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Former resident breaks world axe throwing record

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A former Seward resident and Seward High alumnus broke the world record in axe throwing at the Cornhusker State Games.

Jesse Rood hit a target from 90 feet away to break the old record of 75 feet.

Rood said he got into axe throwing when he was working at a Lutheran summer camp.

“I worked with horses there and I also got to do axe throwing,” he said. “I really enjoyed it, so when I started my senior year at UNL I started working part-time at Craft Axe Throwing in Lincoln.”

When he started doing more axe throwing,



Jesse Rood broke the world record in axe throwing with a throw of 90 feet at the Cornhusker State Games.

he realized he could hit a target from pretty far away. Once he realized he was hitting targets from farther than the world record, he contacted Guinness World Records.

“I reached out to them, the Nebraska Sports Council and Craft Axe Throwing to get something set up,” Rood said. “They said that they wanted me to throw at the Cornhusker State Games, and I agreed.”

Just like any other sporting activity, Rood trained for this event – around three times a week.

“I’ll throw 80-100 axes every time I go out to practice,” he said. “I’ve been able to hit targets up to 120 feet when I

practice.”

He said his nerves got the best of him the day of the throwing.

“I was only able to hit 90 feet, although I know I can hit 120,” Rood said.

With him not hitting what he wanted, Rood said there’s a chance he might try to break his own record.

“Due to COVID, Guinness World Records won’t send anyone out to confirm that I’ve broken the record, so I have to document it and send it to them, and that can be a lot,” he said. “Maybe in the future, I’ll try again.”

Rood thanked Craft Axe Throwing and the Nebraska Sports Council for making his world record possible.

Wellness center grants on hold

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The Seward Wellness Center is well into its next steps but was denied a \$1 million grant.

City Administrator Greg Butcher told the Seward City Council at its July 19 meeting that Seward Changing the Game, the non-profit organization working with the city on the wellness center, received notice it was not granted the \$1 million it applied for from the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

“(The project) is doing too well money-wise,” Butcher said was the reason behind the denial. “We feel that’s indicative of most of these grants.”

The nonprofit has held off on applying for additional grants for the time being, he said.

Meanwhile, the city received its contract for the \$5 million shov-

el-ready grant it was awarded from the Department of Economic Development.

The city will get \$2.5 million of the grant up front, and the rest will come at the end of the project, meaning financing for the middle stages of the project will have to come from bonds, pledges or other grants.

Butcher said the contract stipulates that the project should be completed within three years.

Changing the Game and the city are working on legal agreements to transfer the funds the organization receives to the city, who will be the one making the payments.

It also is working with its attorney to lock in pledges.

Butcher said the next step is for the city to put out a request for qualifications for design and engineering firms.

Smith: ‘I call my disability an ability’

Miss Amazing Junior Teen Queen of Utica heads to nationals

by Hanna Christensen
Seward County Independent

Abigail Smith of Utica, 14, was crowned at the Nebraska Miss Amazing pageant last year, and she is now looking forward to shining her light on stage at the national competition this month.

Miss Amazing is an organization that aims to empower girls with disabilities by giving girls with any type of disability the chance to experience pageant life while making them feel beautiful and appreciated.

Abi, the daughter of Kevin and Erica Smith, has Cerebral Palsy. CP can affect a person’s movement, muscle use, balance, posture, ability to walk and sometimes speech.

For much of her life, Abi’s CP also affected her hands. She said she was happy to have received surgery that helped them.

Although her CP adds challenges to her



Abi Smith smiles in her crown after winning the title of Junior Teen Queen at the Nebraska Miss Amazing pageant.

life, Abi doesn’t let it hold her back.

“I call my disability an ability instead of a disability,” she said, “‘cause I can do

things that not a lot of people can, and I can’t do things that other people can. So, I’m unique in that way.”

The Miss Amazing

pageant has multiple events, including a question and answer portion, a gala and a talent portion.

For the Nebraska pageant, Abi’s talent was painting. For nationals, she said her talent will be singing.

Painting and singing are both things she likes to do in her free time, along with swimming, shopping, going on walks and watching YouTube.

Abi participated in the Nebraska Miss Amazing Pageant for the first time last November.

In every state, there is one winner in each of three age categories: Preteen, Junior Teen and Teen. Abi won the title of Nebraska Miss Amazing Junior Teen Queen.

“It was crazy,” Abi said. “There were so many emotions going through my head, I couldn’t process it all.”

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Cattle remembered as community historian

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John W. “Jay” Cattle, Jr. was known by most for his involvement in the banking industry.

He’ll be remembered by close friends and family, though, for his knowledge of the Seward community and love of the downtown square.

“He was kind of a historian of Seward,” said Ryne Seaman, president



John W. “Jay” Cattle, Jr.

and CEO of Cattle Bank and Trust. “He had a desire to see Seward succeed as a community.”

Cattle died June 20 in Seward. He was 79.

Cattle was serving as chairman of the board at the bank at the time of his death.

“He served in a number of roles in the bank since 1969,” Seaman said. “He had previously been the president and

CEO,” from 1992 to 2006, having taken over the responsibilities from his father.

Cattle and Seaman worked together for 33 years, becoming especially close as colleagues and friends in the last few.

“He had been in and out of the hospital for the last couple years, but I was able to spend lunches with Jay every two or three weeks,” Seaman said. “I really

got to know him on a personal level, as well as working with him professionally.”

Aside from being a big part of the family owned Cattle Bank and Trust, Cattle’s interest in the community came from his love of design and architecture, as well as his business degree.

“He was always a banker for his entire life, but he had a lot of interests outside of

banking as well,” Seaman said. “He really enjoyed designing things. We have four branches, and he had a hand in designing all four of those locations, including the Main Bank,” which sits at the corner of Fifth and Seward Streets.

Cattle took a special interest in the buildings around the courthouse square, keeping a log of which businesses occu-

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Allo installation to bring more fiber network to Seward

by Hanna Christensen
Seward County Independent

Allo Communications broke ground on its project to provide fiber internet for all of Seward last Tuesday, July 22.

According to City Engineer Micheal Oneby, fiber connections provide for faster internet that can handle much more information at once than cable.

Oneby said that while there are currently other fiber providers in the city, they only cover specific areas. Allo will be available in every corner of town.

“I think the economic impact over the next 10 to 20 years of this installation will be tremendous. This will greatly impact



Allo Communications held a groundbreaking ceremony July 22 as it begins to bring its fiber network to Seward. Pictured are, from left: Jonathan Jank, president and CEO of the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership; Brad Moline, president and CEO of Allo Communications; Ed Jarrett, senior manager of plant operations; Mike Oneby, city engineer; Josh Eickmeier, Seward mayor; Tim Dworak, planning, zoning and codes director for city; Greg Butcher, Seward city administrator; Karl Miller, Seward City Council president; and Dave Miller, director of ethical engagement for Allo.

speed and make people productive whether they're working from home or working from their place of business,” Oneby said.

“It’s quite exciting, and it’s very beneficial that all residents will have that option if they want it.” Brad Moline, presi-

dent and CEO of Allo Communications, said the company has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in Nebraska and will continue to do so.

“We want to make sure Nebraska, as well as our other states, are the most connected in the United States,” he said.

Seward Mayor Josh Eickmeier said he thinks this installation of high-speed, reliable fiber internet will be beneficial to everyone in town.

“We’re very excited to welcome ALLO to our community,” Eickmeier said. “This is a big deal for us.”

Moline said he expects the installation will be finished by the end of the first quarter of 2023.



The Seward Animal Hospital was one of the two window champions for the Seward County Fair business displays.

Winners named in fair display

Seward businesses are in county fair mode with the displays they have made in their business facilities. Three judges reviewed the displays and named three champions.

In the lobby displays category, Cattle Bank was first with its “Lights, Camera, Fair!” theme placed throughout the bank lobby. Judges commented how they followed the theme, the county-wide and historical additions to the display.

Seward United Methodist Church used the theme “God is Fair!” Their display featured a turn-of-the-century barn scene, along with other fair features. Their exhibit, located in the church’s welcome area, was created by Clifford Lowell.

Seward Memorial Library was unique, utiliz-

ing what they have the most of – books! About 15 books with fair titles were the base of their exhibit, reinforced with about 20 antique cameras, encircled with rope lights. They followed the theme well.

The window competition had two champions. The staff at Seward Animal Hospital had an eye-catching window, enforcing the theme with colorful, detailed information sheets and pictures. A lot of work

went into this informational display.

The Seward County Independent display was a work of art. It covered all aspects of the Seward County Fair with precise detail. It also included night lighting. This display was loaded with eye appeal.

Other businesses with window displays included Chapters Books and Gifts, Mueri Drug and Et Cetera. Displays will remain up for viewing through Aug. 8.



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August 27th: Route66

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Crash sends one to hospital



A two-vehicle crash happened on the westbound I-80 ramp at the Seward exit around 8:54 a.m. July 20 according to the Seward County Sheriff’s Office. One person from the crash was trapped in their vehicle and a van was flipped on its side. One was transported to the Seward Memorial Hospital where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries. The other driver was not transported. The one transported was wearing his seatbelt according to the sheriff’s office. Seward Rescue responded to the call.

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Pigeons fly in Cordova



Homing pigeons are released from their cages at the Great Cordova Pigeon Race July 24.



Butch Hogan of Hastings entered his 1965 Ford Galaxie in the car show in Cordova on July 24. The vehicle is a replica of the one used in the Andy Griffith Show during season six. The sign on the left says "In Loving Memory, Donna Hogan." The sign on the right explains the car's origins.

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Outside the Livestock Center

12:00 p.m. - Sale - Livestock Center
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Proceeds from the sale will assist these youth in paying for their project expenses, help to purchase next year's market animal, or will be used to help pay for college.

Businesses and individuals may form partnerships to purchase an animal. It is also a great way for businesses and individuals in Seward county to connect with and support outstanding youth from the county.

When you bid on and "buy" an animal at the livestock sale, buyers will not physically purchase the animal. You will be paying a pledge, which is then paid to the 4-Her for their expenses.

Thank you for supporting 4-H in Seward County!

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A 1967 Ford Mustang owned by Lesa and Steve Cropley is judged during the 11th annual Great Cordova Pigeon Races car show on July 24.



Kids snuck a peak at the pigeons in their cages before their release at the 11th annual Great Cordova Pigeon Races on July 24.

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Seward County voters must register or update addresses by Oct. 21

by League of Women Voters
Seward County

The ability to cast your ballot as our state and nation select leaders is an enormous right, privilege, and responsibility. Making sure your registration is accurate and up-to-date can save you time and confusion when you go to the polls to vote. Nebraska's voting is overseen by the Nebraska Secretary of State and the state's 93 county clerks. With the Nov. 8 election approaching, eligible Nebraskans have until 6 p.m. Oct. 21 to register – or revise their registration if they have changed their name or address. In Nebraska, residents are eligible to vote if they meet these criteria:

- **Citizenship** – You must be a U.S. citizen living in Nebraska.
- **Age** – You must turn 18 on or before Election Day. You can register when you are 17 if you will turn 18 before the November election.
- **Competency** – You cannot have been legally determined to be mentally incompetent.
- **Felon status** – Those convicted of a felony are eligible to vote two years after they have completed their sentences.

To assure the one-person/one vote commitment in the United States, voters must register with the county clerk's office to vote. If your address, name or other eligibility factor has changed since you last registered, you need to update your voting records before the registration deadline. If you don't know if your registration is current, you can confirm it online at www.voter-check.necvr.ne.gov/voterview or by calling the Seward County

Clerk's Office at (402) 643-2883. This saves you time on Election Day and assures your vote will count. Here is how to register:

- **Online** – Register to vote at www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/eligibility/information You will need a drivers license or state-issued identification if you register online. (Though this is the secretary of state's website, registrations are verified by the county clerk's office.)
- **In person** – The Seward County Clerk's office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays. It is located on the second floor of the courthouse at 529 Seward St. in Seward.
- **By mail** – Voter registration forms can be downloaded from the Seward County Clerk's website at www.countyofsewardne.com/elections or the Nebraska Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ne.gov/elec/pdf/vr.pdf. First-time registrants mailing in their form also need to have identification according to the form. (Mail-in registration must be postmarked by the third Friday before the election, which is Oct. 21 this year.)

Once you are registered, your name, address and party affiliation (several are listed on the form) are public record, though when you register you can ask that your phone and/or email not be released. Political parties and others involved in sharing political information, such as a committee promoting a bond issue, must apply to receive voter lists and sign an oath that the information will not be used for other purposes. The fact that a person voted in a specific election is public record, however, who you vote for

is never revealed. When you go to the polls on Election Day, you will check in with poll workers who, to the extent possible, are residents of your voting ward in Seward County. You will be asked to verify your address and provide your signature attesting that you are voting, but no identification is required. On Election Day, if your name is missing from the voter list, a poll worker will work with you to determine if you are registered in another ward because of a move or a change in the ward boundaries. If you are not directed to another polling place, you may request a provisional ballot, which allows you to fill out a voter registration form and a ballot. The ballot is sealed in an envelope and attached to the voter registration form. These are locked up until they can be reviewed by the Seward County Clerk's office after voting ends. If the voter application is approved, the ballot is placed with others for counting, but your vote remains private. If you file a provisional ballot, you can check the Seward County Clerk's website after the election to see if your vote was counted. The Seward County League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. For more information or to join, go to Seward League on Facebook.

Keaton's Top 5 list of board games

by Keaton Burgess
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Board games are always a great time with friends, family and anyone you choose to play them with. For this week's Top 5, I will rank my favorite board games.

5. Chess – Chess is a classic that almost everyone knows how to play. Although some might think Checkers is better, I think the variety in pieces and movement make chess a better option. Chess is also a great game to make you think and work out your brain.

4. Yahtzee – If for some reason you haven't played Yahtzee, you probably didn't have a childhood. Yahtzee is a really fun dice game anyone can play. Whether you only have one other person or multiple people to play with, you can never go wrong with a classic game of Yahtzee.

3. Code Names – Unlike Yahtzee, I could understand if some of you reading haven't played Code Names. I hadn't even heard of the game until last year, but that doesn't mean it isn't good. Players form two teams, and one per-



Keaton Burgess

son from each team gets to be the spymaster. The spymaster gives the other members of their team clues and words to try and guess the hidden words on the cards in the middle. It's a really fun game that requires a good amount of teamwork to win.

2. Balderdash – Although this game might be more unknown than Code Names, Balderdash is still amazing. One player reads the prompt to the other players. The other players write down a fake answer to fool their opponents. The player who previously read the prompt then reads all of the answers and the other players have to guess which is the correct answer. In my experience, Balderdash always creates the most laughter out of the group and is one of the best.

1. Monopoly – Would it really be a Top 5 board games list if Monopoly wasn't on here? Monopoly is definitely the best board game out there. Even though it can be a really long game, people still play it quite often because it's that great. All the strategy with buying properties mixed in with the luck of dice rolling and chance cards make this game one of a kind.

Out and about visiting with Nebraskans about The Good Life

by Deb Fischer
U.S. Senator

While visiting Columbus recently, I was asked by a member of the press what was my favorite part of my time in the area. I explained that the truth is visiting with Nebraskans is one of the best parts of my job. As lawmakers, it's vital that we are out in our communities, listening to Nebraskans, and hearing what's on folks' minds.



Deb Fischer
U.S. Senator

That's why I was pleased to have the opportunity to stop by this great community. The first stop of the day was the Columbus Community Hospital. While there, I toured the facility and met with staff to discuss the challenges posed by COVID, recent expansions to the hospital grounds, and exciting future construction projects. Some of the additions included a physical therapy area, an emergency department, as well as a comprehensive day care center. These new facilities have been critical to broadening the types of services the hospital can provide, as well as helping Columbus attract and retain the next generation of Nebraskans.

