The Planning Commission has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meetings.
Seward County
Zoning Administrator
SCI/MT — December 29, 2021
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS CITY OF SEWARD
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following will be held:
Park & Rec Board, January 3, 2022, 5:30 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.
Seward City Council, January 4, 2022, 7:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.
Library Board, January 5, 2022, 8:00 AM, Seward Memorial Library, Main Level Conference Room, 233 S 5th St., Seward, NE 68434.
Planning Commission, January 10, 2022, 7:30 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.
Civic Center Commission, January 10, 2022, 5:00 PM, Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford St., Seward, NE 68434
Seward Aging Services Commission, January 11, 2022, 1:00 PM, Lied Senior Center, 1010 Manor Drive West, Seward, NE 68434
Tree Board, January 11, 2022, 5:30 PM, Seward Memorial Library, 233 S 5th St., Seward, NE 68434
Community Redevelopment Authority, January 12, 2022, 5:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434.
Seward City Council, January 18, 2022, 7:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th St., Seward, NE, 68434.
Seward Economic Development Program LB 840 Application Review Board, January 26, 2022, 5:30PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434.
All meetings are open to the public. The agenda for each meeting listed, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 537 Main Street, Seward, Nebraska, during normal business hours.
Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
SCI — December 29, 2021
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EARLY LEGAL NOTICES DEADLINE

for the publication date of
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Year in Review:

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\$435,000 through the program to improve commercial facades and infrastructure in Seward's downtown.

December

Just one year into its history in Seward, Petsource by Scoular is ready to take a significant leap towards its future. Scoular announced Nov. 30 that freeze-dried pet food producer Petsource is set to undergo a \$75 million expansion project that will triple the facility's capacity and add 80 jobs. Completion of the project is expected by 2023.

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.

The Blue River Pet Rescue is in need of more funding and support from the community. The shelter is in need of funding and foster families to take in more animals.

The E-911 department has a new interim director. On Dec. 7, the Seward County Commissioners appointed Nancy Kavulak to the position.

The Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA, is celebrating 25 years serving Seward County this year, starting in 1996. The Southeast Nebraska CASA expanded to Saline County in July of 2014. The organization trains volunteers who will attend court dates with children who have been abused or neglected. The volunteers get to know the children and the opportunity to become their voice when they're not in the room.



From left, Halley Heidtbrink, Jaci Opfer and Levi Zimmer stand in line for their root beer floats at Centennial's 2021 prom.



Joe Ruzicka, Seward American Legion Post 33, salutes the flag during the National Anthem at Seward High School's Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11.



St. PJ Supply owner Staci Lewis and her daughter, Shelby Lewis, lie inside an igloo they built in Seward, taking advantage of the foot or more of snow that fell in the area in January.



Evelyn Greisen, right, smiles with her mother, Jody Greisen, after learning her Make-A-Wish trip to South Dakota had been granted July 24.



A Chevy truck erupted into flames on HWY 34 on Dec. 14, catching the surrounding grass on fire as well. Firefighters put out the fire, originating from the front of the vehicle. Nobody was in the vehicle at the time or injured.

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New Year's Eve Menu

Dinner Served 5-10 p.m.

Smoked Prime Rib
10 oz. \$24.00 • 14 oz. \$34.00

Bacon-Wrapped Sirloin ... 6 oz. \$14.00

Hand-Breaded Shrimp..... \$18.00

New Year's Eve Couples Special

Dine In or Carryout \$69.00

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♥ (2) Mixed Greens (Dinner Salad)

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♥ (2) Pieces of Cheesecake

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Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year

from the
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