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# Seward celebrates Arbor Day

Seward hosted its annual Arbor Day celebration April 29 with a program and tree planting at the Nebraska National Guard Museum.

The opening and welcome was by GFWC Emcee Joanna Treas, president of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club, the official sponsor of the event for the last 50 years. She led the group with The Pledge of Allegiance. A welcome from Seward Mayor Josh Eickmeier followed with his official Arbor Day proclamation.

John Culver, chair of the Seward County commissioners, talked about the history of Arbor Day.

State Sen. Mark Kolterman, District 24, presented a special Legislative Resolution honoring Seward and the GFWC Seward Woman's Club for their 50th Annual Arbor Day. He also talked about the value of planting trees and thanked the children for their participation.

Thomas Suhr, chair of the Seward Tree Board, introduced other buard members, including Ken Schmieding and Chuck Matzke.

Dr. Ron Wallman, longtime tree enthusiast, was given the Friend of Tree Award. He has personally planted hundreds of trees at his home, farm and on the Seward County Fair-



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Mark Kolterman, left, holds the tree as representatives of the Volzke family shovel dirt during the Arbor Day program April 29.

grounds. The presentation was made by Suhr and Treas, as the award is sponsored by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club

and the Seward Tree Board, City of Seward.

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# Candidates gather for primary forum

by Emily Hemphill emily@sewardindependent.com

Candidates for contested races in the May 10 primary election gathered April 25-26 for a two-night forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Seward County and the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership.

Candidates had the opportunity to introduce themselves, talk about why they are running for office and participate in a Q&A.

About 100 people attended the events to hear from candidates before heading to the polls.

The April 25 event included candidates for county attorney, county clerk and Seward County Commission Districts 3 and 5.

Topics of discussion ranged from the county's diversion program and the condition of county roads to staffing issues and affordable housing.

On April 26, attendees heard from Seward City

Council candidates in Wards 2 and 3 and a presentation on the proposed Seward Wellness Center.

Discussion centered on ways to work collaboratively with other local government entities and on economic priorities within the city.

The Seward Wellness Center committee gave an overview of the construction plans and operational costs and took questions from the audience.

The wellness center will be on the May 10 ballot in the form of a tax question on whether a half-cent sales tax should be assessed and used to pay for a third of the construction cost.

The GFWC Seward Woman's Club provided refreshments for the events.

For more information on the May 10 primary election or how to vote, go to www.countyofsewardne. com or contact the county clerk/election commissioner's office at (402) 643-2883.



EMILY HEMPHILL/SCI

Candidates for Seward City Council spoke at the April 26 Candidates Night. Ward 2 candidates include Tatum Tonniges (speaking), Dana Nottingham (listening) and Cory Wood (not pictured). Ward 3 candidates are Gerald Henthorn, Rich Wergin and Ann Underwood. Wards 1 and 4 do not have contested races in the primary election.

# Illuminate **Seward looks** to have lights year-round

by Emily Hemphill

What started as an idea to keep Christmas lights on all year long has turned into a mission to replace every string of lights in Seward's downtown business district.

Gregg Nelson, a local business owner, is heading the Illuminate Seward project, in conjunction with the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership and with help from the City of Seward's electrical department.

The lights around the tops of the buildings are on throughout December and for the July 4 festivities - known as "Operation Silhouette."

Nelson wants to see the lights stay on

"It's a beautiful glow for downtown Seward," he said. "It makes the whole downtown look kind of like a Hallmark card."

As he began figuring out who was responsible for the lights, it became apparent that they can't stay on all year (or even for many more Decembers) in their current condition.

He spoke with the SCCDP, which pays the electricity bill for the lights, and the City of Seward electrical department, which maintains the strings.

"We found out those lights were 25 to 30 years old and in bad shape," Nelson said. "Half of them don't work, and the other half are basically considered by the power company to be a safety issue."

Now, his goal is to replace them all with new, high-efficiency LED bulbs. The new lights would take less energy

to operate and would produce the same warm white glow.

They could be programmed into different color patterns – red, white and blue for the Fourth or blue and yellow for Bluejay game days, Nelson said.

The total cost to replace the lights and add necessary power sources is around

Nelson said they hope to raise a third of that through private donations. The rest is expected to come from grants and building and business owners.

Nelson said the new lights should last another 25 years.

He said leaving the lights on would make for a more attractive business district and encourage residents to spend more time out and about in the evenings.

"I think the lights can play a big role in that," he said. "They're festive, they're beautiful, and they add an air of safety."

Donations to Illuminate Seward can be made until May 5 through Seward County Gives at sewardcountygives.com. After that, donations may be made at the SCCDP office, 616 Bradford in Seward. All donations are tax deductible.

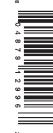
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Business owners, employees and leaders of community organizations gather at the Seward Civic Center April 28 to celebrate milestone anniversaries at the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership's Business Anniversaries Luncheon. Some companies celebrated five years while others celebrated anniversaries as high at 145 years.

# usinesses, villages reach milestone anniversaries

15 years

by Emily Hemphill emily@sewardindependent.com

Businesses were front and center at the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership's Business Anniversaries Luncheon April 28 at the Seward Civic Center.

The annual event honors companies, organizations and other entities in Seward County that have been in business or service to the community anywhere from 5 years to 150 years in five-year increments.

"We thank them for their important investment in Seward County," said Jonathan Jank, SCCDP president and CEO.

This year's honorees included the following:

### 5 years

- Pup's Poppin' Enterprises LLC
- Gold Star Martial Arts
- Seward Valentino's Pizza
- Trash Panda Refuse Inc.
- Kaleigh Mueller Photo/Video/Design

### 10 years

- · Beaver Crossing Country Cabin La Carreta Mexican Restaurant
- Cobblestone Hotel & Suites
- Liberty First Credit Union

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- 20 years
- Orscheln Farm and Home
- Heartfelt Incorporated

### 25 years

- Aspyr Professional Group (formerly Lindner and Johnson)
- **AKRS** Equipment

### 30 years

- Laminated Wood Systems
- Cattle Investment Solutions
- St. John Child Development Center
- Troyer Insurance Inc.

### 35 years

Friends of Seward Library

### 50 years

- Volzke Funeral Home Tenneco Inc.
- Subway Motors Co.
- Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District

### 55 years

- Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Seward County Historical Society

60 years

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### 65 years

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### 135 years

- Seward Public School District
- Village of Bee

### 140 years

- First Bank of Utica
- Village of Utica

### 145 years

St. John Lutheran Church

SCCDP also recognized its three administrative assistant interns, Hayley Steinbauer, Erin Maier and Gage Smith, who will be leaving the chamber as they graduate from Concordia University this

"We thank them for their important investment in Seward County."

Jonathan Jank **SCCDP President** 

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Moritz receives 50-year Legion membership award



Seward American Legion Post 33 presented a 50-year continuous membership award to Mike Moritz at its April post meeting. Pictured are, from left, Joe Ruzicka, post commander, Mike Moritz and Jim Ehlers, past post commander.

# Community college tuition covered for dependents of NE state employees

by Emily Hemphill

A new benefit is now available to the families of Nebraska state employees that will cover the cost of community college.

Gov. Pete Ricketts announced the tuition assistance program April 25.

The program is available to dependents of state employees, but they must enroll in a Nebraska community college program by age 25 and graduate by age 27 in order to get the benefit.

It will be available as of the 2022 summer session.

The program will cover 100% of the tuition costs after other funding sources, such as grants and scholarships, have been applied.

"The State of Nebraska strives to be a preferred employer, and we're continuously upgrading the benefits available to our teammates," Ricketts said in a press conference.

The tuition program is estimated to assist up to 1,000 children who are dependents of the state's 16,000 employees.

Jason Jackson, chief human resources officer for the State of Nebraska, said the program will cost the state about \$1 million per year - an expense approved by the Legislature in its most recent session.



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nity College, said the benefit will help colleges

reach more students and keep them here in Ne-

innovative ways to increase the pipeline of stu-

who enroll in a career/technical pathway. We

dents enrolling in our many career and technical

programs," Illich said. "We have career academies

that provide college credit to high school students

recruit returning adult students who are seeking

a career change. We are committed to making the

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Illich added that about 90% of community col-

lege graduates stay near their hometowns to begin

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## **Arbor Day-**

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Suhr presented a wooden plaque to commemorate the GFWC Seward Woman's Club for their 50th annual Seward Arbor Day program.

The program's entertainment was a "Tribute to Trees" by each fourth grade class present. The Seward Elementary School, fourth grade teachers had their students present tree poems. Presenters were Nolan Robbins, Charlotte Rucker, Brayton Hotovy, Lillie Harmoney, McCoy Morken, Jackeline Hemphill., Amarah Fogarty, Kinley Daberkow and Class Representative Sam Peterson.

The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, directed by teacher Dorothy Marshall, presented a tree tribute in literature and art as the class presented "The Giving Tree." The class showed artwork as the book was read, page by page. St. John Lutheran School also had a tribute to trees in song and music, as the class sang "The Green Grass Grows All Around."

The announcement of the winners of the "My Favorite Tree" Art Contest, Grades K to 4, sponsored annually by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club were announced and recognized.

The event concluded with planting memorial trees to honor the late twin brothers, Deroyce and Aloyce Volzke. The trees were donated by their families. Tree planters included the honored dignitaries, fourth grade class representatives and members of the families of Deroyce and Aloyce Volzke.

Class representatives included EV Campbell, Damien Connores, Avah Bachman, Sam Peterson, Michael Kolterman and Drayden Krohe. The class representatives represented area four grade classes to assist in planting the trees and selected by each

Both Volzkes were veterans of the US Army, lifelong residents of Seward County and committed conservationists. Deroyce's tree is a Burr Oak and Aloyce's tree is the Red Oak.

### Election questions

**Question:** What time are the polls open on

Answer: The polls are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find your polling location, go to www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/voterview/

Question: Can I return my early voting ballot to the polls?

Answer: No. An early voting ballot MUST be returned to the county clerk's office in the courthouse by 8 p.m. Election Day. The office will be open and have extended hours for that purpose.

Question: Why did a neighbor of mine get a different ballot than me?

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### **Please Contact:**

Seward County Planning & Zoning- Becky Paulsen 402-643-3525, or

Seward County Assessor- Marilyn Hladky 402-643-3311 for further Information or Questions. (The personnel's Vehicle is gray & has County Gov't Plate #46397)

Thank you!

## Wellness center would benefit town

Does Seward need a wellness center? The short answer is ves.

A wellness center has been needed here for many years. The facility would be much like a YMCA, with an indoor swimming pool, sports courts,

exercise equipment and rooms and a walking track.

Editorial

The Seward Wellness Center would also be home to the Seward Youth Center and other after school programs. The Youth Center struggled after the middle school moved to Karol Kay Boulevard and Waverly Road.

The Friends of the Seward Wellness Center are proposing the new facility to be competitive in offering area citizens a complete center that focuses on exercise and wellness needs for those in the Seward

A new wellness center will be for both families and individuals. It would help with overall community wellness. This facility will help attract new residents to the area. People look for fitness facilities that are close to them. It will also bring area residents to Seward as members.

There are YMCAs in Holdrege, Blair, Beatrice, Lexington and Valley along with the Lincoln YMCAs. Seward falls under the Lincoln YMCA, and they have said they will not locate a YMCA here. A facility in Seward will compete with the Lincoln fitness and wellness centers.

Having an indoor pool and having swimming lessons available at different times of the year would be another big benefit for area residents. Having exercise classes close to home is another reason the center would be helpful. The list goes on and on.

A new wellness center could hurt some local businesses, which is a downside.

The Seward Wellness Center would be paid in part by private money and a halfcent Seward city sales tax which would also put Seward in line with neighboring communities at a 7.5 cent sales tax. Two previous attempts to fund a wellness center have failed in the past 13 years.

The Friends of the Seward Wellness Center have raised nearly \$7 million in pledges and are seeking another \$6 million in grants. The ground for the center has also been pledged should the center be approved by a vote on May 10. The additional dollars not gathered by the committee for the rest of the \$18 million project, which would be located on Waverly Road near the Seward Middle School, will come from the proposed sales tax.

The center, if approved by the sales tax vote, would be operated by the City of Seward. All operating expenses are expected to be paid by memberships and other dues from sports tournaments.

It is time for a progressive city like Seward to have a wellness center.





### Letters to the editor

### **Seward Wellness Center would** offer various benefits to children

My name is Jo Ellen Axthelm and I serve as the current President for the Kiwanis Club of Seward.

It's my privilege to lead this important civic group that serves children in our community. Children and their families are a vital part of Seward. They are active and interested in staying

On behalf of the KCS board of directors, I'm writing to ask that you please consider supporting the Seward Wellness Center. Our organization has pledged \$5,000 to assist in funding this important facility.

The diverse options for exercise, wellness programming and connecting people in the SWC make this the right project for our community to support children and all citizens.

The SWC will create multiple opportunities to collaborate on various programming and community gatherings for children. One important amenity is offering an additional before and after school care option.

We have excellent existing child care providers in our community and many have waiting lists to serve children and families. We need additional child care service options to attract and retain families in Seward.

The KCS reads to children, provides food for families in need through the backpack program, offers scholarships for kids, runs annual pool parties and so much more by engaging our members with local volunteer opportunities.

The SWC and KCS can partner together to create intergenerational programs that bring young people and older adults together to build authentic relationships through active participation.

We look forward to exploring this and other ideas in the future to serve Seward's kids in unique ways. This will include researching how we can most effectively provide scholarships for children and families in need who may not be able to afford the SWC monthly family memberships.

We want the SWC to be a welcoming hub for all citizens, especially kids. We don't want membership costs to be a barrier to accessing health and wellness opportunities.

The SWC is an exciting chance for our community to assist people of all ages and specifically

Please consider supporting the SWC, which will lead us toward a more active, healthy, and relationally connected future.

Jo Ellen Axthelm President of Kiwanis Club of Seward

### **Proposed Wellness Center will** not be owned by private entities

I was surprised to read the misinformation circulating about the ownership of the Seward Wellness Center and wanted to try and add clarity

First and foremost, the Seward Wellness Center is NOT a private development. It has been clearly stated since day one of planning that the VOLUN-TEERS who have put countless hours into raising awareness and funding will turn those funds over

to the City of Seward so that the Wellness Center

If you reference sewardwellnesscenter.com you can read for yourself, "We have vetted private organizations and they do not have the resources or plans to serve the residents of Seward County.'

Clearly, the Wellness Center WILL NOT be owned by private entities.

It seems to me that the Seward Wellness Center is based on the same model as the Seward Memorial Library. The Seward Library Foundation was set up to raise funding for the construction of a new library.

Once the funding was in place and the library was built, the library was given to the City of Seward, who had agreed to fund the ongoing operation and maintenance.

The Seward Wellness Center will do much the same thing but will turn over the funds to the City of Seward, who will then take responsibility for the construction and future maintenance of the Center.

Kudos to all business owners in Seward who operate, facilitate and maintain their privately owned storefronts. We need you!

However, the Seward Wellness Center is completely different. It will be owned and operated by the City of Seward for the benefit of all.

> Vikki Gremel Seward

### Ramsey announces write-in campaign for Dist. 24 seat

There's so much at stake and we can't waste the opportunity, that's why I'm running for Legislature in District 24.

I want someone to fight for what's right. To be vocal and champion truth. I have been actively involved in local patriot groups and I will never vote for mandates. In fact, if mandates come back around you can trust me to lead the fight against

I'll lead the fight in the legislature to keep C.R.T., sexual health standards and government overreach out of schools. In contrast to the current Dist. 24 senator, I will be vocal on the floor of the legislature when it comes to defending the rights of the unborn, adding my voice in the fight to grant legal personhood to babies from conception onward.

I have been bold about fighting for life and freedom since the beginning. I won't change my

I have not changed my platform simply because voters told me to. I believe in the things I do because they are objectively right, and I have kept a consistent message throughout my campaign. I like both my opponents, but I don't trust them to fight in the legislature for what matters most.

I have been bold about what I believe and why since the beginning.

So, write-in Joshua Ramsey for Legislature in District 24. We'll fight for what is right and save children from abortion or sexualization and each other's rights. My platform is at: www.joshuaram-

Joshua Ramsey

# It is our turn to love Jesus back

by Pastor Scott Krohn Living Word Church, Seward

Question: "Is Easter ruined by bunnies and fancy-colored eggs? The answer is: "no, if they are

put in their right places."

Like Christmas and Santa, and Thanksgiving and turkeys. or any holiday that seems to get lost in the materialism of this world, we can enjoy the meanings of the day if we keep our celebrations focused on the truth.

For believers in Christ, our celebration of Easter is the moment our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ overcame death and the grave. The moment when these words were realized:

Luke 9:22:

And Jesus said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.'

Jesus was raised again to eternal life; the tomb was empty! That should be our focus on Easter Sunday. Whether we do silly things like hide eggs or whatever the tradition to make the day special, it shouldn't take away from our talking about and our sharing of what the day is really about: Jesus Christ!

Our kids will learn what we teach them. If we say Easter is about something it isn't, then that is what our kids will learn.

Faith in Jesus should not be so fragile that it can't have some silly, fun traditions but Jesus must be kept as the reason for the season.

John 3:16, 17

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

"17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

God so loved the world, now it is our turn to love Him back. Keep Jesus as your focus every day and in every celebration and watch how the joy multiplies.

### Letters to the editor

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

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# Winners named in annual "My Farovite Tree" art contest

The annual "My Favorite Tree" art contest winners were announced at the annual Seward Arbor Day celebration at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward on April 29.

The annual contest is sponsored by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club to promote trees and Arbor Day. The contest is open to kindergarten through fourth grade. Each of the winners won a cash award from the GFWC Seward Woman's Club.

The 2022 "My Favorite Tree" Art Contest winners include:

First Place, Tie—Sawyer Wollen-burg, Grade 4, St. John Lutheran School, and Jackeline Hemphill, Grade 4, Seward Elementary

Second Place—Amarah Fogarty, Grade 4, Seward Elementary

Third Place—Chloe Wintz, Grade 4, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School

The art was judged by UNL Art Education Major Valeri Hill and is on display at the







COURTESY PHOTOS

Shown above are some examples of entrants in the annual "My Favorite Tree art contest sponsored by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club to promote trees and Arbor Day.