During the tour, I met one nurse who had been at the hospital for more than 40 years, a truly remarkable commitment to serving her community. While at the hospital, we also received some beautiful news as a soft lullaby came over the loudspeakers – a new baby had just been born. This wonderful occasion highlighted the needed services the hospital provides. The hospital has an innovative approach to caring for the community, and it was great to see all the good work they do. Later that day, I stopped by the Good Neighbor Health Clinic. Community health centers like Good Neighbor play an important role in rural areas, offering everything from traditional primary care to dental services and even a pharmacy. While their staff explained that they continue to navigate workforce shortages and supply chain issues, I saw firsthand their hard work and dedication to providing the people of Columbus with quality care. The following day, I had the chance to visit with folks at the Nebraska Business Development Center's kickoff event in Lincoln. During the event, I discussed how investing in our infrastructure is critical to growing our economy and keeping our local commu-

nities connected. Thanks to the infrastructure law, which I voted for, significant investments are being made in Nebraska's roads, bridges, airports, railways, and water systems. At this event, I announced that both the Omaha Eppley and Lincoln airports would be receiving significant Airport Terminal Program Grants from the Federal Aviation Administration, which were made possible by the infrastructure law. Omaha Eppley airport

will specifically receive \$20 million toward its terminal access road project, while the Lincoln airport will receive \$850,000 for terminal modernization. Core infrastructure is also broadband connectivity, which is critical to modern life. Without connectivity, young people will leave our rural communities and our local economies will struggle to grow. Crucially, the infrastructure law will provide a total of about \$48 billion for broad-

band deployment. The goal for this historical investment in broadband buildout is to close the digital divide and make broadband more accessible for all Nebraskans, no matter where they live. To be out in the state meeting with Nebraskans is always enjoyable. I look forward to future visits and continuing to discuss the pressing issues facing our communities across The Good Life.



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New 171-home development begins east of Seward

by Jazari Kual
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The Seward housing market will grow by 171 homes when a new development east of town is completed.

Construction crews are currently working on the new development in Valley View Estates. In addition, the city of Seward will be working on additional updates to the water systems.

Seward Mayor Josh Eickmeier said Seward needs new housing, and he is excited about the latest development and growth for the city.

“We are broadening and expanding the tax base,” Eickmeier said. “Tax evaluation will be based on supply and demand, and right now, there is more a demand for housing.”



This aerial photo of the new development site east of Seward shows regrading is currently taking place for the drainage system.

Currently, the builders are grading the land to ensure proper drainage. With phase 1 of the project, the builders may be able to begin the construction of 35 homes in the spring of

2023. There are seven phases that make up the 171 homes.

Seward City Administrator Greg Butcher said the city will also renovate the downtown water tower and wastewater plant and add new water wells.

“We’re replacing the water tower and upsizing the capacity,” Butcher said, “so we can provide more service [and] have better water pressure.”

The new water tower will cost \$2.4 million and be completed in the fall of 2023.

The city built the current wastewater plant in the 1950s and will rebuild it to handle the natural population growth.

The cost of the new wastewater plant will be around \$25 million and is expected to be completed in fall 2025.

Butcher said the wastewater plant can still be in use while being renovated.

Butcher said the city had already planned to add a southwest water well but discovered another one south of Seward below the airport during the planning phase.

With the new discovery, both water wells will be used.

He said the city planned the projects surrounding the water services before the new housing development to improve the overall water quality in Seward.

The Southwest Well will cost \$445,400 and the South Well will cost \$543,504. Both will be completed by May 31, 2023.

Summit Contracting to invest in new local facility

by Emily Hemphill
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A new farm construction company will soon call Seward home.

Summit Contracting, headquartered in Platte, South Dakota, is planning a new facility just south of Seward, near Tenneco.

Todd Lorenz, project engineer from Lincoln, spoke to the Seward City Council July 19 on behalf of Arthur Knox,

the applicant and developer for the project.

Lorenz said Summit Contracting primarily builds structures for ag-related purposes, including grain bins and machine sheds.

It offers post frame and metal buildings, as well as livestock confinements.

Summit currently has locations in Platte, Pierre and Brookings, South Dakota, as well as Lincoln/Roca and Gothenburg, Nebraska, and

Sioux Center, Iowa.

Its Seward location will be south of Izaak Walton Road, north of Walker Road and east of County Road 294.

“It’s close to town, so we’re hoping the employees will live here eventually,” Lorenz said.

The 60-acre plat is just outside the city limits but still within the city’s jurisdiction.

Following approval from the Planning Commission, the city council approved a

preliminary and final plat for the project and also rezoned the property from Agriculture to Industrial.

Summit has requested the property be annexed so it can be connected to city utilities.

However, annexation requires that the proposed ordinance be read at three separate meetings. The first reading happened July 19.

Jonathan Jank, president and CEO of the Seward County Chamber and Development

Partnership, presented a master plan for the area, which is near the Seward/Lincoln Regional Rail Campus.

“We’re trying to develop more commercial and industrial sites,” Jank said. “The rail campus is a wonderful thing, but it can’t be all things to all people.”

He said about 20 more acres will be available for future growth west of Summit’s facility.

Smith

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Even though her family was seated toward the back of the venue, Abi said she could hear her mom shout in support all the way from the stage when she was announced as the winner.

“We were shocked when it happened because we just did [the pageant] for fun,” Erica said. “We weren’t

expecting it, but it’s been such a fun ride with her. She’s matured through it, and she wants to use it for God’s glory and not for her own.”

This year from July 29 to 31, Abi will be in Nashville for the National Miss Amazing pageant.

The three winners from every state will be at the contest, and Abi said she is looking

forward to meeting the participants from other states.

“She just wants to have fun. She’s like ‘I don’t care if I win, I just want to have fun and make friends,’” Erica said. “She’s been one of those kids that’s always been happy for other kids or other people, so I think she’ll be very happy for whoever wins.”

Abi said her favorite

thing about pageants has been making new friends. She also enjoys that Miss Amazing participants get together throughout the year for activities including marches, fundraisers and small parties.

Erica said Abi has always had a beautiful heart, and she has loved witnessing her daughter continue to grow through these events and experiences.

“She’s an amazing kid, and I’m very blessed,” Erica said. “If only I could be like her – she’s my hero. Who she is is just such an inspiration for me to be a better person.”

Abi said she lives by two main mottos: “If you throw me to the wolves, I come back leading the pack” and “never give up.”

She said Miss Amazing has not only helped

her inspire others but has also benefited the way she sees herself.

“I feel like, as a girl with CP who is in a chair, sometimes people don’t see me for me. They just see my chair,” she said. “Being in a pageant has definitely made me more confident in myself and not feel like that as much anymore. It makes me feel like I am seen for me.”

Cattle

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ped which buildings in chronological order.

Author Jon Keller’s recent book, “150 Years Around the Square,” was dedicated to Cattle.

“Much of that (book) was done utilizing some of Jay’s historical postcards and pictures,” Seaman said.

Cattle’s sister, Becky Vahle of Seward, said he kept records of a lot of background information about local businesses.

“I always think about him as more of the history person,” she said. “His office and stuff was mostly the history, all the pictures he collected. We have the memorabilia room at the bank. He was an interesting person with many unusual interests,” including a large token collection.

He was a charter member of the Nebraska Token Collectors Club and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

“In the last two and a half or three years, we’ve had the best talks,” Vahle said. “I learned a lot. If I had a question about nature or birds or whatever, we’d talk about it.”

Cattle attended Country School District 12 in Seward and graduated from Seward High in 1961.

He earned his business degree from the University of Nebraska

– Lincoln and began his career with the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln in 1964 before returning to Seward in 1969 to work at the family business.

He was an active

member of the community, serving on several local boards and committees, and was a 50-year member of the Nebraska Bankers Association.

As a businessman,

Seaman said Cattle had a large concern for the wellbeing of the community.

“He just wanted to provide products and services that the customers wanted and the

community needed,” Seaman said. “He was also very supportive of his staff overall and really marveled at what the bank had become

over time. His community support and community service is something I will always remember about him.”



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July 29, 30 & 31 *Celebration* 2022

Friday, July 29

Various times	Community garage sales. <i>Around town.</i>
1–2 pm	FREE Pulled Pork Sandwich & Fries meal. <i>Utica Pool Park. (UTICA VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE MEMBERS ONLY.)</i>
2 pm–END	Meaty Nachos, Jerk Chicken, Smoked Sausage, Brisket Mac n’ Cheese. <i>Utica Pool Park - Picnic Area.</i>
4 pm–END	Town Block Party - Music, games, dancing, food, fun & entertainment. <i>Utica Pool Park - Picnic Area.</i>
4–9 pm	Water slides - \$10 wristband gets unlimited sliding. Hot dogs, chips & snow cones. Kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult & supervised! <i>Utica Pool Park - Picnic Area.</i>
6–6:30 pm	Kids Scavenger Hunt in the Park - Check in before 5:45 pm. <i>Utica Pool Park.</i>
6–8 pm	Hurtz Donuts - Fundraiser for Utica Parks & Pool. <i>Utica Pool Park.</i>
6:30–8 pm	Horseshoe Competition - \$20/team of two. Check in at 5:30 pm. Pay out to top 3 teams! <i>Utica Commercial Club.</i>
6:30 pm–END	Water Games in the Pool - Free. Sign up at 6:30. <i>Utica Pool Park.</i>

Saturday, July 30

8 am–noon	St. Patrick’s Garage Sale. <i>Catholic Church Hall, 170 3rd St.</i>
8 am–5 pm	Community Garage Sales. <i>Around town.</i>
8 am–end	Coed sand volleyball tournament - \$60/team. <i>South ball field, Sand Volleyball Area.</i>
8:30–11 am	Cards & Coffee - Mini museum open. <i>Senior Center.</i>
11 am–11 pm	LUNCH - Pork burger or hot dog meal. To-go orders available. <i>Senior Center.</i>
Noon–5 pm	Road Rally - Register 11 am, \$20/vehicle. <i>In front of Senior Center.</i>
1 pm–END	“What Was Happening on First Street in 1907?” By Joyce Schriner. <i>Senior Center.</i>
3:30 pm–END	Tractor Pull - Free. Kids age 4–12. <i>D Street in front of Bank.</i>
5–7 pm	Legion BBQ Dinner. <i>Utica Auditorium.</i>
5:30 pm–end	Billiard Tournament - \$20 entry includes drink. <i>Utica Auditorium.</i>
7 pm–end	Ice Cream & Cookies for All. <i>Utica Auditorium.</i>
7:30 pm–end	Honoring the Heritage of the LaVern (Churney) Stuhr Family Open to all. <i>Utica Commercial Club.</i>
9 pm–end	Free family movie night - Free popcorn. <i>Pool View Park.</i>

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Wedding

Bode – Gremel

Arlet Bode and Drew Gremel, both of Portland, Oregon, were married July 9, 2022, at Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland.

The officiant was the Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson.

The bride's parents are German and Dalina Bode of Miami, Florida. Her grandfather is German Bode of Havana, Cuba.

The groom's parents are Doug and Vikki Gremel of Seward. His grandmother is Virginia Hughes of Seward.

The maid of honor was Moraima Noda. Bridesmaids were Julia Cavati, Rebecca Friesen and Sarah Habib.

The best man was Ben Gremel. Grooms-men were Joe Gremel, Tom Gremel and Eric Heinicke.

Dinner and dancing followed the ceremony at the Victorian Belle



Arlet Bode and Drew Gremel

Mansion. The couple honeymooned in Mexico.

Bode graduated from Florida International University in 2019 with a degree in computer science.

Gremel graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2013 with a degree in economics and works as a trading operations associate for Financial Advocates out of Olympia, Washington.

Birth

Stapp

Kellan Alex Stepp was born July 14, 2022, in Lincoln to Nate and Megan (Neth) Stepp of Seward.

His grandparents are Neal and Karen Neth of Lincoln and Kevan and Terri Stepp of Seward.



Kellan Alex Stepp

Students

Kansas State University

Students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in spring 2022, including, from Seward, Ruth Roebke, with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, and Rylee Opfer, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree, graduating magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949.

Ferris State University

The Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University has released its Dean's list for the spring semester, which includes Shea Peery of Seward. She serves as treasurer for the National Optometric Student Association, a registered student group at Ferris and she is also a member of the Newman Center, a Catholic church gathering place. To be eligible for academic honors, the minimum requirements for full-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA and completion of 12 Ferris credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

Drake University

Anna Covalt of Seward has been named to the President's list at Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa). To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the spring 2022 semester at Drake.

Phi Kappa Phi

Clifford Troyer of Milford was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Troyer was initiated at Emporia State University.

Lavelle wins bronze medal at SkillsUSA

Ethan Lavelle, 20, of Western and formerly of Seward County won a bronze medal at the SkillsUSA championships in Industrial Motor Control, College Division.

The national skilled trades championships, held in Atlanta, Georgia, was June 21-23.

The annual SkillsUSA conference was a showcase of career and technical education where more than 5,200 outstanding career and technical education students – all state contest winners – competed hands-on in 108 different trade, technical and leadership fields.

During the competition, Lavelle worked against the clock to



Ethan Lavelle

prove his expertise and knowledge of electrical principles, equipment and industry codes and standards as it relates to the design and installation of motor control systems.

He demonstrated his skills and abilities in applying that knowledge by properly installing motor control equipment and associated enclosures, raceways, pilot devices and circuitry in accordance with accepted industry practice and National Electric Code requirements.

The contest was run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, testing competencies set by industry for entry-level workers in the electrical field.

Lavelle was presented his medal June 24 at the SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony at State Farm Arena. He received industry prizes

and tools of the electrical trade. Lavelle met the threshold contest score for his event as an indicator of proficiency and received a Skill Point Certificate representing workplace readiness in his occupational specialty.

Lavelle graduated from Northeast Community College, in Norfolk, with an associate's degree in Electrical Construction and Control in May 2022. He is working as an apprentice electrician at Commonwealth Electric in Lincoln for the summer and plans to return to NECC to attain a second degree in Electromechanical Technology in the fall.

American Legion Junior Law Cadet honorees chosen

The Nebraska American Legion's 53rd annual Junior Law Cadet Program was June 21 – 24 at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island.

Six participants were recognized for performing above and beyond during the week, including Braden Hiser of Seward for Outstanding Boys Driving Ability.

There were 26 boys and 18 girls who just finished their junior year of high school that participated in this program.

The students were selected from each of the 14 American Legion districts in Nebraska.

Participants learned about law enforcement responsibilities and had training from representatives of various

city, county, state and federal agencies.

They participated in daily calisthenics, classroom sessions, self-defense, firearms, law enforcement driving, internet crime and radar use.

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Middle School

6:00-6:30 p.m. 5th graders and families new to Seward Middle School
6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Senior High

7:00-8:30 p.m. 9th grade and New Student Orientation at the Seward High School Auditorium. Parents/guardians, please plan to attend the orientation with your son or daughter.

First Day of School

The first day of school will be held on Wednesday, August 17, with an early dismissal: Elementary 1:15 p.m., Middle School and High School approximately 1:30 p.m. (Breakfast and lunch will be served.) The first full day of classes will take place on Thursday, August 18.



Regular School Hours

Senior High - School will begin at 8:15 a.m. - Dismiss at 3:37 p.m.
Middle School - School will begin at 8:05 a.m. - Dismiss at 3:23 p.m.
Elementary School - School will begin at 8:15 a.m. - Dismiss at 3:10 p.m. (Kindergarten), 3:12 p.m. (1st & 2nd), 3:17 p.m. (3rd & 4th)



Busing

All bus students will be notified by their bus drivers of their departure time. If you have not been notified by Friday, August 12, 2022, please call Marty Telecky at 402-643-6069 or 402-643-2941.

Hot Lunch Program

All Elementary, Middle School and High School hot lunches will be served beginning Wednesday, August 17. Breakfast will start on Wednesday, August 17. The cost of breakfast and lunches:

Daily K-4: \$3.00 • 5-12: \$3.15 • Breakfast: \$2.10 • Milk: \$0.35

Pre-Registration Information

Kindergarten: Children must have reached the age of five years on or before July 31 to be eligible to enter school. **Birth certificates and immunization records are required for registration for all new students. Students enrolling in Kindergarten or transferring from out of state must have a visual evaluation. Students will not be allowed to begin school without these records.**

K-12 students who did not attend Seward Schools last year should register in the principal's office starting August 1, 2022. Each Kindergarten student, 7th grade student, and students moving into Seward School District from out of state must have a physical before the start of school. All students are required to have two doses of varicella vaccine (chickenpox or documentation that they have had chickenpox) before the start of school.



