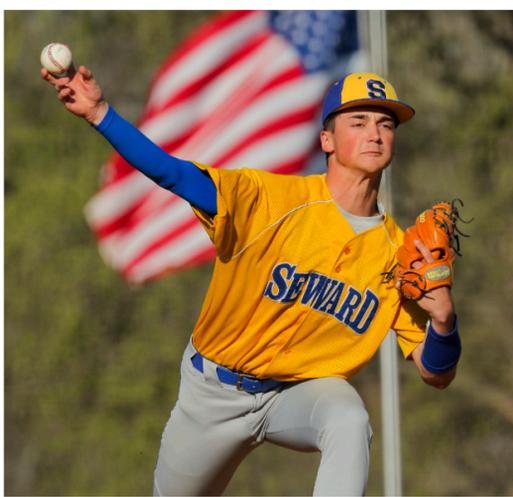


Firing it in



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Seward's Kolton Loos delivers a pitch against Crete during the Bluejays' victory over the Cardinals.

Seward County Gives to benefit 40 causes

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
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Seward County Gives kicks off May 1 for five days of giving toward 40 organizations across Seward County.

Organizers of the campaign hope to top the \$162,000 raised for 24 organizations last year during the inaugural event.

Giving opens Monday, May 1, and runs through Friday, May 5, at sewardcountygives.com.

Donors also may contribute in-person at Cattle National Bank, Union Bank and Trust, Jones Bank and Bagels and Joe in Seward; Pizza Kitchen and Jones Bank in Milford; PDale Pub in Pleasant Dale; and First Bank of Utica in Utica and Cordova.

A "Lunch on the Lawn" organization fair will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, on the courthouse lawn in Seward, 529 Seward Street, with lunch provided. The fair will give donors a chance to learn about

each participating organization's needs.

A finale party will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5, at PDale Pub, 201 Ash Street in Pleasant Dale, with food, entertainment, prizes and announcement of the donation totals.

Participating organizations are raising money for the following projects. Further details on each project are available at sewardcountygives.com.

Blue River Pet Rescue – To enhance the dog play area with shaded structures for improved animal welfare and community engagement.

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership – To purchase an Illumination Station augmented reality component for the Seward County Head Start early childhood education program.

City of Milford – To update outdated play equipment in the uptown city park and replace it with ADA-compliant pieces as part of an overall park improvement project.

Flatwater Film Festival – To celebrate art in film created by Nebraskans passionate about cinema during the third annual film festival to be held at the historic Rivoli Theatre in Seward in October.

Goehner Volunteer Fire Department – To purchase a LUCAS device, a mechanical device that delivers consistent and uninterrupted automatic chest compressions during CPR, freeing first responders to provide additional services and reduce chaos around the patient.

Heart to Heart Ministries – To provide financial assistance for those seeking services of qualified Christian providers.

Hope Crisis Center – To assist with shelter, food and necessities for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence.

Illuminate Seward – To replace the broken white lights lining the tops of downtown Seward buildings with new, high-efficiency

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Wellness center committee looks at cost savings

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
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Changes to initial plans for the Seward Wellness Center could result in significant cost savings.

City Administrator Greg Butcher gave an update April 18 on the center's progress thus far.

Butcher said the wellness center committee is still working through the design process with BVH Architects and Sampson Construction and has experienced some "sticker shock" as the price tag has increased in recent months.

The rise in cost is linked to a shortage of materials and supply chain issues, as well as an increase in labor costs across the construction industry.

He said the team is looking to adjust the design without sacrificing amenities to keep it as close as possible to the original \$18 million estimate.

"We literally saw it come down \$4 million with value engineering by moving everything to the first floor," Butcher said.

The initial design showed a two-story building, with amenities like basketball courts and a swimming pool on the first floor and weight and cardio equipment,

among other areas, on the second floor.

A large cause of that \$4 million savings, Butcher said, is because less steel would be needed to construct a single-story building.

The committee was not yet ready to release drawings of the new design for the public to view.

The council authorized a contract with Sampson Construction using a construction manager at-risk method. Once the design is finalized, Sampson will provide the city with a guaranteed maximum price. If the cost comes in over that price, Sampson will be responsible for the difference.

The cost will include all aspects of the project, from design and construction to equipment and furnishings.

Butcher said the city hired Joel Brase as executive director for the wellness center.

Brase previously served as the assistant activities director at Seward High School and currently serves as activities director and assistant principal at Lincoln Lutheran Middle and High School.

Brase is already involved in the design process for the center but will join the city staff full time in June.

Eber named assistant principal of year

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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Just two years into his tenure as assistant principal at Seward High, Rich Eber is an award winner.

Eber was named the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals Region I Assistant Principal of the Year April 19.

"I found out Wednesday night," he said. "I think I was the only one who didn't know."

As assistant principal, Eber's duties include supporting students, teachers and administration. He works with attendance and discipline, as well as with the alternative school to make it more a part of the school district.

Eber taught at Seward High for six years before moving into his administrative role. As a former teacher, he said he can relate to what goes on in the classroom and the stresses that have come after Covid-19.

In addition to working with students and teachers, Eber also gets to attend events as a supervisor, which he enjoys.

Eber didn't set out to be in education, howev-

er. "My goal was to be a professional baseball player, and it was until my last play at UNK," he said.

Eber played catcher and designated hitter for the Lopers. Coaching was a natural step, but he was not certified to teach. He went back to Tampa, Florida, and got his teacher certification.

"I got into teaching so I could coach, but once I started teaching, my priority changed," he said.

He found he loved teaching and now misses being in the classroom.

He started taking administrative classes to learn the other side of education and improve his classroom skills. As he learned more, he saw where his path could lead.

"I want to help every student," he said.

SHS Principal Scott Axt and Activities Director John Moody have been good mentors, he said, answering all his questions.

Eber said his wife Amy has been supportive of his move to administrative and his children Jolie, who will turn 13 soon, and Nicholas, who is 9, think his role is OK.

He's looking forward



COURTESY PHOTOS

Rich Eber, right, was named the region's assistant principal of the year. He is pictured with SHS principal Scott Axt.

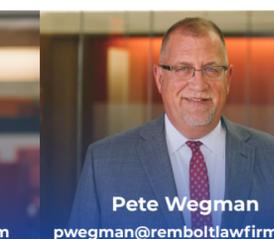
to being able to attend his children's activities once they reach high school.

He said his goals include continuing to learn new ways to reach out to students, parents and the community, which is part of the district's mission statement

– "Make every student a success."

He said the award is a team recognition for the staff, students and administration.

"It's a labor of love. I love Seward and Seward Public Schools," he said. "I hope I'm here until I retire."



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Ignite Nutrition offers free workouts in Seward

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Ignite Nutrition is offering free workouts at Moffitt Park on Fridays to help people get moving.

Lizz Dell with Ignite Nutrition in Seward said the idea started from Herbalife when they incorporated nutrition clubs into their marketing. Herbalife is a global nutrition company offering a range of science-based nutrition products that include weight management, nutritional supplements and personal care products intended to support a healthy lifestyle.

"It was a way to give back to the community and for us to get in there and help people lose weight," she said.

Dell said they did the workouts starting last summer and stopped when it got too cold to do them outside.

The first workout of this cycle started on April 21 and will continue every Friday until it gets cold again.

"Hopefully by next fall we'll have an indoor space somewhere that will allow us to come in and do a free workout," she said.

Dell said the workouts usually start with a game as an icebreaker.

"Usually it's ultimate frisbee just because it's a lot of fun and the rules are pretty easy," she said.

After the game, Dell said they usually do stretches and then a workout. She said workouts differ on the week and the person.

"For instance, if I have a guest coming in that week like Jazzercise, we do a workout

with someone from there," she said.

Dell said Ignite Nutrition has partnered with Jazzercise for some of the free workouts.

Along with the workouts, Dell said people at the session will get to share their story.

"Every person involved in a leadership position here has a story on how the free workouts paired with the products and the one on one coaching has really changed their lives," she said. "For instance, I've lost 116 pounds in 13 months and my husband has lost 65 pounds in 13 months and gained 15 pounds of muscle."

Dell said anyone who wants to join Ignite Nutrition can come to the workouts at 7 p.m. every Friday.

"Anybody can come of any age group and all fitness levels," she said. "For me, I do things modified, but some people have a higher level of activity that they can personally do. So, we modify it for people like me."

Dell also mentioned kids can come and participate or play together at the park.

"We spread out around the park in a few different areas," she said. "It kind of depends on the workout."

Along with free workouts, Dell said Ignite Nutrition has other things planned, including a Bible study that will start on Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at Ignite Nutrition.

"I'll re-open about 6:15 so people can come in and get shakes and teas if they want, and then we'll get started at seven," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Shelly Smetter stands by the turntable in her studio early in her teaching career.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Shelly Smetter demonstrates proper arm position to one of the tap classes during the rehearsal for the 2023 recital.

Smetter's final curtain call

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Shelly Smetter has been dancing since kindergarten and teaching since high school. April 16 was her final dance recital.

"I started dancing when I was 5," she said.

She went to a studio in Lincoln because there wasn't one in Seward. In 1974, when she was 14, she changed that.

The high school freshman started teaching tap and ballet in her parents' basement at their home on Fourth Street. They were there for eight years and then her parents, Charlie and Vera Thorell, moved to East Seward Street. Shelly continued to use their basement as a studio.

Her first students were elementary aged dancers.

"Those parents trusted their kids to a 14-year-old," Smetter said with a laugh.

She thanked her brothers Shane, Travis and Trent "for putting up with music coming up from the basement."

Smetter graduated from Seward High and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she majored in dance and earned her bachelor of fine arts degree. She was also part of the flag corps while at UNL.

She drove back to Seward twice a week to teach.

"I knew I wanted to stay a dance teacher," she said.

That was a far cry from when she once told her mother she never wanted to teach dance.

She also married Sam Smetter from Goehner during that time.

In 1982, Clark Kolterman told her about the space upstairs at 627 Seward Street. Chuck Matzke at Jones Bank helped with financing, and Smetter bought the space that became Shelly's School of Dance.

"My parents had to cosign" because she was only 22, Smetter

said.

Downstairs was home to two bars at the time, she said.

When she started, she taught everything – ballet, tap and jazz. She spent from 4 to 10 p.m. at the studio Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays and quit early on Wednesdays for church.

"At one time, I was teaching 19 hours a week," Shelly said.

She's worked with music on vinyl to cassette tapes to CDs and digital files.

Janet Jerger joined her in 1994-95 and taught one ballet class. She eventually took all the upper level ballet classes.

Daneen Kovar started teaching in 1998 with middle school and has taught classes since then. She also retired this year.

Brooklyn Rader was the next addition in 2020 when Jerger retired, Smetter said. Rader will take over the studio, which will be called Artistry in Motion.

Smetter's students performed recitals at the little theater at Seward High originally and needed three performances for everyone.

They moved to Concordia University's Weller Hall for awhile and then back to the high school when the new theater was done in 2002.

Each recital had a theme, and some included longer ballets, including Sleeping Beauty, Peter Pan and Alice in Wonderland.

Smetter usually had an idea for the recital theme by August and would look for songs she liked that had a good rhythm or tempo. Two of the dances from an early recital, for example, were "Bye Bye Blackbird" and "Ain't She Sweet."

Occasionally a song will work for different genres. One instructor might hear it as a tap piece, while another might envision it as ballet.

When Smetter choreographed all the dances, she might have 32

or 33 different performances in her head.

"I knew them all," she said. This year, she chose more themes from TV shows. She said when choosing music, the songs need to inspire steps.

Smetter said for years she averaged 140 to 160 students from kindergarten through high school. Then covid struck, and that hurt enrollment. William Henry School of the Arts opened, as well, giving young dancers another option for classes.

While most of the dancers Smetter has taught were young ladies, a few young men found their way to the studio.

One year, she said, her brother Trent and his friends Rob Brigham and Christopher Valle took tap. For a couple years, she had a class of six boys. Another brother, Shane, played Micky Mouse in one recital.

She also taught all four of her children – Chelse, Zach, Zoie and Grace.

"It was fun to teach my own kids," she said.

She asked Chelse once what it was like to have her mother as a teacher. Chelse's answer was that when she was in class, she thought of Smetter as her teacher.

"I feel really blessed," Smetter said.

In her comments to the audience after this year's recital, Smetter thanked God for His creativity in creating music and dance.

She said she knew it was time to retire, however. She plans to spend more time with her grandchildren, all seven of whom live out of state.

She will also help at her church and with Sloup/Thorell Detasseling this summer.

Smetter said she probably won't really miss dance until August when she began classes for the last 49 years.

Burn site fees increase, capital projects continue at Seward City Council

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
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At its April 18 meeting, the Seward City Council:

- increased the fees for burn site keyholders who use the site for business purposes. Fees went from \$100 to \$500 per year and from \$20 to \$100 for daily use for resident businesses and \$40 to \$100 for non-resident businesses. The change is effective immediately for new users and effective Jan. 1, 2024, for current keyholders.
- heard an updated cost estimate on the proposed new wastewater treatment facility. The cost increased nearly \$14 million because of supply issues, material costs and increased labor costs, bringing the current estimate to \$38.8 million.
- heard an update on the Seward Wellness

Center, including the hiring of Joel Brase as executive director.

- approved a contract for \$696,785 with General Excavating for site and utility work on the new water tower to be built at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Eighth Street, and amended an agreement for engineering services with Olsson Inc. for work on the same project totaling \$232,000 for observation and material testing.
- increased pay \$10 per hour for electric department employees based on a comparability study in an effort to keep them working for the city instead of transferring to other communities. Read more next week.
- approved an application from the Seward Arts Council to the Seward Foundation for \$9,300 to help fund the Second Saturday Summer Music Series at the

Seward Bandshell.

- approved a request from H&H Recreation (Sparetime Lounge and Grill) to expand its liquor license to cover the increased square footage of its renovated outdoor facility.

- authorized the sale of a tract of land west of Tenneco to Summit Contracting Inc. for \$1,000.
- updated the job description for city finance director/treasurer.

Roads to be closed due to bridge replacement

The bridge over the Blue River on Bluff Road west of Seward is scheduled to be replaced this spring.

Work on the bridge is set to begin Monday, May 8, and will take about 120 days to complete. Due to the bridge replacement, the following roads will be closed during this time:

Bluff Road between 294th Road and Lincoln Street

294th Road between Hwy 34 and Bluff Road

Detours will be put in place for the duration of the bridge replacement. For questions about this project, contact the Seward County Road Dept. at (402) 643-3170.



Cora Payne



Ava Fischer



Cora Hoffschneider

Utica, Beaver Crossing ALAs choose their Girls State reps

The American Legion Auxiliary Utica Unit 49 is sponsoring Cora Payne and Ava Fischer to attend Nebraska Girls State activities this summer, while the American Legion Auxiliary Beaver Crossing Unit 178 will sponsor Cora Hoffschneider for the event.

All three are juniors at Centennial High School.

Payne is the daughter of Nathan and Christina Payne and is involved in basketball, volleyball, track, FFA, student council, National Honor Society and Nebraska High School Rodeo.

Outside of school, she is involved in 4-H, is a junior leader for 4-H, Gresham softball and Capital City Horse and Pony Club Youth Board.

She enjoys being involved in community activities, working with horses, rodeo, playing volleyball, basketball and running track. Payne works as a dietary aide at the York General Hospital and helps manage the family chicken barns for Costco.

Fischer is the daughter of Tye and Amy Fischer and is involved in FFA, show choir, FCCLA, one act, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, student council, basketball, softball and track. Outside of school, she is involved in 4-H, St. Paul Church Youth Group and Gresham softball.

She enjoys being involved in her school and community, interacting

with other people, and works as a lifeguard at the Utica swimming pool in the summer and loves teaching swimming lessons to the kids.

Cora Hoffschneider is the daughter of Chad and Lana Hoffschneider and is involved in FFA, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, student council, unified bowling, softball and track.

Outside of school, she is involved in 4-H and St. Paul Church Youth Group. Hoffschneider enjoys being involved in activities where she can meet new people. She has grown a passion for agriculture and has developed A Tree & A Truck Co. with her FFA SAE Project, selling live Christmas trees and wreaths.

Girls State is a nationwide program sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Each year more than 350 girls from throughout the state are able to learn about parliamentary procedure and organize themselves to two mock political parties.

They campaign, hold rallies, debate and ultimately vote to elect city, county and state officials. Delegates are sworn in and perform their prescribed duties of those elected to share their viewpoints as citizens. The Department of Nebraska Girls State sessions will be at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on June 4-10.



EMILY HEMPHILL/SCI

Participants in the C3 Concordia Catalyst Competition for Business Plans April 21 at Concordia University included, from left: (front row) judges Jacob Eckles, Jamie Bishop and Zach Soflin; and (back row) students Jose Sanchez, Ryan Brown, Mason Edwards, Michael Doiel, Gabe Ellis, Emma Lloyd, Sarah Wilson, Samuel Blevins and Kyle Hoffman.

Bison company wins local business plan contest

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
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One Concordia student is a step closer to realizing his dream of running a bison ranch.

Junior Gabe Ellis won the third annual Concordia Catalyst Competition for Business Plans on April 21 with his idea for Broken Horn Bison.

Five individuals and teams competed for nearly \$2,000 in prize money. Each shared an idea for a business, complete with marketing strategies and a financial analysis, and was critiqued by a trio of judges.

The Business Plan competition followed the C3 Business Pitch competitions in November and December, where entrepreneurs had just 90 seconds to share their ideas. The Plan contest allowed a more in-depth exploration of how each business would operate.

Broken Horn Bison has been three years in the making so far, said Ellis, an agricultural science major from Kingsdown, Kansas. He won the top prize of \$750 to put toward opening his business.

Broken Horn Bison would market bison meat to professional and college athletes.

According to Ellis, bison meat is higher in protein, iron and B-12, is leaner and has fewer calories compared to other meats, making it ideal for gaining, losing or maintaining weight.

The company would specialize in high-volume orders meant to accommodate large teams across the U.S. and eventually worldwide.

Ellis and four other teams presented in front of potential investors and mentors.

Judges included Jacob Eckles, regional

director of operations for Family Dollar, Jamie Bishop of Bishop Marketing and Zach Soflin, architect and CEO of Layer, a project and data management software for building professionals.

The C3 competition series was founded by Dr. Dennis Brink, professor of agricultural science at Concordia, Brian Larrington, Nebraska senior sales representative for Boehringer Ingelheim, and Jonathan Jank, CU alumnus and president and CEO of the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership. Their goal was to provide a springboard for new businesses to begin in the Seward County area.

Coaches for the teams were CU Assistant Professor of Accounting Todd Johnson, Professor of Business Dr. Curt Beck, Assistant Professor of Ag Science Dr. Kimberly Clark and Jonathon Moberly, dean of the CU College of Business.

Ellis said he and a couple teammates entered the C3 contest his freshman year and earned second place. The contest started in the ag science department.

When he was a sophomore, the contest expanded to include the college of business. Ellis worked to further develop a business plan and made it to the semifinals.

Last fall, he earned a top 10 spot in the Pitch contest, then kept elaborating toward a more complete business plan.

“Ever since I was a little kid, I’ve wanted to raise bison,” Ellis said.

He came to Concordia on a football scholarship and said he was drawn to the university’s new ag program and Christian-based education.

He plans to spend his

summer completing an internship at a bison ranch in Montana, with the goal of starting his own ranch after college.

Following the students’ presentations, the judges deliberated and then shared feedback with the students about their ideas.

“It’s hard to stand up there and talk about something that you’ve created – and you’re maybe halfway through its creation – and be able to take hard questions and maybe criticism and be able to maintain your composure,” Bishop said. “We saw in each idea shortcomings or different ways to go... but we felt like each idea has a lot of potential. If you believe in something and it’s in a feasible range and it has a real value proposition, you can be successful in it.”

In second place was Enlighten, an idea for a Christ-centered non-profit afterschool program for youth with special needs in the Seward area. It was created by Emma Lloyd, Samuel Blevins, Kyle Hoffman and Sarah Wilson. They received \$500.

Third place (\$350) went to Ryan Brown’s idea for a handheld THC breathalyzer device.

Fourth place (\$250) went to Jose Sanchez for Dynasty Wrestling, a year-round wrestling club in which athletes would advance through technique levels denoted by shirt colors, similar to belt colors in martial arts, using a specialized wrestling curriculum.

Fifth place (\$100) went to Michael Doiel and Mason Edwards for Headstone Hunters, an app that would provide walking directions to gravesites, preventing people from having to contact the funeral home to find a loved one’s burial plot.

Nebraska babies born in 2022 to be given Meadowlark Savings Pledge

Each child born in Nebraska in 2022 will receive a one-time \$50 seed contribution, as directed by the Meadowlark Act.

Families of eligible babies will receive a letter from the state treasurer announcing their qualification for the Meadowlark Savings Pledge.

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Those of you who've met me know I like going to plays and musicals. Having been in them, I know the time it takes to get them ready to perform.



Stephanie Croston

I had the opportunity April 6 to attend the Living Last Supper at the Seward United Methodist Church. I think I'd been to it once before in the far distant past, so it was essentially new to me.

The story of the Last Supper is familiar to me, so I kind of knew what to expect. But seeing it brought to life, and hearing what the disciples may have been thinking at that moment made the moment more poignant.

The performers, all members of the SUMC, did a good job presenting each disciple's turmoil. The music, which I understand comes from the era of Jesus, added a breath of history to the performance.

Thank you to all who were involved in the production. It's a great way to start the Easter season, and I hope it continues for many years to come.

BY KEATON BURGESS
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Is it just me, or did the month of April just fly by? It seems just like yesterday the month had just started, and all of a sudden we're almost in May.



Keaton Burgess

It makes sense in a

way, as this has been a super busy month for me, but this one has seemed to just fly by faster than usual. It also might seem this way because I'm moving next month, which is a little nerve-wracking, so that might have distracted me from other things going on.

With May coming up, things are about to be even busier with sports wrapping up for the season, proms, graduations and more. With how busy it will get, I can also see May being a month where things will seem to fly by.

Although things can get busy, I need to remember to live in the moment and enjoy what going on around me. If you don't enjoy life and have fun every once in a while, then are you truly living life?

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
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The future of journalism is bright, based on what I saw happening in our community April 15.

I had the honor of speaking on a panel at the Northern Plains Collegiate Media Association's annual conference, hosted by



Emily Hemphill

Concordia University in Seward.

The conference drew journalism students and faculty advisers from CU, Doane University, Wayne State College, Peru State College, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Bethel College and Chadron State College.

I spoke alongside three other graduates from the CU journalism program who are now working in print and broadcast media.

We shared our experiences as media professionals and discussed the challenges of the industry.

While it was fun to spend an hour talking about what I do, it was way more exciting to meet the next generation of young journalists.

The students I spoke with work for their college papers and radio stations. They asked insightful questions (as all good journalists should) and genuinely wanted to learn more about careers in media.

They asked how to handle difficult situations, how to be ethical in reporting and how to manage the stress of this job, which often is through the roof.