Seward Civic Center in the East Fireplace Room. Jean Kolterman served as the project chair for the annual event for the GFWC Seward Woman's Club.



COURTESY PHO

Dr. Ron Wallman was named the recipient of the annual Seward "Friend of Tree" award, presented at the Seward Arbor Day Ceremony.

# Wallman honored for planting efforts with "Friend of Tree" award

Seward County resident Dr. Ron Wallman was named the recipient of the annual Seward "Friend of Tree" award, presented at the Seward Arbor Day Ceremony.

The recipient is selected by a vote of the Tree Board and GFWC Seward Woman's Club representatives.

"The award was established about 25 years ago to honor and recognize someone who has contributed to the 'tree scene' in the Greater Seward area," Jean Kolterman of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club said. "It is a way to showcase and thank a 'true tree volunteer enthusiast' and point to them as a mentor to others."

His nomination read: "Dr. Ron Wallman, a longtime Seward resident, has been planting trees since he was a boy. He planted trees on his farm, and now at his home near Seward. As a leader on the Seward County Ag Society, he is a major, tree planting force for the Seward County Fairgrounds as well. His volunteer leadership as a spokesman for conservation and trees is extensive in the area, and he and his wife continue to plant and grown a wide variety of offerings at their beautiful acreage near Seward."

Nominations for the Seward Friend of Tree Award can be sent to the GFWC Seward Woman's Club, c/o Jean Kolterman, 1059 Plainview Avenue, Seward, NE 68434. Include the name and address of the individual and why they should be the recipient of the Seward Friend of Tree Award.

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## **VOTE FOR THE SEWARD WELLNESS CENTER**

by voting FOR the 1/2 cent sales tax increase on the May 10th Primary Ballot

Seward needs a facility to keep citizens of all ages healthy and active. A comprehensive wellness center will meet the needs of young and old alike to live happier, healthier lives.

### Why a Wellnness Center and why now?

Seward is functioning at a competitive disadvantage with our peers because we do not provide a comprehensive wellness center. The vision of community volunteers who are advocating for the Seward Wellness Center is to address this competitive disadvantage head on by spearheading a Wellness Center for the community.

### What will be included in the proposed facility?

Being proposed is an accessible ADA compliant facility to accommodate the fitness needs of everyone, including the elderly and physically challenged. A 6-lane indoor lap pool that can be used for aquatic and low impact cardio exercise, as well as lap swimming and swimming lessons year-round. Two full-sized basketball courts that can also accommodate volleyball or pickleball. It will also include an on-site childwatch area for those using the facility and before and after school childcare. Exercise studios for group fitness classes will also be part of the center, as well as strength training and cardio equipment. A home for the Youth Center and multipurpose rooms will round out the proposed offerings.

### What will a Seward Wellness Center cost?

The total project is estimated to cost \$18 million. The project committee has received over \$6 million in pledges, which will come to this project through a foundation and charitable contributions. \$6 million will come from grants. On May 10, 2022, the citizens in the City of Seward will vote on a .5% sales tax proposal that would then fund the remaining \$6 million. This sales tax would **automatically** sunset once the bonds are paid.

### Who is going to pay for the Wellness Center on an annual basis?

The Seward Wellness Center is projected to cover annual operating costs through membership fees, before and after school childcare programs, and fees associated with events and activities that utilize the space, such as the Seward Showcase basketball tournament. The City of Seward analyzed budgets from the Beatrice YMCA, which is similar in size to the proposed facility, and took those numbers into consideration in developing the proposed budget for operations. The city also considered local utilities costs and has projected that the Seward Wellness Center will be able to cover annual operating costs with no additional help from the city.

The fundraising committee for the Seward Wellness Center will establish a foundation where charitable donations and estate gifts will be accepted, which will help cover significant long-term costs, such as roofing, upgrades to HVAC systems, and so forth. It is not the intent for foundation funds to be used for annual operating costs, but rather for large capital expenditures or expansions.

### I'm interested in seeing this project completed. How do I help?

First - plan to vote on May 10th and vote YES for the 1/2 cent sales tax increase. You can also call 402-750-1281 or reach out via facebook to the Wellness Center Team to discuss volunteer opportunities or to pledge a financial commitment.

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### Senior Center serves hot potatoes



Amy Salistean, Milford Senior Center manager, left behind the counter, has the help of volunteers Sandy Erickson and Pam Slama in handing out baked potatoes with all the fixings to guests April 27. Next month, Salistean said the center will try something new in its monthly meal by serving salads and sandwiches.



Guests fill the dining room at the Milford Senior Center on April 27 as they partake in a potato bake. The monthly project is a main source of fundraising for the programs and activities provided by the center.

### Mark your calendar for these events

### MAY 4

### Star Wars theme activities set at the library

'May the Fourth" be with you on the evening of Wednesday, May 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Seward Memorial Library. Join the library staff in celebrating all things Star Wars. Dress as your favorite Star Wars character for an evening of Galactic Empire fun. Upon arrival, stop at the front desk to sign up for prizes to be given away every 30 minutes. You need not be present to win. You will also receive a map to navigate through the "empire." Activities include a scavenger hunt, light saber craft, Storm Trooper Tin Can Bowling, a Star Wars photo op, tattoos and Navigating an Asteroid Field. There will also be Star Wars themed snacks.

### Library to host webinar on organizing space

The Seward Memorial Library will host a live webinar Thursday, May 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., featuring the "Life-changing magic of tidying up" by Marie Kondo, featuring Shannon Honeycutt with Spark Joy, Charlotte, a Konmari Workshop. Honeycutt is the founder of Spark Joy and a certified Silver level Konmari Consultant trained by Kondo. Kondo is the author of The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying  $\cup$ p and Spark Joy, as well as the creator of the Konmari Method  $\circledast$ , which is a style of tidying focusing on decluttering and organizing space by keeping only those items you love. Participants should bring a t-shirt and a pair of pants to the webinar to practice the Konmari vertical folding technique. Honeycutt will choose three people to receive prizes, so online registration with the Seward Memorial Library is strongly recommended but not required to attend this event. Registration is available through the library's website. Click on activities, find the May 5 webinar registration site and sign up to win.

### Dog Show scheduled at the fairgrounds

8. Showing starts at 9 a.m. and is open to the public. "FastCat" trials will also be conducted this year.

#### Children's area at library to see upgrade The staff at the Seward Memorial Library will soon be busy moving and rear

ranging items in the children's area to make it even more appealing for children. They will also be adding new features, including a new AWE learning station which has already arrived. The library will be closed to walk-in traffic from Monday, May 9. through Saturday. May 14. though the drive-up window will remain open during normal business hours for picking up reserved items. Come into the library after May 14 to check out the new look. There is still time to donate to this project. Each donation of \$4,000 will be recognized on a 3"x 8" (approx.) plaque on a shelving unit of the donor's choice.

### **MAY 11**

### Woman's Club plans spring luncheon

The annual spring luncheon of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club will be Wednesday, May 11, at 12:30 p.m. in the West Fireplace Room of the Seward Civic Center. Following the luncheon, the program will feature the theme "Poetry" and those attending will be entertained by the winning student poets in the GFWC State Poetry Contest. Each club member is invited to also bring a favorite poem to share as well. New officers will be installed and plans will center on the club's summer activities at the business meeting. Reservations for the luncheon need to be made to Joanna Treas at joannatreas@gmail.com.

#### Graduations scheduled at high school Area high schools will host graduations Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15

Milford, Centennial and Malcolm will have their ceremonies Saturday, May 14, at 2 p.m. Seward's ceremony will be Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m.

### **MAY 15**

### Seward VFW to host monthly breakfast

Seward VFW Post 4755 will conduct its monthly breakfast on Sunday, May 15, from 8 to 11 a.m. Free-will donations will be accepted to help support the many community projects that the legion supports

### **BEGINNING MAY 18**

### Farmer's market set to open soon

Seward's farmers market will be open on the courthouse lawn from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning May 18 and running through Oct. 29. The market features locally grown produce, baked goods, farm-fresh products, handmade clothing, artwork and crafts. Vendor spaces must be reserved in advance. For a reservation or more information, contact Carol Albrecht at (402) 641-4670.

### **MAY 19**

### Caregiver Retreat offers a chance to recharge The annual Caregiver Retreat is planned Thursday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. at the Seward Memorial Library. Caregivers are defined as a family member or paid helper who regularly looks after a child or a sick, elderly or disabled person. The program will consist of informative presentations, food and prizes. Registration is \$10 and must be made by May 12 by calling (402) 761-3593 or by email at sshaw@ lincoln.ne.gov. The event is sponsored by Seward County Aging Services

### **MAY 21**

### Rotary to host annual service dinner

The annual Seward Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" dinner will be Saturday, May 21 at 5:30 n m at the Seward County Ad Pavilion at the Seward County Fair grounds. The evening will feature a Windsor Loin/Swiss Steak dinner by Milford's Pizza Kitchen and a cash bar by Pac 'N' Save. The evening entertainment will be nationally acclaimed comedian Rik Roberts of Kansas City. The annual Wayne Tanderup Award will be given to Milford's Craig Carritt and the Service Above Self Award to Marlin Pozehl of Seward. A live auction will be a feature of the event to support the work of the Rotary International Foundation/Polio Plus Campaign, the Seward Rotary Club projects and the new Seward Wellness Center. Tickets can be purchased from the Seward Chamber, Jones Bank in Seward or any member of the Seward Rotary Club.

### Registration available for theater workshop

Olde Glory Theatre will again host a summer theater workshop presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre from July 25-29. This year's show will be "Hansel and Gretel." The workshop is open for children who have completed kindergarten up to going into the 12th grade this fall. Space is limited. Registration forms are available at oldeglorvsewardne.com. For more information, call IoAnn at (402) 304

### **ONGOING**

### COVID-19 vaccinations are available

COVID-19 vaccinations are available by appointment at the Seward Family Medical Center. Moderna first and second dose or booster vaccinations are available to those 18 years or older. Pfizer first and second dose vaccinations are available to those 5 and older and boosters for those 18 and older. Appointments are required. Call the Seward Family Medical Center at (402) 643-4800 to schedule an appoint-

### COVID-19 testing offered at Seward

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon meetings set

Alcoholics Anonymous groups will meet at the following times: Mondays at noon at the Civic Center in Seward; Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center; Thursdays at the Bellwood Mennonite Church in Milford; Fridays at 7:30  $\,$ p.m. at the Civic Center; Saturdays at the Catholic Church in Beaver Crossing; and Sundays at 9 a.m. at the Civic Center and 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Seward. Al-Anon meetings are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Bellwood Mennonite Church in Milford and at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the Civic Center in Seward.

### Coffee and fellowship to be shared

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

### Lunch served at Milford Senior Center

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon at the Milford Senior Center. Reservations must be made one day in advance by calling or leaving a message at (402) 761-3367. Meals for seniors ages 60 and older have a suggested contribution of \$5.50 for regularly scheduled meals. Meals for guests under age 60 are \$7.75. All are welcome. On the second Thursday of each month, instead of the regular noon meal, brunch is served at 11 a.m., followed by BINGO at 11:30 a.m. Each Wednesday is a hot dish and salad bar.

### Yoga classes on the agenda

Three different yoga classes are offered weekly at the Milford Senior Center, led by Kelly Haney. Offerings include: Adapted Yoga on Mondays at 9 a.m., a class is for everyone, regardless of experience, and may be done sitting or standing; Assisted Yoga on Wednesdays at 9 a.m., previously called Chair Yoga, focuses on balance and muscle strengthening, a great starter class; and Next Level Yoga on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

### FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS

### Grief/Share Support Group to meet

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

### **MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS**

#### Flu shots are available Flu shots can be obtained from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Family Medical

Centers of Milford, Seward and Utica. No appointment is necessary. Walk-in Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at any of the three clinics.

### **SECOND TUESDAYS**

#### 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.

### THIRD TUESDAYS

### Alzheimer's group to meet

The local Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group will meet at Kinship Pointe the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, contact Karen McConnell at (402) 641-0440. For more resources, visit

# SMS teams place in statewide quiz bowl tournament

The Seward Civic Center was the site of the first Nebraska Middle School Statewide "End of the Year" Quiz Bowl Tournament April 27.

The all day, general knowledge competition was for middle school students and sponsored by the GFWC Seward Woman's Club.

The Seward Middle School Team B finished second in the large school division and Team A was third. Both were coached by Laura Trautman.

The morning round robin event featured contests between the teams of similar size. The teams answered questions in math, science, literature, grammar, journalism, history and current events. Each team played three rounds in the morning and were seeded for an afternoon single elimination tournament, with seeding based on wins/losses, points generated and largest individual points in one game.

In the afternoon, the teams competed in a single elimination tournament, with trophies presented to the first and second place winners in each division and individual team medals to winning team members. The trophies were presented by GFWC Seward Woman's Club President Joanna Treas of Seward.

The volunteer readers and judges for the contest included Sue Imig, Pat Ohlmann and Dr. Louis Reith of Seward, Tonia Nantkes of Utica, Mary and Stan Meyer of Geneva and Kathy Wilcox of Crete. Treas of the GFWC Seward Woman's Club served as the Hostess for the event, and Riley Nuttleman was the Quiz Master, assisted by Clark Kolterman-who helped coordinate the event, along with Jean Kolterman, GFWC Seward Woman's Club Project Chair. Special Civic Center host was Erin Wiseman, Civic Center Manager.



Seward Middle School Team A, pictured, finished third during the Nebraska Middle School Statewide "End of the Year" Quiz Bowl Tournament on April 27. Team B finished second in the tournament.



One of the May 1 Nebraska Passport visitors to Old Cottonwood in Utica, Brock McMahon and his mom Melissa Mc-Mahon of rural Seward have their Nebraska Passports stamped by Old Cottonwood owners Leah and Brent Daehling.

# Seward County businesses featured on 2022 Nebraska Passport Program

Two Seward County locations are featured on the 2022 Nebraska Passport program – Old Cottonwood Antiques in Utica and the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward.

Both are excited and have extended their hours to accommodate the visitors. Passports are available at both locations or can be mailed to you through the Nebraska State Tourism office.

The program kickedoff for Old Cottonwood in Utica May 1, as the store is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays, and the Passport tourists were waiting at the door to get their passports stamped. The owners of Old Cottonwood are Brent and Leah Daehling.

The Nebraska National Guard's first day was May 2, as the museum is not open on Sundays. However they have added Saturdays to their schedule and are open officially on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Jerry Meyer at the Nebraska National Guard Museum with any questions.

"This has been a wonderful program for many tourist attractions in Seward County over the last few years, and it is really a boost to business to be named a Passport Host," said Pat Coldiron of Liberty House and Seward County Visitors Bureau spokesman. "I know that both of our Seward County sites will also promote the other offerings in Seward County, and I'm excited to see both on the program for 2022."

"The Seward County Visitor's Bureau has made sure all the appropriate Seward County attraction brochures, maps and rack cards are in place at both sites, to encourage the visitors to these Passport sites to see everything else Seward County has to offer," Ken Schmieding, Seward County Commissioner and representative to the Seward County Visitors Bureau, said.

Clark Kolterman,

another SCVB member, said the Passport program has featured other Seward County sites in the past.

This program is a great way to see the back roads of Nebraska and a wonderful family activity, plus there are many awards for achieving a variety of levels of participation," he said.

The purpose of the Nebraska Passport program is to help travels discover Nebraska's hidden gems. For updates, awards information and general information on the program visit www.

nebraskapassport.com. "Old Cottonwood" is

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> **Pat Coldiron Seward County Visitors Bureau**

located at 400 1st Street in Utica. Nebraska. Visit their website at oldcottonwood.com, email invo@oldcottonwood.com or call (402) 630-6718. The Nebraska National Guard Museum

is located at 201 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Seward, call (402) 309-8763 or visit the website at www.nngm. org. Both have a presence on social media, as

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### Blessings for Arbor Day



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School celebrated Arbor Day by having the fifth graders planting a tree, an Autumn Radiant. Pictured is the blessing of the tree before being

# Funds sought to improve, repair **Utica City Park**

The Utica Community Foundation, in partnership with the Village of Utica, is moving forward with plans to replace the picnic shelter and restrooms in the City Park.

The current shelter is in need of major repairs and has limited accessibly. Upgrading would allow for a larger, 30-foot x 64-foot structure, with an extended cement apron and a four-stall restroom that includes a storm shelter.

The Foundation is taking on the \$210,000 effort after the Village of Utica was denied grant funding and feedback from residents suggested they would like to use the space.

The Utica Community Foundation will participate in Seward County Gives project May 1-5 to raise funds to support fundraising the project. Seward County residents are asked to consider giving online or in person at a Giving Station during the week of giving.

To learn more about any of the organizations participating in this year's event, visit http:// sewardcountygives.com.



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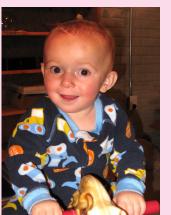
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### Birthdays

### Kastl

Bernard Kastl of Seward will celebrate his 101st birthday on May 13.

He has one daughter, Barb Sypal, and husband, Ron, five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family is requesting a card shower for him. Cards may be sent to him at Ridgewood, 624 Pinewood Ave., Room 303, Seward, NE 68434.

### Schulz

Marvin "PeeWee" Schulz will celebrate his 95th birthday next week.

He was born May 9, 1927, in Seward.

An open house is scheduled Sunday, May 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Frieden's United Church of Christ in Goehner.

Cards may be sent to him at 500 Heartland Park Dr., Apt 209, Seward, NE 68434.



Marvin "PeeWee" Schulz

# Kisela chosen to attend Girls State

Garland Legion Auxiliary 369 selected McKenna Kisela to attend the American Legion **Auxiliary Cornhusker** Girls State the week of June 5-11 on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

At Girls State, young women learn how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for their rights as

Kisela is a member of the Garland Legion Auxiliary 369 and is the daughter of Jessica Kisela and Seth Schaefer. She is a junior at Seward High School and is involved with soccer, softball, wrestling student manager and an honor roll student. She is also involved in the **Garland Youth Sports** program.

Kisela's hobbies and interests include watching movies, spending time with family, volunteering, sports and she enjoys being outside.