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Starting on August 1, all school offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to answer any questions.

Athletic Practices

High School football, softball, volleyball, cross country and girls golf practice will begin on Monday, August 8. All Middle School equipment check outs will take place after school starts.

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Baldwin follows dad’s footsteps on Sugar Loaf Hill in France

by Stephanie Croston
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Alan Baldwin's dad didn't talk much about his service.

Floyd Baldwin enlisted in the Army on Feb. 28, 1941, and was discharged Oct. 18, 1945. He served in Company A of the 134th Division and was wounded in France Sept. 18, 1944.

"Most people don't really know their parents," Alan said July 23. "He was very quiet, a hard worker."

Floyd worked for a natural gas company near Palmyra. He also worked part-time for area farmers to help support his wife and seven children.

"We had nine in a little house," Alan said. "He would work weird shifts. I'd talk to him when he was coming or leaving."

Sept. 18, 1944, was the battle of Sugar Loaf Hill near Agincourt, France.



Alan and Janet Baldwin join the mayor of Agincourt, France, in laying flowers at the memorial for those who fought at Sugar Loaf Hill in 1944. Alan's dad was wounded in the battle.

Alan and his wife Janet visited with the Liberation Tour July 21.

"The hill or the hedgerows, I knew the terrain was hard," Alan said. "Until you're there, you don't know how hard. Carrying their equipment – I realized how hard mentally it was to get through each and every step. It was equally as much mental as physical."

He'd been told how steep the hill was, but to see it and walk up it helped him understand more.

"Their willingness to do that was remarkable," he said.

He doesn't think his father climbed the hill in 1944.

"I'm confident he got to the bridge," Alan said. "I think he was wounded crossing the creek" at the bottom of the hill.

Alan didn't talk to his dad about his time in Europe. In 1993, however, Alan's son Chad, then 10 years old, interviewed Floyd for a school project.

"I didn't know much until then," Alan said. "I learned more then."

He said Floyd was cautious how he talked about combat and how hard it was.

"He said it was a lucky day when he got injured because a lot didn't make it," Alan said.

While many soldiers battled alcohol when they returned from their service, Alan said Floyd didn't drink. Nor did he swear.

He was very involved in the Legion Post 195 in Palmyra, whose building was across the street from the Baldwin home.

Alan and his brothers all joined the military when they were able. He remembered seeing pictures at his grandparents' house of his dad and uncles, all of whom served in the military.

"It was a normal thing," Alan said.

His oldest brother is career Navy, rising to a high rank during his decades of service. Alan and his younger brother joined the Army.

"I saw the pride he had in myself and my brothers for going into the military," Alan said. "After I got out of the Army, I knew my dad was proud of me because he wore my Army hat."

Council considers parking, road plans

by Emily Hemphill
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At its July 19 meeting, the Seward City Council:

- banned parking on Waverly Road after the police department reported area residents parking on the street.
- "Our intention has never been that Waverly Road will hold parking traffic," City Administrator Greg Butcher said.
- held a public hearing on a proposed plan for improvements and capacity upgrades to the city's wastewater treatment facility. No public comments were made.
- approved both a preliminary and final plat of Knox Addition, near Tenneco, and rezoned the property from Ag to Industrial. The property will be home to Summit Contracting, headquartered in South Dakota. Read more on this week's Ag page.
- held a first reading of an ordinance to annex Knox Addition into the city limits. A second and third reading are required before the annexation may be finalized.
- heard a presentation of the city's one- and six-year road plans from City Engineer Mike Oneby. The public hearing included comments from residents about prioritizing traffic in east Seward. The plans, as proposed, are available on the city's website at cityofsewardne.gov.

SCC awarded grant for new Artificial Intelligence lab

Southeast Community College was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the American Association of Community Colleges, Dell Technologies and Intel, as part of the Artificial Intelligence Incubator Network Initiative.

The funds will go toward building a hybridized AI incubator in both virtual and on-campus scenarios for greater access to AI computing power, tools and resources, aiming to foster the skills needed for future jobs. Fifteen colleges were selected.

"SCC is the first community college in the state of Nebraska to join the AI Incubator Network, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to help better support the future needs of industry while also providing increased access to AI pathways in our 15-county service area," said Caleb Herwick, dean of Construction, Manufacturing, Electronics and Technology at SCC.

In January, AACC, Dell Technologies and Intel announced a joint commitment to grow Intel's AI for Workforce Program from 18 states to 50 by 2023.

In addition to receiving the grant, SCC has also joined the AI Incubator Network to connect with community colleges across the nation on strategic economic development opportunities, participate in discussions about learning pathways, strategize on student engagement in AI programs and gather best practices from each other and industry leaders.

"Today's students will enter a technology workforce where every organization will focus in some capacity on applying AI to solving problems and creating value for organizations," said Carlos Contreras, senior director of AI and Digital Readiness at Intel.

SCC is preparing to break ground on the Sandhills Global Technology Center, a state-of-the-art technology facility on the Lincoln Campus.

Once the AI lab is completed, students are encouraged to contact Kim Waswick for more information at (402) 437-2490 or kwaswick@southeast.edu. There is no prior tech or coding knowledge needed, only foundational math skills.

For more information on the grant, contact Rachael McLeod at rmcleod@southeast.edu or (402) 323-3410.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30am Day 1 of 4-H Horse Show – Horse check-in east side of arena

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

8am Day 2 of 4-H Horse Show
6-8pm Accepting Open Class Entries – Ag Pavilion

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

9am 4-H Dog Show – Reunion Center
10am Meyer Automotive Team Roping – Roping Arena

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8am 4-H Rabbit Show, followed by open class – Small Animal Barn
11am 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show – Livestock Center
3pm 4-H & FFA Sheep Show – Livestock Center
5pm Exhibit Buildings Open (close at 9pm)
6pm Baby Olympics – Ag Pavilion (registration at 5pm)
6pm Mutton Bustin’ – Rodeo Arena
7:30pm “Giddy Up” Pony Races – Ag Pavilion

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8am 4-H & FFA Poultry Show, followed by open class – Small Animal Barn
9:30am 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle Show – Livestock Center
1pm Kids Story Hour – Ag Pavilion
2pm 4-H & FFA Dairy Goat Show – Livestock Center (After dairy cattle show)
2-5pm Kids Day – Ag Pavilion
4pm 4-H Beef Production Show – Livestock Center
4:30pm 4-H & FFA Beef Show – Livestock Center
4:30-7pm 4-H Foundation Hamburger Feed – 4-H Center Lawn

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

8am 4-H & FFA Hog Show
9:30am Kids Fishing Contest – The Pond
11am Buildings Open
1-4pm Ace Hardware Kids Event – Ag Pavilion
2pm 4-H Cat Show – Harvest Hall
3pm 4-H Small Animal Show – Harvest Hall
4pm Overall Showmanship Contest – Livestock Arena

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

9am-11pm Exhibitors Brunch – 4-H Center
11am Buildings Open
11am Clover Kids Pet Show – Ag Pavilion
12pm 4-H Livestock Subsidy Auction – Livestock Center
1pm Wiener Dog Race – Reunion Center
1pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull – Harvest Hall (Registration begins at noon)
1:30pm Awards Presentation – Ag Pavilion

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

MONDAY & TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 & 2

12pm 4-H Horse Show – Grandstand

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

10am Meyer Automotive Team Roping Contest – Grandstand

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

5pm Fair Opens
5-8pm Awards, Wine and Cheese – Harvest Hall
Music by Kevin & Heidi Cheng
6pm Baby Olympics – Ag Pavilion
6pm Mutton Bustin’ – Rodeo Arena
7pm Awards Presentations
7:30pm “Giddy Up” Pony Races – Ag Pavilion
7:30pm Beer Garden Opens; Live Music by Lonnie Pietz Polka Band
8pm Mercy City Church Worship Singers – Ag Pavilion

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

11am-4pm Lincoln Wool Hand Weavers Demo – Ag Pavilion
11am-9pm Buildings Open
1pm Kids Story Hour – Ag Pavilion
2-4pm Kids Tractor Rides – Ag Pavilion
2-5pm Kids Day – Face Painting, Balloons, etc. – Ag Pavilion
4:30pm 4-H Foundation Hamburger Feed – 4-H Center
5pm Live Music by Scott Wolverton – Beer Garden
6:30pm Horseshoe Pitching Contest
Call 402-643-5719 for entry details
7-11pm Concert Event – Grandstand
Featuring Chris Lane, Tyler Rich & South of Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30am Kids Fishing Contest – The Pond
11am-12:30pm Seward County Ukaladies – Ag Pavilion
11am-9pm Buildings Open
1-4pm Ace Hardware Kids Event, “Build a Bird House” – Harvest Hall
2pm Cornhole Contest registration & practice
Contest begins at 5pm – Reunion Center
2-11pm Axe Kickers – Outside of Beer Garden
4-6pm Accordion Jamboree – Ag Pavilion
5pm Shelly’s School of Dance Exhibition – Harvest Hall
6pm Demo Derby – Grandstand Arena
7pm Dennis Bowers Harmonica Show – Ag Pavilion
7pm String Beans – Harvest Hall
9pm Beer Garden Opens – Music by Boondox

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

9-11am Exhibitors Brunch – 4-H Center
11am Clover Kids Pet Show – Ag Pavilion
11am-3pm Buildings Open
12pm Exhibitors Auction – Livestock Center
1pm Wiener Dog Olympics – Reunion Center
1pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull – Harvest Hall (Registration begins at noon)
2pm Livestock Released to Roam Countryside
3pm All Exhibits Released; Buildings Closed to Visitors
3-6pm Live Music by Duff and the Descendants - Beer Garden
6pm Figure 8 Race – Grandstand Arena

KIDS ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

5-9pm FFA Petting Zoo
6pm Baby Olympics
Reg. at 5pm – Ag Pavilion
7:30pm Pony Races
Reg. at 6:30 pm – Ag Pavilion

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

11am-9pm FFA Petting Zoo
1pm Storytime – Ag Pavilion
2pm Face Painting, Balloons – Ag Pavilion
2-4pm Tractor Rides

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30am Kids Fishing Contest – Independence Landing
11am-9pm FFA Petting Zoo
1pm Build A Birdhouse – Harvest Hall
7pm String Beans – Harvest Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

12-4pm FFA Petting Zoo
1pm Pedal Tractor Pull – Harvest Hall, Reg. at 12pm

BEER GARDEN EVENTS
THURSDAY, AUG. 4 • 6 P.M.
Lonnie Pietz Polka Band
FRIDAY, AUG. 5 • 6 P.M.
Scott Wolverton
SATURDAY, AUG. 6 • 6 P.M.
Boondox
SUNDAY, AUG. 7 • 3-6 P.M.
Duff and the Descendants

Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

Sunday, Aug. 7
1 p.m. • Harvest Hall

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Team Roping Contest

Wednesday, Aug. 3
10:00 a.m.
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Obituaries

Aloha M. Roth
Feb. 12, 1936 – July 17, 2022

Aloha Mae Roth was born Feb. 12, 1936, on a farm near Seward to Jake and Esther (Roth) Roth, the fourth of six children. Aloha passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at the age of 86.

In her youth, Aloha accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at East Fairview Mennonite Church where she was a faithful member. On Oct. 20, 1961, she was united in marriage to Wayne Roth. To this union were born five children, Doug, Steve, Brad, an infant daughter and Jeff.

Aloha was active by serving her church in various positions. She spent many years babysitting and cleaning houses. She also helped others in celebrating milestone events by creating beautiful cakes for weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birthdays, showers, baptisms and many other occasions. Aloha loved working in her kitchen creating many wonderful meals which she shared with her family and many friends. Quilting and embroidering were her favorite pastimes.

Aloha had a concern for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that they would each have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She spent countless hours in her rocking chair with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren rocking, singing and loving on them. She spent the last weeks of her life longing and eagerly anticipating the reunion with her Savior and family that had gone on before.

Aloha is survived by her husband, Wayne; children and spouses, Doug of Milford, Steve and Annette of York, Brad and Roxie and Jeff and Jamie of Milford; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer (Robert) Jeppesen, Emily (Cayden) Riley, Julie (Daniel) Coffey, Makayla (Aaron) Zach, Trevor Roth, Tori Roth (fiancé Clay Nickels), Park Roth, Keylie Roth, Taylon Roth, Carter Roth, Eeagan Roth and honorary granddaughter Tiffany Bernasek (fiancé John White); 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lori (Earl) McCullough, Milford; sister-in-law, Lauralee (Nyle) Kaufmann, Iowa City, Iowa; many nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Aloha was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter in 1971; parents-in-law, William and Emma Roth; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Eleanor Roth; sister, Fredetta Roth; sisters and brothers-in-law, Arvilla and Wilton Schweitzer and Donna and Willis Roth; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rollin and Doris Roth, Leona and Daniel Miller, George and Jean Roth, Irva and Daniel Ropp, Harold and Bonnie Jean Roth and Leslie Roth.

Services were July 21 at the East Fairview Mennonite Church. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.lauberfh.com.

John “Steven” Gribble
Oct. 30, 1944 – July 23, 2022

John “Steven” Gribble was born Oct. 30, 1944, and passed away July 23, 2022. A full obituary can be found and condolences may be left for the family online at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Sheriff’s dept.

Information provided by the Seward County Sheriff’s Dept. for activities July 3 – 9.

Summary of calls:
911 misdial 5
Abandoned vehicle 3
Abwwwuse/neglect 1
Accident/with injuries 1
Coroner call 1
Disturbance 3
Extra patrol 2
Field contact 4
Fireworks 1
Harassment 1
Miscellaneous 32
Motorist assist 9
Non-injury accident 3
Parking violation 1
Pivot spraying on roadway 1
Reckless driving 10
Security alarm 1
Shoplifting 1
Stolen vehicle 1
Suspicious vehicle/person 7
Terroristic threats 1
Traffic control 2
Traffic/DUI 2
Traffic stops 65
Village ordinance violation 1
Village patrols 101
Warrant/arrest 2
Welfare check 3

Information provided by the Seward County Sheriff’s Dept. for activities July 10 – 16.

Summary of calls:
911 misdial 1
Abuse/neglect 3
Accident with injuries 2
Arrest/DUI 2
Disturbance 2
Domestic assault 1
Extra patrol 3
Field contact 6
Fraud 1
Gun permit 1
Hit-and-run accident 1
Miscellaneous 27
Motorist assist 16
Noise complaint 1
Non-injury accident 2
Parking violations 1
Pivot spraying on roadway 2
Probation violation 1
Reckless driving 18
Security alarm 2
Suspicious vehicle/person 5
Theft 1
Traffic hazard/debris 2
Traffic stops 59
Village ordinance 2
Village patrols 92
Welfare checks 2

Lavina I. Nagel
April 7, 1931 – July 21, 2022

Lavina I. (Schaefer) Nagel was born April 7, 1931, to Jacob John and Marie (Deutsch) Schaefer in White River, South Dakota.

She attended Concordia High School from 1945 to 1951. Lavina taught school in Marcus, Iowa, and Parmelee, South Dakota, before marrying Cleon Nagel on Oct. 18, 1953, at Zion Lutheran Church in Valentine. Lavina and Cleon lived on a farm near Cordova until 1956, when they moved to a farm near Utica. They then moved to Seward in 1992. In addition to farming, Lavina worked at Pamida in Seward for many years.

In her free time, she enjoyed gardening, community activities and volunteering opportunities. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, St. John LWL, Seward County Genealogical Society, GSE Extension Club and West Side Country Club.

Lavina passed away July 21, 2022, in Seward at the age of 91 years, 2 months and 14 days.

She is survived by her children, Linda Tyrrell, Milford, Ronald Nagel, Wilsonville, Barry (Vicki) Nagel, St. Peters, Missouri, and Lori (Tom) Colwell, Arvada, Colorado; son-in-law, Steve Krivda, Seward; grandchildren, Jessica (Matt) Justice, Jamie (Will) Gillette, Jennifer Tyrrell (fiancé, Kyle Peterson), Brandon Nagel, Jeremy (Amanda) Price, Tony Krivda, and Sadie (Colin) Brisbane; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Lavina was preceded in death by her husband, Cleon Nagel; parents, Jacob and Marie Schaefer; daughter, Deb Krivda; daughter-in-law, Kristine Nagel; grandson, Austin Krivda; and brothers, Leonard Schaefer and Alvin Schaefer.