They had the right ideas in mind, and I am confident these young journalists will be valuable assets to their communities when they enter the working world

Conceal/carry bill passes the legislature

BY SEN. JANA HUGHES
Dist. 24

The 108th Legislature achieved a milestone this past week in passing our first set of laws for this session.

It took 63 days for the Nebraska Legislature to pass its first bill, setting a record in the process – though not a record to brag about. LB376, the General Affairs priority bill, became the first package of bills to advance to Gov. Jim Pillen's desk this year.

LB376 contained a number of non-controversial bills including one of mine, LB667, which updates the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.

A few other bills also made it to the governor's desk this week. One of these bills, LB77, allows a gun owner to carry a concealed firearm without a permit. This bill places Nebraska law in compliance with last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the constitutionality of states' gun permits.

LB77 does not change our current law that requires background checks for the purchase of a firearm. This bill also retains the requirement that a person has to inform law enforcement that they are carrying a concealed firearm when interacting with them.

Gun owners are still able to obtain a conceal/carry permit. It is no longer required, but optional. However, those who do not obtain a permit would be unable to cross state lines and conceal/carry without one.

LB77 also prevents the conceal/carry of firearms by minors, unless that minor is a member of the military or law enforcement. It also prohibits the conceal/carry of firearms to athletic events or in banks, bars or any business holding a liquor license, churches, courts, hospitals or other medical facilities,

colleges, universities, schools, police stations, local, county or state governing bodies, as well as into any polling or voting site.

Any business that chooses to prohibit people from concealed/carrying a firearm is allowed to do so as long as they conspicuously post notice that it is not allowed on the premises.

LB77 continues to forbid the conceal/carry of firearms by prohibited persons including those who violate a protection order. Citizens of Nebraska are further prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm while consuming alcohol or while under the influence of illegal drugs.

I voted in support of LB77, which passed by a vote of 33-14.

There are several hundred bills that have been reported out of committee to the General File. Most of these bills will not be considered this year as we only have 24 legislative days left in the session.

I remain hopeful that some of the bills I introduced are among those considered. These include: LB585 which provides enhanced suicide prevention training in our schools; LB584 that begins to address the vaping epidemic among our teens; and LB586 that increases clinical nurse training in underserved areas of our state, which are most often rural.

As time runs short, we will see more efforts to move multiple bills forward within "Christmas-tree" packages. We are considering bills all day and well into the evening most days. This makes for a real challenge to identify which parts of these "Christmas-tree" packages are good legislation and which need to be worked on more.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns about the bills we are working on here in our Capitol.

As always, if we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office. My email address is jhughes@leg.ne.gov, and the office phone number is (402) 471-2756.

Do you have a snake story to share?

BY JENNY REES

Seward/York counties Extension educator

Two weeks ago, during the period of warm temps, every field and farm visit included me seeing a snake. I don't like snakes!



Jenny Rees

But I think the biggest reason I don't like them is because they often take me off-guard. I can recount several times walking wheat fields and/or pastures to feel something soft under foot, look down to find a bull snake, and high tail it out of there, often with at least one scream, regardless if the farmer was present or not.

And, being in Extension, identifying snakes has been part of the job, albeit not one I enjoy, nor one that's my expertise. My rule is that they are not brought into the office alive—they can stay captured alive outside of the building (I'd prefer pictures though).

The reason for this rule is, like with most careers, stories are passed down from those who preceded us. There's many but here's a few. One story involved a situation where a snake brought in for ID got loose in the Extension office. Another was when 'Corny the corn snake,' used for youth Earth Festivals, got loose in a county vehicle...or so the educator thought that was the case but couldn't find it.

Unfortunately, the office manager found it when she drove the vehicle next.

Years ago during a dry period, I was driving and a farmer was in the passenger seat directing me to the next field. Suddenly, he grabbed the steering wheel and swerved shouting, "Don't hit it! That's the fifth one I've seen today!"

It was a snake. It lived. My heart was racing as I regained control of my truck and got it stopped.

There's a number of old wives' tales I've heard throughout the years, and I don't dismiss them. I'm mostly just intrigued as I do value people's observations. The one he told me that day was if you see seven snakes in a day it will rain. I've heard a number of variations of this.

Back to the story of two weeks ago, it didn't rain that week. Then I started getting questions followed by a handful of comments about how many snakes people were seeing. Another thing we are taught in Extension is if the same question occurs

twice, there's a good chance more people have the same question.

When the same question about snake numbers happened the same day, I checked with our Extension wildlife specialist, Dennis Ferraro, who is a herpetologist (snake expert). You may have seen him on "Backyard Farmer."

His answer, "I can assure you snake numbers are average or a bit in decline across the entire state (30 years of data). I've been out over eight times this year and data is on track. Since we had more than average very warm days early ... emergence is occurring in groups rather than gradually."

"People usually forget that snakes "group up" / aggregate to mate in early spring; plus since it is spotty at any one location every year people are not in the location at the "right" time. Amphibians are what I'm worried about ... lack of vernal water is showing great decline."

So, for those of you also wondering, there you have it! It's still hard for me to believe due to the number I've seen this year and the sheer number of comments and questions I've received. If they continue, I will ask him to take more data points from this area of the state.

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Allo in Seward provided drink tickets, food, gifts, prizes and more at the Seward County Chamber and Development's business after-hours on April 13 at Squire Wards.



KEATON BURGESS/SCI

Business people from the community gathered at Squire Wards in Seward to attend the Seward County Chamber and Development's business after-hours on April 13.

NNGM hosts 'Honoring Service and Sacrifice' speaker

BY GERALD D. "JERRY" MEYER
NENG Historian

The Nebraska National Guard Museum hosted Commissioner Bud Pettigrew, American Battle Monuments Commission, for a speech on "Honoring Service and Sacrifice – The Story of the American Battle Monuments Commission 1923-2023."

He is appointed as one of 11 commissioners by the President of the United States to serve as long as needed. Pettigrew spoke in the Jones Bank Theater of the museum April 12.

He opened his presentation with a quote from poet Archibald MacLeish "we leave you our deaths...give them their meaning." The American Battle Monuments Commission was founded by the Executive Branch in 1923 under President Warren Harding.

The first chairman of the commission was World War I hero Gen. John J. Pershing (served from 1923-1948). His vision and leadership played a huge role in the design of cemeteries and memorials you see today around the world for our war dead.

The mission of the ABMC: "...the preeminent guardian of America's commemorative military cemeteries and memorials worldwide, honors the achievements of U.S. armed forces by preserving their legacy of service and by seeking new and innovative ways of reflecting the evolving nature of sacrifice."

Pershing's famous quote is used to sum up the vision "...time will not dim the glory of their deeds."

Pettigrew highlighted some of the cemeteries and memorials. The most famous and visited site in the ABMC is the Normandy-American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Omaha Beach, France. The cemetery is located on the bluff overlooking Omaha Beach and is home to 9,380 burials and 1,550 memorials (missing in action).

The Nebraska Delegation on Liberation Tours 2019 and 2022 visited and laid a wreath at "The Spirit of American Youth Rising from the Waves" memorial at the head of the cemetery. There are 26 Nebraska National Guard soldiers of the 134th Infantry (35th Division) buried there from battles for St. Lo and in the hedgerows of France during World War II.

Another cemetery he talked about was Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France. It is a World War I cemetery home to 14,250 burials and 950 memorials. This cemetery has the remains of the 16 NENG soldiers killed during

the war. It will be visited by Liberation Tour 2023 delegates next year.

The largest World War II cemetery in France is the Lorraine-American Cemetery in St. Avold. It is home to six NENG soldiers and the last American soldier killed in Europe, Charley Havlat (from Dorchester), killed on May 7, 1945.

Pettigrew shared some other famous names buried in ABMC cemeteries:

Normandy – BG Theodore Roosevelt and his son Quentin (killed in World War I and moved to the cemetery by request) and the Niland brothers (basis for the movie "Saving Private Ryan" that was filmed in part in the cemetery).

Luxembourg – Gen. George S. Patton (his grave was moved to the head of the cemetery due to the large volume of traffic to see his grave)

Manila – The Five Sullivan Brothers (killed in action off the Solomon Islands on the USS Juneau and reported missing). They are from Iowa.

Cambridge – Glenn Miller (band leader) and Joe Kennedy (brother of



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President Kennedy) both missing in action.

Pettigrew also highlighted some of the memorials in the ABMC. The Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument is located in Normandy and is the place where the American Rangers scaled the cliffs to silence the guns overlooking the D-Day beaches. The area is pockmarked with shell holes and has remnants of the German gun positions still intact.

The newest memorial to the ABMC is the Battle of the Bulge Memorial in Bastogne, Belgium.

ing a national legacy." He talked about the creation of the cemeteries and memorials after World War I and how the ABMC has adapted its facilities and programs to new generations in the 21st century. The new visitors centers in the inventory include:

Normandy American Cemetery (2007); Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument (2014); Sicily-Rome American Cemetery (2014); Cambridge American Cemetery (2014); Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (2017); Flanders Field American Cemetery (2017); Chateau-Thierry Monument (2018); Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Cemetery (2019); Manila American Cemetery (2019); Netherlands American Cemetery (2023) and Honolulu Memorial (2025).

Initial education efforts (1927-1938) were by Major Dwight Eisenhower who oversaw the publication of the first guidebook of World War I battlefields.

A new approach will

include engaging universities and students, outreach to U.S. classrooms, global reach through distance learning and online education, teacher resources, webinars and teacher workshops

In conclusion, the big event for the ABMC for 2024 is the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings (June 6, 1944) in France. At the 75th anniversary in 2019, there were two U.S. Presidents, 14,000 guests, 17 senators, 63 representatives, 14 four-star generals and admirals and 170 World War II vets. The 2024 events will see a reduced number of World War II veterans, but the crowd is expected to be larger.

You can check out the ABMC's new video on YouTube. The ABMC is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. If you would like information on the ABMC, Pettigrew left copies of the "Commemorative Sites Booklet" at the NENG Museum (free).

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Event honors infantry, kicks off Seward County Gives

BY GERALD D. "JERRY" MEYER
NENG Historian

The Nebraska National Guard Museum was host to President Abraham and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln March 29 as they welcomed the heroes of the First Nebraska Infantry in the Civil War.

Members and family of the First Nebraska Infantry (Civil War re-enactors) were on hand to receive the honor and praise of a grateful nation. The program was a kick-off event for Seward County Gives 2023 (May 1-5) to raise funds for the new Fort Donelson Exhibit (\$30,000) at the Nebraska National Guard Museum.

The program was well attended and took place on the main floor of the museum. The opening event was "Hail to the Chief" as the President and First Lady (Larry and Mary Elliot) came into the hall. The members of the First Nebraska Infantry color guard brought the flag to the front of the crowd and presented arms. Karnie Gottschalk sang the National Anthem, and Seward Mayor Josh Eickmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Mother Pam Williams of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Seward.

Before the program started, the master of ceremonies thanked sponsors for helping

make the event possible: Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Berry Law Firm, Kevin Neumann (the Lincolns), Greg and Dixie Zabka, Chuck and Jan Matzke (the entertainment), Ellan Hove family and Chris Hove family (programs and food/drink) and in memory of Vernon "Charlie" Hermann (World War II Navy vet and friend of museum).

The master of ceremonies told the audience the importance of the Battle of Fort Donelson, Tennessee. The role of the First Nebraska Infantry Regiment was to stop the Confederate escape along the Wynn's Ferry Road on Feb. 15, 1862.

Three Rebel attacks

were beat back and they retired back to the fort. They were unable to break through the lines and escape to Nashville. They surrendered the next day (Feb. 16) to an unknown Union general, Ulysses S. Grant.

The victory made Grant a national hero. After the battle he rose through the ranks to be commander of all the Union forces in 1864. His role was instrumental in helping win the Civil War. This battle helped win the war.

President Abraham Lincoln spoke about the bravery of the First Nebraska Infantry at Fort Donelson. He talked about the early call for volunteers at the start of the war and how the

territory of Nebraska supported the Union forces with NENG units (First Nebraska Infantry and Curtis Horse/5th Iowa CAV).

He recalled the bravery of the regiment as they stood on Wynn's Ferry Road at Donelson in their first battle and how they performed. He was most appreciative of Grant after Donelson in 1862 and apologized for the delay in bringing him to the east to command the whole Union Army in 1864.

After talking to the crowd he acknowledged the sacrifice of the Nebraska National Guard by reading the names of the 26 soldiers killed during the war. A First Nebraska Infantry

soldier rang a bell after each name.

The concert for the evening was Kevin and Heidi Cheng. This duo (piano and violin) played Civil War Irish tunes to the enjoyment of the crowd. The finale was a special song for the president. The song was Franz Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody" and combined with "Dixie." The Liszt song is extremely difficult and they made it look easy. After the song, the crowd rose in a standing ovation.

The event concluded with the benediction by Williams. Patrons were given a chance to meet the Lincolns and First Nebraska soldiers.

SHS students visit state capitol, receive awards

Seward High was honored at the Nebraska State Capitol March 3 by the Education Division of the Nebraska State Fair for its outstanding performance and participation in the State Fair education activities.

Seward won the High School Sweepstakes trophy and was named outstanding Nebraska High School for 2022-23 by the Education Division of the Nebraska State Fair.

Honored were the SHS students who placed first in their division and the Freshman Quiz Bowl team, which also placed first in the



SHS students at the State Capitol to receive their awards from the state fair were, from left, Sophie Russel, Evie Theobald, Maddelyn Larson, Sen. Jana Hughes, Kayla Albright, Ava Slechta, Abigail Wunderlich and Noah Fields.

contest at the State Fair. Seniors honored included Julya Metschke, Noah Fields and

Abigail Wunderlich. Freshman Quiz Bowl team members included Sophie Russel, Evie

Theobald, Maddelyn Larson, Kayla Albright and Ava Slechta. The team members

received the Nebraska State Fair High School Sweepstakes Trophy and certificates of hon-

or/recognition for their first place wins.

Attending from Seward were Julya Metschke, Noah Fields, Abigail Wunderlich, Sophie Russel, Evie Theobald, Maddelyn Larson, Kayla Albright and Ava Slechta, along with their sponsor/instructor Melissa Pohl.

Also in attendance was Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward, also a Seward High graduate and former member of the School District of Seward Board of Education. The group toured the capitol and visited Hughes' office as well.

Seward High competes at ESU6 Quiz Bowl

Seward High had two teams in the annual ESU6 Quiz Bowl March 29 at the Civic Center.

The team members included Lydia Lobmeyer, Sjoen Munk, Kretyn Roth, Ben Nottingham, Addilyn Sugden, Ainsley Hotovy, Kayla Albright, Eliannah Wunderlich, Maddelyn Larson and Emma Matulka. They are coached by SHS teacher Melissa Pohl.

The event featured a round robin tournament in the morning, where the teams played each other to determine seeding for the afternoon single-elimination tournament. Each team played three or more rounds

in the morning and was placed in the afternoon tournament based on wins and losses, points generated and high team score.

The top two teams were invited to represent ESU 6 at the state tournament at the end of April. Norris Team A from Firth and Nebraska Lutheran at Waco Team A were the top two teams.

The teams were divided into three divisions, Division I (Large), Division II (Medium) and Division III (Small). Each division winner and first runner-up received a trophy and individual medals.

Milford Team A, coached by Jacob Leuenberger, won the medium school division, followed by Malcolm B in second and Malcolm A in third. Both Malcolm teams are coached by Troy Pritchett.

Exeter-Milligan Team A, coached by Jordan Marr, was second in the small school division, with Friend Team A, coached by Lori Klooz, coming in third.

The Quiz Bowl Master was Riley Nuttleman of Seward, with ESU 6 representative/coordinator Sydney Bristol and Clark Kolterman of Seward assisting with the arrangements. Read-



The SHS students participating in the ESU 6 quiz bowl included, from left: (front row) Ainsley Hotovy, Kayla Albright, Eliannah Wunderlich, Maddelyn Larson and Emma Matulka; and (back row) Lydia Lobmeyer, Sjoen Munk, Kretyn Roth, Ben Nottingham and Addilyn Sugden. They are coached by SHS teacher Melissa Pohl.

ers/judges for the day included Pat Ohlmann, Sue Imig and Bonnie

Kruse, all of Seward, Kathy Wilcox of Crete,

Jenni Erhart of Osceola and Melissa Pohl.

County Gives

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LED bulbs.

Jays Club – To fund an interactive gaming system that will allow children to be active, play games, build teamwork and learn to navigate competition.

Kiwanis Club of Milford – To continue funding backpacks full of food for more than 50 families in need of meals over the weekend or during the summer when school meals are not available.

Kiwanis Club of Seward Foundation – To replace the flags at the Seward Parade of Flags every six months because of wind damage and fading.

Helping Hands Kiwanis Club of Seward – To purchase tables, chairs, bookshelves, games, easels, cubbies and storage for the Kids Watch Room at the Seward Wellness Center.

Legacy Fund for Seward County – To help build

an unrestricted endowment fund for local projects that benefit the community.

Milford Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department – To purchase new bunker gear for 27 volunteer firefighters.

Mound Prairie Cemetery Association – To help with beautification and upkeep of the cemetery grounds located two miles northwest of Goehner.

Nebraska National Guard Historical Society – To fund the Fort Donelson exhibit at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward, highlighting the soldiers' contributions to the Civil War victory.

Olde Glory Theater – To help pay for hail damage repairs from the June 2022 storm not covered by insurance.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School – To finish Phase Two of the gymnasium and multi-use facility in the Ministry Center.

Pleasant Dale Ball Association – To update the ball field with a new retaining wall, visitor shade, fencing crown, foul ball barrier, new American flags, an updated batting cage and foul ball poles.

Seward Arts Council – To help fund the Fifth Street Summer Music Series featuring local bands at the Seward Bandshell the second Saturday of each month, June through September.

Seward Blue River Historical District – To restore and relocate an 1868 log cabin and turn the location into a visitor and educational destination.

Seward Foster Friends – To move to the next stage of remodeling the building, which will allow for better organization of donated items and easier ways to serve the community.

Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee – To add permanent speakers the downtown

square for year-round events.

Seward Memorial Library – To repurpose areas of the library to better serve current needs of the community, including easier access to historical records and the Library of Things, expanding the Used Book Nook and adding more study rooms.

Sixpence/Educational Service Unit 6 – To purchase baby diapers and wipes for families who need but can't afford them.

Seward United Methodist Church – To finish funding the Gather and Grow addition to the building, which includes better accessibility and security for the church and Bright Beginnings Child Development Center.

Seward Volunteer Fire Department – To purchase a handicap-accessible inflatable fire education house to simulate fire scenarios in a safe environment for schools

and community events.

Seward-ish Giving Tree – To pay off negative lunch balances at schools in Seward County.

Southeast Nebraska CASA – To provide training and mental health support for staff and volunteer court-appointed special advocates.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School – To fund a new preschool playground and add equipment in the existing playground space.

Staplehurst Volunteer Fire Department – To replace 10 sets of bunker gear for volunteer firefighters.

Tamora Volunteer Fire Department – To purchase a new set of bunker gear for a volunteer firefighter.

The Model Train Club of Seward County – To purchase or rent a more permanent space to assemble model train displays.

Utica Ball Organiza-

tion – To update the ball fields, restrooms, concession stand and batting cages and add a storage shed, and to make the ballpark handicap-accessible.

Utica Community Foundation – To update the aging picnic shelter in the south city park.

Utica Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department – To replace five sets of bunker gear for volunteer firefighters.

Village of Cordova – To spruce up landscaping around the windmill in the center of town and around the picnic shelter in the park.

Village of Utica Parks and Pool – To fund a new public swimming pool with ADA chair, lap lanes, a spiral slide, diving board, basketball hoop and young children's play equipment in a zero-entry zone, as well as ADA accessible bath houses, new chairs, shades and concession area.



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Garland barn receives renovations

BY DOUG CARROLL

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An old barn located just outside of Garland recently received a long-overdue facelift and has now found new life.

Ken and Sharon Codr, along with various members of the family and some help with family friends, recently finished repurposing the old barn, which had probably out-lived its expected lifespan a long time ago.

"When I purchased the barn in 1980, the previous owner explained the barn was moved in after the house was built in 1907," said Ken. "So we know the barn was older than the house."

"The area neighbors believe it was built in the late 1840s to 1850s, so it's over a century old. I'm told the Garland kids back in the day used to gather here to play basketball in the upstairs hay mount."

Ken said this was not the first time the barn had been remodeled - at one point it was remod-

eled into a milking barn with stalls for the milk cows then it became a pig nursery.

"Now it's been turned into a workshop for me," he said, after he and his wife decided something had to be done with the old building, when it had started to lean and become dangerous.

"I would literally tear up at the thought of demolishing it," Sharon said. "I was probably just being romantic about it, but I dreaded the thought of seeing it go."

Sharon said the barn held a lot of sentimental value to the family, with their kids playing a lot in it when they were young, discovering litters of barn kittens and raising animals in it such as chickens, ducks and rabbits, as well as raising 4-H sheep.

"I worked mostly with my son, Brent," said Ken. "We penciled out a plan, ordered supplies and got started. We worked long hours together, and I was grateful to have friends and family pitch in here and there quite a



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Ken and Sharon Codr of Garland pose with their dogs in front of the barn that they recently renovated.

bit along the way. Rod Lyons was a big help, too, sharing tools and supplies. I really appreciate his generosity."

Even though only the framework remains from the old barn, Sha-

ron said she was glad they were able to retain at least part of the original building.

"Barns are a precious part of our history," she said. "so it was nice to be able to preserve part

of it."

"In the end," said Ken, "taking on the hard work brings a sense of accomplishment, and we are glad we renovated rather than tearing it down.

A drive through rural America is proof positive that this proud symbol of American history is fading away. Hopefully it'll now stand another 100 years."

USDA announces assistance for farmers facing financial risk

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that beginning in April, it will provide about \$123 million in additional, automatic financial assistance for qualifying farm loan program borrowers who are facing financial risk, as part of the \$3.1 billion to help distressed farm loan borrowers that was provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act.

The announcement builds on financial assistance offered to borrowers through the same program in October 2022.

The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency whose operations face financial risk.

For example, in the October payments, farmers who were 60 days delinquent because of natural disasters, the pandemic or other unexpected situations were brought current and had their next installment paid to give them breathing room.

"In too many cases, the rules surrounding our farm loan programs may actually be det-

rimental to helping a borrower get back to a financially viable path. As a result, some are pushed out of farming and others stuck under a debt burden that prevents them from growing or reacting to opportunities," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

"Loan programs for the newest and more vulnerable producers must be about providing opportunity and tailored to expect and manage stumbles and hurdles along the way."

In October 2022, USDA provided approximately \$800 million in initial IRA assistance to more than 11,000 delinquent direct and guaranteed borrowers and approximately 2,100 borrowers who had their farms liquidated and still had remaining debt.

USDA said it would conduct case-by-case reviews of about 1,600 complex cases for potential initial relief payments, including cases of borrowers in foreclosure or bankruptcy. These case-by-case reviews are underway.

