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Bee continues ballroom dinner and theater

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The Bee Ballroom Restoration Committee is set to continue its tradition and have the 11th annual Bee Dinner Theater on Saturday, Nov. 19, with social hour starting at 5 p.m. and a Windsor Loin dinner and entertainment at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and are available for purchase at Jones Bank and Cattle Bank in Seward, Flatland Market and Bar in Bee or Pivo's Tavern in Dwight. Ticket sales end Nov. 13.

Dan Policky, a member of the Bee Ballroom Restoration Committee, said the ballroom first opened in 1939 and held many dances, weddings and more. Since then, the ballroom needed updating.

"It didn't have air conditioning and wasn't getting rented

out much," he said. "In order to keep it up and looking nice, we needed to rent it out, but it wasn't getting used much. That's why the restoration group was created."

Policky, his wife (Rosellen) and the restoration committee began looking at ways to raise money for the ballroom. He got an idea from something one of his old elementary school teachers used to make her students do at concerts, lip-syn- ing.

"My wife and I thought we should do a night where people do a bunch of skits and there's a meal," Policky said. "We brought it up to the committee and they loved the idea. So, we just went with it."

Bee's first dinner theatre was a success and Policky said it brought in around 200 people. Last year was

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Veterans presented with quilts of valor



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Above: The Blue Valley Quilt Guild and Faithful Peacemakers presented Quilts of Valor to local veterans Nov. 6 during a ceremony at the Nebraska National Guard Museum. Quilt recipients include, from left: (seated) Billy Bird, Ryan Murphy, Chuck Matzke, Ron Niemoth and Rodney Hiser; and (standing) Erik Kirby, Crystal Kirby, Irwin Crawford, Lloyd Lipska, Paul Rexroad, Thomas Simanek, John Kasl, Andy Hartmann and Christopher Scott. Brian Krohe is not pictured. Also receiving quilts but unable to attend are Audrey Belew, Vernon Hermann and Steven Schulz.



Andy Hartmann (center) was wrapped in a Quilt of Valor by his grandson Cayden, left, and son Zac, right, Nov. 6 during a ceremony at the Nebraska National Guard Museum.

Long-time SPS driver retires

BY KEATON BURGESS
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After 44 years as a bus driver and mechanic, Del Luebbe has retired from Seward Public Schools.

Luebbe grew up in Garland on his family's farm and now lives in Seward.

Luebbe started out at Hughes Brothers and worked there for five years, worked at a filming station job for a little under a year and then started working for SPS.

"A job opened up to be a bus driver and mechanic for them," he said. "They offered the job to me and I took it."

Luebbe said he enjoyed working for SPS.

"It was really easy to work with them," he said. "Work was always steady. You always had something to do. It becomes easy when you get to work with the same people."

SPS superintendent Josh Fields said Luebbe's number of years working for the school was amazing.

"Doing 44 years of service for Seward Public Schools, he's a legend," Fields said. "To have that many years and that much dedication for the students and parents is



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Del Luebbe was thanked for his years of service and congratulated on his retirement with Seward Public Schools with a cake. Luebbe retired from SPS as a bus driver and mechanic after 44 years.

incredible. He will be missed."

Although he's experienced many things as a driver and mechanic, one of Luebbe's most interesting memories was when a kid jumped out of a bus window.

"We were at a stop and he decided to go out a window," he said.

"There's not a whole lot you can do about it. I saw who it was and he wasn't hurt, so I just reported it to the school."

Over his years at SPS, Luebbe learned that being a driver and mechanic can be difficult, but rewarding.

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Local student earns top FFA honors

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A junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in agriculture education and originally from Staplehurst earned the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization.

Megan Vrbka earned her American FFA Degree at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis.

"It felt very special to be able to receive my American degree in person this year," Vrbka said. "I graduated in 2020 when the whole world was shut down. In my senior year, I received my State FFA degree, I was a star finalist, as well as a proficiency finalist. I received all my awards in the mail that year, so being able to walk across the stage in person and receive my American degree was very special."

To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree, members must meet qualifications such as receiving a State FFA Degree, holding active membership for the past three years, completing secondary instruction in an agriculture education program and op-



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Megan Vrbka shows off her American FFA Degree after receiving it at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis.

erating an outstanding supervised agriculture experience program. Community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement are also required.

"My supervised agriculture experience included working at Sloup Simmentals and

starting my own cattle herd," Vrbka said. "I was very active in my chapter, did multiple community service projects and held many leadership positions to obtain the degree."

Vrbka said her journey started with Seward County 4-H.

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Angela Belew of the GFWC Seward Women's Club stands with a cart to collect food during the club's Make a Difference Day food drive.

Annual drive collects food for area pantries

The GFWC Seward Woman's Club sponsored Make A Difference Day Oct. 21 and 22 throughout Seward.

The club members collected food stuffs for the four area food pantries in the Greater Seward area.

Make a Difference Day promotes the spirit of volunteerism, encouraging others to assist with service projects throughout the nation and was scheduled to take place Oct. 22.

This year the GFWC NFWD Federation encouraged GFWC Women's Clubs to "Volunteer." The Seward club membership felt this all volunteer effort supports feeding the hungry, especially children.

It is a campaign endorsed by the club's parent organization; the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., the state organization Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, and involved community service groups throughout the state.

The GFWC Seward Woman's Club hosted collection sites at all the food outlets in Seward including Pac 'N' Save and Walmart. Club members collected the food and then sorted and supervised the distribution to the five area pantries.

Family members and spouses not only assisted the club members with many of the collection points but helped with the food sorting duties as well.

Local officials thought the GFWC Seward Woman's Club collected almost 1,300 items with an overall estimated value of almost \$5,000.

"We did have almost two pick-up beds full of food stuffs," member Bonnie Kruse said. "People in the area have been most generous, especially with the high cost of food today and the inflation factor. This project will be a blessing to many for months to come, and we thank everyone who donated this weekend."

"We are always overwhelmed with the generosity of the community and their gifts of food for the less fortunate." GFWC Seward Woman's Club President Joanna Treas said. "Our members of the GFWC Seward Women's Club are happy to assist in this time of need for so many and know that these food gifts will help make their coming weeks and also Thanksgiving holiday even more special."

GFWC Project Co-Chair Renee Chandler said the assistance from family members was appreciated.

"They not only helped collect the food during

the day, they stayed to assist in unloading and sorting the food stuffs for the four area food outlets," she said.

All the food pantries in the Seward area received hundreds of pounds of boxes and cans of food, along with paper products.

Food and paper products were donated to the Seward Blue Valley Community Action pantry, the Seward Food Net program, the St. Vincent de Paul community food pantry, the St. John Lutheran Church community Christ's Cupboard food pantry and the Beaver Crossing Food Pantry.

Seward Annual Christmas Festival back for 12th year

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After the past two years dealing with Covid-19, Seward's annual Christmas Festival is looking to get back to its traditional ways and numbers for its 12th year on Nov. 26.

Jonathan Jank, president and CEO of the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership, said the festival is a great way to kick off the holiday season.

"It's also Small Business Saturday, so it's a great way to celebrate our small businesses and celebrate the holidays," he said.

Jank said the event is also a great way to build around the Lighted Christmas Parade and the light show.

"People usually line Seward street for the parade and light show," he said. "It's basically a mini Fourth of July celebration. We enjoy doing the event and seeing all of the thousands of people it will bring downtown."

Many businesses in Seward participate in the festival.

Jank said many business owners in Seward told him the festival is one of the biggest sale days of the year.

"We know it's important and we want to help support our local businesses," he said.

Donna Hendrickson, administrative assistant at the SCCDP, said the small businesses tie in well with the festival.

"Many businesses have local events and are part of the weekend that help bring people into their store," she said.

According to Jank, the festival is estimated to have brought in around 5,000 people in the past years. The SCCDP is hoping they will have a good turnout this year, especially with some of the new events.

New events include a Holiday Market at 612 Seward St. that will feature local vendors; photos with Santa and pets at Alps Bark Park and Rock-

ing Around the Christmas Tree at Put the Needle on the Record, which will include children's crafts and treats.

Jank said he's excited to see what this year's festival will hold.

"It's exciting to see new businesses get involved and have other businesses that have been with us get back into it," he said. "There are a lot of faithful businesses that have been around for a while that have done a lot, and we appreciate them. We are also thankful for our volunteers that help each year."

Anyone interested in registering for events during the festival, like the Reindeer Run, Lego contest, Lighted Christmas Parade and more can register on the SCCDP's website or call their office at (402) 643-4189.

Schedules for the festival can be found on the SCCDP's website or posted at businesses around Seward.

Mark your calendar to attend

Seward County area Veterans Day programs

Multiple schools around the Seward County area are hosting Veterans Day programs.

The programs in the area are as follows:

Seward Elementary: Program on Friday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m.

Seward Middle School: Program on Friday, Nov 11, at 8:30 a.m.

Seward High School: No program, but veterans can come for lunch at the high school on Friday, Nov. 11, anytime from 11:17 a.m.-1:17 p.m. Call (402) 643-2988 to RSVP.

Milford Elementary and High School: Fourth and fifth grades will perform at Milford High School on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. School program on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

Centennial and St. Paul Lutheran Schools: Program on Friday, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m.

Malcolm: Program on Friday, Nov. 11, at 8:30 a.m.

St Vincent De Paul Catholic School: Program on Thursday, Nov. 10, immediately following the 8:10 a.m. school mass.



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Seward Fourth back on top of Nebraska festival award platform

Upon the heels of being named the 2021 Nebraska Festival of the Year by the State Tourism Commission, Seward was honored again, this time presented the title of "2022 Nebraska Festival of the Year" at the recent Nebraska Tourism Conference in South Sioux City Oct. 25-27.

The award was presented at the Governor's Tourism Awards Banquet, where the Seward Fourth of July Celebration and the City of Seward were presented an engraved glass plaque commemorating the fact that Seward's Fourth of July Festival was again named the top festival in the state. The glass award is on display that the Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Avenue in Seward.

The award was presented by Nebraska Senator Joni Albrecht of District 17 and Gov. Pete Ricketts, along with Tourism Commissioner Roger Jaznoch of Kearney and John Ricks, the executive director of the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

"Since 1868, the community of Seward, Nebraska, has long honored and celebrated the anniversary of the United States' founding with a large Fourth of July celebration," Ricks

said. "The event's 154th year in 2022 continues to exhibit why Seward is nationally recognized as 'America's Small Town Fourth of July City.'"

Thanks to ongoing improvements, including logistical changes for traffic and portable restrooms, as well as using local corporate sponsorships to allow for a larger and more spectacular fireworks show, the celebration was able to once again accommodate over 50,000 attendees.

Jerry Meyer of the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward said the community is humbled by the honor.

"Wow, think of all the community festivals in Nebraska. There are many, and many of those are also just as strong as Seward's Fourth of July. So, to receive this honor two years in a row is unheard of in these strong tourism times."

"The Nebraska National Guard Museum is thrilled to be part of the day's events - it is our biggest attendance day of the year and we are excited to start to plan for the 2023 celebration with even a more outstanding program-honoring the Guard's family."

Clark Kolterman of the Seward Fourth of



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Seward's official delegation all accepted the 2022 Nebraska Festival of the Year Award at the recent Governor's Tourism Banquet at the State Tourism Conference in South Sioux City. Pictured are, from left, Sue Imig, Clark Kolterman, Pat Coldiron, Lois Kimsey (holding the crystal award), Sharon Hambek and Jerry Meyer.

July Committee, said the celebration wouldn't be as successful without the volunteers.