A funeral service was July 26 at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

County court

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

July 11 – 15
Melinda J. Douglass, 31, Seward, attempt of a class 2 misdemeanor, \$100 fine.

Matthew A. Bromlow, 41, Alda, resist arrest first offense, nine months jail, and trespass-second degree/defy order to leave, six months jail.

Breasant L. Covert, 28, Pleasant Dale, third-degree assault, nine months probation.

Todd N. Simmonds, 53, Seward, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, six months probation, revoked license 60 days and ignition interlock device ordered.

Dena L. Catron, 41, Geneva, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.

Tarelle L. Kearney, 38, Seward, no valid registration-car/pick-up/stepvan, \$25 fine;



Rose Ann Tuttle
Jan. 9, 1953 – July 23, 2022

Rose Ann Tuttle was born Jan. 9, 1953, in Blair to Stanley Archie Thompson and Agnes (Stricklett) Thompson. To this union were born two children, Donna Kay and Rose Ann. Rose Ann passed way Saturday, July 23, 2022, at her home in rural Dorchester, at the age of 69.

Rose Ann had worked at Isco, Concordia College and worked at Metro Mail as a machine operator. Also, she was a homemaker who enjoyed being with her family and especially her grandchildren.

Rose Ann was united in marriage to Dudley Tuttle on Jan. 3, 1975, in York at the Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her husband, Dudley Tuttle of rural Dorchester; three children, Claton and Betsey Tuttle, Williamsburg, Kentucky, Travis Tuttle, Dorchester, and Krisandra and Gary Walton, Goehner; three grandchildren, Audrey Tuttle, Jacob and Conner Walton; sister, Donnakay Lindhorst, New Haven, Missouri; and nephew, John Lindhorst, Georgia. She is also survived by many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service will be Wednesday, July 27, at 2 p.m. at the Friend Christian Assembly Church, Friend. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family for later designation.



Traffic

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

July 11 – 15

Braireus D. Dement Gonderinger, 21, Beatrice, violate no-passing zone, \$25 fine.

Shena R. Monroe, 39, Grand Island, no valid registration-car/pick-up/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Jumira T. Brooks,

27, Elkhart, Indiana, no operator's license/waivable, \$75 fine.

John M. Summa, 17, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Jeweldean S. Jones, 36, Nantucket, Massachusetts, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine, and no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

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SCC hosts state's top diesel techs in contest

by Emily Hemphill
emily@sewardindependent.com

While farmers keep the world fed and truck drivers deliver that food, it's the diesel technicians that keep the trucks running.

Southeast Community College in Milford was the site of a July 14 search for the best diesel tech in Nebraska.

The college hosted the annual SuperTech competition, held by the Nebraska Trucking Association, in its Crete Carrier Diesel Technology and Welding Center.

The winner earned an all-expense paid trip to the national SuperTech competition in Cleveland, Ohio, in September, where he will compete for \$40,000 in prizes.

The national contest is hosted by the Technol-

ogy and Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Association.

Jeff Hoefer, a member of the committee that hosts the event, said professional technicians must first qualify for the state contest by taking an online test.

About 80 techs took the test this year, and the top 16 were invited to advance to the hands-on SuperTech event in Milford.

One student from each of the Southeast, Central, Northeast and Metro community colleges also was invited to compete.

Technicians rotate through 10 different skill stations, ranging from shop skills and electrical diagnosis to air brakes and precision measurement.

Each station tests



EMILY HEMPHILL/SCI

Professional diesel technicians from around Nebraska and students from four community colleges race the clock to complete tasks proving their skill at the Nebraska Trucking Association's SuperTech competition July 14 at Southeast Community College in Milford.

their abilities to complete a specific task in under 25 minutes while a judge oversees their work.

The judges are professionals from the diesel technology industry. This year, Nebraska

State Patrol troopers also helped judge the vehicle inspection station.

Jerry Wessel, who started the Nebraska contest with Hoefer 14 years ago, said the skill stations are kept secret until the day of the

event.

"We try and pick things that are current things that are seen in the industry," Wessel said. "The task we expect them to complete will change every year. Even the committee

doesn't know what they are."

The tech with the highest score in each of the skill stations wins \$100 cash, as does the top rookie. Students earn money they can use toward tools.

Karl Eickhoff, director and instructor in SCC's Diesel Technology program, said this is the first year Milford was able to host the contest, having just opened the Diesel Technology facility in 2020.

"They've been holding it at Central (Community College) in Hastings, but we talked about moving it around," Eickhoff said. "Then, we built this, and we're more centrally located."

Contestants came from Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island and Weeping Water.

Nebraska wine region continues to grow

by Jason Han
UNL Intern

When John Siebert, Junto Wine co-owner, is asked what he hopes for Nebraska wine in the future, he mentions the Paris Wine Tasting of 1976, the event that made California wine world-famous.

The Judgment of Paris was a wine competition. A chief merchant provided not only the top-quality and highly regarded French wines, but also a selection from a little-known growing region: California.

More than 45 years after the Judgment of Paris, California is now one of the world's staple growing regions for wine, along with the old vineyards of France, Italy and Spain. Siebert said he hopes Nebraska may eventually be able to add its name to that list.

Nebraska does have serious positives which make it a viable growing



JASON HAN/UNL INTERN

Junto Wine co-owner John Siebert works with damaged vines after the June 14 hailstorm.

region. One of these, according to Paul Read, a professor and viticulturist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is the abundance of sunshine hours during growing season, along with soil and water resources.

More sun for the vines means more energy for the grapes. This in turn means a richer sugar volume and, as a result, better wines.

"Terroir [terrain] is a huge thing with

grape growing. They say it's the sandy soils in France or the volcanic soils in Spain," Siebert said. "Obviously in Nebraska, we do agriculture here, it's one of the best. The soil's bright and it's made for growing agriculture."

However, Nebraska also possesses drawbacks which put it at a disadvantage relative to some of the other top growing regions in the world. The most obvious

is frost, which prevents growth all year-round as the plant conserves energy.

Nebraska's particular climate, with its potentially wild temperature fluctuations, also requires hardier grapes. Read said he tried to grow classic varieties at UNL as part of his consultancy. What he found was that grapes like Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay both failed to survive after the first few years because they were not suited to Nebraska's conditions.

Instead, Nebraska wine growers use more modern grape varieties which stand up well to the harsh Nebraska weather. These include Edelweiss, Frontenac and Petite Pearl grapes.

"We don't want to make Cabernet, Chardonnay or any of the popular grapes because that's not what we grow here," Siebert said. "People are starting to learn that there are differences

in our grapes."

Though that education is starting, Read said that using less familiar grape varieties posed a marketing challenge for Nebraska wineries.

Read focused in particular on the likelihood that any wine consumer will buy something to drink with dinner. When enjoying a steak, Read said, consumers are more likely to go with a known California wine and avoid taking a chance on a less proven product.

One of the final challenges Read highlighted was the gap in experience between the classic growing regions and Nebraska. Very few vineyards in Nebraska date back earlier than the 1990s. Read said the growth in the region is partly stems from a legislature invested in potentially growing wines, a focus that started in the 1980s.

Nebraska's full wine

history dates back to its founding, where farmers would grow small vineyards on personal farms.

"Every farmer would have a vineyard in their backyard," Siebert said.

However, growing industrialization, prohibition, the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression led to the collapse of the old Nebraska vineyards.

Still, from that collapse, almost a century later, Read is hopeful for the industry and its future.

"I think the future is bright for the industry," Read said. "The wineries have won awards in national and international competitions. I think we are going to continue, as we overcome the challenge convincing people that these wines are worth trying, a lot of people will find these Nebraska wines are really something to enjoy with a meal and with friends."



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Malcolm wins state championship

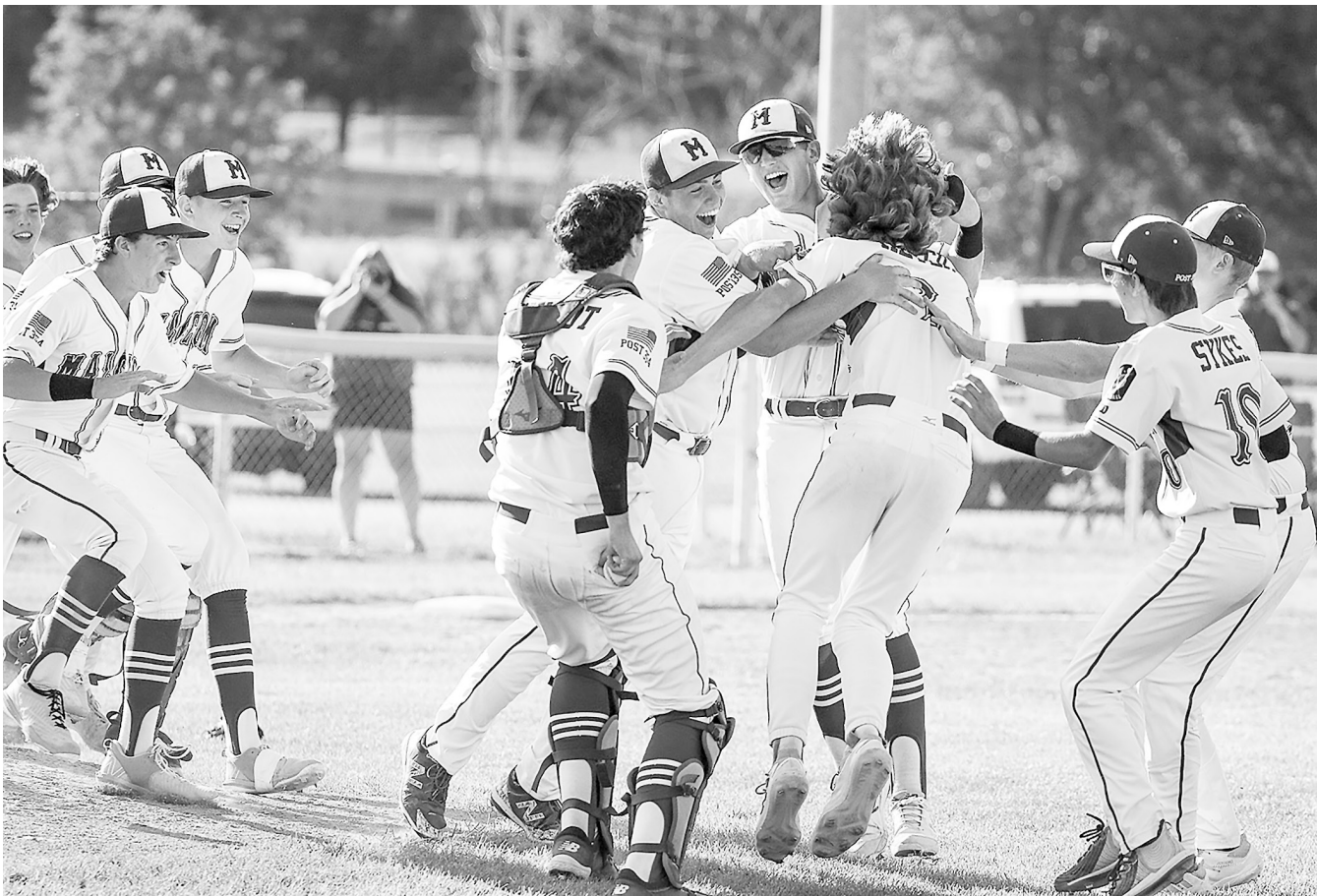
by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

When you allow just five runs over the course of five games, your week probably went pretty well. The Malcolm Junior Legion baseball team enjoyed five days in Creighton as it rolled through the bracket en route to the Class C state championship.

Maddox Meyer needed little help in the July 21 title game as the hurler sat down 13 Imperial batters in a complete game, two-hit performance that finished in a dog pile following a 6-0 win over the Longhorns.

“We knew going in that Maddox would hold teams down,” Malcolm head coach Brandon Rieschick said. “But he had his best two outings of the year. No runs in 12 2/3 innings in the state tournament is getting it done. He’s just overpowering teams and is probably one of the best juniors pitchers in the state.”

Meyer got more than enough run support as Hayden Frank finished an impressive run through the tournament by going 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and three RBIs in the title bout. The senior-to-be



Members of the Malcolm junior legion baseball team celebrate after winning the Class C state championship July 21 in Creighton. See more pictures of the state tournament at www.sewardindependent.com.

hit .529 throughout the week with three doubles and three home runs while driving in 12 runs.

“Hayden has really emerged as a leader for us,” Rieschick said. “He was about as clutch as you could be during the tournament.”

Malcolm won two tournament games by mercy rule – a 10-2 win over Dannebrog-Cairo-Boelus on July 18 and a July 20 triumph by the same score over Pender. Both games ended with a walk off home run by Frank. Against Pender, it was a grand slam.

“Those walk offs really helped us keep our pitch counts in check,” Rieschick said. “It also sent a message to other teams about what they were up against.”

After beating Wakefield 5-0 in extra innings in the opener, Malcolm won with relative ease the next four days. In addition to the wins over DCB and Pender, there was a 7-1 win over Imperial in the July 19 winner’s bracket final. Frank had a pair of doubles that night while Mason Wisnieski fanned 12 batters in a complete game win.

Meyer and Wisnieski each had two appearances in the tournament as the duo combined for 40 strikeouts and just two walks with an earned run average of 0.40.

“Mason has been a huge addition for us this season both on the mound and at the plate,” Rieschick said. “He and Maddox are probably the

best one-two punch in the state on the mound.”

Carson Frank and Owin Little stepped up when their names were called as they each earned tournament wins. Frank pitched a complete game while fanning nine DCB batters while Little came one out short of a complete game as he led the Pender lineup at bay.

“They did a great job for us,” Rieschick said. “When you have guys go deep, that just saves pitching, and these guys had huge outings.”

Malcolm finished the season with a 24-1-2 record. The state championship is the second for the juniors and the first in 10 years. For Rieschick, the title is his second as a coach. He led the Wilber juniors to the crown in 2016.

“What this team was able to accomplish this season is really remarkable,” Rieschick said. “Of the four teams I’ve coached in state tournaments, statistically, these guys were by far the best. Honestly, in the years I’ve been coaching, this is probably the best juniors team I’ve ever seen.”

Seniors

The Malcolm seniors (19-2) are hoping to pick

up where the juniors left off. They opened the C3 Area Tournament in Yutan on July 23 with an 11-0 win over Louisville-Weeping Water. The next day, Malcolm beat Yutan in the winners’ bracket final, 10-2.

Malcolm was scheduled to play North Bend July 25 with the championship taking place July 26. The champion advances to the state tournament which begins Saturday, July 30, in Wisner.

“The guys are really brimming with confidence right now,” Rieschick said. “It’s been key for us to get out to big leads early and save pitching. We’re set up well for the rest of the tournament. We just need to play our style of ball and we’ll be in good shape for state.”

Seniors C3 Area Tournament									
Malcolm 10, Yutan 2									
Yutan	002	000							
Malcolm	330	121							
Malcolm	ab	r	h	rbi					
Reiling	1	1	0	1					
Meyer	4	2	2	0					
Zegar	3	3	3	2					
Wisnieski	1	1	0	0					
Clarke	3	1	1	1					
Frank, C	4	0	2	2					
Tiedeman	0	0	0	0					
Beckman	3	0	1	0					
Boehle	0	0	0	0					
Dunse	4	0	1	0					
McGreer	4	1	1	0					
CR: Sykes	0	1	0	0					
Totals	27	10	11	6					
2B—Beckman, Zegar 2. SAC—Reiling. HBP—Reiling, Wisnieski. SB—Meyer, Zegar.									
MALCOLM	IP	R(ER)	BB	K					
Zegar	2.1	1 (0)	1	6					

Wisnieski (W 4-0)	3.0	1 (0)	1	5
Clarke	0.2	0 (0)	0	1

Malcolm 11, Louisville-Weeping Water 0									
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Malcolm	421	4X							
Malcolm	ab	r	h	rbi					
Reiling	2	2	1	1					
Schroeder	0	0	0	0					
Meyer	3	1	1	2					
Zegar	3	2	1	0					
Wisnieski	2	2	2	2					
Clarke	3	1	1	2					
Frank, C	2	0	1	1					
Tiedeman	0	1	0	0					
Beckman	2	0	1	1					
Boehle	0	0	0	0					
Dunse	2	0	0	0					
McGreer	3	0	0	1					
CR: Sykes	0	2	0	0					
Totals	22	11	8	10					
2B—Meyer, Reiling, Clarke, Wisnieski. SAC—C. Frank. HBP—Zegar, Wisnieski. SB—Reiling, Tiedeman, McGreer.									