At the same time in October 2022, USDA announced that it anticipated payments using separate pandemic relief

funding totaling roughly \$66 million on over 7,000 direct loans to borrowers who used the USDA Farm Service Agency's disaster-set-aside option during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The majority of these payments have been processed and USDA anticipates it will complete all such payments in April 2023.

New assistance for distressed borrowers

FSA intends to provide the new round of relief starting in April to additional distressed borrowers. This will include approximately \$123 million in automatic financial assistance for qualifying Farm Loan Program direct loan borrowers who meet certain criteria.

Similar to the automatic payments announced in October 2022, qualifying borrowers will receive an individual letter detailing the assistance as payments are made. Distressed borrowers' eligibility for these new categories of automatic payments will be determined based on their circumstances as of today.

More information about the new categories that make up the \$123

million in assistance announced today and the specific amount of assistance a distressed borrower receives can be found described in this fact sheet, IRA Section 22006: Additional Automatic Payments, Improved Procedures, and Policy Recommendations.

To continue to make sure producers are aware of relief potentially available to them, all producers with open FLP loans will receive a letter detailing a new opportunity to receive assistance if they took certain extraordinary measures to avoid delinquency on their FLP loans, such as taking

on more debt, selling property or cashing out retirement accounts.

The letter will provide details on eligibility, the specific types of actions that may qualify for assistance, and the process for applying for and providing the documentation to seek that assistance.

These steps are part of a process USDA announced along with the October payments that is focused on assisting borrowers unable to make their next scheduled installment.

Earlier this year, all borrowers should have received a letter detailing the process for seeking this type of

assistance even before they become delinquent.

Borrowers who are within two months of their next installment may seek a cashflow analysis from FSA using a recent balance sheet and operating plan to determine their eligibility.

Tax resources

USDA will continue to work with the Department of Treasury to help borrowers understand the potential tax implications from the receipt of an IRA payment, including that options may be available to potentially avoid or alleviate any tax burden incurred as a result of receiving this financial assistance.

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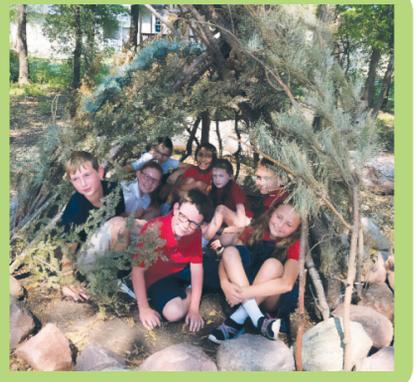
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Field trip to UNL's Memorial Stadium



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SHS volunteers at parade of flags



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Seward schools Superintendent Dr. Josh Fields puts up a flag with the help of Dave Oates at the Parade of Flags April 16. Seward High School students also volunteered around the community.

Stay clear of downed powerlines during severe weather

As severe weather season approaches, Nebraska Public Power District reminds customers to be aware of the dangers of downed powerlines.

Tornadoes can bring down transmission lines typically located in rural areas, but trees damaged by tornadoes or high wind conditions can come down on local distribution lines, creating a power outage to residents in the area.

In addition to any power outages these storms may cause, it's important that customers are aware of the dangers downed powerlines can pose.

"A powerline lying on the ground or over a roadway can charge the ground around it with electricity, potentially causing a fatal

situation for anyone getting too close to that line," said NPPD T&D Construction and Maintenance Manager Scott Walz. "It's important to stress that if you see or hear of a downed powerline, to avoid the area and call the local power utility or 911."

If you are in a car and a powerline or power pole has fallen on it, you should stay in the car until public power utility personnel arrive on the scene.

If remaining in the car is not an option because of a fire or other unsafe conditions, jump clear of the vehicle so that you land upright with your feet touching the ground together, and then shuffle away from the area.

Signs could designate historic courthouse district

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
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The area around the Seward County courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places, and a group of local residents is working to emphasize that fact with unique signs.

"We get a lot of traffic on (Highways) 15 and 34. I get a lot of compliments from people who drive that when you get to the square, you feel like you're somewhere special," Seward Mayor Josh Eickmeier said.

The Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership is working with the city and the Seward First Impressions working group to make the square stand out by placing special street signs, historical markers and wayfinding signs on the courthouse lawn and surrounding blocks.

Jonathan Jank with the SCCDP said signs designating the "Historic Courthouse District" could be attached to the black lamp posts at the north, south, east and west entrances to the district.

A historical marker with information about the area's history could be installed on the southeast corner, opposite the existing marker about Seward's Fourth of July celebration.

A wayfinding station could be set on the northeast corner of the square to assist visitors.

"We take for granted things like knowing where the bandshell is," Jank said. "If people aren't from here, they might not know where to go."

The signs could tie the city's and county's



FILE PHOTO

The Seward County Courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was designed by George A. Berlinghof and was built between 1905 and 1907.

branding into one cohesive design. Additionally, street signs could be changed to match. A design has not yet been finalized.

Eickmeier said former resident Dennis Berens deserves some of the credit for the idea. Berens and other community leaders worked to get the square added to the National Register of Historic Places in the 1980s.

"Denny has always loved Seward and the courthouse square and wants us to find ways to promote Seward as a historic district," Eickmeier said. "He had talked about wanting to

put historical plaques on buildings that would identify their history."

"Our hope is to eventually tell the stories of individual buildings downtown," Jank said. "We want this to be the start of something that grows into a thing that highlights the uniqueness of the downtown historic district."

Jank said the concept is within the context of the city's Downtown Revitalization Plan created in 2017.

"That gives us a roadmap for how we treat the downtown area moving forward," he said. "Our hope is this engages a larger com-

munity conversation."

Jank estimated the total cost at around \$14,500. It would cost the Street Department about \$600 to replace street signs, and the project has received a \$2,500 grant from the Seward County Visitors Bureau. The rest, he said, will come from private fundraising.

"We've had a number of business and property owners invest in their buildings. You have a downtown that is looking very, very good," Eickmeier said. "This is something we can do as a city to put a bow on all their hard work and investment."

Marked as winners



KEATON BURGESS/SCI

The Seward Memorial Library Bookmark contest winners are, from left, Blakely Tuenge, Emalyn Meyer, Myra Ellis, Agatha Jauda, Gabrielle Myles, McKenzie Wobken and Lynden Bartels. Copies of their bookmarks are available at SML.

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St. Paul Lutheran School SAINTS PAGE *Utica*



We have enjoyed each and every one of our students this year. As the school year comes to a close we are sad to see our 8th graders who will be moving on to high school. We are all so excited to see what they accomplish as they head into highschool. We can't wait to watch them thrive and grow. We are looking forward to our sweet kindergartners graduating on May 17th, and we are excited for our incoming kindergartners for the 2023-2024 school year. This year was filled with so many amazing memories and adventures and we are so proud of all the accomplishments of all of our students throughout this year!!!



Our 8th graders: left from right - Ryan Felhafer, Nick Grantski, Gavin Chesnut and Meg Hoffschneider



Our kindergartners who will be graduating on the last day of school: left to right - Shelby Cast, Oliver Soliz, Becket Borchers, Hesston Hohman, Joel Schmieding and Heckler Struble.



Our afternoon preschool class who will be promoted to kindergartners for the 2023-2024 school year. (back row, left to right:) Scarlett Gruber, Hallie Hohman, Rylee Outhit, Kenna Pankoke and (front row, left to right:) Bryden Rodine, Baylor Stoll, Barrett Struble, Trent Duis.




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Adams participates in national CLC

Carlin Adams of Beaver Crossing participated in the national Collegiate Leadership Competition via Zoom on April 13 and April 15.

The two teams – made up of 12 students total – each competed in three challenges on Thursday and three challenges on Saturday placing first and second in the competition.

One of Concordia's teams, Concordia Platinum, placed first with a total of 1066.5 points. This team includes Adams, Olivia Dunklau, Marc Freiberg II, Sydni Watson, Chloe Wells and Shelby Ziegler. Concordia Cobalt placed second with a total of 1022 points. This team includes Aubrey Baumann, Joel Baker, Ashley Gerczynski, Austin Jablonski, Camryn Opper and Grace Reimer.

"The Collegiate Leadership Competition (CLC) is designed to provide students a 'practice field' to grow and develop as leaders and followers," said Professor of Business Administration Dr. Curt Beck. "Just like an athlete or musician will practice to get better, we believe that engagement

in leader development is similar."

The CLC was founded in 2015 and conducts a national competition every April. Multiple in-person scrimmages are held by various universities prior to the April Zoom-based competition.

Schools involved in this competition were the United States Air Force Academy, Kent State University, University of Toronto-Mississauga, University of Delaware, John Carrol University, University of Southern Maine, and more. There were a total of 25 teams competing in this year's CLC event.

"CLC has changed my life in a way that is unimaginable," senior Ashley Gerczynski said. "I have been doing this class for three years now and every year, I learn more about myself as a leader and as a follower. The relationships that are built in this class are lasting ones that we will hold on to as we enter our professional lives after college."

"I am so proud of these students," Beck said. "They have worked hard, overcome

difficulties, developed high-level chemistry as a group and demonstrated spectacular strategic communication. One of the judges commented that Concordia's teams were 'ridiculously good' at working together as a team. I would agree, our teams performed at an extremely high level."

Beck began teaching Concordia's Leadership Skills and Development class in 2017. The Concordia 2022 teams finished in fifth and third place. The 2023 competition has been Concordia's best finish thus far with a clean sweep of first and second place.

"Dr. Beck has done an incredible job of teaching us what it means to be a leader and realistically what it means to be a Christ centered leader," Gerczynski said. "I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of everyone to make up National Champions. Although that is an amazing title, the biggest thing I will take with me is the memories we have created and the skills we have learned."

HAPPENINGS

APRIL 26

CAREGIVER RETREAT: A time for relaxation and renewal for caregivers is offered Wednesday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pizza Kitchen in Milford. Lunch will be provided. Registration deadline was April 21. Caregivers are considered anyone who looks after a child or a sick, elderly or disabled person. The event is sponsored by Seward County Aging Services.

AFTERNOON MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY:

The Seward Memorial Library will feature a comedy/drama comedy/drama on Wednesday, April 26, at 1 p.m. in the lower level conference center. Snacks and drinks may be brought in. Visit sewardlibrary.org for more information.

APRIL 27

BOOK REVIEW BINGO AT SML: Join Seward Memorial Library for a night of fun as we play bingo and learn about new books coming to the library Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. During the game, library staff provide reviews on books that are either notable or award winning. The Friends of the Seward Library will provide refreshments.

APRIL 28

LOCATION CHANGES FOR ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: Because of tree codes and electrical wiring, the annual Seward Arbor Day 2023 celebration will be at the Seward Civic Center on Friday, April 28, at 1 p.m. The event was originally scheduled at the bandshell. It will feature awards and tree tribute presentations from area fourth graders. The event is sponsored by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club and Seward Tree Board.

BLOOD DRIVE: Cattle Bank will host a blood drive Friday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cattle Bank and Trust. Appointments are recommended by visiting ncbb.org/searchdrives and use sponsor code CBS or call (402) 486-9414.

APRIL 29

FREE SHRED DAY: Cattle Bank will host a free shred day Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. – noon in the main bank parking lot of Cattle Bank and Trust. There is a limit of 100 pounds per person. For more information, call (402) 643-3636.

MAY 2

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONCERT: St. Vincent de Paul School PreK through fifth grade children

will present "In the Sea," a vocal and instrumental concert, Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. The concert will be staged in the Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom, weather permitting. Attendees are asked to bring their own chairs. The Chick-Fil-A food truck will be parked in the SVDP parking lot. Guests may purchase sandwiches from 5 – 8 p.m. or until they run out. The public is invited.

MAY 4

MID-WEEK MOVIE: On Thursday, May 4, at 1 p.m., the Seward Memorial Library will feature a biographical drama based on a true story in the Lower Level Conference Center. Snacks and a drink may be brought in. Visit sewardlibrary.org for more information.

MAY 9

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

MAY 19

SHOPPING TIPS: "Navigating the Grocery Store, Smart Shopping Tips for Adults" will be presented by Sarah Hanson, RDN, LMNT and MHCS Director of Nutritional Services at Memorial Health Care Systems. A light lunch will be provided. RSVP required by Friday, May 12, by calling (402) 646-4707 or email shana.glover@mhcs.us. The presentation will be in the third floor meeting rooms of Memorial Hospital. Enter through the hospital entrance and take the elevator or stairs by the Specialty Clinic to the third floor.

MAY 20 DEADLINE STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER ESSAYS FOR FOURTH OF JULY CONTEST:

Entry deadlines have been set for students in kindergarten through fourth grade to enter an essay contest to be named Mr. Firecracker or Miss Independence as part of the Seward Fourth of July celebration. To participate, students are invited to write an essay on "Why I like to live in Seward." The essay should be about 500 words. Deadline to enter is May 20. Send essays to the Seward Rotary Club, c/o Ben Spirk, Jones Bank, Box 469, Seward, NE 68434. In the right hand corner, include the student's name, grade, school, parent's name and phone number and email or a point of contact.

ONGOING

SUMMER THEATER WORKSHOP: Registration is open for Olde Glory's summer theater workshop for grades 1 – 12. The workshop is July 24-28 with two public performances on Friday, July 28. The show this year will be "Cinderella." More details and registration forms are available at www.oldeglorysewardne.com or by calling JoAnn at (402) 304-5392.

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 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center; 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 \$6 for regularly scheduled meals. Meals for guests under age 60 are \$7. 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 Fridays 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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Sunday School (all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship10:30 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 North 2nd St. • Seward • 402-643-6116
www.faithseward.org
Pastor Miles Ruch Jr.
Service available on Facebook.

Sunday Worship9:15 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages.....10:45 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 & Fellowship..... 9:45 a.m.

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Worship Pastor Kyle Soflin
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.
Meal5:30 p.m.
Varied activities by age, from youth to adults

CORDOVA

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

200 Paris St. • Cordova • 402-576-3211
Pastor Brian Tuma

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/
Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

GARLAND

Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

370 4th St. • Garland • 402-588-2229
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Pastor David Dobbertien
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.

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402-730-2594

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

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Rev. JoEllen Axthelm, Associate Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Fellowship10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Small Groups10:45 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

6th & Hillcrest • Seward • 402-643-3829
Rev. Pam Williams
Sunday Worship (in person & online).....10:30 a.m.
Clergy Office Hours Wed. by appt.

St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)

919 N. Columbia Ave. • Seward • 402-643-2983
www.stjohnseward.org

Pastor Nathan Scheck • Pastor Scott Bruick
Pastor David Rempfer • Deaconess Jeri Morrison
Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Education Hour 10:00 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

152 Pinewood Ave. • Seward • 402-643-3421
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Msr. Robert Tucker
Saturday Evening Mass.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
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The Rock (LCMS)

237 S. 3rd St. • Seward • 402-643-6624
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Pastor Michael Meyer
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

MILFORD

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2668 Hwy 6 (1 mile west of Milford)
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www.goodshepherd-milford.org
Pastor Steve Stork
Sunday School—PreK–4th Grade
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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
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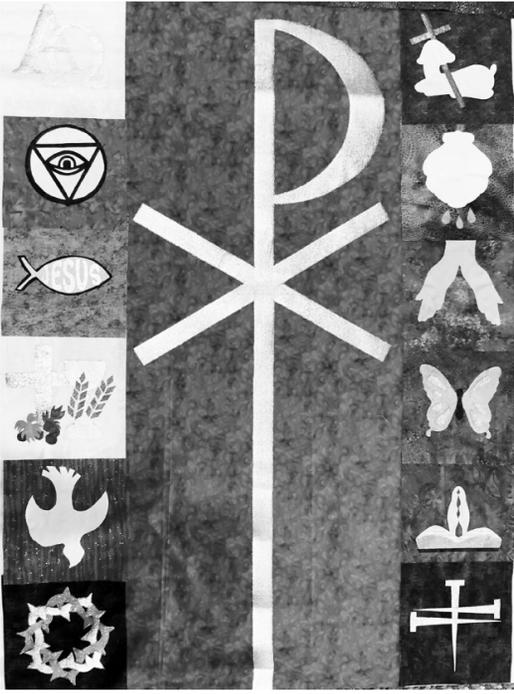
Pastor Shawn Kitzing
Worship
(church in the country) Sat. 5:30 p.m.
Sunday School
(school in Staplehurst) 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class
(school in Staplehurst) 10:30 a.m.

UTICA

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.



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The finished banner shows the many symbols that the kids worked on. Sharon Radford with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church said she wanted the kids to know what the symbols meant.

Church prepares for 50th

BY KEATON BURGESS
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church near Milford is preparing for its 50th anniversary in July by making a banner and getting festivities set up.

Sharon Radford with the church has had children work on putting symbols on a banner to have for the anniversary.

Radford said banners are an important symbol in the church.

"Banners have been used since biblical times," she said. "Banners can show how a group of people are united in their beliefs. This banner will go before us and show us that we are united in our faith."

Radford said she wanted the kids to do the banner because it gives them an opportunity to learn about the symbols.

"They need to know what they mean when

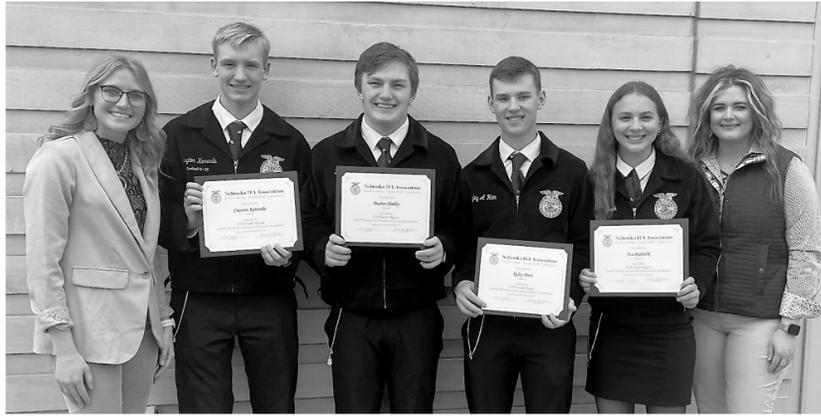
they see them," she said. "Symbols talk. It doesn't do any good to have a banner in the church that is supposed to bring glory to God if they don't know what it means."

Pastor Steve Stork also said the church will hold celebrations in July and September for its anniversary.

On Sunday, July 16, the church will have a special worship service. Former district president Russ Sommerfeld will preach at the service which will be followed by a special dinner.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, Good Shepherd will host a concert by Paul Soulek and the Concordia men's chorus at 1 p.m. Games and activities for all ages will be held at 2 p.m. followed by a community barbecue.

"The community is invited to join us for the barbecue, concert and activities in September," Stork said.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Seward High School FFA State Degree recipients stand with their advisors, from left, Krystin Oborny, Crayton Koranda, Dustin Hurley, Ryley Hain, Ava Krahulik and Jessy Eggerling.

Seward High FFA members compete at state

Twenty-two members of the Seward High School FFA Chapter qualified for and attended the State FFA Convention March 29 - 31 in Lincoln.

From March 29-31 State FFA Convention took place and SHS had 22 competitors.

Earning State Degrees were Crayton Koranda, Ava Krahulik, Dustin Hurley and Ryley Hain.

Top competitors included Crayton Koranda, who earned fourth place in Floriculture out of 228 competitors in the event, and Esten Johnsen, who received third place in Junior Public Speaking, where he made it to finals and spoke about Drought Mitigation.

Other teams/individuals and their placings include:



Jena Eberspacher, left, received a silver medal in Extemporaneous Speaking and Esten Johnsen earned third place in Junior Public Speaking.

Floriculture—The team received a blue ribbon, and Koran-

da, Rachel Kuss and Johnsen earned blue ribbons.

Nursery and Landscape—The team placed eighth and received a blue ribbon. Kuss, Johnsen and Bree Geschke earned blue ribbons and Bryn Christensen received a red ribbon.

Environmental and Natural Resources—The team earned a red ribbon with Garret Ostrander winning a purple ribbon and Geschke a red ribbon.

Ag Sales—Jena Eberspacher earned a blue ribbon.

Agriscience—The team received a blue ribbon. Individually, Kathryn Naber received a blue ribbon and red ribbons went to Candace Poppel and Kelsey Luebbe.

Extemporaneous Speaking—Jena Eberspacher earned a silver medal.

Local students awarded for multiple events

The Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska State College System announced the 16,149 recipients of the 2022-2023 Nebraska State Colleges Multi-Activity Student Award.

The award recognizes students in grades 9-12 who participate in at least three NSAA sanctioned activities during the academic year. Each high school student who participates in at least three NSAA activities will be recognized and awarded a certificate of achievement by the NSAA and the Nebraska State Colleges.

Activity participation will be tracked using student eligibility lists, submitted to the NSAA by each member school. The top schools in four classes will be determined based on the percentage of multi-activity student award winners compared to the total number of students in grades 9-12.

The NSAA and the NSCS also highlighted the five high schools

with the most multi-activity students. These high schools will be presented with a banner at the NSAA State Soccer Championships in May to display at their school.

Seward led the way in Class B with 122 of its 518 students (23.6%) participating in at least three NSAA-sanctioned events.

Malcolm was eighth in Class C with 114 of its 210 students participating in at least three NSAA activities.

