

THE MILFORD Times

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

MILFORD, NEBRASKA 68405

VOLUME 65, ISSUE 1

MILFORDTIMES.NET

\$1.00

Seward GOP chair arrested

Trooper punched during abortion debate at Capitol

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
emily@sewardindependent.com

Seward resident Danna Seevers, 56, was among six people arrested May 19 at the Nebraska State Capitol during a debate on LB 574, which legislators ultimately passed, restricting abortion and gender-affirming care in Nebraska.

Seevers is chair of the Seward County Nebraska Republicans organization and was attending the debate as a proponent of the bill,

which bans abortions at 12 weeks of pregnancy and gender-altering surgeries in those under 19 years old.

According to the Nebraska State Patrol, multiple people in the balcony filled with opponents of the bill inside the legislative chamber began yelling around 2:40 p.m. Two individuals then threw objects – reportedly used feminine hygiene products – over the balcony rail onto the

(CONTINUED ON 2)

\$1.13 million secured for housing

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
emily@sewardindependent.com

Seward County has received \$756,000 in Rural Workforce Housing funds from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Along with the required 50% match from local contributors, a total of \$1.134 million will go toward affordable housing projects in Seward County.

NDED announced the recipients May 11, with 27 entities being awarded a total of \$22,825,000.

The Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership applied for the funds in March after receiving an initial round of Rural Workforce Housing Fund dollars in 2020.

The \$1.26 million from that first round assisted with four different housing projects which created a total investment of \$15.7 million in 91 housing units.

Authorized by the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act of 2017, the Rural Workforce Housing Fund is designed to help communities create quality, affordable housing to accommodate growth.

This round of funding was allocated by the state legislature in 2022.

“Growing rural Nebraska is a priority for our agency,” NDED Interim Director Joe Fox said. “The RWHF supports job creation and helps attract residents to our rural communities through strategic investments in af-

fordable, high-quality housing. We had an outstanding batch of applicants for this cycle of RWHF awards.”

SCCDP President and CEO Jonathan Jank said the organization secured contributions for match dollars from a mix of public and private donors.

They included the SCCDP, Milford Community Betterment Fund, Seward LB 840 Program, Milford LB 840 Program, Utica LB 840 Program, Cattle Bank and Trust, Jones Bank, Union Bank and Trust, Petsource by Scoular, the Legacy Fund for Seward County, Lincoln Premium Poultry, R.W. Beckler and Associates, Seward McDonald's, City Bank and Trust, and First Bank of Utica.

Jank said the SCCDP is not yet sure what housing projects will receive funds, but it has received letters of interest from developers for several projects.

“We’re checking back in with those developers,” he said, adding that a letter of interest doesn’t commit the developer to completing the project. “This sort of a fund creates innovative opportunities that you wouldn’t have otherwise pursued.”

Jank said the state requires projects to be done within two years of the funds being awarded, though the NDED has worked with developers to adjust that timeline in the past based on the availability of construction materials and contractors.

State champion



Sarah Spahr of Milford clears the bar in the high jump at state May 20. The MHS junior was the event champion. See more on sports.

STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Second grader’s artwork chosen for senator’s office

BY KEATON BURGESS
reporter@sewardindependent.com

A local second grader was chosen by Sen. Jana Hughes to have his artwork hung in her office. He drew the poster for the Nebraska agriculture poster contest.

Lakynn Griffiths of Milford drew a windmill for the competition. Griffiths said everyone in his second-grade class had to submit something for their social studies class.

Lakynn said he found out he had won when one of the teachers told him.

“I was in class when one of the second-grade teachers, Mrs. Roth, peeked in our room and said, ‘Can I have a talk with Lakynn real quick?’” he said. “I came over there and she told me that I had won.”

Along with art, Lakynn enjoys riding his bike, shooting hoops, and playing football and other sports.

“Sometimes I like to draw, do how to draws and color in coloring books,” he said.

“He draws all kinds of different

things,” Tara Griffiths, Lakynn’s mom, said. “He likes to look at something that is already drawn and he’ll redraw it and make it his own.”

Not only is art something fun for Lakynn to do, but Tara said it helps him focus.

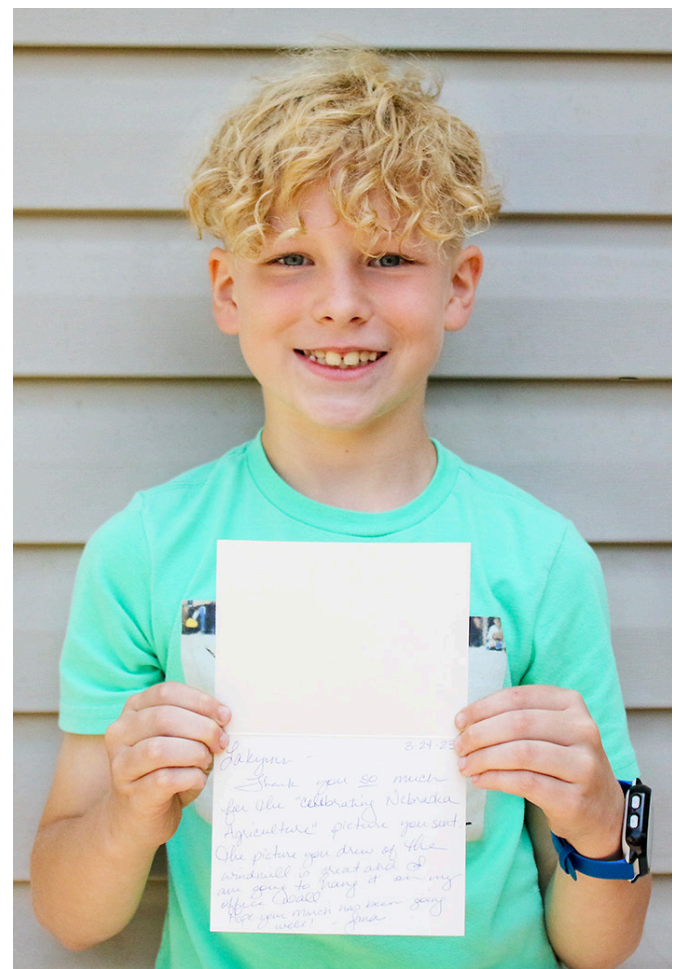
“Teachers would give him a clipboard, a marker and a piece of paper during circle time because he was having a hard time focusing,” she said. “They figured out that when he did that he was actually hearing everything and could remember all those things.”

Since the drawing that was chosen by Hughes was something they did in school, Tara said she hasn’t gotten to see it.

“We’re hoping to contact her (Sen. Hughes) and see it this summer,” she said. “We’re hoping to go to the capitol building and see it and maybe get a photo with it.”

Lakynn said he felt really good when he found out his artwork was chosen.

“Nothing like this has ever happened and



KEATON BURGESS/MT

Second grader Lakynn Griffith of Milford had his artwork for the Nebraska agriculture poster contest chosen by Jana Hughes.

nobody in the school has ever gotten anything like that,” he said. “Nobody in Mrs. Roth’s

class or in any of the other grades has ever gotten anything like this before.”



stopnshop

410 S. Hwy 6 – Milford, NE 68405
Phone (402) 761-2872

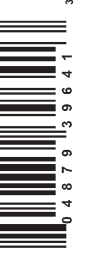


Get your KickBack Card now and earn free stuff!



Bud Light Ice Cold 24pk with KickBack **\$20.99**
Busch Light .. Ice Cold 30pk with KickBack **\$22.99**
Kinkaid Brewing Ice Cold 6pk **\$8.99**
Sam Adams Brewing Ice Cold 6pk **\$7.99**
Titos Vodka 750ml **\$16.99**
Captain Morgan 750ml **\$16.99**

fastfreshfun
MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR



0 4879 13964 1 3

FSA offers assistance to farmers, livestock producers affected by drought

The Seward and Saline County USDA Farm Service Agency offices are highlighting available assistance programs to help farmers and livestock producers address the ongoing drought.

Producers being affected should contact their county FSA office to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist them.

"A number of programs have triggered due to the ongoing drought conditions in the area," said Seward County FSA Executive Director Taylor Bishop. "Producers in both Seward and Saline counties whose operations are being impacted by the drought are encouraged to contact their respective county FSA office for assistance."

A few key FSA drought assistance programs that have triggered in both Seward and Saline counties include:

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP): LFP provides compensation to eligible producers who are suffering grazing losses for eligible livestock due to drought on privately-owned land, leased land where the producer has a risk in the grazing or fire on federally managed land. Produc-

ers are eligible to apply for 2023 LFP benefits on small grains, native pasture, improved pasture, or forage sorghum.

These counties became eligible for LFP due to drought status as shown on the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Several factors are considered regarding producer eligibility for LFP, including that a producer must have risk in both the eligible livestock and the eligible grazing lands.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP): ELAP is available to eligible producers who have suffered above normal expenses for hauling feed or water to livestock or hauling livestock to forage/grazing acres due to the impacts of drought.

These counties became eligible for ELAP due to drought status as shown on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Producers must have risk in both eligible livestock and eligible grazing land in an eligible county to qualify for ELAP assistance.

For ELAP losses, producers must submit a notice of loss to the FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent; producers interested in accessing this program should contact the county FSA

office as soon as the loss of water resources or feed resources are known.