"There are also many, many more volunteers, businesses, corporations and individuals that continue to step up and make this a true community celebration - involving all ages in the process and we salute, honor and thank them all as well," he said.

Sharon Hambek, Seward County Visitors Bureau, Pat Coldiron, SCVB, Gerald Meyer, NE National Guard Museum, Lois Kimsey and Kolterman, SCVB and all part of the Fourth of July Committee, and Sue Imig, SCVB and Seward County Historical Society attended the

event.

Hambek, Imig and Coldiron attended numerous workshops, seminars and meetings on a variety of tourism related topics and will be reporting to the Seward County Visitor's Bureau at their next meeting on Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Civic Center.

The Seward Fourth of July Celebration entry and application was prepared and submitted by Jean Kolterman, who served as the July Fourth Committee Secretary and Scrapbook Committee Chairman and her son, Clark Kolterman.

They prepared the application and a 100-page scrapbook, detailing the festival activities and

chronologically sharing the events; documenting each with news articles, photos, descriptions and preserving the celebration historically.

"We are thrilled to be able to still continue to keep the festival strong and alive and worthy of state recognition," Coldiron, longtime July Fourth Celebration Committee member, said. "The Fourth of July Celebration is an important aspect to the Seward heritage and economic impacts the area each year. We accepted the award on behalf of all of the volunteers, businesses and citizens that make this event possible."

The Seward Fourth of July won this Outstanding Nebraska Festival Award in 1991, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, 2015, 2021 and now 2022.

Seward was officially declared the Nebraska Fourth of July City by Gov. James Exon in 1973 and National Fourth of July City-Small Town USA by U.S. Sen. Ed Zorinsky-Nebraska and the U.S. Senate/Congress in 1979.

Last year's award winning celebration was a salute to the veterans of the Civil War, under the theme "Rally Round the Flag."

The 2023 Fourth of

July Celebration theme centers on family. The slogan is "We are FAMILY" and rallies a call for national unity.

The judges were most impressed with the corporate sponsorship program for the fireworks. The corporate sponsors for the Fourth of July Celebration included the Jones Bank, the Cattle Bank and Trust, the Seward County Visitor's Bureau, Hughes Brothers, Petsource by Scouler, Tenneco and Concordia University.

The next meeting for the 2023 Seward Fourth of July Celebration planning is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.

A special celebration is planned will be added to the meeting agenda, commemorating the new tourism award and thanking the all-volunteer committee for its outstanding performance.

For more information on Seward's Fourth of July Celebration, check out the Seward Fourth of July website at july-fourthseward.com, visit the Seward Fourth of July Celebration Facebook site or contact the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership at (402) 643-4189.

Anniversary



1972

Wayne and Cindy Divis



2022

Divis

Wayne and Cindy Divis of Pleasant Hill will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary later this month.

They were married Nov. 18, 1972, in David City.

Their family mem-

bers include children, daughter, Nikki Divis; son, Wayne Divis, and his wife, Amy; and daughter, Angie Trummer and her husband, Matt, and eight grandchildren.

Greetings may be sent to them at 1612 County Road HH, Dorchester, NE 68343

Birthday



Cheryl Kroger

Kroger

Cheryl Kroger will celebrate her 80th birthday on Nov. 17.

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Will you partake in Movember?

BY KEATON BURGESS

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I've never been able to grow facial hair that looks good, but that won't stop me from participating in Movember. You're probably wondering, what is Movember? I'm glad you asked.

According to Wikipedia, Movember is an annual event involving the growing of mustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide.

Movember is a lot like no-shave November, and although it can seem silly to some, I feel that it's for a great cause.

For me, this is important because, in 2016, my uncle passed

away at the age of 57 after battling cancer. Like any family, this was a tough time for us.

So yes, although growing out mustaches or facial hair can seem a bit silly, I'm happy to be doing it in order to honor Gary and remind men to stay on top of their health.

Staying on top of my health is something I know I need to work on, as the only time I go to the doctor is when I'm already sick. Maybe Movember will be the wake-up call I need to schedule a checkup with my doctor.

I'm ashamed to admit, it didn't really occur to me until now that I should've participated in Movember all these years to honor Gary, but I'm glad I'm starting a tradition that can last for years.

Although I might not be able to grow a sweet goatee like you, Gary, I'll try my best.



Keaton Burgess

Letter to the editor

Incident needs a better solution

Hi. My name is Penny Vanlear and I am an extremely concerned citizen who lives in Garland.

As you are already aware, there is a situation involving a dog that has bitten both a citizen and a family pet. Both of these injuries required medical care including the dog needed a leg amputated. This aggressive dog lives across the street and down a few house. I have three children still living at home and small family pets.

I am most concerned that this dog is being allowed to complete its 10-day observation period, tied to the same lead that he had escaped from before the attack. This dog is in an unfenced yard, that anyone could walk up to without realizing the danger.

As a wildlife rescue volunteer for years, I have seen firsthand how dangerous this situation is or could become. Being fully informed of the situation and doing nothing is neglectful on the part of the sheriff and county leaders.

This dog needs to be observed by a licensed vet or in a animal shelter where it cannot access other people or animals during this period.

The gal who was bit could develop rabies with symptoms showing up as early as a week up to several months. Once Symptoms start, it is fatal

99.9% of the time in humans. If she does the vaccine proactively, it is thousands of dollars, not covered by insurance (usually). It is a series of several vaccines that are painful and spread over a several week time period.

The sheriff had no problem telling our citizens they can shoot this dog if it gets off its property again.. For safety of course. We do not live in the wild west and we should not have to handle situations like this ourselves. Plus if the dog does get shot, will they turn if over for rabies testing? If the owner hears the rumors and removes the dog from the property again, we may never know if it had rabies! Both situations will make this situation worse!

I am pleading with you. Please confine the dog for at the least the next week, so it can be monitored. This will allow you and the sheriff to come up with a plan. (Maybe label dog as dangerous and require a secure kennel or fenced yard before releasing back to owner and liability insurance.) It will allow the gal who was bit to not have to spend thousands of dollars that we both know the dog owner will never reimburse her for. Plus the pain and time. Or her death if infected with rabies.

**Penny Vanlear
Garland**

State 4-H Camp at Halsey needs rebuilt

In the rubble of the Eppley Lodge sits the charred and melted remains of an old foosball table. That table was my good friend of more than 30 years, and I cried to know I would never see it again.

Before it moved to the grounds of the State 4-H Camp near Halsey, that foosball table sat in the lodge of the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp near Gretna. I grew up at that camp, attending as a camper, serving as a counselor, being chosen as staff-in-training, earning a place as a full staff member and returning to volunteer as an adult.

From owl prowls to creek stomping, from the spider web to dance parties at dusk, camp was my safe space and home. I met people who inspired me to be better – “to make the best better” – and who made me feel less self-conscious as I learned about what kind of human I wanted to become.

I learned how to be a leader, how to be both confident and silly, how to be compassionate, how to problem solve and be flexible and how to pack as much wonderfulness into a short time as possible. I learned games and songs that I would later use with my students when I became a teacher and had unexpected schedule changes in the school day.

I developed an outside voice that took away the need for a microphone in any situation. I met people who still hold a piece of my heart because of magical shared memories that only another camp person can understand.

4-H camp in Nebraska has rarely received the attention of other university-related programs. Even its parent programs, 4-H and Extension, overshadow residential (overnight) camps despite the life-changing, world-shaking impact our state's three 4-H camps had on generations of kids.

And if you ask a camp person about camp, you will probably hear a very condensed version of

what camp did for that person. It's hard to put into words. If you've been there, you already know. If you haven't, how can we explain it properly?

There's something hypnotic about the smell of the cabins at night after a campfire as you sing “I want to linger” in your head a few more times. No creation is more spectacular than your first hand-made plastic lanyard.

Feeling the solemn reflection of a flag lowering ceremony. Seeing a deer through a lodge window during breakfast makes you feel closer to nature than you've ever been before. Dirt doesn't taste so bad if it gets into your mouth during a lively game of mud gaga.

Everything at camp feels so much more real. So much more genuine. Especially the friendships you make. And that lasts beyond the camp session. When you see those people again, the spark of camp is still there.

When you see artifacts of camp, it all comes back as strong as ever.

So after the 4-H camp near Gretna closed, I thought my foosball table friend was gone forever. When I saw it in the Eppley Lodge in June as I dropped my oldest child off for her first overnight camp, I held in tears of joy.

I imagined all the future summers I would be able to see that table again as I dropped off and picked up my kids, in a place where they would make their own memories and friendships and make their own personal discoveries. My oldest was excited to return in 2023 and bring two siblings with her.

They spent most of Oct. 2 talking about it, not knowing how the day, and their daydreams, would end.

As silly as it sounds, I mourned the foosball table as it was taken away a second, much more permanent time. My inanimate camp friend is gone for real, though I still hold the memory of it. Will the Bovee Fire also take

away the opportunity for residential 4-H camp in Nebraska?

I hope not.

I sincerely hope to hear soon that the State 4-H Office, UNL Extension and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation plan to rebuild the camp site at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey.

It is not, however, a sure thing, despite all the good that camp has done. Overnight camp's continuation is much more fragile than many people realize.

Nebraska 4-H camp has long been a collaboration between the State 4-H Office, UNL Extension and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation in cooperation with the park/forest that owns the land, boosted by volunteer time and donations.

Without the “go-ahead” from the State 4-H Office and UNL Extension, Nebraska 4-H Foundation will be unable to rebuild and pursue a continuation of residential camp in Nebraska, even if the Nebraska National Forest is willing. Without the support of State 4-H and UNL Extension, overnight on-site camp will be gone.

Camp needs us to advocate for it now just as it has always supported our growth and development.

If you were positively impacted by camp, please share those memories with UNL Extension and the State 4-H Office (<https://4h.unl.edu/state-office>) whether it was at State, Eastern or South Central 4-H Camp.

Even if you never saw the beauty of the bright red Eppley Lodge standing tall among the trees of Halsey's Nebraska National Forest, you know what a sacred place camp is for the youth of our state. And as long as there is residential 4-H camp in our state, my kids will be there to experience it.

I hope your kids can be there, too.

**Ellie Janda
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Pete Ricketts
Governor

We have more than enough resources to restore our energy independence and bring fuel prices down. In Nebraska, we're doing our part to grow biofuels production right here in America's Heartland.

Embracing ethanol offers several benefits to consumers and communities.

For starters, it saves drivers money at the pump. At a time when American families are strapped for cash due to rising inflation, ethanol offers savings. A study released on Oct. 13 by ABF Economics estimated that “expanding E15 use to the nation's entire

motor gasoline supply” would save an average American household \$168 per year.

Nationwide, it would reduce annual consumer spending on motor fuel by \$20.6 billion.

Filling up with ethanol also leads to a cleaner environment. According to the USDA, ethanol reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 43% compared to gasoline. Additional studies have shown that, when compared to E10, E15 further reduces emissions of particulate matter by 18%, carbon monoxide by 17%, and NOx by 3%.

This effect is even more pronounced when higher ethanol blends are considered. Converting just 10% of the U.S. on-road fleet to E30 would result in a reduction of at least 34 megatons of carbon dioxide emissions annually.

And ethanol strengthens Nebraska agriculture by providing opportunities for our farm families. Ethanol production generates demand for locally grown

corn and increases the price farmers are paid for their harvest. Roughly 40% of corn grown in Nebraska is used to make ethanol.

In July 2022, a joint study by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Nebraska Ethanol Board reported that farmers in the immediate vicinity of ethanol facilities receive about 21.3 cents more per bushel for their corn.

