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One dead after I-80 pursuit, officer-involved shooting

One person is dead following an erratic pursuit and officer-involved shooting on I-80 near Milford Oct. 23.

The Seward County Sheriff's Office said deputies attempted a traffic stop around 3:11 p.m. The vehicle was occupied by two people traveling west. The vehicle then turned around and was traveling east in the westbound lanes before it crossed over into the eastbound lanes near mile marker 383.

A high-speed pursuit ensued for seven miles, ending in Lancaster County, where the vehicle came to a stop.

Deputies directed the occupants to exit the vehicle. The passenger exited but the driver refused to do so.

While attempting to contact the driver, deputies observed a weapon in the driver's hand. An officer-involved shooting then occurred.

The SCSO said deputies and Nebraska State Patrol troopers on scene administered first aid, but the driver was later pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel.

The Nebraska State Patrol Special Investigations Team is investigating, and a Grand Jury will convene in Lancaster County at a future date, as is protocol with all law enforcement shootings.

The SCSO has not released the names or ages of the travelers or the deputies involved. It said the investigation is ongoing and more information will be released at a later date.



Win and advance

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LEFT: Seward senior Gabi Ceppek holds up the team's district championship plaque as the volleyball team celebrates its victory over Beatrice that earned them a berth in this week's Class B state tournament.

See more volleyball on page 1B

Jank earns international certification

BY EMILY HEMPHILL
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Jonathan Jank is wearing a new pin, one that shows his designation as one of just 1,200 Certified Economic Developers in the U.S.

Jank serves as president and CEO of the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership. He earned the certification from the International Economic Development Council in September.

"I'm honored and humbled to be part of this group of practitioners," Jank said.

According to the council, the designation represents a mastery of skills in economic development and a dedication to personal and professional growth.

"This milestone marks a significant achievement and underscores Jonathan's com-

mitment to excellence in the field of economic development," the council said in a press release.

Jank said he began the international certification process on Jan. 2.

He spent nine months studying and memorizing six different manuals before taking a three-part exam Sept. 16-17 in Dallas, Texas.

"Forty-three (people) sat for it, and there were only 10 that passed," Jank said. "I feel very privileged to be a part of that."

He arrived for the first day of testing at 6:45 a.m., then waited all day to see if he scored well enough to continue to the third section.

"I'm so grateful to be on the other side of it," Jank said. "It was a very interesting process."

The exams measure a



Jonathan Jank

candidate's knowledge, judgement and critical thinking ability across 11 areas:

- business retention and expansion
- finance and credit analysis
- marketing and attraction
- strategic planning
- entrepreneurial and small business development
- managing economic

development organizations

- neighborhood development strategies
- real estate development and reuse
- technology-led economic development
- workforce development strategies
- foreign direct investment and exporting

Jank, a graduate of Concordia University Nebraska, has worked in economic development for nearly 12 years.

"Jonathan has exemplified vision and determination in his role as president and CEO, leading Seward County to be the ninth-fastest growing county in Nebraska over the past decade," the council said. "This has been accomplished through multiple public-private sector partnerships including business, housing, childcare, and

broadband development projects that have led to hundreds of millions of dollars in new county-wide investments and hundreds of new local jobs being created and retained."

Jank earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Business Administration from CU and his Executive Development Certificate through the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma.

He also completed training at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Institute for Organization Management and was named the Nebraska Economic Developers Association's 2019 Professional of the Year in the community category.

In 2021, Jank led the SCCDP to become an Accredited Chamber through the U.S. Cham-

ber of Commerce. It is one of only six Accredited Chambers in Nebraska and one of less than 200 in the U.S. out of approximately 7,000.

In 2022, Jank was named CU's Young Alumnus of the Year.

"Thank you for the SCCDP board's and staff's support throughout my nine months of studying and testing," Jank said. "I'm also thankful for my faithful support system across the country and especially at home who encouraged me throughout the process."

Jank said he was overwhelmed by the amount of support he received from fellow developers and colleagues.

"That's what I love about the industry, it really feels like a family," he said. "We're all here to support each other and help grow the state together."

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Lipska readies for New Zealand

BY KEATON BURGESS
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Lloyd Lipska of Seward has left for trip No. 77 since 2017 and presented every detail of the trip to the Seward Rotary Club on Oct. 23.

Lipska left for New Zealand the week of the 23rd after presenting to the club.

Lipska said he's always wanted to go to New Zealand.

"It's been on my bucket list to go to New Zealand since 2012," he said. "I was also set to

go to New Zealand pre-Covid, and Covid said no, you're not going to go."

After kicking around the idea of going to New Zealand, Lipska decided if he was thinking about it as much as he was, he should probably go.

Some of the reasons Lipska decided to go included it was a country that spoke English and he wanted to see all of the mountains, forests, glaciers and other things in nature.

"I've never heard a bad thing about it," he said.

Lipska said he would rest on his first day of the trip and get a car on the second. He said he would practice driving since they drive on the left side of the road in New Zealand.

Before the trip, Lipska made a checklist to make sure he had everything prepared at home and for the trip, including plans on where to stay each night.

Lipska plans to spend his nights differently over his time in New Zealand, some nights camping, staying in a camper/caravan, or in

a hotel if he can't find a spot to camp.

Lipska also has a map that has each day planned for where he will stay and where he will be for the day.

"I've got a place to stay each and every night," he said. "It has what day of the week it is whether we are going to be at the or whatever else."

One problem Lipska ran into early was getting authorization to go into the country. He said he originally read a book that told him he didn't have to have any.

After talking with someone else headed to New Zealand at the exact same time he was, he learned he did need authorization.

"She told me that she was all ready to go and that she has her authorization," Lipska said. "I came to find out I did need authorization to enter, so I got that covered."

Lipska said a cool thing about New Zealand is the currency. He said the New Zealand dollar translates to \$0.65 in the United States. He said some of the finan-

cial downsides include it costing \$1.50 to send a letter home and that gas is 11 New Zealand dollars per gallon.

Some of Lipska's holiday plans include helping out with a church on Christmas and being one of the first people to see the sunrise on New Year's Day.

Anyone interested in following Lipska along on his journey can do so by following him on Facebook.

Central Valley Ag pays \$13.6 million

Central Valley Ag continues to give back to its member-owners by providing equity payouts.

This year, the CVA Board of Directors approved \$13.672 million dollars in Revolving Equity payouts for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Equity is returned to member-owners in the form of redeemed equity. The amount of revolving equity producers receive depends on the amount of business they do in a given fiscal year; this year that is 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Producers will see their investment into the cooperative come back to them throughout their career and CVA is grateful for the opportunity to share with them its success.

"I am very proud of Central Valley Ag's performance and our ability to return equity to our member/owners," said Carl Dickinson, president and CEO of Central Valley Ag. "The cooperative has an important role to play in giving back to its members and because of CVA's performance, we are able to continue to do that."

In addition to cash patronage, the co-op has earnings that are reserved for later distributions. In the short-term, these equity dollars are an investment by members in their co-op and can be used by the co-op to make capital improvements, which further grow the business or make the co-op more efficient.

"It is because of the loyalty from our member-owners that this cooperative is able to thrive," Dickinson said. "It is a true honor to be able to share this with them."

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Seward County receives dividend check

Seward County has received another membership dividend, this time in the amount of \$15,729, from the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association

II, the county workers compensation coverage and risk management services provider.

The dividend was part of a planned \$1 million distribution shared with 83 Nebraska

counties and eight county-associated agencies during NIRMA's annual membership meeting on Oct. 19-20 in Kearney.

With this latest distribution, Seward County has now received a

total of \$623,909 in dividends since becoming a member of NIRMA II in 1988, with the potential for additional dividends before the year's end.

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It's tough braving the c-c-cold

BY AMY HAUSMAN
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I love fall. The leaves turning colors, living a pumpkin spice life and all the gorgeous photographs that come with the season.

I am here for Buffalo plaid and wide brimmed hats, boots and cable knit socks.

I cannot get enough of that IG feed.



Amy Hausman

That is until fall feels like winter. Every freaking year I wonder why I live here but especially now with my hotter-than-the-desert-sun romance put on ice until Clay returns for Turkey Day.

I was definitely questioning my life choices when I layered two pairs of socks and snow boots to shoot the EMF game in Milligan. By the time the game was over, my attitude was just as cold as the temperature - and we won!

I sat in my car during half time rather than catching up with the people I don't see nearly

enough; a full blown grown-up time out.

I'd like to consider myself an overall positive, dynamic person but when it comes to cold, I'm more like the Grinch.

I even bailed on going to a 90s party at the 1206 because I was frozen to the core and didn't think I could thaw my chilly disposition to interact well with others.

So for those of you that wondered what gives? It's not you. Mother Nature and I are having a tiff and she's exerting her power.

Senate solutions to secure our southern border

BY PETE RICKETTS
U.S. Senator

We are living in the worst border crisis on record.

It is a humanitarian and security crisis. U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported yet another record with 269,735 encounters at the southern border last month. There have now been more than 8 million encounters with individuals at the border since Joe Biden became President.

To put it in perspective, that's more encounters in less than three years than the 12 years while both Donald Trump and Barack Obama were president combined. Unfortunately, that number doesn't even include the over 1.7 million known gotaways - individuals CBP saw but were unable to apprehend - during the Biden administration.

Last month, border officials arrested 18 people on the FBI's terror watchlist. The total of people on the watchlist encountered at the border this year is now 172. Those 172 encounters not only smashed the previous record of 98, set last year, but is larger than the number of such encoun-



Pete Ricketts

ters the previous six fiscal years combined.

This number used to be in the single digits every year.

This week, I visited the border with a group of senators, led by senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas to get an update on the crisis. I also unveiled a comprehensive package of Senate solutions to secure the border.

These solutions attack Biden's border security failures head on - from building the wall to stopping sanctuary cities policies in liberal states and cities to going after cartels and reforming our broken asylum process.

My Ensure Uniform Border Inspection Practices Act, introduced with Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina, would require annual comprehensive reviews of how people and fentanyl are being transported across ports of entry.

These reviews would identify areas where the implementation of inspection practices is weak and help us hold accountable those responsible for failures.

Further, this week I reaffirmed my support for 10 additional pieces of legislation to address the illegal immigration crisis and enforce existing laws. One major priority is the Secure the Border Act. The bill would tighten asylum standards, resume construction of the border wall, and criminalize visa

overstays.

In addition, it would increase the number of Border Patrol Agents and crack down on entities assisting illegal immigrants. I'm also supporting the Stopping Border Surges Act to close immigration loopholes, eliminate incentives for sending children to the border, and disrupt the power of human traffickers and cartels.

I'm working to stop dangerous sanctuary cities and attack the income streams of those who traffic deadly drugs like fentanyl. One of the bills gives the Department of Homeland Security powers similar to those under Title 42 to combat the fentanyl-related health emergency.

We also need to permanently classify fentanyl-related substances as Schedule 1 drugs and make the distribution of fentanyl resulting in death punishable by federal felony charges.

The Biden administration's failed policies created this crisis. Only smarter, more effective policies will guide us out of it. I promised Nebraskans I would fight to secure the border in the Senate. Each of the bills I'm supporting will make our state and country safer.

My team and I are here to serve you. Contact us anytime by phone at (202) 224-4224 or on my website at www.ricketts.senate.gov/contact.

Protecting our American interests in the Middle East

BY DEB FISCHER
U.S. Senator

The heinous attack on Israel by Hamas this month sent shockwaves throughout the Middle East and across the world.



Deb Fischer

War in one part of the world has a ripple effect - we all feel its impact. In this case, the United States is especially affected. Hamas killed American citizens in its assaults on innocent people across Israel. It is holding American citizens hostage underground in Gaza. Hamas has American blood on its hands.

The United States and Israel have always been bound by shared values and strategic interests. We are now further bound by shared tragedy. This is why our government must act - not just to protect Israeli interests, but to promote American interests.

It's critical that we return every American stranded in Israel or being held hostage in Gaza. Every American must be accounted for and safely brought home. This should be top priority for the administration.

Our action in support of Israel won't only protect American citizens - it will also buttress our national defense. Standing with Israel involves countering Iran, a regime that openly supports terrorist organizations by providing them with resources and funding.

We must act to show terrorist groups, and their state sponsor Iran, that we will not abide the slaughter and kidnapping of Americans. We must gather all of our economic and diplomatic strength to send a powerful message to Iran.

Iran wants to see Israel destroyed by

terror. Beyond that, it wants to see the United States destroyed. The regime's proxy forces continue to attack our military forces regularly in Iraq and Syria. The risks are too great to allow Iran to accelerate this conflict.

As we counter Iran, we must also provide as much assistance as we can to our ally Israel. We know Israel will need more defensive capabilities, including Tamir interceptors for its Iron Dome air defense system - the backbone of its missile defense architecture.

My colleagues and I introduced a bill last week to reallocate aid funding that could have ended up in Hamas's pockets to Israel's Iron Dome. This legislation would be an important first step in defending Israel against further attacks.

We know Israel will need more offensive capabilities, including precision guided munitions to hit specific ground targets. We know Israel will need more medical equipment to help troops and citizens recover from continued vicious attacks by Hamas and Hezbollah.

The United States and Israel have long partnered by sharing intelligence on terrorism in the Middle East. That partnership must continue. We must ensure that we are providing all the intelligence assistance we can to help Israel eliminate the Hamas threat.

Congress and the administration must work together to aid Israel in whatever way possible - whether through funding, military equipment, or intelligence sharing. Our support of Israel will help it triumph over terrorism. And our support of Israel will help us to show strength and deter adversaries like Iran.

Standing with Israel promotes our own American interests as well.

Letter to the editor

Writer urges support for LB 840

The LB 840 upcoming special election is a tremendous opportunity for voting citizens in Seward to make economic development a continued priority for the next 10 years.

It is vital for the current and future economic health and growth of our community. To do this, when you receive your ballot in the mail around November 21st, please Vote YES for LB 840. It needs to be returned to the Seward County Courthouse by Dec. 12 for your vote to be counted.

What is LB 840? In Seward, it is an Economic Development Program that collects a percentage of the existing city sales tax that goes into a fund to support business development efforts. The City of Seward currently collects \$150,000 per year through LB 840. It must be renewed every 10 years to continue operating. It was last renewed in 2013.

In my role as president and CEO for the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, I am keenly aware of the need for local community tools to help spur on economic development. These tools help support our existing businesses, to create new or retain current jobs and add investment in the community.

It also helps us attract new businesses/organizations and entrepreneurs to Seward to add jobs and create new investments.

To spur on economic development, one of the best local community tools we have available to use is the LB 840 Economic Development Program through the City of Seward. It is flexible enough to be used for low-interest loans, forgivable loans, or grants depending on the need for a particular business/organization, entrepreneur, or an economic development-related project like housing, childcare, broadband, etc.

In the City of Seward, the LB 840 Economic Development Program is overseen by the LB

840 Application Review Board, which is made up of City Council members and citizens of Seward with business-related backgrounds who consider each application individually.

Anyone can apply to the program, and if their request for funds fits into the guidelines of the Economic Development Plan for the City of Seward, their application will be reviewed by the LB 840 Application Review Board. To read the Economic Development Plan for the City of Seward, please visit their website at <https://cityofsewardne.gov/funding-programs/>.

Over the past 10 years, the City of Seward LB 840 Application Review Board has made good use of the LB 840 Economic Development Program funds. They have been spent to spur on job creation/retention and new investment in the community.

To review the projects funded over the past 10 years, please visit the campaign website at VoteYESforLB840.com.