For ELAP eligibility, documentation of expenses is critical. Producers should maintain records and receipts associated with the costs of transporting water to eligible livestock, the costs of transporting feed to eligible livestock, and the costs of transporting eligible livestock to forage/grazing acres.

ELAP also has available assistance provisions for honeybee producers impacted by drought, and those producers should contact the county FSA office for more information.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Emergency Haying and Grazing: Acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program may be authorized for emergency haying and grazing to provide additional hay resources for livestock producers affected by drought.

Counties trigger for this emergency program by reaching D2 (drought severe) on the U.S. Drought Monitor or in a county where there is at least a 40% loss in forage production. Both Seward and Saline counties have triggered for this program.

Producers interested in haying or grazing of

CRP acres must contact the county FSA office to determine eligibility prior to beginning any haying or grazing activity and to gain an understanding of specific program provisions.

Emergency Loan Program: This program provides emergency loans to qualified producers to help with production and physical losses related to drought. These loans can be used to assist with production costs for the disaster year, essential family living expenses, reorganizing the farm operation or refinancing certain debts.

This program has triggered in a number of Nebraska counties that have received a USDA Secretarial primary drought disaster designation or border a designated county. This includes Seward and Saline counties. The disaster designations are based on conditions shown on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Producers have until Dec. 28, 2023, to apply for these loans.

Other assistance programs may be available. For more information on drought resources through FSA, contact the Seward County FSA office at (402) 643-4586.

\$537,430 in grants offered to support rural emergency services

BY AMY HAUSMAN
amy@friendsentinel.com

Equipment and Rural Ambulance Replacement grants have been offered to Nebraska-licensed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) across the state including Seward, Beaver Crossing, Crete, DeWitt and Western by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act appropriated by LB1014.

The \$5 million EMS Equipment grant is intended to provide funding for the one-time purchase of emergency medical equipment. LB1014 includes language aimed at prioritizing rural, volunteer, and high-need

jurisdictions. Applications were scored with highest points offered to services meeting those criteria. All applicants offered awards are volunteer services. Awards have been offered not to exceed \$50,000.

The \$20 million Rural Ambulance Replacement grant is intended to assist EMS across Nebraska in replacing aging ambulance fleets. DHHS offered awards to all eligible applicants. 214 total purchases will be supported. Awards have been offered not to exceed \$150,000.

In total, Seward county grant amounts were as follows:
- Seward: \$75,000;
- Beaver Crossing: \$75,000

You're invited to Heartfelt's Annual Remembrance

Please join us to remember and celebrate the lives of our children.

Sunday, May 28th, 2023 at 3:00pm
Heartfelt Children's Memorial
115 Hillcrest Drive, • Seward, NE

402-803-1771 • www.HeartfeltSeward.org

Historic Roots for Agriculture's Future

June 28-29
Harvest Hall
Seward County Fairgrounds



The two-day workshop presented by Graze Master Group co-founders, Del Ficke and Kerry Hoffschneider, will include tours of local regenerative farms, a host of presenters and two keynote speakers – Dr. Nick Ward, president of Ward Laboratories and Indiana regenerative farmer, Jason Mauck of Mauck farms/owner and CEO of Munsee Meats, Inc.

For more information and to register for the event call/text (402) 363-8963 or visit www.grazemastergroup.com/events

GRAZE • MASTER

SeEVERS

(CONTINUED FROM 1)

legislative floor where senators were debating the bill.

Those individuals, Lucia Salinas, 24, of Omaha, and Maghie Miller-Jenkins, 36, of Lincoln, were arrested for obstructing a government operation and disturbing the peace. Mar Lee, 25, of Lincoln, was arrested for disturbing the peace and trespassing after yelling repeatedly and refusing law enforcement orders to leave the balcony.

Presiding officer of the legislature Lt. Gov. Joe Kelly ordered both the opponents' and proponents' balconies be cleared for the rest of the debate, but SeEVERS refused to leave after the State Patrol repeated the orders. She was arrested for disobeying a lawful order.

Approximately 45 minutes later, a trooper arrested Benjamin

Buras, 40, of Lincoln for resisting arrest and trespassing. The trooper observed Buras intentionally preventing a legislative sergeant at arms from opening a door at the back of the chamber.

Buras was told to leave the area, then to vacate the Capitol, but he did not comply. Buras resisted arrest and a second trooper arrived to assist.

As the troopers were attempting to take Buras into custody, a woman approached and tried to push past another trooper. The trooper held her back, at which time the woman punched the trooper in the chest. The woman, Sara Crawford, 33, of Lincoln, was immediately taken into custody for obstructing a peace officer.

At least 10 troopers can be seen on video of the incident, either assisting with arrests or keeping the crowd back.

All six of those arrested were lodged in the Lancaster County Jail.

The bill passed on a 33-15 vote, with Dist. 24 Sen. Jana Hughes voting in favor.

The bill bans abortions at 12 weeks gestation and bans gender-altering surgeries for minors under age 19. The bill gives Nebraska's chief medical officer the authority to decide on other gender therapies. That officer is appointed by the governor.

The bill includes exceptions for ectopic pregnancies, rape, incest or medical emergencies that would harm the mother, though the language is vague on what constitutes a medical emergency. An emergency must be defined in writing by a doctor, and violation of the bill could result in a doctor losing their license.

Proponents of the

bill say it will protect the rights of unborn children and prevent minors from making decisions about gender they aren't mature enough to make until they're adults.

Opponents say the abortion ban will make it more difficult for doctors to act in situations where the mother's life is at-risk and that restricting access to gender-affirming care adds more stress to transgender children already struggling with their identities and may lead to higher rates of teen suicide.

Gov. Jim Pillen's office said he is expected to sign the bill as early as this week, though opponents have already threatened lawsuits.

EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINE



Publication: May 31 issue of The Milford Times

Please fly your flags in honor of those who have served and sacrificed!

Advertising & News Deadline: **Friday, May 26, at Noon**

The Milford Times will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. We have moved our deadline from noon Monday to noon Friday. Please get your news items and ads in early.

MT
Milford Times

We wish you a special holiday celebration!

P.O. Box 449 ★ Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3927 ★ milfordtimes.net

Area Churches

Bellwood Mennonite Church

520 S. B St. • Milford • 761-2709
Pastor Steve Griffin
stephenpaulgriffin@gmail.com
www.bellwoodchurch.org

Sunday School (Adult & Jr./Sr. High)9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Children's Church10:00 a.m.
Grounded Youth (Wednesday)
7th-12th grade7:00-8:30 p.m.
Christian Montessori School Ages 3-6 • 761-3095

Beth-El Community Church

115 N. F St. • Milford • 761-3610
Pastor Joshua Jones

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Youth Group (Select Sundays)6:30 p.m.

Family Life Assembly of God

303 S. A St. • Milford • 761-2664
Pastor Lamoin Lytle • familylifemilford.com

Connect9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
KidLife & Vertical YouthWed., 6:30 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2668 Pioneers Road (1 mi. west of Milford) • 761-3146
Pastor Steve Stork
www.goodshepherd-milford.org

Sunday School - PreK-4th Grade
(during school year)9:00 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible StudyThurs., 8:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class
(during school year)Wed., 6:30 p.m.

Grace Missionary Church

501 Fairway Drive • Milford • 761-2084
Senior Pastor Andy Petro • andypetro.mwd@gmail.com
Associate Pastor Levi Petro • leviticuspetro@gmail.com
www.gracemissionary.org

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
Midweek PrayerTue., 7:00 p.m.
Awana K-6th Grade
(during school year)Wed., 7:00 p.m.
Sola Jr. & Sr. High
(during school year)Wed., 7:00 p.m.
5th Quarter
(Youth Center after home games)9:00 p.m.

Milford Mennonite Church

920 Third St. • Milford • 761-2244
Pastor Tim Springer
milfordmennonite@gmail.com

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Children's Church10:00 a.m.

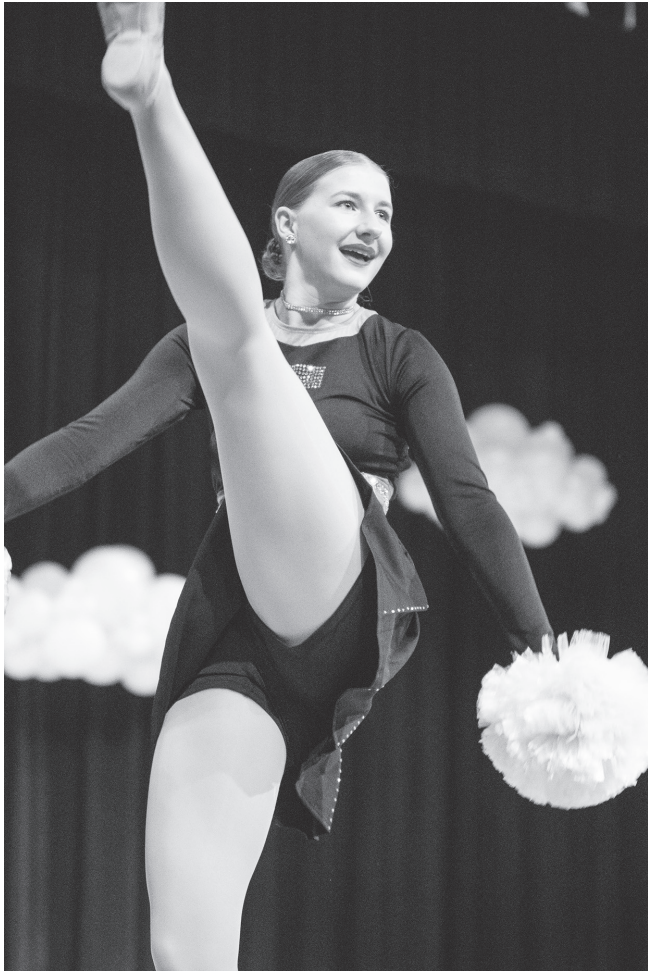
Milford United Methodist Church

610 Second St. • Milford • 761-2375
Pastor Angela DeFisher
umcmilfordne@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/MilfordUnitedMethodistChurch
Little Leaps of Faith • 402-761-3380

Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
Community Food Pantry
Third Tuesday every month6:00-7:15 p.m.