The following students were recognized by the NSAA and NSCS:

Seward

Kayla Albright, Karlee Baack, Hannah Bierbaum, Ethan Boggs, Lily Brashear, Avery Briggs, Blair Briggs, Audrey Broadwell, Noah Brumm, Emily Bujarski, Hayden Burhoop, Tanner Bye, Mia Cobian, Jacob DeGroot, Preston Duryea, Karson Dyer, Jena Eberspacher, Easton Else, Cooper Fern, Karsyn Fields, Ceden Fleischman, Landen Ford, Alexander Foulk, Andrew Frazey, Lauren Frihauf, Cardin Goracke, Karnie Gottschalk, Brecken Grady, Madison Green, Lucian Gunn, Jenna Rae Halsted, Kaiser Hannemann, Bostyn Knapp, Trester Hass, Sofia Heaston, Lovely Hibbert, Nolan Hill, Braden Hiser, Elijah Hiser, Dylan Hochstein, Jackson Holt, Taylor Hostert, Dustin Hurley, Caleb Jackson, Lathan Janousek, Jaina Johnson, Jonathan Jurchen, Julius Justice, Nicole Kenney, Jacob Kimbrough, Ellen Klintworth, Edison Knott, Kalen Knott, Libby Kratochvil, Rachel Kreffels, Savannah Leazer, Savannah Letting, Kennedy Limback, Deklan Lindau, Kohlynn Lindau, Keira Litteras, Emma Lowther, Amalia Marroquin, Ashley Martin, Isabelle Mason, Sophia Matthias, Emma Matulka, Grace Matulka, Conner Matzke, Ayda Metschke, Jylva Metschke, Kelsey Miller, Mikayla Miller, Dalton Mobley, Kaydon Mueller, Jady Nelsen,

Kaylie Nelson, Benjamin Nottingham, Kyla Novak, Danielle Pallat, Madison Patsch, Adeline Peetz, Gabrielle Peetz, Kaleigh Penas, Riley Pierson, Kobe Policky, Adleigh Poppel, Brianna Potratz, William Ratkovec, Noah Remington, Kyle Riley, Joshua Ringler, Gabriella Robidoux, Avery Rodoccker, Nathan Roebke, Kretyn Roth, Micah Royuk, Rachel Runyan, Sophie Russell, Brenden Ruth, Sage Ruzicka, Samuel Sagehorn, Daylon Salyer, Kayson Salyer, Hector Sanchez, Caden Schadowinkel, Marisa Schmeckpeper, Austin Schroeder, Eden Schulz, Jack Schulz, Nixon Seegebarth, Alexander Siebert, Colin Standifer, Addilyn Sugden, Kendra Sugden, Reggie Sukup, Aidan Summa, Evelyn Theobald, Jack Vyhnaek, Luke Wegman, Matthew Wegman, Regan Wiesen

Centennial

Catellynn Bargen, Rylee Barth, Lauryn Breittkreutz, Jayden Butzke, Lillian Butzke, Caylie Clouse, Connor Clouse, Samuel Ehlers, Xavier Ettwein, Jake Fehlhafer, John Fehlhafer, Paul Fehlhafer, Shelby Fehlhafer, Trevor Fehlhafer, Kali Fickel, Ava Fischer, Brayden Foley, Alexandria Galavez, Rachel Garcia, Riley Grant, Krislyn Green, Andrea Gumaer, Jayde Gumaer, Alex Hirschfeld, Cora Hoffschneider, James Hoffschneider, Luke Hoffschneider, Matthew Hoops, Bryson Hornbacher, Savannah Horne, Torian Ibarra, Ayla Kahler, Keenan Kosek, Kobie Kosek, Cissanie Krohe, Hannah Luebbe, Kate Luebbe, Rosa Martinez, Trisha Miller, Ariaanna Mister, Zaden Murphy, Karley Naber, Bree Nisly, Maj Nisly, Briallynn Nordstrom, Cael Payne, Cora Payne, Sarah Payne, Lucia Perez Maganto, Molly Prochaska, Shawn Rathjen, Micah Richters, Ryal Richters, Samara Ruether, Benjamin Sams, Rytale Sams, Abigail Saunders, Cambria Saunders, Saige Scheele, Garrison Scherniack, Grace Scherniack, Breckin Schoepf, Devin Slawnyk, Jonathan Songster, Cooper Stelling, Aerie Stuh, Elizabeth Tempel, Cheyenne Tonniges, Clinton Turnbull, Elijah Utter, Jordan Wagner, Ella Wambold, Anna Warm, Jacob Warm, Jackson Wellman, Camden Winkelman, Riley Ziegler, Lane Zimmer

Malcolm

Dalton Amen, Alanea Babb, Samantha Back, Cody Barton, Scarlett Battles, Reagan Bixenmann, Tristen Boehle, Elizabeth Boshart, Ruby Bostock, Kaleb Boyce, Joseph Brockhaus, Lucille Brockhaus, Karsyn Broders, Emma Brown, Lucas Brown, Christopher Burbach, Illiana Burgess, Joshua Cantrell, Reilly Carlson, Anna Grace Christensen, Lucas Christensen, Jonathan Cook, Oliver Day, Jacob Diedrichsen, Halle Dolliver, Adela Donahoo, Emery Endicott, Garrett England, Lauryn England, Grace Ensrud, Keira Farrior, Isabella Faubion, Aria Ferguson, Alyssa Fortik, Joshua Fox, Carson

Frank, Hayden Frank, Grace Green, Addison Gropp, Addison Haines, Sidney Holliday, Drew Johnson, Karter Kinkaid, Jhordyn Kirkpatrick, Anthony Kouma, Maffie Kucera, Rachel Lanning, Mia Larsen, Bryson Lettice, Thomas Lewis, Owain Little, Cyndee Loos, Nathaniel Maddox, Josephine McGreer, Amanda Mendez Castro, Brixton Meyer, Maddox Meyer, Emma Meyers, Hunter Meyers, Savannah Nordmeyer, Alex Paider, Madison Pavlik, Kyle Petersen, Natalie Plautz, McKenna Powell, Carson Ramsier, Colton Reiling, Brett Rhone, Brooke Rice, Keegan Robinson, Elliott Robotham, Autumn Saltzman, Jessica Sandell, Owen Savicky, Kayden Schaefer, Luke Schmidt, Callie Schroeder, Madison Schuler, Logan Schumacher, Anna Schweitzer, Jena Schweitzer, Camry Sehi, Shyan Sehi, Natalie Shafer, Reva Small, Paige Smith, Isabel Steiner, Isabel Stenger, Billie Streeter, Brian Streeter, Julia Swerzcek, Austin Sykes, Cody Sykes, Elizabeth Synek, Tyler Thieman, Cole Tiedeman, Matthew Underwood, Noah VanEvery, Sophie Walker, Madysen Wall, Jake Walters, Edwards Watts, Olivia Watts, Paige Westerbuhr, Alaina Wilcox, Brenna Wilkie, Brice Wilkie, Justin Wisnieski, Mikiah Witzel, Delaney Wollberg, Elijah Wollberg, Ethan Wollberg, Abigail Zegar, Zane Zoucha

Milford

Connor Adams, Camdon Alaniz, Owen Anderson, Abigail Brinkmeyer, Cash Brom, Sally Burkey, Sydney Burkey, Delaney Carraher, Elly Carter, Westin DeLong, Gage Dunlap, Gavin Dunlap, Kaleb Eickhoff, Layla Elstun, Garrett Freeman, Rebecca Freeman, Aiden Henson, Rylan Hollist, Brenna Jackson, Kylie Jakob, Veronika Johnson, Sirius Jolly, Korbyn Kemerling, Emily Kenning, Lilly Kenning, Scott Klingensmith, Dane Kolb, Kaitlin Kontor, Maei Kubicek, Karlee Kuklis, Tyce Lopez, Kasey Martin, Eliza McGuire, Tanya Miller, Addisyn Mowinkel, Hudson Mullet, Chase Nitzsche, Natalie Nutzman, Hunter Oborny, Zackary Parra, Zachary Pearson, Linda Peer, Kasen Petsch, Kinley Petsch, Ellison Piening, Elana Piening, Elana Prentice, Orlando Rakow, Colby Rautenberg, Ava Rediger, Zebede Reil, Sarah Reynolds, Krisianna Riley, Avery Roth, Aylandra Roth, Isaac Roth, Landon Roth, Madison Roth, Madelyn Saltzman, Hannah Schilz, Garrett Schoen, Alec Shook, Sarah Spahr, Nevaeh Spurling, Jack Stahl, Camille Stautzman, Chance Stutzman, Cole Stutzman, Macy Stutzman, Allyson Taylor, Daegan Torwirt, Alayna Trvdy, Stephen Vance, Mackenzie Waterpauq, Autumn Wassenburg, Jay Wickenburg, Hannah Wittstruck, Izabelle Yeackley, Brecken Yoder, Quinn Zegers

Connecting the dots



PHOTOS BY EMILY HEMPHILL/SCI

Marcus Gubanyi, assistant professor of computer science at Concordia University, speaks with Seward High freshmen Kayla Albright and Nathan Kulhanek about the Information Technology career cluster April 4 at Harvest Hall. Students participated in the Connecting the Dots career simulation through Nebraska Extension as part of a college and career readiness exercise. Students were given cards sharing a hypothetical education status and family situation, then they had to decide whether to pursue higher education, join the military or dive into their chosen career field. Professionals from a variety of industries represented career options and could either "offer" students a job or help them learn what additional qualifications they needed to obtain first.



Mike Fehlhafer, owner of Breeza Industrial in Utica, answers questions about the manufacturing sector from freshmen Lily Bowens (left) and Mia Smith as part of the Connecting the Dots event April 4. Students also participated in a career fair, college visit and other activities that day to get them thinking about life after high school.

Waas endowed scholarship for SHS grads in process

Doane University has announced the creation of the Waas & Pallett Chair in Economics.

The faculty position will honor two men who made significant contributions to the Crete and Seward communities, which they called home for many years. Walter S. "Wally" Waas was the administrator of Memorial Hospital in Seward, for more than 34 years. Before that, he served as hospital administrator in Crete.

Doane is also in the process of establishing endowed scholarships named after Waas. Preference for these substantial scholarships will go to seniors from Seward High School. Doane Admissions

and Seward High School Counseling Center will begin accepting applications for these scholarships next year during the 2023-2024 high school academic year for an award the 2024-2025 academic year at Doane.

James Edward "Ed" Pallett '30 was a long-time Crete businessman. He served on Doane's Board of Trustees from 1942 to 1982.

The establishment of the Waas & Pallett Chair in Economics will provide the salary for a top-level faculty member with a Ph.D. in economics. This position will support graduates of Doane's College of Business by establishing a strong

foundation in economics, particularly in quantitative economics, which focuses on the application of economic theory through statistical modeling and analysis, which can be used for decision making in business, finance and broader societal issues.

"Doane is honored to establish this faculty chair in recognition of two men who exemplified the ideals of leadership. Both individuals made a significant impact on their communities," Dr. Roger Hughes, Doane University president, said. "The creation of this faculty chair reflects Doane's motto, 'We Build Leaders,' and our commitment to educational

excellence through quality teaching. It reaffirms our strength as an institution."

"Adding the Waas & Pallett Chair in Economics raises the prestige and reputation of Doane's College of Business," said Dr. Jennifer Bossard, dean of the College of Business. "We continually strive for excellence in providing the best student experience, and are incredibly grateful for the creation of this faculty chair that will not only enhance the student experience, but in filling this position, will help Doane attract and retain expert faculty in the areas of business and economics."

Obituaries

R. John Flowerday Nov. 28, 1961 – April 21, 2023

Raymond John Flowerday was born Nov. 28, 1961, in Omaha, to William and Gretchen (McGrew) Flowerday and passed away April 21, 2023, in Seward, at the age of 61 years, 4 months and 24 days.

John grew up in Seward where he attended and graduated from Seward High School with the Class of 1980. He then attended Southeast Community College where he studied Automotive Technology and Management.

On June 23, 1984, John was united in marriage to Tammy Deremer at the Seward United Methodist Church. He began working at Hughes Brothers, Inc., on Sept. 8, 1980. He was in the shipping and receiving department until his retirement on April 30, 2022.

John loved fishing and camping. He was an avid football fan and especially loved watching the Huskers, Minnesota Vikings and Kansas City Chiefs. John also enjoyed watching NASCAR. He loved baking and cooking as well as celebrating the Fourth of July. John also enjoyed collecting and watching trains. He cherished spending time with his three daughters, three granddaughters, family and friends.

John was a former member of the Utica Fire Dept. as well as the Seward Volunteer Fire Dept. for 12 years and 27 years on the reserves. He was a member of the union at Hughes Brothers, Inc.

John is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jeannie Flowerday; and step-mother, Edna Flowerday.

He is survived by his three daughters, Jessica Wagner, Seward, Jackie and husband, Robert Corner, Bee, and Abby Flowerday, Seward; three granddaughters, Kristi Corner, Samantha Corner and Raven Wagner; sister, Willa and husband Dennis Taylor, Seward.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 27, from 1 – 8:30 p.m. at Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward with family receiving friends from 6 – 8 p.m.. The funeral service will be Friday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church in Seward. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family for future designations. Arrangements by Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.



Marijo E. Noffke July 8, 1951 – April 13, 2023

Marijo Elaine Noffke was born July 8, 1951, in Columbus to Everett and Patty (Avery) Armstrong and passed away April 13, 2023, in Lincoln at the age of 71 years, 9 months and 5 days.

Marijo's greatest joys in her life were her husband, Terry Noffke; children, Jeff and wife, Jessica Armstrong, Scott and wife, Jackie Telgren, Heather Jarmom, and Chris and wife, Liz Noffke; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, May 20, at 412 First St. in Milford.



Ronald W. Stuhr Oct. 7, 1950 – April 19, 2023

Ronald Wayne Stuhr, age 72, of Lincoln passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Bryan Medical Center in Lincoln.

He was born Oct. 7, 1950, to Richard (Dick) Stuhr and Delores Stuhr (Fuller) at York General Hospital. He graduated from York Public High School in 1969 and from the University of Nebraska. Ron served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by brothers, Richard (Sheila) Stuhr of Fayetteville, Tennessee, Michael (Marla) Stuhr of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jeffrey (Anne) Stuhr of Hot Springs, Arkansas; sisters, Barbara (Rod) Drake of Seward, Susan Nichols of Beaver Crossing, Dorothy (Duane) Stice of Hayward, California, Barbara Molleson of Union City, California, and Vicki (Kurt) Faria of Paradise, California, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Florence Stuhr; brother, Charles (Charlie) Stuhr; and brother-in-law, Jim Nichols.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m. in Lincoln at The Meeting Place, 2748 S. Street. Anyone that knew him is welcome. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the family for further designation. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.aspenaftercare.com.

Clarence E. Greguras May 25, 1941 – April 17, 2023

Clarence Edward Greguras, 81, entered into eternal rest April 17, 2023.

He was born May 25, 1941, in Omaha to Edward and Marie (Hain) Greguras. He graduated from Dwight Assumption High School in 1959. Following high school, Clarence entered the U.S. Navy until 1962. Clarence was united in marriage to Barbara Karel on Jan. 22, 1966. From this union, two sons and a daughter were born, Robert Edward, Jean Marie and Gary John. Clarence and Barbara were married for 33 years before Barbara died Sept. 1, 1999. During their marriage, they resided in Bee and were members of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. On Nov. 29, 2002, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Clarence married Charlotte Swanda. Charlotte preceded Clarence in death on Dec. 30, 2019.

Clarence was employed at the Bee Elevator, Hain TV in David City and the U.S. Post Office in Seward (1967-1999). Clarence was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Brainard Legion Post 273, and was a lector and parishioner in St. Wenceslaus (Bee) and Holy Trinity (Brainard) Catholic churches.

His immense love for his family and friends was well known and was reflected in him frequently suggesting "let's have one more" so that he could spend additional time with those he loved.

Clarence is survived by his sons, Bob (Tamara Arnce) and Gary; step-daughters, Mary (Tom) Dobesh and Kaye (James) Nichols; step-grandchildren, Megan and Alex Beckman and Anthony, Christopher, and Benjamin Nichols; sister, Mary Beth (Sam) Smith; brothers-in-law, Dave Egr, John Holsan, Sr., and Stanley (Bud) Karel; sisters-in-law Linda Egr, Cathy Greguras, Emily Greguras, and Mary Lee Hain as well as numerous nephews, nieces, and friends. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Marie Greguras; first wife, Barbara (Karel); second wife, Charlotte (Swanda); daughter, Jean Marie; father-in-law, Stanley Karel; mother-in-law, Ann Karel; brothers, William and Edward Jr.; brother-in-law, Marion Hain; sisters-in-law, Anna Marie Holsan, Carol Karel, and Nancy Karel; and niece, Debbie Holsan.

The funeral mass was April 22 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Bee with committal at the church cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Aquinas High School, St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Bee or Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Brainard. Arrangements by Volzke Funeral Home.

Michael A. Taylor May 4, 1955 – April 21, 2023

Michael Alan Taylor was born May 4, 1955, to Marvin Ernest and Barbara Ann (Fitch) Taylor in Keokuk, Iowa.

He attended grade school in Creston, Iowa, and Seward. He graduated from Seward High School with the Class of 1973. He was proud to have been a member of the 1972 Seward High football team that was undefeated. He graduated from Kearney State College in the field of journalism. He later attended Braniff Airlines Travel School in Dallas, Texas. In 1979, he joined King Travel in Topeka, Kansas. After learning the business in Topeka, he joined Travel Unlimited in 1981 in Lincoln until it was purchased by AAA Travel. He became owner and manager of Omni Travel Seward-Lincoln in 1990, until he became ill with Parkinson's in 2008. He organized and sold many business and vacation trips to clients in the Seward-Lincoln area. Michael was a member of the American Society of Travel Agents. He had a great heart and dearly loved his family and cherished his time with his nieces and nephews.

Michael is preceded in death by his mother, Barbara A. Taylor and nephew, Travis J. Taylor. Survivors cherishing his memory include his father, Marvin E. Taylor, Seward; brother, Mark J. and wife, Nanette L. Taylor, Lincoln and children, Katie T. and husband, Timothy J. Frisch, Lincoln, Lauren N. and husband, and Justin Fischer, Ramsey, Minnesota; sister, Michelle M. and husband, Tony Humlicek, Lincoln and children, Kirsten M. and husband, Michael B. Costello, Papillion; sister, Sue and husband, Dennis Seckler, Nutley, New Jersey and children, Madeline Seckler, Nutley, and Sophie Seckler, Nutley; seven grand nieces and grand nephews, Jonas Frisch, Verity Frisch, Miriam Frisch, Emmeline Frisch, James Fischer, Maximilian Costello and Sienna Rose Costello.

Visitation is Sunday, April 30, from 1 – 8 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward. There will be a private family inurnment and graveside service. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Parkinson's Association. Arrangements by Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.



Kenneth E Deinert Oct. 20, 1934 – April 17, 2023

Kenneth E Deinert, age 88, of Lincoln passed away Monday, April 17, 2023.

Ken was born Oct. 20, 1934, to Erle and Emma Deinert. Ken is survived by niece Sharon (Brian) Wilkins; great-nephew, Drew Wilkins, great-niece, Belinda Wilkins; caregiver, Deb Hammond; other relatives and a host of friends.

A celebration of life was April 21. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Malcolm Fire and Rescue Department, Zion Lutheran Church or Life Tabernacle Church. Arrangements by Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home.



Gregory Edward Matulka, Jr. Dec. 18, 1979 – April 20, 2023

Gregory Edward Matulka, Jr. was born Dec. 18, 1979, and passed away April 20, 2023. A complete obituary can be found and condolences left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Levi O. East Aug. 22, 1979 – April 19, 2023

Levi Owen East was born Aug. 22, 1979, and passed away April 19, 2023. A funeral service will be Monday, May 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Volzke Funeral Home. A complete obituary can be found and condolences left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

Michael L. Hayek Sept. 5, 1963 – April 16, 2023

Michael Lee Hayek was born in Seward on Sept. 5, 1963, to Thomas and Lois (Bolen) Hayek and passed away in Ulysses on April 16, 2023, at the age of 59 years, 7 months and 11 days, after his nearly three-year battle with Glioblastoma cancer.

Mike grew up in the Ulysses area. He attended and graduated from Seward High School with the Class of 1981. After his completion of high school, he enlisted into the United States Navy where he served from Oct. 3, 1983, until being honorably discharged on Feb. 16, 1986. During his time in the Navy, Mike was stationed on the USS Kitty Hawk, where he worked as a catapult operator. After Mike's release from the Navy, he worked at several factories and later did concrete work. He used his woodworking talents and did finish carpentry work. Mike was a skilled carpenter and spent countless hours working and tinkering in his wood shop. He was also an accomplished quilter. Mike enjoyed the outdoors where he loved to hunt and fish. He always loved to joke around and enjoyed each day to the fullest. Mike had a love for music and spent a lot of time playing the guitar and harmonica. He played the saxophone in high school and even carried his sax along with him on the Kitty Hawk.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Hayek; and nephews, Alan Hofer and Donald Hayek, Jr.

Survivors cherishing his memory include his love, Christina Nickolite, Columbus; his mother, Lois Hayek, Ulysses; daughter, Shailee Hayek, Lincoln; siblings and spouses, Donald and wife, Glora Hayek, Ulysses, Teresa and husband, Eric Hofer, Seward, Linda and husband, Kevin Levi, Mankato, Minnesota, and Matthew and wife, Debbie Hayek, Seward; stepdaughter, Crystal Starr; nieces and nephews, Joshua Hayek, John Hayek, Jamie Meierdierks, Joseph Hayek, David Hayek, Ross Hofer, Hanna Hofer, Samantha Hayek, Saratoga Hayek, Cheyenne Hayek and Thunder Hayek; great-nieces, great-nephews and a host of friends.

A Celebration of Life was April 22. Arrangements by Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.



Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Dept. for activities April 13 – 19.	tions 3
Summary of calls:	Miscellaneous 23
911 misdial 2	Motorist assists 4
Abuse/neglect 3	Non-injury accident
Accident w/injuries 1	3
Assault 1	Paper service 1
Business check 3	Parking violations 7
City ordinance violations 3	School bus stop arm violation 1
Civil/keep peace 3	Security alarm 1
Coroner call 1	Suspicious vehicle/person 3
Disturbance 1	Theft 1
Field contact 6	Tobacco violation 1
Fraud 2	Traffic control 1
Funeral escort 1	Traffic stops 30
Liquor/alcohol viola-	Trespassing 1
	Warrant/arrest 1
	Welfare check 2

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Obituaries

Doris R. Wiebe
Dec. 5, 1935 – April 20, 2023

Doris R. Wiebe of Staplehurst passed away peacefully at the age of 87 with family at her side.

She was born to parents Herman and Martha (Dalke) Schultz in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Doris grew up on the family farm and walked or rode a horse drawn sleigh to attend school in Niverville, where she also played softball. In her early professional years, Doris worked for a Manitoba insurance company. Doris immigrated to Nebraska when her husband's construction company relocated to Lincoln. Along with raising her family, she is well known for her cooking at many Seward County venues including Sports Tavern, Country Corner and The Corner Cafe. She was a life-long Canadian citizen. Doris was a past member of the Staplehurst Women's Community Club and is an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Doris' pastimes included camping, fishing, sewing, crocheting and knitting.

She is survived by her children, Curtis of Lincoln, Brad and Julie of Norfolk, and Scott and Tammy of Lincoln; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband of over 61 years, J. Denver; parents, Herman and Martha; and siblings Herb, August, Lorna and Linda.

Visitation is Thursday, April 27, at Volzke Funeral Home in Seward from 3 – 5 p.m. with a gathering of family and friends from 6:30 – 8 p.m. The funeral service is Friday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Staplehurst with committal at the Seward Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Staplehurst or the donors choice. Arrangements by Volzke Funeral Home.



Joanne R. Carlson
June 2, 1932 – April 23, 2023

Joanne R. Carlson was born June 2, 1932, and passed away April 23, 2023. A full obituary can be found and condolences left for the family online at www.zabkaperduefuneralhome.com.

Jerry D. Roth
April 23, 1948 – April 17, 2023

Jerry Dean Roth was born April 23, 1948, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Ervin Lee and Margaret Louise (Tucker) Roth and passed away April 17, 2023, in Lincoln at the age of 74 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Jerry was raised in the Bee and Garland areas, where he was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Garland. He attended and graduated from Garland High School with the Class of 1966. Jerry then attended Milford Trade School where he studied auto body, graduating in 1968. He was united in marriage to Bonnie Smetter, and to this union, three children were born. Jerry worked a short time at Bern's Body Shop before he started farming full-time. He farmed for more than 50 years and loved everything about farming, raising cattle and horses. In 2005, he adopted two of his granddaughters, Jamie and Elizabeth.