It's not just our farm families who benefit from ethanol. The commodity also creates great-paying jobs in our rural communities. The UNL/Nebraska Ethanol Board study estimated that the ethanol industry directly supports 1,460 jobs in Nebraska and indirectly supports over 3,000 more.

These jobs have annual average earnings of \$70,800.

We're conducting cutting-edge research to demonstrate the benefits of higher ethanol blends. In June 2019, the State of Nebraska began a study on the use of locally sourced E30 biofuel in

conventional vehicles. State teammates outfitted 50 state-owned vehicles with onboard tracking systems to capture data on vehicle performance.

They monitored those vehicles for an entire year. Data was submitted to engineers at UNL for analysis. In February 2021, UNL's Engineering Department released a report with its analysis of the data. It clearly showed that E30, a blend of gasoline and 30% ethanol, is safe and efficient to use in regular vehicles and created no maintenance issues.

This October, we received EPA approval for an expanded study of the benefits of E30. It will include up to 825 State vehicles. Scaling up our use of E30 in the state's vehicle fleet will underscore what we've already proven—E30 can be used in regular vehicles without reducing performance.

To learn more about the steps we're taking to promote biofuels, email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call (402) 471-2244.

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Luebbe

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"I've done so many things as a mechanic, because everything you do down there, every mistake you make will come back to haunt you," he said. "Everything has to be done better than it was originally. The job is challenging, but I've learned a lot."

Luebbe credits part of his learning process to Marty Telecky, Transportation Director at SPS.

"When I started working, I worked on all gas busses," he said. "From there, we switched over to diesel buses. Marty was a diesel mechanic, so my transition was much easier because of him."

Luebbe hasn't only been a driver and mechanic. Over his life, Luebbe said he's gotten involved in amateur radio and is internationally certified as an electronic technician, custom painting, piloting and is currently in a band, Boondox. Boon-

dox is a country western and classic rock band.

"Opportunities open up all the time," he said. "I can't say I'm proficient at everything, but I at least know how to do them."

Now that Luebbe is retired from SPS, he said he's looking to wind down for at least a week.

"Other than being in the band, I'm not looking for anything full-time, just to fill in," he said.

Bee

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their best, bringing in 325 people.

"We're anticipating to do the same this year," he said. "We do have to eventually turn down people who want to buy tickets because it gets to be too many. It's a nice problem to have."

Now, Policky said performers young and old come to perform whatever they please, ranging from skits to singing.

After the dinner theater started to become a success, Policky said the committee was able to start restoring the ballroom.

"We fixed the roof and got air conditioning installed," he said. "We also updated the electrical work in it, painted

the dome, redid the floors, put in a trophy case and fixed the kitchen. We are now able to rent the ballroom out more and hold basketball tournaments."

The committee has future restoration plans such as adding on storage, new restrooms and a bigger kitchen.

For anyone who hasn't been to the Bee Dinner Theater, Policky suggests they should come.

"I've found out anymore in this day and age in order to have a good laugh it has to involve some sort of innuendo, and it just seems kind of fake," he said. "When you listen to people here, it's all good belly laughs and good wholehearted entertainment. You're not laughing at

something dirty, it's actually funny."

Policky also said the meal is also a good reason to come because it's good food.

With all that goes into the dinner theater, Policky said there are a lot of great people that help make it possible.

"My wife and I received an award last year for getting it started and the time we put in," he said. "However, we received the award more for the people that work behind the scenes. There's a lot that goes on to make this event happen."

Anyone interested in performing or helping out with the event can contact (402) 641-2965.

FFA

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"I was very involved in the Seward County 4-H program and I was a member of the Seward County 4-H Council for four years," she said. "I was a member of the Junior Leaders for numerous years and held multiple leadership positions. I was also a member of the Staplehurst Livestock 4-H club as well as the 10-X Shooters 4-H club."

Once Vrbka got into high school, she said she was involved in FFA and has continued throughout college.

"I participated in multiple career and

leadership events and held multiple leadership positions including being Chapter President my senior year," Vrbka said. "In college, I am involved in the Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority, Block and Bridle, Young Nebraska Cattlemen and I'm an Ag Sack Lunch Ambassador."

Vrbka got the opportunity to go to the National FFA convention from Oct. 24-29. The National FFA convention is one of the world's largest school youth conventions where FFA members gather to learn about careers in the agriculture industry, compete in career

and leadership events and volunteer in the community.

Vrbka is familiar with the convention, as this was her third year at the event.

"I always have a great time," she said. "It is always fun to meet all the people from different states."

With the experiences she's had, Vrbka said she would encourage others to join FFA, go to the national convention and try to earn the American FFA Degree.

"I have made a ton of connections and gained skills that I can use for a lifetime," she said.

Festival of Trees to feature 'Community' trees in 2022

The GFWC Seward Woman's Club will highlight area "Community" Christmas Trees for the Seward Christmas Festival the weekend of Nov. 26.

The decorated trees may be featured just for the weekend or for the entire Christmas season, depending on the community's situation. The event will be in the West Fireplace Room of the Seward Civic Center located at 616 Bradford Street in Seward.

Area communities are welcome to decorate a furnished artificial tree or bring both their tree and decorations. Communities need to reserve a space and contact GFWC representatives now, as there is limited space. Many area communities in Seward County are committed to the project.

"We have focused on civic organizations, schools and churches in the past and felt that this year should promote 'Seward County Communities,'" said Joanna Treas of the GFWC Seward Women's Club. "We hope to attract decorated trees filled with a variety of ornaments and decorations and hope that these communities are willing to share their tree with the community. Families may have a tree full of special ornaments following their community themes. It is your community tree, and we would really like to have a nice variety of trees."

"We realize that this may be asking a lot from communities, during the busy Christmas season," Jean Kolterman, GFWC representative,

said. "However, this could be a fun Christmas community activity and the effort will promote communities working together. We hope to have many fun trees to share."

There will not be a competition or prizes.

The Seward Community Festival of Trees will offer free admission and ask for free will donations to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital, canned goods for the Blue Valley Community Action food bank or stocking caps and mittens for the City Mission.

Communities interested in sharing their family Christmas trees can contact Kolterman, GFWC Seward Woman's Club Project Chair, at (402) 643-3803 or email her at dk05811@windstream.net.

AREA CHURCHES

SEWARD

Calvary Baptist Church

208 E. Bek Ave. • Seward • 402-643-3575
www.cbcseward.com

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

Church of Christ

1422 Kolterman Ave. • Seward • 402-643-5802
www.sewardchurchofchrist.com

Sunday Worship 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study (Small groups)6:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Pastor Miles Ruch Jr.
Service available on Facebook.
Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

746 Pinewood Ave. • Seward • 402-643-4131
www.graceseward.org

Pastor Justin Wilkens
Sunday Bible Class 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

2433 Progressive Road • Seward • 402-643-2316

Senior Pastor Curt Coddington
Administrative Pastor Brant Taylor
Worship Pastor Kyle Sofin
Youth Pastor Zach Mulvihill
Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday
Children and Teen Activities 6:30 p.m.

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church

201 S. 11th St. • Seward • 402-937-8377

Pastor Timothy Daywitt
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 p.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church (LCMC)

1300 W. Hillcrest Drive • Seward • 402-643-6445
www.livingwordseward.org

Pastor Scott Krohn
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Traditional; Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Words on Wednesday (WOW) 4:00 p.m.
Meal 5:30 p.m.
Varied activities by age, from youth to adults

BEAVER CROSSING

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

401 Dimery • Beaver Crossing • 402-532-2545

Msgr. Mark Huber
Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before Mass
Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri. Mass.....8:00 a.m.

CORDOVA

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Pastor Brian Tuma
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

GARLAND

Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

370 4th St. • Garland • 402-588-2229

Zionlcms@revdobb.com
Pastor David Dobbertien
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

GOEHNER

Great Plains Community Church

1155 May St. • Goehner • 402-730-2594

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS)

1042 May St. • Goehner • 816-308-7859

Pastor James Dahlke
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Following Worship

MILFORD

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2668 Hwy 6 (1 mile west of Milford) • 402-761-3146
www.goodshepherd-milford.org

Pastor Steve Stork
Sunday School—PreK—4th Grade
(during school year) 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study Thurs. 8:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class
(during school year) Wed. 6:30 p.m.

STAPLEHURST

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS)

3.5 miles west of Staplehurst • 402-535-2625

Pastor Shawn Kitzing
Worship (church in the country)..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School (school in Staplehurst)..... 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class (school in Staplehurst) 10:30 a.m.

UTICA

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

110 3rd St. • Utica • 402-532-2545

Msgr. Mark Huber
Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before Mass
Wednesday Mass.....7:00 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS)

1100 'D' St. • Utica • 402-534-2200

Pastor of Visitation: Pastor Terry Groth
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

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

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Family History in First Grade


We have been in school for 51 days now and we have been working really hard on learning all about our family's history. Lined up with the Nebraska Social Studies standards, we are learning about where and why families live, learn, and work together the way they do. We have talked about where our families originated from, and how some traditions in our families have carried on. We had some help from their parents, but the students filled out a family history sheet, and then shared a family photo to go with their write up. Here is a picture of our class and a picture of their projects we completed.

Hand written text from student

The History of the Grubb-Jilg Family. My full name is Ellianne Marie Grubb. I was born in Lincoln on April 14, 2016. One great memory my parents have about me is when I was born. My dad's full name is Andrew Tim Grubb. My mom's full name is Jeanette Ann Jilg. I have two brothers. Their names are Kason and Trayton. I have no sisters. I have two cousins. My grandparents' full names on my father's side are Cinthina Ann and Michael Fredrick Grubb. My grandparents' full names on my mother's side are Mary Jovan Hoen and John Roy Jilg. My family is originally from the country of Germany. My family has fun together when we play together.




The History of the Daake-Slatkovsky Family. My full name is Sufton Jay Daake. I was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on November 18, 2015. One great memory my parents have about me is when I rode my ATV for the first time. My dad's full name is Jeffery August Daake. My mom's full name is Elizabeth Ann Daake. I have one brother. His name is Jameson. I have no sisters. I have 4 cousins. My grandparents' full names on my father's side are August and Judy Daake. My grandparents' full names on my mother's side are David and Karla Slatkovsky. My family is originally from the countries of Germany and Czechoslovakia. My family have fun together when we have a game night.




The History of the Cunningham-Kisela Family. My full name is Rowdy Cru Cunningham. I was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 7, 2015. One great memory my parents have about me is when I went tubing at the lake. My dad's full name is Kirby Daniel Cunningham. My mom's full name is Markay Darlene Cunningham. I have one brother. His name is Hopper Creed Cunningham. I have no sisters. I have 12 cousins. My grandparents' full names on my father's side are Daniel Beth and Cheryl Ann. My grandparents' full names on my mother's side are Jerry Lynn and Lona Role. My family is originally from the countries of Ireland and Czechoslovakia. My family has fun together when we go to the pool.




The History of the Thieman-Souder Family. My full name is Calvin Henry Thieman. I was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 21, 2016. One great memory my parents have about me is when I love them. My dad's full name is Matthew Thieman. My mom's full name is Andrea Thieman. I have one brother. His name is Carter Thieman. I have one sister. Her name is Cadence Thieman. I have 5 cousins. My grandparents' full names on my father's side are Pat Petsche and Dan Thieman. My grandparents' full names on my mother's side are Marcie Andrew and Kirby Souder. My family is originally from the countries of Germany and England. My family has fun together when we play Uno.