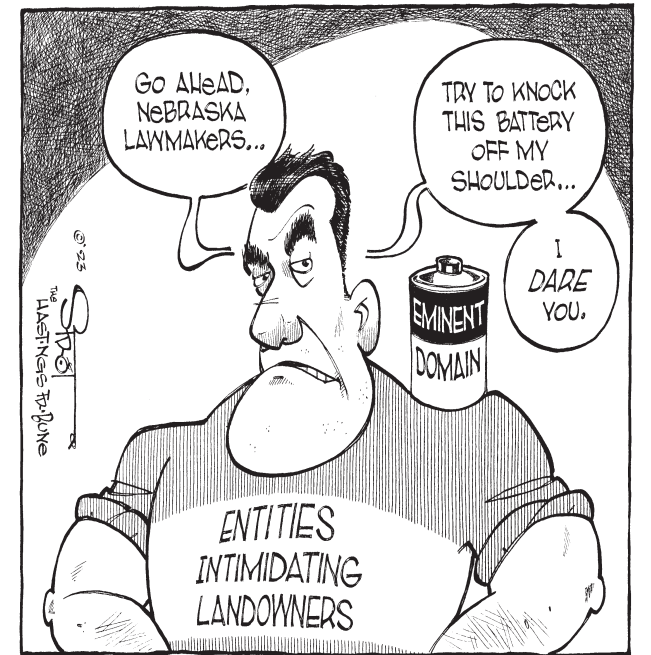
If you or the business/organization you work for is looking to create

jobs or add investment in the City of Seward, please consider applying for LB 840 Economic Development Program funds. The application can be found at the City of Seward's website at <https://cityofsewardne.gov/funding-programs>.

We need your help to spur on economic development in the City of Seward for the next 10 years. Please Vote YES for LB 840 when you receive your ballot in the mail and then return it to the Seward County Courthouse by December 12th. For more information about the LB 840 special election, please feel free to contact me at (402) 643-4189 or Jonathan@CultivateSewardCounty.com.

Also, to learn more about LB 840 and the upcoming special election ballot language, please visit the campaign website at VoteYESforLB840.com.

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More than a wonderful day



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Carla Ketner, left, holds the cover painting as Paula Wallace talks about her illustration process Oct. 29 during the release party for "Ted Kooser: More Than a Local Wonder," written by Ketner and illustrated by Wallace. Ketner owns Chapters Books and Gifts in Seward.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pam Lam discusses her stitching technique at the Blue River Quilt Guild meeting on Oct. 16. Her quilt show- "Savoring the Stitches" opens Nov. 5 at the Seward Civic Center.

Civic Center hosts quilt show

"Savoring the Stitches" is the theme of Pam Lam's Quilt Show opening Sunday, Nov. 5, from 2 to 4 pm in the Langworthy Gallery of the Seward Civic Center located at 616 Bradford Street in Seward.

The exhibit features some of the quilts from her personal collection of hand stitched quilts. A brief quilt talk will be shared at 3 p.m.

Lam's quilts reflect her love for earth tones

and nature, as well as the traditional and primitive style.

Lam was the presenter at the Oct. 16 meeting of the Blue River Quilt Guild, sharing a small collection of her various quilts in a trunk show format to members and guests of the Guild.

She has enjoyed attending numerous state, national and international quilt shows and festivals. She is a life member of the Lincoln

Quilt Guild and was one of the original Well Rounded Quilters.

Rotary hosts annual costume contest

"We have a Chamber of Commerce beautiful evening," Rotary Emcee Dr. Ron Wallman said at the annual Seward Rotary Club's Children's Halloween Costume Contest Oct. 26 at the Bandshell. "We have been hosting this contest for decades and look forward to keeping the fun tradition even more special, when we can have it at our historic Seward Bandshell."

The contest was open to all from age 0 through 12. The contestants each received a large bag of candy, donated and bagged by the Seward Rotarians, and the first three places in each age division won a medal, with the Grand Prize Costume awarded a special Seward Rotary Club Halloween Orange and Black Trophy.

Awarded the Grand Prize trophy this year was a pair of brothers who each won first place in their divisions. Westyn and Nash Rathjen were named the winners in the 2023 Rotary Children's Halloween Costume Contest.

Westyn was dressed as Col. Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame and his little brother Nash was a bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken. They are the children of Whitney and Shad

Rathjen.

Other winners included:

Under Age One: Tie, Sophie, Blue Octopus, and Charlie, Dad's Real Estate Sales Assistant

Age One: Nash, KFC Bucket of Chicken

Age Two: Ezra, Evel Knievel

Age Three: Westyn, Col. Sanders

Age Four: Tie, Emma, Teenage Kraken, and Addie, Ghost Spider

Age Five: Kason, Rapter

Age Six: Bryer, Beetlejuice

Age Seven: Oliver, Where's Waldo?

Age Eight: Grace, The Grinch and Max

Age Nine: Serina, Ursula from Little Mermaid

Age Ten and Up: Peyton, Poop

Age Eleven and Up: Tie, Olivia, Dorothy and the Flying Monkey, and Wyatt, A Walking Crosswalk Sign.

The evening is an annual event sponsored by the Seward Rotary and they were excited to host it outdoors, as it has been forced inside due to weather the last few years.

The event chair and emcee was Rotarian Dr. Ron Wallman. Judges for the event were Rotarians Amber Fiala, Ben Spirk and Doug Gremel. Rotarian

Shelly Nitz served as the recorder and Rotarian Greg Zabka handed out the medals to the winners.

Rotarians Mark Kolterman and Brian Peters gave the bags of free candy to all the contestants. Rotary member Clark Kolterman served as the Rotary Reporter, and Rotarian Makena Bierbaum assisted with the awards for the event.

Rotarians assisting with the bagging of the candy included Matt Dominy, Greg Zabka, Brian Peters, Mark Kolterman, Clark Kolterman, Bonnie Kruse, Jon Kruse, Ken Schmieding, Shelly Nitz, Russ Sommerfeld, Melanie Ayres, Amber Fiala, Ben Spirk, Doug Gremel, and Ron Wallman.

A special note of thanks was extended to Adam Bode and Bob Core for preparing the area grounds and historic Seward Bandshell for the evening and to Shelly Nitz and her family for bringing the inflatable, giant Halloween dragon yard blowup that added to the event's atmosphere. Thanks were also extended to the Seward Civic Center for allowing us to have the auditorium as a backup plan, in case of bad weather.

See the photos from the costume contest on page 7.

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Application forms are available in the Clerk's office at the Fillmore County Courthouse, 900 G Street, PO Box 307, Geneva, NE 68361 or by e-mail amy.nelson@fillmorecountyne.gov. Applications and resumes will be accepted during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30, M-F) through November 20, 2023. Requests for accommodation should be directed to the Fillmore County Clerk.

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Seward hosts multiple halloween events



The Nebraska State Patrol came to Seward to hand out candy at Scare at the Fair on Oct. 22.

KEATON BURGESS/SCI



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Grace Hicks won the eight-year-old division dressed as the Grinch accompanied by Max.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Two-year-old Charlie Temple of Seward dressed up as a "charliesaurus" for the Rotary Club's annual costume contest.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Two-year-old Ezra Greensstreet dressed up as Evel Knievel for the Rotary costume contest.



KEATON BURGESS/SCI

Chris Clanton of Seward showed off his red, white and blue dinosaur at Scare at the Fair on Oct. 22.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Westyn Rathjen, dressed as Col. Sanders and his brother Nash Rathjen, dressed as a bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken, were named the Grand Prize winners at this year's Rotary Club costume contest.



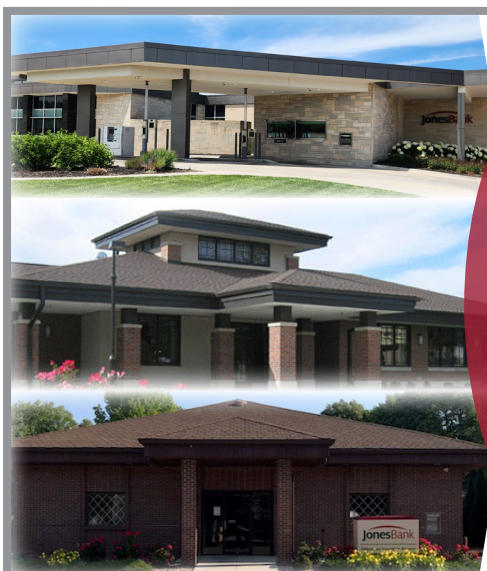
DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Six-year-old Bryer Bohuslavsky dressed up as Beetlejuice for the Seward Rotary Club's annual costume Contest that was held Oct. 26.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Eleven-month-old Sophie Ferris in her octopus costume tied for first in the under one-years old age division of the annual rotary costume contest. The scuba diver holding her is her mother, Kylie Ferris.



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Memory lane ...

Information taken from archived files of the Blue Valley Blade and the Seward Independent for the first week in November.

1923

Last week the class of 1922 presented the school an Acme moving picture projector. This is a portable machine and can be used anywhere in school. It will be a great help in class room instruction, especially in geography.

David City was held scoreless last Wednesday afternoon by the Seward high school football warriors. The field was covered by snow and mud, in spite of this the game was hotly contested.

1933

Seward county furnished the largest contingent of entries from Nebraska for the sixth annual Ak-Sar-Ben Livstock Show, Horse Show and Rodeo.

Lloyd Cardwell, a star on Seward high teams for the past few years, has been flashing rapid progress as a member of Coach Ed Weir's University of Nebraska freshman squad this fall.

1943

Seward county has lost 3,174 inhabitants in three years. No wonder after three years of drought ending last year.

Pvt. Marvin L. Stilwell of R.R. 2, Seward, has completed his basic training at the armored replacement training center at Fort Knox, Ky, preparatory for combat duty with armored units.

Next Thursday, November 11, is Armistice Day. It might have been that a double Armistice Day could be celebrated this year. However, what we want now is not an Armistice – but an unconditional surrender – so we will not have to consider an armistice every so often.

1953

No records are available for this time.

1963

The Utica Grange received honorable mention in the National Community Service Contest sponsored by the National Grange and the Sears & Roebuck Foundation.

A photo caption read: Delano Lavicky, Bee, bagged a 250-lb. six-point white tail

deer about 7:15 a.m. Saturday as the deer season opened in this area.

The State Railway Commission postponed a hearing on the proposed closing of depot facilities at Garland until Thursday, Dec. 5.

1973

Three Seward area communities brought home honors from the Nebraska Community Improvement Program. Seward was again named an All Nebraska Community along with only four others in the state that met the high standards established by state agencies in 13 categories. Seward and Dwight won first place honors in their class for youth involvement, Dwight won first place in its class for community awards and Pleasant Dale was honorable mention.

The Retail Committee of the Seward Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday noon, Nov. 8, at the Snodgrass Cafe to discuss holiday promotion plans.

1983

Utica Girl Scouts are planning to visit the Girl Scout World Center in Switzerland

in 1985.

Douglas W. Ellis has been named administrator of Seward's Memorial Hospital, succeeding Walter Waas, who is retiring.

It was 100 years ago in October that Claudius Jones and a group of Seward men received a charter to begin banking operations in Seward. That was the beginning of the Jones National Bank, an institution which observes its centennial this year.

1993

Residents of the city of Seward should boil their drinking water until further notice. Water samples taken showed the presence of fecal coliform or E. coli bacteria at two locations.

When Memorial Health Care Systems' \$50,000 grant application was refused recently, its plans to work toward a clinic in Milford were slowed, but not stopped.

2003

A photo caption read: Seward librarian Becky Reisinger reads Fall Leaves Fall to four- and five-year-olds during story time at the

Seward Memorial Library.

An editorial on the opinion page noted: Hooray! The Highway 34 bridge over Plum Creek has reopened. It has been a long, inconvenient summer for anyone who wanted to head east out of Seward or enter Seward from that direction. The planned detour was not well used and the alternate routes chosen by drivers created much discontent. However, that is behind us now, and we will all appreciate the bridge's additional safety benefits, especially when Plum Creek floods next spring.

2013

Students at Concordia University raised more than \$100,000 for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

Seward High School sophomore Delany Baker of Seward was selected the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar representative for Seward High for the summer leadership event. She is the daughter of Brett and Nicole Baker of Seward.

Southeast Nebraska CASA receives donation

BY HANNA CHRISTENSEN
scireporter@sewardindependent.com

Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates, a local nonprofit, suffered a major cut in funding this fiscal year and some nearby businesses are stepping up to help.

Southeast Nebraska CASA is an organization that, after putting them through training, pairs volunteers with a child who is a ward of the state or in the foster care system. The volunteer becomes familiar with the child's situation and advocates for them in their case.

"If a child in foster care has a CASA volunteer, they are a lot less likely to reenter the foster care system, which eases the burden of the community of having to pay for some of those funds to have that child be a state ward," Southeast Nebraska CASA Executive Director Shelby Pedersen said.

Southeast Nebraska CASA was cut from its biggest funder, the Victims of Crime Act. VOCA previously provided \$40,000 in funds to the organization. Southeast Nebraska CASA went from getting about \$80,000 a year in funding to about \$38,000 a year.

VOCA cut funding to nonprofits nationwide, which came down the pipeline to hit Southeast Nebraska CASA. Pedersen said the funding



From left, Amber Fiala, Shelby Pedersen and Anthony Aerts celebrate Jones Group and Rembolt Ludtke's donations to Southeast Nebraska CASA.

cut was not the fault of anyone at CASA.

The lack of funding could cause cuts in volunteer appreciation events or decrease the amount of toys and entertainment the organization could provide for the kids.

"We really try to show our volunteers support and appreciation because they are doing these things out of the kindness of their heart and because they want to help these kids and families," Pedersen said.

Pedersen said her biggest concern is the possibility of a future staff cut, which would decrease the level of support CASA could provide for the volunteers and have a trickle down effect on the chil-

dren being served.

Board President Amber Fiala, who is also an agent for Jones Group, said the board is going to have to make some tough decisions if the organization is unable to secure additional funding.

Fiala said she and Anthony Aerts, a lawyer for Rembolt Ludtke and Southeast Nebraska

CASA board member, heard about a carrier offering grant money to businesses to donate to charity. They each applied for the grants at their respective workplaces and secured significant donations for Southeast Nebraska CASA.

Every year, IMT Insurance holds its Community Contest

that awards money to community projects and organizations. Thanks to Fiala's application, IMT Insurance partnered with Jones Group to provide Southeast Nebraska CASA's Volunteer Support Program with \$1,000.

Fiala said she was happy her work could help with such an important cause.

She encourages anyone who can donate money to the organization or time to be a volunteer to do so. Advocates play a vital role in the court system and in children's lives. Fiala said CASA is in desperate need of volunteers, as the number of children currently in the court system is high and 20 children went without a volunteer last year.

"The advocates are the voice of the children. They get to

know the whole situation – what's going on at school, with their counselors, in their foster home and really just provide the eyes and ears for the judge in that case," she said.

Pedersen said her goal is to replace the lost funding, whether that is through corporate or individual donations.

"We are oftentimes the only consistent adult in a child's life. There's research that shows that that can completely change the outlook on a child's life," Pedersen said. "We really need that money to be able to be a successful program."

People can donate by mailing a check or clicking the "donate" button at southeastnebraskacasa.org. Pedersen welcomes anyone who has questions to reach out to her.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The Seward County Agricultural Society will hold its Annual Meeting and society elections on November 20, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The positions up for election are:

- District 5
- At Large
- At Large
- At Large

To place your name on the ballot, please turn your name into Seward County Ag Society by contacting Mike Flyr, Secretary at 402-643-3602 no later than November 13, 2023.

– Seward County Ag Society

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GFWC Seward Womans Club hosts district convention

The 117th annual GFWC NFWC District IV Convention was held at the Seward Civic Center Oct. 18 with an all-day meeting under the theme "Fall into the Volunteer Spirit."

The meeting was hosted by the GFWC Seward Womans Club.

The First Credential Report was presented by Elaine Oldehoft, NFWC District IV Treasurer,

and Rene' Chandler. The District IV Parliamentarian gave a Presentation of Convention Rules. Donna Lefler, the District IV secretary from the GFWC Fairmont Woman's Club, made a presentation of the program and Pat Gage of Aurora, a past president of District IV, introduced the officers and the guests at the convention.

The featured program was the GFWC NFWC State President, Karen Crandall of the GFWC Papillion Women's Club. She spoke on the activities of the GFWC and the NFWC and updated the members on the status of the various GFWC NFWC Projects of note.

Nelson shared the "Spotlight on Clubs" session and updated the members on the District

IV Chairman activities and awards.

A special "Coin March" donation was presented with the funds directed to the Seward Foster Friends program.

A check for \$8,000 was presented to Lisa Fox, with the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Foundation on behalf of the GFWC Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs as a partial pledge to the

"Dr. Susan" Center on behalf of the members of the GFWC NFWC.