Jerry loved hunting and fishing. He really enjoyed building and working on guns. In his younger years, he loved playing all sports, especially baseball, football, basketball and is still holding several records in track. Jerry loved watching western and war movies and was quite the history buff. He also was an avid reader of his Bible. He was a member of the Garland Fire Department and a life-long member of Zion Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Randy Roth, Andy Roth, Gary Roth and Mark Roth; and nephew, Jason Roth.

Survivors cherishing Jerry's memory include his children, Todd Roth, Bee, Darin Roth, Garland, Amy and husband, Kevin Prochaska, Staplehurst, Jamie and husband, John Wheeler, Basehor, Kansas, and Elizabeth Roth, Basehor; six grandchildren, Trevor, Skyler, Mackenzie, Brianna, Carson and Molly; three great-grandchildren, Jazmin, Jayden and Malachi; brother, Rodney and wife, Karen Roth, Lincoln; sister, Pat and husband, Rod Luft, Garland; two sisters-in-law, Debbie Roth and Janice Roth.

The funeral service was April 21 at Zion Lutheran Church in Garland with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Garland Fire and Rescue Department. Arrangements by Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.



Clayton D. Kent
May 6, 1934 – April 16, 2023

Clayton Dale Kent was born May 6, 1934, in Hastings, Nebraska, to George and Nellie (Serl) Kent and passed away April 16, 2023, in Seward at the age of 88 years, 11 months and 10 days.

Clayton grew up in Hastings and graduated from Hastings High School with the Class of 1953. Following graduation, he enlisted into the United States Army and served in Korea until he was honorably discharged in 1956. On Sept. 30, 1956, Clayton married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Lisetta Mohling at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings. Clayton began working in the grocery store at the age of 14 and worked his way up to supervisor, where he eventually supervised 17 stores. The couple moved to Seward in 1971 where they owned and operated Kent's Jack and Jill grocery store until 1988. It was then renovated into a convenience store and mini mall until they sold the business in 1999.

After retirement, he founded the Seward Crossmakers in 2010. He often stated that the Seward Crossmakers wouldn't be successful without the help of all the volunteers. In his free time, Clayton loved traveling to 20 different countries and 49 states with his wife and family. He also enjoyed taking his grandchildren camping, fishing and hunting. He loved socializing as well as hosting people in his home. Clayton was known for his kind, caring heart and creative business ideas and strategies. He was an avid Husker sports fan. Clayton enjoyed the outdoors and watching birds on his bird feeders. In 2019, Clayton was honored to receive the Service Above Self Award from the Seward Rotary Club. He was an active member of many organizations in the Seward community and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Clayton is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lisetta Kent; son, Timothy Kent; sons-in-law, Mark Mueller and Robert Schulz; great-grandson, Harper Andelt; brothers and sisters-in-law, Wallace (Mabel) Kent, Richard (Noreen) Kent, Harold (Helen) Kent, Marvin (Dorothy) Kent and Robert (Erma) Kent; sisters and brothers-in-law, Wyona (Melvin) Kennedy, Wauneta (Irvin) Beiriger; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lester (Verna) Mohling, Wesley (Dorothy) Mohling and Kenneth (Wanza) Mohling.

Survivors cherishing his memory include his children, Russ (Mary) Kent, Crete, Carlene Schulz, Seward, and Sharon Mueller, Seward; grandchildren, Angela (Steve) Andelt and their children, Zane, Ames, Hayes and Clay, Jeremy (Crystal) Kent and their children, Camden and Brayden, Adam (Julie) Kent and their son, Carter, Eric (Andria) Mueller, and their children, Madelynn and Makenzie, Michael (Angela) Mueller and their children, William and Stella, Katelyn (Johnny) Bapat and their children, Greyson and Hunter, and Rachel Schulz; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was April 20 at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward with interment at the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kent family for future designations. Arrangement by Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.



Sheriff's dept.

Information provided by the Seward County Sheriff's Dept. for activities April 9 – 15.

Summary of calls:
911 misdial 1
Abandoned vehicle 1
Abuse/neglect 4
Accident w/injuries 1
Arrest/DUI 1
Arrest/DUS 1
Assault 1
Auto thefts 2
Business checks 3
Disturbance 2
Extra patrols 4
Field contacts 9
Fires 6
Fraud 1
Gas/odor leak 1
Gun permit 1

Liquor/alcohol violations 2
Littering 1
Miscellaneous 32
Motorist assists 14
Property lost or found 1
Reckless driving 10
Suspicious vehicle/person 4
Theft 1
Traffic control 2
Traffic hazard/debris 1
Traffic stops 116
Village patrols 136
Warrant/arrest 3
Warrant/transport 2
Weapons offense 1
Welfare checks 5

Traffic

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

April 10 – 14
Lillian M. Arram, 19, Kearney, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.
Jaedon A. Maxfield, 19, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.
Aaron A. Anderson, 41, Milford, speeding 21-35 mph municipal, \$200 fine.

Sylvia C. Stauffer
Dec. 9, 1939 – April 19, 2023

Sylvia Carol Stauffer was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Utica to Emil William Otto and Iona Reola (Finke) Fritz and passed away April 19, 2023, in Lincoln, at the age of 83 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Sylvia grew up in Seward, where she attended and graduated from Seward High School with the Class of 1957. On April 13, 1958, Sylvia was united in marriage to Harold Wayne Stauffer at St. John Lutheran Church, Seward. Sylvia worked at Southeast Community College for 20 years as a cook, she later worked at Seward Motor Freight as a dispatcher and customer service for another 20 years. She was a long-time member of the Milford United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold, in 2012; and sister, Beverly Pierce.

Survivors cherishing her memory include her children, Randall D. and wife, Pat Stauffer, Heston, Kansas, Nancy J. and husband, Scott Jenson, Lincoln, and Brenda S. and husband, Thomas Riley, Azle, Texas; seven grandchildren, Erin and husband, Garrett Pennington, Emily Stauffer, Jacob and wife, Kelsie Riley, Sarah and husband, Hunter Kunerth, Adam and wife, Sara Riley, Rebekah Riley and Isaac Riley; six great-grandchildren, Ethan Pennington, Everett Pennington, Norah Kunerth, Nolan Kunerth, Karter Kunerth, Payton Riley; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be Friday, April 28, from 1 – 8:30 p.m. at Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward with family receiving friends from 6:30 – 8 p.m. The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Milford United Methodist Church with interment at Blue Mound Cemetery in Milford. Memorial contributions are suggested to Memorial contributions may be made in Sylvia's name to United Methodist Church, 610 Second St., Milford, NE 68405 or Tabitha Foundation, 4720 Randolph St., Lincoln, NE 68510. Arrangements by Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.



County court

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

April 10 – 14
Scott K. Perry, 40, Milford, nuisances, \$250 fine.
Krishna H. Patel, 19, Crete, speeding 6-10 mph county/state, \$25 fine; minor in possession ages 19-20, \$300 fine.
Mitchell L. McConnell, 44, Seward, two counts of disturbing the peace, nine months probation on both counts.
Terrelle L. Kearney, 39, Seward, carrying a concealed weapon, \$250 fine and six months probation.
Patrick J. Cronin, 32,

Staplehurst, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, one year probation, revoked license 18 months and ignition interlock device ordered.
Bryan L. McKinney, 37, Seward, attempt of a class 2 misdemeanor, \$100 fine.

Justin A. Sherman, 31, Wilber, unauthorized use propelled vehicle first offense, 17 days jail; criminal mischief \$501 – \$1,499, 17 days jail and \$103 restitution.

Evan W. Cook, 38, Friend, attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, six months probation and 40 hours community service.

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

March 27 – April 12
Gordon Hagge and Patricia Hagge to Krista K. Wells and Jodi R. Wilkinson, Lot B, Administrative Replat of Lot 28, Block 4, Fairway Woods Addition to Seward. DS exempt
Wilma Luth to Anthony Luth, Lot 4, Block 1, Jirovsky and Feigion Subdivision in Seward. DS \$117

Gary D. Jelinek and Sharon M. Jelinek to Terry D. Jelinek and Michael D. Jelinek, Lot B, Administrative Replat of Lots 7 – 10, RMB Second Addition to Seward. DS exempt
Erik L. Kirby and Crystal C. Kirby to Michael Nolan and Shane Nolan, Lot 3, Block 1, Bader-Jirovsky Third Addition to Seward. DS \$1,215
Darren M. Gingerich

and Ramona D. Gingerich to Yvette M. Yoder, Lots 1-2, Block 8, Launes Third Addition to Milford. DS \$652.50

Jerry O. Springer and Linda L. Springer to Springer Properties, LLC, Lot 3 and the E1/2 Lot 4, Block 26, Wright's Third Addition to Utica. DS exempt

Jerry O. Springer and Linda L. Springer to Jerry O. Springer and Linda L. Springer, trustees, Lots 6-7 and the W1/2 Lot 8, Block 46, Wright's Third Addition to Utica, and the east 100 feet of Out Lot 72 in Utica. DS exempt
Scott Runcie to Charlotte Runcie, Lot 2, Block 1, Valley View Estates First Addition to Seward. DS exempt
Dave C. Koch and Cindy S. Koch to Samuel Koch, Lot 12, Block 1, Eastridge Third Addition to Seward. DS \$1,215
TR Real Estate, LLC,

Real estate

(CONTINUED FROM A14)

through members Todd Vegas and Robert Struwe, to Heath Yeackley, a tract of land in the NE1/4 SE1/4 2-9-3 and the N1/2 Lot 8, Block 0 in Davison and Culvers Addition to Milford. DS \$108

Camille D. Wanetka, representative, to Sandra L. Troyer, trustee, an undivided one-half interest to Lot 1, Troyer Acres First Addition, a minor subdivision of Outlot A, Troyer Acres in the NE1/4 10-9-3. DS exempt

Wanda J. Birkett and Robert A. Birkett to Wanda J. Birkett and Lisa Doeden and their successors in trust, Lots 7-9, Block 3 in Garland. DS exempt

Timber Creek Development, LLC, to David Ohlin and Cassandra Ohlin, Lot 17, Timber Creet Subdivision Lots 1-18, Milford. DS \$135

Robert Parks to Robert D.

Parks and Tracey R. Wallace, co-trustees, Lots 1-2, Block 5, Pioneer Townsite Company's Addition to Beaver Crossing. DS exempt

Katrina K. Ramer to Michael E. Bader, Lot 2, Klammer's Subdivision in Seward. DS \$515.25

DNR Farms, LLC to One Source Roofing, LLC, Lot 1, DNR Farms LLC Addition, a plat of land in the S1/2 NE1/4 8-11-3. DS \$1,098

James C. Lock and Laurie L. ChisholmLock to Laurie L. ChisholmLock and McKensie L. Stutzman, trustee, a tract of land in the NW1/4 NW1/4 20-9-3. DS exempt

Thomas Herbert Doty, II, and Shelly Doty to Jason P. Diederichs, part of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3-4, Block 12 in Goehner. DS \$659.25

Jason P. Diederichs to Autumn A. Schutz, part of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Block 7 in Goehner. DS \$315

Gregory S. Roth and Beth

A. Roth to Gregory S. Roth and Beth A. Roth, co-trustees, W1/2 SW1/4 20-9-3 and an undivided one-third interest in the NE1/4 NW1/4 and the S1/2 NW1/4 21-9-3. DS exempt

Zillig Homestead, LLC, to Benjamin Anderson and Meagan Anderson, part of the SW1/4 7-11-4 DS \$675

Josh P. Johnson to Matthew Geidel and Adrienne Geidel, Lot 6, Block 2, Web Second Addition to Seward. DS \$821.25

AJS Properties, LLC, to Wade Roth, part of Lot 1, Block 2, Sweasey's First Addition to Milford. DS \$281.25

Bruce Luebbe and Brent Luebbe to Bruce Luebbe and Brent Luebbe, an 85.827% interest in the NW1/4 18-12-3. DS exempt

Russell G. Hans and Joanne Hans to Bradley A. Hans, Pamela Hochstein, Janelle Schuttler and Brenda Janak, part of the SE1/4 15-11-2. DS exempt

Kevin J. Medow and Angela G. Medow to Kevin J. Medow and Angela G. Medow, NW1/4 27-11-2. DS exempt

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Tommy R. Butzke and Karen R. Butzke to Tracy L. Koranda, Jason R. Butzke, Chad W. Butzke, Kimberly S. Nagel, Kelly D. Dunn, Thomas L. Butzke and Kerry R. Butzke, a tract of land in the NW1/4 32-12-2. DS exempt

Ronald E. Down, Jr., and Cara Down to Eric H. Hartwell, Lots 6-8, Block 10 in Bee. DS \$418.50

Kim D. Cline to Tanner I. Smith, Lots 1-2 Block 2, Merrill's Third Addition to Pleasant Dale. DS \$427.50

Terence E. Harding, Jon C. Harding and Jeffrey J. Harding to Jarod Phillips and Sarah Phillips, Lot 8, Block 3, Block III and Block IV Peterson's Subdivision of Beck's Addition to Seward.

DS \$544.50

Grant F. Schlotman and Lynn M. Olson Schlotman to Kyle Roth and Gloria Roth, a tract of land in the S1/2 15-10-3. DS \$405

Jana J. Hughes and John Hughes and Jill C. Owens and Dave Owens to Jeffrey R. Luebbe, an undivided two-sixth interest in the E1/2 SW1/4 and the W1/2 SE1/4 19-10-2. DS \$900

Anthony Martin and Shannon Martin to Scott Davis, a tract of land in the W1/2 NE1/4 22-9-4 and a tract of land in the W1/2 NE1/4 22-9-4. DS \$540

Web Development, LLC, to Joshua Johnson and Heidi Weber, Lot 24, Block 1, Ridge Run Fourth Addition to Seward. DS \$207

Good Guys Properties, LLC, to Will Mettenbrink, part of Lots 12-13, Block I, of Davison & Culver's Addition to Milford. DS \$427.50

PEOPLE

Wedding

O'Grady, Gremel

Marissa O'Grady and Joe Gremel, both of Lincoln, were married Dec. 10, 2022, at 1316 Jones St. in Omaha. The officiant was the Rev. Scott Bruick.

O'Grady's parents are Joe and Kim O'Grady of Omaha. Her grandparents are Geraldine Daemon of Ft. Calhoun along with Raymond and Pam Ziebarth of Papillion.

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

The matron of honor was Sydney Stier and maid of honor was Courtney Acton. Bridesmaids were Annelise Kruse, Emma Gremel and Arlet Gremel.

The best man was Tom Gremel. Grooms-men were Zach Van Kovering, Spencer Betts, Ben Gremel and Drew Gremel. Ushers were Ben



Marissa O'Grady and Joe Gremel

Halley, Caleb Fails and Nathan Kimley.

Dinner and dancing followed the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Maui.

O'Grady graduated from the University of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in 2018 with a teaching degree and recently completed her master's in literacy. She is a reading teacher at Crete Middle School.

Gremel graduated from Iowa State University in 2018 with a degree in supply chain management and is the purchasing manager at Hughes Brothers.

Birthday

Dunker

Lyle Dunker celebrated his 100th birthday on April 17. He has been a resident at Kinship Pointe Seward since 2014.

There was an open house to celebrate with his friends and family at Kinship Pointe as well as a separate gathering at the Seward Memorial Library.



Lyle Dunker

Civil Air Patrol membership drive/open house planned this summer in Lincoln

The 155th Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary, will conduct a membership drive for both cadet and adult members throughout August, with events planned throughout the Lincoln/Lancaster County area.

The membership drive will include a unit open house Monday,

Aug. 8, at the Communications Building, Nebraska Air National Guard Base, at 2420 W. Butler Ave. in Lincoln, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Membership is open to young people from ages 12 to 18 for the cadet program, and adults ages 18 and older for seniors.

Civil Air Patrol, the official U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service

organization. Its unpaid members perform more than 80% of inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

For more information about the 155th Composite Squadron, email Lt. Col. Zoe Falls at zfalls@cap.gov or visit the website at: <http://155thcomposite.nebraska-civilairpatrol.org/>

Seward residents perform at CUNE honor recital

Kirsten Horne and Nathaniel Mars, both of Seward, performed in Concordia's Spring 2023 Honor Recital on April 4.

The semiannual honor recital at Concordia showcases the vocal and instrumental talents of student musicians. Musicians are chosen to perform based on

auditions judged by music department faculty members. The recital is held twice a year, once each semester.

Horne, a sophomore, sang "Oh! Quand je dors" by Franz Liszt, accompanied by Elizabeth Grimpo, and Mars, a senior, played "My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts

of the Lord" by George Oldroyd on organ.

"It's always a great experience for our students to showcase their talents and all of the hard work they have put into their craft," Dr. Kurt E. von Kampen, music department chair, said. "It takes a high level of dedication on the part of the stu-

dents to rise to the level we see in the honor recital.

"The students who performed in this recital also represent many more students who are doing wonderful work throughout the semester."

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Wireless tools, such as cell phones, have become a big part of our lives.

We can stay in touch with friends and family using texts, messages, emails, phone calls, video calls or social media, according to a news release from Four Corners Health Department.

In many cases, these tools have allowed us to work from any place.

Being available at any time means that sometimes we feel the need to check our email or answer a text while driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that in 2021, 3,522 people were killed in the United States by distracted driving.

That's about 8% of the people who live in the Four Corners district. And more than 1,000 people are injured daily in distraction-related incidents.

Distraction can be more than mobile tools. Other distractions might be eating or drinking, changing the radio, setting your seat or mirrors, reading a map or watching navigation, listening to the radio/podcast/audio books, grooming or talking to other passengers.

Other distractions are out of our control such as animals, people walking, traffic, ads or events.

Your brain cannot process two things at once. It has to switch back and forth. Texting is looked at as the most dangerous of distractions because it needs your whole attention - visual (your eyes), manual (your hands) and cognitive (your mind).

If you text behind the wheel, you are 20 times more likely to be involved in a crash than a non-distracted driver (Distraction.gov).

Distracted walking is a problem, too. Many of these same distractions can impact pedestrian safety.

Here are some tips to avoid distraction:

- Keep your eyes on the road and stay focused on driving. If you are distracted, you only see a small part of your driving environment. This is true for both hand-held and hands-free use.
- Pull over in a safe place if you need to use your phone.
- Don't make or take phone calls, even if using hands-free.
- Put your phone on Do Not Disturb while you are driving.
- Have someone text for you.

• If it's too tempting to pick up your phone while driving, keep your phone out of reach. Put it in a trunk, glove box or back seat of your vehicle until you get to your destination.

• Make all changes needed before leaving (make sure your seat and mirrors are where they need to be, set your radio and know where you are going before you go).

• Keep your emotions in check. If you are emotional, pull over until you are calm enough to drive safely. If you need to, while you are parked safely, call a friend to come help.

Nebraska law does not allow using a wireless device to read, write or send communication while a vehicle is in motion. This includes being stopped temporarily (such as at a stop light or stuck in traffic). Doing so can result in a fine, as well as points against your driver's license.

More importantly, distracted driving can lead to crashes, injuries, and even death of someone you know or love. Nothing is more important than getting to your destination safely. Keep your attention where it belongs, on the road.

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Staying fit



KEATON BURGESS/SCI

Bob Dahms of Seward walks in the one mile division at the 13th annual Bee Buzz Run on April 23.

Look out for Cruella deVil



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Performing to "Cruella deVil" in the William Henry School of the Arts recital rehearsal April 22 are, from left, Karaline Gross, Lila Frevert and Adriana Garibay. More pictures from the recital will be published next week.

HONOR ROLL CENTENNIAL

2022-2023 3RD QUARTER *Broncos*

Students on the honor roll had 3.5 GPA or higher. Honorable mentions had 3.0-3.4999 GPA. Students must also have an attendance record with less than 5 unexcused absences per quarter and less than 10 unexcused absences per semester.

Honor Roll

Seniors

- Madison Brandenburgh
- Keelie Bronson
- Connor Clouse
- John Fehlhafer
- Alexandria Galavez
- Rachel Garcia
- Krislyn Green
- Jayde Gumaer
- Keenan Kosek
- Maj Nisly
- Kimberly Nitz
- Shawn Rathjen
- Micah Richters
- Samara Ruether
- Cambria Saunders
- Breckin Schoepf
- Jonathan Songster
- Elizabeth Tempel
- Eliza Timmerman
- Dillon Tonniges
- Clinton Turnbull
- Lane Zimmer

Juniors

- Lillian Butzke
- Trevor Fehlhafer
- Ava Fischer
- Riley Grant
- Alex Hirschfeld
- Cora Hoffschneider
- James Hoffschneider
- Bryson Hornbacher
- Savannah Horne
- Libbie Kubicek
- Kate Luebbe
- Cole Matzner
- Rylee Menze
- Kaylea Moore
- Karley Naber
- Cora Payne
- Molly Prochaska
- Mallory Rozendal
- Garrison Schernikau
- Cyrus Songster
- Brylie Streit
- Jackson Wellman

Sophomores

- Catelynn Bargaen
- Grant Cast
- Caylie Clouse
- Samuel Ehlers
- Jake Fehlhafer
- Paul Fehlhafer
- Matthew Hoops
- Ayla Kahler
- Lucia Perez Maganto

- Ryan Richters
- Natalie Sams
- Grace Schernikau
- Devin Slawnyk
- Danika Smith
- Averie Stuhr
- Liberty Tomjack
- Josephine Turnbull
- Jordan Wagner
- Ella Wambold
- Camden Winkelman

Freshmen

- Wyatt Boyer
- Payton Cradick
- Shelby Fehlhafer
- Brayden Foley
- Hope Galley
- Andrea Gumaer
- Luke Hoffschneider
- Kobie Kosek
- Alexis Kraus
- Cissanie Krohe
- Hannah Luebbe
- Peytn Nave
- Cael Payne
- Sarah Payne
- Kasten Ruether
- Kayla Rystrom
- Abigail Saunders
- Cooper Stelling
- Nathan Sunday
- Cheyenne Tonniges
- Anna Warm
- Riley Ziegler

Eighth Graders

- Ella Baack
- Braeden Bloebaum
- Dakota Boyer
- Josephine Butzke
- Van Choma
- Caleb Clouse
- Emmett Crawford
- Terin Donohoe
- Nya Fischer
- Caleb Friedrichsen
- Hurley Harroun
- Keira Kinnett
- Owen Naber
- Marley Olson
- Tyler Opfer
- Addison Petzoldt
- Jaclynn Prigge
- Chase Robinson
- Madisyn Shufeldt

Seventh Graders

- Teagan Banks
- Gage Boyer
- Charlee Bronson
- Paul Dale
- Jacob Ennis
- Breckyn Hatfield
- Grant Hinze
- Tate Kitchen
- Tobey Kline
- Lynly Leif
- Emery Menze
- Chase Pankoke
- Corey Payne
- Parker Perry
- Paityn Scheele
- Levi Scholl
- Ryleah Smith
- Luke Steele
- Amelia Walgren
- Jagger White
- Jarret White
- Gentry Zimmer

Sixth Graders

- Leah Ahrens
- Kaidan Allen
- Piper Baack
- Kathryn Breitreutz
- Cheyenne Brown
- Molly Bulgrin
- Makaylyn Choma
- Aaron Christenson
- Ashton Grant
- Halix Harroun
- Garrett Heine
- Vivian Heine
- Dylan Heine
- Brielle Hladky
- Reagan Juranek
- Greyce Lampman
- Jack Luebbe
- Jeslyn Moore
- Dakota Morris
- Jack Pekarek
- Jade Polcyn
- Thor Prigge
- Aviana Robinson
- Callan Shufeldt
- Elle Simmons
- Kenzie Stoll
- Lydia Svik
- Dalton Weier
- Ashton Wolf

Honorable Mention

Seniors

- Kali Fickel
- Devin Nave
- Ryan Pallas
- Kenzie Steckly
- Levi Zimmer

Juniors

- Rylie Balltrip
- Masa Brown
- Dakota Guinn
- Jake Opfer
- Austin Patchin
- Trayton Stewart

Sophomores

- Jayden Cradick
- Madilyn Kitzing
- Saige Scheele

Freshmen

- Royale Dean
- Kyle Keith
- Rosa Martinez
- Dalaina Nissen
- McKenzie Stinson
- Trenton Waegli

Eighth Graders

- Chelsy Hernandez De Leon

Seventh Graders

- Evan Crawford
- Gabrial Dwerlkotte
- Lane Johnson
- Bentley Juranek
- Kolton Prashek
- Gradyn Tonniges
- Abigaile Walgren

Sixth Graders

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Reggie Sukup of Seward throws to first on a double play as Finn Hochstein watches against Crete/Milford April 17.