MALCOLM									
IP	R(ER)	BB	K						
Zegar (W 6-1)	1.1	0 (0)	2	4					
Frank	2.0	0 (0)	1	2					
Boehle	1.2	0 (0)	1	3					

Juniors Class C State Tournament									
Championship Game									
Malcolm 6, Imperial 0									
Imperial	000	000	0	0					
Malcolm	301	110	X	6					
Malcolm	ab	r	h	rbi					
Meyer	3	1	1	1					
Frank, C	4	1	1	0					
Frank, H	4	2	3	3					
Wisnieski	4	0	3	1					
Gonyea	4	0	0	0					
Schmidt	4	0	0	0					
Sykes	4	1	3	1					
England	4	0	0	0					
Robotham, E	2	0	1	0					
Boehle	0	0	0	0					
McGreer	2	1	1	0					
CR: Tiedeman	0	0	0	0					
Totals	25	10	13	8					
2B—E. Robotham, H. Frank. HR—H. Frank. SSB—McGreer.									
MALCOLM	IP	R(ER)	BB	K					
Meyer (W 5-0)	7.0	0 (0)	0	13					

Malcolm 10, Pender 2									
Pender	100	000	0	1					
Malcolm	240	100	X	7					
Malcolm	ab	r	h	rbi					
Meyer	4	1	0	0					
Frank, C	4	2	4	0					
Robotham, C	0	1	0	0					
Frank, H	3	1	2	4					
Wisnieski	2	1	2	1					
Schmidt	2	0	0	1					
Sykes	2	1	0	0					
England	2	1	1	0					
Little	2	0	1	1					
Savicky	1	0	1	0					
McGreer	3	0	2	1					
CR: Tiedeman	0	2	0	0					
Totals	25	10	13	8					
2B—Wisnieski, England, Little. HR—H. Frank. SAC—England, Schmidt. HBP—Wisnieski. SB—McGreer.									

MALCOLM									
IP	R(ER)	BB	K						
Little (W 2-1)	4.2	2 (2)	3	2					
Savicky	0.1	0 (0)	0	1					

Malcolm 7, Imperial 1									
Imperial	100	000	0	1					
Malcolm	240	100	X	7					
Malcolm	ab	r	h	rbi					
Meyer	3	2	3	1					
Frank, C	4	0	1	0					
Thieman	0	0	0	0					
Frank, H	4	1	2	3					
Wisnieski	3	0	1	1					
Schmidt	3	0	1	0					
Sykes	4	0	0	0					
England	4	1	1	0					
Robotham, E	3	1	0	0					
McGreer	2	1	0	0					
CR: Tiedeman	0	1	0	0					
Totals	30	7	9	5					
2B—H. Frank 2, England, Meyer. SAC—Wisnieski.									

Malcolm 10, Dannebrog-Cairo-Boelus 2									
DCB	101	00							
Malcolm	000	64							
Malcolm	ab	r	h	rbi					
Meyer	4	2	2	3					
Frank, C	2	0	1	2					
Tiedeman	0	1	0	0					
Frank, H	2	2	1	1					
Wisnieski	3	0	1	1					
Robotham, C	0	1	0	0					
Schmidt	1	0	0	0					
Sykes	3	0	0	0					
England	1	1	0	0					
Robotham, E	2	1	0	0					
McGreer	1	2	1	0					
Totals	19	10	6	8					
2B—Meyer, HR—H. Frank. SAC—C. Frank 2. HBP—Schmidt. SB—H. Frank 2.									

MALCOLM									
IP	R(ER)	BB	K						
C. Frank (W 5-0)	5.0	2 (1)	1	9					



Malcolm's Luke Beckman beats a Louisville/Weeping Water baserunner to third base for a force out in their district game July 23 in Yutan.

Players reflect on 2022 Legion juniors title run

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

They did what most teams do when they win it all. They dog piled at the mound.

After Maddox Meyer fired in the last pitch of the July 21 Class C Juniors state title game, he knew he was about to get mauled. It was a swing-and-a-miss for Meyer's 13th strikeout of the game as Malcolm finished off an impressive 5-0 run through the field.

“On that last pitch is really when it hit me that we were one pitch away from winning state,” Meyer said. “When the parents and fans started the slow clap, I got chills. I had to take a deep breath behind the mound and me and (catcher, Luke) Schmidt just smiled at each other before I threw the pitch.”

“Once I saw the swing and miss, I instantly threw my glove up and the celebration began with Hayden (Frank) and me being in the bottom of

the dog pile.”

The piling on of Meyer and Frank was well-deserved as the duo put up crazy numbers during the program's first juniors' state title in a decade. Meyer allowed no runs in more than 12 innings during two appearances while striking out 22 batters.

“I had full control of both my fastball and curveball,” Meyer said. “It helps when both of those are working and you can throw them in any count. Luke and I were working really well together, and he always knew what pitch to call to throw off the batter.”

Frank was the tournament's most dangerous hitter. The senior-to-be posted a .529 batting average while blasting three home runs and three doubles and driving in 12 runs. Two of his home runs - including a grand slam - ended games by mercy rule. One of his line drives also dented the yellow fence cap on Creighton's outfield wall.

“During districts I was overthinking my swing and struggling a bit,” Frank said. “Once state came around, my mentality just went back to see ball, hit ball, quit thinking.”

“After the first solid hit, my confidence went up to where I felt I could drive in a run during any at bat.”

Mason Wisnieski came into the tournament with an unheard of batting average above .700. He stayed hot by hitting .643 at state. On the mound, he fanned 18 batters in nine-and-two-thirds innings while walking none and allowing only one run.

“I was just trying not to make too big of a moment of it,” Wisnieski said. “I wanted to play it like it was any other game.”

It takes more than three players to complete the kind of run Malcolm had this season. Many unsung heroes answered when their number was called.

“We had so many guys

step up,” Frank said. “Like Garrett (England) who hasn't played that much during the season. Then, state rolls around, and he plays almost every pitch and had clutch hits in key times.”

“Another is Tyler (Thieman). No matter the score, the situation, it doesn't matter, you always hear him. Yelling, talking a teammate up, or creating some laughter to ease the situation.”

“A big part of our success is the depth of our pitching staff,” Meyer said. “Owin Little was huge against Pender. He pitched four solid innings. He also ended up hitting two doubles.”

“Carson Ramsier is our bullpen catcher. He didn't get into any game, but he always had his shin guards on ready to warm up anyone at any time.”

From the first game through the last, the support for this team has been strong, even at a tournament nearly

three hours from home.

“It's unmatched,” Frank said. “When we are filling a whole grandstand and people are lining the fences in a game that's so far away, that shows the support.”

“People took time out of their Thursday to watch us play and that means everything to us. It's the most amazing thing playing for this community.”

Meyer, Frank and Wisnieski are among 11 dual-roster players who also compete with the Malcolm seniors who are currently on a postseason run that they hope results in another state title.

“I know we can do it again,” Frank said. “We've set ourselves up to be where we need to be. We have the pitching, we have the players, and we have the will to do whatever we need to.”

“The seniors route will be a lot tougher,” Meyer said. “But I believe we have the confidence and the guys to do it.”

Annual contest announces local champions

The Seward Optimist Club hosted the Major League Baseball Pitch Hit and Run Contest presented by the Major League Baseball Net-

work at the Plum Creek Sports Complex in Seward July 18. This skills program provides boys and girls, ages 7-14, the opportu-

nity to showcase their pitching, hitting, and running abilities in either the baseball or softball divisions. Twenty-nine youth registered to compete in the contest and all participants were rewarded with a certificate from the Dairy Queen. The local champions' scores will now be compared with other champions in the region. They are eligible to possibly advance

to the Team Championship Level of competition in Kansas City.

- Softball results**
Age 7/8: first place and local champion – Liyah Kratochvil; second place – Blakeley Nantkes
Age 9/10: first place and local champion – Katelin Schulte
Age 11/12: first place and local champion – Khloe Bogenrief
- Baseball results**
Age 7/8: first place and local champion – Henry Adamson; second place – Lander Hotovy; third place – William Douglass
Age 9/10: first place and local champion – Mack Kratochvil; second place – Cayn Schaefer; third place – Grayson Spiels
Age 11/12: first place and local champion – Jonas Stroh; second place – Dominic Halbert; third place – Gehrig Weber



Henry Adamson, 7/8 baseball champion



Liyah Kratochvil, 7/8 softball champion



Katelin Schulte, 9/10 softball champion



Mack Kratochvil, 9/10 baseball champion



Jonas Stroh, 11/12 baseball champion



Khloe Bogenrief, 11/12 softball champion

Team earns state title



COURTESY PHOTO
The Seward Junior Jays 10U team won the 10U Class A State Championship during the weekend of July 15-17 in Omaha. Team members include, from left: (front row) Micah Nitzsche, Travis Kreutzer, Harrison Duncan, Jonah Geidel, Cody Luebke, Trevin Opfer and Hunter Crouch; and (back row) Coach Jeremy Geidel, Taetum Foley, Mack Kratochvil, Hudson Juranek, Eli Jackson, Brayton Hotovy, Hunter Parr and Coach Jeff Juranek. Not pictured are Coach Justin Hannemann and Dietrich Hannemann.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ESTATES

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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
County Court of Seward County, Nebraska
Estate No. PR22-65 of **GEORGIANNE W. WARNER, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that on July 15, 2022, in the Seward County Court, Seward Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of informal probate of the Last Will and Testament of Georgienne W. Warner, deceased, and appointed John W. Warner as personal representative of the estate. The address of the personal representative is 1598 Oak Grove Road, Valparaiso, Nebraska 68065. Creditors must file their claims with this court on or before the 27th day of September, 2022, or be forever barred.
Dated : July 15, 2022
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
SCI — July 27, August 03, 10, 2022
ZNEZ

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF ELSIE M. STEINAUER, DECEASED
Estate No. PR 22-66
Notice is hereby given that on July 13, 2022, 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 Martha Feit, 19310 Franklin Circle, Elkhorn, NE 68022, and Marie Schmit, 106 3rd Street, Steinauer, NE 68441, 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 the 20 day of September 2022 or be forever barred.

/s/ Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
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Seward, NE 68434
Emily A. Sisco, #26396
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Attorney for
Co-Personal Representatives
SCI — July 20, 27, August 03, 2022
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Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
County Court of Seward County, Nebraska
ESTATE NO. PR 22- 62 OF TIMOTHY J. CLASSEN, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that on July 5, 2022, in said court, in Seward County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of informal probate of the Last Will and Testament of Timothy J.

Classen, deceased, and appointed Colleen Classen, as personal representative of the estate. Colleen Classen's address is 1425 E Street, Utica, Nebraska 68456. Creditors must file their claims with this court on or before the 13 day of September 2022 or be forever barred.
Dated: July 5, 2022.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
SCI — July 13, 20, 27, 2022
ZNEZ

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF DONALD ROBOTHAM, DECEASED
Estate No. PR 22-51
Notice is hereby given that on June 28, 2022, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, Raymond Robotham, 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 September 13, 2022, or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of County Court
261 8 St.
Seward, NE 68434

Attorney for Estate
/s/Denise L. Kaup
Denise L. Kaup, #18642
Saathoff Law Office, P.C.
6909 NW 105th St.
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SCI — July 13, 20, 27, 2022
ZNEZ

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF ALICE M. KOPIASZ, DECEASED
Estate No. PR 22-67
Notice is hereby given that on July 18, 2022, 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 Marilyn Morris Leetch, whose address is 2414 19th Ave, Central City, NE 68826 and Cindy Joosten, whose address is P.O. Box 12, Beaver Crossing, NE 68313, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representatives of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before September 27, 2022 or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
PREPARED BY:
Robert I. Blevens #10344
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402-643-3639
Attorney for Estate
SCI — July 27, August 03, 10, 2022
ZNEZ

MEETINGS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The August meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit 6 will meet at the Educational Service Unit 6 main office, located at 210 5th St, Milford, NE on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:00pm. The agenda for said meeting is on file at that location and kept continually current.
SCI/MT/FS/WR/CR — July 27, 2022
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS CITY OF SEWARD

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following will be held:
Seward City Council, August 2, 2022, 7:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.
Citizens Advisory Review Committee, August 3, 5:00 PM, Seward City Hall, 537 Main Street, Seward, NE 68434.
Planning Commission, August 8, 2022, 7:30 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.
Community Redevelopment Authority, August 10, 2022, 5:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434.
Seward City Council, August 16, 2022, 7:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.
Seward Economic Development Program LB 840 Application Review Board, August 24, 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 — July 27, 2022
ZNEZ

NOTICE OF MEETING
A Public Meeting of the Seward County Planning Commission will be held, August 15th, 2022, 7:30 pm, 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 — 7/27/2022
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PROPERTY SALES

SouthLaw, P.C.
13160 Foster Suite 100
Overland Park, KS 66213-2848
(913) 663-7600
FILE NO. 234647
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Justin Dale Schwisow, dated May 20, 2019, and recorded on May 21, 2019, Document No. 201900983 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Seward County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on August 23, 2022, at 1:30 PM, at the North Doors of the Seward County Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:
Lot 9, Block 10, Original Town of Milford, Seward County, Nebraska, commonly known as 520 4th St, Milford, NE 68405
subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.
Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee
First Publication: July 13, 2022

NOTICE
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 234647). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com
SCI — July 13, 20, 27, August 03, 10, 2022
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LIQUOR LICENSES

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2022, for the following retail liquor licensee:
Red Path Gallery & Tasting Room
514 Seward Street
Seward NE 68434
Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City of Seward on or before August 10, 2022, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.
Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
City of Seward, Nebraska
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Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
City of Seward, Nebraska
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2022, for the following retail liquor licensee:
Bottle Rocket Brewing
230 S 5th Street
Seward NE 68434
Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City of Seward on or before August 10, 2022, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.
Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
City of Seward, Nebraska
SCI — July 27, 2022
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2022, for the following retail liquor licensee:
Rue 6
123 S 6th Street
Seward NE 68434
Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City of Seward on or before August 10, 2022, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.
Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
City of Seward, Nebraska
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 53-135.01, a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2022 for the following retail liquor licensee:
CLASS "C" LIQUOR LICENSE
Leta Keeney DBA
Beaver Corner Bar
601 West Street
Beaver Crossing, NE 68313

Russell Brandenburg DBA
The Dead Zone
735 Dimery Avenue
Beaver Crossing, NE 68313
Notice is hereby given that written protests to issuance of automatic renewal of license(s) may be filed by any resident of the Village on or before August 10, 2022 in the office of the Village Clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, a hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.
Peggy Pankoke
Village Clerk
Village of Beaver Crossing, NE
SCI — July 27, 2022
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NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from November 1, 2022, for the following retail liquor licensee:
Veterans F W
243 S 9th Street
Seward NE 68434
Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the City of Seward on or before August 10, 2022, in the office of the City Clerk; that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.
Derek Bargmann
City Clerk
City of Seward, Nebraska
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SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT 129 S. 6th St. P.O. Box 449 Seward, NE 68434 402-643-3676

VIRGIL & SARAH CANNING AUCTION

Saturday, August 6 ♦ 9:30 a.m. 127 S 1 St. ♦ Seward, NE

'06 Buick Lucerne CXL V6, Auto Trans. Leather Int, Only 76K miles, Bumpers/Fender damage, Washer/Dryer, Fridge, Small Chest Deep Freeze, Mini Fridge, Exercise Bike, Spoon Collection, Curio Cabinet/China Hutch, Dressers, Chest of Drawers, Secretary, Chairs, Queen Bed Set, Kitchenware, Misc Sewing Supplies, 12 Gal RW Crock, Stacking Book Case, Hand Tools, Ext ladder, Lawn & Garden Tools, Shelving, (3) Military Ammo Boxes, Patio Glider/Swing, Fishing Tackle Box/Lures, Yard Decor

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Saturday, July 30 ♦ 9:30 a.m. 2121 W O St. ♦ Lincoln, NE

LIFTS, SCAFFOLDING, JOB BOXES, & TOOLS. JLG 60' Telescopic Boom Lift 4WD, Upright 30' Rough Terrain 4WD Platform Lift, (8) Elec Scissor Lifts 19' & 26' w/qty 5 running, Scaffolding, Perry Scaffolding, Platforms, Stages, Safety Gear, 2010 Chevy Express Van, 2002 Olds Silhouette Van, (8) Job Boxes, Mig Welders, Chop Saws, Hilti Cordless Impacts, Hilti Dispenser Guns, Sealant Tubes, Radius Track Bender, Ramset, Rotary Hammer Drills, Concrete Nailers, (2) Drywall Carts, Drills, Bench Grinders, Ladders, Misc Plumbing, Elec Supplies, & Hdwe. Inventory Reduction Auction for American Drywall Co.