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

Milford performs dance recital



Layla Sugden beams during her high kick on May 20 at Elements Dance Concept's recital.



Brynlie Robbins, Keeley Kouma, Abbi Craig and Addi Riley work as a team to perform a lift during their ballet performance on May 20 at Elements Dance Concept's recital.

PHOTOS BY AMY HAUSMAN/MT



Extraterrestrials Braylee Davenport and Extyn Brown gave an out of this world performance on May 20 at Elements Dance Concept's recital.



LEFT: Dharma Brauer keeps her eyes on the audience during her solo on May 20.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Your Right to Know

MILFORD COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES

Mark your calendar!

**Friday,
June 2**

**Saturday,
June 3**

You'll get:

- Your garage sale listing ad* in six newspapers
- Your listing on the flyer and map in The Milford Times, the Seward County Independent and Connection
- Garage sale sign (24"x18" Corrugated Plastic)

Our website will have an interactive map!

\$26: *List your sale items, address, date(s) and times.

Ads exceeding 25 words will be an additional 30¢ per word.

\$21: *Address, date(s) and times only.

Offer is valid for garage sales in the May 31 issue only. Deadline is Friday, May 26, at noon.

Call the Seward County Independent for more details. 402-643-3676 • office@sewardindependent.com

Ads must be submitted with payment to the Seward County Independent May 15–May 26 before noon — No exceptions.

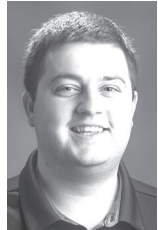
THE MILFORD
Times
129 S. 6th St. • Seward



Once a month, the staff talks about what's going on in our lives. None of this content is paid.

BY KEATON BURGESS
reporter@sewardindependent.com

After five years in Seward and writing about it multiple times, I finally moved out and into my new place.



Keaton Burgess

After spending such a long time in Seward, it feels weird to be in a new location, but I'm enjoying it so far.

To the community of Seward, I truly enjoyed my time living here and wouldn't mind finding myself here in the future.

Although I didn't end up moving to Crete due to some complications, I'm still really excited to be in Lincoln and be close enough to continue to cover the communities I care about most.

Thinking about what I'll miss the most about Seward, it's not the house or apartment I lived in, but the memories I made with my friends here. After

living and going to college with them for four to five years, I'm going to miss them, but I'm super excited to see the next chapters of our lives and what we can accomplish.

Here's to new beginnings!

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
emily@sewardindependent.com

A few days ago, the "Question of the Day" on a local morning radio show was "What's something you didn't realize was going to consume so much of your time as an adult?"



Emily Hemphill

The answers started rolling in: laundry, waiting on hold, dishes, cooking, cleaning. The usual suspects. Even "work" made the list - something most adults spend way more than 40 hours on each week in today's culture.

It made me think

about my own list: spending more time than I thought at doctor and dentist appointments for the kids, obsessing over whether I packed a healthy-enough lunch for school, wondering if we're going to get more hail or if it's OK to transplant our tomatoes into the garden, and just worrying about getting it all done.

It is May, after all, which is the hectic December holiday season on steroids. Thank goodness they fall at opposite times of year.

It also made me think about the list of things I'd like to spend more time on: swinging at the park and blowing bubbles, volunteering, reading biographies, crocheting, traveling, and playing "Ticket to Ride."

For all of you who are "doing May," know that we're almost there. If it gets done, great. If not, I'm not judging you one bit.

Constitutional Carry is just the beginning

BY JIM PILLEN
NE Governor

I signed LB77 Constitutional Carry into Nebraska law.



Jim Pillel

This bill fulfills the promise I made to voters to uphold our Second Amendment rights and the ability of all law-abiding Nebraskans to defend themselves.

This law also affirms the rights promised by the Nebraska and United States constitutions. Article 1, Section 1, of the Nebraska Constitution states, "All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain inherent and inalienable rights; among these are life,

liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the right to keep and bear arms for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes, and such rights shall not be denied or infringed by the state or any subdivision thereof."

I appreciate the hard work of those senators who supported this legislation, and particularly that of Sen. Tom Brewer who led this charge and carried it through to the end.

This bill is just the first step in what can be a transformative legislative session for our state. Together, we will continue to protect our constitutional freedoms and promote our commonsense, conservative values.

Controversial bills merged in legislature

BY SEN. JANA HUGHES
Dist. 24

The debate over two bills that were introduced earlier this year have dominated discussion on nearly every bill brought to the floor of the Nebraska Legislature. Last week, versions of both bills were merged into one.



Jana Hughes

On May 16, we voted to amend LB574, the Let Them Grow Act, to include an amended version of LB626, the Heartbeat Act.

This is what the "new" LB574 includes in regards to gender altering care:

- Prohibits gender altering surgeries on minors
- Allow minors currently using puberty blockers and hormones to continue treatment
- Requires the chief medical officer to develop rules and regulations regarding non-surgical gender-altering procedures including growth hormones and puberty blockers

The bill now also includes the following in regards to LB626, the Heartbeat Act:

- Restricts elective abortions after 12 weeks
- Exceptions for rape, incest or

medical emergencies

- Does not have criminal or civil penalties for a mother who has had an abortion

- Doctors who violate this and perform an abortion after 12 weeks and not under one of the exceptions would be subject to a hearing before a licensing board

This new, combined bill as amended, is a compromise from both of the original bills. Abortions are now prohibited after 12 weeks versus after six weeks. Instead of an outright ban on gender-altering surgeries, growth hormones and puberty blockers for minors, only gender-altering surgeries for minors are prohibited and guidelines for the use of hormones and puberty blockers are established.

I believe these are reasonable adjustments to the original bills. I voted in support of combining both bills and I intend to support its passage to Gov. Jim Pillel's desk.

Last week, we also passed the budget bills, which included funding for my bill LB772. This bill provides funding for a facility and a program designed to get homeless youth, who are pregnant or parenting a child, off the streets.

There they will receive training and learn the skills they need to become a successful parent and a productive member of

society.

Earlier in the week, we also advanced a package of tax bills, LB727, forward to Select File. Contained in this very large package of bills includes my priority bill, LB584, which creates an excise tax on vaping products.

Currently, all other forms of nicotine have an excise tax. This fact, coupled with the ongoing proliferation of vaping by Nebraska youth, led me to draft legislation to begin to rein in a largely unregulated industry that threatens the health of our children.

LB727 also contained LB706, which I cosponsored, that authorizes the Nebraska Department of Transportation to issue bonds to finance highway construction projects. Notably, Sen. Mike Moser introduced LB706 specifically to complete four lanes of Highway 81 from York to Columbus and from Norfolk to Yankton, South Dakota.

The bonding authority would allow our state to accelerate this project that is already decades behind schedule.

As always, if we can be of assistance to you in any way, do not hesitate to contact my office. My email address is jhughes@leg.ne.gov, and the office phone number is (402) 471-2756. You can also follow me on Facebook at Senator Jana Hughes.

Reach your Representatives

JOSEPH BIDEN JR.
U.S. PRESIDENT
Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500
Phone: 1-202-456-1414 (Switchboard)
1-202-456- 1111 (Comments)

DEB FISCHER
U.S. SENATE-R
Washington Office
Address: 454 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 202-224-6551