SHS second in home tourney

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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With five games on the baseball schedule, the Seward Bluejays took a deep breath and went 4-1 on the week.

“Overall it was a very good week,” Coach Brock Anderson said.

Seward opened play with an 8-4 win over Crete/Milford April 17 in Crete. Kolton Loos pitched for the Jays and struck out six in seven innings.

“Kolton pitched a phenomenal game,” Anderson said. “He did a great job mixing his pitching and keeping them off balance.”

Cam Olson was 2-3 with a double and drove in two for SHS. Finn Hochstein was 2-4 with a double and drove in a run.

Mount Michael Benedictine came to Plum Creek Park April 18. Seward sent them home with a 6-0 loss. The Jays scored five in the fifth to put the game out of reach.

Hochstein pitched a complete game and struck out 10.

Carl Taylor and Olson had two hits each, and

Taylor drove in two runs. Ryley Hain hit a double for the Jays.

“The offense was able to wear down their starter, and we were able to pile it on against the bullpen,” Anderson said.

April 20 was a make-up game against Lincoln Christian, and Seward scored a walk-off 4-3 win in eight innings.

Connor Sveeggen was the starting pitcher and threw five innings, allowing all three Crusader runs. Anderson said Seward fell behind early and didn’t play clean offense.

With the score tied 3-3 in the bottom of the eighth and two outs, Seward’s Kyle Peery perched at first base. He took second on a single by Loos and advanced to third on a walk to Brenden Ruth that loaded the bases. However, the LC catcher threw to third to try to get Peery, and the ball sailed into left field, allowing Peery to score the winning run.

“We found a way to compete and keep it close,” Anderson said.

Taylor and Loos had two hits each for Seward. Carter Ernesti

got the win pitching in relief of Sveeggen.

The Jays hosted a four-team tournament April 22 and opened with an 11-6 win over Omaha Concordia/Brownell Talbot/Omaha Christian Academy.

“It was chilly but manageable,” Anderson said.

Brycen Burt pitched all seven innings for Seward. He made one mistake in the third inning that OCBTOCA hit for a grand slam down the right-field line.

Hochstein was 4-4 with a double and a triple and drove in two for SHS. Ernest was 3-4 and Hain and Taylor had two hits each.

The win put the Jays in the championship game against Wayne, and the Blue Devils scored four runs in the top of the seventh to escape with a 7-3 win.

Again the Jays didn’t play clean, Anderson said.

“We spotted them three runs, and then chipped away,” he said. “We didn’t take advantage of early opportunities.”

Hochstein was 2-4 with two RBIs to lead

Seward. Olson was 3-3, Taylor was 2-3 with a double and Burt was 2-3.

Loos got the start and pitched six innings. Ernesti took the loss in relief.

The Jays (11-7) were at Blair April 24, host Waverly Thursday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m. and travel to Louisville Friday, April 28, for the final game of the regular season.

Anderson said district pairings should be announced Thursday, with play to start Thursday, May 4.

Seward 8, Crete/Milford 4

SHS 002 420 0 8
CM 201 001 0 4

2B—Hochstein, Olson. RBI—Hochstein, Sukup, Hain, Taylor, Olson 2, Ruth. HBP—Ernesti 2, Ruth. SF—Taylor. SB—Burt, Ernesti. W—Loos.

Seward 6, Mount Michael Benedictine 0

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SHS 001 150 x 6

2B—Hain. RBI—Hain, Taylor 2, Loos. HBP—Sukup 2, Ruth, Ernesti. SB—Taylor, Loos, Olson, Sukup, Burt. W—Hochstein.

Seward 4, Lincoln Christian 3

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2B—Taylor, Ruth. RBI—Hochstein, Taylor. HBP—Ruth, Ernesti. SB—Ruth, Sukup, Hochstein. W—Ernesti.

Seward 11, Omaha Concordia/Brownell-Talbot/Omaha Christian Academy 6

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2B—Hochstein, Hain. 3B—Hochstein. RBI—Hochstein 2, Sukup, Ernesti, Hain 2, Taylor, Olson. HBP—Ruth. SF—Sukup. SB—Hochstein 2, Hain 2, Ruth, Sukup. W—Burt.

Wayne 7, Seward 3

WHS 001 020 4 7
SHS 000 021 0 3

2B—Taylor. RBI—Hochstein 2, Loos. SB—Hain, Hochstein. L—Ernesti.



Seward's Kelsey Miller was named the Female Athlete of the Meet at the Yowell Classic April 22 in York.

Jays third at York

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The Seward track teams competed on a cold, windy April 22 in York and finished third in both the girls’ and boys’ standings.

Sophomore Kelsey Miller was named the Female Athlete of the Meet. She won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.42 seconds, the 300-meter hurdles in 47.66 seconds, the high jump at 5-0 and was on the first-place 4x100-meter relay team with Eden Schulz, Vicki Wang and Coral Collins.

Schulz also finished second in the 100-meter dash. Lovely Hibbert won second in the discus and third in the shot put, and Lauren Frihauf picked up third in the 400-meter dash.

Tessa Greisen finished third in the 3,200-meter run, and the 4x400 relay of Frihauf, Schulz, Mikayla Miller and Hailey Ball was third. Rounding out the bronze medal winners was Ava Krahulik in the long jump.

Kalen Knott topped the pole vault for the SHS boys, clearing the bar at 14-6 for Seward’s only gold medal. He also placed third in the triple jump.

Jase Ramirez had a good day with a second-place finish in the long jump and third place in the 200-meter dash.

Evetto Howe earned third in the 800-meter run.

All three relay teams won bronze medals – the 4x100 team of Tresten Hass, AJ Frazey, Caden Brooks and

Micah Hackbart; the 4x400 team of Frazey, Eli Hiser, Cole Luebbe and Easton Else; and the 4x800 team of Colin Standifer, Howe, Micah Royuk and Hiser.

Edison Knott earned third in the high jump at 6-0, and Larson Goldsmith was fourth with a personal-best height of 5-10.

The Bluejays are back in action Thursday, April 27, at Blair. The Central Conference meet is set for Tuesday, May 2, at Schuyler.

Yowell Classic

Girls’ team scores—Norris 142.3, Waverly 108.6, Seward 100, Beatrice 61, Fairbury 53, York 42, Crete 15, York JV 3

100-meter dash—2. Eden Schulz 12.8, 5. Vicki Wang 13.21, 6. Coral Collins 13.36

200-meter dash—6. Ava Krahulik 28.88/29.04

400-meter dash—3. Lauren Frihauf 1:05.34

1,600-meter run—4. Tessa Greisen 5:34.86, 6. Karmie Gottschalk 5:40.27

3,200-meter run—3. Tessa Greisen 11:58.44, 5. Karmie Gottschalk 12:16.16

100-meter hurdles—1. Kelsey Miller 15.42, 6. Evie Theobald 18.79

300-meter hurdles—1. Kelsey Miller 47.66

4x100-meter relay—1. Seward 50.86 (Miller, Schulz, Wang, Collins)

4x400-meter relay—3. Seward 4:28.84 (Frihauf, Schulz, Mikayla Miller, Hailey Ball)

4x800-meter relay—5. Seward 12:22.79 (Danielle Pallat, Audrey Broadwell, Regan Wisen, MacLayne Dlouhy)

Long jump—3. Krahulik 14-9

High jump—1. Kelsey Miller 5-0

Shot put—3. Lovely Hibbert 37-1.75

Discus—2. Lovely Hibbert 120-5

4x100-meter throwers—3. Seward 1:01.61 (Hibbert, Madison Green, Kaylie Nelson, Addy Heaston)

Boys’ team scores—Waverly 165, Norris 125, Seward 78, Crete 43, Beatrice 38, York 31, Lincoln Christian 22, Fairbury 16, York JV 8

100-meter dash—6. Micah Hackbart 11.5

200-meter dash—3. Jase Ramirez 23.13, 6. AJ Frazey 23.48

400-meter dash—5. Easton Else 53.74

800-meter run—3. Evetto Howe 2:12.76

110-meter hurdles—5. Tresten Hass 17.38

300-meter hurdles—5. Luke SeEVERS 45.21

4x100-meter relay—3. Seward 45.03 (Hass, Frazey, Caden Brooks, Hackbart)

4x400-meter relay—3. Seward 3:41.84 (Frazey, Eli Hiser, Cole Luebbe, Else)

4x800-meter relay—3. Seward 8:59.52 (Colin Standifer, Howe, Micah Royuk, Hiser)

Long jump—2. Ramirez 20-2, 5. Brooks 19-0

Triple jump—3. Kalen Knott 38-11.75

High jump—3. Edison Knott 6-0, 4. Larson Goldsmith 5-10

Pole vault—1. K. Knott 14-6, 6. E. Knott 12-0

Shot put—5. Dustin Hurley 43-4, 6. Riley Prochnow 43-1

4x100-meter throwers relay—1. Seward 52.91 (Jayden Hernandez, Jack Vyhnaek, Hurley, Prochnow)

SHS falls in week’s only match

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The Seward girls’ soccer team had just one game on the schedule last week and lost to Aurora 5-2 April 18.

Coach Nick Holmes said the game did not go well, and it wasn’t the way the team wanted to celebrate senior night.

“In the end, we learned a lot from it,” he said. “There are areas of improvement for all of us.”

Xylie Robidoux scored her first career goal off a header, and Ava Fisher added to her goal tally in the second half. Holmes said goalkeeper Jena Eberspacher also had a good game for Seward.

Holmes said one of the challenges for the Jays is getting off to a faster start.

SHS (3-8) will be at Columbus Lakeview April 25 and host Grand Island Northwest Thursday, April 27, at 4 p.m. in the final regular season game.

“They will be the best we’ve played all year,” Holmes said of Northwest.

The first round of district play is Saturday, April 29. Pairings had not been announced at press time. Holmes said the team will focus on what it needs to improve as the postseason approaches.

“We will focus on what we can do to be successful,” he said.



Ava Fisher of Seward works the ball on the Aurora defense April 18.



Eli Hiser of Seward takes the baton from Micah Royuk in the 4x800-meter relay April 22 in York.

District soccer starts April 29.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Malcolm's Tyler Thieman slides into home as the ball bounces away from Centennial catcher Bryson Hornbacher April 22.

Malcolm back on winning track after losses

BY HEATH KRAMER
Seward County Independent

When the week started, it looked like it could be a long one. By Saturday afternoon, there was plenty about which to celebrate.

After a second straight loss to open the week, the Malcolm baseball team turned things around and finished on a four-game win streak.

Following a loss in the championship game of the Trailblazer Conference tournament, the top-ranked Clippers went on the road to No. 3 Plattsmouth on April 17 and ran into trouble against Drew Iverson. The Wichita State commit fanned eight while allowing just five hits as the Blue Devils earned a 5-2 win.

"We definitely didn't come out the way we wanted to at Plattsmouth," Malcolm coach Zach Wehner said. "We

figured we'd see their ace, and I think we got a little too excited for that."

Malcolm went on the road the next night to see yet another future Division One player. This time it was Beatrice's Tucker Timmerman. The Husker commit allowed just one run and three hits over three innings before turning things over to Jaxson Blackburn. With the senior on the mound, the Clippers' bats came alive as Malcolm prevailed for a 5-3 win against the No. 7 team in Class B.

"Coming into both Plattsmouth and Beatrice, the boys were excited to face a couple of D-I prospects," Wehner said. "At Beatrice, we were able to get some hits early. That lifted the confidence of the entire team. We knew we were going to see a lot of strikes. We just needed to place the ball in gaps."

The Clippers' week on

the road continued April 21 with a visit to Arlington. The Eagles jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Malcolm scored nine unanswered runs on the way to a 9-4 win.

Garrett England went 2-for-4 at the plate with a pair of runs batted in while fellow sophomore Carson Frank took care of business on the mound as he picked up his fourth win of the season.

The Clippers' four-sites-in-six-days tour concluded on April 22 with a triangular at Beaver Crossing. Malcolm opened the day with a No. 1 vs. No. 2 clash against Central City/Fullerton/Centura.

After the Kernels built a 4-1 lead by the top of the third, Malcolm answered with a five-run bottom of the third that included a three-run blast off the bat of England. It was the sophomore's second home run this season.

"Garrett is having a great spring," Wehner said. "He came in fighting for a starting spot and has really earned it. It's nice having someone toward the bottom of the lineup capable of doing what he's done. He puts us in a great spot to get guys around the bases."

After Maddox Meyer threw the first three innings, Mason Wisnieski took the mound and struck out five Kernels' batters as the sophomore earned his second win of the season.

"Mason did a great job on the mound this week," Wehner said. "As a reliever, he comes in, throws strikes and gets outs while keeping his pitch count down."

Derek Erickson added some insurance in the bottom of the fourth with a solo home run. The Coe College commit also closed the game with a save.

Malcolm finished out the week with a 12-0

rout of Centennial. The Clippers used 21 different players in the five-inning, mercy rule game in which Luke Schmidt earned his first win of the season as he fanned five Broncos' batters.

Wisnieski hit his second home run this season while Meyer went 1-for-3 with three RBIs.

Malcolm (17-2) opens the week with a rematch against Class B No. 6 Wahoo/BN/LL (15-2) Monday afternoon in Malcolm before a short trip to Valparaiso on April 25 to face Raymond Central (5-11) in the "Battle for the Buck." The Clippers host Falls City (5-8) on Saturday, April 29.

"We didn't play very well last time we saw Wahoo," Wehner said. "The boys are looking forward to a rematch just so we can see if we can match up a little better. This past week, seeing some top teams

with great pitching and finding ways to come out on top was a big confidence boost. The boys know these next few games are huge, especially for district seeding points."

Malcolm 12, Centennial 0			
Malcolm	405	30	12
Centennial	000	00	0

2B—Thieman. HR—M. Wisnieski. RBI—M. Meyer 3, Smith, Wisnieski 2, England, Thieman, Gonyea 2, Schmidt. HBP—H. Frank, M. Wisnieski. SB—Erickson 2, B. Meyer 2, Gonyea, Day. W—Schmidt.

Malcolm 7, Central City/Fullerton/Centura 4			
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Malcolm	015	010	X 7

2B—H. Frank. HR—England, Erickson. RBI—Reiling, Wisnieski, Erickson 2, England 3. HBP—E. Robotham, C. Frank. W—Wisnieski. S—Erickson.

Malcolm 9, Arlington 4			
Malcolm	011	250	0 9
Arlington	200	002	0 4

RBI—Wisnieski, England 2, Schmidt, Gonyea, Sykes. SAC—Sykes, Wisnieski. SB—Gonyea 2, M. Meyer, H. Frank 2, B. Meyer, Day 2. W—C. Frank.

Malcolm 5, Beatrice 3			
Malcolm	200	000	0 2
Beatrice	130	100	X 5

2B—C. Frank. RBI—Wisnieski 2. SB—H. Frank. W—Erickson. S—M. Meyer.

Plattsmouth 5, Malcolm 2			
Malcolm	200	000	0 2
Plattsmouth	130	100	X 5

2B—England, Wisnieski. RBI—H. Frank, Wisnieski. SAC—M. Meyer. HBP—Schmidt. SB—H. Frank. L—C. Frank.

Golfers take steps

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The Seward golf team headed down Highway 15 April 20 for the Fairbury Invitational. The team finished fifth overall, but none of the Bluejays earned an individual medal.

Talan Schaefer led the team with a 49-39 88. Hayden Burhoop shot a 51-46 97, Matthew Wegman 50-47 97, Luke Wegman 51-54 105 and Evan Hall 55-51 106.

The tournament included some of the best players in the state, Coach Jim Placke said.

Placke was happy to see the improvements on the second nine. He said Matthew Wegman was the only Bluejay golfer who had played the course before.

"I was pleased with Talan's second nine," Placke said. "He's been playing well in practice. That 39 is a huge step for him.

"He took a big step. He's got a nice swing. He could do good things."

Placke said he's seeing more consistent scores in practice from the golfers, and those are starting to show in tournaments, as well.

As the Jays continue to improve, the coach said they have to remember that they can't go to a new course and think they'll play it well.

"We're building for next year," Placke said.

The Jays were to play at Beatrice April 24 and travel to Crete for a tournament Friday, April 28.

"At Crete, if we can get good weather, that will be a more favorable course for us," Placke said.

Beatrice is a championship-level course, so Placke said he wanted the golfers to enjoy their rounds and try to get better.

Cardinals can't get bats going

BY KEATON BURGESS
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In the battle of the birds, bluejays reined victorious as the Crete/Milford baseball team fell to Seward 8-4 on April 17.

The game started off well for the Cardinals when Tadd TeBrink hit a home run to give Crete/Milford a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

After Seward put up two runs and Crete/Milford one in the third inning, the Bluejays grabbed the momentum, scoring four runs in the fourth and two in the fifth to take an 8-3 lead.

The Cardinals fought back as Mason Crumbliss scored a run in the sixth, but it wasn't enough.

Crumbliss had two hits and struck out three.

The Cardinals then hosted Waverly on April 18 and couldn't get the offense going, losing 6-1.

Crete/Milford's Kenner Svitak scored a run in the bottom of the



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Crete/Milford's Patton Svitak swings at a Seward pitch April 17.

second inning, but that's all the Cardinals could do offensively as the Vikings went on to score six runs over seven innings.

TeBrink and Svitak both had two hits.

Crete then faced off against Blair on April 20 and couldn't find any rhythm at bat, losing 5-0 with no hits.

In a low-scoring game, Blair finally got on the board with a run in the bottom of the third inning and added four more in the fifth to get the win.

For the Cardinals, Jeffrey Kuncel struck out five.

After going 0-3 on the week, Coach Bryant Rief said the Cardinals need

to work on having energy during the games.

"We have to bring the energy," he said. "Sometimes it seems like we aren't fully there."

Rief mentioned he felt Kuncel brought the energy while pitching against Waverly.

"He pitched well and kept us in the game," he said. "We're going to be working on energy, attitude and effort. That's what will get us over the hump."

Crete (5-13) was scheduled to host Ashland-Greenwood for a makeup game on April 24, host Nebraska City on April 25 and host Plattview on Thursday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m.

Seward 8, Crete 4			
SHS	002	420	0 8
CHS	201	001	0 4

2B—Mason Crumbliss. HR—Tadd TeBrink. RBI—TeBrink 2, Kenner Svitak. SB—Alex Eltze.

Waverly 6, Crete 1			
WHS	003	020	1 6
CHS	010	000	0 1

2B—TeBrink. SB—Eltze 2, Carter Tews. RBI—Nick Wendt.

Blair 5, Crete 0			
CHS	000	000	0 0
BHS	001	040	X 5

SB—TeBrink.



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Centennial's Clinton Turnbull, second from right, runs at the front of the pack in the 3,200-meter run April 18.



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Centennial's Samara Ruether tries to clear the bar while winning the girls pole vault competition at the Centennial Invite April 18.

Bronco girls win home invite; boys sixth

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The throwers led the way for the Centennial track team April 18 in its home invitational.

Alex Galavez and Cora Hoffschneider were first and second in the girls' shot put with throws of 35-7.5 and 35-3.5, respectively.

"That provided big points helping the girls team to win the meet," Coach Rob Johansen

said. "It was a big jump of improvement for both of them, so we hope that continues for them."

Samara Ruether tied her personal best in the pole vault at 9-6 to win the event. She vaulted 9-6 at state in 2022. Cambria Saunders won the triple jump with a jump of 33-5.5.

Savannah Horne stayed unbeaten in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, winning in 12.36 and 26.28 seconds. Johansen said the 4x100-meter

relay ran a season-best 53.5 seconds and did a good job with the hand-offs.

In the boys' competition, the throwers carried the team, Johansen said. All three placed in both the shot put and discus. Jayde Gumaer led the discus crew, finishing second at 146-10. Xavier Ettwein had the best Bronco shot put at 47-2.5

Camden Winkelmen improved by a foot in the pole vault, placing third

at 12-0.

"Coach (Carson) Farr thinks he will be at 13-0 by the end of the season," Johansen said.

Lane Zimmer is recovering from an injury and still finished second in the long jump at 19-6.5.

"He did excellent on limited practices the past week," Johansen said.

The Broncos competed in a quadrangular at Heartland April 24 and will be at Thayer Cen-

tral Saturday, April 29, for the Southern Nebraska Conference meet.

