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Ex CPS superintendent DeWaard charged with child abuse

by Brady Oltmans
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Former Centennial Schools superintendent Timothy DeWaard, 56, has been charged with intentional child abuse, a Class 3A felony, for his involvement with a high-school aged student.

That felony carries up to 3 years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Seward County Attorney Wendy Elston filed the federal charge on Sept. 30 against DeWaard. He was arrested on July 14 on listed offenses of third-degree sexual assault and child abuse, according to the warrantless arrest probable cause determination. His

bond was set at \$50,000 and he was released from Seward County Sheriff's custody the following day.

According to an affidavit acquired by the Independent, the investigation began on July 13 through collaboration between Seward and York County Sheriff's offices by interviewing the underaged victim, who was 16 at the time.



DeWaard

The victim said that DeWaard started inviting them into the superintendent's office for help with school work in November 2019 and their interactions extended to a daily basis through the application Snapchat. Those interactions started innocently, the victim said.

Then, in December 2019, DeWaard started locking the door to his office and having the victim sit on his lap, according to the affidavit. At that time DeWaard embraced the victim and placed his hands on the victim's inner thighs. In the affidavit, the victim said they felt compelled to do so or else fail out of school.

The victim also told police that DeWaard requested topless photos through Snapchat. The victim said during an interview with police that on July 6 DeWaard called the victim to say that DeWaard had thoughts about inappropriately touching the victim.

The two investigating officers asked the victim to contact DeWaard through Snapchat following the initial interview. The victim agreed. The conversation started innocently before DeWaard said he needed to talk to the victim. DeWaard then called the victim who was with the two investigating officers. The victim asked why DeWaard wanted photos. DeWaard

responded that he liked the victim's flat stomach. DeWaard also told the victim that he loved them more than a best friend and confirmed expressing thoughts of inappropriately touching the victim. DeWaard then told the victim that his spouse would be leaving Nebraska soon and said they could talk more in person at that time.

The two officers were told by the victim's father that DeWaard would be present at the Centennial School board meeting that evening. The two officers went and were assisted by Seward County Sheriff Mike Vance and
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STANDING WITH COLTON District sets new COVID records



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Seward kindergartner Colton Whisler, who has battled cancer most of his life and wore masks before they were cool, according to his mom, was the honorary captain of the Seward football team Oct. 2. Colton is currently cancer free and gave yellow ribbon stickers to the Bluejay football team in recognition of pediatric cancer.

by Brady Oltmans
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Confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus set new record highs on multiple days over the past week in the Four Corners Health District. Laura McDougall, executive director at Four Corners Health Department, said that 24 positive tests were confirmed in the district on Oct. 1 before the bi-weekly press briefing that same day. By the end of the day that total reached 28. That surpassed the previous single-day record of new cases of 20, set the day before.

McDougall said that the district averaged 30-40 cases per week before 91 new cases were confirmed between Sept. 24-30. From Sept. 26-Oct. 2 there were 34 new cases of coronavirus in Seward County.

"We're really ramping up," she said. In order to compare transmission rates against other counties, Four Corners implemented a per million per day metric recently. From Sept. 24-30 Seward County registered 289 cases per million per day. Essentially, if Seward County had a million residents, there would be 289 new cases of coronavirus every day at that transmission rate.

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BEAVER CROSSING RECOVERS TOGETHER

Community shows its heart in rebounding from 2014 tornado

When a massive tornado tore through Beaver Crossing on Mother's Day 2014, it destroyed or damaged virtually every home and business in the small community.

The twister ripped trees out by the roots, and left farm buildings lying in heaps of twisted metal. Power lines blocked the roads and center pivots with wheels in the air were scattered across fields.

Thankfully, no one in Beaver Crossing was hurt. The community's spirit also endured. Immediately, residents began clearing away the wreckage and working together to rebuild.

The city park, just a few blocks from downtown, became the unofficial dumping grounds during the clean-up phase. Debris littered what was once the main gathering place for the community.

"We wondered if we would ever see green grass there again," said longtime resident Marsha Barth. "There were huge piles of trees and

there was broken glass and nails everywhere."

It took more than a year to finish repairs to homes and businesses before work on restoring the park could begin. Municipal funds were involved in the clean-up, but there wasn't money in the village's budget to rebuild the ballfields, grandstands and all the facets that needed rebuilding.

"It was a labor of love for the whole community" to bring the park back to life, explained Terry Barth, Marsha's husband and a lead volunteer on the park renovation. Even older folks who couldn't do much physical labor came out to help. "With their trembling hands, they would hold the bolts or pass the wrenches," Terry said.