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MINUTES

VILLAGE OF UTICA PROCEEDINGS

July 11, 2022

The following is a condensed form of the minutes. A complete copy is on file and available for inspection upon request at the Village office. The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00pm at the Village Auditorium. Roll Call answered by Trustees Swanson, Powell, Micek and Daehling. Following actions were taken with motions properly carried. Approved: agenda, Minutes June 6, 2022, Resolution 2022-3 1 & 6 year road hearing was conducted, to continue to pay Senior Center wages & utilities for the coming year, to approve AMGL to do budget, to pay Ulch invoice for work done at Senior Center, approve LARM insurance renewal, Resolution 2022-4 LARM 3 year renewal with 5% discount, to reject propane contract, to refer Care Center problem to Health & Safety Board, donate 2 flags, hiring of K. Rathjens, reports from, Fire Chief, Sheriff, Chairperson, Park, Maintenance, Clerk, Treasurer, and Keno. Motion to accept claims and adjourn at 10:15 pm. Claims: Norris Public Power, services 8698.20; TNT, services 1371.50; Black Hills, services 526.12; R. Sandman, repairs 40.65; Eco Water Systems, services 60; Complete Computer Services, office equipment 2689.98; Fallers Landscape, maintenance 499.98; NE fire Chiefs Association, dues 75.; NE State Volunteer Firefighters Association, dues 500; MacQueen Equipment, repairs 1842.30; CBS signs, outdoor sign 9700.; NE Equipment, repairs 77.96; Aqua-Chemical, supplies 3108.10; NE Public Health Environmental, services 33; K Hartshorn, refund 62.28; Windstream, services 1015.59; Power Service, repair 125.17; NE Generator Service, repair 4616.24; Sandy Fire Supply, equipment 2651.76; Lincoln Winwater Works, supplies 1775.42; Quadient Financial, postage 250; Walmart, supplies 250.38; Dollar General, supplies 19.26; Bronco Spur, supplies 11.75; Amazon, supplies 33.16; Orscheln, supplies 34.99; Ebay, supplies 122.02; Grainger, supplies 319.38; Tractor Supply, uniform 118.24; Seward County Sheriff, services 517.80; Verizon, service 153.52; Pac N Save, supplies 390.07; Utica Parts & Service, repairs 1050.12; Great Plains Pest, services 295; Kopchos, service 338; John Deere Financial, repairs 456.85; Jackson Services, services 102.72; Seward County Independent, services 28.84; Sargent Drilling, services 1382.83; Mierau & Co, services 100; Advanced Office Automation, services 40.95; One Call Concepts, services 35; Ulch Electric & Construction, services 2746.58; Central Valley Ag. fuel 2076.06; E Slauter, mileage 153.75; Greckel Constuction Co., supplies 1186.79; Mid-American Research, supplies 2844.75; Wages, 36313.86; Benefits, 2929.23; taxes, 11031.28. Rita Maier Village Clerk/Treasurer SCI — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

SEWARD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Following is a condensed form of minutes. A complete copy is on file at City Hall, 537 Main St. or may be viewed at http://www.CityofSewardNE.gov. The Seward City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 142 N 7th Street, Seward, on July 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Councilmembers present: Ellen Beck, Sid Kamprath, Jessica Koltzman, Karl Miller, John Singleton, Matt Stryson, Jonathon Wilken. Councilmembers absent: Alyssa Hendrix. Following items were approved: Claims (SCI - PARAGRAPH FORM, PLEASE); Annual Pub of Salaries; Minutes June 21, 2022; Appt Traci Menke as Alternate to Plan Comm for 3-Years; Reappt Stan Obermueller and Curt Sherman to CARC for 3-Years; Reappt Timothy Moll to CRA for 5-Years; City Admin Reprt; Adj. 7:08 p.m.; ; ADE BU 75.00; AKRS Equipment Inc RE 408.96; All Road Barricades Inc SU 1,850.93; Altac Industries Inc TO 546.31; Amazon.Com Credit Service SU 878.49; Aqua-Chem Inc MA 5,683.00; Austin Terrence (TJ) SE 320.00; Axon EQ 255.88; Baker & Taylor SU 2,253.77; Barco Municipal Products GU 2,100.58; Bizco Technologies FA 1,379.15; Black Hills Energy UT 576.84; Bluestem Network Lic SE 100.00; Bobcat Of Omaha FA 2,500.00; Border States Industries IV 10,989.33; Callaway Golf MH 234.54; Campbell Cleaning SE 1,055.00; Capital Business-Dallas MA 371.00; Carroll Construction Supp SU 195.00; Cash-Wa Distributing Co ML 1,046.11; Cerny Dan OP 90.00; Chase Card Service 19,778.73; ABM Omaha Airport TG 80.00; Amazon SU 956.28 ; American Flags Express SU 568.85 ; American Floor Mats SU 415.10 ; American Red Cross TG 876.00 ; Ariat International UN 149.69 ; Best Buy SU 549.99; Constant Contact MS 20.00 ; Crown Awards Inc. SU 1,071.56 ; Denny's Inc TG 86.34 ; Dragon Palace ML 123.92 ; Fimco Schaben Agspray SU

363.76 ; The Fort UN 1,229.51 ; Greenkeeper MS 600.00 ; Gus's Fried Chicken TG 14.27 ; Home Depot SU 1,218.85 ; La Quinta Inn TG 751.84 ; The Lifeguard Store Inc SU 143.52 ; McDonald's TG 6.94 ; Menards SU 190.79 ; Microsoft MS 158.90 ; Office Depot SU 171.59 ; OMG National SU 342.59 ; Paypal SU 42.72 ; PGA of America MS 587.00 ; The RK Culinary Group LLC TG 14.50 ; Runza ML 245.61 ; Sam's Club SU 6,143.21 ; Sparetime Lounge ML 111.45 ; Taxi VSP Service TG 75.25 ; Trashcansunlimited SU 516.46 ; USPS PO 55.15 ; Valentino's ML 92.57 ; Walmart SU 1,139.57 ; Wrangler UN 152.37 ; Zoom MS 512.58 ; City Seward Electric Fund UT 54,834.51; City Seward Library Petty PO 143.68; Citty Seward Payroll Accou SA 203,195.14; Commonwealth Electric Co RE 287.00; Consolidated Management TG 80.38; Control Services Inc BU 427.50; Craftsman Window Covering BU 150.00; Davis Dean SE 140.00; Eakes Office Solutions SU 68.83; Ecolab BU 16.11; Electric Pump RE 852.00; Envision Electric LLC RE 255.00; Fallers Landscape SU 1,631.70; Fast Mart GS 120.08; Fastenal Company SU 1,268.70; Foreup Golf Software Inc IT 455.00; Gardiner Cale SE 360.00; Geidel Jeremy SE 280.00; General Fire & Safety Equ SE 127.00; Gerhold Concrete Co Inc CI 9,194.69; Grady Brecken SE 480.00; Gunn Lucian SE 520.00; H&S Plumb Heat & Air Inc BU 266.00; Hach Company MA 279.75; Hansen Dan OP 90.00; Hineright LLC SE 264.95; Hobson Automotive & Tire RE 449.61; Hoffschneider Law PC LLO SE 4,750.00; Husker Electric Supply Co SU 506.02; Hydraulic Equipment RE 286.65; Janicek Gary M OP 90.00; JEO Consulting Group CI 60,305.00; K & Z Distributing SU 480.45; Kocian Tyler OP 90.00; Koranda Construction GU 10,531.13; Last Mile Network Consult IT 75.30; Law Enforcement Seminars TG 395.00; League Ne Municipalities TG 499.00; League Ne Mun-Utilities TG 3,900.00; Lee'S Refrigeration RE 563.81; Lintt Mark OP 90.00; Meier Mindy TG 125.14; Mellen & Associates Inc RE 407.04; Memorial Health-Drug SE 290.00; Menards North SU 33.68; Meyer Trucking/Repair RE 1,634.10; Mid-American Benefits Inc BE 2,058.19; Midwest Auto Parts RE 16.45; Midwest Turf & Irrigation RE 760.25; Miers Robert M OP 90.00; Monkey Wrench Cycles SE 350.00; Moody John MC 30.00; Municipal Supply Omaha IV 218.25; Nebraska Equipment Inc RE 285.07; Nebraska Golf & Turf RE 473.99; Nebraska Golf Association MS 391.00; Nebraska Health Environme MA 90.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement TG 250.00; Nebraska Pub Pow-Desmoine UT 419,369.67; Niemann's Port-A-Pot LLC SE 350.00; Norris Public Power Distr UT 1,084.59; Oborny Tanner OP 90.00; O'Kief John F OP 90.00; Olsson SE 1,782.15; Oneby Michael OP 248.45; Orscheln Farm & Home SU 1,219.78; Policky Brandon A OP 90.00; Pollak Douglas W OP 90.00; Quality Brands Of Lincoln SU 864.00; Quill Corp MS 69.99; Rathjen Shad OP 90.00; Richtig Tim L OP 90.00; Rose Equipment Inc RE 2,183.74; Sack Lumber Company BU 39.16; Schemmer Architects Engin CI 20,294.41; Schlegel MC 40.00; Seward County Chamber & DEX 4,043.21; Seward County Clerk/Reg D MC 1,822.52; Seward Lumber & Home Cent BU 29.50; Short Elliott Hendrickson CI 15,020.40; Skyline Tower Painting FA 2,610.00; Sports Express SE 230.00; St P J Supply Inc SU 85.98; State Distributing Co SU 256.20; Stutzman Seth SE 360.00; Suhr & Lichty Insurance A MS 594.00; Time Warner Cable SE 793.52; U S Cellular SE 266.59; U S Postal Service MS 160.00; ULINE SU 37.50; Verizon Wireless SE 402.94; Visa - Pinnacle Bank 350.59; Dollar General SU 12.00; GoDaddy MS 34.17; Harlequin SU 28.89; Menards SU 61.42 ; Sam's Club SU 53.56 ; Walmart SU 144.52; Zoom MS 16.03 ; Watson Wendell B OP 90.00; Wesco Distribution Inc SU 111.01; White Cap SU 23.79; Wolf Nicholas RI 519.58; Zimco Supply Co GU 362.62 CLAIMS TOTAL \$895,247.66 Derek Bargmann City Clerk SCI — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

JULY 19, 2022 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 AUGUST 16, 2022

The Seward County Board of

Equalization convened on July 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky The Board held Valuation Protest Hearings and filings for Report of Destroyed Real Properties. Approved minutes of July 12, 2022. Approved Assessor to send out Change of Valuation notices. Approved request to extend the Homestead Exemption Filing date to July 20, 2022. Convened as the Board of Commissioners. Approved Highway Supt. to obtain bids for sign truck utility box. Approved Corrective Action Plan in response to NE Dept. of Transportation Auditors Findings. Held Executive Session for personnel. Approved Catastrophic Leave for Employee 0047. Approved Seward County claims through July 8, 2022. Held Budget meetings for county offices. Approved minutes of July 12, 2022. Commissioners gave reports of their activities. Approved Treasurer's Annual Investment Report. Discussion was held on Infrastructure Grants. Approved the agenda for July 26, 2022 and adjourned at 4:06 p.m. Sherry Schweitzer County Clerk SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JULY 8, 2022 ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR SE \$4,399.11, ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM SU \$451.34, AMERITAS LIFE INS FE \$18,843.03, ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMITT SE \$37.50, KENNETH PANKOKE SE \$284.72, BLACK HILLS ENERGY UT \$1,567.50, BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH SE \$292.50, BOBS MOBIL SU \$45.00, CAMPBELL CLEANING SE \$4,380.00, CEDARS SE \$517.76, CENTEC CAST METAL SU \$670.76, CHARTER COMMUN UT \$407.13, CITY OF SEWARD UT \$11,954.17, CLERK OF DIST COURT SE \$432.00, CORI J STAVA SE \$1,055.21, CULLIGAN SE \$41.50, CULLIGAN OF LINCOLN SE \$229.00, E 911 SE \$30,448.67, EAKES OFFICE PLUS SU \$1,029.74, ERAD GROUP, LLC SE \$1,500.00, FARMERS COOP SU \$20,576.49, GALLS LLC SE \$94.45, GRNUP, LLC SE \$700.00, HELMINK PRINTING SU \$288.00, HERPOLSHEIMERS SE \$516.77, HIRERIGHT LLC SE \$129.00, HOMETOWN LEASING SE \$540.68, IHS PHARMACY SU \$573.02, INDOFF INC SU \$41.96, JEO CONSULTING SE \$1,569.33, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL EQ \$752.09, JONES BANK (FICA) FE \$19,063.19, LANCASTER SHERIFF SE \$13.24, LEE'S REFRIGERATION SE \$520.89, MEMORIAL CLINIC SE \$189.66, MID AMERICAN BENEFITS FE \$119.00, MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE SE \$1,920.84, MIDWEST DOOR SU \$5.50, MIPS INC SE \$2,329.68, NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV SE \$90.00, NEBRASKA.GOV SE \$7.50, ONESOURCE SE \$88.00, OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE SE \$93.44, OWENS EDUC SERV SE \$644.31, PAPER TIGER SHREDDING SE \$100.00, PEREZ INTERPRETING SE \$400.00, PETTY CASH FUND FE \$133.00, PHYSICIANS LAB SERV SE \$500.00, QUADIENT LEASING USA FE \$81.98, RED WILLOW SHERIFF SE \$18.62, REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE SE \$108.68, REGION V SERVICES SE \$2,484.58, REGION V SYSTEMS FE \$3,210.00, SEWARD COUNTY COURT FE \$1,075.00, SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT SE \$1,962.26, SEWARD SHERIFF'S DEPT SE \$18.50, SEW SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES FE \$268.00, SEWARD CO SINKING FUND FE \$1,052.00, SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER FE \$110.00, SEWARD LUMBER SU \$22.55, SEWARD VISION CLINIC SE \$233.00, SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SU \$221.41, SOARIN GROUP, LLC SE \$6,865.75, ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG SE \$22.00, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC SE \$5,281.70, THOMSON REUTERS FE \$714.55, THE VERDIN COMPANY SE \$2,782.00, VERIZON WIRELESS SERV UT \$2,565.67, VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS SE \$20.00, VISA FE \$2,987.20, WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS SE \$198.15, WINDSTREAM UT \$10,675.57, WYTHERS LAW SE \$2,671.00, COMPULINK LTD EQ \$1,300.00, DALE JOHNSON ENT SU \$22,416.26, FASTENAL COMPANY SU \$224.04, FRED'S AUTO ELECTRIC SE \$222.90, HEARTLAND TIRES SU \$1,501.65, MIDWEST AUTO PARTS SU \$4,634.76, NE PUBLIC POWER DIST UT \$52.40, NEXLINK AIS SE \$74.99, NMC, INC SE \$1,159.26, NORRIS PUB POW DIST UT \$848.00, PAC N SAVE SU \$39.98, POWERPLAN SE \$2,107.43, RDO TRUCK CENTERS SE \$531.06, ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH SU \$206.40, SAPP BROS PETROLEUM SU \$35,912.00, SID DILLON SE \$1,066.38, VERIZON CONNECT EQ \$712.36, VILLAGE OF GARLAND UT \$77.48, GEHRING CONST SU \$43,004.76, FIRST WIRELESS, INC UT \$3,720.00, VANGUARD APPRAISALS SE