Triple jump—1. Saunders 33-5.5
Pole vault—1. Samara Ruether 9-6
Shot put—1. Alex Galavez 35-7.5, 2. Cora Hoffschneider 35-3.5

Centennial Invite

Girls' team scores—Centennial 109, Mind-en 92, Milford 77, Malcolm 75, Lakeview 51, David City 48, Raymond Central 45, York 23, Seward 6
100-meter dash—1. Savannah Horne 12.36
200-meter dash—1. Horne 26.28
800-meter run—6. Karley Naber 2:45.62
1,600-meter run—2. Ella Wambold 6:08.14, 3. Grace Schernikau 6:11.27
3,200-meter run—3. Schernikau 13:16.86
300-meter hurdles—4. Cambria Saunders 52.78
4x100-meter relay—1. Centennial 53.5 (Saunders, Bree Nisly, Samara Ruether, Horne)
4x400-meter relay—5. Centennial 4:43.7 (Cora Payne 1:10.75, Naber 1:10.43, Kate Luebbe 1:11.44, Andrea Gumaer 1:10.73)
4x800-meter relay—2. Centennial 11:04.47 (Payne 2:45.46, Naber 2:42.81, Lillian Butzke 2:54.35, Wambold 2:41.63)
Long jump—3. Saunders 15-3.5

Boys' team scores—David City 100, Milford 94, Minden 90, Columbus Lakeview 87, Malcolm 76, Centennial 53, Raymond Central 15, Seward 9, York 2

400-meter dash—6. Camden Winkelmen 58.66

3,200-meter run—3. Clinton Turnbull 11:16.04

4x100-meter relay—4. Centennial 48.61 (Brecklin Schoepf, Lane Zimmer, Winkelmen, John Fehlhafer)

4x400-meter relay—6. Centennial 3:56.42 (Zimmer 56.89, Fehlhafer 1:00.07, Schoepf 1:00.96, Winkelmen 58.22)

Long jump—2. Zimmer 19-6.5

Pole vault—3. Winkelmen 12-0

Shot put—3. Xavier Ettwein 47-2.5, 4. Paul Fehlhafer 45-7.5, 5. Jayde Gumaer 45-6.5

Discus—2. Gumaer 146-10, 3. Ettwein 125-11, 6. Trevor Fehlhafer 112-6

Malcolm athletes where want to be at midpoint

BY HEATH KRAMER
Seward County Independent

Not peaking too early and still trying to find each athlete's best event, the Malcolm track team feels as if it is on pace at the midway point of the season.

The Clippers saw some of their strongest competition thus far at the April 18 Centennial Invite. The Malcolm girls were fifth out of nine teams as they finished behind David City, Milford, Minden and Lakeview. The Malcolm boys were fourth behind Centennial, Minden and Milford.

"Without a doubt, we saw some great competition at this meet," Malcolm head coach Kip Arnold said. "There

were definitely some solid teams in the field."

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the day came early in the meet for Malcolm when Josh Cantrell had the best shot put toss of his career. The sophomore out-threw his previous best by four feet with his winning throw of 48-9.

"To improve your PR by that amount is nearly unheard of," Arnold said. "He's been committing to the weight room the last year, and he's starting to reap the rewards of that effort."

Cantrell earned a second medal in the discus with a fourth-place toss of 120-6.

Drew Johnson had his best high jump of the season. The senior cleared 6-3 to earn gold.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm's Mikiah Witzel unleashes a throw during the girls' shot put at the Centennial Invite April 18.

His jump was seven inches higher than the runner up.

"Drew's goal is to clear 6-6 and it's within reach," Arnold said. "He's very fluid in his

motion, and his experience at state last year has him itching to get back."

Nate Swenson was the second Clipper to
(CONTINUED ON 5B)



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm's Drew Johnson won the boys high jump competition at the Centennial track meet April 18 with a jump of 6-3.

Eagles see marks improve at Centennial meet

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The Milford track teams finished second and third at the Centennial Invitational April 18. The boys were second, just six points behind David City, and the girls finished third.

Coach Cody Gregory said the boys scored in 10 of 17 events. The 94 team points were the most for the Eagles this season. MHS athletes set 36 personal best marks, and five moved up on the all-time charts.

Dane Kolb earned a gold medal in the long jump (20-0) and silver in the triple jump (40-9.75). His triple jump distance is a personal best and lands him in seventh on the all-time chart.

Lilly Kenning improved her personal best time in the 800-meter run, winning in 2:26.15 and moving into second on the top 10 charts. She also won the 1,600 and was second in the 3,200 behind the reigning Class B champion.

Addi Mowinkel continues to improve in the shot put, Gregory said, and finished fourth at Centennial with a throw

of 33-9. That puts her at 10th on the MHS chart.

Ellison Piening jumped 31-4 in the triple jump to finish sixth and hit the leaderboard in 10th, Gregory said.

While Kinley Petsch didn't medal in the pole vault, her height of 7-0 ties her personal best, which is also ninth on the top 10 chart.

Sarah Spahr finished second in the high jump at 5-2 for MHS.

Gavin Dunlap was the 3,200-meter run champion, finishing in 10:51.73. Hudson Mullet placed second in the 800, and Avery Carter was third in the 1,600. The 4x800-meter relay team of Isaac Roth, Carter, Kaleb Eickhoff and Mullet earned first place in 8:37.77.

Caden Nelson won a pair of silvers in the hurdles, finishing the 110s in 16.13 and the 300s in 42.94, both personal best times.

The Eagles are next in action Saturday, April 29, at Thayer Central for the Southern Nebraska Conference meet.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Milford's Kaleb Eickhoff hands off to anchor leg Hudson Mullet in the 3200-meter relay at Centennial April 18.

800-meter run—1. Lilly Kenning 2:26.15, 5. Delaney Carraher 2:44.81

1,600-meter run—1. Kenning 5:58.78, 4. Kaitlin Kontor 6:18.61

3,200-meter run—2. Kenning 12:03.42

100-meter hurdles—4. Ellison Piening 17.93

4x100-meter relay—4. Milford 55.11 (Aubrey Burton, Spahr, Macy Stutzman, Miller)

4x400-meter relay—4. Milford 4:37.52 (Miller, Kylie Jakub, Carraher, Kenning)

4x800-meter relay—3. Milford 11:27.36

(Jakub, Carraher, Kaitlin Kontor, Kenning)

Triple jump—6. Piening 31-4

High jump—2. Sarah Spahr 5-2, 5. Brooklyn McDonald 4-10

Shot put—4. Addi Mowinkel 33-9

Discus—3. Camille Stauffer 115-0

Boys' team scores—David City 100, Milford 94, Minden 90, Columbus Lakeview 87, Malcolm 76, Centennial 53, Raymond Central 15, Seward 9, York 2

200-meter dash—5. Dane Kolb 23.91



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Milford's Lilly Kenning races to victory in the girls' 800-meter run April 18 at Centennial.

800-meter run—2. Hudson Mullet 2:09.68, 4. Kaleb Eickhoff 2:11.23

1,600-meter run—3. Avery Carter 4:52.7, 4. Gavin Dunlap 4:56.19

3,200-meter run—1. Dunlap 10:51.73

110-meter hurdles—2. Caden Nelson 16.13, 6. Gavin Piening 17.38

300-meter hurdles—2. Nelson 42.94, 4. Isaac Roth 43.82

4x400-meter relay—3. Milford 3:47.92

(Connor Adams, Carter, Roth, Mullet)

4x800-meter relay—1. Milford 8:37.77 (Roth, Carter, Eickhoff, Mullet)

Long jump—1. Kolb 20-0, 5. Bo Kepler 19-1.5

Triple jump—2. Kolb 40-9.75

High jump—5. Isaac Roth 5-4, 6. Colby Rautenburg 5-2

Golfers medal at invite

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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Centennial's golfers had a good tournament April 18 when they played in the Sandy Creek Invite at Crooked Creek Country Club in Clay Center.

Alex Hirschfeld shot an 82 and finished ninth, and Sam Ehlers finished 14th with an 88.

"Maybe they didn't play as well as they're

capable," Coach Cam Scholl said. "Both were pleased. They got better as the weather got worse."

He said both golfers were happy with the second half of the tournament.

"We just need to get so we play well out of the gate," Scholl said.

The Broncos will host the Bronco/Bluejay Cup Thursday, April 27, at 4:15 p.m. at Sandy Mead-

ows Golf Course south of Waco.

CHS is at Crete Friday, April 28, to face mostly Class B competition in the Crete Invitational.

"It will be interesting to see how we do," Scholl said. "Maybe we'll get in the hunt to place."

The Southern Nebraska Conference tournament is Wednesday, May 3, at Superior.



KEATON BURGESS/SCI

Jaiden Twenton of Concordia leads the pack during the first heat of the girls' 1500m run at the Jim Dutcher Invite at Doane on April 23.

CU wins six event titles at meet

Mild conditions with light winds were a welcome change of pace on April 23 as the nationally ranked Concordia University track & field squads engaged in competition at the annual Jim Dutcher Memorial Classic hosted by Doane.

For some Bulldogs, the meet actually represented their first action of the outdoor season. Most notably, sophomore Jenna Esch took advantage of the conditions while clocking a fresh automatic national qualifying standard in the 400 meters. She also helped the 4x400 meter relay run an 'A' standard.

In sum, Concordia came away with six event championships at the Dutcher Memorial, which was loaded with many of the very best track programs the state of Nebraska has to offer. The outing marked the fifth meet of the 2023 outdoor season.

Two-time All-American Esch blazed to a personal best of 56.74 in the 400 meters and placed third out of field of 25 runners. Esch was followed in the top five of the event by teammates in Trinity Tuls (58.17) and Rachel Battershell (58.31).

Later in the evening, that trio, in addition to Kayla Kirchner, produced an automatic national qualifying time of 3:53.60 in the 4x400 meter relay. That time placed the Bulldogs in first by more than six seconds.

Additional first-place finishes were turned in this weekend by the women's 4x800 meter relay, Carson Fehlhafer (discus), Kylahn Freiberg (5,000 meters), Josie Puelz (pole vault) and Adrianna Rodencal (100 hurdles).

Second-place claims at the Dutcher Memorial were made by the women's 4x100 meter relay, Amy Richert (heptathlon), Rodencal (100 meters), Calvin Rohde (1,500 meters).

Fehlhafer hit the 'B' standard in the discus for the first time while landing a toss of 159 feet. As for Rodencal,

she came up just shy of her own school record in the 100 hurdles while crossing the finish line in 14.17 seconds.

The likes of Freiberg, Rylee Haecker, Rohde and Camden Sesna continue to pace the distance crew. In the 1,500 meters, both Rohde (3:55.41) and Haecker (4:43.28) were within striking distance of the 'B' standard. They were pushed by teammates such as Keegan Beisel (4:46.10) on the women's side and Sesna (3:56.46) on the men's side.

Haecker and Beisel teamed up with Rhaya Kaschinske and Hannah Beintema on a first-place 4x8 time of 9:50.09. Freiberg's winning time in the 5,000 meters clocked in at 18:04.47.

For the second week in a row, Chris Wren eclipsed the 'A' standard in the hammer throw. His toss this weekend came in at 189' 10" (third place). Darien Semedo (176' 8") placed fifth in the hammer. On the women's side of the hammer, Kamryn Pokorney produced a 'B' standard (161' 1"); seventh place) with Alli Owings (158' 11") just behind her.

A consistent top place finisher this season in the javelin, Matthew Boyer threw 176' 2" and placed fifth at the Dutcher Memorial. Pokorney and Semedo also emerged as the team's top performers in the shot put.

The most significant effort from the jumps came from All-American Wyatt Loga, who cleared a 'B' standard of 6-8.75 in the high jump and placed fifth. Elsewhere in the jumps, Joel Rathe placed fourth in the long jump (21-11) and Hayley Miles placed fourth in the triple jump (34-5.5).

Rodencal also lent her services to the 4x1, which clocked a 'B' standard of 47.92. The group featured Rodencal along with Battershell, Kirchner and Kellie Rhodes. Kirchner was a third-place finisher in the 200 meters (26.08).

Finally, in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, Concordia was led by Kaia Richmond (12:06.47;

third place) on the women's side and Nathan Pennekamp (9:48.88; fourth place) on the men's side.

In the season's first heptathlon competition, Richert placed as the meet's runner up with 4,106 points. She was one of four Bulldogs to hit the minimum national reporting standard of 3,900. The others to accomplish that feat were Amanda Steinke (4,040), Faith Espinosa (3,997) and Josi Noble (3,974).

Dawson racewalks to GPAC accolades

Another school record-breaking performance in the racewalk has resulted in Concordia University Track & Field junior Lauren Dawson being recognized as the GPAC/Hauff Mid-America Sports Women's Outdoor Track Athlete of the Week, as announced April 19.

Dawson has earned the conference weekly award for the first time in her career. During the 2022-23 indoor and outdoor seasons, Bulldog athletes have combined for 10 GPAC athlete of the week awards.

A native of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Dawson battled cold and windy conditions at the Concordia Invite on April 15 and clocked a new personal best and school record time of 28:34.84 in the 5,000-meter racewalk. That time represents an NAIA 'B' standard and places Dawson atop the GPAC and at No. 9 on the national leaderboard.

The 2023 GPAC indoor champion in the 3,000-meter racewalk, Dawson is aiming to reach the national champions for the first time in her career. A Secondary Education major, Dawson has been named a NAIA Scholar-Athlete for both cross country and track.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Centennial third baseman Ryan Richters fields a ground ball down the line against Malcolm April 22 as teammate Devin Slawnyk (40) backs up the play.

Broncos fight but fall in three

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The Centennial baseball team continues to work for its first win of the 2023 season.

The Broncos couldn't contain their opponents last week in three games, losing to Adams Central 17-1 April 17, to Central City/Fullerton/Centura 14-1 April 22 and to Malcolm 12-0 April 22.

CHS had just one hit in the loss to Adams Central, a double by Devin Slawnyk. Shawn Rathjen walked twice for the Broncos.

The two combined for five innings on the

mound, as well. Slawnyk struck out two in his first innings.

Centennial scored a run in the first inning against CCFC in the first game of a triangular April 22, but that was all the offense it could muster. The Kernels gave up no hits for the Broncos and allowed just four walks in the game.

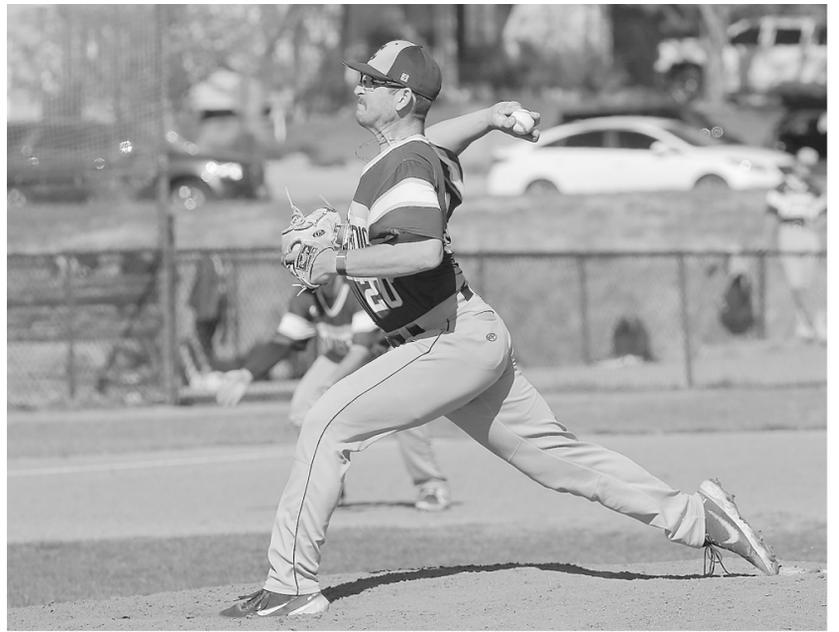
Keenan Kosek got the start on the mound and pitched 5.1 innings, striking out seven.

In game two against Malcolm, the Clippers allowed two Bronco hits – a double by Kosek and a single by Slawnyk. Slawnyk pitched the

first three innings and struck out three. Rathjen pitched the final two and struck out three, as well.

The Broncos (0-9) were to host Maxwell/St. Pat's April 25 and are on the road for their final two regular season games – at West Point/Beemer Thursday, April 27, and at Louisville Tuesday, May 2.

Adams Central 17, Centennial 1				
ACHS	155	06		17
CHS	100	00		1
2B—Slawnyk. HBP—Slawnyk.				
Central City/Fullerton/Centura 14, Centennial 1				
CCFC	122	405		14
CHS	100	000		1
SB—Slawnyk.				
Malcolm 12, Centennial 0				
MHS	405	30		12
CHS	000	00		0
2B—Kosek. SB—Kosek, Slawnyk.				



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Concordia's Jacob Lycan delivers a pitch against Doane April 17.

Dogs battle Doane, Midland

The race for the GPAC regular season title is heating up – and tightening up.

In a key conference doubleheader on April 17, the Concordia University baseball team fell twice at Doane, losing 6-4 and 9-2.

For a change, the explosive Bulldog lineup was held in check and limited to a combined 11 hits by Tiger pitching.

In another departure from the norm, Concordia was outthomered, 4-0, by rival Doane. This came a day after the Bulldogs rattled off a combined 38 runs in a doubleheader sweep of Briar Cliff.

The results leave Head Coach Ryan Dupic's squad (29-13 overall) in a three-way tie for first place atop the GPAC standings. Concordia, Doane and Morningside each sport 15-5 records.

In Monday's first game, the Bulldogs pushed across two runs (Joey Grabanski RBI single and Alec Blakestad

RBI ground out) in the top of the first and held the lead until things unraveled in the bottom of the sixth. Heading into that half inning,

In game two, Doane (29-9, 15-5 GPAC) ambushed Concordia with a seven-run second inning and chased Frankie Cresta from the mound. The Bulldog bullpen of Qwin Zabokrstky (1.1 IP) and Jacob Lycan (2 IP) and Daniel Rivera (1.1 IP) performed solidly, but the hole was too deep.

Concordia got its runs on a sac fly apiece from Jaidan Quinn and Tanner Tompkins.

Quinn paces Dogs
Quinn accomplished a feat never before achieved in the history of the Concordia baseball program while leading another awe-inspiring power display.

Quinn homered in four straight at bats to begin a day filled with fireworks. The 24th-ranked Bulldogs defeated Midland, 17-8 and 17-0, in Fremont on April

22. The temperatures were on the chilly side, but that did little to deter an offensive attack that left the yard 12 times.

Home runs in game two came off the bats of Jay Adams (two), Ben Berg, Alec Blakestad, Grabanski and Ty Neko-liczak. Berg and Quinn produced five hits apiece on the day. Berg drove in five runs in game two.

CU sweeps Midland
The Jaidan Quinn show continued in a April 23 matinee as Concordia earned a four-game sweep of Midland.

The Bulldogs closed out the dominant four-game set by winning at home, 7-6 and 26-2, while celebrating a group of five seniors.

CU will attempt to achieve a perfect regular season home record next weekend (April 28-29) when it will host Morningside (30-12, 16-6 GPAC) for a four-game set at Plum Creek Park. Game times for the doubleheaders are set for 4 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m.

Malcolm track

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earn gold for the first time in his career. The junior broke the tape in the 800-meter run with a 2:08.7 finish.

“Nate has this incredible competitive spirit,” Arnold said. “He just goes out and gets the person in front of him. We have no idea what his ceiling is, but we know it’s high.”

“He’s still learning to run the 800 and he’s doing great. I would take a hundred Nate Swensons if I could. He isn’t afraid of anyone on the track.”

The Malcolm girls earned three first place

medals and Halle Dolliver was a part of two of them. The freshman turned in a time of 1:02.7 in the 400-meter dash to earn top honors. Rachel Lannin of Malcolm was second with a 1:04.2 finish. Dolliver ran the 800 for the first time this season and placed fourth.

“Halle has been running strong for us all year and we’re adjusting her practice routine a little to give her a boost in the 800,” Arnold said. “There were a few really talented half-milers in that race, and I think it was good for Halle to

run with them and see what pace they go with for that race. She had a strong showing and a heavy workload with the 400, 800 and 4x400. We were proud of how she performed.”

Dolliver and Lannin were joined by Samantha Back and Lillie Beach in a dominant 4x400-meter relay performance. The Clippers’ time of 4:16.1 was 16 seconds ahead of second-place David City.

“This relay team has a high ceiling,” Arnold said. “They have their eyes on the record board and need to beat 4:15.3 to

get it. They are focusing their sights on that record and on getting to Burke.”

Keira Farritor set two personal bests in the throws. The junior uncorked a 118-4 discus throw to earn the top spot. She placed fifth in the shot put with a toss of 33-7.5.

“Our throwers are pushing each other each week,” Arnold said. “I love how this group competes against one another while also helping each another to get better. Keira is finding her form.”

The Clippers have a

busy week as they head to Columbus for Tuesday’s Lakeview Invite before heading to Beatrix on Saturday, April 29, for their first ever Trailblazer Conference Meet.

“We’re finding our form,” Arnold said. “We had over 20 PRs in each of the last two meets, and our goal is to reach our peak come championship season.”

Centennial Invite

Girls’ team scores—Centennial 109, Minden 92, Milford 77, Malcolm 75, Lakeview 51, David City 48, Raymond Central 45, York 23, Seward 6
200-meter dash—4. Lillie Beach 27.13, 5. Rachel Lannin 27.59
400-meter dash—1. Halle Dolliver 1:02.7, 2. Rachel Lannin 1:04.21
800-meter run—4. Dolliver 2:35.94
100-meter hurdles—3. Emma Meyers 17.91, 5. Alanea Babb 18.41

300-meter hurdles—6. Samantha Back 53.28
4x100-meter relay—5. Malcolm 55.49 (Beach, Jessica Sandell, Izzy Stenger, Lannin)
4x400-meter relay—1. Malcolm 4:46.18 (Lannin, Back, Dolliver, Beach)
4x800-meter relay—4. Malcolm 12:00.06 (Addy Hanson, Mia Larsen, Karter Kinkaid, Emery Endicott)
Triple jump—2. Babb 33-4
Shot put—5. Keira Farritor 33-7.5
Discus—1. Farritor 118-4, 5. Jenna Schwitzer 103-0

Boys’ team scores—David City 100, Milford 94, Minden 90, Columbus Lakeview 87, Malcolm 76, Centennial 53, Raymond Central 15, Seward 9, York 2

100-meter dash—4. Jonathan Cook 11.58, 5. Dalton Amen 11.53, 6. Logan McGreer 11.62
200-meter dash—2. Amen 23.36
400-meter dash—2. McGreer 54.25
800-meter run—1. Nathan Swenson 2:08.78, 3. Thomas Lewis 2:10.76
300-meter hurdles—5. Jake Walters 43.86
4x400-meter relay—4. Malcolm 3:48.86 (Noah VanEvery, Aidan Cunningham, Cayden Witzel, Swenson)
4x800-meter relay—3. Malcolm 9:03.4 (Brien Wilkie, Lewis, Zane Zoucha, Swenson)
High jump—1. Drew Johnson 6-3
Pole vault—6. Zoucha 10-6
Shot put—1. Joshua Cantrell 48-9
Discus—4. Cantrell 120-6

Bulldog softball earns split with Mount Marty on senior day in Seward

The results on April 21 were as unforgiving as the wind that blew out of the northwest.

As part of the season’s final weekend homestand, the Concordia softball team put itself in position to win both

ends of the afternoon double-header before faltering in the late innings to Briar Cliff. The visiting Chargers came

away with wins by scores of 1-0 (eight innings) and 6-5 on a day when the temperature never quite reached 50 degrees. Head

Coach Brock Culler’s squad has slipped to 13-26 overall (2-14 GPAC) with six games remaining in the regular season.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS CITY OF SEWARD

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following will be held:

Seward City Council, May 2, 2023, 7:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.