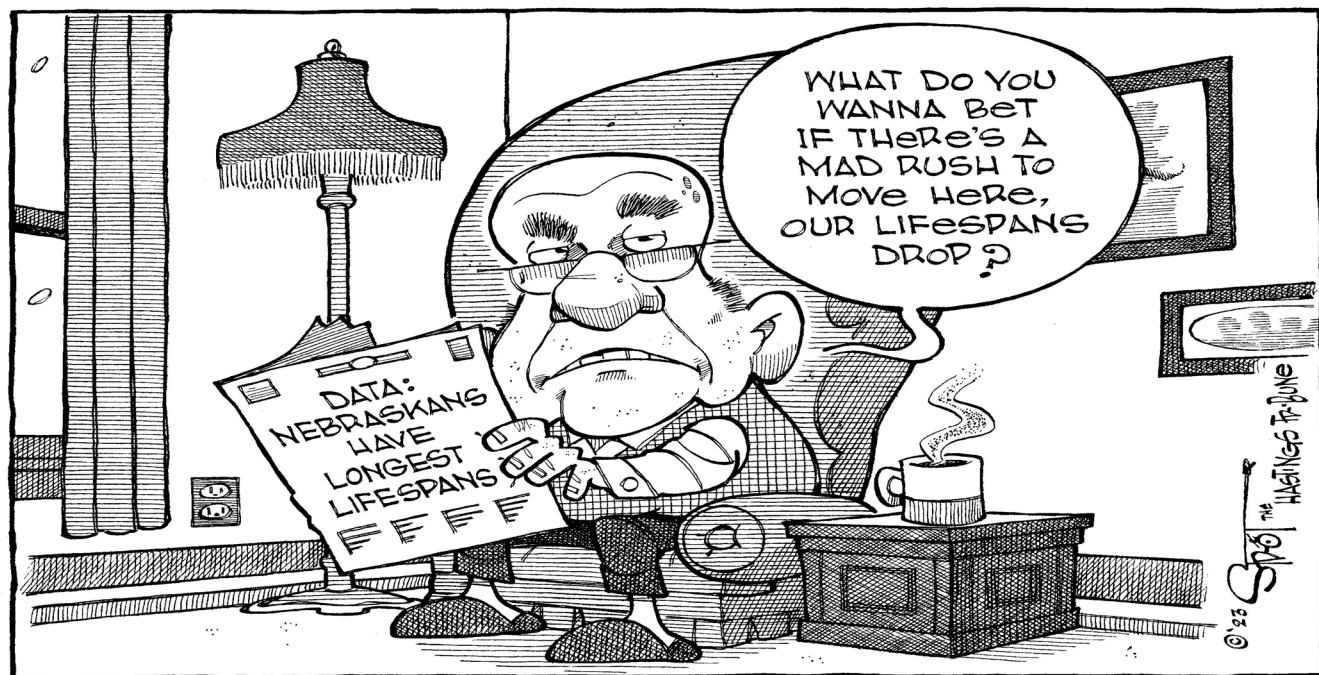
Lincoln Office
Address: 440 North 8th Street, Ste. 120
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-441-4600

MIKE FLOOD
U.S. CONGRESS-R
Washington Office
1514 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: (202) 225-4806

Lincoln Office
301 South 13th Street, Ste. 100
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: (402) 438-1598

Letters to the editor

The Milford Times welcomes your letters to the editor. Letters should be 500 words or less and must be submitted before noon Friday. All letters may be edited for content and should be free of libelous statements. All letters must be signed and include a phone number to verify authenticity.



Double YOUR IMPACT
with Print & Online ADVERTISING!
Call us at **402-643-3676**
THE MILFORD Times

— STAFF DIRECTORY —

Kevin L. Zadina, publisher/owner • kevinzadina@sewardindependent.com
Nichole Javorsky, general manager • nichole@sewardindependent.com
Amy Hausman, editor • amy@friendsentinel.com
Stephanie Croston, sports editor • scroston@sewardindependent.com
Emily Hemphill, reporter • emily@sewardindependent.com
Keaton Burgess, reporter • reporter@sewardindependent.com
Doug Carroll, reporter • doug@sewardindependent.com
Jeanette Bennett, bookkeeping • bookkeeping@sewardindependent.com
circulation@sewardindependent.com
subscriptions@sewardindependent.com
Kaitlyn Dallmann, advertising • kaitlyn@sewardindependent.com
Hayli Frosheiser, graphic artist • creative@sewardindependent.com
Julie Sulzbach, graphic artist • julie@sewardindependent.com

THE MILFORD Times

USPS 593-200 • Postage paid at Milford, NE 68405
Published once a week • Owned by Sweet Tea Media, LLC.

P.O. Box 449 • Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3927 • Fax 402-643-6774
www.milfordtimes.net

SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$32.00 Seward County

\$34.00 Adjoining Counties (York, Lancaster, Saline, Butler, and Saunders)

\$38.00 Statewide

\$42.00 Out of State

A weekly newspaper published each Wednesday at 129 S. 6th St., Seward, NE 68434 by Sweet Tea Media, LLC. Periodical postage paid at Milford, NE. Postmaster send changes of address to P.O. Box 449, Seward, NE 68434.

E-mail the news dept. at editor@sewardindependent.com, the ad dept. at nichole@sewardindependent.com, the circulation dept. at subscriptions@sewardindependent.com.

Normal deadline is noon Monday.

History comes alive



Naika Yoder discusses tells about the life of Harriet Tubman during Milford Elementary's living history day May 16.



Ilana Otradovsky discusses the life of Sacagawea during Milford Elementary's living history day May 16.

PHOTOS BY DOUG CARROLL/MT



Kinly Yocum poses while playing Helen Keller during Milford Elementary's living history day May 16.



Sayvonn Roth discusses Muhammad Ali's life during Milford Elementary's living history day May 16.



Chloe Brinkmeyer discusses the life of Ada Lovelace during Milford Elementary's living history day May 16.

H&H ROOFING

"We've Got You Covered"

Roofing - Siding - Gutters - And More
Free Inspections & Estimates

GAFCertified Locally Owned and Operated **BBB**

www.HandHRoots.com

20214 Veterans Dr. Ste. 600 - Elkhorn, NE 68022 402-359-2546
434 S. 259th St. - Waterloo, NE 68069 402-359-2546
4242 Cornhusker Hwy, #5 - Lincoln, NE 68504 402-450-7564

USDA Rural Development U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Together, America Prospers

Are You a Homeowner Needing Repairs?

Make repairs with very low term loan financing, grant funds, or a combination of both.

USDA Rural Development offers eligible homeowners in eligible rural areas great opportunities:

Home Repairs

- Offered for properties located in rural areas (typically communities of 20,000 or less in population + Norfolk & Columbus)
- Loans at 1% interest rate. Termed for 20 years
- Grants, or partial grants, may be available for those age 62 or older.
- Loans can be used for any home repairs while grants are for health & safety repairs only.
- Applicant's income must be below local very-low income limits
- Loans up to the maximum limit of \$40,000. Grants up to lifetime limit of \$10,000 or a combination loan & grant up to a maximum of \$50,000 (subject to eligibility).

Contact the

Nebraska Single Family Housing Team
Email: SM.RD.NE.SFHQST@usda.gov
Phone: (402) 437-5551 Option 1
Website: www.rd.usda.gov/ne



MEMORIAL DAY

**The Foundation for Memorial Health Care Systems
Gratefully Acknowledges Those for Whom Gifts Were Given**

<p><i>In Memory of</i></p> <p>Mel Bolte Dean Brockhoff Marlin Burkey Helen Busboom Jay Cattle Earl Cooksey Jim Ehlers Eva Einspahr Bernadine Fiala Gene & Evelyn Fougeron Janice Goldsmith Vera Havener Jeannie Jeary Bob Kirkland Betty Lou Kobza Mike Lynn Edmund Martens Leanna Nagel Dick O'Dell Ginny Petersen Virginia Petersen Phyllis Philson Gladys Roebke Oswald & Ella Schaffert Jean Skilton Dick Stillahn Kermit & Blanche Swanson Myrna Swanson Roy Uden Frank & Ann Marie Vrba Neil & Donna Wurst</p> <p><i>In Honor of</i></p> <p>Jordan Anderson John & Bev Barry Danessa Bierman Don & Julie Biggs Mark & Kim Blazek</p>	<p>Elle Borgmann Judy Bors Isabelle Boyll Jay Brooks, PA-C Mindy Brose Gary Croke Jon P. Dalton Kim Derr Chad & Stacey Doehring Jerry & Trudy Dvorak Steve & Emily Eutsler Hunsberger Sheila Evans Joel Gabriel, MD Claire Gehring Jace Gibreal Ryan & Mallory Gibreal Shana Glover Ann Hall Mike & Jean Hecker Jacqueline Hobbs, MD Darin D. Horst Virginia Hughes Sue Imig Marvin & Michelle Jakub Greg & Janet Jerger Bob & Marva Kasl Ron & Brook Keller J.B. Ketner, MD Lola Kirkland Myrna Kirkland Dan Klintworth Family Jim & Janelle Kremer Matt Kunasek Barry & Sherry Lake Barb Leymaster Roger & Trish Lindner Jannine Liska Jon McClung Administration Staff MHCS Physicians MHCS</p>	<p>Physical Therapy MHCS Regina Nitz Pam Peters Colby & Vikki Perry Marv Plaman James Plasek, MD Roger & Vonda Reamer Jane Rehmer Margaret Ritter Brenda Roth Linda & Tim Sackschewsky Trisha Sams, MD Kurt Schmeckpeper, PA-C Donneta Schmiending Bob & Carol Schmucker Tyson Schroeder Carla Schwahn Rhonda Seacrest Brandon M. Sire Craig Slepicka Nichole Stauffer Jerod & Michelle Spahr Jason Summa, MD Jack Swanson Doug & Shawn Thomas Vera Thorell Harriet Tonniges Becky Tyser Nicole Vandenberg Frank & Cindy Vrba Michael A. Wachal Elizabeth Wake Iris Wake Lynn Wake & J.P. Wehrman Steve Wake Gretna Walmart Pharmacy Robert Wergin, MD Lori Williams The Zumba Gold Class</p>
--	--	---

As we approach this Memorial Day weekend, we pause to remember those for whom gifts were given from May 1, 2022 through May 15, 2023. We sincerely thank those offering donations in the names listed above and for helping to ensure excellent health care services remain available through Memorial Health Care Systems!