The History of the Saunders-Rienke Family. My full name is Camden Douglas Saunders. I was born in North Platte, Nebraska on September 8, 2015. One great memory my parents have about me is when I was first born. My dad's full name is Theodore Alan Saunders. My mom's full name is Alyssa Nicole Saunders. I have one brother. His name is Easton Alan Saunders. I have no sisters. I have one cousin. My grandparents' full names on my father's side are Maurice and Tim Liedtke. My grandparents' full names on my mother's side are Melinda and Troy Rienke. My family is originally from the countries of Germany and Sweden. My family have fun together when we go boating and fishing.



The History of the Schrader-Meyer Family. My full name is Jacob Michael Schrader. I was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 26, 2015. One great memory my parents have about me is when I rolled over for the first time at 8 days old! My dad's full name is Matthew Wayne Schrader. My mom's full name is Sheila Ann Schrader. I have 0 brother and 0 sisters. I have 2 cousins. My grandparents' full names on my father's side are Donald Eugene Schrader and Marsha Ann Summers. My grandparents' full names on my mother's side are Michael Dennis Meyer and Michelle Ann Gillen. My family is originally from the United States. My family has fun together when we go to the pool, play hide and seek and build forts!



The History of the Rezac-Hageman Family. My full name is Ensley Jean Rezac. I was born in Lincoln on February 18, 2016. One great memory my parents have about me is when I first met the Frozen characters at Disney World. My dad's full name is Joshua Lee Rezac. My mom's full name is Melanie Jean Kim Hageman. I have one brother named Braxton. I have 5 cousins. My grandparents' full names on my father's side are Karen Sayker and Greg Rezac. My grandparents' full names on my mother's side are Constance Swaim and Marvin Hageman. My family is originally from the countries of South Korea and Czechoslovakia. My family has fun together when we go on vacation.



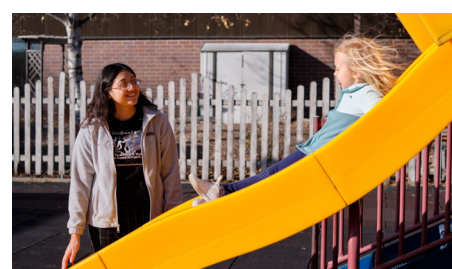

Students in order, from left to right: (back row) Dante Lynn-Wolff, Aurora Jensen, Jackson Meister, Delaney Bloomquist, Brinkley Jones, Grayson Lucking, Sawyer Meyer, Kai Rosas, Briley Dolliver, Tarek Corlett, Rowdy Cunningham, Brystal Thompson, Rhett Eichenberger, Sutton Daake, Harlow Groeling, Cecilia Saltzman, Kyla Jones, Lilah Stohman; (middle row) Riggs Benes, Mason Christenson, Scarlett Gross, Kasen Grubb, Zoe Beck, Elsie Mohr, Grace Schram, Kiran Allen, Harper Anderson, Caden Faltys, Avery Farritor, Bentley Schrodt, Camden Saunders, Barrett Parker, Calvin Thieman; (front row) Lukas Haas, Avalon Burroughs, Luka Gorbun, Layne Polage, Ensley Rezac, Cooper Starostka, Imogene Burgess, Trey Druba, Elli Grubb, Kenley Pritchett, Julianni Puig, Jacob Schrader.



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Obituaries

Thomas H. Langevin
Jan. 20, 1922 – Oct. 31, 2022

Thomas H. Langevin, age 100 years, of Venice, Florida, passed away Oct. 31, 2022, in Venice.

He was born in 1922 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by Pearl in 2009, his wife of 70 years. They shared a commitment of basic service to the Lutheran Church, both having been trained as Lutheran teachers. Tom was in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, after which he used the GI Bill to complete college and earn his Ph.D. in American History in 1951 at the University of Nebraska. Tom taught American History and Government at Concordia University-Nebraska and at the University of Nebraska Extension Department until he went into administration as Dean and Acting President at Concordia. He won a Carnegie Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Higher Education at the University of Michigan in 1963. The next year, he did a major planning project for the Missouri Synod's Higher Education Department.

After that, he became Academic Vice President at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, for four years. In 1969, he became president of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, for 10 years. He then established his own consulting company in higher education, Thomas H. Langevin & Associates, which provided him a career of service at hundreds of colleges and universities. He also was involved with several specific programs in the Lutheran Higher Education. His 2018 published book "Let's Get Started," attests to his record as the creator of quite a number of institutions and projects.

In 1992, in association with long-time partner, Allen Koenig, he created a new enterprise entitled Registry for Colleges and University Presidents, which he and Pearl ran personally for some years until his company sold the Registry of Collegiate Enterprise Solutions, as the owner of the Registry. He remained on staff of the Registry part time until his death. The CES/Registry is a well-known, highly successful company serving hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Tom is survived by sons, Dennis and Timothy; grandsons, Justin Langevin, John and Jason Langevin and Nicholas Killian; great-grandson, Sebastian Killian; sister, Maryann Franzen and her family, Kate Deborah, Sherrie and Frank; and by Judy Koenig and her family, Wendy, Jodie, and Mark. He also has several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Thomas H. Langevin will be at 11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 14, at Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages, of which he was one of four original founders and first president of the congregation. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the hour of service. He and Pearl have a memorial marker at Hope Lutheran Church, but will be interred in Seward, where they met and spent some wonderful years.



Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Dept. for activities Oct. 28 – Nov. 3.

Summary of calls:
Abandoned vehicle 2
Abuse/neglect child 1
Assault 1
Business check 3
City ordinance violations 2
Civil 3
Civil – property dispute 1
Coroner calls 2
Criminal mischief 1
Escort/other 2
Extra patrol 3
Field contact 3
Funeral escort 2

Hitchhiker/transient 1
Miscellaneous 34
Motorist assist 3
Non-injury accident 2
Parking violations 4
Property lost or found 1
Reckless driving 3
Security alarm 2
Suspicious vehicle/person 2
Theft 2
Traffic hazard/debris 2
Traffic stops 31
Vehicle lockout 1
Village patrol 1
Warrant/arrest 1
Welfare checks 4

Kirby L. Woebbecke
April 7, 1947 – Nov. 1, 2022

Kirby Lee Woebbecke of York was born April 7, 1947, to Marlin and Charlotte (Meyer) Woebbecke in Seward.

He attended Seward High School, graduating in 1965. Following high school, he attended Milford Trade School earning his associate degree in Machine Tool Technology. Kirby retired from the United States Navy Reserves. On Nov. 7, 1985, Kirby was united in marriage to Linda Roop in York. He worked for Nebraska Public Power District. In his free time, he enjoyed collecting coins and baseball cards. He also loved trains. He especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sports and school activities. Kirby passed away Nov. 1, 2022, in Lincoln, at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 25 days.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Woebbecke of York; mother, Charlotte Jans of Seward; daughter, Emona (Rod) Orr of Savannah, Missouri; son, Brian (Sue) Woebbecke of Blair; grandchildren, Harley Orr, Hunter Orr, Fisher Orr, Jordan Woebbecke, Quintin McAdams, Trevor Jurgens, Bailey Mefford and Lucas Mefford; sister, Judy (Ron) Bahensky-Vogel of Omaha; step-daughter, Sandy Jurgens; step-son, Larry Mefford. He was preceded in death by his father, Marlin Woebbecke.

The funeral service was Nov. 5 at the York First United Methodist Church with committal in the Greenwood Cemetery in Seward. Memorial contributions are suggested in care of the Woebbecke family. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.



Carol J. Keever
July 3, 1941 – Nov. 3, 1922

Carol Jean Keever of Seward was born July 3, 1941, and passed away Nov. 3, 1922, in Grand Island.

A private family service was conducted. A full obituary can be found and condolences may be left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Sheriff's dept.

Information provided by the Seward County Sheriff's Dept. for activities Oct. 23-29.

Summary of calls:
Abandoned vehicles 2
Abuse/neglect 5
Accident w/injury 1
Auto theft 1
Civil/child custody 1
Civil – keep peace 1
Coroner call 1
Field contact 5
Miscellaneous 33
Motorist assists 7
Non-injury accidents 3
Parking violation 1

Property lost/found 1
Protection order 1
Pursuit 1
Reckless driving 10
Security alarm 2
Suspicious vehicle/person 2
Theft 1
Terroristic threats 1
Traffic/DUI 1
Traffic hazard/debris 2
Traffic stops 47
Village ordinance violation 1
Village patrols 95
Warrant 2
Welfare checks 8

Traffic

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

Oct. 24 – 28

Laramie E. Troyer, 27, Milford, overtake/pass stopped school bus, \$500 fine.
Andrew J. Maas, 44, Denton, speeding 16-20 mph municipal, \$125 fine.
Angel A. Guevara Hernandez, 19, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.
Brenda E. Shepard, 59, Milford, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.
Andre C. Jenkinson, 19, Columbus, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.
Aidan M. Lunn, 20, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Marriage licenses

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

October

Jamie Rakow, Pleasant Dale, and Brandon Covert, Pleasant Dale
Morgan Edwards, Seward, and Andrew Merrick, Seward
Madison Stenson, Seward, and Martin Richards, Seward
Crystalynn Elmshouser, Seward, and Robert Schwamlein, Seward

County court

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

Oct. 24 – 28

Christopher J. Dobrusky, 42, Seward, disturbing the peace, 30 days jail; fail to appear or comply with citation, 30 days jail.
Tyler J. Klabenes, 32, Wahoo, disturbing the peace, one year probation and 30 days jail; commit child abuse negligently/no injury, one year probation and 30 days jail.
Ashley N. Parker, 37, Lincoln, driving under suspension before reinstated, nine months probation, 30 days jail and revoked license one year; improper/defective vehicle lighting, nine months probation and two days jail.
Carlos Ayala Chavez, 23, Grand Island, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.
Toni E. Stanley, 34, Seward, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, one year probation, revoked license 60 days and ig-

nition interlock device ordered; transport child while intoxicated, one year probation.

Adam P. Amescua, 34, Seward, driving during revocation/impond first offense, \$300 fine and 90 days probation.
Zachary C. Johnson, 30, Seward, disturbing the peace, two days jail.
David A. Sjoberg, 34, Seward, attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, negligently, four months jail.
Ray B. Heidelberg, 22, Lincoln, possess marijuana over one ounce to one pound, \$500 fine.
Wade L. Taylor, 18, Norfolk, driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine; fail to display proper number of plates, \$25 fine.
Troy S. Schon, 52, Valparasio, attempt of a class 2 misdemeanor, \$250 fine; fail to use caution-pass stopped emergency vehicle first offense, \$100 fine.
Ricky D. Jackson, 66, Lincoln, speeding 21-35 mph county/state, \$200 fine; no proof of insurance, \$100 fine.

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Trojans sink Clippers

Malcolm's undefeated football season ends in Class C2 quarterfinals

BY HEATH KRAMER
Seward County Independent

The Malcolm football team had been rolling. Over its last seven games, the Clippers averaged 51 points per game with no team coming within 17 points of them.

While No. 4 Malcolm knew the Nov. 5 road game – 150 miles away – at No. 12 Hartington Cedar Catholic would be different, just how different came as quite a shock. The Trojans ended the Clippers' dream season with a 10-9 overtime win.

The C2 quarterfinal matchup was a defensive struggle throughout, with trips into the red zone a rarity. The Trojans got on the board first when Grant Arens converted a 22-yard field goal midway through the second quarter. It was the only score of a first half in which Malcolm struggled to get the Cedar Catholic offense off the field.

"They were quick and physical up front," Malcolm head coach Scott Amen said. "They gave us trouble with their first two or three steps, and we had a hard time catching up to them."

After the Clippers' opening drive of the second half ended with a punt deep into Cedar Catholic territory, the Trojans began an exhausting game of keep away. While they failed to score, the home team maintained possession of the football until there were just over eight minutes to play in regulation.