The GFWC has collected donations from the member clubs and districts, sponsored two celebrity luncheon raffles and several high school quiz bowl contests to raise funds.

The election of the District IV Officers for 2024-2026 was held with the members elected to

serve for the new term of the next two years.

The meeting ended with an auction of homemade goods and donated items to support the work of the GFWC NFWC District IV. Over \$500 was raised at the auction to fund the activities of the membership in NFWC District IV.

HAPPENINGS

THROUGH NOV. 1

SHS BAND WREATH SALES:

Wreaths may be ordered from any SHS band student or by calling the high school office at (402) 643-2988. Deliveries will be made prior to Thanksgiving. Proceeds go to the Band Booster's Scholarship Fund. Contact them at sewardbandboosters@gmail.com.

NOV. 2

MEAT CANNING PROJECT:

The Mennonite Central Committee's mobile meat canning project will be at the Milford Fire Hall on Thursday, Nov. 2, and Friday, Nov. 3. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, can, label and package cans of meat that will be distributed to people in need across the globe. Canning begins at 5 a.m. both days and goes until 6 p.m. on Thursday and until 2 p.m. on Friday. The public may tour the mobile cannery at 12:45 p.m. both days.

AFTERNOON MOVIE: The Seward Memorial Library will feature a 2021 American supernatural horror film on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 1 p.m. Bring your own snacks and a drink. Visit sewardlibrary.org for more information.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP:

"Building a Healthier Community: Addressing the Mental Health Stigma" will be presented Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Holthus Convention Center in York, sponsored by the Four Corners Health Dept. Registration is at 8:30 with the workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A \$15 charge includes lunch. Speakers will explain ways to reduce the mental health stigma and increase the message of hope. Register now at www.fourcorners.ne.gov.

NOV. 3

LIBRARY CLOSED: The Seward Memorial Library and drive-through will be closed Friday, Nov. 3, for staff training. The library will open again Saturday, Nov. 4, at regular hours.

NOV. 5

SOUP DINNER: Utica St. Patrick's Church will host a soup dinner Sunday, Nov. 5, serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chili, chicken noodle and clam chowder soups will be available, along with cinnamon rolls, relishes, pie and beverages. There will be raffles for groceries, spa needs, Nebraska items and Christmas items. A free-will offering will be accepted.

NOV. 8

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING: The GFWC Seward Woman's Club's meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8, will be called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center. The meeting is open to guests and new members. The program for the meeting will be Emely Hendl from Anchor Meadow Farms, a year-round veteran-owned farm that offers locals a variety of farm fresh products, nutrient rich pastured pork, produce and family friendly events. They have a retail shop featuring their products and they support area local businesses as well. For more information, contact the GFWC Seward Womans Club President Angela Belev at angelabelev@gmail.com.

NOV. 9

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID: A program on mental health first aid, sponsored by the Four Corners Health Dept., teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges among adults. The program is Thursday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Butler County Health Care Center in David City. Register at <https://>

tinyurl.com/3b5kfy93.

COUNTY REPUBLICANS HOLD MONTHLY MEETINGS:

The Seward County Nebraska Republicans invite any registered Republicans to attend monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (subject to change). Meeting locations may vary. Each month, meeting information and location will be posted on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SewardNEGOP and their website at SewardGOP.org.

INVITATION TO MEET AT THE GATHERING TABLE:

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

NOV. 10

NOVEMBER FOOD SHELF CHALLENGE:

On Friday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Concordia students will collect nonperishable food donations in Seward. If you live in Seward and want to contribute, put food donations tied up in a plastic bag and leave by your front door. Items collected will be distributed between St. John's Christ Cupboard and Concordia's Help Your Shelf. By collecting 500 items in this November Food Shelf Challenge, Concordia will receive \$500 (from Thrivent Member Network - Nebraska Region) for Concordia's Help Your Shelf food shelf. If students miss picking up your contribution, contact Julie. Hermann@cune.edu.

NOV. 10 - 11

LIBRARY CLOSED: The Seward Memorial Library will be closed for Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 10, and Saturday, Nov. 11.

NOV. 11

SEWARD METHODIST CHURCH BAZAAR: The Sweet Treats Cafe at the Seward United Methodist Church is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon offering beverages and baked goods for a free-will offering. A free cinnamon roll and beverage will be provided to all veterans. The bazaar gift shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. provides a wide variety of handcrafted gift items, seasonal décor, attractive and warm blankets and quilts and homemade food items, including frozen take-n-bake casseroles. Items can be purchased using cash, checks or credit card (with a 3% convenience fee).

NOV. 12

FALL BAZAAR: A fall bazaar will be Sunday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran School gym in Utica. Vendors will have crafts for sale, along with a quilt raffle, a bake sale and soup

and cinnamon rolls available for a free-will donation. Proceeds will benefit the student activity fund.

CULTURE OF ISRAEL PRESENTATION:

Israel is a country considered the biblical holy land by Christians, Jews and Muslims. It is a culturally rich country torn by military and political conflict. On Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m., at the Seward Memorial Library, Cindy Winter will talk about her experiences of living in Israel for 10 years while attending the University of the Holyland and volunteering in the Old City of Jerusalem.

NOV. 13

BILLY TROY PERFORMANCE:

Musician/comedian Billy Troy will entertain Monday, Nov. 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the Milford Senior Center. Whether it's music from the 50s, 60s 70s from performers ranging from Merle Haggard to Paul McCartney, he does it all. The public is invited to come for lunch and stay for the show.

NOV. 14

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.

NOV. 15

GRIEF SUPPORT:

A GriefShare one-time event on "Surviving the Holidays," sponsored by St. John Stephen Ministry, will be Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Heritage Room at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward. To find out more about this event, call Mary Ann Steinbeck at (402) 499-6618 or Deaconess Jeri at (402) 643-2983. Registration is required by Wednesday, Nov. 1, to reserve the Survival Guide, which will be supplied free of charge.

ONGOING

DECOR DAYS:

Fall Décor Days will begin Wednesday, Nov. 1, and run until Thursday, Nov. 30, in the lower level of the Seward Memorial Library during normal operating hours. This event will have great deals on knick-knacks, accessories, floral baskets, etc., for people who love to decorate for the holidays.

PICKLEBALL:

Pickleball will be played at Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church every Tuesday, beginning Nov. 7, starting at 5 p.m. and run through March. For more information, email jhughes62@hotmail.com.

ART CLASSES AT CUNE:

Area elementary and middle school students are invited to attend art classes from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday mornings in the Brommer Art Center, room 123, on Concordia University's campus. The sessions, available to pre-kindergar-

ten through eighth-grade students, will be taught by Concordia students. Dates are: Nov. 4, Kindergarten; Nov. 11, first and second grades; Dec. 2, third and fourth grades; and Dec. 9, fifth through eighth grades. There are 25 seats available per session and each student is required to pay a \$5 fee for registration and supplies. Children should be dressed in clothes that can get messy. For more information, contact Kay Rohren at (402) 643-7202 or email kay.rohren@cune.edu. This is especially important if a child has allergies. Registration is available online at go.cune.edu/saturdayartfall23.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Programs run until Nov. 2 at the Seward Memorial Library. Each program begins at 4 p.m. and lasts for 45 minutes. Stop by or call the library to register. Tuesdays are LEGOS® Adventures for K-4th grades; Wednesdays are Nature Adventures, K-4th grades; and Thursdays are Art Adventures, 2nd- 8th grades.

FOOD BANK:

The Lincoln Food Bank will distribute food from the St. John Lutheran Church fellowship hall on the second Tuesday of each month, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

FARMER'S MARKETS:

The Seward Farmer's Market will be every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon on the courthouse square in Seward through October.

TECH TIME THURSDAYS:

Kelly Moore has volunteered to help people become more comfortable with technology at the Milford Senior Center every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign up sheets are available at the center or call (402) 761-3367 to reserve a time.

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.

AA MEETING:

For women from 9 - 10 a.m. every Saturday at the Seward Civic Center.

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 \$7 for regularly scheduled meals. Meals for guests under age 60 are \$8. All are welcome.

YOGA CLASSES:

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.; using a chair for poses on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Next Level Yoga on Fridays at 9 a.m.

TAI CHI CLASSES:

Join Tai Chi classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center. Enhance your muscle strength, flexibility, balance and aerobic conditioning.

TOPS MEETS WEEKLY:

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly on Thursdays at the Seward Civic Center. TOPS is a weight management support group. Weight-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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SEWARD DISTRICT B-7

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Photo by Doug Carroll

Seward's district champion volleyball team includes, from left: (front row) Kennedy Limback, Libby Kratochvil, Gabe Cepek, Emme Brauer and Kelsey Miller; and (back row) Grace Brees, Rilyn Hiser, Addy Heaston, Mikayla Miller, Abby Covalt, Alaina Bartels, Jackie Eberspacher, Karsyn Fields and Kennedy Dominy.

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 Pinnacle Bank Arena • Lincoln, NE • Wednesday, Nov. 1 • 3 p.m.



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Malcolm's district champion volleyball team includes, front row, left to right: Jordan Brown, Madison Schultz, Abby Zegar, Camry Sehi, and Mattie Kucera. Back row: head coach Amber Dolliver, Halle Dolliver, Rachel Lannin, Isabel Stenger, McKenna Powell, Baylor Bratrsovsky, Jenna Schweitzer, Callie Schroeder, Laurel Johnson, Anna Grace Christensen and assistant coaches Kelsey Rezny and Chad Eichenberger.

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Birth

Lechtenberg

Elaine "Lainey" Margaret Lechtenberg was born Oct. 19, 2023, to Nathan Lechtenberg and Grace (Halder) Lechtenberg of Fort Calhoun at Methodist Fremont Health in Fremont.

She weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

Her grandparents are Randy Halder and Lori Shriner of Seward and Kevin and Kelly Lechtenberg of Omaha. Great-grandparents are



Elaine (Lainey) Margaret Lechtenberg

Wayne and Patsy Sawyer of Delhi, Iowa.

Rotary delivers dictionaries to third graders

The Seward Rotary Club annual sponsors a free dictionary for all third grade students in the greater Seward area, presenting dictionaries at St. Vincent de Paul, Our Redeemer Lutheran in Staplehurst, Centennial Elementary in Utica, St. Paul Lutheran in Utica and Seward Elementary in Seward.

The members of the Seward Rotary Club personally deliver the dictionaries to the students and share the positives about owning a dictionary. Each student is encouraged to write their name in the dictionary and use it during their school years.

Teachers involved with the program included Amanda Clouse, Michelle Smith, Suzanne Paseka, Beth Bohuslavsky and Brittny Carroll, all at the Seward Elementary, Marilyn Bohaty at St. Vincent de Paul School, Charity Schafer at Our Redeemer in Staplehurst, Roberta Luce at St. Paul Lutheran in Utica, and Chrystal Jorgensen and Molly Jablonski at Centennial.

The Truman Prange family presents the dictionaries to the students



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Seward Elementary third graders in Beth Bohuslavsky's class are presented free dictionaries by Rotarians Mark Kolterman and Greg Zabka.

of St. John Lutheran School in Seward as a memorial to their parents, the late Esther and Truman Prange. Also, the Milford Kiwanis buys and donates the dictionaries to the Milford third grade.

Rotarians presenting dictionaries include Chuck and Jan Matzke, Clark Kolterman, Greg Zabka, Mark Kolterman, Ben Spirk, Shelly Nitz, Jonathan Mettschke, Ron Niemoth and Bea Niemoth.

"This is a project we have promoted for years

and happy to fund," Rotary President Ben Spirk said. "Several years ago, because of the Covid pandemic, we were not able to present the dictionaries in person. To deliver them in person and share the value of the dictionaries is wonderful – the members of the Rotary Club enjoy meeting and sharing the offerings of a dictionary with each student."

The dictionary distributed is "The Best Dictionary for Students," and features

over 10,000 words with simple, child friendly definitions, plus pronunciation and parts of speech, additional information about punctuation, the nine parts of speech, weights and measures, longest word, Roman numeral, sign language, braille, periodic table of elements, multiplication table and a map of the United States and the state capitals.

For more information on the program, visit Dictionary Project at dictionaryproject.org.

Birthday

Mook

Wilma Mook of Seward will celebrate her 95th birthday Thursday, Nov. 9.

To help her celebrate, cards may be sent to 500 Heartland Park Dr., Apt. 44, Seward, NE 68434.



Wilma Mook

Students

Nebraska Music Education Association The Nebraska Music Education Association has announced the high school students selected to participate in the 2023 Nebraska All-State Ensembles. Selected from Seward High School were

Band—Izzie Peetz, baritone saxophone; and Alexander Foulk, percussion.

Orchestra—Kayla Albright, Violin II

Chorus—Sophia Matthias, Soprano I; Kyla Novak, Soprano I; Brynlie Robbins, Soprano I; Kiele Maslund, Soprano I; Callie Breece, Alto I; Madison Sides, Alto I; Ella Mohnike, Alto II; Hannah Biberbaum, Alto II; Kreyton Roth, Tenor I; Domenic Artigas, Bass II; Sjoen Munk, Bass II

Selected from Malcolm High School were:

Chorus—Madison Pavlik, Alto II; and Alex Paidler, Malcolm, Bass I

Each year more than 2,000 of the best musicians in the state in grades 9-12 audition for placement in one of four available ensembles. Selection in one of these groups is one of the highest musical honors attainable in Nebraska. These selected students will take part in the 2023 Nebraska All-State Ensembles on Nov. 16-18 on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. This will include several rehearsals with nationally recognized conductors during the NMEA Conference/In-Service Clinic. Each ensemble will perform in concerts on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Lied Performing Arts Center.

Concordia University, Nebraska

Concordia University's theatre department will perform the musical, "The Addams Family," in Weller Hall on Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 10-12. Cast members include Samuel Matthias and Anna Royuk, both of Seward.

Woman's club event collects for food pantries

It was one of the coldest weekends of the fall season, but the GFWC Seward Woman's Club still hosted and sponsored Make A Difference Day Oct. 27 and 28 throughout the community of Seward.

The club members collected food stuffs for the five area food pantries in the greater Seward area. Make a Difference Day is an effort involving volunteers and promotes the spirit of volunteerism, encouraging others to assist with a variety of service projects throughout the nation and statewide.

The GFWC Seward Women's Club membership felt this annual all-volunteer effort supports feeding the hungry, especially children.

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

The food stuffs and cash donations were collected over a period of two days and delivered to a central collection point,

where local clubwomen sorted and divided the food for each of the area pantries.

Pick-up loads of food were collected because of the generosity of the community and area shoppers.

Assisting the GFWC Seward Women's Club members in the collection were also family members. These family members and spouses not only assisted with many of the collection of food but helped with the food sorting duties as well.

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

"We are always overwhelmed with the generosity of the community and their gifts of food for the less fortunate," GFWC Seward Woman's Club President Angela Belew said. "Our members of the GFWC Seward Women's Club are happy to assist in this time of need, even if we had

to stand outside in the cold! The GFWC members know that these food gifts will help feed families in coming weeks and also make the Thanksgiving Holiday even more special."

"Our club members really appreciated the assistance offered by our family members, who helped in the food collection process," member Ellen Chaffin said. "They not only helped collect the food during the day, they stayed to assist in unloading and sorting the food stuffs for the five area food outlets- and it was not the most pleasant of days for the campaign."

All the area food pantries in the Seward area were the recipients of boxes and cans of food, along with paper products to assist the less fortunate in the community. Food and paper products were donated to Blue Valley Community Action, FoodNet, St. Vincent de Paul community food pantry, St. John Lutheran Church Christ's Cupboard food pantry and the Beaver Crossing Food Pantry.

CUNE seeks help with Food Shelf Challenge

Concordia University students will be working in the Seward community to collect non-perishable food donations as part of the November Food Shelf Challenge service project on Friday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This service project is one of many happening as part of the Beautiful Feet Mission Conference, which will take place at the university that weekend.

The Beautiful Feet Mission Conference brings together guest speakers and mission organizations to equip students through session topics, small group conversations, mission organization exploration, service projects and

worship, all with the purpose of sharing the love of Jesus with others.