Library Board, May 3, 2023, 8:00 AM, Seward Memorial Library, Main Level Conference Room, 233 S 5th St., Seward, NE 68434.

Civic Center Commission, May 8, 2022, 5:00 PM, Civic Center, 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434.

Planning Commission, May 8, 2023, 7:30 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th St., Seward, NE 68434.

Seward Aging Services Commission, May 9, 2023, 1:00 PM, Lied Senior Center, 1010 Manor Drive West, Seward, NE 68434.

Community Redevelopment Authority, May 10, 2023, 5:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434.

Seward City Council, May 16, 2023, 7:00 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N. 7th St., Seward, NE, 68434.

Seward Economic Development Program LB 840 Application Review Board, May 24, 2022, 5:30 PM, Seward Municipal Building, 142 N 7th St, Seward, NE 68434.

All meetings are open to the public. The agenda for each meeting listed, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 537 Main Street, Seward, Nebraska, during normal business hours.

Derek Bargmann, City Clerk
 SCI — April 26, 2023
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a.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be conveniently heard by the Court.

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 Susan K. Sapp - #19121
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 CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT
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 233 South 13th Street, #1900
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 SCI — April 26, May 03, 2023
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4. Approval of this amendment is not required by anyone other than the members of the corporation.

The Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 SCI — April 26, May 03, 10, 2023
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MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2023 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Boards of Commissioner Meetings are held each Tuesday morning in the Seward County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m., except for the first Tuesday of each month when meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. Notice of each meeting is posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

CLAIMS ALLOWED
 MAY 23, 2023

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on April 18, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zaborcki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
 Approved minutes of April 11, 2023. Asst. Highway Supt., John Regnier gave an update of the Road Dept. Accepted the Seward County Treasurer’s 3rd Quarter Investment Report. Patrick Kreifels of Region V Systems was present to give the annual report of the organization and request for a contribution for the next fiscal year. Opened bids for culverts, gravel and rock for Seward County. Bids will be awarded next week. Commissioners gave reports of their activities. Approved Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for March 2023. Awarded bid for the Seward County Task Force Building Renovation to Altar Construction. Approved Sheriff’s Fee and Mileage Report for February 2023. Approve setting aside American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help pay for an application and engineering costs for a grant for road projects. Discussion was held on infrastructure related grants. Appointed Roxanne Knutson as Interim Human Resource Director. Held Executive Session for personnel. Approved the agenda for April 25, 2023 and adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Sherry Schweitzer,
 Seward County Clerk
 SCI/MT — April 26, 2023
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Case Number: C123-49
 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF
 EVELYN ROBERTS

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of April, 2023, a petition was filed in the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner’s name from Evelyn Roberts to Cody Blake Richardson.

A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge James Stecker, in courtroom no. 1, 261 S 8th Street on the 15th day of May, 2023 at 9 a.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 Evelyn Roberts, to Cody Blake Richardson.

Evelyn Roberts,
 Petitioner
 2484 Rock Creed Rd.
 Bee, NE 68314
 402-646-8810 (PH)
 SCI — April 19, 26, May 03, 10,
 2023
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INCORPORATIONS

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to the provisions of the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, this Notice of Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of the The Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is submitted:

1. The name of the corporation is: The Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

2. The amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation revokes Article XI and replaces it with a new Article XI which reads in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE XI. - AMENDMENTS
 Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made at any time at a regularly called meeting of this corporation by a majority of the voting delegates present at such a meeting, provided such amendments are: (1) approved by Commission on Constitutional Matters of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as and to the extent required by the Bylaws of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and (2) are not in conflict with the Constitution or the laws of the United States of America or the State of Nebraska or with the Constitution, Bylaws, and convention resolutions of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as the same exist or may hereafter be amended from time to time.

3. The amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation adds a new Article XII to the Articles of Incorporation which reads in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE XII. - RELATIONSHIP TO SYNOD

All provisions of these Articles and all provisions of the Bylaws of the corporation as may be adopted from time to time are subject to, and shall not be in conflict with, the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and convention resolutions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as the same exist or may hereafter be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XIII. - RELATIONSHIP TO SYNOD

All provisions of these Articles and all provisions of the Bylaws of the corporation as may be adopted from time to time are subject to, and shall not be in conflict with, the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and convention resolutions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as the same exist or may hereafter be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE XIV. - RELATIONSHIP TO SYNOD

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ARTICLE XV. - RELATIONSHIP TO SYNOD

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SEWARD CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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 Apr 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Joshua Eickmeier presiding. Council members present: Megan Kahler, Jessica Kolterman, Karl Miller, John Singleton, Tatum Tonniges, Rich Wergin, Jonathon Wilken. Council members absent: Matt Stryson. The following items were approved: Claims; Minutes of Mar 21, 2023; Forward Seward Blue River Historical District App to Seward Fdn; Forward Seward Memorial Library App to Seward Fdn; Award 200,000-Gallon Tank Demolition Contract to Iseler Demolition for \$149,300; Award Utilities/Site Work Contract to General Excavating for \$696,785; Award 500,000-Gallon Water Tower Construction Contract to Maguire Iron for \$3,187,600; Res. No. 2023-2 – City Surplus Items; Agreement with NMPP for Utilities Rate Study; Agreement with Clark Enersen for Facility Master Plan of Civic Center; City Admin Report. The following items were discussed with no action taken: Progress on Wellness Center project, Revision of Commercial Burn Site Fees. Adj. 8:31 p.m. Action Battery Wholesaler, OP, 1,883.25; ADE, RE, 229.80; Amazon Business, SU, 205.90; ARPS, RE, 1,817.00; Bargmann Derek, MI, 155.03; Blackburn Manufacturing C, MA, 596.36; Blue Cross Blue Shield Ne, BE, 65,864.67; Blue River Electric LLC, BU, 2,879.00; Bridgestone Golf, MH, 1,915.63; Callaway Golf, MH, 1,214.44; Campbell Cleaning, SE, 1,055.00; Capital Business-Dallas, MA, 640.94; Cash-Wa Distributing Co, SU, 607.54; Chase Card Service, 10,708.04; Amazon, SU, 1,661.60; Antea UstopTrain, TG, 300.00; Constant Contact, SE, 20.00; Dragon Palace, ML, 154.69; Emergency Solutions, MS, 166.02; ForeUp, SE, 1,454.60; The Fort, UN, 1,095.43; Grainger, SU, 110.59; GunMagWarehouse, SU, 133.95; Holiday Inn, TG, 530.40; Home Depot, SU, 1,517.62; Joann Stores, GU, 254.40; Microsoft, MS, 239.46; Nebraska Rur, TG, 350.00; Ram Mounts, EQ, 304.00; Sam’s Club, SU, 913.54; Smart Sign, GU, 553.76; Sparetime, ML, 123.50; TracFone, OP, 34.50; Univ of NE Regist, TG, 95.00; USPS, PO, 58.15; Valentino’s, ML, 111.16; Walmart, SU, 508.48; Zoom, MS, 17.19; City Seward Buildings/Gr, OP, 3,000.00; City Seward Library Petty, PO, 96.48; City Seward Payroll Accou, SA, 177,386.98; D & K Products, SU, 389.20; Electric Pump, RE, 3,558.00; Emergency Medical Product, EQ, 139.09; Fairplay Corp, RE, 750.00; Farmers Coop Seward, GS, 543.53; Fastenal Company, SU, 683.90; Fedex Freight, MH, 177.00; First Wireless Inc, EQ, 9,055.60; Fyr-Tek, EQ, 1,096.25; Gehring Construction, CI, 57,320.20; Gerhold Concrete

Co Inc, SU, 310.00; Goldsmith Katrina, OP, 90.00; Griswold Industries, SU, 9,357.78; H & S Plumbing & Heating, BU, 30.03; Hach Company, SU, 912.00; Hireright LLC, SE, 36.75; Hobson Automotive & Tire, RE, 84.00; Hoffschneider Law PC LLO, SE, 4,750.00; Home Depot Pro, SU, 169.10; Husker Electric Supply Co, SU, 653.93; Hydraulic Equipment, RE, 8.84; Jeo Consulting Group, FA, 9,212.50; Johnson Bryce C, MI, 34.06; Jones Bank, MC, 130.02; Last Mile Network Consult, IT, 75.30; Lincoln Winwater Works, RE, 1,233.48; Lynn Peavey Co, SU, 144.81; Mailand’S Clothing, UN, 10.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, OP, 121.84; Mid-American Benefits Inc, BE, 2,669.25; Midwest Auto Parts, RE, 244.14; Midwest Electric Transfor, CI, 172,787.28; Midwest Petroleum Equip, RE, 380.93; Miller & Associates, CI, 1,181.25; Miller Seed Co, GU, 84.96; Nebraska D A S Acct Ocio, MA, 245.00; Nebraska Equipment Inc, RE, 26.28; Nebraska Health Lab, MA, 222.00; Nextlink, SE, 100.00; Norris Public Power Distr, UT, 1,202.74; Olsson, CI, 23,051.50; One Billing Solutions LLC, SE, 1,269.91; O’Reilly Automotive Inc, OI, 354.82; Orscheln Farm & Home, SU, 683.56; Prestige Flag, GU, 570.32; Principal Financial Group, BE, 2,480.53; Quality Brands Of Lincoln, SU, 137.40; Quill Corp, SU, 403.96; Sapp Brothers Petroleum, GS, 11,147.46; Seward County Chamber & D, MC, 855.00; Seward Electronics, EQ, 23.97; Short Elliott Hendrickson, CI, 67,293.32; Sparetime Lounge & Grill, ML, 419.25; Spickelmier & Son Inc, SU, 5,090.00; State Distributing Co, SU, 129.65; Suhr & Lichty Insurance A, MS, 25,007.00; Summit Fire Protection, EQ, 41.26; Time Warner/Spectrum, SE, 812.52; Total Tool Supply Inc, TO, 1,264.16; Ty’S Outdoor Power & Serv, RE, 238.84; U S A Bluebook Cust 812, OP, 505.36; U S Cellular, SE, 212.96; Verizon Wireless, SE, 431.69; Wesco Distribution Inc, CI, 7,746.45. CLAIMS TOTAL, \$700,647.99.

Derek Bargmann, City Clerk
 SCI — April 26, 2023
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HEARINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the Seward County General Assistance Guidelines in the Seward County Commissioners Room in the Seward County Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska on May 9th, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to generate public opinion and comment in regard to the proposed General Assistance Guidelines. Notice published by order of the Seward County Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska on May 26th, 2023.

The proposed General Assistance Guidelines are available for public inspection at 320 South 14th Street, Seward, Nebraska. Written comments for consideration by Seward County will be accepted at 320 South 14th Street, Seward, Nebraska, 68434 for a period of 10 days ending May 9th, 2023.

Matt Starkey
 General Assistance Director
 Seward County, Nebraska
 SCI/MT — April 26, May 03, 2023
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Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO
 510 Seward Street
 Seward, NE 68434

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 County Court of Seward County, Nebraska Estate No. PR 23-32

of **Thomas E. Towle**, deceased
 Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 2023, in said court, in Seward County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of informal probate of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas E. Towle, deceased, and appointed T.J. Towle, as personal representative of the estate. T.J. Towle address is 1495 Bluff Road, Pleasant, Dale, NE 68423. Creditors must file their claims with this court on or before the 12th day of June, 2023, or be forever barred.

Dated: April 4, 2023.
 /s/Terri L Stutzman
 Deputy Clerk of the County Court
 SCI — April 12, 19, 26, 2023
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CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 16-722 MARCH 31, 2023			
DEPARTMENT	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	
UTILITY FUNDS:			
ELECTRIC	\$ 5,661,325	\$ 5,192,314	
WATER	\$ 995,689	\$ 1,394,387	
WWTW	\$ 1,048,183	\$ 1,033,670	
GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:	\$ 4,359,229		
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES:			
GENERAL		\$ 138,269	
LEGAL		\$ 30,219	
POLICE		\$ 809,210	
E911		\$ 116,602	
POLICE EQUITABLE SHARING STREET		\$ -	
STP FUNDS		\$ 1,304,580	
DEBT SERVICE		\$ 190,480	
RAIL CAMPUS		\$ 481,020	
CDBG PROJECTS		\$ 24,546	
BLDGS & GRDS (CITY HALL)		\$ 68,673	
LEEVE ACCREDITATION		\$ 11,570	
CIVIC CENTER		\$ 2,910	
LIBRARY		\$ 156,336	
PUBLIC PROPERTIES		\$ 448,471	
CEMETERY/NEW DEV		\$ 299,857	
GOLF COURSE		\$ 136,434	
NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT		\$ 217,713	
BLDGS & GRDS (OTHER)		\$ -	
BUILDING INSPECTION		\$ 1,525	
FIRE		\$ 45,882	
FIRE EQUIP SINKING FUND		\$ 153,927	
TREE BOARD		\$ -	
PLANNING COMMISSION		\$ 375	
ENGINEER		\$ 9,353	
DOWDING POOL		\$ 70,490	
SWIMMING LESSONS		\$ 31,314	
RECREATION		\$ -	
SENIOR CENTER		\$ 202,526	
SENIOR SHUTTLE		\$ 81,427	
RECYCLING		\$ 2,536	
WELLNESS CENTER		\$ 13,771	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		\$ 102	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		\$ -	
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)		\$ 20	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 4,359,229	\$ 5,220,161	
(UNAUDITED)			
			NICHOLAS WOLF FINANCE DIRECTOR CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA
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ORGANIZATION

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION AND AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE OF KJ Coaching LLC

The undersigned, in order to provide notice of the formation of a limited liability company in conformance with the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 21-101 to 21-197, does hereby make and verify as follows:

1. Name. The name of the limited liability company upon formation was KJ Coaching, LLC.
2. Initial Designated Office. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 911 Lacebark Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521.
3. Registered Agent. The initial agent for service of process of the company is Shannon L. Doering, P.O. Box 80268, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501.
4. Amendment to Certificate. On April 5, 2023, an Amendment to the Certificate of Organization was filed changing the name of the LLC to Pivot Point Wellness Coaching, LLC.

EXECUTED AND VERIFIED by the undersigned organizer and initial member on this 6th day of April 2023.

Karen J. Olofson
911 Lacebark Lane
Lincoln, Nebraska 68521
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PROPERTY SALES

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FILE NO. 236758

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Charles P. Rodgers, dated July 25, 2011, and recorded on July 25, 2011, Document No. 201101892 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Seward County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on June 15, 2023, at 10:00 AM, at the North Doors of the Seward County, Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

The South 110 feet of lot 1, Block 57, Harris, Moffit & Roberts' Addition, Seward, Seward County, Nebraska, Tax Lot 8, commonly known as 802 Seward St, Seward, NE, 68434 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee
First Publication: April 19, 2023
NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 236758). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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Nebraska, commonly known as 206 N 4th St, Pleasant Dale, NE, 68423 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee
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File No. 194711

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Randall J. Micek and Lisa R. Micek, dated July 26, 2006, and recorded on July 27, 2006, in Book No. 342, at Page 485 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Seward County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on June 1, 2023, at 10:00 AM, at the North Doors of the Seward County, Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE 6TH P. M., SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 858.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY DEFLECTING TO THE RIGHT 90 DEGREES 00', A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY DEFLECTING TO THE LEFT 42 DEGREES 56' DISTANCE OF 173.25 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY DEFLECTING TO THE LEFT 47 DEGREES 04' A DISTANCE OF 334.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY DEFLECTING TO THE LEFT 90 DEGREES 00' A DISTANCE OF 377.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST

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SHS grad helps lead DU to diamond success

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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Brett Meyer was born to play baseball.

"I'm named after Geroge Brett and Nolan Ryan," he said.

He remembered playing catch with his parents, fielding grounders and fly balls and taking batting practice at Plum Creek Park in Seward.

"I fell in love with it," he said.

Meyer, a graduate of Seward High, plays shortstop for Doane University. He said the season is going well so far. The Tigers are in a tie at the top of the Great Plains Athletic Conference standings.

Meyer started playing baseball at age 7 with the Lincoln Dodgers. He played with them until he was 13 when he started with the Junior Jays.

The switch came so he could get to know the boys he'd be playing with in high school and on Legion teams, he said.

Meyer has played every position on the baseball diamond but said shortstop is his favorite.

"I feel comfortable with it," he said. "It's definitely more of a defensive position, but you're expected to do a lot. You control the infield."

He loves hitting, too. "It never gets old, when you hit a double to the gap or a home run," he said.

While some baseball players are admittedly superstitious, Meyer said he's not.

"I guess you could say that me drinking a MountainDew before each game is something I have to do," he said. "I learned that from my high school coach, Coach (Brock) Anderson. He would always tell me, 'A Dew a day keeps the doctor away.' And that has stuck with me through college."

When Meyer graduated from high school, he decided to continue baseball and his other favorite sport, football. He played both sports for two years at Doane before hanging up the football cleats.

He said playing wide receiver in football helped him track down



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Brett Meyer, Doane University shortstop, throws to first after fielding a ground ball in game one against Hastings April 2. Meyer is a graduate of Seward High and has helped the Tigers to a tie atop the GPAC standings.

fly balls when he plays in the outfield. He hasn't had to pitch since he's been at Doane but did fill in at first base for the first time.

"It was alright," he said.

He chose not to play competitive baseball during the offseasons, instead working to help pay for his schooling.

Last summer, he interned at Hefty Seed in Seward and learned a lot, he said.

When Meyer graduates in May with his degrees in business administration and agribusiness, he will move to Ogallala where he will be the operations manager at Scoular Grain.

"It will be crazy to move away from baseball and college," he said.

He won't be too far away from baseball, however, because he's already been asked to coach for the Legion team in Ogallala.

"I love the game and want to pass that on to the next generation," he said.

Because he's played

every position, he said he will be able to demonstrate proper techniques to the players.

He will miss playing, he said.

"I've had great teammates over a lot of years, some of my best friends," including his high school second baseman, Joseph Krause, he said.

His Doane second baseman, Luke LaChance, is another great friend, he said.

"He is a gamer. He puts everything out there and gives 100%," Meyer said.

It took some time to get used to a different second baseman, he said. The two have to have a good connection to be able to complete double plays.

Meyer and the Tigers still have the rest of the season to finish, and he hopes to see it continue into the summer.

"I hope we make the postseason, maybe back to Idaho," he said. "That's been the goal."

Lewiston, Idaho, is the site of the NAIA World Series. The Tigers qualified last year.

Season winds down

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The Seward boys' soccer team came up short in both games last week, falling to Aurora 2-0 and to Beatrice 4-0.

Coach Jamie Opfer said the team competed hard against Aurora April 18. The Huskies scored both goals in the final five minutes of the first half.

"The second half of the Aurora game we played the best soccer we've played all season," Opfer said. "We had a number of shots on goal and were able to control the ball better than we have all year."

SHS had 12 shots on goal, a season high. Domonic Torres attempted four. Nolan Hill and Kenix Levya-Sigala took three each. Landen Ford and Austin Rikke took one apiece.

The Jays headed to Beatrice April 20, and BHS scored at the end of each half to get the win.

"We have a number of kids who are working hard and improving each week," Opfer said.

Josh Ringler, Lucas Howe, Daylon Salyer, Josh Keller and Max Summa are among the players who have seen their skills improve throughout the season, he said.

The Jays (1-10) will be at Columbus Lakeview April 25 and host Grand Island Northwest Thursday, April 27,



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Gabriel Cobian makes a save for Seward against Aurora April 18.

at 4 p.m. in the final regular season game.

"Looking forward to the upcoming week," Opfer said.

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SIDELINE SUMMARY

This week in sports...

SEWARD

Track and Field

The Seward track and field team competed at the Yowell Classic in York on April 22. The boys' and girls' teams finished third at the meet. Kalen Knott won the pole vault at 14-6 and Kelsey Miller won the girls' 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, high jump and 4X100m relay alongside Eden Schulz, Vicki Wang and Coral Collins.

Golf

The Seward golf team was fifth at the Fairbury Invite on April 20 but had no medal winners. Talan Schaefer shot the team's low round of 88.

Baseball

The Seward baseball team defeated Crete/Milford 8-4 on April 17, Mount Michael Benedictine 6-0 on April 18, Lincoln Christian 4-3 on April 20 and Concordia/Brownell/Omaha Christian Academy 11-6 on April 22 and lost to Wayne 7-3 on April 22. Finn Hochstein struck out 10 against MMB and had four hits and three runs against CBOCA.

Boys' soccer

The Seward boys' soccer team lost to Aurora 2-0 on April 18 and 1-0 against Beatrice on April 20. Gabby Cobian had eight saves each against Aurora and Beatrice.

Girls' soccer

The Seward girls' soccer team lost to Aurora 5-2 on April 18. Xylie Robideaux and Ava Fisher scored for SHS.

CENTENNIAL

Track and Field

The Centennial girls' track and field team won its home invite on April 18. Savannah Horne won the 100m dash in 12.36 seconds, the 200m dash in 26.28 seconds and the 4X100m relay alongside Cambria Saunder, Bree Nisly and Samara Ruether in 53.5 seconds. For the boys, Jayde Gumaer placed second in the discus with a throw of 146-1.

Baseball

The Centennial baseball team lost to Adams Central 17-1 on April 17, Central City/Fullerton/Centura 14-1 and Malcolm 12-0 on April 22. Keenan Kosek struck out seven against Central City/Fullerton/Centura.

Golf

The Centennial golf team competed at the Sandy Creek Invite on April 18 and placed two within the top 15. Alex Hirschfeld placed ninth with an 82 and Sam Ehlers was 14th with an 88.

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Baseball

The Malcolm baseball team lost to Plattsmouth 5-2 on April 17, defeated Beatrice 5-3 on April 18, defeated Arlington 9-4 on April 21, Central City/Fullerton/Centura 7-4 and Centennial 12-0 on April 22. Mason Wisnieski hit a home run against Centennial.

Track and Field

The Malcolm track and field team competed at the Centennial Invite on April 18. For the girls, Halle Doliver won the 400m dash in 1:02.7 and was part of the winning 4X400m relay team alongside Rachel Lannin, Samantha Back and Lillie Beach. For the boys, Drew Johnson won the high jump at 6-3, Joshua Cantrell won the shot put with a throw of 48-09 and Nathan Swenson won the 800m run in 2:08.78.

MILFORD

Track and Field

The Milford track and field team competed at the Centennial Invite on April 18. The boys' team was the runner-up and the girls' were third out of nine teams. For the girls, Lilly Kenning won the 800m run in 2:26.15, the 1600m run in 5:58.78 and was second in the 3200m run in 12:03.42. For the boys, Gavin Dunlap won the 3200m run in 10:51.73, Dane Kolb won the long jump with a leap of 20-0 and the 4X800m relay consisting of Isaac Roth, Avery Carter, Hudson Mullet and Kaleb Eickhoff won in a time of 8:37.77.

Baseball

The Crete/Milford baseball team lost to Seward 8-4 on April 17, lost to Waverly 6-1 on April 18 and lost to Blair 5-0 on April 20. Jeffrey Kuncel struck out five against Blair.