It took years to raise the funds necessary and renovation happened in stages, a bit at a time. Thanks to contributions from citizens and businesses, hundreds of volunteer hours and support



COURTESY PHOTO

This cheeky fellow welcomes visitors to the town of Beaver Crossing from the front lawn of a resident on the main street.

from the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District, the park is once more a focal point for the village. The latest upgrade included improvements to the park's main building, which houses restrooms and the concession stand. Through the Upper Big Blue NRD's Parks Program, the NRD's board of directors

approved the village's request to provide 25% of the local cost-share up to \$10,000 toward the total \$80,000 needed for the renovation.

"We feel good about the work that Beaver Crossing has put in to their park as well as the whole town itself in rebuilding," said Roger Houdersheldt, chairman

of the Upper Big Blue NRD board of directors. "The amount of labor and machinery that has been volunteered is remarkable and a testament to the town and surrounding area."

Summer 2020 was the perfect time for park improvements, as the pandemic meant the cancellation of regularly scheduled baseball and softball tournaments. The renovation was completed at the end of September, including upgrades to the bathrooms for ADA compliance.

"We wanted to make sure the park was accessible for everyone," said Jere Leif, who has worked with Terry Barth to coordinate funds and volunteers for the project.

"We couldn't have done all of this without the help of the NRD," Marsha Barth said.

In addition to funds through the NRD's Park's Program, which supported the recent facility upgrades

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DeWaard

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Seward County Sheriff's Department Administration Captain Paul Vyhlidal.

Officers asked DeWaard to leave the board room, which he did, and told him there was an ongoing investigation into an inappropriate behavior with a student. DeWaard was then arrested without incident. He was read his Miranda Rights and interviewed, where he admitted hugging the victim and touching shoulder, back, kissing the top of the victim's head and eventually touching the inner thigh over clothing. DeWaard said he never wanted to hurt the victim.

DeWaard admitted that while he never requested the first Snapchat photo from the victim, he requested another and admitted there was sexual gratification involved with receiving the photographs.

DeWaard said he believed their relationship was more than father/child and became the victim's "confidant."

Through those interviews, Seward County Sheriff deputies determined the sex assault occurred multiple times from late November 2019 until July 2020 and the victim was subjected to intentional, ongoing child abuse.

DeWaard was then booked on charges of third-degree sexual assault and child abuse.

The Centennial Board of Education sent a letter to community members the following morning stating that it was aware that DeWaard, who was superintendent at Centennial since 2007, had been arrested. At that point, the board's statement said, DeWaard had been placed on administrative leave. DeWaard later submitted a letter of resignation that the board accepted on July 21.

Centennial Board of Education President Jason Richters provided an update in the search for a superintendent in Centennial's October newsletter. Richters said a deadline application has been set for Oct. 30. From that point multiple advisory groups will be directly involved in the process, started by the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association. Richters said the board's goal is to have a contract agreed upon before Thanksgiving. The new superintendent would start July 1, 2021.

Real estate listings show that DeWaard's listed residence at 155 Dakota Circle – directly across 462nd Street from Centennial Public School – was listed for sale. The listing was removed on Sept. 18. As of Oct. 1 a sign in front of the home said "sold."

DeWaard's scheduled to make his first appearance in court on Oct. 7.

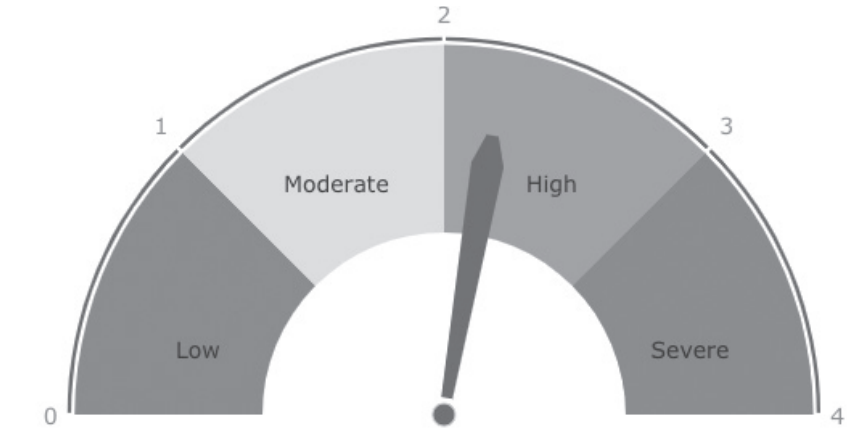
Four Corners

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McDougall said that a contributing factor for the latest hike in cases involve school-aged kids. Through contact tracing the district found that either parents contracted the virus and their children needed to quarantine or children test positive and spread the virus to family members.