This year's event features keynote speaker Rev. Greg Finke, a graduate of Concordia University, Chicago, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He is the founder and executive director of Dwelling 1:14 and author of the "Joining Jesus" series.

"If you live in Seward and would like to contribute food items, please place donations in a tied plastic bag and leave them by your front door on Nov. 10," said Concordia Nebraska Director of Global Opportunities Julie Hermann. "Items collected will

be distributed to the St. John's Lutheran Church Christ's Cupboard food pantry and to Concordia Nebraska's Help Your Shelf, an area where students can access food items and personal care items free of charge.

"This is a wonderful opportunity our students to facilitate the collection of much-needed items to benefit those with food insecurity in our community."

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The SHS Show Choir shares "It's a Beautiful Day" at Opening Night Oct. 23. The choir is polishing its five-song competition set for this year. The concert included small group performances and a dinner. About 600 tickets were sold for the fundraising event benefiting the Friends of Choral Music and the SHS music department.

Seward High presents...

Opening Night



EMILY HEMPHILL/SCI

Kyla Novak, second from left, offers a solo on the Vocal Performance choir's eight-part a capella piece "I Am Glad" on Oct. 23.



EMILY HEMPHILL/SCI

Madison Sides solos on "A Storm is Coming" with the Seward High Show Choir Oct. 23 during Opening Night.



EMILY HEMPHILL/SCI

The Mixed Choir performs at Seward High School's Opening Night Oct. 23. The choir included both men and women who performed "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "Anyway" under the direction of Ben Rickert.

OCIA Nebraska announces organic agriculture scholarships

Organic Crop Improvement Association Nebraska invites qualified high school or college students to apply for the 2024 Organic Agriculture Scholarship Program. These scholarships, each valued at \$500, are designed to empower students pursuing degrees or certificates in agriculture, with a special emphasis on organic crop and livestock production, marketing and processing.

Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2024. To qualify, you must be a current FFA member or former member, maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

and plan to obtain an agriculture-related degree from a two- or four-year higher education program.

Endorsements are also required from an FFA advisor or vocational ag instructor and an organic farmer who's at least 21 years old and actively engaged in organic farming, certified by any USDA-approved organic certifier.

Visit nebraskaoacia.org/2023-scholarship to access the application guidelines and forms.

For assistance, contact Kim Mosel, OCIA Nebraska; Program Administrator at (402) 620-2701 or email her at ocianel@yahoo.com.

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STATEBOUND



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

From left, Seward volleyball players Grace Brees, Addy Heaston, Libby Kratochvil (21), Jackie Eberspacher, Gabe Cepek, Kelsey Miller and Kennedy Limback celebrate SHS's win over Beatrice Oct. 28 in the district championship.

Seward sweeps Beatrice in district championship

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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For the second consecutive season, the Seward volleyball team will end the year in Lincoln.

The Bluejays (26-7) are the No. 7 seed in Class B and will play Elkhorn North (28-7) Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 9 a.m. at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Seward earned the spot by beating York in the subdistrict final and sweeping Beatrice in the district match.

The meeting with York was the fourth for the season, Coach Tom

Pallas said.

"I thought overall we played well," he said.

Seward won the match 25-23, 25-17, 23-25, 25-19. Pallas said the key for Seward was its balance. The Jays had four hitters with at least five kills. He said the Bluejay defense did a better job getting touches on York's outside attacks than it did when the teams played in the Central Conference tournament.

Kelsey Miller notched 21 kills to lead the offense, and Abby Covalt picked up 26 digs. Jackie Eberspacher served five aces, as well.

"With the win, we got the opportunity to host a district final," Pallas said.

Seward drew Beatrice as its district opponent. The Lady Orange were coming off a loss to Crete in their subdistrict and had lost to Seward in a triangular Sept. 28.

Pallas said Seward's resilience showed in the match, a 25-19, 25-17, 26-24 win. Seward trailed 10-4 in the third set before battling back.

"The last two weeks we've been resilient," Pallas said. "That shows and builds our confi-

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DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Seward libero Abby Covalt dives for a dig during the Bluejays' B-7 district championship victory over Beatrice Oct. 28.

Clippers rein in Broncos

BY HEATH KRAMER
Seward County Independent

Make it two in a row. The Malcolm volleyball team swept Centennial 25-21, 25-17, 25-13 on Oct. 28 to claim back-to-back district titles and two straight state tourna-

ment berths.

A scrappy Centennial squad kept things interesting early on against the No. 4 Clippers. The opening set was close throughout with Malcolm's largest lead coming on the final point, a Broncos'

net violation.

"That's how it goes for us sometimes," Malcolm head coach Amber Dolliver said. "We don't always get off to a great start. Centennial came out ready to go and played well."

Malcolm started hot in the second set. The Clippers scored the first six points, three of which came on kills from Halle Dolliver. The sophomore – who earlier in the week broke the school's single-season kills record – finished the day with a match high 21 kills. Dolliver has the state's all-class lead with 621 kills this season.

"Halle has worked hard," Coach Dolliver said. "She sees the floor well and tries to put herself in position for good swings. But we don't get those opportunities without good team defense and ball handling."

After a strong second set, the Clippers wasted little time putting away Centennial in the decisive third set.

In addition to her big swings, Dolliver led the team with 11 digs and four service aces. Jenna Schweitzer and McKenna Powell each had a pair of aces while Powell also had 37 assists from her setter

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DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm's Halle Dolliver dives for a dig against Centennial during the Clippers' district final victory over the Broncos Oct. 28 in Malcolm.



Clippers hook Horns

DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm's Logan McGreer tries to cut past a Chase County player during the Clippers' home playoff victory over the Longhorns Oct. 27. Read more about the game on page 4B.

Second wave of emergency past-due rent and utilities assistance available

BY HANNA CHRISTENSEN
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Near the end of September, the Nebraska Emergency Rental Assistance program opened applications for its second round of financial assistance for rental and utility payments.

The \$48 million program is managed by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and funded by the U.S. Treasury Department's second Emergency Rental Assistance program. It was authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Through the program, qualified households may receive up to \$30,000 for past-due and future rent payments and past-due utility and internet payments. Assistance for past-due utility payments is capped at \$4,000, assistance for future rent payments is capped at three months and no more than \$100 can go toward past-due internet payments each month.

The program also provides housing stability services, which include relocation and rehousing

efforts, specialized housing services for people with disabilities or older adults and services that enable households to maintain or obtain housing.

These services may include eviction prevention, eviction diversion or mediation between landlords and tenants.

NIFA Executive Director Shannon Harner said about a year has gone by since the last round of ERA assistance ended. She said the monetary support can be vital to people's future success because when someone gets evicted, it can make it more difficult for them to be approved to rent in the future.

"What we really want to do is prevent people from having an eviction on their record or having some negative credit impact to the extent that we can," Harner said. "That really makes a big difference in all other aspects of their financial life and what they're able to do."

Harner said it is rewarding to help people stay in their homes during trying times.

"We know how expensive rents have become through COVID-19 and how unaffordable it can be," she said. "It's nice to be able to help people

through a tough time."

To be eligible for the assistance, one must

- be renting a residential property with a valid lease in Nebraska outside of Douglas and Lancaster counties,
- have a household income at or below 80% of the area median income,
- experienced a financial hardship during COVID-19, and
- be a legal resident of the United States.

Examples of valid financial hardships during COVID-19 include the loss of a job or reduced hours, increased rent or utilities or increased childcare costs or medical expenses.

Lancaster and Douglas counties are excluded because they have their own ERA programs and a different application process.

Interested persons can learn more or apply to the program online at NebraskaRentHelp.org or by phone at 1-844-429-6575. Those who have questions or need assistance with the application can reach out to a local Community Collaborative.

Member receives 50-year pin for membership with GFWC

Bonnie Kruse of Seward, a longtime member of the GFWC Seward Womans Club, was surprised at the Oct. 18 GFWC Seward Womans Club meeting.

She was presented the 50-year membership pin by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club President Angela Belew, GFWC NFWC State President Karen Crandall of the Papillion and GFWC Past State President Jean Kolterman.

They each shared memories of working with Kruse over the years and how much they appreciated her loyalty and leadership at whatever task she was assigned.

As a member of the GFWC International Board of Directors, Kruse served as 2006-2008 Resolutions Committee member, 1998-2000 Community Improvement Program/President's Special Project Committee member, 1994-1996 GFWC Cultural Exchange Program chairman, 1990-1994



COURTESY PHOTO

Bonnie Kruse of Seward was recently recognized for 50 years of membership in Seward's GFWC Woman's Club. Pictured are, from left, Angela Belew, president of the GFWC Seward Womans Club, Bonnie Kruse, Jean Kolterman, GFWC NFWC Past State President, and Karen Crandall, GFWC NFWC State President.

GFWC Nebraska Director of Junior Clubs, and 2000-2002 GFWC Nebraska State President.

On the Regional level she served on the 1994-1996 GFWC Mississippi Valley Region Finance and Budget Committee and the Committee to Approve Minutes of the 1992-1994 Administration. On the State

level she has served as a member of the of the State Bylaws Committee and the GFWC Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs June Russell Scholarship Committee.

On the District level she has held the offices of President, President-elect, First Vice President, Secretary and District Junior Director.

She served as District Arts Chairman and Performing Arts Chairman. Her local club volunteer work has consisted of chairman of the Community Improvement Program, chairman of the Seward 4th of July Parade Committee, Youth Art Show chairman and Bloodmobile chairman.

Kruse initiated the Hugh O'Brian Leadership program for Seward High School in 1984, was a speaker for the 1986 State Seminar, and served as the 1991 State Selection Committee.

She has been a volunteer reader for Quiz Bowl and has helped with the Sophomore Pilgrimage for many years. She is also a member of the Grand Bahama American Women's Club due to a friendship she made with Joyce Harrison who served with Kruse on the GFWC International Board of Directors.

When Kruse is on island during the winter months, she volunteers to help screen the sight and hearing of school children and assists the club in raising money for student scholarships and nonprofit organizations.

Kruse and her husband Jon, who are both also members of Rotary, are also active with the Grand Bahama Rotary

Club of Lucaya. After Hurricane Dorian, both the Seward Rotary Club and the Rotary Club Lucaya raised money to replace badly needed hospital beds.

The Kruses are members of St. John Lutheran Church in Seward, but Kruse also volunteers to teach Sunday school at Our Savior Lutheran Church in the Bahamas. All of this is the result of the initial friendship between Bonnie and Joyce made possible through GFWC and the support of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club.

According to Kruse, "The true blessing for me being a 50-year member has been the friendships I have made through GFWC and the opportunity to work with hundreds of volunteers over the years. It has been a great experience and I look forward to many more wonderful experiences in the future, volunteering together."

Daughter, coworker remembered at Alps Bark Park

BY AMY HAUSMAN
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Jazmin Lopez's picture is on display on the ofrenda in her family's home, but a space dedicated to her memory is now open at the Alps Bark Park in Seward. Lopez, a former employee of the dog spa and daycare, was the brains behind the outdoor play area that was unveiled on Sept. 21 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The play area was named after Lopez, who passed away at the age of 19.

Owner Scott Dinslage was joined by Lopez's family including her parents Gerardo and Holly, and sister Leslie and identical twin sister Dani.

"Jazmin always loved animals growing up," Holly said. "She went to her grandpa and grandma's in Utica and they had goats, dogs, chickens and kittens so they (her daughters) were always around that kind of environment."

Jazmin would beg



AMY HAUSMAN/SCI

Bunny, a guest in the outdoor play area at the Alps Bark Park, enjoys the new facility spaced named after former employee Jazmin Lopez.

her parents to take animals home as a child.

"My husband brought home a little black ball of fur and we named her Cookie and she was a schnoodle," Holly said. "We also ended up getting a Boston terrier, Max and a poodle named Daisy when Jazmin was growing up, and the girls fell in love

with them."

Lopez and her sisters also had a chinchilla, ferret and parakeets as children. She also studied agricultural science in high school and was active in FFA.

"The FFA would have a petting zoo at the high school and she would help out with that," Holly said. "Jazmin

was very patient and was like a mother hen watching over the kids but still would participate with them, being a child herself. Jazmin was very in touch with nature."

Holly and Lopez would groom the family's dogs together at home, and Lopez was the only one who could

help Holly keep them calm.

"Jazmin knew how to handle Cookie so she was calm and I could give her a proper haircut," Holly said. "Jazmin was never afraid and just wanted to comfort the dogs."

When Lopez first started at the Alps, she was an adventure guide and took dogs for walks, cleaned the kennels, gave baths and monitored group play.

"There was this dog, Franklin, from the Alps, and whenever Jazmin was gone Franklin's mom would text her and say that Franklin really missed her," Holly said. "So the next time when she would go to work and see Franklin, he would literally dart towards her and just jump in her arms. Franklin's mom actually came to the funeral and that meant a lot. I never realized the close relationships she built with her clients."

Lopez also enjoyed photography and would do pet photography during the seasonal hol-

idays at the Alps Bark Park.

"When she got the job at the Alps, she was just so proud and just ecstatic to do something that she loved doing," Holly said. "She just felt so successful in what she was doing. She took so many pictures of cuddle time and the photos just melted my heart."

When Lopez moved out she rescued a dog named Lilly, who she was able to take to work and who became an introduction dog to welcome new dogs to the bark park and help them adjust.

"Lilly was her everything," Holly said. "That and family. You can tell the dog is grieving too."

Holly and her family appreciate everything the Alps Bark Park has done to honor their daughter and would encourage others to make time for their own families at home.

"Life gets so busy," Holly said. "It is important to spend time together."

Obituaries

Joseph D. "J. D." or "Dale" Harris
Aug. 8, 1955 – Oct. 24, 2023

Joseph Dale "J. D." or "Dale" Harris was born Aug. 8, 1955, to Iva (Miller) Harris and Harold "Jack" Harris in Burwell. He passed away Oct. 24, 2023, at home in Staplehurst after a seven-year battle with cancer.



Dale grew up on a farm west of Taylor and graduated from Loup County High School in 1973. After high school, Dale worked ranch-related jobs and at the Sargent Alfalfa Dehy plant. On Oct. 15, 1977, Dale

married his forever wife and love of his life, Marla Kay Bomberger. To this union, two wonderful and blessed children were born: daughter, Chelsy Jo and son, Justin Dale.

In 1978, Dale was accepted into the Nebraska State Patrol. After training camp, he was assigned to Columbus, South Sioux City, and lastly serving 25 years in Ainsworth. Dale's duties included 20 years as a traffic trooper and over seven years in investigate services. During his patrol career, he served 25 years on the Hazardous Materials Team, 15 years on the SWAT team and 20 years on Executive Protection detail.

He trained new troopers as a Field Training Officer and instructed courses for new recruits and troopers at the NSP Training Academy (hazmat, rope rescue and repelling) and at various SWAT trainings. Dale retired from the Nebraska State patrol on Dec. 31, 2005, after serving 27 and a half years.

Dale was very active in the community, coaching and assistant coaching Elks and Legion baseball programs, president and member of the Ainsworth Bulldog Booster Club, president and member of the Ainsworth Golf Course, member of BPOE Elks 1790 and the Sons of the American Legion, officer and member of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and volunteer for the Colorado Springs Care and Share Food Bank. He also taught defensive driving tactics for the Nebraska Safety Council.

Dale started Harris Construction after retirement. He had already built two houses for he and his family, plus remodeling other homes prior to retirement. He went on to build several more houses, including two more for he and Marla and one alongside his daughter and son-in-law. He was a phone call away when his children and friends had projects needing his help. Harris Construction was active from 2005 to 2022, when failing health forced him to retire from work completely.

Dale loved to travel and enjoyed trips to Jamaica, Alaska, and across the United States from California to South Carolina with Marla, family, and dear friends.

Dale is survived by wife Marla Kay Harris; daughter Chelsy Harris and spouse John Buell, step-grandchildren John and Tyler Buell, Colorado Springs, CO; son Justin Harris and spouse MaKensy, grandchildren Koeyn Lynn and Jett Dexter Harris, Richmond Hill, GA; sister Wanda and spouse Brad Grasmick, Taylor, NE; brother Gene Harris, Burwell, NE; brothers Dell Harris and Terry Harris, Taylor, NE; mother-in-law Conni Bomberger, York, NE; sister-in-law Cortni Lavicky and spouse Kevin, Staplehurst, NE; special nephews Jamison Fern and Cooper Fern, Staplehurst, NE; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his mother, Iva Harris; father, Jack Harris, father-in-law, Marlin Bomberger; grandparents, Rosetta Peril Sinkler Miller, Carrol Ray Miller, Gladys Williams Harris and Aaron Harris.