"We couldn't get them off the field," Amen said. "They were getting three or four yards at a time and just eating up clock."

Cedar Catholic ran 77 plays on offense during the game, picking up 20 first downs. In contrast, the Clippers had 46 plays from scrimmage and earned just 10 first downs.

After a hard-fought drive of its own, Malcolm stalled out at the Trojans' seven-yard line and settled for a game-tying Cody Sykes



Andrew Jones (6) of Hartington Cedar Catholic carries the ball as Elliott Robotham (4) of Malcolm pulls his shirt during their football playoff game Nov. 4 in Hartington.

DARIN EPPERLY/CEDAR COUNTY NEWS

field goal that sent the game to overtime.

Malcolm had the ball first in the extra period and continued its struggles moving the ball. On a fourth-and-goal play from the five-yard line, Hayden Frank found his way into the end zone as he stretched toward the pylon to take a 9-3 lead.

Amen made the call to go for two rather than kicking the extra point.

"I told the kids Wednesday or Thursday that if we're in that situation, we're going for it," Amen said. "We scouted them and felt good about our chances getting it in. It was a gut feeling. If you make it, you can't lose in that overtime period."

With Frank in as the holder, the Clippers set up for a kick. The senior signal-caller took the snap and ran up the middle. One Trojan defender disrupted his path and Frank was tackled just inches from the goal line.

With a six-point lead, the Clippers thought

they had escaped with a win when a fourth-and-goal pass from the seven-yard line fell incomplete. But Malcolm was called for pass interference and the Trojans lived to see another play. Braeden Reifenrath connected with Carson Arens at the pylon to tie the game, 9-9.

"If Maddox (Meyer) has two or three more inches of reach, he knocks that pass down," Amen said. "It was that close."

Grant Arens put the extra point through the uprights to end the Clippers' undefeated run and move the Trojans on to the Class C2 semifinals.

For Frank – a would-be all-stater with over 1,600 passing yards, more than 1,300 rushing yards and the school record holder in career pass interceptions – it was a special season.

"The hard work and dedication of this team is what drove us," the Concordia basketball commit said. "Guys

showed up every day, not just to practice, but to learn and get better.

"I'm going to miss putting on the Malcolm jersey and playing in front of our fans. The stands were almost always full. That was special."

Malcolm finished the season with a 10-1 record. The 10 wins in a season tie the 1999 team for the most in school history.

Cedar Catholic 10, Malcolm 9 (OT)	
Malcolm	0 0 0 3 6 9
HCC	0 3 0 0 7 10

Second quarter

HCC—G. Arens 22 FG

Fourth quarter

MAL—Sykes 25 FG

Overtime

MAL—Frank 5 run (Run failed)

HCC—C. Arens 4 pass from Reifenrath (G. Arens kick)

Team totals

	MAL	HCC
First downs	10	20
Carries-yards	27-113	49-172
Comp.-att.-int.	6-15-0	13-20-2
Passing yards	68	133
Fumbles lost	1	0
Penalties-yards	5-44	6-47

Individual stats

RUSHING—Frank 19-94, Christensen 5-15, Reiling 3-4.

PASSING—Frank 6-15-0

RECEIVING—Amen 3-46, Robotham 1-13, Christensen 1-9.

TACKLES (Unassisted-Assisted-TFL)—Day 6-3-0, Meyer 5-7-0, Frank 4-6-0, Wisniewski 4-4-1, VanEvery 4-2-1, Christensen 3-4-1, Robotham 3-5-0, Swerczek 2-2-1, Reiling 1-10-1, Amen 1-0-0, Kouma 1-5-0.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Halle Dolliver of Malcolm follows through on an attack Nov. 2 in the opening round of the Class C1 state tournament against Gothenburg.

Malcolm falls in first round

BY HEATH KRAMER
Seward County Independent

Just not their day. When the No. 4 Malcolm volleyball team stepped on the north court at Pinnacle Bank Arena to open the Class C1 state tournament on Nov. 2, it was an experience and atmosphere unfamiliar to most on the team. The result was an early exit as the Clippers fell to No. 5 Gothenburg 25-21, 25-21, 21-25, 25-20.

"It's a big stage on which to perform," Malcolm head coach Amber Dolliver said. "Some of the girls handled it well, and others were nervous. You can't play scared and, at times, we did. We never got into a groove."

The Swedes set the tone early by jumping out to a 5-2 lead in the opening set. While Malcolm fought hard to tie it at 6-6 and, even took a two point lead a few times in the set, Gothenburg always had an answer and pulled away by scoring five of the final six points of the frame.

"They were aggressive and did things

right," Dolliver said. "We didn't serve aggressive enough, nor did we pass well."

The second set felt much like the first as the two teams traded punches until Gothenburg opened up a six-point lead midway through the frame. While the Clippers closed the gap to two points at 23-21, the hill proved to be too tall to climb.

"They placed the ball well on their attacks and used a variety of swings to keep us off balance," Dolliver said. "We struggled to get to balls, which got us out of system, making it tough to put up strong swings."

The Clippers found a way in a hard-fought third set. After falling behind, 14-10, Malcolm went on a 10-3 run and then held on to send the match to a fourth set.

"I hoped winning that set would get us clicking, but I don't feel like it did," Dolliver said. "We were still a step late and struggled with passing in the fourth set. It wasn't a lack of effort. We just

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Young wrestlers learn in first wrestling clinic



COURTESY PHOTO

Seward Middle School hosted its first annual Youth Wrestling Clinic on Oct. 17, 18 and 20 this year. Twenty-seven wrestlers in grades 5-8 attended and had a great experience. Mike Schadwinkel, six-time state championship coach at Grand Island Senior High School, was the guest clinician. Schadwinkel was assisted by Seward High School Boys' Wrestling Coach Bob Core, Seward High School Girls' Wrestling Coach Andy Sisteck and Seward Middle School Coach Hans Eickmeier.

CU volleyball takes opener in GPAC tournament

Chalk up another win over a nationally ranked opponent for the Concordia University volleyball team. Though a national tournament bid is all but sewed up for the fifth-ranked Bulldogs, they were a motivated bunch Nov. 5 as they took care of No. 12 College of Saint Mary, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18, in the GPAC tournament quarterfinals.

Head Coach Ben Boldt's squad moved to 22-4 overall while moving on to at least the semifinal round for the fourth year in a row.

Up against a rock-solid defensive team in the quarters, Concordia hit .279 for the evening and far exceeded the hitting percentages of CSM in each set, .114 to .000, .500 to .194, and .256 to .026, in another dominant home performance.

After falling twice to Midland (once in five sets) during the regular season, the Bulldogs will get another shot at the second-seeded Warriors (25-3). The two sides will square off at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the GPAC semifinals. The winner will meet either top-seeded Jamestown or No. 5 seed Dakota Wesleyan in the conference final.

Midland halts streak

For the first time in



Bree Burtwhistle of Concordia sets to a teammate Nov. 1 against Midland.

the history of the program, Concordia hosted a matchup between top five combatants. Unfortunately, arch nemesis Midland spoiled the evening on a night that was more about block-

ing and gritty defensive play than it was about thunderous attacks. The fifth-ranked Bulldogs were limited to 31 kills for the evening Nov. 1, as the No. 4 Warriors emerged with the win,



Abby Ringler of Midland, a Seward High graduate, takes a swing against Concordia and former Bluejay teammate Camryn Opfer (10) during Nov. 1's match. Ringler finished with 12 kills.

25-20, 25-23, 25-23.

The Bulldogs had to be at the top of their game to take out an opponent like Midland. However, Concordia's NAIA top-ranked offensive attack (in terms of hitting percentage) didn't operate with the surgical precision it has most of the fall. The Warriors (24-3, 14-2 GPAC) certainly had something to do with that as they collected 48 digs and seven blocks. It was a bit of a sign of things to

come when the Bulldogs had more hitting errors (12) than kills (11) in the opening set.

Concordia hung in there in each set because of its blocking and overall strong defensive performance. The Bulldogs piled up 13 blocks and did not relinquish a single service ace. Four Concordia players were in on multiple blocks: Carly Rodaway (four), Gabi Nordaker (four), Camryn Opfer (four) and Kalee Wiltfong (two).

Opfer led Concordia with nine kills to go along with 12 digs and four blocks. Nordaker notched eight kills and was limited to .087 hitting. In her return from an injury, Wiltfong started the match and contributed three kills. Setter Bree Burtwhistle notched 29 assists, 10 digs and one ace.

Midland ended a 12-match home win streak for the Bulldogs, who had yet to lose on their home court in 2022.

Bulldog men open with postseason win

The postseason mission to secure a national tournament bid began Nov. 3 as the Concordia University men's soccer team hosted a GPAC playoff game for the fourth time since 2016.

A goal apiece from Daniel Campbell and Dominic Abdel-Ahad

helped lift the second-seeded Bulldogs to a 2-0 win over seventh-seeded Briar Cliff on a breezy evening inside Bulldog Stadium. Concordia is back in the conference semifinals for the first time since 2018.

Head Coach Jason Weides' squad improved to 14-2-2 overall and pushed the unbeaten streak to 10 while eliminating a Charger side that shared the GPAC regular season title in 2021.

Concordia owned an advantage of 14-8 in the shot count and held the majority of possession. Two weeks ago, it took the Bulldogs more than 80 minutes to find a goal

in the 1-0 regular season victory over Briar Cliff. This time, Campbell put away a goal in the 41st minute and the lightning quick reaction in the box by Abdel-Ahad (12 goals this season) provided breathing room in the 58th minute.

In goal, Gabriel Mendoza made four of his five saves in the second half while preserving the advantage. The majority of his saves were routine, although his final one came when a free kick forced him to dive to his right.

The Bulldogs will be at home again on Tuesday for the GPAC semifinals. Concordia will take on third-seeded Dordt (9-3-6) at 5 p.m.



Adrian Wambua of Concordia looks down field for an open teammate against Briar Cliff in the Great Plains Athletic Conference semifinals on Nov. 3.

Malcolm

(continued from 9) couldn't get things rolling."

Halle Dolliver led Malcolm in the match with 24 kills. The freshman, who is second in the state in kills per match, also showed her defensive prowess by leading the team with 19 digs. Dolliver had the second most kills amongst the 24 teams competing on day one of the tournament.

Diamond Sedlak closed out her high school career with 16 kills and 10 digs while her classmate, Lauryn England, offered up 39 set-assists while hitting the floor for 12 digs.

"These seniors have played a huge part the last four years," Dolliver said. "They are great young women and they've left their mark on this program. They set the stage for future teams."

Malcolm finished the season with a 31-3 record. The win total is the second most in school history. The 2016 state runner-up team that featured Jaela Zimmerman and Hayley Densberger went 34-1.

"It was a great season," Dolliver said. "We had 26 amazing girls who worked hard in practice every day and were able to accomplish much because of their desire to compete and their will to get better."

Class C1 State Tournament
Gothenburg 3, Malcolm 1

Gothenburg	25	25	21	25
Malcolm	21	21	25	20

KILLS—England 5, Dolliver 24, Lannin 2, Sedlak 16.
SERVES (aces)—Zegar, Schultz, England, Sedlak.
BLOCKS—Hanson 2, Dolliver, Lannin, Sedlak.
DIGS—Zegar 12, Schultz 6, England 12, Dolliver 19, Lannin, Sedlak 10.
ASSISTS (sets)—England 39, Zegar.

Cattle Classic opens CU hoops season



Gage Smith of Concordia tries to take a shot through the Tabor defense Nov. 4 during the first game of the Cattle Classic.