"We definitely have quite a few cases involving schools, teachers and staff," McDougall said.

McDougall also said hospitalizations in the state have increased, forcing state health officials to tap into surge capacity. Of those, McDougall said that only one Seward County resident who tested positive for coronavirus was hospitalized as of Oct. 1. Seward County residents who are hospitalized with coronavirus go to Lincoln instead of Memorial Health Care Systems.

Because of the latest surge in coronavirus cases, McDougall emphasized the importance of answering calls from the Department of Health and Human Services on contact tracing. Increased cases have also meant an increase in contact tracing calls, so calls from the DHHS may come from different area codes. McDougall said there's loss of institutional knowledge with non-local callers making contact, so she stressed patience during those conversations. In that event, a call would be made to someone who's been tested for coronavirus. The caller would identify themselves as calling from Health and Human Services, ask a few questions and make a specific request for that person to quarantine because they were in contact with someone who has tested positive. There's no request for additional personal information like a social security number or



financial information on that call. McDougall said Health and Human Services would make up to four separate calls in hopes of reaching someone, all with messages left where they identify themselves and the reason for calling.

The latest risk Four Corners District risk dial, updated Oct. 2, moved up to 2.22 and into the "high" (orange) elevated area. Under that elevated area the district recommends people stay at home unless traveling for work, medical care or food and observe social distancing if someone is shows symptoms or is under quarantine for having contacted someone known to contract coronavirus.

Seward Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Josh Fields confirmed there was an uptick of positive cases and quarantines in the school district. He said the district's worked closely with the health district on contact tracing and the best way to navigate clusters of positive cases or quarantines.

"We knew it would be peaks and valleys and right now we're seeing some uptick," said Fields.

McDougall said that the district is committed to keeping children in school and appreciated the communication.

Meanwhile, Concordia University has continued to implement its policy requiring face coverings and has yet to

experience an outbreak. As of Oct. 1 active coronavirus cases at Concordia were limited to one student and one staff member.

Memorial Health Care Systems CEO Roger Reamers said the hospital has moved to more rapid testing for those who show symptoms to meet the growing number of cases. The hospital is once again hosting a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Oct. 13 from 7-9 a.m. on the west side of Seward Family Medical Center. There will once again be pediatric flu shots administered that afternoon from 4-6:30 p.m. Inside Seward Family Medical Center. Adults accompanying their children can receive their flu shot then.

McDougall was asked about trick-or-treating. Under current circumstances, the health district is recommending pre-packaged treats with one person handing out the candy instead of children reaching into the same bowl for candy throughout Halloween. McDougall said the things to keep in mind are social distancing, spacing children out to prevent a large gathering and then sanitizing hands.

McDougall also said during the briefing that it's important for residents to not become complacent with the spread of the coronavirus as it hits record numbers in the district and Seward County.

Beaver Crossing

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and the installation of a half-mile walking trail around the perimeter of the park, the NRD also supplied trees in the aftermath of the tornado. The NRD's Storm Damaged Tree Program provided 170 new trees for planting on public and private property throughout the village in 2014.

The NRD's Parks Program offers cities and villages planning and financial assistance for the development or improvement of natural resources in nature areas, campgrounds and park facilities that encourage

tree planting, creation of wildlife habitat and open spaces.

Now fully restored, the Beaver Crossing City Park is used by community members daily. Families enjoy the swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts and playground equipment. Seniors exercise on the walking trail. High school teams compete at the ballfields. A ladies group meets for coffee most days at the picnic shelter. The annual Beaver Daze community festival is held there (though this, too, was canceled in 2020), featuring live

music, a rib cook-off and other events.

The park is also frequented by visitors who make use of the six RV hook-up spots available for a free-will donation. The park is close enough to Interstate 80 to be convenient for cross-country travelers, yet far enough away from the traffic to be a peaceful place to stop.

"We hear from campers all the time that they are amazed such a small town has such a great park," said Leif, noting that many travelers have also contributed funds to the community's effort to

rebuild.

"This park is the town's heart. It is the heart and soul of our community," said life-long resident Johnny Davis. A retired farmer, Davis has volunteered his time, labor and tractor for park improvement projects since the tornado.

The park has been there for more than a century, said Davis, reminiscing about the spring-fed, gravel-bottomed swimming pool and the vintage grandstand that used to be on the property. Davis recalled the memory of practicing with the high school football team at the park many decades ago and getting tossed, pads and all, into the old pool as part of freshman initiation to the team.

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Members of the BlueJay Marching Band and Color Guard perform during their exhibition on Sept. 19.