\$577.50, MILFORD AGING SERV SE \$163.10, MOMS MEALS SE \$134.86, SEWARD AGING SERV SE \$401.80, UTICA AGING SERVICE SE \$214.20, ART ON DISPLAY FE \$965.00, COVERTTRACK GROUP EQ \$13,635.00, RELENTLESS LLC SE \$1,947.00, ILLINOIS TOLLWAY FE \$72.70, MEYER AUTOMOTIVE SE \$713.01, POTTER REPAIR SE \$90.44, TRANSUNION RISK FE \$400.00, VARI SALES CORP SU \$395.00, WATCH GUARD VIDEO SE \$1,500.00, RED COUCH COUNSELING SE \$1,200.00, DELL MARKETING L P SE \$212.99, NEMAHA CO SHERIFF SE \$619.79, ENCARTELE INC SU \$3,018.50 GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE; MIDAMERICAN CO WISCONSIN; DELTA DENTAL VSP VISION; WADDELL & REED SCI/MT — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is given that the Seward County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday August 15th, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Seward County Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street, Seward, Nebraska. Regarding the following: PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/ DEVELOPMENT PERMIT to construct and operate a Tower. Parcel ID: 800218574. INDUSTRIAL TOWER WEST LLC. dba VIAERO Wireless. Located in Precinct L, Section 5, Township 10N, Range 1E, 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 — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. and the City Council of the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska on Tuesday, August 16, 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 "Volnek Addition" Minor Plat The area which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearings is described as follows. LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATRACT OF LAND IN THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M. SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: REFERRING TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3 AND ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N 00°55'29" E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 716.87' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH ON THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE OF N00°55'29" E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 660.82'; THENCE N 89°04'31" W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 729.73'; THENCE S 00°55'29" W, FOR A DISTANCE OF 356.03'; THENCE S 66°24'22" E, FOR A DISTANCE OF 790.82' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING A CALCULATED AREA OF 8.52 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. (PID 800037324) All persons interested may appear and be heard. Tim Dworak Building/Zoning & Codes Enforcement Director SCI — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

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, August 8, 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, August 16, 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 648 N 9th, Seward, NE, described below. Said application is to allow construction of an accessory building in excess of 900 square feet. All persons interested may appear and be heard. LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lots 8 and 9 Block 1, Kroeger's Addition, Seward, Seward County Nebraska, together with a 10-foot strip abutting said Lot 8 on the North. (PID 800088883) All persons interested may appear and be heard. Tim Dworak Building/Zoning & Code Enforcement Director SCI — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

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, August 8, 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, August 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building at 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska. Said public hearings will be to review a Preliminary and Final plat of Yurth Addition. The area which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearings is described as follows: A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF ALL OF PARCEL 2, OF THE LOT SPLIT OF LOTS 3, AND 4, SOUTH CREST SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32 T11N R3E OF THE 6TH P.M., CITY OF SEWARD, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA. REFERRING TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 2, OF THE LOT SPLIT OF LOTS 3, AND 4, SOUTH CREST SUBDIVISION, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89°59'36" WEST, (AN ASSUMED BEARING) ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCEL 2, A DISTANCE OF 193.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°06'13" EAST, ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID PARCEL 2, A DISTANCE OF 33.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°42'48" WEST, ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL 2, A DISTANCE OF 109.39 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°25'40" EAST, ON SAID WEST LINE OF AFORESAID PARCEL 2, A DISTANCE OF 269.92 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°43'16" EAST, ON THE NORTH LINE OF PARCEL 2, OF THE LOT SPLIT OF LOTS 3 AND 4, SOUTH CREST SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 214.69 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°04'29" EAST, ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL 2, A DISTANCE OF 270.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°13'16" EAST, ON SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 141.35 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING A CALCULATED AREA OF 89,584.24 SQUARE FEET OR 2.057 ACRES MORE OR LESS. (PID 800095650) All persons interested may appear and be heard. Tim Dworak Building/Zoning & Code Enforcement Director SCI — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOEHNER, NEBRASKA

Public notice is hereby given by the Chairperson and the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Goehner, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on August 2, 2022, at the Goehner Fire Hall, 1221 May Street, Goehner, Nebraska, which meeting is open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk, at 1140 May Street, Goehner, Nebraska. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public comment prior to consideration of: (a) The declaration of an area of the Village as blighted and substandard and in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law. The Property which is the subject of this public hearing is described as: Point of beginning (POB) is at the intersection of the southern boundary line of the right of way of Holdrege Street and the eastern boundary line of the right of way of 364th Street thence going westerly approximately 1,967 feet; thence northerly approximately 1,378 feet; thence southwesterly approximately 31 feet; thence northwesterly approximately 515 feet; thence northeasterly approximately 490 feet; thence westerly approximately 126 feet; thence northerly approximately 170 feet; thence easterly approximately 185 feet; thence southeasterly approximately 135 feet; thence northeasterly approximately 1,211 feet; thence northerly approximately 117 feet; thence easterly to the eastern boundary line of the right of way of 364th Street; thence southerly to the POB, +/- 112 acres. (b) The adoption of a redevelopment plan for said blighted and substandard area together with the redevelopment project area that is the site of a proposed agricultural processing facility, as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §17-405.01. The proposed site of the agricultural processing facility redevelopment project which will utilize tax increment financing is described as follows: Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th P.M., Seward County, Nebraska, except that portion more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the west quarter corner of said Section 21; thence southerly on the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 21 a distance of 1,184.1 feet; thence easterly 90 degrees 00 minutes left a distance of 33.0 feet; thence northerly 85 degrees 52 minutes left a distance of

1,126.0 feet; thence easterly 86 degrees 54 minutes right a distance of 2,420.3 feet; thence continuing easterly 12 degrees 16 minutes left a distance of 130.8 feet to the Northeast corner of said Southwest Quarter; thence westerly 167 degrees 02 minutes left and on the North line of said Southwest Quarter a distance of 2,648.7 feet to the point of beginning. All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the proposed blight and substandard declaration and redevelopment plan. A copy of the Blight and Substandard Study, a map of the redevelopment area, and a copy of the cost-benefit analysis for the proposed project shall be maintained at the office of the Village Clerk Whitney Fleischman Village Clerk SCI — July 20, 27, 2022 ZNEZ

GENERAL NOTICES

VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING, NE WAGES & JOB TITLES JULY 2022

Chairperson-\$100.00 per regular & special meeting; Board Members-\$60.00 per regular & special meeting; Maintenance Operator-\$38,559.12 salary/yearly; Clerk/Treasurer-\$24.75 per hour; Swimming Pool Manager-\$14.50 per hour; Swimming Pool Assistant Manager-\$13.50 per hour; 1st Year Lifeguards-\$10.00 per hour; 2nd Year Lifeguards-\$10.75 per hour; Certified Wastewater Operator-\$100.00 per month; Certified Water Operator-\$100.00 per month; Zoning Administrator-\$100.00 per month; Cleaning Person-\$125.00 per month. SCI — July 27, 2022 ZNEZ

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSERVATORSHIP OF SABRINA HANSEN, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED AND PROTECTED PERSON. PR 22 - 55

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT CONSERVATOR TO SABRINA HANSEN: Notice is hereby given that on June 3, 2022, a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Conservator and Permanent Conservator or other protective order over Sabrina Hansen has been filed by Sam Baue in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska. On June 8, 2022, the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska entered an Order Appointing Temporary Conservator which appoints Kelly Hansen as Temporary Conservator. Petition for Appointment of Permanent Conservator has been set for hearing on August 16, 2022, at 9:00 am. in Seward County Court, Seward, Nebraska. You are further notified that you have the right to: request the appointment of an attorney; to present evidence on your behalf; the right to compel attendance of witnesses; the right to cross examine witnesses, including the court-appointed physician, if any; appeal any final order; and to request a hearing closed to the public; and the right to request that the power of any guardian/conservator, if appointed be limited by the Court.

/s/Sam Baue, #27294 McHenry Haszard, Roth, Hupp Burkholder, Blomenberg & Camplin, PC. P.O. Box 82426 Lincoln, NE 68501 402-476-2200 sam@mchenrylaw.com SCI — July 20, 27, August 03, 2022 ZNEZ

BIDS

SEWARD COUNTY ROADS DEPARTMENT 320 S. 14TH STREET SEWARD, NE 68434 (402) 643-3170 FAX (402) 643-3

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk, Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, for one (1) Utility Box. Sealed bids will be received by the Seward County Clerk until 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, August 9th, 2022. Said sealed bids to be addressed to "Seward County Clerk, 529 Seward Street, Seward, Nebraska, 68434" and plainly marked "UTILITY BOX." Specifications and quantities are available at the office of the Seward County Highway Superintendent, 320 S. 14th St., Seward, Nebraska, 68434. A bid bond or cashier check of 5% of the total bid shall be furnished with the sealed bid. The Seward County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any technicalities. Seward County is a tax-exempt government entity and is not charged any sales tax. SCI/MT — July 27, August 03, 2022 ZNEZ

ORGANIZATION

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
BUTLERS, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Information Technology Butlers, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The address of its designated office is 1668 Eastridge Ave., Seward, NE 68434. The name and address of the initial registered agent is Jonathan Lobmeyer, 1668 Eastridge Ave., Seward, NE 68434. Information Technology Butlers, LLC, commenced business on June 30, 2022, and the general nature of its business is to engage in any lawful business not prohibited by the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

By: Gregory C. Damman, #19030 BLEVENS & DAMMAN 129 N. 5th St. P.O. Box 98 Seward, NE 68434 (402) 643-3639 Attorney for Information Technology Butlers, LLC

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
OF
SEWARD COUNTY
ENTERTAINMENT, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Seward County Entertainment, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The address of its designated office is 1668 Eastridge Ave., Seward, NE 68434. The name and address of the initial registered agent is Jonathan Lobmeyer, 1668 Eastridge Ave., Seward, NE 68434. Seward County Entertainment, LLC, commenced business on July 1, 2022, and the general nature of its business is to engage in any lawful business not prohibited by the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

By: Gregory C. Damman, #19030 BLEVENS & DAMMAN 129 N. 5th St. P.O. Box 98 Seward, NE 68434 (402) 643-3639 Attorney for Seward County Entertainment, LLC

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Timeline, next steps of wellness center

by Jazari Kual
UNL Intern

The north side of Seward will have a new addition once the new wellness center is built. Seward’s new wellness center will be built on 10 acres directly across from Seward Middle School.

The next steps for the wellness center include a request for proposal by the city for potential designers and builders for the new facility.

Seward City Administrator Greg Butcher said he anticipates the first request for a proposal to be sent out this summer.

“That will be for architectural and final architectural design engineering,” Butcher said. “So we have preliminary, some ideas and layouts done.”

Butcher said if the project moves quickly, there is the potential that the facility may be completed sometime in 2024.

The committee spearheading the most recent attempt of the proposed Seward Wellness Center took a different approach than previous ones.

The first time the idea of a wellness center came around was roughly 12 years ago. The central argument surrounding the need for a wellness center was that it was a missing amenity in Seward.

“I’m really tired of hearing that Seward is a bedroom community to Lincoln,” said Shane Baack, a financial advisor in Seward. “One of the reasons that I



A rendering image of the preliminary exterior design of the new wellness center.

believe that to be true is because we don’t have the resources here when people come back here to keep them here.”

Baack said that there is a notion that there is no need to have more amenities such as restaurants, parks and shops in Seward because they are all only 30 minutes away in Lincoln.

A study conducted in 2018 for the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership found that roughly 60% of residents leave the town to work in a neighboring county.

“They come back, and they pick their family up, and they got to go back to Lincoln to eat, or they got to go back to swimming lessons, or they’ve got to go back to basketball practice, or whatever it may be,” Baack said. “It is great to have Lincoln so close to us, but it’s also a negative because if we don’t have our own resources here, we can’t grow as a community.”

Baack is one of five people who are a part of the Seward Wellness Center Planning Committee. He helped fund-raise and organize the

money needed to fund the wellness center.

A proposal in 2012 to renovate the old middle school into a wellness center failed during a city council vote. Subsequent ideas such as retrofitting an old grocery store or having YMCA build a complex in town never gained the traction needed to succeed.

Jana Hughes, the Wellness Center Planning Committee chair, said there was something different about the most recent and successful attempt. The first two things were being able to raise private funds as well as securing grants.

The State of Nebraska created the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery & Investment Act to provide matching funds up to \$5 million for projects created by non-profits that were delayed because of COVID. The purpose of the grant was to help fund projects that would have a positive impact on Nebraska.

The Seward Wellness Planning Committee applied for the grant in July 2021 but had to secure privately pledged funds up to \$5 million by Dec. 31, 2021.

Hughes pitched the idea to locals, organizations and businesses, asking for pledges. Between October 2021 and December 2021, the committee secured \$6.7 million in pledges. In June 2022, the State of Nebraska notified the committee that they were awarded \$5 million from the Shovel-Ready grant.

“How awesome is that?” Hughes said. “That shows how committed the committee and the community were toward this type of project.”

The third thing Hughes and Baack said was able to make this attempt successful was the sales tax that would make up for a third of the funding.

If the initiative passed a city-wide vote, then the city would be able to allocate a half of a percent sales tax to the cost of the new wellness center, so they placed it on the May 10 primary election ballot.

The initiative passed by 279 votes, and the tax increase will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.



Cole Pearson has been pitching horseshoes since 2007.

Pearson keeps looking for a perfect pitch

by Kelby Bachman
UNL Intern

By day, you can find Cole Pearson at Hughes Brothers, working in the packaging department.

By night, he pitches horseshoes at courts at the Seward County Fairgrounds.

Pearson, who lives in Schuyler but is originally from Seward, entered his first tournament with his dad at the same fairgrounds back in 2007. They finished last.

“My dad was pretty decent, but I wasn’t very good yet,” Pearson said. “I think I had one ringer all day.”

Pearson has been a sanctioned member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association since 2007. He’s been traveling and pitching horseshoes since.

“I practice horseshoe pitching for about an hour or so almost every day in the summer months,” Pearson said. “It’s just part of my life now.”

In 2010, he became a sanctioned tournament director and hosts a tournament in Seward that is held every April.

Pearson’s dad and grandpa have played horseshoes as well and have won some awards pitching in past years. Pearson even met his wife pitching horseshoes.

Fast forward to now, and Pearson is one of the best horseshoe pitchers in the world, currently holding a ringer percentage of 63%, good for 26th best in the world. The top horseshoe pitcher in the world has a ringer percentage just shy of 87%.

The setup of horseshoes is pretty simple. For men ages 19-69, two stakes are set up 40 feet apart. For women, the elderly and boys under the age of 19, the stakes are 30 feet apart.

These stakes are in a pit area recommended to measure 36 x 48 inches and stick out of the ground 15 inches. These pit areas might be filled with sand, dirt, clay (Pearson’s personal favorite), among other substances.

A ringer is when your horseshoe completely surrounds the stake after it lands in the box. This is worth three points. A “close shoe” is when the horseshoe is within 6 inches of the stake and is worth one point. First one to 40 points is the winner.

Sounds easy enough, right?

“It took a few years before I got the hang of it,” Pearson admitted.

Once he did, the accolades started to pile up.

Pearson won Nebraska state titles in 2015 and 2021. On the world stage, he placed 13th at last year’s tournament held in Winnemucca, Nevada. In 2019, he was the Class B World Champion.

Pearson normally pitches horseshoes at the Herb Downing Memorial Tournament, an annual Fourth of July event at the Seward County Fairgrounds. He was out of town and unable to attend this year.

“You don’t have to be good to play horseshoes,” Pearson said. “You play against others at your own skill level and it’s a sport for all ages. It’s honestly just a good time.”

Junto Wine works in wake of June storm

by Jason Q Han
UNL Intern

In parts of the vineyard, Junto Wine co-owner John Siebert estimates the vineyard lost 50% of their fruit as a result of the hail from the June 14 storm — in other parts, that number climbed to as much as 100%.