Memorial
Health Care Systems
Foundation

250 North Columbia Avenue
Seward, Nebraska | 402-646-4626
www.mhcsfoundation.org

County court

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

May 8 – 12
Tarelle L. Kearney, 39, Seward, improper/defective vehicle lighting, \$25 fine; possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine; fail to use child passenger restraint, \$25 fine.
Timothy F. Maly, 63, Wahoo, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine.
Mark W. Hraben, 65, Orr, Minnesota, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine.
Tyler S. Ray, 19, Lincoln, illegal U-turn, \$25 fine; possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine; possess K2/

synthetic one ounce or less first infraction, \$300 fine.
Hunter P. Wargo, 25m Hillsboro, Illinois, possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.
Lynette D. Hraben, 63, Orr, Minnesota, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine.
Larry D. Bryant, 48, transient, possess/consume open alcohol container, \$50 fine; fail to appear or comply with citation, \$100 fine.
Gabriel J. Beltran, 43, Lincoln, DUI .15+, \$500 fine, nine months probation, revoked license one year and ignition interlock device ordered.

Sheriff's dept.

Information provided by the Seward County Sheriff's Dept. for activities May 7 – 13.
Summary of calls:
911 misdials 2
Abandoned vehicle 1
Abuse/neglect 5
Accident w/injuries 2
Disturbances 2
Extra patrols 22
Field contacts 5
Gun permits 2
Miscellaneous 39
Motorist assists 10
Noise complaint 1
Non-injury accident

2
Paper service 1
Reckless driving 12
Security alarm 2
Suspicious vehicle/person 7
Traffic hazard/debris 4
Traffic stops 84
Trespassing 1
Village ordinance violation 1
Village patrols 138
Warrant/arrest 2
Weapons offenses 2
Welfare checks 6

Birthday

Fosler

Earl Fosler of Milford will celebrate his 80th birthday early next month.
He was born June 5, 1943, in Milford.
His family members include his wife, Christine Scott; daughters, Chris and Cindy; and stepsons Dan and David.
Cards may be sent to him at 2180 "O" Street Rd., Milford NE 68405.



Earl Fosler

Letters to the editor

The Milford Times welcomes your letters to the editor. Letters should be 500 words or less and must be submitted before noon Friday. All letters may be edited for content and should be free of libelous statements. All letters must be signed and include a phone number to verify authenticity.

PUBLIC NOTICES *Your Right to Know*

DISABILITY: Advocating for You

No one in Nebraska knows more than the League of Human Dignity about advocating for people with disabilities or about helping them to become advocates for themselves.

Contact the League and see how we can help you get the services you need to maintain your independence.



Phone 833-800-5643

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

May 11 – 16
Susan L. Vollstedt to Jennifer M. Brase, Julie L. Phillips and Janelle L. Schaefer, W1/2 NE1/4 8-11-4. DS exempt
Damaris A. Clagg and Jack R. Clagg to Jason G. Brase and Joel D. Brase, N1/2 SE1/4 28-12-2. DS exempt
Ronald D. Velder and Nancy J. Velder to Ronald D. Velder and

Nancy J. Velder, trustees, a tract of land in the NW1/4 12-9-3; W1/2 of Lot 2, Block 2 in Milford; Lot 3, Block 1 in Van Andel's Addition to Pleasant Dale; and Lots 7-8 Block 1, Merrill's Third Addition to Pleasant Dale. DS exempt
Robert Ten Bensel and Christi Ten Bensel to Drew Ten Bensel and Cailin Ten Bensel, Lot 9, Web First Addition and a replat of Lot 1, Web Addition to Seward. DS exempt
Mark J. Hesser to Jerry E.

Hackbart, trustee, SE1/4 NE1/4 27-10-1. DS \$1,032.75
Gary Suhr and Melanie Suhr to Jake Suhr, Suhr 2023 Subdivision in the W1/2 4-11-2. DS exempt
Two Creeks Holdings, LLC, to Mark Case and Tami Case, a tract of land in the SW1/4 SW1/4 26-11-3. DS \$1,372.50
CBJKM, LLC, to ZKE, LLC, all of Lot 6 and part of Lot 3, also known as Tax Lot 13, in Block 15 in Seward. DS \$225

Traffic

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

May 8 – 12
Phillip D. Bargaen, 58, Malcolm, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.
Clark D. Noble, 29, Seward, overtake/pass stopped school bus, \$500 fine.
Barbara K. Bixby, 72, Denton, Texas, use caution-pass stopped emergency vehicle, first infraction, \$100 fine.

Students

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Katie Patton of Milford is among 264 University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduating seniors who have completed the requirements to graduate from the University Honors Program in May. Patton will graduate from the College of Education and Human Sciences. To graduate from the Honors Program, students must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average, complete a culminating senior project or research thesis and fulfill other curricular requirements.

Concordia University Nebraska

Devon Reitz of Milford was named to Concordia University Nebraska's honors list for the spring 2023 semester. Students who earn a 3.90 GPA or higher while also completing at least 12 credit hours qualify for the honors list.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Graduate and undergraduate degrees were conferred May 19 for spring graduates at the University of Nebraska at Kearney's commencement exercises. Graduates from Milford included Andrew Pierce with a BAED in Social Science Education, Magna Cum Laude; Chloe Kolb with a BS in Family Science; and Tatum Vondra with a BS in Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude.

Doane University

Graduation ceremonies at Doane University were May 13. Graduates from this area included Nathan Mensik of Pleasant Dale with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration; and Nathan Hostetler of Milford with a Bachelor of Arts in Agribusiness.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

The University of Nebraska at Omaha honored its spring 2023 graduates in ceremonies May 1. Students graduating from this area include Erika Smith of Pleasant Dale with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Biomechanics (Magna Cum Laude).

HAPPENINGS

MAY 31 – JUNE 1

BABYSITTING CLINIC: Seward County Extension will offer a Building Better Babysitters Clinic at its office in Seward from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, and Thursday, June 1, with an optional half day on Friday, June 2. The program is offered to youth between the ages of 11 – 18 to learn basic care and activities, among other things, for children under their care. Cost is \$30. The clinic is open to all youth who meet the age requirements, not just 4-H enrolled youth. For more information, contact Emily Manning at (402) 643-2981.

JUNE 14

ANNUAL MEETING: The Milford Friends of the Senior Center

will conduct its annual meeting Wednesday, June 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the Milford Senior Center.

ONGOING

G.I. CUP OF JOE: A veterans coffee will be every Wednesday from 7:30 – 9:30-ish at the Spare Time Lounge in Seward.

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.

business cards • letterheads • invitations • thank-yous • posters
brochures • banners • envelopes • yard signs • note pads • copies

WE PRINT IT ALL...

THE PRINTSHOP

SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT

129 S. 6th St. | Seward, NE
402-643-3676

THE CRETE NEWS

1201 Linden Ave. | Crete, NE
402-826-2147

63rd Annual
HOOT GIBSON MEMORIAL RODEO
June 2 & 3, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.
West of Tekamah, NE on Hwy 32

Sponsored by Tri-County Saddle Club
RAIN OR SHINE - FULL CONCESSIONS ON GROUNDS
Kids Games • Rodeo T-Shirts for \$15

Admission:
Adult \$8 in advance • \$10 at gate
Children under 12 \$4 in advance • \$5 at gate
Preschool Free

IRA, URA & MSRA Approved

Tickets available at Farmers Union Insurance, Washington County Bank, Greg's Barber Shop.

www.nepublicnotices.com

Nebraska Public Notices are now
MODERNIZED

Available in Print & Digital
Free-access | Fully searchable

Brought to you as a public service by
your local community newspaper.

Because you have a right to know.

Jump on this **RATE** Before it **MIGRATES**

RIVERSTONE BANK

4.75% APY*
7 MONTH
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

www.bankriverstone.com

*The Annual Percentage Yield is effective as of May 16, 2023 and is subject to change without notice. Penalties may apply for early withdrawal—a minimum \$500 deposit is required to open. Fees May Vary. Federal deposit insurance. Public and traditional banks are excluded. Will replace spot interest at the current 6 month CD rate.

Homestead National Historical Park

BEATRICE, NE

CHECK IT OUT!

Spahr's gold leads Eagles at state track

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
scroston@sewardindependent.com

Sarah Spahr of Milford was clean through the first four rounds in the high jump.

She was the only one who hadn't missed through 5-4, Coach Cody Gregory said.

After 5-4, only four jumpers were left in the Class C competition, including defending champion Bryn McNair of Chase County, and the bar was moved to 5-6.

All four missed their first attempts at 5-6. All

four missed their second tries, as well.

Spahr had been calm and confident all week at practice, Gregory said.

"She's been so rock solid all year," he said.

Margaret Haarberg of Kearney Catholic, Chloe Hanel of Clarkson/Leigh and McNair missed their third jumps. Spahr was the last of the quartet to go.

"I told her to slow down and picture a perfect jump," Gregory said. "She closed her eyes, and when she opened them, that confident look was back."

Fellow Eagles Tyce Lopez and Zeb Reil were warming up for the 4x100-meter relay nearby, and Gregory told them to watch, that Spahr was going to make the jump.

She did. "There was a lot of emotion after that," Gregory said.

Teammate Lilly Kenning was a three-time silver medalist in her individual races. She finished the 800-meter run in 2:15.68, the 1,600 in 5:15.42 and the 3,200 in 11:39.21.