MONIQUE PEETZ/SCI

The BlueJay Marching Band performs with the Color Guard at its Sept. 19 exhibition in Seward.

Rotary hosts Family Day fun

It was a beautiful day to ride the free train rides at the Seward County Historical Society Museum's scale trains at the Seward Rotary Club's annual Seward Rotary Family Day at the Museum Sept. 13.

The day featured the free train rides on the Chippewa Northwestern Railway Society train system-featuring a 1/12 scale live steam railroad program. The rides are always free.

All of the society's buildings and main museum were open to the public for tours by Historical Society members and host Rotarians.

A free ice cream social was enjoyed in the Seward County Historical Society's meeting room featuring free ice cream, cake and punch for all who attended. The day was coordinated with the Seward Rotary Club membership as one of its official



COURTESY PHOTO

Multiple generations enjoyed the train rides at the Seward County Historical Society Museum during the Seward Rotary Club's annual Seward Rotary Family Day.

"Family Fun" days.

The Historical Society also hosted a flea market during the event in the Society's meeting room during the event.

The Seward County Historical Society Museum is open from

May through October on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. For more information visit its website or the Seward County Historical Society Museum Facebook page.

Aksarben stock show's future assured

The Nebraska State Fair and Aksarben Foundation affirmed their commitments to the Aksarben Stock Show going forward.

State Fair Executive Director Bill Ogg and Nebraska State Fair Board Chairwoman Beth Smith met with Aksarben Foundation staff two weeks prior to discuss future shows and continue with them through mutual vision.

"We strongly support the Nebraska State Fair continuing to produce and manage the Ak-

sarben Stock Show," said Sandra Reding, Aksarben Foundation president. "Under the Nebraska State Fair, the Aksarben Stock Show has expanded

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On Sept. 18, President Donald Trump and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced up to an additional \$14 billion for agriculture producers who continue to face market disruptions and costs associated with the novel coronavirus.

The second phase is similar to the first, in that there's a \$250,000 payment limitation per person or entity for

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No.

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We asked you

Last week's poll question: Do you have any friends or family members who have posted misinformation to social media?

Yes: 15.

No: 2.

Commitment to the community

by Mark Rhodes
Owner Rhodes Enterprises

Most people have certain holidays that they really look forward to. For some, it's the Fourth of July. Fireworks, parades (maybe next year), paid day off. For others, it might be Christmas or maybe even Halloween. And of course, there's what is the highlight of the year for many — National Newspaper week! Well, maybe not ...



Mark Rhodes
Owner Rhodes Enterprises

For those of us in the newspaper business, our special week is upon us. It's National Newspaper week! OK, it doesn't quite measure up to the above mentioned holidays, but it does give those of us in the industry a chance to celebrate what we do. And also blow our own horn a little bit

This year will be a little more special for us here at the Enterprise because we're unveiling our new "journalistic mission statement." The idea for our mission statement originated during some discussions at a recent company retreat we had with our reporters and editors from the Enterprise Media group of newspapers, which currently number 13 publications serving six counties in Nebraska and Iowa

One in the group mentioned that he felt that some people don't really know what we do. Some think of us as entertainment, which we do offer through our coverage of sports, plays, musicals and other happenings around town. Some see us as the watchdog of our local government, which again is true. Many others probably don't even think about it much. They just pick up the paper each week to see what's going on in their town.

It's interesting that once in a while, someone will refer to us as

"the media." While true, we are media, we are in no way the same as the national, state or even regional media. I find myself sometimes grumbling about "the media" when I see what I think is biased news coverage or lack of coverage.

As we all kicked around what it is we do, and what our mission statement should be, I asked our staff for some words that they thought would fit our mission. Top of the list was local. And local is what we do and what sets us apart from all other news media. We care about our local communities, and that's all we write about. In the real estate business, the mantra is location, location, location. For us, it's local, local, local.

Another key word that came to everyone's mind was truth. With all the talk about fake news these days, it's essential that what our readers see on our pages is the truth. Along that same line is trust. Because our readers need to trust, that what they are reading is the truth.

We added other words to our list, which gave us a foundation to build our mission statement.

After a couple of weeks of crafting and tweaking our words, here's what we came up with. You'll see it on our pages every issue in the future, and we'll use it as our guide for the coverage we give to our communities.

And Happy National Newspaper week. Go out and celebrate — read a newspaper!

Our Mission

Our journalistic Mission for the Independent is to bring local, relevant information to our readers in an effort to keep our communities engaged and aware. We are committed to print only the truth and be the trusted source for local news, to shine a light on local government entities, and motivate action when necessary on crucial civic matters. We will document history as it happens, and help readers re-live the history of the past. Our belief is that a strong newspaper is the glue that holds a community together.