Dale proudly consented to the "Postmortem Tissue Donation from Prostate Cancer" research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center after his death.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Event Center in Taylor with inurnment at Mount Hope Cemetery in Sargent. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family to be designated later for cancer research. Arrangements by Hitchcock Funeral Home in Burwell.

Linda M. Kriz
Feb. 19, 2003 – Oct. 22, 2023

Linda Marie Kriz was born Feb. 19, 2003, in Lincoln and passed away Oct. 22, 2023, in Brainard at the age of 20 years, 8 months and 3 days.

Linda was in foster care for the first eight years of her life. She was adopted May 26, 2011, by Terry and Shelly (Vyhlidal) Kriz. Her mom courageously battled cancer and went to her heavenly home on Dec. 14, 2012.

Linda attended East Butler High School and graduated with the Class of 2021. She was known for her high-pitched voice and her infectious laugh, which her sister, Millie, often made fun of her for. Linda had a deep passion for all animals, especially her cat, Pheobe, and she enjoyed her involvement in 4-H. She absolutely loved her job as a para at Bellwood Elementary School in the preschool classroom and found so much joy in her students and co-workers. In her free time, Linda enjoyed gaming and meeting new people. She was often known for her independence and being a homebody. Linda spent a lot of time with her cousin, Reagan. She loved her family very much and would do anything for them. Linda was especially close and had a deep love for her dad.

Linda was preceded in death by her mother, Shelly Kriz, and grandpa, Milo Vanis.

Survivors cherishing her memory include her father and step-mother, Terry and Julie Kriz, Brainard; sisters, Olivia Kriz and Millie Kriz; stepsiblings, Kelsey (Brady) Papineau, Kolby Baer and Kurtis Baer; brothers, Mathew Logsdon, Jon Logsdon, Matthew Pinkman, Michael Pinkman and John Pinkman; grandparents, Dean and Lynelle Kriz and Dave and Lyn Vyhlidal and Judy Vanis; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was Oct. 30 at St. Francis Catholic Church in David City with inurnment at the Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Brainard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Kriz family for future designations. Arrangements by Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home.



Marian Leff
Oct. 24, 2023

Marian Leff, 90, of Branson, Missouri, passed away Oct. 24, 2023.

Marian and her husband, Don, were married 72 years on Sept. 8. They farmed near Beaver Crossing and retired to Mercedes, Texas, and Branson.

To this union were born two daughters, Darcy Lingwall, Seward, and Rhonda (Dennis) Kalmbrunn. Other survivors include four granddaughters, Tracy (Dan) Harnly, Brandy (Tim), Reisdorff, South Carolina, Jayme (Alex) Lowell, Lincoln, and Kelly Kalmbrunn, Arizona; seven great-grandsons, Kody and Tiki Reisdorff, South Carolina, Tyson Reisdorff, Lincoln, Skye Harnly, Kansas City, Laken Harnly, Sioux City, Iowa, and Jack and Hudson Lowell, Lincoln; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Tracy Harnly; parents, George and Ann Bauer; brothers, Wilber (Tim) and Don Bauer.

Marian loved shopping with her granddaughters, sports, fishing (she always caught the big one), bowling, blue rock shooting and dancing. Marian always found the good in people and even had a street named for her where she lived in Kirbyville, Missouri.

Marian lived a long life and gathered many friends she had great stories about. She will be missed.



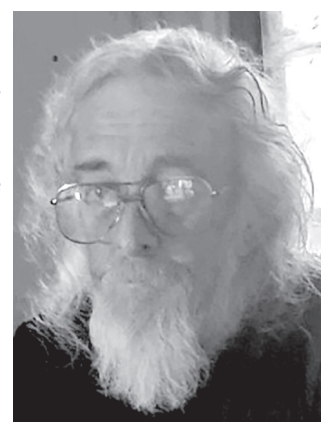
Wayne Tannahill
Oct. 23, 2023 – Jan. 12, 1970

Wayne Tannahill, age 53 of York died Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at York. He was born Jan. 12, 1970, to Merlin and Betty (Rucksdaeschel) Tannahill in Seward.

Wayne had worked for Sampson Construction in Lincoln for more than 20 years. He was a Dodge enthusiast, enjoyed music and collected coins and guns. He was a firm believer in the American Constitution.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Crystal; step-daughter, Cara Schrader of York; brother, Gordon (Michelle) Tannahill of Bellevue; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service was Oct. 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church, south of Waco, with burial in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family. Arrangements by Metz Mortuary, York.



Traffic

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

Oct. 9 – 20
Jory M. Pierce, 29, Lincoln, expired in-transit decal, \$50 fine.
Eduardo S. Villarreal Vega, 27, Grand Island, speeding 11-15 mph interstate, \$75 fine.
Daniel A. Morin, 51, Perryville, Arkansas, prohibited lane change, \$25 fine.
Demea P. Carter, 37, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.
Simon N. Ortega, 22, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.
Samuel J. Bright, 22, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.
Hector V. Quino, 27,

Crete, no operator's license/waiverable, \$75 fine.

Anita M. Martin, 54, Friend, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Cole P. Costello, 28, Omaha, speeding 36+ mph interstate, \$300 fine.

Marlon Gomez Hernandez, 20, Crete, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Tess E. Brauer, 16, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Nelson Girmus, 18, Milford, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Adam A. Tillgren, 40, Urbandale, Iowa, speeding 6-10 mph interstate construction, \$50 fine.

County court

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County court.

Oct. 16 – 20
Samuel D. Karp, 30, Pacific Palisades, California, possess K2/synthetic one ounce or less first offense, \$300 fine.
Bashar M. Athab, 18, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine; driving under suspension before reinstated, \$100 fine.
William J. Rosno, Jr., 24, David City, DUI-alcohol second offense, \$500 fine, 10 days jail, one year probation, revoked license 18 months and ignition interlock device ordered; carrying a concealed weapon, \$500 fine and one year probation.

Sheriff's dept.

Information provided by the Seward County Sheriff's Dept. for activities Oct. 15 – 21.

Summary of calls:
911 misdials 2
Abandoned vehicle 2
Accidents w/injuries 5
Auto thefts 1
Business check 2
Civil 1
Coroner call 1
Criminal mischief 2
Extra patrol 3
Field contact 3
Harassment 1

HHS intake 5
Medical calls 1
Miscellaneous 31
Motorist assist 6
Non-injury accidents

1
Reckless driving 7
Security alarms 2
Traffic hazard-debris 1
Traffic stops 66
Village ordinance violations 4
Village patrols 146
Warrant/arrest 1
Weapons offense 1
Welfare check 3

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Oct. 19 – 25
ZBI, Inc., to Jacob L. Zimmer and Chantal Zimmer, a tract of land in the SE1/4 19-9-2. DS \$76.50
Mark D. Bright and Sharon K. Bright to Nick E. Adams, Lots 4-6, 9-10, Block 7 in Milford. DS \$18
John D. Lorenz and Alice L. Lorenz to John D. Lorenz and Alice L. Lorenz, trustees, Lot 1,

Block 2, Fairway Woods Addition to Seward. DS exempt
Ernest L. Hale and Diana L. Hale to Justin Vajgrt, all of Lot 4 and part of Lot 3, Block 18, Dimery's Second Addition to Beaver Crossing. DS \$56.25
Lacey Koch to Emunah Ahav, LLC, part of Lots 1 and 4, Block 10 in Seward. DS exempt
ARRC Properties, LLC, to Golden Rule Contractors, part of Lots 8-9, Block 99, Harris, Moffit and Roberts' Addition to Seward. DS \$157.50

BJMcVey, LLC, to DSFrank, LLC, part of Lot 9, Block 12 in Staplehurst. DS exempt
Barney W. Cool and Dawn K. Cool to Caleb Pongo and Cassandra Hinrichs, a tract of land in the SE1/4 34-10-2. DS \$1,113.75
Debbie A. Eberspacher to Matthew T. Laetsch and Michelle J. Laetsch, Lot 1, Block 3, Valley View Addition to Milford. DS \$708.75
Amy D. Haberman to Centennial Homes, LLC, Lot 1, Haberman Subdivision to Utica. DS \$45

Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Dept. for activities Oct. 19 – 25.

Summary of calls:
Abuse/neglect 1
Arrest/DUS 1
Accident w/injuries 2
Assault/domestic 1
City ordinance violation 4
Civil/property dispute 2
Criminal mischief 2
Field contact 1
Fraud 3
HHS intake investi-

gation 1
Medical calls 1
Miscellaneous 27
Property lost or found 2
Protection order violation 1
Pursuit 1
Reckless driving 3
School bus stop arm violation 1
Suspicious vehicle/person 2
Traffic control 1
Traffic stops 38
Trespassing 1
Welfare check 8

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Seward's Kelsey Miller swings against York Oct. 24 in the subdistrict final.

Seward

(CONTINUED FROM 1B) dence.”

He said it was important to keep the errors low, and the Jays were able to do that, hitting over .300 for the match with just eight attack errors.

“Beatrice has beaten really good teams,” he said. “All three games we kept the pressure on. We did an excellent job of keeping unforced errors down.”

The match featured a lot of hustle plays, where neither team let the ball hit the floor. Pallas said Seward did a good job completing out-of-system attacks.

“I’m proud of how we came back,” he said.

Eberspacher hit a season-high 13 kills in the match to lead the offense. Covalt picked up 22 digs, and Libby Kratochvil delivered 28 assists.

Pallas said the energy and enthusiasm from the bench were great to see.

“They were able to keep the energy up,” he said.

Next up for SHS in the first round of state is Elkhorn North. The Wolves are a tall, athletic team that will challenge the Jays.

“We look forward to the opportunity,” Pallas said.

Seward 3, York 1			
SHS	25	25	23
BHS	19	17	24

YHS 23 17 25 19			
ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills) —Gabi Cepek 21-24-6, Jackie Eberspacher 21-34-9, Alaina Bartels 16-20-3, Emme Brauer 2-3, Libby Kratochvil 8-9-2, Kennedy Limback 26-29-5, Kelsey Miller 40-45-21.			
BLOCKS (solo-assists) —Cepek 1-4, Eberspacher 1-0, Bartels 1-1, Kratochvil 0-4, Miller 2-1.			
SERVES (good-attempts-aces) —Abby Covalt 14-14-1, Eberspacher 18-18-5, Bartels 25-28-1, Kratochvil 10-11-1, Limback 11-13, Miller 12-13.			
SETS (attempts-assists) —Cepek 1-0, Covalt 22-5, Eberspacher 2-0, Bartels 2-0, Kratochvil 12-36, Limback 6-3, Rilynn Hiser 2-0, Miller 2-0.			
DIGS —Covalt 26, Eberspacher 6, Bartels 4, Brauer 3, Kratochvil 11, Limback 12, Hiser 8, Miller 3.			

Seward 3, Beatrice 0			
SHS	25	25	26
BHS	19	17	24

Seward 3, York 1			
SHS	25	25	23
BHS	19	17	24

Seward 3, York 1			
SHS	25	25	23
BHS	19	17	24

Seward 3, York 1			
SHS	25	25	23
BHS	19	17	24

Seward 3, York 1			
SHS	25	25	23
BHS	19	17	24

Malcolm stays alive with home win

BY HEATH KRAMER
Seward County Independent

When it comes to playoff football, the mantra is to survive and advance.

Though it was at times ugly, No. 5 Malcolm was able to move forward in the Class C2 playoffs after a 20-12 opening round victory over Chase County on Oct. 27.

On a cold and windy night, the Clippers struggled to grip the pigskin, coughing up the ball eight times. On its opening possession, the Clippers fell on their own fumbles three times.

“We have to take better care of the ball,” Malcolm coach Scott Amen said. “Some of it was the conditions, but some of it is just lack of focus. We can’t have that.”

After a scoreless opening frame, Dalton Amen got Malcolm on the board with a 10-yard run in the second quarter. Seeing his first action since an Oct. 6 injury, Amen led Malcolm with 64 yards on 16 carries.

“We were careful with him,” Coach Amen said about his son. “But we were glad to have him back on the field.”

After the Malcolm defense stuffed the Longhorns’ wishbone attack – keeping them from any first downs in the first half – the Clippers got the ball back with time for one more score. Maddox Meyer connected with Noah VanEvery from 18 yards out for the senior tight end’s first touchdown of the season.

“Coach (Matt) Coufal put together a great plan for our defense,” Amen said. “A wishbone offense isn’t easy to pre-



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Malcolm's Dalton Amen, right, and his teammates celebrate his second quarter touchdown against Chase County Oct. 27.

pare for in just a week. But Matt always comes up with a solid plan, and we have smart football players that play with discipline.”

The Malcolm defense held Chase County to three first downs and 150 total yards.

The Clippers’ ball handling woes created scoring opportunities for Chase County in the second half. A mishandled punt fair catch by Preston Kucera was recovered at the Malcolm 11-yard-line.

The defense held again and the Clippers took over on downs just two yards from the goal line, only to give it right back. Meyer lost his grip

on a third down scramble, and Chase County’s Jaret Peterson grabbed the ball in midair and sprinted 10 yards to get the Longhorns on the board.

In the fourth quarter, the speedy Logan McGreer got behind the Longhorns’ defense on a 54-yard touchdown pass from Meyer that proved to be the game-winner.

Malcolm was in a familiar situation in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. After Chase County’s longest drive of the night, the Clippers’ defense once again kept the Longhorns out of the end zone on fourth and goal when Cole Tiedeman picked

Malcolm senior reflects on race

BY HEATH KRAMER
Seward County Independent

While every cross country meet is unique and each course has its own idiosyncrasies, the state championships in Kearney are a whole other animal. The crowds are big and loud. The course is hilly and crowded. The pressure is immense.

For Malcolm’s Bricen Wilkie, the Oct. 20 Class C boys race had a different outcome than the one he wanted. Coming off a fourth-place district finish in which the senior ran his first ever sub 17-minute race, Wilkie placed 43rd at the state meet with a time of 18:17.

“Obviously, I’m not pleased with how my race went,” Wilkie said. “Every runner has a bad day here and there. Mine came at a bad time.”

Wilkie was one of 119 runners competing in the Class C boys’ race. Having qualified as an individual, he was the only Malcolm runner on the course on an

unseasonably warm afternoon.

“It can be difficult for some athletes to go from running in cooler conditions to, all of a sudden, having to run in hotter weather,” Malcolm coach Brie Walklin said. “I know Bricen fuels up and hydrates his body properly. It just didn’t all come together that day.”

While falling short of his goal to win a state medal, the two-time state qualifier had a successful senior season.

“Sometimes when races don’t turn out the way we want, it gives you some doubt,” Walklin said. “That’s why I’m so glad he was able to have an amazing race the week before at districts. One tough race doesn’t define you. He can look back and see how his times got faster as the season went along. He should be super proud of what he was able to accomplish during his three years on the team.”

Wilkie sees the big picture and knows the sport has taught him

lessons that go beyond what a stopwatch tells you.

“Cross country has helped me develop a good work ethic,” Wilkie said. “Hard works pays off.”

“I know God has a plan for me, even if it wasn’t to win a state medal. I give thanks to Him.”

NCA picks all state

The Nebraska Coaches Association announced its super state and all-state selections for the 2023 cross country, girls’ golf and tennis.

Cross country selections were based on state championship performances. The top times across all classes were named super state. Any athletes in the top seven of their class not part of the super state were named to the all-state teams.

Avery Carter and Lilly Kenning, both of Milford, were named to the Class C all-state teams.

CU second in shoot

More than 100 competitors descended upon Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard, for the eighth annual Concordia Bulldog Sporting Invitational held the weekend of Oct. 21-22.

The Concordia University Shooting Sports team placed second high overall out of nine teams in the field. In a twist from many other collegiate shooting events, the Concordia Invite tested all athletes with 200 sporting clay and 100 super sporting clay targets. Two Bulldogs came away with awards as Sam Blevins (91, 86) took third among males in sporting and Claire Kee (170/200, 86) earned second in sporting and third in super sporting among females.