Yet, despite the damage the storm caused, Siebert and the crew are working to make sure the long-term is still prosperous for the vineyard.

For Siebert, the biggest effect of the storm may not be the immediate fruit loss. Instead, hail is damaging in its capacity to destroy entire sections of vine, a crop that takes years of labor before reaching its full potential.

“If a tree gets knocked down, you can take a chainsaw and cut it up to pieces and throw the tree out,” Siebert said. “With a vineyard, it’s 10 years of work, and we don’t know if it was all for nothing or not.”

Chad Eggers, winemaker and vineyard manager at Junto Wine, east of Seward, added that in his judgment, this year’s set of grapes would’ve been the best produced so far at the vineyard. Overall, in terms of tonnage, Eggers said they lost 75% of the overall harvest.

Immediately after the storm, Junto Wine couldn’t do much to work with the vineyard. Instead, the team needed to wait and watch the vines to get a clearer view of what could be saved and what was dying.

At the same time, the long-term damage to the vines cannot be assessed until next year. The damage to the vines means the plants themselves will focus primarily on repairs, taking energy away from the grapes. Eggers’ personal estimate is that this will reduce the overall crop to about 25%.

“It won’t have as much energy



Junto Wine co-owner John Siebert shows damaged vines on June 28.

to put towards clusters,” Eggers said. “It’ll be about a two-year thing. This year is really traumatic, though.”

Since the storm hit, Siebert, Eggers and the vineyard are focused on “triage,” where one of the most important judgments is the damage to the vines. If damaged, any grapes below the vine need to be cut off, and the wound itself leaves open the chance for disease, Siebert said.

Eggers added that it’s important to make sure the vines start taking energy again. This is because that energy will turn into green foliage, which eventually turns into woody material.

If the plants aren’t given proper time to develop their green foliage, they will die when winter starts and cold snaps become regular. As a result, Junto Wine is less focused on pushing for a robust harvest, instead pursuing a strategy that will ensure the

future health of the vines.

The bottles Junto Wine produces in any given year are dependent on the composition of the harvests. With a diminished harvest, the owners plan to get creative when it comes time to ferment.

“This year will be interesting; we’ve been talking about it,” Siebert said. “It’ll be fun because those ones [vines], if they hold up and we don’t get any more hail, those ones should make some really good fruit.”

Siebert explained that, on the still-healthy vines, the hail served to prune their branches. This means that, with fewer branches, more energy will be put into producing the grapes, meaning a potentially tastier bottle at the end of it.

“We’re kind of excited to see what happens,” Siebert said.



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HAPPENINGS

JULY 28
Poke'mon party planned at the library: The Seward Memorial Library will host a Poke'mon party Thursday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. with games. Three winners will go home with prizes.

JULY 18-AUG. 8
SHOW SPIRIT BY DECORATING WINDOWS: Store windows or lobby displays throughout Seward County promoting the Seward County Fair are being encouraged by the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership. Each qualified entry will receive \$25 from the Seward County Ag Society. Additionally, \$50 will be awarded to first place and \$40 for second place. Notify SCCDP by July 11 to discuss participation.

JULY 29-30
GARAGE SALE PLANNED: A garage sale is planned at the Utica St. Patrick's Church on Friday, July 29, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 30, from 8 a.m. to noon. It will be one of many garage sales in town.

JULY 31
LIONS BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT UTICA PROJECTS: Breakfast with the Utica Area Lions will be at the Utica Senior Center on Sunday, July 31, serving from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, breakfast rolls and beverages will be available. A free-will offering will be accepted. Proceeds go to Utica area projects.

THROUGH JULY
PEACHES, PEARS FOR SALE: Colorado peaches and pears are being sold by the Utica Lions Club. Peaches are \$47 for a 20-pound lug or \$25 for a ½ lug. Pears are \$37 for a 20-pound lug or \$20 for a ½ lug. Place orders before July 31. Delivery is expected mid- to late-August. To order, call (402) 641-0841, (402) 534-4791, (402) 534-2281, (402) 641-5537 or (402) 641-1511.

ESCAPE ROOMS OFFERED AT LIBRARY: The Seward Memorial Library is offering two escape rooms

through July 30. "Race to the Treasure" is designed for children ages 11 and under, but teens/adults are welcome to accompany the children. "Under Pressure: A Submarine Mission" is designed for ages 12 and up. Call the Seward Memorial Library at (402) 643-3318 to reserve a time.

AUG. 3
MOVIE, FLOATS AT MILFORD SENIOR CENTER: Milford Friends of the Senior Center will sponsor a movie, "Secondhand Lions," and root beer floats at the Milford Senior Center on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m. to celebrate the center's 20th anniversary. The center operates on a not-for-profit basis and is a 501(C)3 charitable organization. The purpose is to receive and disperse funds from charitable gifts intended for the support of the Milford Senior Center.

AUG. 4
MHCS BABY OLYMPICS SCHEDULED AT FAIR: The 23rd Annual Memorial Health Care Systems Baby Olympics will be at the Seward County Fair Ag Pavilion Aug. 4. Registration is at 5 p.m. and the Olympics begin at 6 p.m. The event is designed for crawling babies up to age 3. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded. It is a free event. Contact Lori Jerina at (402) 643-2971 or email Lori.Jerina@mhcs.us for more information.

GRIEF/SHARE SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET: A Grief/Share Support Group meets the first and third Thursdays of April through September at the Seward Civic Center. The group can be joined at any time. There is a \$20 cost for a workbook. The group is sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church Stephen Ministry. For more information, contact Mary Ann Steinbeck at (402) 643-2677 or Deaconess Jeri at (402) 643-2983.

AUG. 5
4-H FOUNDATION TO HOST HAMBURGER FRY: The Seward County 4-H Foundation's annual Hamburger Fry Fundraiser will be Friday, Aug. 5, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. east of the 4-H Center on the Seward County Fairgrounds. A fee will be charged.

SEWARD ARTS CONNECTIONS GROUP MEETS: The Seward Arts Council and The Seward County Visitors Bureau host Seward Art Connections every first Friday of the month. Follow Seward Arts Council on Facebook for updated locations and times.

AUG. 18
SEWARD FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE TO MEET: The Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee meeting for a continued recap and review of the 2022 celebration will be Thursday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford St. The meeting is open to the public. The celebration committee is also beginning to plan for the 2023 celebration and welcomes themes to center the celebration around for 2023. Direct concerns and comments to Clark Kolterman at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org or call (402) 641-8522.

ONGOING
LIBRARY OFFERS SUMMER READING CLUBS: Summer Reading Clubs for all ages are in full swing at the Seward Memorial Library. The reading challenges started May 23 and will run through July 29. Stop by the library and learn how to participate in the "Oceans of Possibilities" challenges. Adult readers can help Seward retain its championship title against York's Kilgore Memorial Library.

COVID-19 TESTING: COVID-19 testing is available through the Seward Family Medical Center north parking lot by appointment. Call (402) 643-4800 to schedule a drive-through test.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: COVID-19 vaccinations are available through the Seward Family Medical Center to those age 6 months and older. Appointments are required. Call the Seward Family Medical Center at (402) 643-4800 to schedule an appointment.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, AL-ANON MEETINGS: Alcoholics Anonymous groups will meet at the following times: Mondays at noon at the Civic Center in Seward; Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center; Thursdays at the Bellwood Mennonite Church in Milford;

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center; Saturdays at the Catholic Church in Beaver Crossing; and Sundays at 9 a.m. at the Civic Center and 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Seward. Al-Anon meetings are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Bellwood Mennonite Church in Milford and at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Civic Center in Seward.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: Come for coffee and fellowship Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center. Coffee, tea, pastries and other treats are served.

LUNCH SERVED AT MILFORD SENIOR CENTER: Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon at the Milford Senior Center. Reservations must be made one day in advance by calling or leaving a message at (402) 761-3367. Meals for seniors ages 60 and older have a suggested contribution of \$5.50 for regularly scheduled meals. Meals for guests under age 60 are \$7.75. All are welcome.

YOGA CLASSES: Three different yoga classes are offered weekly at the Milford Senior Center, led by Kelly Haney. Offerings include: Adapted Yoga on Mondays at 9 a.m.; Assisted Yoga on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; and Next Level Yoga on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

SUNDAYS
MUNICIPAL BAND PERFORMS: The Seward Municipal Band will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the Seward Bandshell. Instrumentalists who have completed the eighth grade or have three years of experience of playing in a band ensemble may join at any time during the season. Rehearsals will continue through the summer every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Pat Herrold at (402) 643-6202.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS
FARMER'S MARKET OPEN: Seward's farmers market will be open on the courthouse lawn from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Vendor spaces must be reserved in advance. For a reservation or more information, contact Carol Albrecht at (402) 641-4670.

Rotary past president recognized

COURTESY PHOTO
New Rotary President Zane Francescato, left, presents Dr. Matt Dominy a Past President's Plaque in appreciation for his work as the president of the Seward Rotary in 2021-22. Dominy was the program at the July 6 Rotary meeting. He presented a year in review of the highlights of the Rotary Club year. He thanked the membership for its continued support and said he was excited to continue now as a supporting member of the club.



Pleasant Dale ALA plans events

The Pleasant Dale American Legion Auxiliary conducted its regular monthly meeting on July 18 with 19 members present.

After roll call, the draping of the Charter ceremony was conducted for recently deceased members Donna Holka and Betty Ziemann.

Memories and stories of their joyful and generous service will be inspirational to members for many years to come.

The following was reported at the meeting:

- Thank you to all the members who helped with the Independence Day celebration on July 3, especially to Jayne Kapke and her family for running the cake walk and ring toss in the park.
- Thank you to the 25 members who helped with another successful year of ballgame concessions, especially Linda Anderson for her planning and Linda Olson for deep-cleaning the popcorn maker.
- Concessions will be on sale during the

Pleasant Dale garage sales Aug. 12-13.

- Free snow cones will be available Monday, Aug. 15, to celebrate going back to school.
- Cookie donations for teachers should be delivered to Linda Anderson by Sunday, Aug. 7.
- Donations of school supplies for area students should be delivered to Linda Anderson by Wednesday, Aug. 17.
- Cookie donations for the UNL Military and Veterans Success Center should be delivered to Linda Anderson by Sunday, Aug. 21.
- Kate Anderson repaired around 30 flags after Memorial Day and will bring them to the next meeting for to provide proper flag folding practice.
- Members of the Milford Auxiliary Unit that has closed were welcomed to Pleasant Dale.
- A meeting will be conducted with the principals of the Milford Public Schools to see how the unit can support them, in addition to historical support of the Mal-

colm schools.

- Linda Anderson will drive the junior girls and their candy in the Milford Fun Days parade on July 24.
- JoAnn Sieck attended the State Convention on June 24 in Columbus. One item of interest was that next year's Department dues will increase by \$2.
- A discussion of the Paid Up For Life program followed JoAnn's report. JoAnn and Rose T. can answer PUFL questions.
- Department Leadership Training/Homecoming 2022 will be Oct. 1 in Seward. Registration

ends Sept. 21.

- A suggestion was made to use some of the memorial funds to purchase graveside markers for deceased auxiliary members. More discussion and ideas will follow.
- Jenna Wolf, the unit's 2022 Girls State representative, gave a review of her week. It was a busy, educational and fun week, involving community problem solving activities, meeting new girls, campaigning for an office and meeting some state officials, including the governor.
- The next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m.

Sasse reps to offer services in Seward

Constituent services representatives from U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse's office will be in Seward on Monday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Seward Memorial Library.

The purpose is to offer guidance and aid to Nebraskans who require help navigating Washington's federal bureaucracy. The office's casework staff has helped Nebraskans with international adoptions, Medicaid reimbursements and more.

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Greetings from France

Liberation Tour 2022

Stephanie Croston

Day 5 - July 18

We started out with a stop at La Cambe, a German cemetery. La Cambe holds 21,222 identified soldiers and 23,000 names. Geoffrey took us into hedgerow country in Normandy. In St. Lo we participated in two of the town's three Liberation Day ceremonies. The ceremony at the base of the St. Lo city wall honored the 35th. Dave Nore, Tom and Jeanne Gee and Jeff and Trudy Hines were the wreath layers. We went up the street for another ceremony honoring the 29th. Also attending were two World War II veterans, ages 97 and 102 (and still spry!), both from the 29th.

Day 6 - July 19

Our first was in Amiens, where we went to the cathedral, the biggest cathedral in France. The cathedral is also home to a skull thought to be that of John the Baptist. Back on the bus and back on the road. We had to make an extra stop so our driver could stay within the prescribed driving time limits. So instead of just pulling over at a random rest stop, we went to the Ossuaire de Douaumont. The bones of more than 130,000 unidentified soldiers from the Battle of Verdun in World War I fill the lower alcoves. In front of the building is the Fleury-devant-Douaumont National Necropolis which contains graves of 16,142 soldiers from World War I.

Day 7 - July 20

We started the day at Flavigny Bridge, a site where the Americans took the bridge and then were annihilated by the Germans. We headed up a hill to Fort Pelissier, which has been transformed into an amusement park. We stopped then at a very cool little museum called "Espace de Memoire Lorraine 1939-1945." Jerome used his barn to display his extensive collection of World War II memorabilia. From playing cards to parts of planes, Jerome has everything. Celebrity status hit again when we got back to Nancy. We met with the mayor, who thanked us as representatives of America for the freedom the French have today.

Day 8 - July 21

This morning started at the Lorraine American Cemetery. Among the graves we visited was that of Charley Havlat of Dorchester, the last American killed in the War in Europe. He died May 7, 1945. Our wreath layers today were Alan and Janet Baldwin, Stephanie Croston and Darin Krueger. After lunch, we went to the monument honoring Sugar Loaf Hill. This is where Alan's father was injured during the war.

Day 9 - July 22

We've been following the 134th Infantry 35th Infantry Division in its march across Europe. Today we stopped at a memorial near the border of Luxembourg and met Pat Shannon, who has learned a lot about the 35th and shared some of his knowledge with us. We left there for the town of Bastogne and the Bastogne War Museum. Among the items on display was a ledger book that had been hit by shrapnel. After we finished at the museum, it was off to Luxembourg. Our first stop was the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. Our wreath bearers were Nick Tuma and Courtney and Connie Meyer. One of the cool things we got to do, and when I say we I mean the military guys in our group, was lower the flags at the cemetery for the end of the day. What a great honor for our group! I know Jerry and Dave and Alan were humbled to be able to do that.

Day 10 - July 23

We left Luxembourg this morning and headed to Reims for two stops. One was a museum that houses the room where it happened, as Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote, where officials from Germany, led by Gen. Oberst Jodl, signed the surrender to end World War II in Europe on May 7, 1945. We also visited the cathedral in Reims. After lunch, we set off on our final leg of the tour, headed to Paris. We got to the hotel in time to dress for dinner, which was a cruise on the River Seine. And just like that, the tour is over.



Charley Havlat of Dorchester was the final American killed in World War II in Europe. He is buried at Lorraine American Cemetery.



The Liberation Day ceremony at St. Lo included a color guard (half are shown here), speakers and two World War II veterans, one age 97 and the other 102. Both were in the 29th Division.



Gen. Oberst Jodl of Germany sat in the center chair on this side of the table to sign the official surrender in 1945.

The Liberation Tour follows the Nebraska National Guard soldiers through France in World War II and is done through the Nebraska National Guard Foundation. You can read more about the Liberation Tour on our website or on Stephanie's blog at stephtriestoplay.blogspot.com.



Mathieu Klein, the mayor of Nancy, delivers some short remarks during our meeting with him July 20.



Pat Shannon, left, tells about the action during the Battle of the Bulge as, from left, Courtney Meyer, Tom Gee, Alan Baldwin, Jerry Meyer, Darin Krueger, Nick Tuma and Dick Breuer listen.



Hedgerow country was the most difficult for Allied troops to get through.



Dave Nore prepares to lay a wreath during Liberation Day ceremonies July 18 in St. Lo. He was assisted by Tom and Jeanne Gee and Jeff and Trudy Hines.



From left, Courtney Meyer, Nick Tuma and Connie Meyer prepare to lay the wreath at Luxembourg American Cemetery July 22 as Alan and Janet Baldwin watch.