Letters to the editor

Don't steal sign; talk instead

I would like to apologize to someone in Seward, but I don't know who you are. I don't really know very much about you. I don't know your name or where you live. But I do know that you have strong personal convictions and that you are not afraid to stand up for what you think is right.

I would like to apologize for not being at home the last few days when you've walked by my house. If I had been home, you could have stopped by and told me what you think. You could have come in for a cup of coffee or a beer and shared your ideas with me.

I would like to apologize for not realizing right away that you even exist. At first I thought you might have been the wind. We've had a little bit of wind lately, and I thought the sign

might have blown away.

Then I thought that the sign might have been in your way, but it was about three feet from the sidewalk on the side toward my house. It was well away from where a stroller or bike might need to travel. It wasn't until a few days later when you came back and took the second sign that I knew you meant business.

The sign is back in the yard, and I guess you could pull it out again, but maybe consider stopping in and talking things over. Frankly, I doubt that's going to happen. It seems to me that the type of person who would take a sign out of someone's yard isn't the type of person who reads the paper.

But, on the off chance you read this, I apologize for upsetting you, and you are welcome to come in and talk.

Lloyd Sommerer
Seward

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Mary Harding is up for reelection to the Nebraska Public Power District Board, District 1. I served with Harding on the SCC Board of Governors in the late 1990's.

Harding impressed me with the way she worked with the other board members. She expressed her opinion, while actively supporting the final decision of the board.

Harding has been on the NPPD Board for 17 years. Harding is active in regional and national power associations. Currently, Harding is a member of the American Public Power Association's Policy Makers Council. Harding gets involved and looks ahead to make public power work for all Nebraskans. She has my vote this Nov. 3.

Lynn Schluckebier
Seward

Complexities in health insurance

by Congressman Jeff Fortenberry

I have a child who was born with congenital heart defects. She has had 12 surgeries. It's been traumatic. But she's with us and doing well. Thankfully.

When she was born, her mother and I naturally wanted to do everything to get her well, searching the world over for the latest science. One of our other concerns was what would happen in the future. At that time, she could be excluded from health insurance once she turned 18. It was another burden affecting us, and many other families. I thought this was wrong.

Let's be clear: today it is the law of the land that a person cannot be excluded from health insurance due to a preexisting condition. Other complexities in this law—which has helped some and hurt others—have convoluted our health care system. Should that law, The Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare or the ACA, ever change, I am committed, as I have long been committed, to ensuring that one thing will not change: people with preexisting

conditions will be able to access health insurance.

As an example of clear action, last year, I joined with a Democrat colleague on her bill—currently as the sole Republican—to ensure that preexisting conditions are covered. In our bill, which was included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, we deploy a creative solution called invisible risk-sharing—a way of saying that people with preexisting conditions will pay the same rate as anyone else for their health insurance. That's only fair.

This bill's solution is called "invisible" because its high-risk beneficiaries are literally blind to its existence. Instead of being singled out for higher fees due to costly preexisting conditions, those suffering from serious health issues are subsidized by public funds.

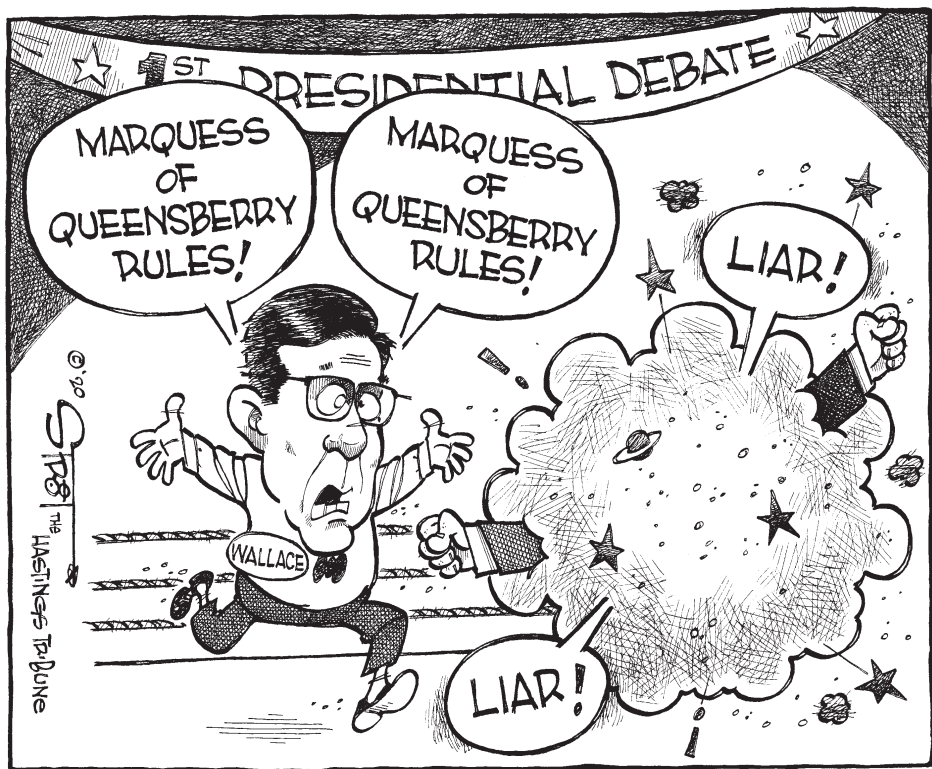
This approach has been tried with great success in Alaska, Maine, and Minnesota. In Maine, for a 60-year-old male with a Silver Plan on the ACA, this reinsurance model lowered premiums by 42%. As Maine and other states discovered, if premiums are kept