The final event of the fall portion of the 2023-24 schedule will be the Waco Trap & Skeet Collegiate Invitational in Waco, Texas, Nov. 4-5. This will be the program’s first appearance at this particular shoot.

Malcolm

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Malcolm advanced to the district final after sweeping Lincoln Christian in an Oct. 23 subdistrict opener, 25-17, 25-14, 25-18, before beating Wahoo the next night, 25-14, 25-23, 25-17.

Dolliver had 23 kills in each of the two subdistrict matches. Callie Schroeder averaged eight kills per match in the three contests last week. Laurel Johnson averaged just under six kills per match.

“We try to take advantage of what they give us on the other side of the net,” Dolliver said. “When we see a favorable matchup, that’s where we try to attack.”

After an opening round exit last year, the Clippers are looking for their first state tournament win since 2016 when they finished as the C1 runner-up.

As the No. 4 seed, Malcolm (27-4) will face No. 5 Pierce (30-3) in a Wednesday, Nov. 1, quarterfinal match at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The match is scheduled for 3 p.m. on the north court.

“Playing at PBA is such a different atmosphere than anything we experience all season,” Dolliver said. “I’m thankful our girls experienced it last year. This won’t be new for them.”

Malcolm 3, Centennial 0			
Centennial	21	17	13
Malcolm	25	25	25

KILLS—Schroeder 9, Johnson 5, Dolliver 21, Powell 2, Brown 2, Lannin 2.

BLOCKS—Schroeder, Johnson 2.

SERVES (aces)—Powell 2, Dolliver 4, Schweitzer 2, Johnson, Zegar.

SETS (assists)—Schultz, Powell 37.

DIGS—Schultz 7, Schweitzer 5, Dolliver 11, Lannin, Zegar 7.

Malcolm 3 Wahoo 0			
Wahoo	14	23	17
Malcolm	25	25	25

KILLS—Schroeder 6, Johnson 6, Dolliver 23, Lannin 3, Powell.

BLOCKS—Dolliver, Brown.

SERVES (aces)—Schultz, Johnson, Dolliver 4, Powell.

SETS (assists)—Schultz 2, Schweitzer, Powell 31.

DIGS—Schultz 7, Schroeder 4, Schweitzer 2, Dolliver 8, Lannin 3, Brown, Zegar 5.

Malcolm 3, Lincoln Christian 0			
LCS	17	14	18
Malcolm	25	25	25

KILLS—Schroeder 9, Sehi, Johnson 6, Dolliver 23, Lannin 5, Powell, Brown.

BLOCKS—Schroeder, Johnson 4, Dolliver 3, Powell 2.

SERVES (aces)—Johnson 2, Dolliver, Powell.

SETS (assists)—Powell 39, Zegar 3.

this week. It should be a great game.”

Malcolm 20, Chase County 12			
Chase Cty	0	0	6
Malcolm	0	12	0

Second quarter
MAL—Amen 10 run (kick failed)
MAL—VanEvery 18 pass from M. Meyer (run failed)

Third quarter
CC—Peterson 10 fumble return (kick failed)

Fourth quarter
MAL—McGreer 54 pass from M. Meyer (Amen pass from Meyer)
CC—O’Neil 6 fumble return (run failed)

Team totals			
	MAL	CC	
First downs	17	3	
Carries-yards	43-130	24-63	
Comp.-att.-int.	10-24-1	6-15-3	
Passing yards	139	87	
Fumbles-lost	8-3	0-0	
Penalties-yards	11-94	2-11	

Individual stats
RUSHING—Amen 16-64, M. Meyer 17-57, McGreer 2-6, B. Meyer 4-6, Fox 3-4, Frank 1--7.

PASSING—M. Meyer 10-24-1, 139 yds
RECEIVING—McGreer 5-97, Tiedeman 3-26, VanEvery 1-17, Amen 1-1

TACKLES (Unassisted-Assisted-TFL)— M. Meyer 5-0-0, Schmidt 3-2-1, Fox 2-3-0, Tiedeman 2-1-0, M. Wisneski 2-4-0, England 2-4-0, Frank 1-1-1, Burbach 1-0-0, Kucera 1-0-0, McGreer 0-1-0, B. Meyer 0-4-0, VanEvery 0-1-0, O. Little 0-1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS—Tiedeman 2, McGreer.

Tigers ground Jays in postseason

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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After a heart-stopping last-second win last week at Gretna East, the Seward football team was looking to ride that momentum into the playoffs Oct. 27.

Hastings High had other ideas and ended the Jays' hopes of a postseason run by a 35-6 final in Seward. Seward finished the season 6-4.

"Hastings came out hot, and we were not able to move the ball the way we wanted to or get the stops we needed to win the game," Coach Jamie Opfer said. "Football can be a game of momentum at times, and we were unable to match their intensity Friday."

HHS opened the scoring with a 57-yard pass play in the first quarter and extended the lead on a one-yard run later in the period.

The lead was 21-0 before the Bluejays found the scoreboard. Tresten Hass connected with Jack Vyhnaelek on a 76-yard pass play. The point-after kick failed, leaving the Jays with six points.

Hastings added touch-



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Seward's Edison Knott looks to avoid Hastings High's Landon Hinrichs during the Bluejays' 35-6 loss Oct. 27.

downs in the third and fourth quarters.

Seward finished the game with just 20 yards rushing on 25 carries. Hass completed 11 of 24 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, Caden Schadwinkel finished with three solo tackles and 12 assists, while Josh Ringler added four solo stops and six as-

sists.

Despite the outcome Friday, Opfer was proud of his team and how it competed every day.

"Football is a little different than other sports, it's not something that you can really do year round, and the amount of practice that you have compared to the number of games makes each and every

game extremely important," he said. "It can be a physical grind on your mind and body and our guys continue to respond each week."

He said this year's seniors battled for four years and improved as players on the field and as people off it.

Because of injuries, Seward played more younger athletes this

season, which makes Opfer excited for the future.

This year's seniors are Conner Matzke, Caden Brooks, Reggie Sukup, Matthew Wegman, Kohlynn Lindau, Josh Ringler, Nolan Stanton, Carter Ernesti, Dustin Kloppel and Cole Luebbe.

Brooks, Sukup and Luebbe missed part or all of the season with injuries.

Hastings 35, Seward 6

HHS 14 7 7 7 35
SHS 0 6 0 0 6

First quarter

HHS—57-yard pass (kick good)

HHS—1-yard run (kick good)

Second quarter

HHS—6-yard run (kick good)

SHS—Tresten Hass 76-yard pass to Jack Vyhnaelek (kick failed)

Third quarter

HHS—3-yard run (kick good)

Fourth quarter

HHS—9-yard pass (kick good)

Team totals

HHS SHS
First downs 24 9
Carries-yards 35-179 25-20
Comp.-att.-int. 18-23-0 11-24-1
Passing yards 235 124
Punts-avg. 3-32.0 3-35.66
Return yards 29 64
Fumbles-lost 1-0 5-1
Penalties-yards 5-25 2-20

Individual stats

RUSHING—Hass 11 (-2), Edison Knott 12-29, Brenden Ruth 2 (-7)

PASSING—Hass 11-24-1 145.

RECEIVING—Lathan Janousek 1-8, Hass 1-6, Vyhnaelek 4-102, Hayden Burhoop 2-12, Knott 3-23.

TACKLES—Hass 2u, 2a; Matthew Wegman 1a; Burhoop 1u; Knott 2u, 6a; Keyan Schadwinkel 1a; Devon Perry 2u, 1a; Kolton Loos 3a; Ruth 3u, 7a; Karson Dyer 1u, 2a; Max Briggs 1u, 4a; Kohlynn Lindau 3u, 6a; Josh Ringler 4u, 6a; Nolan Stanton 6a; Jayden Hernandez 3a; Caden Schadwinkel 3u, 12a; Barrett Wiesen 1u; Carter Ernesti 1a; Connor Sveegren 1u, 2a.

Broncos fall in district final match

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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If only.

If Centennial had been able to edge Malcolm in the first game of the Oct. 28 district championship match, maybe the outcome would have been different, Coach Alex Anstine said.

"If we'd got the first, we'd have more fuel," she said.

CHS didn't win the first, however, and lost to Malcolm 25-21, 25-17, 25-13 to end the season at 22-11.

"Malcolm is a great team," Anstine said. "Halle (Dolliver) is a great athlete."

She said the Broncos talked all week about getting block touches on the Clippers' attack. CHS finished with two solo blocks and four assists.

Centennial also struggled with Malcolm's serve, Anstine said.

"It was not our night," she said.

Catelynn Borgen finished with seven kills in the match, and Cora Payne and Karley Naber



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Cheyenne Tonniges (13) and Avery Stuhr (6) of Centennial go for a block against Malcolm's Halle Dolliver Oct. 28 during the district final.

had five each. Kate Luebbe served two aces and picked up eight digs.

The week started with the Broncos beating

Fillmore Central 25-14, 25-13, 25-23 Oct. 23 and then topping Fairbury 26-24, 16-25, 15-25, 25-20, 15-8 in the subdistrict final Oct. 24.

Anstine said Bronco errors let Fillmore Central back into the match, but CHS was able to hold on. Payne and Naber finished with 11 kills each. Luebbe served two more aces, and Ella Wambold had 15 digs and 32 assists.

Against Fairbury, Anstine said, the Broncos dug themselves into an early hole, trailing 9-1 and 20-11 in the first set. It was more of the same in the second set, but CHS couldn't dig out of that one, she said.

"Cora (Payne) and Catelynn (Borgen) struggled, and we couldn't find a rhythm," Anstine said. "Kudos to the others for stepping up."

The team started out better in the fourth set and got going in the fifth, as well.

Averie Stuhr led the offense with 11 kills. Payne had two solo

blocks, and Tyler Opfer served four aces. Naber had 24 digs and Molly Prochaska added 18.

The Broncos had lots to be proud of this season, Anstine said.

"We did really great things," she said.

CHS will graduate five—Cora Payne, Molly Prochaska, Kate Luebbe, Karlie Naber and Brylie Streit.

Centennial 3, Fillmore Central 0

CHS 25 25 25
FCHS 14 13 23

ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Cora Payne 15-17-11, Ella Wambold 5-7, Karley Naber 25-29-11, Averie Stuhr 12-13-6, Catelynn Borgen 22-23-7, Cheyenne Tonniges 10-11-5. Totals 89-100-40.

BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Payne 0-3, Naber 0-1, Stuhr 1-2, Borgen 0-3, Tonniges 0-2. Totals 1-11.

SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Payne 7-9, Wambold 15-17-1, Molly Prochaska 14-14-1, Naber 16-16-6, Naber 3-3-1, Opfer 3-3, Tonniges 2-2. Totals 65-75-5.

SETS (good-attempts-assists)—Payne 1-1, Wambold 69-69-32, Prochaska 1-1, Luebbe 16-16-6, Naber 3-3-1, Opfer 3-3, Tonniges 2-2. Totals 95-95-39.

DIGS—Payne 2, Wambold 15, Prochaska 11, Luebbe 10, Naber 13, Stuhr 1, Opfer 3, Borgen 1, Tonniges 2. Total 58.

Centennial 3, Fairbury 2

CHS 26 16 15 25 15
FHS 24 25 25 20 8

ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Payne 23-32-9, Wambold 14-16-2, Luebbe 1-1-1, Naber 45-53-7, Stuhr 22-26-11, Borgen 24-35-7, Tonniges 9-10-3. Totals 138-173-40.

BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Payne 2-3, Naber 0-1, Stuhr 1-3, Borgen 0-2, Tonniges 0-3. Totals 3-12.

SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Payne 10-10, Wambold 17-18-3, Prochaska 15-16, Luebbe 14-15-3, Naber 15-16, Opfer 19-20-4. Totals 90-

95-10.

SETS (good-attempts-assists)—Payne 2-2, Wambold 135-135-31, Prochaska 6-6-2, Luebbe 12-12-3, Naber 7-7, Stuhr 2-2, Opfer 2-2, Borgen 2-2. Totals 168-168-36.

DIGS—Payne 3, Wambold 7, Prochaska 18, Luebbe 10, Naber 24, Stuhr 3, Opfer 9, Borgen 1. Total 75.

Malcolm 3, Centennial 0

MHS 25 25 25
CHS 21 17 13

ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Payne 10-12-5, Wambold 3-5, Naber 22-23-5, Stuhr 7-11-3, Opfer 1-1-1, Borgen 16-18-7, Tonniges 3-10-1. Totals 62-80-22.

BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Payne 1-0, Naber 0-1, Stuhr 1-2, Tonniges 0-1. Totals 2-4.

SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Payne 5-8, Wambold 9-9-1, Prochaska 8-9, Luebbe 11-11-2, Naber 10-10-1, Opfer 4-5. Totals 47-52-4.

SETS (good-attempts-assists)—Payne 2-2, Wambold 54-54-18, Prochaska 1-1, Luebbe 10-10-2, Naber 2-2-1, Stuhr 1-1, Opfer 2-2, Tonniges 2-2. Totals 74-74-21.

DIGS—Payne 1, Wambold 3, Prochaska 4, Luebbe 8, Naber 4, Stuhr 3, Opfer 2. Total 25.

Eagle season ends in opener

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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The Milford volleyball team saw its 2023 season come to a close Oct. 23 with a 3-1 loss to Fairbury in the first round of subdistricts.

Milford lost 21-25, 24-26, 25-15, 16-25.

"We came out a bit timid and Fairbury was playing with nothing to lose," Coach Emily Restau said. "They got us out of system with their aggressive serving and attacking."

The Eagles had chances in the second set, but key errors gave the Jeffs the win. In the third set, MHS played more aggressively and forced Fairbury out of system.

Hannah Reynolds led the offense with 10 kills, and Sydney Burkey added nine to go with three solo blocks.

Kylie Jakub finished with 33 assists and 13 digs.

In looking at the 2023 season, which finished with a 17-14 record, Restau said the team talked about the process of a season and did a good job trusting that process.

"We were 7-12 going into the last month of volleyball and ended our season 17-14 with a conference runner-up finish coming in as the sixth seed," she said. "The girls really started to trust each other as everyone was doing their jobs to their best ability."

Milford will graduate Paige Riley, Jaidyn Bell, Sarah Spahr and Madison Roth.

"We will miss our seniors next year as they were great role players," Restau said. "They never gave up on themselves or their teammates and played their roles which in return made the team so much better."

Fairbury 3, Milford 1

FHS 25 26 15 25
MHS 21 24 25 16

ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Kylie Jakub 10-12-4, Aubrey Burton 0-1, Sarah Spahr 22-24-8, Hannah Reynolds 29-34-10, Sarah Reynolds 12-13-6, Madison Roth 16-20-4, Sydney Burkey 26-29-9. Totals 115-133-41.

BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Jakub 0-3, Spahr 1-3, H. Reynolds 0-2, S. Reynolds 1-0, Burkey 3-4. Totals 5-12.

SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Brooklyn McDonald 1-2, Paige Riley 2-4, Kira Schweitzer 9-9, Libbie Reil 14-16-1, Jakub 14-15, Spahr 7-7, H. Reynolds 18-19-1, S. Reynolds 15-15-1. Totals 80-87-3.

SETS (good-attempts-assists)—Schweitzer 6-6-1, Jaidyn Bell 2-2-1, Reil 0-1, Jakub 110-110-33, H. Reynolds 1-1-1, S. Reynolds 1-1, Roth 2-2. Totals 124-125-36.

DIGS—Riley 10, Schweitzer 9, Bell 8, Reil 8, Jakub 13, Spahr 3, H. Reynolds 3, S. Reynolds 7, Roth 3. Total 63.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Molly Prochaska of Centennial serves against Malcolm Oct. 28 in the district final.

Wrestlers open at home

The 2023-24 Concordia University wrestling season will open Wednesday, Nov. 1, as the Bulldogs welcome Midland. The dual is slated to start at 7 p.m.