Students

### **Central Community College-Columbus**

Special recognition awards were presented April 14 at the 2022 Student Recognition and Awards Convocation at Central Community College-Columbus.

Appreciation awards were presented to students who were officers, active members or award winners in various campus organizations during the 2021-22 academic year. Honored students included Samantha Keith of Utica, a member of the CCC Multicultural Club, which focuses on building global awareness on campus and in the community and promoting cultural awareness and understanding about different cultures.

**Central Community College-Hastings** 

Students from the SkillsUSA chapters at Central Community College in Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings placed in state competition April 7-9 at Fonner Park in Grand Island.

Landon Nelson of Seward, a student at CCC-Hastings, earned third place in technical drafting.

Special recognition awards were presented April 26 at the 2022 Student Awards Gala at Central Community College-Hastings.

**Service Awards** 

Service awards were presented to students who were active in various campus organizations during the 2021-22 academic year. Honored students

Phi Theta Kappa honor society

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year colleges, and the Hastings Campus' Beta Alpha Delta Chapter was chartered in 1994. To obtain membership, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Seward—Landon Nelson

Resident assistants

Resident assistants are responsible for promoting and maintaining a favorable living environment in the residence halls.

Seward—Landon Nelson

### Birth



Kennedy Elizabeth McGregor

### McGregor

Kennedy Elizabeth McGregor was born to Ryan and Beth McGregor of Omaha on March 14, 2022, at Women's Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inch-

Grandparents are Gary and Shirley McGregor of Seward and Tom and Paula Peal of Omaha. Kennedy was welcomed home by her sister, Kylie, age 3.

### Area students presented at Concordia academic and research symposium

Concordia University, Nebraska's 11th annual Academic and Research Symposium provided students with an opportunity to showcase their achievements to the campus community on April 25.

Students from this area included Anne Aschmann, freshman, Abigail Baack, sophomore, Malia Rolf, senior, and Avery Stillahn, senior, all of Seward; Dylan Cookus, senior, Tiffany Hovendick, senior, and Tabitha Ristvedt, senior, all of Milford; and Wyatt Loga, junior, of Bee.

During the one-day event, aimed at showcasing undergraduate scholarship, science and terdisciplinary setting, 57 oral and 34 poster presentations were given by 106 students. Topics ranged from monarchical republicanism, to GPAC football recruiting and represented virtually every academic field including art, literature, psychology, chemistry, physics, biology, history, theology, geography and mathematics.

Dr. Brian Albright, associate professor of mathematics and organizer of the symposium, recognizes its value, stating that "the symposium is a great opportunity for students to showcase their God-given academic talents in a friendly, collegial

# research in a relaxed, in- environment." Concordia Vocal Jazz Choir to tour in May

Concordia University's Vocal Jazz Choir will travel to Missouri, indiana and lowa for its

performance tour May 7-11. Under the direction of Dr. Kurt von Kampen, the choir, a 14-voice select ensemble which performs standard jazz and pop-influenced choral music, will perform in five cities on its tour. Concert sites

Peters, Missouri; Indianapolis, Indiana; Fort Wayne, Indiana and Gets In Your Eyes," the Toto clas-Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Members of the Vocal Jazz Choir include Samuel Dunbar, freshman, of Utica, and Jessica Landrey, sophomore, and Jonathan Landrey, junior, both of Seward.

Concerts have featured perforinclude Kansas City, Missouri; St. mances of pieces such as Jerome

Kern's famous ballad "Smoke sic "Rosanna," several Broadway musical numbers including "The Song of Purple Summer" from Spring Awakening and "Singin' in the Rain" from the musical of the same name, and other wellknown hits spanning nearly eight decades.

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### Obituaries

Arthur H. Fliege June 22, 1937 – April 25, 2022

Arthur H. Fliege, 84, of Lincoln died Monday, April 25, 2022, in his home with his wife present.

He was born June 22, 1937, in Springfield, Illinois, the son of the late William E. Fliege and Elizabeth C. Fliege. Art, as he was known, was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Music was a large part of his life. He started playing the piano as a child and continued throughout his life, transitioning into organ as well. Music was so important to him that it became his life's vocation. He grad-



uated from Lanphier High School in Springfield. He earned his bachelor's degree from River Forest College, Illinois, with his degree in education. He went on to graduate with his master's in music education from the University of Illinois, all of these accomplishments with an emphasis on music. He taught music for many years at Concordia Teachers College in Seward, directing both the concert and marching band and touring with them. He especially enjoyed teaching Music Theory. He also taught music at St. Paul Lutheran school in Concordia, Missouri, in the early 1960s, where he met his future wife, Helen (nee: Lovercamp).

Art and Helen were married June 16, 1962. From this union, they had three children, Kara Urlis-Comer (Rick Comer), Ronda Kay Clark (Mark) and Jonathan Fliege (Jill). He served on the board of The American Guild of Organists' local chapter. He later drove tour buses and sports teams around the United States and enjoyed the interaction with his passengers as well as the travel. He loved fishing, classical music, camping with his children when they were young, Jeopardy and mostly, spending quality time with his

Art is survived by his wife of almost 60 years Helen; his children, Kara (Rick), Ronda (Mark) and Jonathan (Jill); grandchildren, Hannah, Adam (Kelsey), Samantha, Jack, Andrew, Nora, Adeline, Amelia, Allison (Spencer) and Corey (Brittni); great-grandchildren Reagan and Maddox, who call him "Grandpa Art;" siblings, Stuart (Judy), Elizabeth "Betsy," Freddy (Becky), Linda Wellenreiter (Dan) and Tim (Laura).

He is preceded in death by his parents William and Elizabeth Fliege and siblings, William "Billy," Edwin, Richard and Walther "Herky."

Art was faithful to his family, friends and above

all, his Lord and Savior.

The funeral service was May 4 at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward with committal in the Seward Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. John Organ Fund, Trinity Lutheran School-Springfield or the donor's choice. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

### Marriage licenses

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

### March

Amanda Foley, Seward, and Tyler Ross, Seward Jean Berge, Seward, and James Auxier, Milford Kristin Ahlschwede, Seward, and Adam Arnold, Seward

Stefanie Sookdeo, Milford, and Lucas Kremer, Milford

Kaitlyn Radebaugh, Lincoln, and Erich Kenow, Seward

Hannah Wissmann, Milford, and Jeremiah

Duggar, Springdale, Arizona Liliana Alaniz, Milford, and Greggory

Conaway, Milford

Sammantha Riedel, Cordova, and Kegan Riley, Cordova

Emily Almgren, Seward, and Benjamin Klenke,

Jenny Brinkmeyer, Milford, and Kurt Chione, Atkinson, Kansas

### April

Kayla Gadeken, Seward, and Clayton McKay, Milford

Whitney Winter, Milford, and Kevin Palmer, Lincoln

Haley Breyer, Seward, and Ryan DeMers, Seward

Sarah Kudrna, Leigh, and Jarod Phillips,

Morgan Kavulak, Bee, and Allen Morsett, Raymond

# Seward County

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Danny L. Troyer June 20, 1951 – April 25, 2022

Danny L. Troyer was born June 20, 1951, to Milton and Betty (Stutzman) Troyer in Friend and

passed away Monday, April 25, 2022, in Seward at the age of 70.

Dan grew up on the family farm and attended Milford Public Schools, graduating in 1969. Following graduation, he attended Hesston College where he received a business degree. Dan was seen by many as a "rock" and it's no surprise that he found his vocation operating Troyer Concrete for more than



40 years, working with his sons, Ben and Trent, and his brother, Joe.

Dan loved spending time with family, friends and especially his grandkids. He had a gift for helping others and didn't know a stranger. He lived life so he could offer what he had to others through many acts of kindness, and his legacy will be carried on by his children and others. Like his parents, Dan was devoted to the Milford Mennonite Church, where he served in various leadership roles over the years.

Dan enjoyed playing golf and was a charter member of Thornridge Golf Course in Milford. He enjoyed bowling and played on many leagues through the years. He was also a volunteer firefighter/EMT with the Milford Volunteer Fire

department.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Camille and Scott Wanetka and grandsons, Ben, Jake and Nicholas Wanetka, all of Milford; son, Ben Troyer and grandchildren, Connor, Keenan, and Kyla Troyer, all of Milford; daughter and sonin-law Cati and Josh Harmoney and granddaughters, Lillian and Ruby Harmoney, all of Seward; son and daughter-in-law, Trent and Allissa Troyer and grandson, Blake, all of Milford; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Marcia Troyer of Lincoln and Steve and Theresa Troyer of Milford; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue Burkey and Dave and Kath Stutzman, all of Milford; sister-in-law, Sandy Troyer of Milford; several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Betty Troyer; brother, Joe Troyer; and broth-

er-in-law, Jerry Burkey.

The funeral service was April 29 at the Milford Mennonite Church with burial at the Milford Mennonite Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Milford Mennonite Church. Condolences may be left for the family online at www. lauberfh.com.

### Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

**April 14 – 19** KACH646, LLC, to Drew Carr and Andrea Carr, Lot 2, Gardner Addition, a Subdivision of Beck Addition to

Seward. DS \$562.50 Frances A. Gill to Ronald R. Jeppesen and Caroline L. Jeppesen, Lot 3, Northern Heights First Addition to Seward. DS \$562.50

Jacob Riley and Kelsie Riley to Tone Grindel and Morgan Grindel, part of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block I, Davison and Culver's Addition to Milford. DS \$402.75

Edward J. Hladky and Marilyn G. Hladky to Douglas M. Tonniges, E1/2 NE1/4 4-11-2. DS \$1,827

Mark L. Lueders and Sheila Lueders to Dustin R. Dobesh, all of the N1/2 SE1/4 31-12-4. DS \$1,586.25

Marvin G. Schulz and James D. Schulz and Kathleen A. Schulz to Jon M. Schulz, part of the NE1/4 24-10-1. DS exempt

Marvin G. Schulz to Jeffrey E. Schulz, an undivided one-third interest in the NE1/4

23-11-1. DS exempt Marvin G. Schulz to Gail A. Miller, an undi-

vided one-half interest

in the NE1/4 23-10-1. DS exempt

The Growing Place to Blue Heron Inipi, a tract of land in the SE1/4 33-

11-4. DS exempt Cloy E. Stutzman and Linda L. Stutzman to State of Nebraska Dept. of Transportation, a tract of land in Lot 6, Block 2, Brandon's First Addition to Milford. DS

exempt Bradley T. Domingo and Lorri Domingo, Becky F. Lambley and Kevin Lambley and Brenda M. Robinson and Mark Robinson to Carmon Dea Yusten, part of the SW1/4 22-11-

2. DS \$240.75 Enver Z. Sanatullov and Marat Sanatullov to Brendan Owens and Carly Owens, Lot 5, Block 7, South Seward Addition to Seward. DS \$483.75

Ronald Kubik and Loretta Kubik to Christina Schellenbach and John E. Kirk and Mary Jo Kirk, Lot 5, Block 2, Hughes Addition to Seward. DS \$438.75

Marvin G. Schulz to James D. Schulz, an undivided one-half interest in the S1/2 NE1/4 24-10-1. DS exempt

Barbara A. Jueden to Laurie R. Hoyt and Richard C. Therrien, Jr., a tract of land in the SE1/4 SE1/4 2-9-1. DS exempt

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### Police

Information provided by the Seward Police *Dept. for April 22 – 28.* 

April 22

5:16 p.m.—A man was arrested in the area of South Fifth and South streets in Seward on a Lincoln Police Department warrant.

6:44 p.m.—A caller in the 400 block of South Columbia Avenue reported a tree had fallen on power lines and a vehicle, and a hospice patient was inside the residence. Power was restored and no emergency rescue for the patient was needed.

8:20 p.m.—A caller in the area of Karol Kay Boulevard and Bader Avenue reported when they and a friend were walking, a high school-aged male shot at them with a BB gun, which struck the caller three times, leaving red marks.

April 24 12:17 p.m.—A caller in the 800 block of Fletcher Road reported someone had stolen a catalytic converter off his car. Upon arrival, an officer found that several vehicles were damaged the previous night.

2:19 p.m.—The

Seward Police Department received a report of another theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle in the 2600 block of Progressive Road.

April 25

9:10 p.m.—A caller in the 700 block of South First Street requested extra patrol measures in the area due to recent catalytic converter thefts around town.

April 26

7:19 p.m.—A caller in the area of North Fifth Street and Jackson Avenue reported a burglary at the bandshell.

Summary of other calls: 911 misdial 3 Abuse/neglect child 1 Disturbance 4 Extra patrol 5

Field contact 4 Fraud 1 Funeral escort 1 Gas/odor leak 1 Harassment 1 Miscellaneous 24 Motorist assist 1

No fire or burn permit 1 Non-injury accident 2

Parking violations 6 Security alarm 1 Suicide threat/attempt 1

Thefts 2 Traffic stops 28 Welfare checks 2

## Sheriff's Dept.

*Information provided* by the Seward County Sheriff's Dept. for April

**Summary of calls:** 911 misdial 3 Abuse/neglect 2

Anhydrous ammonia leak 1

Accidents 4

Arrests made on warrant 2

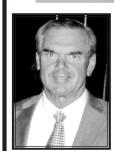
Disturbance 3 Extra patrol 1 Field contact 3 Fire/no burn permit

Fraud 1 Miscellaneous 42 Motorist assists 11 Reckless driving 9 Security alarm 1 Suspicious vehicle/ person 2

Traffic stops 161 Terroristic threats 1 Traffic control 1 Village patrols 140 Welfare check 1

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- >Served 10 years as District 34 Nebraska state Senator from 1983-1992
- Public Service Commissioner, a post he has held for 30 years

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Nova Criss, above, and at right, Eva and Austin Estle are watched by Ronan Bartholomew as they enjoy the activities associtated with fun night at Centennial High School.



# Marlin Pozehl picked for Seward Rotary Club award

The Seward Rotary Club selected Marlin Pozehl as the 2022 "Service Above Self" Award winner.

He will be honored at the annual "Service Above Self" Dinner and Program on Saturday, May 21, at the Seward County Ag Pavilion.

Pozehl was born June 13, 1931, at his parents' farm just four miles west of Staplehurst - the fourth of five children of Otto and Emma Pozehl. He attended and graduated from the Marysville Church Lutheran Elementary School and attended high school in Seward, with a focus on the high school's ag program.

While at Seward High, he was a proud member of the Seward High football team and was employed by Adolf Vahl at Vahl Drug – in charge of the crushed ice for the soda fountain.

He also worked evenings for John Marten at Marten's Texaco Station after school and after football practice. To attend Seward High he lived in town during the week, he often caught a ride to school and rode the train home to Staplehurst on the weekends

Graduating from Seward High in 1949, Pozehl's family moved to a farm near Thayer, and he worked for his father and at a Texaco Station in York and eventually again working for Martens in Seward.

Over the years, Pozehl shared how many employers served as a role model and mentor. He felt he gained so much from the people he worked for and with over the years. A mentor, for example, was Lloyd Gaskell, a polio survivor who lived in Thayer and Pozehl worked for him. Gaskell started as a farmer, but when he contracted polio, he found himself confined to a wheelchair, but he adapted.

Gaskell started a Creamery and Chicken business and he became successful in spite of his polio setback. He proved that with determination and hard work, you can be successful.

On June 27, 1951, Pozehl married Dolores Heinicke of Thayer and was drafted into the Army in February of 1952. He was in the infantry for the Korean War, however, he was shipped to Germany for two years and returned to be in the reserve for four more years.

During Pozehl's service in the Army, Dolores worked at the Seward County Independent, eventually moving home and working in

York. Returning to Seward after his Army career, Pozehl worked for Byron Brigham on the farm



Marlin Pozehl was named by the Seward Rotary Club as its 2022 "Service Above Self" Award winner. He is shown with his wife, Dolores.

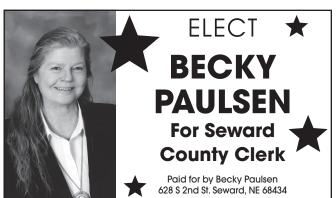
and with the Brighams' various enterprises including farming, cattle and trucking. He also worked on building Quonsets throughout Seward County and helped build an elevator near Omaha.

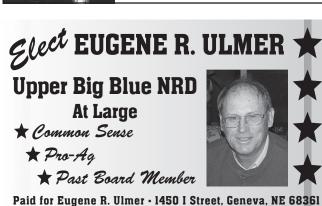
In 1955 with Brigham's encouragement, Pozehl took a job with Bob Mercer's Implement Company-The International Harvester Company, as the parts manager. Pozehl eventually became the parts manager for Lawrence Beckler's Implement Dealership, when Becklers purchased the business from Mercer.

Pozehl worked as a parts manager for 35 years and was proud of the fact that the Beckler business was the first implement dealership in the Kansas City Region to computerize their operation.

After Becklers sold their implement dealership, he changed careers and became an employee for the Jones Bank in Seward, working at analyzing and rating loans for the bank for 25 years.

During his career with Beckler Implement and the Jones Bank, he was involved in a host of volunteer efforts and community activities. Pozehl is a longtime, loyal member of the Seward Kiwanis Club -serving on a host of committees. He was a







member of the Seward Memorial Health Care Systems Board of Directors and still is very proud and a strong promoter of the Seward Memorial Health Care program. He also worked with the Seward Chamber of Commerce on a variety of commit-

Pozehl and his family were longtime, active members of St. John Lutheran Church in Seward. He was a key volunteer at St. John Lutheran Church for decades, and one of the pillars of the St. John Worship Board.

One of his duties was finding and setting the large live Christmas tree or trees for the church each Christmas and has many "tree" storie" in obtaining and setting the trees.

He also served on the St. John Foundation Board for years. Since then, he has returned to his home congregation at Our Redeemer Marys- Bunny of Gretna and a

ville in Staplehurst and served as the church treasurer for nine years.

After "retiring" from his business career, Pozehl joined Clayton Kent as a key volunteer leader in the Seward Cross Makers program. restructuring and organizing the group, developing a board and making sure that all the volunteers were kept in the communication loop.

He served as the lead volunteer for Cross Makers for over a decade. Pozehl stated that he is convinced that all the volunteers at Cross Makers are key missionaries in promoting the message of salvation and comfort found in Jesus Christ, regardless of their role in the cross making process.