affordable for everyone, the healthy who are paying the full amount will more likely stay on the insurance plan, keeping it solvent.

This "fix" doesn't mean that our health care system is suddenly fine as is. It should be repaired and redesigned with a focus on value, access, and genuine health improvement. Sadly, even in states with "full" insurance access, life expectancy went down between 2015 and 2018.

Any overhaul is ultimately about restoring and re-envisioning the doctor-patient relationship, providing better outcomes at lower cost, and expanding access to life-saving treatments. Several of these notions are unpacked in a section of my website called Great Big Ideas. I invite you to review my proposals and share your Great Big Ideas on health care with me.

You should know my daughter is now in college and flourishing. If any member of your family is facing similar difficulties due to a pre-existing condition, I am convinced that no future health care construct, Democrat or Republican, will ever exclude them again.



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Kiwanis gavel gets passed to Jank as new president

by Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer
Past President

Crystal Kirby, the 55th president of the Seward Kiwanis Club, handed the gavel to the newest president, Jonathan Jank, recently at the annual change of command program.

The club was founded in 1965 and Walt "J" Juergensen served as the inaugural president. Along with the new president, new board members, awards and new members were also acknowledged. District 22 Lt. Gov. Shirley Daughtery addressed the club and assisted in presenting awards and recognition to members.

The new Seward Kiwanis Board for 2020-2021 is President Jonathan Jank, President-Elect Alyssa Cochran, Vice President JoEllen Axthelm, Treasurer (third year) Linda Sackschewsky and Secretary Stephanie Glandt.

Outgoing Board members are Secretary Erin Weides, Board members Dave Oates and Mel Janousek and Immediate Past President Jill Perdue. New Board members and Year 2 Board members are Connor Peterson (Year 1), Don Rondorf (Year 1), Gordon Wiegardt (Year 1), Courtney Meyer (Year 2) and Mallory Gibreal (Year 2).

New members to the club include Connor Peterson, Jake Voss, Jim Hild, Nick Bauer, Bill Willard, Tom McDonald, Lori Wall, Doug Gooder, Wendy Lowery and Ben Lewis.

The following awards were presented:

Kiwanian of the Year: Lloyd Lipska
Distinguished Service Award: Ken Meyer
Administrative Support Award: Erik Kirby and Daryl Block

Workmanship and Reliability Award: Connor Peterson and Stephanie Glandt

Certificate of Recognition for the Backpack Program: Jayne Jensen

The motto of Kiwanis is "Serving the Children of the World." Its defining statement is "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving

the world one child and one community at a time." The vision is "Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide...so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide support they need to thrive." The Kiwanis goal is "To perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority."

The Seward Kiwanis Club meets every Monday at noon in the Civic Center basement.

Members participate in a number of committees that support the children such as: Backpack, Empty Bowl Soup Luncheon, annual golf tournament, recycling, school playground, fellowship and human/spiritual values, annual pool party, bingo, flagpole sales and installation, Parade of Flags, annual Run to St. Lo Memorial 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk, social outreach, KiTones, ag banquet and reading for Head Start.

The 56th Seward Kiwanis President, Jonathan Jank, gave some final comments and dropped the gavel to start his year in leadership of the club.

County receives dividend check

Seward County has received a new membership dividend from the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association for \$21,734.

NIRMA is the county's property, liability and workers' compensation coverage and risk management service provider.