Men's results
CU 88, Tabor 52; Tristan Smith 23 points, Noah Schutte 18 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals
CU 86, Ottawa 82; Brad Bennett 24 points (8 three-pointers), Schutte 26 points (12-13 free throws), Gage Smith 14 rebounds
All tournament team: Bennett, Schutte



Abby Heemstra of Concordia fights through contact by a Bellevue defender during Nov. 4's Cattle Classic contest.

Women's results
CU 74, Bellevue 52; Kendal Brigham 14 points, Abby Heemstra 10 points, Kristin Veiselmeyer 10 points
CU 71, Dakota State 61; Taysha Rushton 24 points
All tournament team: Taysha Rushton, Mackenzie Toomey

Bulldogs look to qualify with GPAC runs

By the completion of the 2022 GPAC Cross Country Championships, the Concordia Bulldogs hoped to lock in team bids to the national meet – or at least state compelling cases for at-large consideration.

The Bulldogs missed out on the automatic bids, however, the men's team held off Dakota Wesleyan and Doane in a tight race for second place while the 24th-ranked women landed in third place at Parkhurst Campground

in Jamestown, N.D.

Based on their individual finishes, Camden Sesna, Kylah Freiberg and Julie McIntyre have each earned spots at the national meet (unofficially).

CU wins on road

A balanced Concordia University offense piled up 538 total yards and the defense held the opposition off the board in the second half as Concordia rolled to a 45-10 win over Briar Cliff Nov. 5.

As part of the victory, DJ McGarvie and Korrell Koehlmoos became new program single season record holders.

Head Coach Patrick Daberkow's squad picked up its second GPAC road win this season and moved to 4-5 (4-5 GPAC) with one game to go.

McGarvie completed 26 of 38 passes and threw for 274 yards and two touchdowns. His season passing total of 2,235 yards broke the former school record of 2,178 yards by Jarrod Pimentel.

McGarvie threw 15 times to Koehlmoos for 163 yards. Koehlmoos' 989 receiving yards broke the program's previous standard of 951 yards by Clarence Woods.

While the passing game has stood out as the most prolific in school history, the running game enjoyed its best day of the season on Saturday. Mark Arp (130) and Devin Zeigler (102) both went over 100 yards and found the end zone once apiece.

The defense got 1.5 sacks from Kyle Sterup and a sack apiece from Stephen Hughes and Devon Polley. In the final two minutes of the first half, Isiaha Conner and Nick Leader both came away with an interception.

The Bulldogs will put a bow on the 2022 season Saturday, Nov. 12, when they host top-ranked Morning-side (9-0, 9-0 GPAC) at 1 p.m. Prior to kickoff, CU will honor its senior class.

Jays bow out in first round

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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For the first time since 2017, the Seward volleyball team stepped on the court in the state tournament.

The Jays, seeded fifth, faced No. 4 Bennington Nov. 2 and battled for four sets before the Badgers got the win 25-21, 28-26, 22-25, 25-20.

“Wednesday was really exciting for the players to have the opportunity to play at state,” Coach Tom Pallas said. “It’s something they’ll remember all their lives.”

For some of the Bluejays, Wednesday was the biggest match they’d played in.

“You don’t know how they’ll react to the big stage,” Pallas said. “I thought they handled it well.”

Playing at Pinnacle Bank Arena is a different atmosphere, too. With two courts going at the same time, fans and bands from four schools cheering and playing at once, it can be distracting. But Pallas said the Jays didn’t seem to be bothered by the hoopla.

In addition, Bennington was one of the top five teams in the state, Pallas said. The Badgers’ libero, Olivia Mauch, has already committed to Nebraska as a junior.

“Their libero played outstanding,” Pallas said. “She made some unbelievable plays.”

Seward matched the Badgers, however, playing every set close. Pallas said the teams’ serve receive and defense were among the best he’d seen this season.

“We played hard and



Kelsey Miller, left, and Keira Lliteras of Seward stuff a Bennington attack Nov. 2 during the opening round of the Class B state tournament.

very competitive,” he said.

After forcing extra points in set two and going down 2-0, Pallas was pleased with how Seward came back in the third set to stave off a sweep.

“It was a great match to have the opportunity to play,” he said. “The crowd was unbelievable.”

He said both he and the team were impressed by the Bluejay students and fans who came to cheer on the team.

Two sophomores led the Bluejay attack against Bennington. Amara Siebert record-

ed a season-high 15 kills, and Kelsey Miller notched 11. Libby Kratochvil put up 39 assists, and Sophia Turek picked up 19 digs. Abby Covalt added 17.

Seward finished the season with a 28-8 record. SHS will graduate five seniors – Sophia Turek, Sofia Heaston, Keira Lliteras, Amy Sistek and Madison Dominy.

“They’ve done a great job leading,” Pallas said. All the Jays did a good job with their assigned roles, which Pallas was pleased to see.

“It was a fun season,” he said. “I’m looking forward to next season.”

He encouraged the athletes to participate in other sports, as well, adding that those who do help build their skills for next season.

Bennington 3, Seward 1	
BHS	25 28 22 25
SHS	21 26 25 20
ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills) —Amara Siebert 31-33-15, Sofia Heaston 7-9, Keira Lliteras 17-30-6, Sophia Turek 34-46-9, Libby Kratochvil 3-3-1, Kennedy Limback 1-1-1, Nova Nordmeyer 1-1, Kelsey Miller 35-41-11.	
BLOCKS (solo-assists) —Siebert 1-5, Heaston 0-2, Miller 1-3.	
SERVES (good-attempts-aces) —Siebert 9-13-2, Abby Covalt 14-16-1, Lliteras 18-19, Turek 20-21, Kratochvil 11-13, Madison Dominy 10-11-1.	
SETS (attempts-assists) —Covalt 8-1, Turek 2-1, Kratochvil 139-39, Limback 3-1, Dominy 1-0, Nordmeyer 4-0.	
DIGS —Siebert 2, Covalt 17, Heaston 3, Lliteras 7, Turek 19, Kratochvil 7, Limback 7, Dominy 4, Nordmeyer 8.	

SHS grad now Hall of Famer

Katie (Hughes) Morris, a 2012 graduate of Seward High, was inducted into the Wayne State College Hall of Fame Oct. 29.

Morris is in her sixth season as an assistant volleyball coach at WSC. She also helps with the Wildcat beach volleyball team in the spring.

Morris was a four-year starter for Wayne State from 2012-15. She is one of seven Wildcats to notch at least 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. She is third in digs with 1,924 and 15th in kills with 1,177.

Morris was a first-team All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference selection as a senior in 2015, recording 20 double doubles while averaging 3.57 kills and 4.74 digs per set. She helped the Wildcats to a 28-8 record and the school’s first-ever NCAA Central Region title that ended in the NCAA Division II national semi-finals.

Morris was Second Team All-NSIC during her junior season in 2014.

In 2021, Morris was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association with the Thirty Under 30 Beach Coaching Award.

She graduated from Wayne State College in 2017 with degrees in education and special education.

She is the daughter of Jodi and the late John Hughes and granddaughter of Phil and Sally Wurst of Seward. Katie and her husband Spencer live in Wayne.



Katie (Hughes) Morris

SNC picks softball

The Southern Nebraska Conference announced its all-conference softball selections for the 2022 season. Honored are:

First team

Milford—Myranda Schildt, pitcher; Addi Mowinkel and Izzy Yeackley, infield; Ayla Roth, outfield

Second team

Milford—Camille Stauffer, catcher; Maeli Kubicek, outfield
Centennial—Savannah Horne, infield; Cora Hoffschneider, outfield

Honorable mention

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This week in sports...

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Volleyball

The Seward volleyball team lost to Bennington 3-1 on Nov. 2 in the first round of the Class B state tournament. Libby Kratochvil had 39 assists. Seward finished 28-8.

MALCOLM

Football

The Malcolm football team lost to Cedar Catholic 10-9 in overtime on Nov. 4 in the second round of the Class C2 state football playoffs. Oliver Day had six unassisted and three assisted tackles. Malcolm finished 10-1.

Volleyball

The Malcolm volleyball team lost to Gothenburg 3-1 on Nov. 2 in the first round of the Class C1 state tournament. Halle Dolliver had 24 kills and 19 digs. Malcolm finished the year 31-3.

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THE VILLAGE OF DEWITT is seeking a Library Director for the Burkley Library. The Director reports to the Library Board of Trustees and the Village Board of Trustees, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Library. Applicants must have practical accounting and computer skills and be well organized. A list of job duties will be provided upon request. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter by November 11, 2022 to: Village of DeWitt, PO Box 208 at 209 E. Fillmore Ave. DeWitt, NE. 68341. Email: clerk.dewittne@yahoo.com Position will be open until filled. EOE.

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MINUTES

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 Oct 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Councilmembers present: Ellen Beck, Alyssa Hendrix, Sid Kamprath, Jessica Kolterman, Karl Miller, John Singleton, Matt Stryson, Jonathon Wilken. Councilmembers absent: None. Following items were approved: City Codes Reprt, Treas Reprt, Claims Police Dept Reprt; Minutes Oct 4, 2022; Appt Brian Albright, Timothy Herron, Jason Rasmussen, and Eric Strole to SVFD; Loan Agree with NDEE for Water Tower Proj; Adv for Bids for Const of Water Tower Proj; Res. No. 2022-29 – Surplus Items; City Admin Reprt; Adj. 7:16 p.m. Almqvist Maltzahn Gallowa, SE, 3,930.00; All States Hail Team, RE, 16,603.60; Badger Meter, SE, 215.46; Bishop Michael, OP, 90.00; Bizco Technologies, IT, 10,531.94; Black Hills Energy, UT, 515.86; Bode Adam, OP,

90.00; Brandl John, OP, 90.00; Brunckhorst Kent, OP, 90.00; Burns Franklin, MC, 60.00; C N A Surety, MS, 340.00; Capital Business-Cheyenne, MA, 1.68; Capital Business-Dallas, MA, 282.83; Cerny Dan, OP, 90.00; Chelewski Kent, OP, 90.00; Cheng Heidi, SE, 200.00; Cihal Alan F, OP, 90.00; City Seward Library Petty, PO, 139.31; City Seward Merchant Serv, SE, 3,964.28; City Seward Payroll Accou, SA, 165,318.35; City Seward Perpetual Fd, SL, 900.00; Clark Enersen Partners, DO, 1,247.20; Collection Associates, SE, 33.44; Commonwealth Electric Co, PU, 328.00; Core Robert, SE, 90.00; Cuttin It Close Lawncare, SE, 910.00; Danko Emergency Equipment, EQ, 1,410.93; Dittmer Melissa, MS, 14.25; Emergency Medical Product, EQ, 182.76; Envision Electric LLC, GU, 1,985.00; ESRI, MS, 700.00; Farmers Coop Seward, GS, 9,095.64; Fast Mart, GS, 160.79; Fastenal Company, SU, 585.56; First Wireless Inc, EQ, 1,144.96; Firstar Fiber Inc, SE, 789.51; Fisher Zachary G, OP, 90.00; Gerhold Concrete Co Inc, CI, 1,203.58; Gleason Logan, OP, RE, 90.00; Great Plains Appraisal, SE, 3,800.00; GWORKS, MS, 8,112.00; Hach Company, SU, 320.65; Hans Jared, OP, 90.00; Hansen Dan, OP, 90.00; Hauder