In the 3,200 on May 19, Gregory said, Kenning ran stride for stride with eventual champion Jordyn Arens of Crofton.

"That was the first individual race for Lilly on that track," Gregory said.

Kenning's time was a personal best and a new school record, he said.

The sophomore came back May 20 for the 800 and finished behind Jordan Metzler of Wakefield. Gregory said Kenning was locked in after a moment of prayer with a fellow runner from Arlington.

To finish her individual races, Kenning lined up for the 1,600 and held the lead for most of the race. Arens, though, didn't give up.

"She was closing like a freight train," Gregory said.

The two made contact on the final stretch and brought out a yellow flag. After review, however, the flag was withdrawn, Gregory said.

Kenning's fourth medal came in the 4x800-meter relay, the first event of the meet May 19. She teamed with Kylie Jakub, Delaney Carraher and Kaitlin Kontor to finish fourth in a time of 10:10.15.

"We took a gamble starting two freshmen," Gregory said. "It was not our best, but it was OK."

The girls finished in fourth place in the team standings, 1.3 points out of third and four points in back of the champion Bishop Neumann.

"We were in the race to the end," Gregory said.

Coming from Waverly,



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Sarah Spahr focuses on the bar in the Class C high jump May 20. Spahr cleared 5-6 to win the event.

Weekend good for Milford drivers

BY CHUCK WERGIN
Wergin Racing

US 30 Speedway had a special May 18 for Breast Cancer Awareness. The purses were increased and it was a draw-re-draw.

Again over 20 cars were entered. Devyn Peterson's Sports Mod was outside front row for his heat. He was able to get to the front and won. The 5D drew number 11 and was back in the sixth row. He was able to move up a few spots but on a caution restart he got stuck on the bottom and finished 11th.

Saturday found the rest of the Milford racers at Junction Motor Speedway. They had over 100 cars registered with 17 Stock Cars.

Shane Stutzman and Brandon Wergin were in the first heat. The 61B (Wergin) was in the front row with the 22s (Stutzman) in row three. Wergin had a good start and led the first couple laps. Stutzman dropped back to seventh before he started to move up. Wergin finished fifth and Stutzman got up to second.

Hunter Wergin was also in the front row and had a great jump at the green flag. He settled into second and the car was fast. At one point, he dropped back to fourth but was able to split two cars in front of him and pulled away and finished second.

In the feature, 61B was on the pole with 2X (Hunter Wergin) outside second row. Stutzman was back in the fifth spot. The high side was the place to be, and Hunter and the pole sitter pulled out front. Brandon was able to move to the outside and was in fifth.

For the first four laps there were two Wergins in the top five and both cars looked good. On lap five Hunter had a major engine failure and had to be pushed off. He was looking to challenge for the win.

Brandon stayed in the fifth spot and looked good. Stutzman moved up to the top five, too. Brandon got a little to high with two to go and fell back to fifth. Stutzman was able to finish third.

All the Milford cars looked good and made good decisions on track setup.

that wasn't new for him. But Assistant Coach Jake Kment told him "this was the most fun I've ever had at a track meet."

Milford's boys' team brought home one set of medals, thanks to a third-place finish in the 4x800-meter relay. The Eagle team of Isaac Roth, Hudson Mullet, Kaleb Eickhoff and

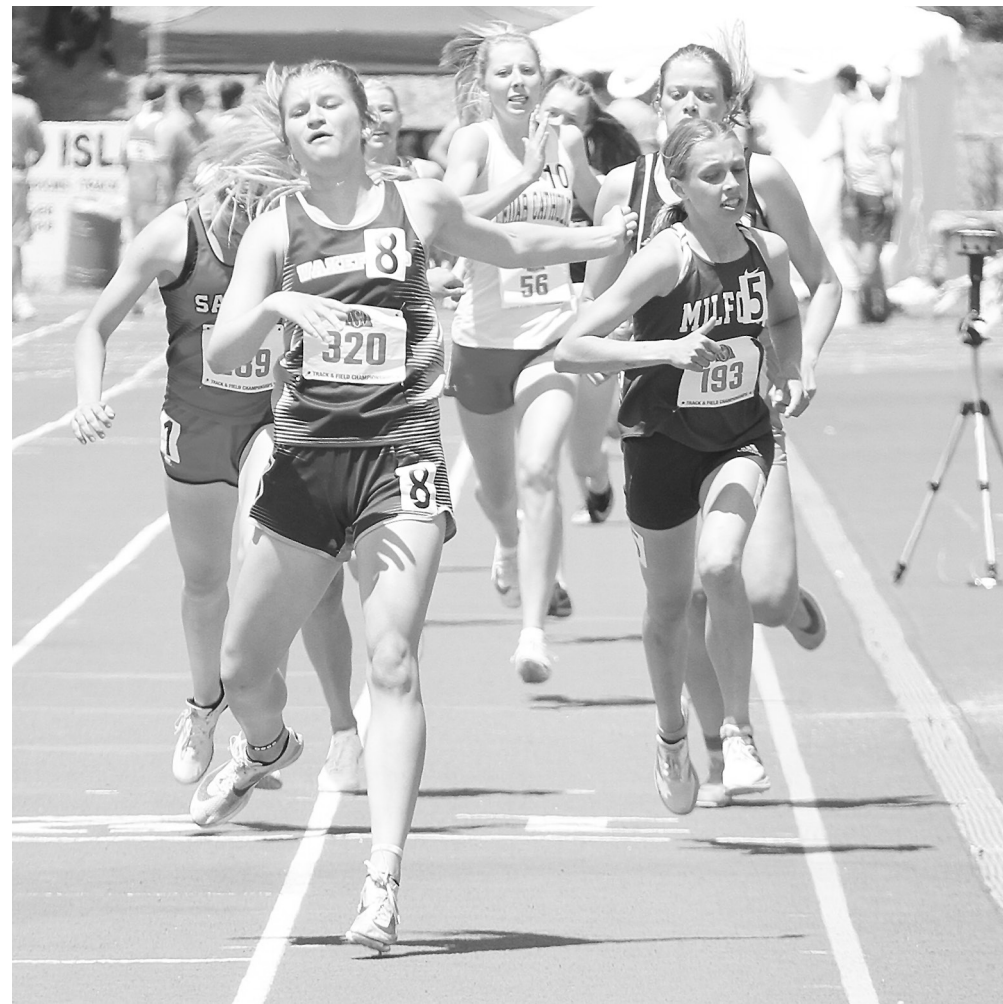
Avery Carter finished in 8:21.95, breaking the school record for the third consecutive meet.

Gregory said they changed the order of runners from districts, and that paid off.

Eagles competing who did not score were Camille Stauffer in the discus, Tanya Miller in the 400-meter dash, Dane

Kolb in the long jump, Roth in the 300 hurdles, the boys' 4x100-meter relay, Caden Nelson in the 110-meter hurdles and Gavin Dunlap in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

Eickhoff and Carter also ran individual races for MHS. Eickhoff was in the 800 and Carter the 1,600.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Lilly Kenning leans for the finish line in the 800-meter run behind Jordan Metzler of Wakefield, the event champion. Kenning was second in the 800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Isaac Roth leaves the starting line in the 4x800-meter relay May 19.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Hudson Mullet, left, hands the baton to Kaleb Eickhoff in the 4x800-meter relay May 19.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Avery Carter of Milford is squeezed out of line at the start of the 1,600 May 20 by, from left, Drew Martin of West Holt, Dyami Berridge of Winnebago and Carson Noecker of Cedar Catholic, the eventual race champion.

Eagle athletes soar at state track meet



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Caden Nelson gets a good start in the 4x100-meter relay May 20. He also ran in the 110-meter hurdles.



DOUG CARROLL/MT

Milford's Tyce Lopez takes off on the third leg of the 400-meter relay after receiving the baton from Zeb Reil.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Dane Kolb looks for the sand in the Class C long jump May 20 at state. He also ran the anchor leg on the 4x100-meter relay.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Milford's Tanya Miller runs the first curve in the 400-meter dash May 19.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Gavin Dunlap of Milford keeps pace with Centennial's Clinton Turnbull in the 3,200-meter run May 19.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Camille Stauffer unleashes a throw in the discus in the Class C state track meet May 19.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Kylie Jakub approaches the starting line for the 4x800-meter relay May 19.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Delaney Carraher keeps her pace in the 4x800-meter relay.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/MT

Kaitlin Kontor cuts to the inside of the track in the 4x800-meter relay May 19.

State meet results

800-meter run—Kaleb Eickhoff 2:01.84
1,600-meter run—Avery Carter 4:39.15, Gavin Dunlap 4:42.9
3,200-meter run—Gavin Dunlap 10:26.56
110-meter hurdles—Caden Nelson 15.91
4x100-meter relay—Milford 45.66 (Caden Nelson, Zeb Reil, Tyce Lopez, Dane Kolb)
4x800-meter relay—3. Milford 8:21.95 (Isaac Roth 2:07.842, Hudson Mullet 2:05.579, Kaleb Eickhoff 2:03.179, Avery Carter 2:05.349)
300-meter hurdles—Isaac Roth 43.7
Long jump—Dane Kolb 19-0
400-meter dash—Tanya Miller 1:03.76
800-meter run—2. Lilly Kenning 2:15.68
1,600-meter run—2. Lilly Kenning 5:15.42
3,200-meter run—2. Lilly Kenning 11:39.21
4x800-meter relay—4. Milford 10:10.15 (Kylie Jakub 2:36.621, Delaney Carraher 2:33.923, Kaitlin Kontor 2:40.972, Lilly Kenning 2:18.631)
High jump—1. Sarah Spahr 5-6
Discus—Camille Stauffer 113-1



OFFICE ASSISTANT

Do you have the desire to learn and are detail oriented with good communication skills and a strong work ethic? If so, we would like you to be part of our team!