Cattle Classic opens 2023-24 seasons

The 24th annual Cattle Classic is set to tip off Friday, Nov. 3, inside Friedrich Arena. The basketball classic features four men's games and four women's games over the course of the two days. The event, co-sponsored by Concordia and Cattle Bank & Trust, raises money and food for the Blue Valley Community Action's Food Pantry. Pac 'N' Save of Seward will match all canned food donations.

Fans are encouraged to bring canned goods in exchange for admission. Ten canned items will get an adult a weekend pass. Tickets will not be sold online for this particular event.

The Concordia women will play Sterling College Friday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. with the men to play Mayville State University at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, the CU women will play Marian University at 2 p.m., with the men to host William Penn University at 4 p.m.

Jakub delivers 1,000th assist

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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She's just a sophomore, but Kiley Jakub has already delivered 1,000 assists on the volleyball court.

"Thank my hitters," Jakub said with a grin.

The Milford High student said she knew how many assists she needed but didn't think about it once the match started. She reached the milestone in the match against York.

She enjoys playing setter, a position she has filled since she started playing volleyball.

"I like the hustle you have to have," she said.



Kylie Jakub

"It's exciting after a good set and kill. It brings more intensity."

She participated with Volleyball Club Nebraska in the spring where

she focused more on setting. One of her favorite players is Husker setter Bergan Riley.

"She's fun to watch," Jakub said.

If she didn't play setter, she said, she'd like to play defensive specialist.

"I don't have the skills to hit," she said, smiling.

As a setter, she has to know what each hitter likes for their sets. The height of the ball is different for each.

"Once you're in a rally, it flows," she said.

She calls plays on the court but said the hitters do, as well. She said she tries to set the hitter who has an advantage of the blocker.

She watches some film and observes Milford's opponents while they warm up in order to see what the other team's strengths and weaknesses might be.

Jakub said her favorite play is a quick outside set or a set between the outside and middle hitters.

Jakub said she always sets the outsides first during warm-ups and has to be the last one in line for digs.

She still has goals to meet, including the single match assist mark, which is currently in the low 50s, she said.

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Spahr sets sights on blocks record

BY STEPHANIE CROSTON
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Milford senior Sarah Spahr can jump. Those who know her have watched that in both volleyball and track, where she is the reigning Class C high jump champion.

That skill comes in handy at the net in volleyball, where Spahr plays middle hitter for the Eagles. She set the school record for blocks in a match with 10 against York Oct. 2. She also holds the career block record, which she hasn't finished setting yet.

"I thought about it during the summer," she said.

She plays club volleyball during the off-season, which helps her maintain her skills on the court. She said she enjoys playing middle hitter, and it helps that she's tall.

"I've always been a middle," she said. "Anywhere in the front row - I like hitting. I'm not the best passer."

Playing for the Nebraska Juniors in club volleyball and for Milford during the school year, Spahr has had to adjust to different setters.

"That's how volleyball is. You have to adjust," she said.

Club volleyball has helped her refine her blocking skills.

"You block differently in club," Spahr said. "The coach emphasizes shaping the ball. I think that has improved my blocking."

She said she can see a difference between girls who play volleyball in the offseason and those who don't.

Spahr said her pregame routine includes a playlist to listen to, but she likes having the pep band play. Knowing that the band members will fill in the student section is fun, as well.

"The pep band brings energy," she said.

Spahr said the team's goals for the rest of the season included making runs at the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament, which was Oct. 16 and 17, and at subdistricts, which start Monday, Oct. 23.

During her free time, Spahr said she likes to hang out with friends.

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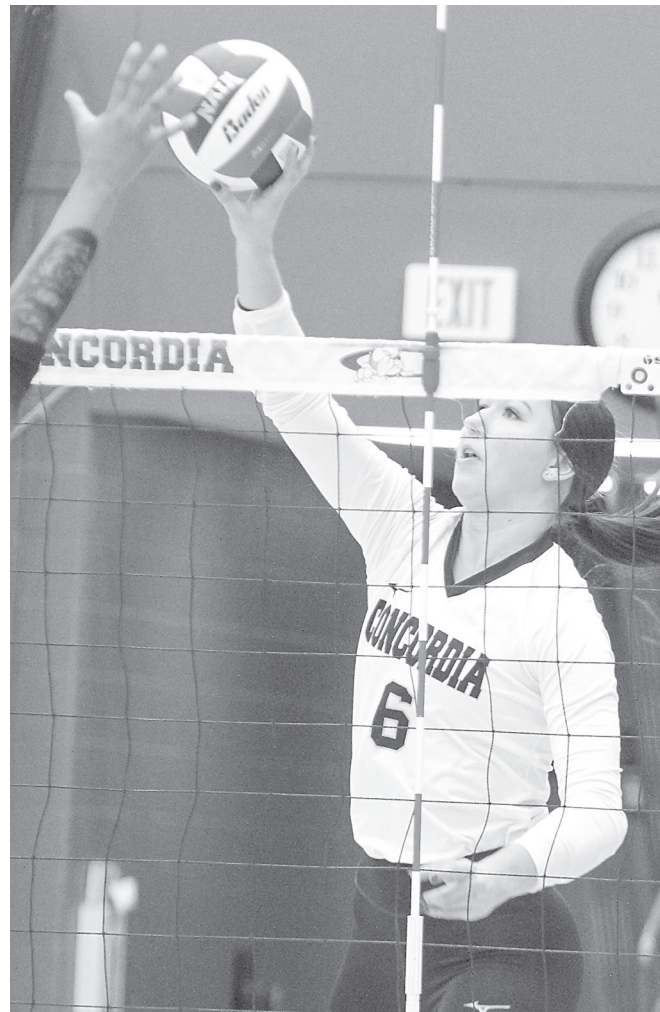
Sarah Spahr

Bulldogs battle in GPAC competition



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Mark Arp of Concordia eludes a Midland tackle during GPAC football action Oct. 28. The game went to double overtime where Midland prevailed 39-37. Up next for the Bulldogs is their home finale Saturday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. against Doane.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Ashley Keck of Concordia tips past the Hastings College block Oct. 28. The Bulldogs beat the Broncos 25-15, 25-20, 19-25, 25-23. CU beat Mount Marty earlier in the week 25-17, 25-11, 25-18.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Concordia's Ryan Wokutch controls the ball during the Bulldogs' 5-1 road victory over Doane Oct. 25. With this win, the 2023 men's soccer team finished unbeaten with a 13-0-4 overall record and 7-0-4 in the conference. They are the first team to complete such a massive feat in the program's 53-year history.



DOUG CARROLL/SCI

Concordia's Kierstynn Garner celebrates her first goal against Doane Oct. 25 with Sierra Springer and other teammates during their 4-0 victory. The Bulldogs will carry a 12-3-3 (8-1-3 GPAC) record into the postseason, where they are the No. 2 seed in the GPAC tournament.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is given that the Seward County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, 9:30 a.m., Seward County Court House, 529 Seward Street Seward, Nebraska, regarding the following: Public Hearing for a REZONE.
From A-1 to TA-1. Owner: Merritt, Roberts, Clarke. PID: 800025911, In the Southeast ¼ of, Section 29, Township 12N, Range 3E, Seward County Nebraska.
Information on the proposed action is available in the Seward County Zoning Office. The public's comments and concerns are welcome at the time of the public hearing.
Seward County Zoning Administrator
SCI/MT — November 01, 2023
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ORGANIZATION

Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO
1120 K Street, Suite 200
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is hereby given of the organization of Moonshadow Properties, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 740 7th Street, Milford, Nebraska 68405. The name and mailing address of the registered agent for service of process for the company is Kelly R. Hoffschneider, Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO, 1120 K Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68508.
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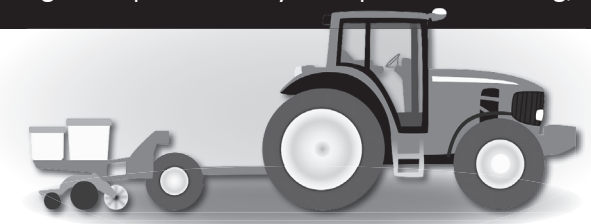
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- Gear head is available for lessee for irrigation.

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Contact the Village Clerk, 8 am—12 pm
Monday—Friday 402-532-3925 with questions.

FARMLAND AUCTION

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2:02 p.m.

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MEETINGS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Seward County Extension Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9th and the location is to be announced. Please check the Nebraska Extension- Seward County Facebook page for the announcement. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda for the meeting is kept continuously current and is available at the Seward County Extension Office. SCI — November 01, 2023 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Early Childhood Planning Region Team Annual Meeting for the ESU 6 service area will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 12:00PM – 2:30PM at ESU 6 in Milford. The ESU 6 PRT holds six meetings throughout the year for local school providers, DHHS, Head Start and Early Head Start, families and others to assist in collaborative planning and problem solving to serve young children with disabilities and their families. The annual Early Development Network meeting is required by the Department of Education, Rule 51 and Rule 52. Please register at www.esu6.org and follow the registration instructions when you click on the Login to Upcoming Events button. If you are concerned about a child's development or ongoing health condition contact ESU 6 Early Development Network for more information about referral, evaluation and possible services available at no cost to your family. Call 402-761-3341 and ask for the EDN Office. SCI/MT/CR/FWS/WR — November 01, 2023 ZNEZ

NOTICE

A Public Meeting of the Seward County Planning Commission will be held, November 20th, 2023, 6:30 pm, Village of Pleasant Dale Conference Room 110 Ash Street, Pleasant Dale Nebraska. Notice of said meeting will be posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and in the Zoning Administration Office. The agenda for said meeting will be one item. Item 1. Water Conservation District Informational Meeting and available for public inspection at the Zoning Administration Office during normal business hours. The Planning Commission has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meetings. Seward County Zoning Administrator SCI/MT — November 01, 2023 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Seward County Sixpence Advisory Meeting will be held on November 7th, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at ESU 6 in Milford. The Sixpence Advisory holds two meetings for local school staff, childcare providers, other early childhood professionals, community agencies, and families to assist in collaborative planning and problem solving to serve young children and their families. The Sixpence Advisory Meeting is required by the Department of Education Rule 11. Please register at www.esu6.org and follow the registration instructions when you click on the Login to Upcoming Events button. SCI/MT — November 01, 2023 ZNEZ

MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 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. A meeting will be held Monday, November 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in place of the regular Tuesday meeting. Notice of each meeting is posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting. CLAIMS ALLOWED NOVEMBER 17, 2023

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on October 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky Approved minutes of October 10, 2023. Hladky gave an update of her office. Convened as the Board of Commissioners. Approved minutes of October 17, 2023. Approved claims through October 13, 2023.

Officials gave reports of their offices. Awarded Milford East Paving Project bid to Pavers, Inc. Approved request to accept bid for purchase of two motor graders. Approved reclassification of Public Transit Assistant Director's position and wage. Approved Jones Bank to withdraw Pledged Securities. Accepted Sheriff Fee & Mileage Report for August 2023. Discussion was held on infrastructure related grants. Approved the agenda for October 31, 2023 and adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Brandy Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2023 ADP LLC, SE, \$2,697.00; ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$51.19; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP, FE, \$21,056.20; BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH, SE, \$360.00; BOB BARKER CO, SU, \$109.22; BRENNAN, NIELSEN LAW, SE, \$1,211.95; BURESH LAWN CARE, SE, \$700.00; CABELL COSHERIFF, SE, \$25.00; CAPITAL AUTOGLASS, SE, \$49.95; CASA, FE, \$41,400.00; CENTEC CAST METAL, SU, \$1,526.20; CHARTER COMM, UT, \$310.78; CHI HEALTH CO CARE, SE, \$81.00; CITY OF SEWARD, UT, \$7,271.70; COAST TO COAST COMPUTER, EQ, \$399.98; CULLIGAN, SE, \$28.00; DIAMOND DRUGS, SU, \$245.47; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$404.99; EQUIFAXWORKFORCE/TALX, SE, \$147.88; FARMERS COOPERATIVE, SU, \$4,003.44; FASTENAL COMPANY, SU, \$380.58; FIRST WIRELESS, INC, UT, \$986.32; SIDNEY FREY, SE, \$60.00; GALLS LLC, SE, \$170.79; GRAHAM TIRE, SU, \$648.00; GREAT PLAINS COMM, UT, \$1,568.74; HAMPTON BY HILTON, TR, \$476.00; HERPOLSHAIMERS, SE, \$453.11; HITZ TOWING INC, SE, \$373.06; HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE, SE, \$64.00; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, TR, \$980.00; KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP, SE, \$344.85; HOMETOWN LEASING, FE, \$288.39; INDOFF INC, SU, \$67.97; INTL ASSOC ASSESSING OFFICERS, FE, \$240.00; JONES BANK, SE, \$248.18; JONES BANK (FICA), FE, \$20,790.58; KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTYs, SE, \$1,010.01; LA QUINTA INN & SUITES, TR, \$1,507.63; LEE ENTERPRISES, SE, \$325.00; LEE'S REFRIGERATION, SE, \$2,370.81; LIFEGUARD MD, INC, EQ, \$199.00; LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE, SE, \$93.45; SUSAN MAGILL, SE, \$525.00; MATAGORDA CO SHERIFF, SE,

\$75.00; MATTSON RICKETTS LAW, SE, \$3,500.00; MEMORIAL CLINIC, SE, \$476.26; MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SE, \$2,213.20; MID AMERICAN BENEFITS, FE, \$1,255.84; MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$524.98; MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES, SE, \$6,251.45; MORROW, POPPE, SE, \$1,091.25; MY CENTRAL SUPPLY, SU, \$411.23; NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS, FE, \$150.00; NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV, FE, \$90.00; NEBRASKA.GOV, FE, \$16.00; ONESOURCE, SE, \$225.00; PER MAR SECURITY SERV, SE, \$548.64; POLARIS LAW GRP, SE, \$66.50; POLLACK AND BALL, SE, \$1,244.25; PRINTELECT, SU, \$199.95; QUADIANT, SE, \$79.80; REDWOOD TOX LAB, SE, \$32.00; SEWARD CO COURT, SE, \$30.00; SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT, SE, \$321.68; SEWARD LUMBER, SU, \$91.69; SEWARD SMILES, SE, \$380.00; SITE ONE LANDSCAPE, SE, \$197.07; SOARIN GROUP, LLC, SE, \$965.00; SENDD, FE, \$8,628.00; ST OF NEB DAS STATE ACCNTNG, SE, \$795.50; STEPHANIE FLYNN LAW, SE, \$5,420.56; SUMMIT FOOD SERV, SE, \$7,075.43; SVEHLA LAW OFFICES, SE, \$2,214.50; THE HOME DEPOT PRO, SU, \$213.66; THOMSON REUTERS-WEST, FE, \$1,142.91; VERIZON WIRELESS SERV, UT, \$253.79; VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS, FE, \$20.00; VISA, FE, \$5,022.26; VISUAL EDGE IT, SE, \$44.94; WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS, EQ, \$230.66; WINDSTREAM, UT, \$11,018.55; WYTHERS LAW, SE, \$1,438.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UT, \$39.91; BROKEN ARROW EXCAVATING, SE, \$9,190.00; COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, SU, \$147.84; DALE JOHNSON ENT, SU, \$19,545.89; EQUIPMENT BLADES, EQ, \$808.21; GERHOLD CONCRETE, SU, \$4,605.80; JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL, SU, \$13,881.84; MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, SU, \$35.00; MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES, EQ, \$5,200.00; NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT, UT, \$52.66; NMC, INC, SE, \$2,870.10; NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST, UT, \$1,604.34; OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, SU, \$150.82; OVERLAND READY MIXED, SU, \$1,161.90; PAC N SAVE, SU, \$926.19; PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO, SE, \$192.44; POWERPLAN, SE, \$59.28; SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, SU, \$1,872.51; PIZZA KITCHEN, SU, \$93.95; VALENTINO'S SEWARD, SU, \$237.93; VANGUARD APPRAISALS, SE, \$1,475.00; CORI J STAVA, SE, \$588.00; JONES AUTOMOTIVE, EQ, \$8,813.72; JR AUDIO, SE,

\$1,000.00; JEFF NELSON, SE, \$780.00; POTTER REPAIR, SE, \$1,531.78; SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION, EQ, \$260.00; TRANSUNION RISK & ALT, SE, \$436.00; WESTERN OIL II, SU, \$191.55; SARGENT DRILLING, SE, \$88,984.71; BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC, SE, \$12,518.70; CIDNET, SE, \$2,693.22; WELLBEING INITIATIVE, SE, \$1,000.00; SALARIES, \$296,376.58; GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO: COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE, MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN, DELTADENTAL, VSP VISION, WADDELL & REED. SCI/MT — November 01, 2023 ZNEZ

ESTATES

Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO 1120 K Street, Suite 200 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 County Court of Seward County, Nebraska Estate No. PR 23-87 of Trent James William Carlson, deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 18, 2023, in said court, in Seward County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of informal probate of the Last Will and Testament of Trent James William Carlson, deceased, and appointed Erica Smith, as personal representative of the estate. Erica Smith's address is 4568 Old Mill Road, Utica, Nebraska 68456. Creditors must file their claims with this court on or before the 26th day of December, 2023, or be forever barred. Dated: October 18, 2023.