Alex, OP, 172.37; Helmink Printing/Grph Inc, SE, 202.00; Herald Cody, OP, 90.00; Hochstein Jared, OP, 90.00; Home Depot Pro, SU, 162.49; Husker Electric Supply Co, IV, 11,038.97; Jackson Services Inc, SU, 94.23; Janicek Gary M, OP, 90.00; JEO Consulting Group, CI, 5,722.50; Jisa Jason, MC, 30.00; Johnson Bryce C, OP, 90.00; JR's Bobcat Service, SE, 4,500.00; K & Z Distributing, SU, 67.50; Kahler Daniel S, OP, 90.00; Kocian Tyler, OP, 90.00; Last Mile Network Consult, IT, 90.00; Lincoln Winwater Works, TO, 246.10; Lintt Mark, OP, 90.00; M C 2 Inc, SU, 334.26; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, OP, 135.30; Mid-American Benefits Inc, BE, 1,289.96; Midwest Automotive Inc, RE, 125.34; Miers Robert M, OP, 90.00; Municipal Pipe Services I, RE, 3,210.00; Nebraska Transportation, CI, 94,345.34; Nebraska Treasurer, OP, 7.32; Nebraska Treasurer-Unclai, SE, 300.70; Norris Public Power Distr, UT, 1,348.00; Northeast Ne Energy Sys, RE, 31,501.00; Oborny Tanner, OP, 90.00; Olsson, SE, 4,333.07; One Call Concepts Inc, SE, 158.76; Orscheln Farm & Home, SU, 394.26; Pac 'N' Save Discount OP, FO, ML, 3,508.05; Pecka Brook, OP, 90.00; Pedersen Brent, OP, 90.00; Pitney Bowes Inc, OP, 134.52; Pitney Bowes Reserve Acco, PO, 4,500.00; Plunkett'S

Pest Control, BU, 134.66; Policky Brandon A, OP, 118.00; Pollak Douglas W, OP, 90.00; Quality Brands Of Lincoln, SU, 274.45; Rathjen Shad, RI, 203.49; Ray O'Herron, EQ, 1,210.88; Regulatory Compliance Ser, MS, 395.00; Resco, FA, 28,437.15; Richtig Tim L, OP, 90.00; Riverside Portables LLC, SE, 425.00; Rose Equipment Inc, FA, 34,692.50; Ruether Larry L, OP, 90.00; Rumery Lawn & Landscape, GU, 27.98; Sack Lumber Company, SU, 7.29; Sam'S Club (Lib-Rec-Pool), SU, 131.34; Sargent Drilling Inc, CI, 147,620.00; Schemmer Architects Engin, CI, 1,610.00; Sestak David, OP, 90.00; Seward County Chamber & D, RI, 153.03; Seward County Independent, PU, 370.64; Seward County Treasurer, SE, 19,433.67; Seward Lumber & Home Cent, SU, 499.31; Seward Public Schools, MC, 705.78; Seward Wind LLC, UT, 35,061.73; Sid Dillon - Crete, FA, 46,266.00; Southeast Comm-Lincoln, TG, 1,154.00; Spickelmier & Son Inc, SU, 13,840.00; St Louis Michelle, OP, 90.00; Suhr & Lichty Insurance A, MS, 458,595.00; Summit Fire Protection, MA, 205.00; Thiele Geotech Inc, SE, 8,952.00; Total Tool Supply Inc, SU, 591.64; Trimax Mowing Systems, RE, 664.71; Ty'S Outdoor Power & Serv, SU, 414.98; Upper Big Blue Nat Resour, CI, 100.00;

Van Kirk Bros Contracting, RE, 9,635.00; Verizon Wireless, SE, 352.35; Watson Wendell B, OP, 90.00; Wesco Distribution Inc, IV, 62,363.02; White Cap, SU, 90.99; Windstream Nebraska CI, SE, 1,619.62; CLAIMS TOTAL, \$1,281,945.83. Derek Bargmann, City Clerk SCI – November 09, 2022 ZNEZ

NOVEMBER 1, 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. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2022 AT 8:00 A.M. TO APPROVE SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS. 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 NOVEMBER 18, 2022

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on November 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Approved minutes of October 25, 2022.

Commissioners gave reports of their activities.

Approved Building & Grounds Supt. to sign proposal for elevator upgrade.

Approved Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Approved signing of 2022 Year-End Certification of Highway Supt. Discussion was held on engine braking on county roads, infrastructure related grants, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Approved Surplus Property Disposal Request for Road Dept.

Approved "Light up the County in Green to Honor Veterans."

Approved the agenda for November 8, 2022 and adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk SCI/MT - November 09, 2022 ZNEZ

BIDS

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Seward, Nebraska
City of Seward (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
500,000 Gallon Water Tower
019-31800

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Project shall consist of the construction of a 500,000-gallon elevated spheroid style water storage tank, all associated piping, valves, site grading, sodding, electrical, storm sewer modifications, paving improvements, demolition of the existing 200,000-gallon tank, controls, testing and disinfection, and all other miscellaneous items of construction indicated in the plans and specifications. This is a State Revolving Funded project.

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form MUST be obtained from either: 1) www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$15 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 8306635 City of Seward, Nebraska, 500,000 Gallon Water Tower; OR 2) Olsson for a fee of \$80 (nonrefundable). The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Olsson
601 P Suite 200
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
There is no pre-bid conference for this project.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to Owner as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s) are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the Owner, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of sixty days after the bids are open.

DAVIS BACON ACT WAGE DETERMINATIONS – Contractors and subcontractors on USEPA federally assisted construction projects are required to pay their laborers and mechanics wages not less than those established by the U.S. Department of Labor. A current wage decision containing **DEBARMENT AND**

SUSPENSION - The prospective participants must certify by submittal of EPA Form 5700-49, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.

NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT - Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) - Each bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms and conditions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements, including the fair share objectives for disadvantaged business participation during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the fair share objective for disadvantaged business participation contained herein and all other requirements, terms and conditions of these bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid.

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS - On January 17, 2014, H.R. 3547, "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014," was enacted. Section 436 of the Act requires that none of the appropriated funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States.

unless a waiver is provided to the recipient by EPA. Conditions for the waiver are found under the Information for Bidders. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. This Advertisement is issued by: Owner: City of Seward, Nebraska By: Michael Oneby, PE Title: Seward City Engineer SCI — November 09, 16, 2022 ZNEZ

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Parking Lot Pavement
Seward County Fairgrounds
Paving north of Ag Pavilion, 110x200 6" thick, 47b state hwy mix, heavy wire sheets to be placed & chaired up, dowel to all existing paving, spray with white cure State specs, joint seal all saw joints, excavation of rock and dirt to be hauled to south lot.
Completion date by April 1, 2023. Mail bids no later than Wednesday, November 16 to: Mike Flyr, Sec SCAS
PO Box 469
Seward, NE 68434
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed BIDS will be received at the Engineer's Office, Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska on December 15, 2022, until 2:00 PM, Local Time, and then such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud in the Engineer's Conference Room for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and appurtenances required to furnish and install indoor meters and meter pits and other such work as may be incidental to STAPLEHURST WATER METER INSTALLATION.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The Owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier. Items transmitted by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847
Village of Staplehurst, 155 South 3rd Street, Staplehurst, NE 68439
Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C. located at 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, Telephone 308/234-6456 upon payment of \$60 for each half-size set. Full-size sets of documents can be obtained for a deposit of \$70. ANY PLAN HOLDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within fourteen (14) days of the BID OPENING, and in good condition, will be refunded \$15. A complete set of electronic copies of drawings, specifications, contract documents and proposal form may be obtained from www.miller-engineers.com for a fee of \$30 (non-refundable). Once logged into the website, go to "Bidding Documents" [in the upper right-hand corner of the M&A homepage] and you can select the set of documents to download. Each BIDDER will be required to submit with his proposal, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable, without condition, to the Village Clerk, Staplehurst, Nebraska, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal. The Owner is an equal opportunity employer and requires all contractors and consultants to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

The Owner, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, sex, age and disability/handicap in consideration for an award. /s/ Sharon Reinmiller, Village Clerk /s/Bobbi McVeyBlath, Chairman. SCI — November 09, 2022 ZNEZ

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
Seward Interior Drainage and Pump Station Improvements
The City of Seward (City) is seeking a qualified architecture and design engineering firm to undertake data collection, surveying, draft and final design plans & specifications, permitting, updated benefit cost analysis (BCA), and public bidding documents for the Interior Drainage and Pump Station Improvements Project.
The City will be utilizing a multiple - step qualifications - based process to select the architecture/engineering firm. The first requirement is the submission of a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), the requirements for which can be found in a detailed RFQ. The detailed RFQ can be obtained from: Derek Bargmann, City Clerk, 537 Main Street, Seward, NE 68434 during regular business hours or found at our website:

www.cityofsewardne.gov/
For consideration, three hard copies and one PDF copy of the Statement of Qualifications shall be received by Derek Bargmann, City Clerk, no later than 3:00 PM CST on December 6, 2022 at City Hall, 537 Main Street, Seward, NE 68434.
Direct requests for a detailed RFQ to: Mike Oneby, City Engineer, City Hall, 142 N 7 th Street, Seward, NE 68434.
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HEARINGS
NOTICE
A total of 74 cases will be heard by the Board in November 2022. The following case(s) sentenced in Seward County will be seen by the Board of Parole.
November 18, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.
Community Correctional Center - Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska
Graves, Kyle 214497 Burglary (3 counts)
ROSALYN COTTON, CHAIR
NEBRASKA
BOARD OF PAROLE
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HEARINGS

MEETINGS
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS
Seward County Ag. Society
Monday, November 21, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Conference Room-Harvest Hall
Seward County Fairgrounds
Michael J. Flyr
Secretary
Seward County Ag. Society
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MEETINGS

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
The board of education of the School District of Seward will meet in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting which shall be kept continually current is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours. To view the agenda go to <http://SewardPublicSchools.org/> and find the eMeeting link.
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MEETINGS

MEETING NOTICE:
Seward County Ag. Society will hold its annual meeting
November 21, 2022.
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Conference Room - Harvest Hall - Seward County Fairgrounds.
The Seward County Ag. Society will hold annual elections of the board of directors. The following positions will be up for election:
District 1
District 6
District 7
At Large
To be considered for one of the six positions, the person must be: A resident and registered voter of Seward County. To be considered for one of the three districts, the person must live or have significant land holdings in that particular district.
To be considered, please submit your name in writing to:
Seward County Ag. Society
P.O. Box 469
Seward, NE 68434
ATTN: Michael Flyr, Secretary
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NAME CHANGE
LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Case Number CI22-134
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF
Quinlan Pete Ackerman-Kelley
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 21st day of October, 2022, a petition was filed in the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to change a minor child's name from Quinlan Pete Ackerman-Kelley to Quinlan Pete Kelley.
A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable James C Stecker, in courtroom 261 S. 8th St. Suite 145, Seward, NE 68434, on the 19th day of December, 2022, at 9:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of

NAME CHANGE

Quinlan Pete Ackerman-Kelley to Quinlan Pete Kelley.
Petitioner
719 7th St.
Milford, NE 68405
402-641-8660 (PH)
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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Case Number CI22-128
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF
Ryleigh Laree Ackerman
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 6th day of October, 2022, a petition was filed in the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to change a minor child's name from Ryleigh Laree Kelley, to Ryleigh Laree Ackerman.
A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable James C Stecker, in courtroom 261 S. 8th St. Suite 145, Seward, NE 68434, on the 19th day of December, 2022, at 9:00a.m., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of

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Gregory C. Damman #19030
Blevens & Damman Law Office
Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3639
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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Clerk Magistrate Estate of Ruth Lauree Rehor, Deceased Estate No. PR22-87
Notice is hereby given that on October 27, 2022, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the Court entered an Order that Rebecca Wallroff, whose address is 1797 Agnew Rd., Bee, NE 68314, was informally appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.
Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 2, 2023 or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R Beins
Clerk of the Seward County Court
Seward County Justice Center
261 S. 8th St.
Seward, NE 68434
Gregory C. Damman #19030
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Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before JANUARY 9, 2023 or be forever barred.
/s/Sheila R Beins
Clerk of the County Court
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Seward, NE 68434
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THE YELLOW FIG, LLC
A Nebraska
Limited Liability Company
Notice is hereby given that The Yellow Fig, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office and its registered office at 702 168th Street, Pleasant Dale, Nebraska 68423. The name of the Company's Registered Agent is: Talli E. Kratochvii. The general nature of its business is to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on October 13, 2022, and will have perpetual existence unless terminated sooner. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by its Members.
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
of Joverity LLC
Notice is hereby given that Joverity LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 695 Graham Park Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Dana Nottingham, 695 Graham Park Drive, Seward, Nebraska, 68434. Joverity LLC. SCI — November 02, 09, 16, 2022
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PROPERTY SALES

Bonial & Associates, P.C.