First, you need to have great customer service skills. You will be one of the team answering the phones and greeting the public.

Then you will learn the newspaper duties, circulation & online newspaper and contests. If you like variety, this job is for you.

You will need knowledge and ability to use a personal computer and software applications (e.g. Google suite including Gmail, Sheets and Docs), as well as skills in critical thinking, problem solving and decision making.

This part-time position is located in our Seward office with duties including working with our five newspapers, print shop and online products.

Submit your resume and references to:
Kevin L. Zadina,
Seward County Independent
PO Box 449 • Seward, NE 68434
or email at
kevinzadina@sewardindependent.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

Minutes

MAY 16, 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 JUNE 20, 2023

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Approved minutes of May 9, 2023. Officials gave updates of their

department/offices. Approved change in classification of part of Fletcher Road. Approved right-of-way permit on Van Dorn Road. Approved requests to use courthouse lawn for events on June 8-9, 2023 and June 24, 2023. Approved Sheriff's March 2023 Fee & Mileage reports. Approved Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities. Approved E911 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget. Commissioners gave reports of their activities. Presentations on the replacement of Seward County phone system were given by several companies. Held Executive Sessions for personnel and strategy. Approved State Grant Award for the 2023-2024 Community Based Grant for Attorney's office. Approved temporary increase in credit card limit for Attorney's office. Discussion was held on Fiscal Year 2022-23 audit, logo for County apparel, county audit, new starting wages for positions in the Attorney's office and Extension office, and infrastructure-related grants. Approved the agenda for May 23, 2023 and adjourned at 2:44 p.m. Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk SCI/MT — May 24, 2023 ZNEZ

In print weekly and online.

Ads must be prepaid unless you have pre-approved credit.
Cash, personal check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover are welcome.

**CLASSIFIED
LINE AD
RATES**

25 words or less: \$19 per week for three weeks; fourth week is free.
Includes placement in online classifieds.
FREE "For Sale" ads for subscribers.
Private party ads • \$200 or less • One/customer/week
Contact our office for classified display ad pricing.

HOW TO PLACE YOUR AD

Call: 402-761-2911 • Email: office@sewardindependent.com
Online: milfordtimes.net • In person: 129 S. 6th St., Seward, NE

**AD DEADLINE:
NOON FRIDAY*
FOR ALL PUBLICATIONS**

* Subject to
change on
holidays

POLICIES: Advertisers should check their advertisements in the first issue and report any error to The Milford Times at 402-761-2911. We will be responsible for only a one-time error or omission.

Your ad appears in SIX newspapers and reaches readers in two counties!

THE MILFORD
Times
milfordtimes.net

SEWARD COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
sewardindependent.com

THE
CRETE NEWS
cretenewsonline.com

Friend
the Sentinel
friendsentinel.com

THE
WILBER REPUBLICAN
wilber-republican.com

CONNECTION

Statewides

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS! For \$225/25 word classified you can advertise in over 150 Nebraska newspapers. For more information contact your local newspaper or call 1-800-369-2850.

HELLO NEBRASKA! Introducing www.nepublicnotices.com, a new public notice website presented as a public service by all Nebraska newspapers. Free access, fully searchable – because democracy depends upon open government and your right to know.

FREE HIGH speed internet for those that qualify. Government program for recipients of select programs incl. Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans Pension, Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, Tribal. 15 GB internet service. Bonus offer: Android tablet FREE with one-time \$20 copay. Free shipping & handling. Call Maxsip Telecom today! 1-855-646-1256

DOES YOUR basement or crawl space need some attention? Call Thrasher Foundation Repair! A permanent solution for waterproofing, failing foundations, sinking concrete and nasty crawl spaces. FREE Inspection & Same Day Estimate. \$250 off ANY project with code GET250. Call 1-844-958-3431

AFFORDABLE PRESS Release service. Send your message to 155 newspapers across Nebraska for one low price! Call 1-800-369-2850 or www.nepress.com for more details.

PORTABLE OXYGEN Concentrator? May be covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 855-385-3580.

PUT ON your TV Ears and hear TV with unmatched clarity. TV Ears Original were originally \$129.95 - NOW WITH THIS SPECIAL OFFER are only \$59.95 with code MCB59! Call 1-833-926-4154

DISH NETWORK: Only from Dish-3 year TV Price Guarantee! 99% Signal Reliability, backed by guarantee. Includes Multi-Sport with NFL Redzone. Switch and Get a FREE \$100 Gift Card. Call today! 1-877-688-4784

ELIMINATE GUTTER cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-671-2859

Services

Learn to play Guitar, Ukulele, & Drums! Register today for **SUMMER LESSONS!** Professional Studio. Over 30 years of teaching experience. Call Jim Krutz 402-450-0282, Seward.

Oatman Paint & Repair
All your home interior & exterior needs
Jeff Oatman
402-540-5473
Milford, NE

MARTIN EXCAVATING INC.
(FORMERLY LEICHTY EXCAVATING, INC.)
TROY MARTIN, OWNER
802 3RD ST. MILFORD, NE 68405
(402) 761-3059 HOME (402) 641-6821 CELL
BASEMENTS, DEMOLITION, FILL SAND, BLACK DIRT, CLAY, TREE REMOVAL, LAGOONS

MILFORD PLUMBING, INC
513 First St.
761-3886
Mark Saltzman
Home: 761-2831
FREE Estimates

STELLING CARPENTRY LLC
Custom cabinets & trim work, finish work, remodeling, subcontracting, soffit, siding & fascia, replacement door & windows, any residential needs
Ryan Stelling 402-761-2869

MILFORD AIR CONDITIONING

309 1st Milford
402-761-2433
• Air Conditioning
• Heating
• Sales & Service
Bill Saltzman
DAIKIN
Air Conditioning & Heating

APPLIANCE MEDIC LLC
APPLIANCE REPAIR
Local & Surrounding Areas
James Campbell • 402-803-9172
appliancemedicofseward.com

Are They Bugging You?
Enlist **Blue Valley Pest Control** in Milford
Jon McCright 402-761-2666
to win the bug battle!

For Sale

36" diameter Aeration Grain Bin Floor. Good condition. Seward. 402-641-5657 or 402-641-4774.

Farm
BEGINNING FARMER looking to buy land, preferably 160 acres. Also, looking for an abandon farmstead, preferably 10 acres. Looking around Crete, Dorchester, Wilber area. Call Jay at 402-326-2999.

For Rent
Rent Sokol Hall for various social and business functions. Hall is air-conditioned and handicap accessible. Contact Lumir Sukovaty at 402-821-2429 or Leon Slama at 402-239-2857. For kolaches, contact Joan Kotas at 402-821-2971. Paid for in part by the Saline County Visitors Advisory Committee.

Garage Sales

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
624 E 20th St-York
Fri., May 26, Sat., May 27,
7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Doll collection, antiques, furniture (glider, dresser, recliner, TV stand, desk w/ chair), quilt ladders and rack, tools, jewelry, VHS player, VHS, DVDs, household items, kitchen items, Canon printer (like new), office supplies, (knick knacks, milk crates, Terry Redlin pictures, York County memorabilia items. Call or text 402-450-8053 with questions or to get directions.

1867 Meadow Ln-Seward
Fri., May 26, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Sat., May 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Estate items, dishes, Christmas items, books, hutch, beds, cedar chest, push lawn mower, swing, misc.

HAVE YOU moved
LET US KNOW!
THE MILFORD Times
607 1st St. • Milford, NE 68405 • 402-761-2911

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status, or national origin, or an intention, to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." Family status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. The Friend Sentinel will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-642-6112. http://www.nol.org/home/NEOC.

We Print Vinyl Banners

THE PRINT SHOP
SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT THE CRETE NEWS
129 S. 6th St. | Seward, NE 402-643-3676
1201 Linden Ave. | Crete, NE 402-826-2147

Help Wanted

THE VILLAGE of Dorchester is seeking a qualified individual to serve as a full-time Utility Superintendent. This long-term position will supervise and perform duties in the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the sewer and water systems; streets; storm drainage; parks; city equipment; public buildings; heavy equipment operations; and other tasks as assigned for the Village of Dorchester, as well as oversee the Assistant Utility Superintendent and all seasonal employees. Candidate must be in good physical condition and possess a valid Nebraska driver's license and a clean driving record. State Certification as a Grade 4 Water Operator and a Class L Wastewater Operator license are required (or the ability to obtain proper licensure within 1 year of employment). Preferences for electrical experience. Pay based on experience and certification. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please contact the Village Clerk at (402) 946-3201 for an application and complete job description or visit our website at dorchester.municipalimpact.com.

PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME CLASS A CDL DRIVER WANTED. Call Kea Constructors at 402-381-8543 or email kea@keaconstructors.com for details and to apply. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Interested in Construction?
If you take pride in your work, care about details, and are interested in a career in construction, contact Bill at 402 490-6240 or email your construction experience to LastingValue@AstroBuildings.com
We are expanding and seeking additional members to add to our top quality crews. We are willing to train if you are willing to work!