Each volunteer step is important to the success of the program's mis-

Marlin and Dolores have two children, a son Allen and his wife

daughter Brenda and her husband Don Hain of Lincoln. They enjoy their four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Marlin and Dolores enjoyed their red brick home on Cherry Lane in Seward for over 50 years, moving to Seward's Kinship Pointe in 2021. Notes of congratulations can be sent to Marlin Pozehl at Kinship Pointe, 500 Heartland Park Drive, Seward, NE

The Seward Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation in his name. He is awarded a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow award, the highest honor in Rotary International.

Individual tickets for the May 21, 2022 dinner can be purchased at the Jones Bank, the Cattle Bank and the Seward Chamber or by contacting Todd LaVelle at (402) 640-1832.



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# Traveling with pets: how to keep them safe on the go

by Emily Hemphill

As summer approaches and drivers take to the road more frequently, many will do so with their pets by their side.

Traveling with a pet can be comforting to people, but it can cause distress for animals.

The American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention all agree on safe travel tips for cats and dogs.

In general, pets should travel in the back seat in a well-ventilated kennel that is strapped in to avoid sliding with sudden stops or turns.

Special seatbelts are available for dogs that can latch to their harness or collar, which can be useful for larger dogs – but check the manufacturer's recommendations before using one.

Large dogs can also travel in a secured crate in the back of a truck, which is safer than letting them roam free in the truck bed, where they area subject to falls or jumping out.

Tips for safe travel

with your pet

1. **Plan ahead**: Ask yourself if taking your pet with you is the right thing to do, for both your pet and your family. If the answer is "no," then be sure to make appropriate arrangements with a pet sitter or kennel. If the answer is "yes," be sure your pet will be welcome where you're heading. This includes any stops you make along the way as well as your final destination. Look for veterinarians along your planned route in case any emergency medical care is needed.

2. Health certificates: If you're crossing state lines during your travel, you will need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (heath certificate). You will need to obtain this within 10 days of when you plan to travel. Your veterinarian will examine your pet to be sure he/she is free from signs of infectious disease and that vaccinations are current.

3. **Identification**: Make sure your pet is properly identified in the unfortunate event they become lost during

the trip. A collar with an ID tag (with up-to-date information) and a microchip will improve your chances of being reunited. You should also keep a current color photo of your pet.

4. Car rides: If your pet is not accustomed to riding in the car, start to introduce car rides before your trip. Start with short trips around the block and gradually work up to longer car rides until they become more comfortable. Providing a familiar blanket or toy may make your pet more comfortable during travel.

5. **Restraint**: Your pet should be restrained in a carrier or in a properly fitted, species-specific safety harness attached to a seat belt. A carrier should be large enough for them to lie down, stand up and turn around. This carrier should be properly tied down in case of a sudden stop or a collision. It is not recommended to keep pets in your lap or free roaming in the car. Pets should not be allowed to ride in the back of a truck without being confined in a protective, secured kennel.

6. **Frequent stops**: During travel, make frequent stops (every 2-3 hours) to allow them to use the restroom, stretch their legs and get mental stimulation from checking out their new surroundings. Offer your pet water at each stop and try to keep your pet's feeding schedule as close to normal as possible.

7. **Supplies**: Take adequate food, water and any necessary medications for the duration of the trip. A copy of your pet's medical records may be necessary to provide vaccination history, descriptions of pre-existing health conditions and current medications. Other essential supplies include a bowl, leash, plastic bags and first-aid kit.

8. Never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle: Temperatures can rise sharply inside a vehicle and may become dangerous within minutes, even with a window left open.

9. Talk to your veterinarian: If your pet gets car sick or experiences severe anxiety during travel, talk to your veterinarian about alternate traveling suggestions or medications to help keep them comfortable.

# The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers the following tips:

- 1. Be prepared. If you're traveling across state lines, bring along your pet's rabies vaccination record. While this generally isn't a problem, some states require this proof at certain interstate crossings.
- 2. Keep pets safe and secure in a well-ventilated crate or carrier. The crate should be large enough for your pet to stand, sit, lie down and turn around in. Secure your pet's crate so it will not slide or shift in the event of an abrupt stop.
- 3. If you decide to forgo the crate, don't allow a pet to ride with its head outside the window, and always keep it in the back seat in a harness attached to a seat buckle.
- 4. Prep a pet-friendly travel kit. Bring food, a bowl, leash, a waste scoop, plastic bags, grooming supplies, medication and first-aid, and any travel documents. Pack a favorite toy or pillow to give your pet a sense of familiarity. Be sure to pack plenty of water, and avoid feeding your pet in a moving vehicle.
- 5. A pet's travel-feeding schedule should start with a light meal three to four hours prior to departure,. Always opt for bottled water for pets. Drinking water from an area he or she isn't used to could result in stomach discomfort.
- 6. Never leave an animal alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, even with the windows open, a parked automobile can become a furnace in no time, and heatstroke can develop. In cold weather, a car can act as a refrigerator, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.



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# It's summer - crank the stereo any way you want it

by Hanna Christensen Seward County Independent

As summer approaches, windows are rolling down and music is turning up, and the way people listen to music in their vehicles has been evolving.

Eric Ehlers of Ehlers Electronics LLC in Seward said many customers who come to his shop want to upgrade their car stereos to have more features.

In recent years, more people have shifted to using their phone to play music through their vehicle's speakers, Ehlers said. One way people do this is through Bluetooth technology, which allows for wireless connection between mobile and fixed devices.

"I'd say more people probably listen through their Bluetooth connection with their phone than they listen to FM radio," he said.

If someone who has a car without Bluetooth wants that option, they can get it. They can purchase and plug in a Bluetooth adapter, or they can swap out their radio for one that has Bluetooth built into it.

"In the original days, Bluetooth was there so you can talk to people on your phone and use your car stereo basically as a speaker system for listening to the call—it was just handsfree calling," Ehlers said. "Nowadays, people don't just want hands-free calling, but they also want to stream their music from their smartphone. And so, Bluetooth does both."

People who do not have Bluetooth can get music to go from their phone to their car speakers using an auxiliary cord or USB. Ehlers said the USB is the better of the two choices.

"The auxiliary cord is literally just an audio input. It just takes the audio signal from whatever it's plugged into on the other end, and it amplifies it and runs it through the speaker," he said. "The USB can do that, plus it can get information from your phone." Unlike the auxiliary cord, the USB can display information such as the name of the song that is playing. Additionally, one can listen by putting music on a flash drive and plugging that flash drive into the USB port.



Aftermarket radios are available at Ehlers Electronics LLC in Seward.

Artermarket radios are available at Enlers Electronics LLC in Seward

Another way people can listen to music is through SiriusXM, a satellite radio service. Lots of vehicles come with SiriusXM capabilities built into their radios. Otherwise, someone can buy a radio with SiriusXM or buy a separate portable SiriusXM kit. Ehlers said the SiriusXM kit is a less expensive alternative.

Ehlers said some people, especially those of the younger generation, want to be able to play music really loudly with a strong bass. A subwoofer can allow for that.

"[A subwoofer's] main purpose is to put out more bass, more tone and essentially make the windows rattle and give that boom, boom, boom that people want," he said.

Some vehicles come with subwoof-

ers, but some do not. If someone who does not have a subwoofer wants one, they can have a professional hook up an external amplifier in the dash. Ehlers said it is important that people do not do this on their own, because it can be easy for someone who is not professionally trained to accidentally damage their vehicle.

"If you put in a big enough amp and a big enough subwoofer or multiple subwoofers, then you start having problems with the electrical system in your car, the batteries, the alternators, all kinds of things," he said. "So, they make things like capacitors or you install another battery to help make the system work."

Although Ehlers said some manufacturers still make vehicles with CD

players in them, those CD players will likely be phased out eventually – just like cassette players and 8-track players have been.

"If you go buy a new vehicle, you're lucky for it to have a CD player in it," he said. "Most of them don't. Most of them are touch screens, and they have these other features."

If someone buys a car without a CD player, they can still use one by temporarily connecting a portable CD player to their car via an auxiliary cord.

However, Ehlers said the days of CD changers, which are CD players that hold multiple CDs at once, are coming to an end. His vendors no longer carry them.

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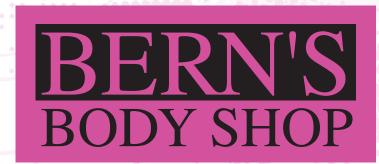


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## Take 2: Rotary successfully holds Kite flying contest



Carey Hendrix of Seward focuses on getting his dragon kite off the ground while a shark, eagle, butterfly and squid fly past.

The Seward Rotary Club's annual Kite Flying Contest was almost canceled or postponed for a second time this year because of high winds at the Plum Creek soccer fields on Sunday, May 1, but the participants were determined to proceed and eventually all the kites made it into the air.

The contest was originally scheduled for April 24, but high winds prevented it.

Winners in the contest included:

Anna Pierce, 9, Most Consistent Flyer; Levi Jilg, 9, First

Kite Up; Evan Jilg, 6, Most

Unusual-Purple Monster;

Daniel Potter, adult, Largest and Loudest;

Kitty Vacha, adult, Best Team Effort;

Kalveyn Hendrix, 12, Prettiest and Farthest

Casey Hendrix, adult, Most Colorful;

Alyssa Hendrix, adult, Scariest Shark; and

Caleb Venetis, 10, Most Determined.

The annual event is sponsored by the Seward Rotary Club and open to all ages in the community at no charge. Trophies are awarded to the winning participants. Judges for the event

were local members of the Seward Rotary Club including Rotarians Zane Fracescato, Dr. Russ Sommerfeld and Clark Kolterman.

The contest was cochaired by Kolterman and Francescato.

The contest is dedicated to the late Rotarian and Seward community kite enthusiast J. Don Miller.

For many years, through the Rotary club, Miller taught and made homemade kites for area youth in kite making workshops and then chaired the local contest for kite flyers for several decades.



Evan Jilg, 6, of Seward flies his purple squid-like monster kite while Rotarian Zane Francescato cheers him on at the Don Miller Memorial Kite Flying Contest May 1 at Plum Creek Park.

# Watch or warning?

Knowing the difference could save a life during storm season in Nebraska

by Emily Hemphill emilv@sewardindependent.com

Tornado season in Nebraska most often runs from May to June, but seasoned residents know storms can hit any time of year – like that unusual tornado warning last December.

As summer approaches, knowing the difference between a watch and a warning is key, as is knowing where and how to take shelter.

The National Weather Service issues storm notifications in Nebraska.

Southeast Nebraska alerts for Seward and Saline counties usually come from NWS' Omaha/Valley office.

These alerts are broadcast on local television news channels and radio stations, and some can be transmitted through text messages or weather alert apps on smartphones.

A Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning are two different things, and the terms should not be used interchangeably. The National Weather Service offers tips on knowing the difference.

A **Tornado Watch** means be prepared. Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area, based on radar and weather conditions.

You might know a storm is on the way if hot weather suddenly cools down, as tornadoes form when hot and cold air mix. Throw in a little wind and a twister can form quickly.

Watches are usually issued in wide areas, covering several counties or states at once.

**WATCH VS WARNING** WATCH: We have the ingredients to make tacos. WARNING: We're having tacos. RIGHT NOW! TACO WATCH TACO WARNING

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency uses tacos to illustrate the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning.

family members and pets and gather flashlights and blankets to take to a designated shelter area in your home.

If possible, use a battery-operated radio to monitor the weather, as plugin radios and TVs become useless if the power goes out. Make sure cell phones are fully charged.

A Tornado Warning means it's go time. A tornado has been sighted by storm chasers or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property.

At this point, the city sirens should sound, though you may or may not be

able to hear them if you're indoors.

Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. A basement is ideal, but if you're in an apartment complex or don't have a lower level to move to, find the center-most room in your location with the fewest windows.

If in a mobile home, a vehicle or outdoors, NWS says to move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris.

Warnings are usually issued in much more direct areas - a city or single county instead of a wide-rang-

### What's with the sirens?

A tornado siren is a solid, unwavering blast that usually lasts about three minutes. Since most siren speakers rotate in a circle, you may hear a doppler effect, but the siren sound will remain the same tone. It will sound once a tornado warning has been issued in your commu-

A wavering, up-and-down tone indicates a fire or rescue call. These sirens don't last as long and may be heard anytime, no matter the weather.

ing territory.

Stay sheltered until you hear an all-clear from the weather station or conditions return to normal.

At the start of storm season, prepare a kit with snacks, water, blankets, extra batteries, pet food if you have animals, necessary medications, a radio and a first-aid kit to keep in your basement or designated

If you have children, include some coloring books or games to keep them occupied and lower their level of anxiety about the storm.

It's also a good idea to keep copies of important documents, like your homeowner's insurance policy or a home inventory list, in a waterproof bag or container with your storm kit.



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# Seward County Independent

# Eagles second at **Woodland Hills**

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Milford golf team had a good day at the Palmyra Invitational April 27.

Its gold team of Colton Hauder, Cole Toovey and Maddox Baack tied for second in the 13team field. It's silver team of Chase Nitzsche, Dylan Kroese and Brody Mach placed sixth of 11

Coach Tony Muller said the course is tough, but the golfers didn't have to deal with as much wind.

Hauder finished with a 79 and in fifth place overall. Toovey shot an 80 and was sixth. Nitzsche placed 10th with a 101. Kroese finished in 107, Baack in 108 and Mach in 119.

Milford was to play at Sutton May 3 and then at the Southern Nebraska Conference meet Thursday, May 5, at Clay Center with Sandy Creek as the host.

Both are nine-hole courses, Muller said, and are similar to Thornridge in Milford.

# **Athletes show** diversity at quad

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

A smaller track meet often allows coaches to try athletes in different events. That was the case April 25 in a quadrangular at Centennial.

CHS Coach Rob Johansen said the coaches held some athletes out of events to keep them fresh for the Southern Nebraska at No. 8 on the school's Conference meet that

was rescheduled for May 3. Others got to try some new events, he said.

Jake Bargen was one who tried a new event. He picked up the shot put and tossed it 45-3, the third best throw of the competi-

Carson Fehlahfer threw his best distance ever in the shot put, 52-8, which puts him

(continued on 2B)



Ava King of Seward tries to keep the ball away from Crete during subdistrict play April 30 in Seward.

# ays win first subdistrict game

by Stephanie Croston

After a disappointing finish to the regular season, the Seward girls' soccer team shut out Crete 4-0 April 3 in the first round of subdistricts.

"I thought we played well," Coach Nick Holmes said. "We played as well as we could have."

The teams had to deal with cold temperatures, strong winds and rain during the Saturday morning contest.

Ava Fischer scored three goals for Seward, with Jordyn Collins scoring the other.

The week started with a 2-1 overtime loss at York April 25. Ellie Sagehorn scored for Seward. Seward didn't have much left in

the tank the next day in a 3-1 loss to Lakeview.

"We ran out of gas," Holmes

Seward lost to Northwest 3-0 April 28, but Holmes said the team played as well as it could.

With the win over Crete, Seward (5-9) was to play at Norris May 2 in the subdistrict semifinals.

### Malcolm Trap Club wins divisions at state



Malcolm Trap Club came home from the National Cornhusker Trapshoot April 29 and 30 with five trophies. The Malcolm Trap Club is coached by Doug Savicky, Malcolm. The team won first place Team Overall 16 yards shooting 359/375; second place High Overall 4-HTeam; and third place High Overall all senior teams (all scores combined). Team members are, from left, Griffen Anderson, Owen Savicky, Karter Kopecky, Luke Beckman and Cooper Koeppen.

COURTESY PHOTO

LEFT: Cooper Koeppen of Malcolm won first place High Overall Handicap from the 25 yard line and second place High Overall at the state trap shoot April 29 and 30 in Doniphan.





Jacob Diedrichsen of Malcolm won second place from the

18-yard handicap.



Collin Warren of Seward braces to head the ball against Columbus Lakeveiw April 26.

# SHS boys start postseason play

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

The Seward boys' soccer team fell short in its final games before subdistricts last week. The Jays lost to York 9-0 April 25, to Columbus Lakeview 3-0 April 26 and to Northwest 8-0 April

Coach Jamie Opfer said the Jays continue to work hard and played well against Lakeview.

"I'm proud of the guys and the way they continue to compete," Opfer said. "I think we're definitely learning. We've made a lot of gains in knowledge and skill."

Seward (0-14) was to open subdistrict play May 2 in Columbus against Columbus Scotus.

# CM baseball can't get wins in week's games

by Doug Carroll Seward County Independent

The Crete baseball team dropped a trio of road games last week, losing to Waverly, Nebraska City and Platteview before having Friday's game against Fairbury rained out.

"I missed the Waverly game on Monday because I was sick, but I heard from the other coaches that we didn't play very well," said Crete head coach Jacob Cathey. "On Tuesday we played a good hitting team in Nebraska City and had a tough time pitching around certain hitters. We played them tough and were able to keep the game competi-

"On Thursday we played another good hitting team. Reece (Vertin) pitched really well - he is really starting to figure it out on the mound, and I'm excited for his future. We need to improve defensively, however, and get back to hitting like we were a

few weeks back."

The Cardinals had eight hits against Waverly, with both Colton Homolka and Conner Lomax going two for three against the Vikings. Crete had six hits against Nebraska City, with Mason Crumbliss and Jeffrey Kuncl each having two hits. The Cardinals managed only four hits in their loss to Platteview, with Carson Kotil having two RBIs for the game.

Monday's game against Hastings was canceled because of weather. The Cardinals (7-12) were scheduled to host Maxwell May 3 and begins post season action on Thursday, May 5, when it plays Plattsmouth in the first round of districts at Skutt High School in Omaha.

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colm vs. Wahoo/Fort Calhoun winner at Elkhorn North, Friday, May 6, 7 p.m.

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District baseball pairings - Crete/Milford vs. Plattsmouth at Omaha Skutt, Thurs-

STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Dane Conner of Seward watches his putt roll across the eighth green at College Heights

# Country Club. He finished eighth in the Crete Invitational.

### Centennial

(continued from 1B) top 10 list, Johansen said.