12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141

Notice of Trustee's Sale

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on 12/09/2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the North doors of the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward Street Seward, NE 68434: LOTS FIVE (5), SIX (6) AND THE EAST HALF (E 1/2) OF SEVEN (7), IN BLOCK FIVE (5), LAUNE'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MILFORD, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA. All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.
By: Sara Pelikan, Trustee, NSBA# 23602
Bonial & Associates, P.C.
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141
Phone: 314-991-0255
Fax: 972-764-5752
First Publication 10/26/2022, final 11/23/2022
Published in the Seward County Independent
BPC Filename: BUTJENOR
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND

HAPPENINGS

THROUGH NOV. 11

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: A Holiday Food Drive, sponsored by the Seward-ish Giving Tree, will help stock Seward County food pantries for the holiday season. Suggested items include instant mashed potatoes, gravy mix, instant stuffing and cake mixes. Cash donations will be accepted for vouchers for ham or turkey and can be made directly to Blue Valley Community Action or Milford United Methodist Church. Drop-off locations for food items include: Garland – Corner Bar, 173 Fourth St. Milford – Pizza Kitchen, 411 First St. and the big red house by Casey's, 202 Fourth St. Seward – Bagels & Joe, 522 Seward St.; Ignite Nutrition, 601 Jackson Ave.; and Seward County Independent, 129 S. Sixth St.

THROUGH DEC. 4

SEWARD ROTARY CLUB TO HOST LIGHT CONTEST: The Seward Rotary Club, assisted by the Seward High School Future Business Leaders of America, will host the annual Seward Holiday Outdoor Home Lighting Decorating Contest in the Seward area and judge the entries on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. The contest is free to enter and names can be submitted to Clark Kolterman at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org or call Sany Wright at the at (402) 643-3602.

NOV. 3 – DEC. 2

ALL DECOR DAYS AT SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY: The Friends of Seward Library will host "All Decor Days" starting Thursday, Nov. 3, at 5 p.m. The larger event will move to the lower level conference room where items for all seasons and holidays will be available for browsing during library hours. This Friends of Seward Library fundraiser supports programs in the library. Donations are appreciated. Seward Memorial Library will continue to take no-longer-needed decor and add it to the collection for others to take home. Stop in and make selections until Friday, Dec. 2 at noon.

NOV. 9

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET: The next regular meeting of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club will be Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Seward Memorial Library, a change from its usual location. The program will feature Carla Ketner, owner of Chapters Books and Gifts, who will address the club members on "Positive Impact" – impacting a community and the importance of a positive community involvement experience. She will also speak on the "Seward Read to Me" program. Guests and new members are welcome to attend.

NOV. 10

COUNTY REPUBLICANS HOLD MONTHLY MEETINGS: The Seward County Nebraska Republicans invite any registered Republicans to attend monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meeting locations may vary. Each month, meeting information and location will be posted on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SewardNEGOP.

INVITATION TO MEET AT THE GATHERING TABLE: Make plans to meet at The Gathering Table (Milford Mennonite Fellowship Hall at 920 F St). The table is set on the second Thursday of each month for this complementary meal. Come anytime between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

STARTING NOV. 10

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET: A 13-week GriefShare support group will begin Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Heritage Room at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward. The group will meet every Thursday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. through Feb. 2, 2023. Cost of the GriefShare workbook is \$20, however, Stephen Ministry will pay half of the fee. The fee to the attendee is \$10 for a detailed workbook to use at home and at the sessions. To find out more about this support group, call Mary Ann Steinbeck at (402) 499-6618, Deaconess Jeri at (402) 643-673-2983, or email masteinbeck1@gmail.com. There is no registration deadline and walk-ins are welcome at any time.

NOV. 12

METHODIST CHURCH TO HOST BAZAAR: Shop for your holiday gift-giving at the Seward United Methodist Church's 70th Annual Church Bazaar, Saturday Nov. 12. This fall shopping experience features handcrafted and homemade items, along with baked goodies and frozen casseroles. The Sweet Treats Café is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Gift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are treasures for all ages – many priced under \$10 - \$20.

NOV. 14

DEMOGRAPHER TO SPEAK: Demographer Lyman Stone will speak in the Thom Auditorium at Concordia University at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, on "Faith, Family, Fertility: How the American Way of Life is Changing." A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

NOV. 15

ALZHEIMER'S GROUP TO MEET: The local Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group will meet at Kinship Pointe the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Rose or Terri at (402) 643-6500.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK: Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise will speak Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Cattle Conference room in the Janzow Campus Center at Concordia University-Nebraska on his book, "The Gates of Hell," which is on Christian persecution between the two World Wars. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

NOV. 17

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE TO MEET: The last regular meeting this year of the Seward Fourth of July Committee will be Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center. The meeting will begin to place schedule times and finalize chair and co-chairmen. New volunteers are welcome. The theme for 2023's July 4 celebration is "Family." For more information, visit the July Fourth website or email Clark Kolterman at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org or call (402) 641-8522.

CAR CLUB TO MEET: The Seward Good Life Car Club will meet for an end-of-the-year gathering Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Bottle Rocket Brewery in Seward. For more information about the club and meals for this meeting, see the group's Facebook page or www.sewardgoodlifecar.club. There will be no meetings in December or January. The club meets again Feb. 16, 2023, at a location to be announced.

NOV. 19

DINNER THEATER PLANNED AT BEE: The 11th annual Bee Dinner Theater is scheduled Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Bee State Ballroom. A social hour with a cash bar begins at 5 p.m. with a Windsor Loin dinner and entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and should be ordered by Sunday, Nov. 13. Tickets are available at Jones Bank, Cattle Bank, Flatland Market and Bar, Bee, and Pivo's Tavern in Dwight. For questions or tickets, contact Dan at (402) 641-2965, Jenn at (402) 641-1573 or Tyler at (402) 641-0473. The event is presented by the Bee Ballroom Restoration Committee.

NOV. 26

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST SET: The GFWC Seward Woman's Club will sponsor two gingerbread house contests, one for those made at home and brought to the Civic Center on Tuesday, Nov. 22, for judging and display on Saturday Nov. 26, and another for individuals and families to build on site Nov. 26 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. while supplies last. Entry to the contest and to view the displays is free. Rules are available at the Seward Memorial Library, Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership office and in the Civic Center lobby. Direct questions to Jean Kolterman at dk05811@windstream.com.

WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSORS 'FESTIVAL OF TREES': GFWC Seward Woman's Club will sponsor the "Festival of Trees" and is asking area communities to sponsor a tree. The festival is Saturday, Nov. 26, all day and they hope to have all of the communities in Seward County represented. If you are interested in hosting a tree, contact Project Chairman Jean Kolterman at dk05811@windstream.net. The Festival of Trees is open to the public and there will be free admission.

DEC. 2-3

"STUFF THE CRUISER" TOYS COLLECTED: The Seward Police Department and Seward Rotary and Concordia University Rotaract will collect toys outside of area businesses for their annual toy drive campaign to "Stuff the Cruiser" for disadvantaged/underprivileged children of Seward County. The groups are accepting new toy donations and cash gifts to supplement the campaign. The local campaign will be at Dollar General and Orschelen's in Seward on Friday, Dec. 2, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The team will be at Walmart on Friday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Toys can also be dropped off at the Seward Police Department or Seward Civic Center through Friday, Dec. 9. To nominate a child for gifts, call (402) 641-9789 from 1 to 7 p.m. by Thursday, Dec. 8. The program is

for children that are newborn through age 12.

ONGOING

FCCLA SPONSORS T-SHIRT DRIVE: The SHS FCCLA is sponsoring a T-shirt drive to assist the homeless and create awareness for suicide – with a goal of collecting 280 shirts – the number of lives lost to suicide in Nebraska last year. Shirts of all sizes and messages on the front are welcome. Drop off locations are the Seward High School lobby or the lobby of the Seward Civic Center. Shirts will be donated to the Living Water Mission in York by the FCCLA volunteers. For more information, contact Ayda Metschke at Ada.Metschke@sewardschools.org.

IT'S TIME FOR FLU SHOTS: Flu shots are in and are now available at the Family Medical Centers of Seward, Milford and Utica. No appointment is necessary. Walk-in Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at any of the three clinics to receive a flu shot or on Saturday at the Seward Family Medical Center from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

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; Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Seward; Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Bellwood Mennonite Church in Milford; Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center; Saturdays at 7 p.m. 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.

TOPS MEETS WEEKLY: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly on Thursdays at the Seward Civic Center. TOPS is a weight management support group. Weigh-in begins at 11:15 a.m. and the meetings are from noon to 12:30 p.m. The initial meeting is free.

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Green lights in Seward to honor veterans

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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Friday is Veterans Day, an opportunity for American to honor those who served in the various branches of our military.

Operation Green Light is a visible way to show support for Amer-

ica's veterans.

"People turn lights green to honor veterans during Veterans Day week," Matt Starkey, Seward County Veterans Service Officer, said.

Created by the New York State Association of Counties, the project was picked up by the

National Association of County Officials, Starkey said.

In Seward County, the electric candles in the courthouse will feature green light bulbs. The Civil War statue on the north side of the courthouse will be lighted green, and the city of Seward plans to

highlight its buildings and the Seward Volunteer Fire Department with green lights.



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November 26th

FREE ENTRY • All age categories
Winners announced November 26th
Pickup on Monday, November 28th

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Malcolm High School presents ...

"Jumanji the Musical"

The story centers on a supernatural board game that releases jungle-based hazards upon its players with every turn they take.



Karter Kinkaid (left) and Dalton Amen act out a scene from the Malcolm play "Jumanji the Musical."

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Addyson Hanson (left) and Tyler Thieman act out a scene from Malcolm High School's production of "Jumanji the Musical."



Guides Tyler Thieman, left, and Brian Streeter act out a scene from "Jumanji the Musical."



Dalton Amen (under table) and Karter Kincaid (above) are threatened by snakes played by Izzy Stenger, Addyson Hanson, Mikiah Witzel, Billie Streeter and Natalie Shafer in Malcolm High School's production of "Jumanji the Musical."



Enchantresses and monkeys Anna Schweitzer, Scarlett Battles, Addison Gropp, Jhordyn Kirkpatrick and Maya Semerad act out at scene from a Malcolm High School dress rehearsal of "Jumanji The Musical."



RIGHT: Malcolm High School students Reilly Carlson, Tyler Thieman, Cole Tiedeman, Brian Streeter and Lucas Brown act out a scene from the school's "Jumanji the Musical" production.

LEFT: Malcolm High School students Ruby Bostock, Madi Pavlik and Luci Brockhaus act out a scene from "Jumanji the Musical."



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