/s/ Sheila R. Beins
 Clerk of the County Court
 261 S 8th St,
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NOTICE
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 ESTATE OF EUNICE E. STUTZMAN, DECEASED
 Estate No. PR 23-86

Notice is hereby given that on October 12, 2023, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Douglas L. Stutzman of 497 N F Street, Milford, NE 68405 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 18, 2023, or be forever barred.

/s/ Sheila R. Beins
 Clerk of the County Court
 Address of County Court:
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NOTICE

In the County Court of SEWARD County, Nebraska
 Estate of Mildred Irene Miers, Deceased
 Estate No. PR 23-92
 Notice is hereby given that on October 26, 2023, in the County Court of SEWARD County, Nebraska, the Court entered an Order that Craig Alan Miers, whose address is 729 Seward St., Seward, NE 68434, was informally appointed by the Court

as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 2, 2024 or be forever barred.

/s/ Sheila R. Beins
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 County Court of Seward County, Nebraska Estate No. PR 23-88 of LeRoy Radford, deceased

Notice is hereby given that on October 26, 2023, in said court, in Seward County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of informal probate of the Last Will and Testament of LeRoy Radford, deceased, and appointed Lonny Radford, as personal representative of the estate. Lonny Radford address is 1533 Co Road F, Dorchester, NE 68343. Creditors must file their claims with this court on or before the 2nd day of January, 2024 or be forever barred. Dated: October 26, 2023

/s/ Sheila R. Beins
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CORRECTED NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION CITY OF SEWARD IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA Tuesday, December 12, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Seward, Nebraska that a special election has been called and will be held in the City of Seward, Nebraska on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said City the following proposition:

LB840 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RENEWAL

The City of Seward is proposing the continuation of an Economic Development Program (also referred to as LB840) with the goal to create high paying quality jobs, attract new capital investment, broaden the tax base, reduce reliance on property taxes and ensure economic stability and vitality for Seward, Nebraska. The ballot question allows constituents to consider extension of the program for an additional ten years with the continued collection of \$150,000.00 annually from sales tax.

Shall the City of Seward, Nebraska, amend its current economic development program (LB840) to extend it for an additional ten (10) years and continue to appropriate annually from local sources of revenue, a total of one-hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) per year from City sales and use tax for the next ten (10) years?

Electors desiring to vote for such extension and amendment of the City's current Economic Development Plan shall mark the words 'FOR'.

Electors desiring to vote against such extension and amendment of the City's current Economic Development Plan shall mark the words 'AGAINST'.

VOTE FOR or AGAINST

I vote FOR extension and amendment of the City's current economic development plan and authorization to designate \$150,000.00 annually from City sales and use tax as funding.

I vote AGAINST extension and amendment of the City's current economic development plan and authorization to designate \$150,000.00 annually from City sales and use tax as funding.

If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor, then the governing body of the City of Seward shall be empowered to extend and amend the current economic development program.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY.

By Mail Election

This election will be an election by mail. All registered voters residing within the City of Seward, Nebraska will receive their ballot by mail and therefore no polling places will be open for voting. Ballots will be mailed by the County Clerk of Seward County November 21, 2023.

Voter Registration deadlines

The deadline to register to vote at an agency including the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, online, or delivered registrations by mail or delivered by an agent is November 27, 2023. The deadline for in-person registration is December 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Seward County Clerk's Office located at 529 Seward Street, Room 205, Seward, Nebraska. Any voter who changes information on a current registration or registers to vote after the ballots have been mailed, but before the in-person registration deadline of Dec. 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., will be given a ballot at the time of registration or change.

Ballot Return Deadline

Voted ballots must be returned to the County Clerk of Seward County no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023. Ballots may be delivered in person to the Seward County Clerk's Office, by agent or mailed to the Seward County Clerk, 529 Seward Street, Room 205, Seward, Nebraska 68434. A ballot may also be placed in the secure Courthouse dropbox located on the North side of the Seward County Courthouse.

Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 2022-2023 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENSES
GENERAL	256,741.93	355,853.93
DONATION	30,024.65	17,891.36
FIRE	39,533.22	23,739.08
PARK	4,552.00	28,118.73
POOL	7,184.89	37,704.39
SEWER	40,419.00	5,166.11
STREET	72,637.34	71,467.09
WATER	69,095.59	49,989.65

I, Peggy Pankoke Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Beaver Crossing, certify that the above is a true account of funds for the Village of Beaver Crossing for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

Saturday, November 18 ♦ 9:30 a.m.

325 County Rd 800 ♦ Friend, NE 68359

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The Board of the East Butler Public Schools will receive bids for the 2024 District Roof Project. Scope of work will include removal of the existing EPDM roof assembly, and the installation of a new high performance Modified Bitumen roof system. Bids must be on a Lump Sum basis.

Bids for the 2024 Roof Project will be received until 10:00 A.M. local time, Thursday November 30, 2023, at the East Butler Public School District Office, 212 S Madison St Brainard, NE 68626. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Qualified Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Interested Bidders may contact Michael Eldridge by email at melderidge@butler.esu7.org, prior to pre-bid conference.

Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the bid must accompany each bid in accord with the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner may require any bidder to submit a properly executed Contractor's Qualification Statement, AIA Document A305, and/or a signed certificate from a surety company licensed in the State of Nebraska. If awarded the Contract, contractor will provide the school district with a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract Price. No bidder may withdraw the bid until 30 days following the bid opening. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held for this project on Thursday

November 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM. Bidding Documents will be distributed via email to all qualified bidders. The Conference will take place at East Butler High School, 212 S Madison St. Brainard, NE 68626. Attendance at the Pre-Bid conference is mandatory. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process. The Owner also reserves the right to award the contract to the lowest responsible Bidder as may be determined by the Owner.

East Butler Public Schools
District of Education
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PROPERTY SALES

ERIC H. LINDQUIST,
P.C., L.L.O.
Attorney at Law
8712 West Dodge Road,
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the deed of trust in the original principal amount of \$110,953.00 executed by Emily M. Dean, unmarried woman, which was filed for record on September 28, 2021 as Instrument No. 202103202 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Seward County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, at the north side of the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward Street, in the City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska at 9:00 A.M. on November 21, 2023:

LOT 4 AND THE EAST 11 FEET

OF LOT 5, BLOCK 16, ORIGINAL TOWN, UTICA, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA. The highest bidder is required to deliver cash or certified funds to the undersigned by the close of business on the day of sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. At the discretion of the Successor Trustee, the purchaser may be required to deposit with the Successor Trustee, at the time of the sale, a nonrefundable certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$5,000.00 payable to the Successor Trustee, with the full purchase price, in certified funds, to be received by the Successor Trustee by the end of the day. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

Eric H. Lindquist
Successor Trustee
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NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE
By virtue of an order of sale issued by the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, and pursuant to a decree of said Court in an action therein indexed at Case No. CI 23-69 wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, is the plaintiff and Michael A. Johnson, a single man, and United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, were joined as defendants, I will sell at public

auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following property at 10:00 a.m., on November 30, 2023, at the north side of the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward Street, in the City of Seward, in Seward County, Nebraska, to-wit:

Tax Lot 320 located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Seward County, Nebraska; more particularly described as: Commencing at a point 363 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 21;

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Greg Damman
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Ferguson represents U.S. at world event

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What started on a whim ended with a silver medal.

James Ferguson finished in second place at the Veterans Wrestling World Championships in Greece at 70 kg.

Ferguson has wrestled most of his life. The second of five brothers, he was a state champion for Seward High in 1995 and part of the state championship team in 1997.

After his dad, Steve, retired from the city of Seward, Steve decided to train for nationals. James decided to, too.

"I want to bring home a medal," he said.

The two went to Florida to train during the Covid-19 pandemic, and James said he treated the competition like the Cornhusker State Games.

"It was all reaction," he said. "My first match was against the defending national and world champion."

Ferguson finished third in the national tournament and came to a realization.

"If I'm going to do this, I need to spend more time on it," he said.

Ferguson coaches a club team in Omaha and his daughter's high school team at Millard West. He agreed to coach the Wildcats because the coach had no experience.

"I was back on the mats," he said with a smile. "All my family was on the mats at the same time."

Daughter Kaitlyn is 15, daughter Keira is 13 and son Mark is 10. All three wrestle. Ferguson said with everyone wrestling, that gives his wife Julie a break.

After his success at nationals, though, Ferguson decided to take this part of his wrestling career more seriously.

He went to a tournament in Las Vegas and placed third again. Because he's older, he's had to modify his moves and adjust to the skills of the wrestlers he's up against.

To prepare for nationals, Ferguson hired a nutritionist. Improving his diet helped increase his metabolism, he said. Another key was staying hydrated - he was drinking 10 bottles of water a day.

"You hydrate like a sponge, not like beef jerky," he said.

He also started regular workouts so his



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ABOVE: James, left, and Steve Ferguson stand in the practice room at the world competitions in Greece recently. James is a 1997 graduate of Seward High, and Steve is the former director of Seward City Recreation.



LEFT: James Ferguson, right, works for position against an opponent in the world competition in Greece.

RIGHT: James Ferguson won this silver medal at the Veterans World Championships in Greece in October.



body wasn't stressed at competition.

"It changes the way you look at wrestling," he said. "You focus on having fun and competing and you get better."

Ferguson broke his hand in his first match at the national tournament but went on to win both the Greco-Roman and freestyle competitions.

"I love Greco," he said. "I didn't plan on freestyle."

The main difference between the two styles is in the holds allowed. In Greco-Roman, holds are only allowed above the waist. In freestyle, the whole body is fair game, and wrestlers can use their legs for holds.

He found out that the world championships were in Loutraki, Greece, and thought about going. One of the challenges he faced, however, was wrestling on Sundays.

"With USA Wrestling in Nebraska, a lot is on Sundays," he said. "My faith does not allow wrestling on Sundays."

He said he wants the sport to be about family, and part of that is working around faiths that discourage Sunday competitions.

He did decide to go,

however. Steve came along.

"It was amazing to be there to represent the United States," he said. "We're never promised tomorrow or next year. I had lots of support with my club."

Once he got to Greece, the focus was on competition. The two did a little sight-seeing, which Ferguson was able to connect to his faith.

The town of Loutraki is on the Sea of Corinth where the Apostle Paul traveled during his missionary journeys.

He also made connections and found similarities with people from around the world. He and a coach from Japan were able to communicate in Spanish, for example.

Wrestling has helped Ferguson teach the wrestlers he works with, as well.

"You can do hard things," he said. "It helps in all areas of life - courage, tenacity."

Getting back into the sport as a competitor improved his own agility and flexibility.

"I back flipped again," he said, smiling.

He said wrestling on the international stage was humbling.

"All of them are national champs," he said.

This wasn't Ferguson's first international wrestling experience. He traveled to Poland with the junior world team when he was in high school. He has also lived overseas, so has experienced a variety of cultures.

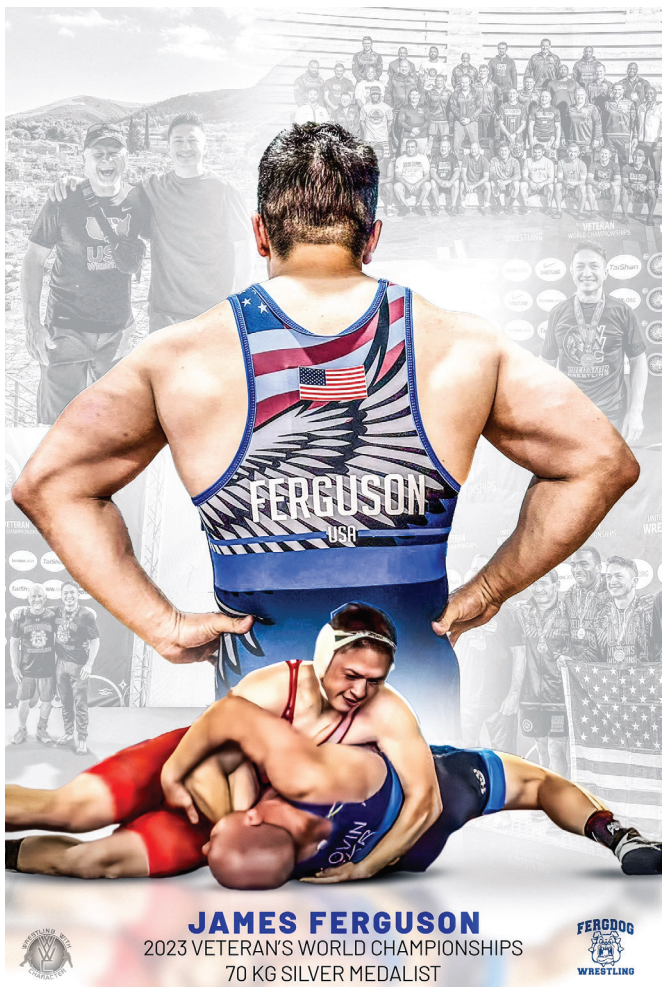
This trip reminded him how fortunate he is to live in the United States, he said.

The tournament was run differently from those in America, and the mats are different, he said.

The international mat is covered with a tarp that moves throughout the match.

Ferguson went 2-1 in his matches at 70 kilograms or 154 pounds. He pinned Sehrii Lovin of Ukraine in 23 seconds and Aidos Kassymov of Kazakhstan in 2:33. In the final, he lost by pin to Koji Furusato of Japan in 31 seconds.

Next year's world championships are in



COURTESY PHOTO

James Ferguson's wrestling club in Omaha made this poster for him following his silver medal in world competition.

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Football
Hastings jumped out to a 21-0 lead and the Seward football team couldn't come back Oct. 27, falling to the Tigers 35-6 in the first round of the Class B playoffs.

Volleyball
After beating York 25-23, 25-17, 23-25, 25-19 in the subdistrict final Oct. 24, the Seward volleyball team swept Beatrice 25-19, 25-17, 26-24 Oct. 28 to earn a trip to state. Kelsey Miller finished with 21 kills against York and nine against Beatrice. Abby Covalt recorded 26 digs against the Dukes and 22 against the Lady Orange.

MILFORD
Volleyball
Milford volleyball ended its season in the first round of subdistricts Oct. 23, falling to Fairbury 25-21, 26-24, 15-25, 25-16. Hannah Reynolds led the team with 10 kills, and Kylie Jakub recorded 33 assists and 13 digs.

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MALCOLM
Football
The Malcolm football team hosted Chase County Oct. 27 in the first round of the Class C2 playoffs and beat CC 20-12. Maddox Meyer threw two touchdown passes.

Volleyball
After sweeping its subdistrict opponents, Malcolm volleyball swept Centennial Oct. 28 to qualify for state. MHS topped Lincoln Christian 25-17, 25-14, 25-18 and Wahoo 25-14, 25-23, 25-17 Oct. 23 and 24 and took down Centennial 25-21, 25-17, 25-13.

CENTENNIAL
Volleyball
Centennial volleyball won its subdistrict in dramatic fashion and then fell short against Malcolm in the district final Oct. 28. CHS beat Fillmore Central 25-14, 25-13, 25-23 and Fairbury 26-24, 16-25, 15-26, 25-20, 15-8 in the subdistrict. Cora Payne had 20 kills over the two matches. In the 25-21, 25-17, 25-13 loss to Malcolm, Catelynn Barga led the team with seven kills.