Clinton Turnbull set a personal best time in the 3,200-meter run at 11:06.01 "by not having to contend with strong winds for the first time this season," Johansen

In the girls' competition, Samara Ruether cleared 9-0 in the pole vault for the second week. Johansen said all three distance runners set new personal best times – Ella Wambold in the 1,600-meter run and Madison Brandenburgh and Josie Turnbull in the 3,200.

"I was really happy for them to finally get some better weather so they could establish some better times. It's been brutal for the distance kids this spring to run in the strong winds," Johansen said.

The Broncos were scheduled to compete in 26-4 the Southern Nebraska Conference meet which was moved from April 30 to May 3 because of weather.

### Centennial Quadrangular

Girls' results
100-meter dash—Savannah Horne, 13.31, first; Molly Prochaska, 14.03, second; Kali Fickel, 14.51, fifth; Averie Stuhr 14.97

200-meter dash—Horne, 27.94, first; Fickel, 30.95, fourth; Kate Luebbe 31.57 400-meter dash-Cora Payne, 1:07.01,

800-meter run-Prochaska, 2:35.15, second; Lillian Butzke, 2:46.13, fifth; Grace Schernikau 2:46.54 1,600-meter run—Ella Wambold, 6:06.12,

3,200-meter run—Madison Brandenburgh, 13:37.91, first; Josie Turnbull, 14:26, third 100-meter hurdles—Cambria Saunders,

4x100-meter relay—Centennial, 55.96,

**4x400-meter relay**—Centennial, 4:37.56, second (Butzke 1:09.81, Naber 1:09.5, Schernikau 1:08.91, Prochaska 1:09.05) **Long jump**—Naber, 13-4.5, first; Caylie

use, 13-4.25, second

Triple jump—Catelynn Bargen, 30-3, first; use, 28-2.25, third

**High jump**—Payne, 4-8, second; Stuhr, 4-6, third; Cora Hoffschneider 4-2; Bargen 4-0 **Pole vault**—Ruether, 9-0, first; Luebbe,

Shot put—Halley Heidtbrink, 33-5, first;

Alex Galavez, 33-2.5, second; Hoffschneider, 31-3, fourth; Ruether 27-2; Lauryn Breitkreutz

Discus-Hoffschneider, 87-8, first; Heidt-Galavez 76-1; Ava Fischer 70-9

### Boys' results

100-meter dash—Jake Bargen, 12.28, second; Oscar Glerup 12.57; Connor Clouse 2.67; Carson Prochaska 13.66; Orion Stuhr 14.56; Torian Ibarra 14.59

Glerup 26.06: Rvan Richters 26.27: Ibarra 31.21 400-meter dash—Isak Grue, 58.8, fifth

800-meter run-Camden Winkelman 2:19.27, second; John Fehlhafer, 2:23.34, third 3.200-meter run—Clinton Turnbull 11:06.01, first; Matthew Hoops, 12:13.97, sec

300-meter hurdles—Bargen, 44.4, first; Shawn Rathjen, 48.36, third; Jordan Wagner 52.9; Turnbull 53.86

4x100-meter relay—Centennial, 48.09 econd (Richters, Glerup, Clouse, Bargen)

4x400-meter relay—Centennial, 4:03.7 (Rathjen 1:01.52, Winkelman 1:01.05, Wagner

1:02.46, Clouse 58.3) Long jump—Joey Dunbar, 14-5, fifth **Triple jump**—Dunbar, 32-5, fifth **High jump**—Grue, 5-6, second; J. Fehlha

fer, 5-4, fifth; Wagner 5-0 Pole vault-Keenan Kosek, 9-0, first;

Richters 6-0 -Carson Fehlhafer, 52-8, second; Shot put-Bargen, 45-3, third; Jayde Gumaer, 41-11, fifth; Paul Fehlahfer 40-3; Xavier Ettwein 40-0; Pro-

chaska 39-10; Elijah Utter 35-10.5; Jack Wellman

33-8.5; Jesse Dunbar 32-0; Jayden Butzke 31-

9.75; Ben Sams 30-10.5; Trevor Fehlhafer 30-2.5 Discus—C. Fehlhafer, 141-2, second; Gumaer, 127-1, third; Ettwein, 110-1, fifth; Sams 84-4; Wellman 80-0; Je. Dunbar 79-9; P. Fehlhafer 77-9; Butzke 66-11; Wagner 53-3

# Seward golfers up and down in week's play

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

Sometimes the ball rolls your way. Sometimes it doesn't.

Both happened for the Seward golfers last week in a pair of tournaments.

The Jays opened competition April 25 at the Beatrice Invitational and finished 10th with no medalists.

"As good as Fairbury was the week before, we were equally as bad at Beatrice," Coach Jim Placke said.

The difficult course at Beatrice and weather conditions both contributed to the Bluejays' struggles, he said.

Talon Schaefer had the team's low score with a 49-45 94. Jordan Biggs shot 48-47 95,

Matthew Wegman 51-45 96, Bryce Piskorski 54-46 100 and Dane Conner 52-52 104.

The team came back in a tournament April 29 at Crete and played better, Placke said. Seward was fourth in the team standings and earned two individual medals. Piskorski was fifth with a 41-39 80, and Conner was eighth with a 42-40

Wegman shot 43-45 88, Biggs 44-48 92 and Schaefer 47-48 95.

"That was more of what we expect," Placke said. "Bryce and Dane played really well. The others were respectable. but not where they want

"We played solid from a team standpoint."

He said Crete's course is shorter than Be-

atrice's and that's better for Seward's golfers. However, he said, he hopes the team learns from its experience at Beatrice because that's where districts will be played in a couple weeks.

Before that, however, Seward is scheduled to host Fairbury and Crete May 3 for a triangular and then the Central Conference tournament Friday, May 6. Golfers tee off at 10 a.m. in a shotgun start.

It's been quite some time since Seward has hosted the boys' conference tournament, Placke said. When it was Seward's turn nine years ago, another event at the Seward Country Club moved the tournament to York.

# Involvement key to awards

The Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska State College System announced the 15,918 recipients of the 2021-2022 Nebraska State Colleges Multi-Activity Student Award.

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

Activity participation is tracked using student eligibility lists, submitted to the NSAA by each member school.

Seward was fifth in Class B with 120 of its 435 students (22.5%) participating in multiple activities. In Class C, Malcolm was sixth with 116 of its 214 students (54.2%) in multiple activities.

Centennial Catelynn Bargen, Jacob Bargen,

son Brandenburgh, Lauryn Breitkreutz, Javden Butzke, Cavlie Clouse, Connor Clouse, Parker Dishman, Jesse Dunbar, Joseph (Joey) Dunbar, Samuel Ehlers, Carson Fehlhafer, Gracen Fehlhafer, Jake Fehlhafer, John Fehlhafer, Paul Fehlhafer, Regan Fickel, Ava Fischer, Reiden Fowler, Alexandria Galavez, Rachel Garcia, Oscar Glerup, Isak Grue, Jayde Gumaer, Lance Haberman, Halley Heidtbrink, Alex Hirschfeld, Cora Hoffschneider, Johnathan Hoops, Matthew Hoops, Savannah Horne, Torian Ibarra, Noah Jensen, Ayla Kahler, Halle Kinnett, Keenan Kosek, Kate Luebbe, Karley Naber, Maj Nisly, Michael Nisly, Cora Payne, Paige Petersen, Molly Prochaska, Shawn Rathjen, Quinnlin Reyle, Micah Richters, Ryan Richters, Samara Ruether, Justin Rumery, Benjamin Sams, Natalie sams, Cambria Saunders, Saige Scheele, Grace Schernikau, Trayton Stewart, Averie Stuhr, Elizabeth Tempel, Liberty Tomjack, Clinton Turnbull, Josephine Turnbull, Elijah Utter, Jordan Wagner, Ella Wambold, Jackson Wellman, Camden Winkelman and Lane Zimmer Malcolm

Dalton Amen, Alanea Babb, Jaxyn Bar $rett, Scarlett\,Battles, Paige\,Binczik, Reegan$ Bixenmann, Brayden Boehle, Tristen Boehle, Ruby Bostock, Lucille Brockhaus, Karsyn Broders, Emma Brown, Lucas Brown, Christopher Burbach, Abigail Cantrell, Joshua Cantrell, Anna Grace Christensen, Lucas Christensen, Jacob Clarke, Ellana Coker, Ethan Coker, Kennedy Cole, Jonathan Cook, Caleb Courter, Lillian Dalton, Oliver Day, Jacob Diedrichsen, Adela Donahoo, Kiley Elkins, Garrett England, Lauryn England, Adela Donahoo, Keira Farritor, Isabella Faubion, Alora Ferguson, Aria Ferguson, Alyssa Fortik, Danielle Fortik, Joshua Fox, Carson Frank, Hayden Frank, Addison Gropp, Addyson Hanson, Sidney Holliday, Bailey Hraban, Drew Johnson, Karter Kinkaid, Jhordyn Kirkpatrick, Anistyn Klink, Anthony Kouma, Mattie Kucera, Rachel Lannin, Bryson Leffers, Katherine Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Owin Little, Cydnee Loos, Hana Maddox, Nathaniel Maddox, Meyer, Emma Meyers, Hunter Meyers, Cyrena Miller, Kale Nordmeyer, Alex Paider Elisa Paider, Madison Pavlik, Kyley Petersen, Natalie Plautz, Carson Ramsier, Colton eiling, Brett Rhone, Keegan Robinson, Elliott Robotham, Autumn Saltzman, Jessica Sandell, Owen Savicky, Luke Schmidt, Callie Schroeder, Griffin Schroeder, Ethan Schultz, Madison Schultz, Logan Schumacher, Anna Schweitzer, Cora Schweitzer, Jenna Schweitzer, Camry Sehi, Maya Semerad, Lauren Shafer, Natalie Shafer, Antonio Sims, Paige Smith, Isabel Stenger, Josh Stewart, Brian Streeter, Julia Swerczek, Cody Sykes, Elizabeth Synek, Tyler Thieman, Cole Tiedeman, Noah Van Every, Luke Walters, Edwards Watts, Brenna Wilkie, Bricen Wilkie, Mason Wisnieski, Cooper Witte, Cayden Witzel, Delaney Wollberg, Reagan Wondercheck, Abigai Zegar, Connor Zegar, Gavin Zoucha and Zane Zoucha

### Milford

Caitlyn Adams, Maddox Baack, Sophia Birch, Celia Bontrager, Abigail Brinkmeyer, Sally Burkey, Gavin Dunlap, Kaleb Eickhoff, Garrett Freeman, Rebecca Freeman, Kaylee Garrison, Colton Hauder, Logan ershberger, Ella Hostetler, Veronika Johns, Cassidy June, Lilly Kenning, Dane Kolb, Kaitlin Kontor, Kellan Kubicek, Karlee Kuklis, Brody Mach, Ava Maple, Clara Maple, Morgan McCullough, Brooklyn McDonald, Eliza McGuire, Victoria Mink,  $Addisyn\,Mowinkel, Hudson\,Mullet, Chase$ Nitzsche, Zackary Parra, Kasen Petsch, Ellison Piening, Gavin Piening, Elana Prentice, Adan Rakow, Orlando Rakow, Avery Roth, Aylandra Roth, Carter Roth, Madison Roth, Trace Rowland, Avery Saltzman, Ashlyn Schildt, Myranda Schildt, Hannah Schilz, Alec Shook, Ayden Shook, Sarah Spahr, Savannah Spahr, Carter Springer, Jack Stahl, Camille Stauffer, Sydney Stelling, Chance Stutzman, Macy Stutzman, Seth Stutzman, Abigail Svik, Allyson Taylor, Sydney Thompson, Calli Thornton, Thomas Vance, Garret Watenpaugh, Mackenzie Watenpaugh, Jaxon Weyand, Autumn Wissenburg, Hannah Wittstruck, Izabelle

#### Seward Owen Anson, Hannah Bierbaum,

Max Briggs, Bailey Broadwell, Michaela Broadwell, Noah Brumm, Emily Bujarski, Hayden Burhoop, Tanner Bye, Kenyon Caldwell, Gabriel Cepek, Morgan Craig, Riley Daniel, Jacob DeGroot, Sabit Duol, Presston Duryea, Jena Eberspacher, Cooper Fern, Jayden Fernau, Matthew Flyr, Landen Ford, Alexander Foulk, Andrew Frazey, Bethany Gebhardt, Jaidyn Gerson, Damien Gligorevic, Karnie Gottschalk, Brecken Grady, Ella Gray, Madison Green, Micah Hackbart, Sofia Heaston, Kianna Hellbusch, Haeven Hendrix, Emmalee Herring, Lovely Hibbert, Nolan Hill, Elijah Hiser, Dylan Hochstein, Nathan Hochstein, Dustin Hurley, Caleb Jackson, Lathan Janousek, Declan Jensen, Ian Johnson, Jaina Johnson, Maryn Johnson, Jonathan Jurchen, Joshua Jurchen, Julius Justice, Nicole Kenney, Jacob Kimbrough, Ellen Klintworth, Edison Knott, Kalen Knott, Kolton Koetter, Catrina Kottich, Drew Kratochvil, Libby Kratochvil, Rachel Kreifels, Kennedy Limback, Kohltyn Lindau, Kolton Loos, Emma Lowther, Lawson Luebbe, Ashley Martin, McKenzie Martin, Samuel Matthias, Sophia Matthias, Justin Matulka, Conner Matzke, Justin McConnell, Julya Metschke, Kelsey Miller, Mikayla Miller, Dalton Mobley, Abigail Moore, Kaydon Mueller, Makayla Mumaugh, Sjoen Munk, Jadyn Nelson, Benjamin Nottingham, Nathan Nottingham, Kyla Novak, Addison Opfer, Korbin Opfer, Alexis Pallat, Michael Peery, Izzy Peetz, Hannah Peetz, Bryce Piskorski, Jase Ramirez, William Ratkovec, Austin Rikke, Joshua Ringler, Grace Roberts, Nathan Roebke, Zachary Rohde, Conner Rosendale. Rachel Runyan, Daylon Salyer, Hector Sanchez, Jeffi Schaefer, Marisa Schmeckpeper, Eden Schulz, Nixon Seegebarth, Logan Seilhan, Madison Sides, Isaac Spotanski, Colin Standifer, Nolan Stanton, Ona Stutzman, Gavin Sukup, Connor Sveeggen, Tanner Todd, Audrey Wang, Collin Warren, Luke Wegman, Regan Wiesen and Emily Yelden

# ATTHILLETES OF THE WEEK



Kelsey Miller, a freshman at Seward High, won gold in the high jump at the Blair Invitational, clearing 5-1. She was also third in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles and ran on the fifth-place 4x400-meter relay team.

### **Honorable Mention**

 Madison Brandenburgh, Centennial • Rachel Lannin, Malcolm

Jake Bargen, a senior at

Centennial, did well in some new events at a quadrangular last week. Jake was second in the 100-meter dash and third in the shot put, both new events for him. He was also first in the 300-meter hurdles and anchored the second-place 4x100meter relay team.

### **Honorable Mention**

- Finn Hochstein, Seward
- Bricen Wilkie, Malcolm
- Cole Toovey, Milford



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### Former teammates face off on diamond

by Heath Kramer Seward County Independent

It meant a lot. Though one team seems to be having a better go of it this season, when the Malcolm and Raymond Central baseball teams met on April 26 in Malcolm, there was still plenty on the line.

After competing together for four seasons as the Branched Oak Bucks, this time they played for The Buck. The No. 9 Clippers will hold the new traveling trophy for the next year after defeating the Mustangs 10-0 in a mercy rule shortened contest.

Connor Zegar was dominant on the mound. The Buena Vista baseball commit allowed just one hit as he struck out 11 Raymond Central batters. Zegar helped his own cause by going 3-for-3 at the plate with a first inning solo blast over the left field fence.

"Connor came out and did a great job pitching," Malcolm coach Zach Wehner said. "Having played with the Raymond Central kids, he had an idea of what type of pitches to throw each player. His curve ball was really working.'

Zegar had plenty of help as the Clippers racked up 10 hits. Colt Reiling went 2-for-3 with an RBI double. Mason Wisnieski stayed hot by going 2-for-3 while driving in two runs.

The boys were excited to play their former teammates," Wehner said. "They were talking and ioking with them a little before the game, but I think ultimately the attitude was we want to beat them and leave no doubt."

The win over the Mustangs was a nice bounce back for a Malcolm team that, just a day earlier, had a troubling performance at Wahoo. Seven errors helped pave the way for Wahoo/Bishop Neumann/Lincoln Lutheran to pick up an 11-5 win.

"It started off about as bad as it could," Wehner said. "We went three up three down, then gave up five runs in the first inning.

"Wahoo was hitting to the gaps, and we were hitting the ball right at them. Add in the errors we had and it was an all around bad night."

Wisnieski allowed 11 runs through five innings. Only three were earned and they were the only earned runs the freshman has allowed through more than 42 innings this season.

"Mason is a competitor," Wehner said. "We talked to him and told him to keep doing his job. He knew the defense was struggling, but he also has confidence in his teammates that they can turn it around quickly.'

Zegar went 3-for-4 with a double while Hayden Frank blasted a two-run home run in the top of the sixth. The junior slugger leads the team with four home runs.

Malcolm (13-5) was to close out regular season play on Monday at home against Wayne. The

Clippers begin district play Friday, May 6, at Elkhorn North. Malcolm is the No. 2 seed of Thursday's battle between third-seeded 6 seed, Fort Calhoun are the top seed.

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and will face the winner Wahoo (9-13) and the No. (5-14). The Wolves (17-10)

"We have some tough teams in the district," Wehner said. "We need to play clean baseball. Errors will kill us against any team we play. Our pitchers need to have confidence in the defense helping them out and they will need to pitch efficient games."

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Centennial's Lance Haberman chips onto the third green at College Heights Country Club April 29 during the Crete

# Broncos bring home golf cup

by Stephanie Croston

A friendly rivalry between Centennial and Seward golf teams has led to the creation of the Bronco/Bluejay Cup, a traveling trophy that's spent the last four years in Seward.

Centennial has it now after beating Seward

132-133 in a seven-hole tournament April 28 at Sandy Meadows, Waco.