ASTRO BUILDINGS
Build with the Best.

PUBLIC NOTICES
You have a right to know.

• **RN/LPN:** FT Day Shift, Wknd Only 16 hr Day/Eve, or Wknd Only Night Shift
• **CNAs:** FT Day, Eve & Night or Wknd Only
• **MedAide:** FT Eve (M-F) or Wknd Only 16 hr
• **FT Transportation Assistant (CNA/MA)**
• **Housekeeper** (FT or PT)

SUNRISE COUNTRY MANOR
EST. 1953
FOR MORE INFO or TO APPLY VISIT:
SUNRISECOUNTRYMANOR.COM/CAREERS
610 224th Road, Milford
Ph: (402) 761-3230 ext. 224

SEWARD ANIMAL HOSPITAL
FT Bookkeeping / Receptionist position at friendly, fast-paced mixed animal veterinary practice.
Duties include managing accounts receivable and payable, Quick Books entries, account reconciliation, end-of-month statement processing, appointment scheduling, and filling client orders.
Prior bookkeeping experience is preferred. Paid vacation, health insurance, retirement match. Salary negotiable dependent upon experience.
Email resume to jaywolvertondvm@gmail.com

– IMMEDIATE OPENINGS –
FULL-TIME 2ND SHIFT OR OVERNIGHT
Starting wage \$14/hr (\$15/hr overnight), health, dental, vision, 401K, HSA
Stop in or call for an application.
Speedee MART
923 238th, Milford • 402-761-2183

Immediate Opening for Full-time Farm Hand
Borchers Ag Inc located by Utica, NE is looking for a full-time farm hand.
Job duties will include daily farm help, hauling grain, harvest help, planting help.
No CDL required. Pay is hourly and will be negotiable depending on skill and experience.
Call Justin Borchers at 402-641-6125.

Memorial Health Care Systems
WE ARE RECRUITING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
RN - Days & Nights: Full-Time, Part-Time & PRN Day and Night Positions, Day Shift 5 a.m.-5 p.m., Night Shift 5 p.m.-5 a.m. Acute Care, ER and OB experience preferred. Flexible scheduling includes every third weekend with holiday rotation. RN licensure and ACLS required. Position includes night shift retention bonus. – Memorial Hospital
Medical Technologist (MT) / Medical Lab Technician (MLT) / Clinical Laboratory Scientist (CLS): Full-Time Day position, three "On-call" shifts every 7 weeks, which includes one Friday, one Saturday and one Sunday. Candidate must be able to multi-task and have excellent customer service skills. – Memorial Hospital
Cook: Full-Time Cook. Seeking responsible, motivated, dependable individual. The right candidate will be trained in multi positions (tasks) in the department. Candidate must be at least 18 years of age. Candidate must be able to multi-task, demonstrate good organizational skills, follow directions easily, exhibit excellent customer service skills and team work. Prior experience in cooking/aiding in health care foodservice environment. Daytime hours to include rotating weekends and holidays. – Memorial Hospital
RN/LPN, Certified Medical Assistant: Full-Time RN/LPN or Certified Medical Assistant Day Nurse position available, Monday - Friday with Saturday rotation. This position requires good communications skills between you and the provider. Critical thinking and problem-solving skills are essential to providing excellent customer service and communicating with patients. Computer skills are required. Previous Clinic Nursing experience preferred. Current RN/LPN or Certified Medical Assistant licensure required. – Seward Family Medical Center
The following positions are As Needed (PRN). For a full job description, visit our website at http://www.mhcs.us/about-us/employment
• RN - Nights
• Respiratory Therapist
• Child Care Teacher Aide
• Nutritional Services Aide
• Hospital Admissions Coordinator
For immediate consideration, complete an application at or send your resume to:
HR Dept., 300 N. Columbia Ave. Seward, NE 68434
or visit www.MHCS.US to complete an online application. For more information call 402-646-4618.

Aramark Facility Services
ARAMARK Facility Services, located at Concordia University in Seward, NE, is seeking applicants for the following position:
Groundskeeper
Drug screen and background check required. Full-time benefits include 10 paid holidays, optional health/dental insurance, paid vacation and PTO. Applicants can apply at the Concordia University Buildings and Grounds office, 700 E. Lincoln St., Seward, Nebraska, or online at www.aramark.com/careers.
Aramark is an EOE, Minority/Female/Disability/Veteran

Saltdogs to host Milford Community Night

BY KEATON BURGESS
reporter@sewardindependent.com

The Lincoln Saltdogs baseball team will host a Milford Community Night on Friday, June 16, for the Chamber of Commerce to try and put on an event to bring the community together.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by following the link on the Milford Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page or can be purchased at the box office the night of. If tickets are bought the night of, let the box office know you are with Milford.

Along with the community night, Jessica Mathis, Vice President of the chamber, said

Saltdog staff and Homer the mascot will come to Milford to make a video to play on the screen.

"They'll play the video that night on the big screen and we'll have a reserved section,"

Mathis said.

Mathis said the chamber did something like this a few years ago.

"It's a great way to get the community together," she said.



- CRETE -
FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays through October
2:00-6:00 p.m.
Ace Hardware parking lot • 1025 Main Ave. • Crete

June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Vendors welcome!
Call Lisa at 402-641-0093

Thank you to all area EMTs for your efforts:

Beaver Crossing, Bee, Dwight, Garland, Goehner, Gresham, Milford, Seward, Staplehurst, Tamora, Ulysses and Utica



Annually, many patients are delivered by area rescue squads to the emergency department of Memorial Hospital. All area squads are manned by trained emergency medical technician volunteers who willingly give their time and energy to assure that those in need get rapid medical attention. EMS Week is about celebrating and paying tribute to those who serve and to remind everyone about the valuable roles that EMS play in the community.



Memorial
Health Care Systems



EMS WEEK
Where Emergency Care Begins
May 21-27, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS

To Milford's Sarah Spahr, the High Jump Gold Medalist at the NE State Track & Field Championship



INSURE NEBRASKA Premier Real Estate
www.PREnebraska.com

517 1st St. • Milford, NE 68405
(402) 761-2291

SACK LUMBER

S. Hwy 15 • Seward • 402-643-4977

Davisson Furniture Center
www.davissonfurniture.com

2767 Progressive (South Hwy 15) • Seward, NE
402-643-3777

Member of National Furniture Guild
The Magic Starts Here!

***** OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK *****

Crop Insurance Solutions

601 1st Street | Milford, Ne 68405
402-761-2125

JonesBank

Member FDIC

MILFORD CHIROPRACTIC
for the best life possible

508 1st Street • Milford
402-761-3100

Speedee Mart

CHESTER'S **Godfather's Pizza**

923 238th Road, Milford • 402-761-2183

150th Anniversary Cattle
BANK & TRUST

Member FDIC www.cattlebank.com

G&P DEVELOPMENT LANDFILL
Providing Solid Waste Services for Seward/Saline Counties
402-761-3451

Memorial Health Care Systems

Seward | Utica | Milford
402-643-2971 | www.mhcs.us

Thornridge Golf Course

801 South D St. • Milford, NE
402-761-3606

Troyer Insurance, Inc.
Sandy Troyer • T.J. Reynolds
501 1st Street • Milford, NE 68405
See us for all your insurance needs.
402-761-3696

THE MILFORD
Times

402-761-2911
www.milfordtimes.net

Pizza Kitchen
est. 1986 Milford, NE

402-761-2110
pizzakitchen86@gmail.com

Lauber FUNERAL HOME

Milford • Friend • and Surrounding Communities

101 C Street • P.O. Box 41 • Milford, NE 68405
402-761-2424 • Friend: 402-947-2141
Email: lauberfuneralservice@windstream.net • laubermoore.com

UPTOWN TAVERN
SPORTS BAR & GRILL

503 1st St • Milford

Allo FIBER

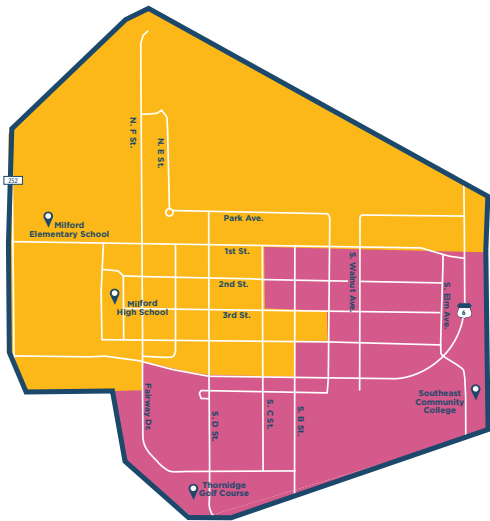
Say ALLO to your fiber future!

GIG things are coming...

We're lighting up Milford with ALLO's 100% fiber services. Our goal is to provide a direct fiber connection to every home and business in town.

Keep tabs on our progress as we build our fiber-optic network by visiting our website and **Signing up for our Stay in the Know email updates.**

AlloFiber.com/Milford
Residential: 531.276.5055
Business: 531.276.5010



- Step 1: Design
- Step 2: Under Construction
- Step 3: Sign Up Today for a Priority Install Date
- Step 4: Live and Ready for Install

Residential + Business

Fiber Internet + Fiber TV + Fiber Phone