Alex Hirschfeld of Centennial had the low round of 28, with Lance Haberman shooting a 32. Jakob Gray led Seward with a 32.

Centennial was at Crete April 29 for the Crete Invitational and got good experience,

Coach Bob Fish said. "It was good to play with better players," he

Hirschfeld had the low round of 87 for the

Broncos. Centennial was next scheduled to play at the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament Thursday, May 5, at Clay Center, hosted by Sandy

Creek. Districts are the next week at Hidden Valley in Lincoln.

Centennial 132-Alex Hirschfeld 28, Lance Haberman 32, Reiden Fowler 38, Sam Ehlers 39, Micah Richters 42, Noah Jensen 43, Rylee Barth 44, Dillon Tonniges 46, Bryson Hornbacher 50, Mai Nisly 53. Jake Fehlhafer 58

Seward 133—Jakob Gray 32, Maddox Else 33. Kolton Koetter 34. Dalton Liebhart 35. Larson Goldsmith 34, Luke Wegman 36, Braeden Dey 38, Christian Fields 41, Max Summa 46, Austi

# Malcolm wins its final ECNC meet

by Heath Kramer Seward County Independent

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They wanted to go out on top. As Malcolm prepares to make its exit from the East Central Nebraska Conference, they could think of no better way to leave than with one more conference title in hand. The Malcolm girls track team did just that with a 119-point performance at the April 30 conference meet in Palmyra.

Four first-place finishes were part of a total medal tally of 21 for the Clippers. Lillie Beach broke the tape in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.37 seconds. The junior was two-tenths of a second faster than her teammate, Rachel Lannin

Auburn was second with 108.

Lannin took care of business in the 400-meter dash with a winning time of 1:05.

"Those two have done a good job of pushing each other this year," Malcolm coach Dustin Tobey said. "Lillie is such a tough competitor and she fights through a lot of pain. Having Rachel there to run with her has been good for both of

Lannin and Beach were joined by Katie Lewis and Addy Hanson as the champions of the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:34. The Clippers edged out Elmwood-Murdock by two seconds.

Kiley Elkins grabbed Malcolm's only gold in field events. The Nebraska Wesleyan volleyball commit cleared 4-10 in high jump.

The Malcolm boys faced some tough competition in the form of Freeman and Elmwood-Murdock. The Falcons ran away with the conference title by piling up 137 points while the Knights were second with 89. Malcolm finished third

The Clippers' lone gold medal performance was the 4x100-meter relay team of Gavin Zoucha, Logan McGreer, Lucas Christensen and Antonio Sims. Malcolm's time of 46.49 seconds was two-tenths of a second better than Freeman.

Zoucha helped add to the team point total with a second-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles, fourth place in the 110-meter hurdles and sixth in pole vault.

"Gavin's been one of our big point scorers this season," Tobey said. "His approach to competition is just different than most. He hates to lose and it shows up in how he prepares and how hard he goes when the gun sounds."

Earlier in the week, on April 26, the Clippers traveled to Columbus for the Lakeview Invitational. Much of the competition were teams Malcolm saw for the first time this year.

'This is a good meet for us to attend," Tobey said. "We get to see a bunch of new teams, the competition was solid and it was a really well-run meet.

"It was also the best weather we've seen for a meet. It was nice to have a sunny day for once.'

The Malcolm boys put up 85 points in a second-place finish. Lakeview won their meet with 165 points. The Malcolm girls scored 60 points and placed

The Malcolm boys' 4x800-meter relay team of Bricen Wilkie, Tommy Lewis, Zane Zoucha and Ty Brockhaus earned the Clippers' lone gold at the meet with a season best time of 8:55. McGreer set a personal

record with his second place finish in the 400-meter dash in 53.09 seconds. Luke Walters also earned silver with a season best long jump of 19-10.

Katie Lewis was a part of two second-place finishes.

After clearing eight feet in pole vault, the senior joined Lannin, Hanson and Beach for a season best 4x400-meter relay finish of

The Clippers have one final tune-up before next week's district meet. Malcolm will travel to Geneva on May 3 for the Fillmore Central Invite.

'We'll see some teams from our district out there so this will help us to gauge where we need to be," Tobey said. "We want to come off this meet healthy and ready to prepare for the big one next week.'

East Central Nebraska Conference Meet Boys' team scores-Freeman 137, Elmwood-Murdock

89, Malcolm 81, Auburn 74, JCC 47, Palmyra 41, Mead 40, Falls City 12, Weeping Water 5 100-meter dash—Antonio Sims 11.84, Logan McGreer

12.06. Alex Paider 12.08 200-meter dash—Paider 25.66, Sims 25.84, McGreer 27.50 400-meter dash - McGreer 57.56, fifth; Nathan Swenson

59.70 800-meter run-Ty Brockhaus 2:22.59, Thomas Lewis 2:29.62 Cavden Witzel 2:37.19

1,600-meter run—T Brockhaus 5:10.22, fourth; Bricen

Wilkie 5:24.69, fifth 3,200-meter run – Wilkie 11:26.50, third; J Brockhaus

11:50 01 James Watts 13:22 22 110-meter hurdles—Gavin Zoucha 17.40, fourth; Jonathan Cook 18.28. Noah VanEvery 19.92

**300-meter hurdles**—G Zoucha 45.58, second; Cook 47.11, fourth; VanEvery 48.69 4x100-meter relay—Malcolm 46.49, first (G Zoucha,

McGreer, Lucas Christensen, Sims)

4x400-meter relay—Malcolm 3:52.88, second (Swenson,

Paider, VanEvery, Drew Johnson) 4x800-meter relay—Malcolm 9:39.84, third (Wilkie,

Thomas Lewis, Z Zoucha, T Brockhaus) Long jump—Luke Walters 18-3,75; fourth, Josh Fox 15-

Triple jump—Christensen 37-6.5, fifth; Walters 36-6.75,

High jump—Drew Johnson 5-8, third Pole vault—Zane Zoucha 9-6, third; Watts 9-6, fourth; G

Zoucha 9-0, sixth **Shot put**—Ethan Coker 42-9.5, fourth; Josh Stewart 34-3.5 Discus—Coker 111-1, fifth; Stewart 83-4

Girls' team scores-Malcolm 119, Auburn 108, Elmod-Murdock 91, Palmyra 78, Falls City 77, JCC 29, Freeman

15, Weeping Water 8, Mead 1 100-meter dash—Jessica Sandell 13.96, fourth, Elisa Paider 14.47, Madison Schultz 15.19

200-meter dash—Lillie Beach 27.37, first, Rachel Lannin 27.57, second, Sandell 29.90

400-meter dash—Lannin 1:05.14, first, Beach 1:11.23, Katie Lewis 1:16.82 800-meter run — Addyson Hanson 2:42.51; second, Maya

Semerad 3:23.98 1,600-meter run—Natalie Shafer 7:23.91 3,200-meter run—Alanea Babb,15:24.37, sixth; Karsyn

Broders 16:47.43, Grace Frahm 17:22.19

100-meter hurdles—Kiley Elkins, 18.00, sixth; Babb

300-meter hurdles-Elkins 57.30, Izzy Stenger 57.12,

4x100-meter relay—Malcolm 55.48, second (Abby

Zegar, Sandell, Paider, Lannin)

4x400-meter relay-Malcolm 4:34.90, first (Lannin

4x800-meter relay—Malcolm 11:44.45, fifth (Lewis, Cole Long jump—Babb 14-8.75, fouth; Broders 12-6.95,

Broders 28-5.25

High jump—Elkins 4-10, first Pole vault—Sandell 7-6, second; Lewis 7-6, second; Anna

Shot put—Alyssa Fortik 31-5, fourth; Keira Farritor 30-9.5

Discus—Fortik 96-9, second; Cora Schweitzer 91-8, third;

Farritor 86-8, sixth

### Columbus Lakeview Invite

**Boys' team scores**—Columbus Lakeview 165, Malcolm 85, Arlington 66, Aquinas Catholic 58, Howells-Dodge 52, Columbus 29, Schuyler 28, Columbus Scotus 27, Columbus Lakeview (JV) 10, Central City 10 100-meter dash-Antonio Sims 11.81, fifth; Logan

Greer 12 20 Alex Paider 12 37

200-meter dash-McGreer 24.98, Paider 25.00 Dalton Amen 25.98

400-meter dash—McGreer 53.09, second, Nathan Swenson 54.28, fourth: Amen 58.14

800-meter run-Thomas Lewis 2:15.61, fifth; Cayde Witzel 2:34.86

1,600-meter run— Bricen Wilkie 5:05.11, second; Zane Zoucha 5:07.10, fourth 3,200-meter run—Wilkie 11:27.46, second; Joe Brock

haus 11:42.10, fourth; James Watts 12:44.63 110-meter hurdles—Gavin Zoucha 17.87, sixth Jonathan Cook 19.23, Noah VanEvery 19.87

sixth; VanEvery 46.56

4x100-meter relay—Malcolm 46.38, third (G Zoucha McGreer Lucas Christensen Sims) 4x400-meter relay—Malcolm 3:45.67, fifth (Swenson,

Cole Tiedeman, VanEvery, Amen) 4x800-meter relay—Malcolm 8:55.78, first (Wilkie, Lewis Z Zoucha, Ty Brockhaus)

Long jump—Luke Walters 19-10.25, second; Tiedeman Triple jump—Walters 37-8.5, fifth; Drew Johnson 36-9

—Johnson 5-10, third: Swenson 5-2 Pole vault—Watts 10-6, sixth; G Zoucha, 9-0, Z Zoucha

Shot put—Ethan Coker 43-3, fourth; Josh Stewart 37-0.5 Discus—Coker 124-9, Josh Cantrell 104-5 Girls' team scores—Arlington 106, Aguinas Catholic 88

Columbus Lakeview 82, Columbus Scotus 75, Malcolm 60, Howells-Dodge 43, Columbus 8, Schuyler 31 100-meter dash-Elisa Paider 14.22, Madison Schultz

14.36, Abby Zegar 14.39 200-meter dash—Jessica Sandell 29.78, Zegar 30.81, 400-meter dash—Rachel Lannin 1:04.47, fourth; Lillie

Beach 1:04.77, fifth: Katie Lewis 1:08.49 800-meter run—Addyson Hanson 2:35.22, third; Maya

1600 meter run - Natalie Shafer 7:06.22, Luci Brockhaus 3,200-meter run-Reagan Wondercheck 14:21.73,

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100-meter hurdles—Alanea Babb 17.97, fifth; Emma Meyers 18.91, Kiley Elkins 18.96

300-meter hurdles—Elkins 55.25; Cora Schweitzer 57.10 Kennedy Cole 57.77 4x100-meter relay—Malcolm 55.63, fourth (Izzy Stenger

4x400-meter relay-Malcolm 4:30.60, second (Lannin

4x800-meter relay—Malcolm 11:11.16, third (Wonder

check, Lewis, Karter Kinkaid, Hanson) Long jump—Babb, 14-9.5, Sandell 13-5, Karsyn Broders

Triple jump—Babb 32-11.25, fourth; Paider 29-8.25

High jump—Elkins 4-10, fourth; Pole vault—Lewis 8-0, second; Sandell 7-6, fifth; Anna

Shot put—Alyssa Fortik 31-11.5, Keira Farritor 30-7 Discus—Fortik 96-8, C Schweitzer 91-7

# Bluejay baseball splits games with Bears, Vikings

The Seward baseball team split its games last week, falling to Blair 17-9 April 25 and beating Waverly 9-6 April 28.

A nine-run fifth inning for Blair was the difference. SHS finished with seven singles but

only managed one run after the second inning.

Finn Hochstein led the team with three hits in the win over Waverly, and Parker Hammond added two.

April 29's game against Grand Island

Jays (5-16) were to play Ralston May 5 in the first round of districts at Ashland. First pitch is set for 5:30 p.m.

was canceled. The

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# Seward track preps for conference, districts

by Stephanie Croston scroston@sewardindependent.com

A nice-weather day April 28 allowed the Seward track and field athletes to set good marks at the Mike Lehi Invitational in Blair, Coach Jeff Hass said.

Michael Peery was one of the day's surprises, finishing third in the 1,600-meter run with a personal best time of 4:39.9.

"He felt really good about it," Hass said, adding that the coaches knew he could run that well. "He finally went and did it.'

Gavin Sukup was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles and only one second off his personal best time. Hass said the senior, who is out for track for the first time, has set a goal of qualifying for state.

Both Kalen and Edison Knott set personal bests in the high jump. Kalen cleared 5-11 for second place, and Edison cleared 5-7. Kalen also finished second in the pole vault at 13-3.

The 4x100-meter relay team of Sukup, AJ Frazey, Caden Brooks and Micah Hackbart finished second in 45.73

In the girls' competition, Lovely Hibbert continues to be consistent in the discus. She won the event with a 139-4 throw. Desirae Hibbert finished third in the shot put.

Kelsey Miller had a good day, winning the high jump at 5-1 and finishing third in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

Kennedy Limback and Abby Moore both set personal bests in the high jump.

Hass said the SHS sprinters continue to push each other and improve their times.

He said the athletes seem to be peaking at the right time. The Central Conference meet will be Friday, May 6, at Holdrege, with districts Tuesday, May 10, at

Mike Lehi Invitational, Blair

Waverly.

Girls' team scores—Elkhorn North 123.5, Bennington 99, Seward 83, Omaha Skutt 66, Elkhorn 52, Blair 43, Aurora 31, Omaha Roncalli 21.5, Plattsmouth 8

100-meter dash—Eden Schulz, 12.99 prelim/13.05 final, fourth; Coral Collins 13.24; Vicki Wang 13.36

**200-meter dash**—Wang, 27.69 pre-lim/27.56 final; Morgan Craig 27.89; Collins 27.94 400-meter dash—Mikayla Miller 1:07.88, Ava Krahulik 1:10.14, Ona Stutzman 1:10.6

**800-meter run**—Karnie Gottschalk 2:35.72, Natalie Axt 2:52.48, Natalie Wintz 3:05.75 **1,600-meter run**—Tessa Greisen, 5:45.38, fourth; Kennedy Limback, 5:46.3, fifth; Haylie Sloup, 5:47.19, sixth

**3,200-meter run**—Greisen, 12:00.64, second; Keegan Beisel, 12:34.92, fifth

**100-meter hurdles**—Kelsey Miller, 16.5 prelim/16.27 final, third; Drew Kratochvil, 17.44 prelim/17.22 final; Libby Kratochvil 18.84

300-meter hurdles—K. Miller, 48.85, third; L. Kratochvil 52.29: D. Kratochvil 55.7 4x100-meter relay—Seward, 51.54, second

(Craig, Schulz, Wang, Collins) 4x400-meter relay—Seward, 4:17.32, fifth

(Gottschalk, Schulz, Craig, K. Miller) 4x800-meter relay—Seward, 10:14.18, third (Beisel, Gottschalk, Sloup, Greisen)

Long jump—Krahulik 15-4, Caterina Ruiu

Triple jump—M. Miller 31-0.5 **High jump**—K. Miller, 5-1, first; Abby Moore 4-9, fourth; Limback 4-7

Pole vault—Ruiu 8-1 Shot put-Desirae Hibbert, 35-6, third; ely Hibbert, 34-8, fifth; Madison Green 32-5.5 Discus—L. Hibbert, 139-4, first; Maddie

Viger, 110-8, fifth; Cadance Craig 94-8

Boys' team scores—Omaha Skutt 119, Elkhorn 86, Elkhorn North 71, Aurora 65, Seward 49 Bennington 46, Blair 44, Plattsmouth 21, Mount Michael Benedictine 14, Omaha Roncalli 11

100-meter dash—Micah Hackbart, 11.58 prelim/11.7 final; Caden Brooks 11.893; Sam 200-meter dash—Easton Else 23.82, Hack-

400-meter dash—Colin Standifer 55.68. El

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4:49.88 3,200-meter run-Nottingham, 10:09.66 fourth; Drew Collings 11:40.47; Evett Howe

11:42.84 110-meter hurdles—Luke Seevers 18.49 300-meter hurdles—Gavin Sukup, 42.2,

fourth; Seevers 46.8 4x100-meter relay—Seward, 45.73, second

(Sukup, AJ Frazev, Brooks, Hackbart) 4x400-meter relay—Seward, 3:39.91, fifth

(Else, Frazey, Nottingham, Sukup) **4x800-meter relay**—Seward, 8:45.71, third (Dyer 2:10.097, Classen, 2:12.473, Howe 2:13.797,

Nathan Hochstein 2:09.335) Long jump-Matthias 18-9, Sukup 18-9,

Triple jump—Nathan Weber 35-7.6, Jacob

High jump—Kalen Knott, 5-11, second

Pole vault—K. Knott, 13-3, second; Conner endale, 11-9, tie fifth; Nolan Hill, 11-9, tie fifth Shot put-Gracen Sommerer 42-10.5, Dustin Hurley 41-10, Justin Matulka 39-7

Discus—Sommerer 118-11, Matulka 117-4,

### Concordia University

### Track and field

A weekend that included action at the Prairie Wolf Invite and the Drake Relays is in the books for Concordia University Track & Field.

On April 30's final day at the Drake Relays, the Bulldog women's 4x400 meter relay group ran in the finals of the event while Sarah Ragland and Chris Wren both competed in the hammer throw. Over Friday and Saturday, 18 athletes represented Concordia at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa.

The major highlights of the weekend in Des Moines were the season best performances by the women's 4x800 and 4x400 meter relays. In the finals on Saturday, the 4x4 clocked a time of 3:53.91 and placed

A day earlier, the 4x4 group that included Sarah Lewis, Jordan Koepke, Jacee Pfeifer and Rachel Battershell finished in 3:49.86. That time currently ranks No. 3 in the NAIA. Meanwhile, the 4x8 crew of Rylee Haecker, Koepke, Jenna Esch and Keri Bauer turned in a time of 9:09.24 on Friday. That time puts the Bulldogs at No. 2 in the NAIA.

Concordia results at **Drake Relays** 

Women's 4x800 meter relay – 9:09.24 (3rd/12 in College Division); Rylee Haecker, Jordan Koepke Jenna Esch, Keri Bauer Women's 4x100 meter relay - 48.73 (13th/31);

Cora Olson Men's 4x100 meter relay - 42.33 (19th/31); Cade Kleckner, Joel Rathe, Jacob Jennings, Xavier Ross Women's 4x400 meter relay – 3:49.86 in prelims (8th/23); 3:53.91 in finals (8th); Sarah Lewis, Jordan Koepke, Jacee Pfeifer, Rachel Battershell Josie Puelz - cleared 12-8.25 in pole vault

Rachel Battershell - ran 1:01.23 in 400 meters Sarah Ragland – 163-6 in weight throw

The 2022 GPAC Outdoor Track & Field

Championships are up next. The conference meet will play out next Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, on the Doane campus in Crete.

The Bulldog women's program will attempt to extend its active streak of six straight GPAC titles, while the men will aim to move up from their fourth-place conference finish this past indoor season.

**Prairie Wolf Invite** Some Bulldogs had already started out for the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, but the majority of Concordia's athletes were in competition April 28 at the Prairie Wolf Invite hosted by Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The highlights included a trio of event championships and a personal best pole vault performance from Chase Berry, a Seward High School alumnus who has found his groove.

**Head Coach Matt** Beisel and company are hoping to boost the combined tally of 15 automatic national qualifying standards produced this season by Concordia athletes. While there were no new 'A' standards on Thursday, Camden Sesna and Calvin Rohde came away with personal bests in the 1,500 meters and hit the 'B' standard.

The confidence is back for Berry, who vaulted a collegiate personal best of 15-9 at the Loper Invitational two weeks ago. On Thursday, Berry cleared 16-1.75 for a mark that moves him up to No. 3 on the NAIA national list (pending results from other meets this weekend). Berry placed second in the

competition at the Prairie Wolf Invite behind only an NCAA Division II competitor.

On the women's side of the pole vault, the Bulldogs held back top vaulters Puelz and Erin Mapson. Erin Boggs led the way for Concordia by placing third with a vault of 11-1.

Cross country national qualifiers Sesna and Rohde appear to be gearing up to score significantly at the conference meet next week. Sesna won the 1,500 meet title at the Prairie Wolf Invite jumps, Grace Reimer by finishing in 3:55.51. Rohde was hot on his heels and placed second with a time of 3:55.89. Seven Bulldogs ran the event on Thursday.

Additional event titles were claimed at the Prairie Wolf Invite by Sara Huss in the discus (141-10) and Trinity Tuls

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in the 400 meters (58.98). Kailey Weichel and Emily Loseke placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 400 meters.

Another noteworthy effort out of the throws was supplied by Abby Gerber, who landed a new 'B' standard of 43-9.75. On the men's side of the shot put, Andy Amos recorded a mark (48-11.5) about a foot-and-a-half shy of the 'B' standard. In the men's javelin, Logan Adam placed third out of 13 throwers.

Elsewhere in the placed third in the high jump (5-0.25), Katie Severt placed sixth in the triple jump (35-1.25)and seventh in the long jump (17-3.5) and Jacob Glines finished fifth in the high jump (6-5.5). Averie Lambrecht also landed at 35-1.25 in the triple.

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HR Dept., 300 N. Columbia Ave. Seward, NE 68434 or visit www.MHCS.US to complete an online application. For more information call 402-646-4618.

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The City of Wilber, Nebraska is accepting applications for part time summer help. Duties involve general maintenance, painting, weed trimming, raking, cleaning, and other duties as assigned. Minimum age 18 and must have a valid driver's license. Applications are available at the City Office, 110 W 3rd Street, Wilber, NE 68465. Deadline for application is May 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. Any questions please call 402-821-3233. The City of Wilber is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PART-TIME HELP NEEDED Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m.-10 p.m. shift and Overnight Shift. Apply in person. SPEEDEE MART, 930 280th, Seward, NE.



**G&P** Development Landfill is accepting applications for a **Full-Time** 

Groundskeeper/Maintenance \$15 - \$17/hr. Looking for a self-motivated individual.

- Full Benefits Package 2 weeks paid Vacation (1<sup>st</sup> yr.)
  - 401K retirement
  - **Annual Safety Bonus** Apply online:



### Have you *move* INDEPENDENT 129 S. 6th St. P.O. Box 449 Seward, NE 68434 **LET US KNOW!**

### **NOW HIRING**

Full-time Assistant Manager/Manager

**Trainee** or the capability to reach this level. Overtime and benefits available. Previous construction and sales experience preferred. Must have a valid drivers license. Rate of pay based on experience.

### Part-time Warehouse Associate,

25-30 hours per week (can be flexible on scheduling). Must be able to lift 50+ lbs, have a valid drivers license, and use basic math. Rate of pay based on experience.

Apply in person at 3269 Progressive Rd, Seward, Ne 68434 or send resume to nb.sacklumber@gmail.com



### **CITY OF SEWARD - SEASONAL POSITION ELECTRIC GROUNDMAN - \$19.68 - \$23.20/hr**

Performs semi-skilled work under the direction of Electric Superintendent and direct supervision of Electric Line Crew Chief, to assist Electric Department employees in the operation, construction, maintenance and repair of overhead and underground electric distribution and transmission system.

Applications accepted until filled. Must meet minimum qualifications. Job description and application: www.CityofSewardNE.gov. Seward City Hall, 537 Main St.; P.O. Box 38; Seward NE 68434 (402-643-2928, info@cityofsewardne.gov). Reasonable accommodations available for persons needing assistance in completing application & should be made at time of application. All positions of employment with the City of Seward are subject to a Veteran's Preference. Equal Opportunity Employer.

### WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA

– HELP WANTED –

Waste Connections of Nebraska, Nebraska's largest and fastest growing solid waste and recycling collection company is seeking to fill positions at our David City location, Butler County Landfill. Some experience preferred.

### Mechanic - \$5000 Sign-On Bonus **Heavy Equipment Operator - \$2500** Sign-On Bonus

Complete company paid benefit package: Health Insurance • Dental Insurance Vision Insurance • Life Insurance Disability Insurance • 401(k) Profit Sharing Paid Vacation • Employee Assistance Plan

Applicants must pass post-offer drug screen. Interested applicants, please apply online at careers.wasteconnections.com or call Ryan at 402-649-6776.

Equal Opportunity Employer M/F

### **HELP WANTED**

Looking for HVAC Technician with some experience. Pay will be based on experience. Please contact Kayla at 402-826-2101 or stop

by our office at 1025 W. 10th St., Crete, NE, for inquiries.

We look forward to meeting you. **Aqua Plumbing** & Heating LLC

### **NOW HIRING**

#### · GIFT PROCESSOR

This position performs gift processing, data entry, rollovers, and clerical duties in the advancement office under the immediate supervision of the Senior Director of Advancement Operations.

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & BILLING MANAGER

This position provides leadership and direction to Student Accounts staff in developing procedures and use of Banner functions which carry out the policies of the university as they relate to billing and receivables. This position also provides information systems support between the finance, accounts receivable, financial aid, location management (student housing), and student registration modules in Banner.

#### STUDENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SPECIALIST

This position assists with all duties related to student accounts, including accurately billing and collecting on student accounts and corresponding with students/families on all aspects of their student bills. In addition, this position serves as the primary cashier of student payments.

### • SECURITY OFFICER

Under the supervision of the Director of Security, the Security Officer patrols assigned territory to protect persons and property. Position is second shift, overnight, Saturday through Wednesday.

Job descriptions and online application available at www.cune.edu/employment



# PUBLIC NOTICES

### **ORGANIZATION**

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION MATHIAS'S PAINTING, LLC A Nebraska

Limited Liability Company Article 1: Name of Compar The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Mathias's Painting, LLC Article 2: Initial Designated Office The street address of the initial

designated office is: 3386 Branched Oak Rd Staplehurst, NE 68439 Article 3: Initial Agent for Service

of Process The name of the initial agent for service of process is: Mathias Turley

The street address of the initial agent for service of process is: 3386 Branched Oak Rd Staplehurst, NE 68439 Article 4: Members

The company has at least one Member Article 5: Purpose

The purpose for which the Company is organized to engage in any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Article 6: Management The Company shall be member managed. The name and address of the initial member is as follows: Mathias Turley

3386 Branched Oak Rd Staplehurst NE 68439

Article 7: Effective Date of Filing The Articles of Organization shall be effective when filed, unless a delayed effective date is entered: 4/1/2022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Organizer has executed the Articles of Organization on the date below. Date: 04-1-2022

/s/Mathias Turley

Signature of Organizer SCI — April 27, May 04, 2022 ZNEZ

#### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION of **EDWARD LYNN SALON, LLC**

Notice is hereby given that Edward Lynn Salon, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 2451 Hawthorn Street, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Laura L. Erickson, 2451 Hawthorn Street, Seward, Nebraska 68434. Edward Lynn Salon, LLC

SCI — April 27, May 04, 11, 2022

### **NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION**

OF SMITH LL RANCH, LLC

Notice is hereby given of the organization under the laws of the State of Nebraska of Smith LL Ranch, LLC (the "Company"). The Company's designated office is at 315 Northern Heights Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The registered agent and address of the Companv is Trov L. Smith. 315 Northern Heights Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in any and all lawful businesses for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The Company commenced perpetual existence on April 25, 2022. The affairs of the Company will be conducted by the Managers of the Company.

Kent E. Endacott #20381 Orga-

Endacott Peetz Timmer & Koerwitz PC LLO 5825 South 14th Street, Suite 200

Lincoln, NE 68512 SCI — May 04, 11, 18, 2022

**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION** 

### FRIESEN HOLDINGS, LLC

The undersigned, in order to provide notice of the formation of a limited liability company in conformance with the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 21-101 to 21-197, does hereby make and verify as follows:

1. Name. The name of the limited liability company shall be FRIESEN HOLDINGS, LLC. 2. Initial Designated Office. The

street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 573 252nd, Milford, Nebraska 68405. 3. Registered Agent. The initial agent for service of process of the company is Jackson Friesen, 573 252nd, Milford, Nebraska 68405. April 27, 2022

P.O. Box 80268 Lincoln, Nebraska 68501 SCI -May 04, 11, 18, 2022

Shannon L. Doering

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that BEL-LOBINO, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office is 722 Cory Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434. The initial agent for service of process and the agent's address is Whitney Mason, 722 Cory Drive, Seward, Nebraska 68434.

Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P. 233 S. 13th Street, Suite 1900 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-2095 SCI — May 04, 11, 18, 2022

#### **CERTIFICATE** OF ORGANIZATION **NEBRASKA**

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is as follows: SHERMAN LAWNS, LLC

2. The street and mailing addresses of the initial designated office: Street Addr: 848 Seward st Seward Ne 68434

Mailing Ad: 848 Seward st Seward Ne 68434

2b. The name, and street and mailing addresses and post office box number, if any, of the initial agent for service of process of the company:

Name: Jason Sherman Street Address: 848 Seward st Seward Ne 68434 Mailing Address (if different):

PO Box (if different):

3. Is the limited liability company organized to render professional service? YES

If Yes is indicated, identify the professional service: landscaping, lawn service, general construction /s/Jason Sherman Organizer

Date: 03/16/2022 SCI — April 20, 27, May 04, 2022

### **MINUTES** APRIL 26, 2022

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS** 

Boards of Commissioner Meetings are held each Tuesday morning in the Seward County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m., except for the first Tuesday of each month when meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. Notice of each meeting is posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting. **CLAIMS ALLOWED** 

### MAY 24, 2022

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on April 26, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky Approved minutes of April 12,

Approved Tax List Corrections. Hladky gave an update of her Convened as the Board of Com-

missioners. Approved minutes of April 19,

2022.

Approved the use of County Rescue Plan Act funds for Detention

Center expenses. Approved Seward County claims through April 15, 2022. Commissioners gave reports of

their activities. Annroved the Extension Office Interlocal Agree-

ment. Approved limiting items for the agenda for May 10, 2022, due to

Election Day. Approved the Economic Opportunity Program Application for assistance in road improvement

near Goehner. Approved East Seward Road Maintenance and Improvement Cooperation Agreement between the City of Seward and Seward

County. Approved request for employee #0307 to have their maximum

vacation hours extended to 260 hours for 6 months. Approved increase in limit for two Sheriff's Office credit cards for

60 days. Approved Law Enforcement Services Agreement for patrolling services for Garland.

Approved Verizon Contract for the Road Dept. Discussion was held on wage increases for fiscal year 2022-2023.

No decision was made. Discussions were held on ARPA funds.

Approved the agenda for May 3, 2022, and adjourned at 12:23 a.m. Sherry Schweitzer County Clerk

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 15, 2022 ADP LLC, SE, \$2,465.35; AD-VANCED CORR HLTHCR, SE, \$4,399.11; ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$111.27; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP, FE, \$17,838.88; ARAMARK UNIFORM, SE, \$110.34; BLACK HILLS ENER-GY, UT, \$2,677.73; BLUESTEM NETWORK, UT, \$110.00; CAPI-TAL BUSINESS SYS, SU, \$29.87; CENTEC CAST METAL PROD, SU, \$756.64; CITY OF SEWARD, UT, \$4,222.91; CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO, SE, \$17.48; CORN-HUSKER INT TRUCKS, EQ, \$275.02; CULLIGAN, SE, \$100.50; DIAMOND DRUGS, INC, SU, \$289.05; DOUGLAS CO COURT, SE, \$4.50; DOUGLAS CO SHER-IFF, SE, \$10.46; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$1,076.24; JENNI-FER EICKHOFF, SE, \$25.74; ELECTION SYS & SFTWR, SU, \$36.51; FARM & HOME PUB-LISH, SU, \$150.00; FARMERS COOPERATIVE, SU, \$21,564.69; GENERAL FIRE & SAFETY, SE, \$195.50; GREAT PLAINS COMM, UT, \$883.85; HELMINK PRINTING, SU, \$233.00; HER-POLSHEIMERS, SE. \$160.24: HOMETOWN LEASING, SE, \$155.84; JONES BANK (FICA),

MCKESSON MED SURG, SU, \$530.65; MEMORIAL HOSPI-TAL, SE, \$1,014.75; MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE, SE, \$1,052.61; MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM, SU \$39 99. MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV, SE, \$1,469.00; KRYSTEL ZNEZ NABER, SE, \$16.38; JENNIFER NANTKES, SE, \$12.87; NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS, FE, \$250.00: NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV, SE, \$93.00; PEGGY OBORNY. SE, \$21.06; OFFICE DEPOT, SU, \$48.26 ORFILLY AUTOMOTIVE SU, \$40.78; PAC N SAVE, SU, \$225.30; PETTY CASH FUND. FE, \$149.00; PHYSICIANS LAB SERV, SE, \$2,050.00; REDWOOD TOX LAB, SE, \$370.00; REGION V SERVICES, SE, \$2,484.58; SITE ONE LANDSCAPE, SE, \$322.15; ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCTNG, SE, \$719.28; STEIN-MEYER, ZACH, SE, \$1.17; SUM-MIT FOOD SERV, SE, \$5,218.39; TCA OUTDOOR POWER, EQ, \$505.77; TELMATE LLC, SE, \$16.00; THOMSON REUTERS, FE, \$917.58; TIME WARNER CABLE, UT, \$407.40; TRASH PANDA REFUSE, SE, \$4,023.60; VERIZON CONNECT NWF, UT, \$834.69; VERIZON WIRE-LESS, UT, \$569.02; VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS, SE, \$20.00; VISA, FE, \$9,627.54; WASH-INGTON CO COURT, SE, \$3.50; WINDSTREAM, UT, \$10,455.81; ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL, SE. \$3,070.00; FASTENAL COMPA-NY. SU. \$157.86: GWORKS. SE. \$3,375.00; HAMILTON EQUIP-MENT, EQ, \$286.37; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, EQ, \$209.15; MATHESON TRI-GAS. SE

FE, \$19,859.65; LAUBER FU-

NERAL SERV, SE, \$1,300.00;

REBECCA MCKAY, SE, \$55.58;

\$488.04; MEMORIAL CLINIC, SE, \$70.00; MEYER AUTOMOTIVE SE, \$78.46; MIDWEST AUTO PARTS, EQ, \$815.92; NMC, INC, SE, \$2,369.22; NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST, UT, \$1,525.00; ROSE EQUIPMENT INC, EQ, \$6,413.49; TRUCK EQUIP SER-VICE CO, SE, \$162.20; SUE IMIG, SE, \$64.35; SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT, SE, \$123.90; SPORTS EXPRESS INC, SU, \$843.70; MILFORD AGING SERV, SE, \$1,625.00; SEWARD AGING SERV, SE, \$1,625.00; US POST OFFICE, SU, \$92.80; UTICA AGING SERV, SE, \$1,500.00; WATCH GUARD VIDEO, SE, \$8,012.50; BURMEVES LLC, SE, \$4,000.00; JONES BANK, SE, \$150.00; LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE, SE, \$74.33; POTTER REPAIR, SE, \$89.00; WEST-ERN OIL II LLC, SU, \$210.58; CATCH GLOBAL FOUNDATION, SE, \$760.00; J CHAD PROF TRAINING, SE, \$70.00; BRIAN BARNES, SE, \$250.00; MID-LANDS CONTRACTING, FE,

\$5,882.75; PICTOMETRY INT'L,

SE, \$30,680.17; ENCARTELE

INC, SE, \$2,705.21 SALARIES: \$260,290.86 GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE **DEDUCTIONS TO: COLONIAL** SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE; MIDAMERICAN CO WISCONSIN; DELTA DENTAL; VSP VISION; WADDELL & REED

SCI/MT - May 04, 2022

### **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 22-34 of LORRENE L. KOVAR, DE-CEASED

Notice is hereby given that on April 21, 2022, in said court, in Seward County, Nebraska, the registrar issued a written statement of informal probate of the Last Will and Testament of Lorrene L. Kovar, deceased, and appointed Debra S. Frank, as personal representative of the estate. Debra S. Frank's address is 220 South Street, Staplehurst, Nebraska 68439. Creditors must file their claims with this court on or before the 27th day of June 2022 or be forever barred. Dated: April 21, 2022.

/s/Sheila R. Beins Clerk of the County Court SCI — April 27, May 04, 11, 2022 ZNEZ

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF SEWARD COUNTY, **NEBRASKA** 

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. LAU-BER** 

Case No. PR22-31 Notice is hereby given that on April 11, 2022, in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of Will of said Decedent and that Jerry D. Lauber, 549 R Street, Geneva, Nebraska 68361, 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 June 20, 2022, or be forever /s/Sheila R. Beins

Clerk of the County Court David P. Lepant, #20104 Lepant Law Office, PC, LLO 119 N 5th Street Beatrice, NE 68310 (402) 223-4071 lawoffice@lepantlaw.com Attorney for Applicant SCI — April 20, 27, May 04, 2022 ZNEZ

### **HEARINGS**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is given that the Seward County Board of Commissioners

will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022, 10:00 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.

Platinum Ranch LLC. Owner: Delcamp

PID: 800000307

In the Northeast 1/4 of, Section 5, Township 10N, Range 4E, 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 — May 04, 2022 **ZNEZ** 

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning Commission of the City of Seward, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022, at the Seward Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska.

Public notice is hereby also given by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Seward, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022, at the Seward Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska.

The purpose of both hearings is to obtain public comment prior to the review and consideration of a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan for the City of Seward, including a specific redevelopment project.

The property which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearing is generally located 836 Aspen Street in Seward, Nebraska (Parcel ID #800229450) and is legally described as follows:

Lot 2. Block A. Replat of Blocks 2 and 3, Seward Rail Campus PUD Original Addition, and a portion of adjacent vacated Walker Road, City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska

All interested parties shall be afforded at each public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the proposed redevelopment plan amendment. A map of the redevelopment area and a copy of the redevelopment plan and cost-benefit analysis shall be maintained in the office of the

Derek Bargmann City Clerk SCI — April 27, May 04, 2022 7NF7

### NOTICE

A total of 160 cases will be heard by the Board in May 2022. The following case(s) sentenced in Seward County will be seen by the Board of Parole.

May 20, 2022 - 8:30 a.m. Community Correctional Center -

**ZNEZ** 

Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska Follette, Jonnathon 212612 Pos Cntrl Sub Except Marijuana ROSALYN COTTON, CHAIR NERRASKA **BOARD OF PAROLE** SCI - May 04, 2022

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that the Seward County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022, 9:45 a.m., Seward County Court House, 529 Seward Street, Seward, Nebraska. Regarding the following: PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CON-DITIONAL USE PERMIT:

Parcel ID: 800108337 TEMPORARY ASPHALT PLANT Located in Precinct J, In the Northwest 1/4 of, Section 25, Township 10N, 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

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** Notice is given that the Seward County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday. May 16th, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Seward County Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street, Seward, Nebraska, regard-

ing the following: Public Hearing for a REZONE. From A-1 to TA-1. Owner: Canarsky.

PID: 800220943 In the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 26, Township 9N, Range 4E, 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 — May 04, 2022 **ZNEZ** 

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is given that the Seward County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 16th, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Seward County Civic Center, 616 Bradford

Street, Seward, Nebraska, regarding the following: Public Hearing for a REZONE From A-1 to TA-1. Owner: Hanseling.

PID: 800000501 In the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 7, Township 10N, Range 4E, Seward County Nebraska.

Information on the proposed action is available in the Seward County

The public's comments and concerns are welcome at the time of the public hearing. Seward County

Zoning Administrator SCI/MT — May 04, 2022

### MEETINGS

### NOTICE

OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING The board of education of the School District of Seward will meet in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting, which shall be kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours. To view the agenda go to http:// SewardPublicSchools.org/ and find the eMeeting link. SCI — May 04, 2022 **ZNEZ** 

#### **NOTICE**

A Public Meeting of the Seward County Planning Commission will be held May 16, 2022, 7:30 p.m., Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Street, Seward, Nebraska. Notice of said meeting will be posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and in the Zoning Administration Office. The agenda for said meeting will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Zoning Administration Office during normal business hours. The agenda will be held open until 3:00 p.m. of the day, five days before the day of the meeting. The Planning Commission has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meetings. Seward County

**Zoning Administrator** SCI/MT — May 04, 2022

#### **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE** Seward County Ag. Society

Monday, May 16, 2022 7 p.m.

Conference Room-Harvest Hall Seward County Fairgrounds Michael J. Flyr

Secretary Seward Co. Ag. Society SCI/MT — May 04, 11, 2022

### **PROPERTY SALES**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, **NEBRASKA**

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 16-201 and Seward Municipal Code § 340-1.2, public notice is hereby given that the City Council, pursuant to Ordinance 2022-5, has authorized the conveyance of the real property by the City of Seward to IHC Properties, LLC, legally described as:

Lot 2 and the adjacent vacated Walker Road, Block A, Replat of Blocks 2 and 3, Seward Rail Campus PUD Original Addition Final Plat, and a portion of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6th P.M., City of Seward, Seward County, Nebraska.

Registered voters of the City of Seward shall have thirty (30) days from April 26, 2022, to protest the conveyance of the Property in accordance with the procedures set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 16-202 and Seward Municipal Code § 340-1.2.

/s/Derek Bargmann City Clerk SCI — May 04, 11, 18, 2022 **ZNEZ** 

SouthLaw, P.C. 13160 Foster Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 **FILE NO. 209362** 

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by James T. Vance, dated August 28, 2017, and recorded on August 29, 2017, Document No. 201702104 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Seward County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on May 24, 2022, at 2:00 PM, at the North Doors of the Seward County, Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest

bidder for cash: LOT 1, THE CORRECTED PLAT OF SBR SECOND SUBDIVISION, PLEASANT DALE, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA, commonly known as 206 Elm St, Pleasant

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Dale, NE, 68423

Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee

First Publication: April 13, 2022 NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 209362). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com SCI — April 13, 20, 27, May 04,

11, 2022

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

To Octavio Ocampo Flores and Pedro Ruiz or any other person who has an interest in the drug related currency of \$15.000.00. Said currency is subject to forfeiture proceedings at CI21-188 in the Seward County District Court at 261 S. 8th St., Seward, NE 68434, 402-643-4895.

You have 30 days from the last day of publication to answer to the Petition for Disposition of Seized Property. Failure to answer will result in said currency being forfeited and loss of all your interest and rights in said property. Any questions, contact Seward County Attorney's Office at 402-643-2795. SCI - April 20, 27, May 04, 11, **ZNEZ** 

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

To Jason Michael Pierce or any other person who has an interest in the drug related currency of \$22,150.00. Said currency is subject to forfeiture proceedings at Cl21-220 in the Seward County District Court at 261 S. 8th St., Seward, NE 68434, 402-643-4895. You have 30 days from the last day of publication to answer to the Petition for Disposition of Seized Property. Failure to answer will result in said currency being forfeited and loss of all your interest and rights in said property. Any questions, contact Seward County Attorney's Office at 402-643-2795. SCI — May 04, 11, 18, 25, 2022 ZNEZ

### **BIDS**

#### NOTICE FOR ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE UPDATE OF THE **SEWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUILDING AUTOMATION TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM**

Notice is hereby given that the Seward County Board of Commissioners will be accepting bids for the Seward County Courthouse. Contractor to provide bid for a Building Automation System (BAS), temperature controls replacement. A mandatory walk through is required to bid this project. Specifications can be obtained at the Seward County Clerk's Office. Courthouse. Room 205, Seward, NE 68434 or by calling 402-643-2883 or emailing a request to sschweitzer@ co.seward.ne.us . Sealed bids must be received by May 17, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Clerk's Office for opening at said County Commissioner's Meeting. Sherry Schweitzer Seward County Clerk

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#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Seward County Ag. Society will receive sealed bids until May 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bids recorded for furnishing the labor, materials, and performing all necessary work for construction of the project entitled "2022 Ag. Pavilion Painting Project.'

The envelopes containing bids shall be marked as follows:

Proposal For: 2022 Ag. Pavilion Painting Project Seward, Nebraska. Bids must be submitted before: May 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m., which bids will be opened at the Harvest

the Seward County Ag. Society meeting. Bids submitted prior to the meeting

Hall conference room during

shall be submitted to: Mike Flvr 203 S. 6th Street

Seward, NE Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the following location: Mike Flvr

203 S. 6th Street Seward, NE SCI — April 27, May 04, 11, 2022 ZNEZ

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Seward County Ag. Society will receive sealed bids until May 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bids recorded for furnishing the labor, materials, and performing all necessary work for construction of the project entitled "2022 Ag. Pavilion Video & Screen Upgrades.

The envelopes containing bids shall be marked as follows: Proposal For: 2022 Ag. Pavilion

Video & Screen Upgrades Seward, Nebraska Bids must be submitted before:

bids will be opened at the Harvest Hall conference room during the Seward County Ag. Society meeting.

Bids submitted prior to the meeting shall be submitted to:

Mike Flvr 203 S. 6th Street Seward, NE

Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the following location:

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**OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES** 

#### **IN ACCORDANCE WITH 16-722** MARCH 31, 2022 DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS **EXPENDITURES** UTILITY FUNDS: ELECTRIC 5,365,812 5,155,870 WATER 955,028 1,103,589 931,880 WWTW 982,421 **GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:** 3,389,538 **GENERAL FUND EXPENSES:** LEGISLATIVE 125,949 LEGAL 32,705 POLICE 697,182 POLICE EQUITABLE SHARING 242 95,696 E911 STREET 1,443,609 STP FUNDS 154,462 **DEBT SERVICE** 481,956 RAIL CAMPUS 325 CDBG PROJECTS 17.110 BLDGS & GRDS (CITY HALL) 21,025 CIVIC CENTER 69,212 LIBRARY PUBLIC PROPERTIES 223,330 NEW PARK DEVELOPMENT 102,414 CEMETERY/NEW DEV **GOLF COURSE** 213,279 BLDGS & GRDS (OTHER) 1,410 **BUILDING INSPECTION** 49,600 61,236 FIRE EQUIP SINKING FUND TREE BOARD 450 PLANNING COMMISSION 13,333 **ENGINEER** DOWDING POOL 40,827 SWIMMING LESSONS RECREATION 146.948 SENIOR CENTER 82,705 2,160 **SENIOR SHUTTLE** RECYCLING 15,776 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 50.012 134.155 TOTAL GENERAL FUND 3,389,538 4,608,839

(UNAUDITED) NICHOLAS WOLF FINANCE DIRECTOR CITY OF SEWARD, NEBRASKA

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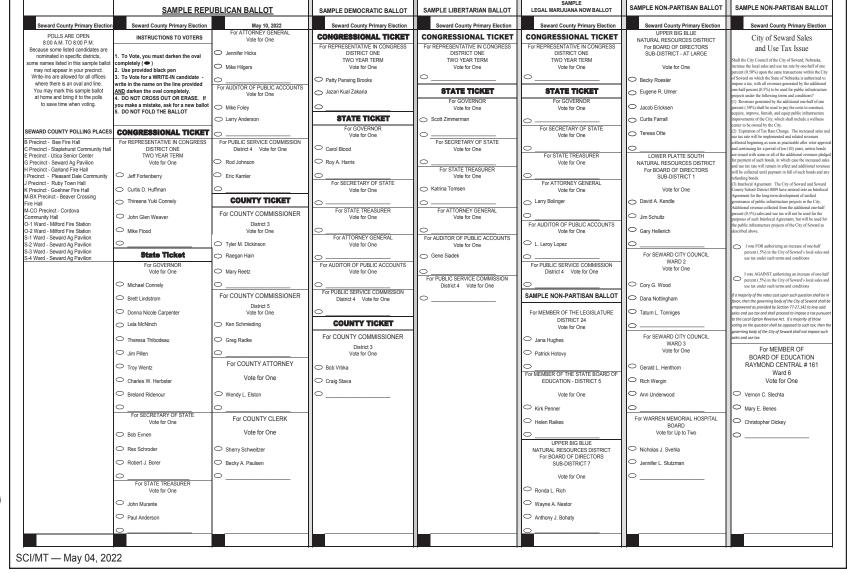
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Lookin' good at the Seward High prom



**Eden Schulz and Nathan Nottingham** 



From left: (front row) Olivia McMann, Grace Roberts, Olivia Volzke, Rebecca Suchy, Emilie Porter and Kylie Luebbe; and (back row) Malachi Limback, Jaden Merkel and Braeden Dey prepare for prom. Seward High celebrated prom and post prom April 30 and May 1.



**Audrey Dobesh and Keegan Beisel** 



Kevin Zadina, owner of the Seward County Independent, was the featured speaker at a Seward Rotary meeting.

# SCI owner shares history, plans with Seward Rotary Club

Kevin Zadina of Seward, the new owner of the Milford Times, was the featured program at a recent Rotary Club meeting.

Zadina is the proud owner of five area papers, The Milford Times, The Seward County Independent, The Friend Sentinel, The Crete News and The Wilber Republican. Besides the five papers, the company operates a print shop to serve commercial printing needs in Seward and Saline counties.

He noted that the print shop recently was moved to the Seward County Independent office and features a new digital printer.

Zadina has been in a leadership role with the papers out of the Seward area for more than 18 years, purchasing the five papers from the previous owner in January of this year.

His operation has 12 fulltime staff members, and he is excited that for the first time in many years, the papers are at full staff.

He addressed his work with the papers and spoke on the

history of newspapers in Seward print paper reader is 47.6 years of County.

Since 1870, there have been 27 papers throughout Seward County. The oldest or first paper in Seward County was The Nebraska Atlas in 1870.

Beaver Crossing had the most papers over the years with 10, from the 1872 Beaver Tribune to The Echo in 1913.

The Seward County Independent has held four names over the years starting in 1891 with the Seward County Independent, 1893 Seward Independent, 1897 Seward County Democrat and 1955 Seward County Independent.

His company that purchased the papers is known as "Sweet Tea Media." They are the ninth owners of the paper since 1981 and the third largest group ownership of papers in Nebraska.

He commented on the variety of additional news sources the papers serve including Facebook pages for all papers with the average age of the Facebook reader being 40.5 years old. The average

All of the company's papers have websites, and he said the SCI website has an average of 3,000 views a week with more than 33,000 page views. The Seward County Independent has a readership of 6,750.

Zadina is excited to expand and improve the papers in his group and looks forward to working with the community to continue to make the papers the heart of each communication venue for the areas they serve.

He commented on the future of the paper, recent changes/updates and his plans for the future of the papers.

For more information on the Times or the other papers, contact Zadina at kevinzadina@ sewardindependent.com, call (402) 643-3676 or visit the paper's main office at 129 S. 6th Street in

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5

# Deepe family provides record gift for journalism depth reporting

by College of Journalism and Mass Communications

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

A Nebraska family that built its farmlands into a multi-million-dollar enterprise near Hebron has gifted the land to support the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Journalism and Mass Communications and its depth reporting program.

The proceeds from the \$4.65 million sale of the farmlands by the University of Nebraska Foundation established a permanently endowed fund called the Deepe Family Endowed Chairs in Depth Reporting, emphasizing the family's commitment to journalism, education and the state. The gift represents the largest single gift received in support of the college.

'This gift continues the legacy of a Nebraska family built from the grit and thrift of the Dust Bowl generation," said Shari Veil, dean of the College of Journalism and Mass Communications. "It will enable the college to continue its storied depth reporting program, which has won numerous prestigious awards, including the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards Grand Prize."

The Deepe Family Endowed Chairs in Depth Reporting will be used by the college to recruit two new faculty, with one specializing in investigative reporting and another specializing in data journalism. Recipients will receive an annual stipend from the endowed fund to supplement their salaries and to support their scholarly research and academic activities.

The college worked closely with Beverly Deepe Keever, a Husker journalism graduate, to ensure the gift honors the legacy of her parents, Martin and Doris Deepe, and supports journalism education at the university for generations.

"Never in this nuclearized and cryptic world has truth-seeking and truth-telling been more vital," Keever said. "We are experiencing the greatest media shift since the advent of the telegraph and communication via electricity that enabled the railroads to be built, thus

transforming Nebraska and the nation.

"To reinforce this quest for truth, my family and I are humbled to be able to donate the largest single gift to the college. This gift establishing the Deepe Family Endowed Chairs in Depth Reporting seeks to propel the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to the nation's premier site for depth reporting and expanded experiential learning beyond the classroom."

In an increasingly data-driven world, data literacy has become an essential skill for journalists pursuing truth and shedding light on many topics through depth reporting. The new faculty positions will ensure that Husker graduates have vital research skills and the funding to investigate and publish stories of significance in the Great Plains and tribal communities.

Students in depth reporting classes focus on the same story for an entire semester, in some cases multiple semesters, bringing in a higher quantity and quality of sourcing, graphics and multimedia components than is typical of traditional news reporting. Public documents and data sources must be accessed and analyzed to draw conclusions and add clarity to complex and controversial situations.

In addition to collaborating on the depth reporting classes, the new faculty will oversee and provide support for student involvement in important journalism organizations. The Deepe endowment will also provide funding to cover student memberships in the Society of Professional Journalists and Investigative Reporters and Editors and student travel to these associations' conferences and workshops. Doing so enables students to learn the latest trends and techniques in the industry and network with professionals nationwide.

"The impact of the Deepe family's gift will be felt by generations of UNLjournalism students," Veil said. "We are incredibly grateful they have entrusted us with the stewardship of their family's legacy."

# Contact information available for Fourth of July event information

The Seward Fourth of tion website at july-July Celebration is just around the corner and the Seward Fourth of July Celebration committee is overrun with contact information requests - "Who do we

All the contacts and committee chairs are listed on the Seward Fourth of July Celebra-

fourthseward.com. All the applications and informational points are on the committee's website and are updated and ready to complete.

For information on Crafts on the Square or Miscellaneous Market, contact Alan or Culleen Bauer at (402) 803-4409; for information and

applications for Food Alley, contact Lois Kimsey at (402) 450-3066; for the Grand Parade, contact Tonia Nantkes at sewardparade@outlook. com or call (402) 641-8912; for the Car Show information, contact C.J. Novak at (402) 646-5214; to volunteer with the trolleys, call Kent Crisp at (402) 646-0628 or

email kacrisp@gmail. com; or to volunteer at the July 4 information booth, contact Steve and Sharon Hambek at (402) 643-6018.

The committee welcomes volunteers, so contact Clark Kolterman at clark.kolterman@ sewardschools.org or call (402) 641-8522.