The new dividend is part of a \$1 million distribution shared with 81 Nebraska counties and eight county-associated agencies. Seward County has now received a total of \$563,298 in dividends since becoming a NIRMA member in 1988, when it was created by 32 counties as the state's first governmental risk management and self-insurance program.

BVBH offers free depression screenings

Blue Valley Behavioral Health is offering free mental health screenings for youth and adults in recognition of National Depression Screening Day on Oct. 8.

Participants can access confidential screening tools at www.bvbh.net and click the "online screening" tab to access the depression screen, as well as other options for mood disorders and additions. The screening provides immediate results with

helpful information and resources on behavioral health issues.

Then, on Oct. 8 from noon until 2 p.m., the public is welcome to print screening results and visit the BVBH offices at 459 S. Sixth St. Suite 1, in Seward, to review results with a professional counselor.

Those with questions can call BVBH at (402) 643-3343 for more information.

AREA CHURCHES

Some churches have resumed services with restrictions. Please check with the church before attending any services.

Calvary Baptist Church

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

Pastor Timothy A. Ruegg

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

Church of Christ

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

Pastor: Dr. Mike Case

Sunday Worship9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study Small groups

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Pastor Greg Gabriel

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2668 Hwy 6 (1 mi. West of Milford) • 402-761-3416
www.goodshepherd-milford.org

Pastor Steve Stork

Sunday Adult Bible Study.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship.....6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study.....Thurs., 8:30 a.m.
Kids' Bible Classes, Pre-K through 6th grade
..... (during school year) Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Confirmation Class.....
..... (during school year) Wednesday night

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

Sunday Bible Class8:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Fellowship.....9:45 a.m.

Great Plains Community Church

1155 May St. • Goehner • 402-730-2594
Pastor Galen Skinner

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night, Adult Bible Studies,
Children and Teen Activities.....7:00 p.m.

Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

2433 Progressive Rd. • Seward • 402-643-2316

Senior Pastor Curt Coddington

Administrative Pastor Brant Taylor

Associate Pastor Brad Johnson

Worship Pastor Kyle Soffin

Youth Pastor Zach Mulvihill

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday
Children and Teen Activities.....6:30 p.m.

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church

201 S. 11th • Seward • 402-641-3494
Pastor Timothy Daywitt

Sunday Worship10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Worship (Deaf Signing)7:00 p.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church (LCCM)

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

Pastor Scott Krohn

Saturday Worship (1st & 3rd Sat.).....5:30 p.m.
Relaxed Worship

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Traditional; Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Bible Study Following Worship
Words on Wednesday (WOW).....6:30 p.m.
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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Pastor Shawn Kitzing

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

401 Dimery • Beaver Crossing • 402-532-2545

Msgr. Mark Huber

Saturday Worship5:00 p.m.
Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri. Mass.....8:00 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass

Seward United Methodist Church

1400 N. 5th St. • Seward • 402-643-4156

Rev. Dr. Mary Kay Totty, Lead Pastor

Rev. JoEllen Axthelm, Associate Pastor

Sunday Traditional Worship
(in person and online)8:00 a.m.
Sunday Small Groups9:15 a.m.
Sunday Praise Worship
(in person and online)10:30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

6th & Hillcrest • Seward • 402-643-3829

Rev. Pam Williams

Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
Clergy office hrs.....Wed. by appt.

St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)

919 N. Columbia • Seward • 402-643-2983

www.stjohnseward.org

Pastor Scott Bruick • Pastor Andy Schermebeck

Pastor David Rempfer

Saturday Worship5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Education Hour10:00 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

Pastor Brian Tuma

Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Adult Bible Study10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

110 3rd St. • Utica • 402-532-2545

Msgr. Mark Huber

Sunday Mass9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mass7:00 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass

St. Paul Lutheran Church

1100 'D' St. • Utica • 402-534-2200

Pastor Jon Dunbar

Pastor of Visitation: Pastor Richard Gudel
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study10:15 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

152 Pinewood Ave. • Seward • 402-643-3421

www.stvincentseward.org / See our FB page

Msgr. Robert Tucker
Saturday Evening Mass.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before each Mass

The Rock (LCMS)

237 S. 3rd • Seward • 402-643-6624

therockseward.org • info@therockseward.org

Pastor Michael Meyer
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

370 Fourth Street • Garland • 402-588-2229

Zionlcms@revdobb.com
Pastor David Dobbertien
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.



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Obituaries

Kathleen R. Walton

Jan. 30, 1941 – Sept. 22, 2020

Kathleen Rose (Cook) Walton of Seward was born Jan. 30, 1941, to Hans Peter Cook and Virginia (Bomar) Cook in Beaver Crossing. Kathleen was united in marriage to Claude Walton on June 3, 1959. Kathleen was a homemaker and then worked at Anna Sunderman Home for many years. She enjoyed needlepoint, crocheting, reading and most of all, her family. Kathleen passed away Sept. 22, 2020, in Seward at the age of 79 years.



Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jerry; and husband, Claude. She is survived by her children, Angela and Larry Anderson of Wilber, Scott and Malissa Walton of Sterling, Cynthia and David Schlueter of Seward, Craig and Mary Walton of Hill City, South Dakota, and Gary and Krissandra Walton of Goehner; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Huston of Henderson, Nevada; sister-in-law and spouse, Mardell and Arlin Miller of Plainview; and nieces and nephews.

In honor of Kathleen's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Seward Public Library. Condolences may be left for the family at www.kunclfh.com.

Gerald B. Owens

Nov. 24, 1943 – Sept. 28, 2020

On Sept. 28, 2020, Gerald B. Owens, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away at the age of 76. Jerry was born Nov. 24, 1943, in Falls City to Roland and Marie (Miller) Owens and was the second of three children. Jerry married Beverly Armstrong in Lincoln on May 25, 1968, and they raised four children.



Jerry grew up on a farm near Verdon. He graduated from Dawson-Verdon High School as valedictorian. He attended Stanford University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and studied abroad in Germany. He graduated from UNL with honors with a degree in education with majors in mathematics and German. Jerry was a member of Farmhouse Fraternity, was a cheerleader at UNL and joined the Army ROTC.

Jerry and Beverly moved to Italy in 1968 where he served as an Army Captain. They returned to Verdon in 1972 where he helped manage the family farm with his father for 14 years.

In 1986, he opened the first Edward Jones office in Seward. He was proud to recall knocking on every door in Seward County to meet future clients and build his business. Jerry was well-suited for the work, combining genuine care for people and a knowledge of numbers and finance.

He was a member St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, served as president of the Seward Rotary Club and was an active ambassador of the Seward Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jerry was a cheerful and loving person, who was quick to develop a bond with every person he met. His children would joke that he never met a stranger. He was a talented linguist, who was at times mistaken for an Italian, German and Spanish native speaker. He was able to use self-taught Spanish skills to help members of the community. Jerry's zest for life was fueled by many adventures: biking, hiking, scuba diving, travel...and a few shenanigans along the way.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Byron Owens; sister, Mary Kay Portrey; and granddaughter, Zoey May Owens. He is survived by his wife, Bev; children and spouses, Stephanie and Yuri Yulaev, David and Jill Owens, Dan and Kim Owens and John and Julie Owens; as well as 10 grandchildren, Nikolai and Olivia Yulaev, Oliver, Foster, Mercer and Miller Owens, Arianna and Jonathan Owens and Sadie and Jack Owens.

Mass of Christian Burial was Oct. 5 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with a private family inurnment and graveside service at the Seward Cemetery. Military honors were provided by U.S. Army and Seward V.F.W. Post 4755 and Seward American Legion Post 33. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jerry's memory at Mary Kay Owens Portrey Scholarship Fund c/o Bryan Foundation, Legacy Fund for Seward County Endowment and St. Vincent de Paul Church Endowment. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Christine E. Mackie

Nov. 26, 1929 – Oct. 2, 2020

Christine Elizabeth Mackie, of Seward, was born Nov. 26, 1929, to Blaise L. and Myrtle M. (Robinson) Diamond in Detroit, Michigan.

On Nov. 11, 1950, Christine was united in marriage to James D. Mackie at Calvary Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1951. Christine worked for the City of Lincoln as a budget analyst. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, St. John Ladies Aid, League of Women Voters in Seward and General Federation Women's Club, Seward. Christine passed away Oct. 2, 2020, in Seward, at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 6 days.



She is survived by her husband, Jim Mackie, Seward; sons, Roger (Ruth) Mackie, Rockford, Michigan, David (Tammy) Mackie, Seward, Steven (Beverly) Mackie, Columbus; daughter, Janice (Rev. Ralph) Schmidt, Fort Wayne, Indiana; grandchildren, Jon (Bonnie) Schmidt, Mark (Shannon) Schmidt, Sarah Schmidt, Paul (Megan) Mackie, Robert Mackie (Sarah Kirk), Timothy Mackie, Benjamin Mackie (fiancee, Gloria Dorschner), Christopher Mackie, Carlin Mackie (fiancee, Ayshia Stephenson), Caitlin Mackie, Curtis Mackie, Colleen Lindsay, Allison Mackie, Elijah Mackie; and four great-grandchildren. Christine was preceded in death by her parents, Blaise and Myrtle Diamond; sister and brother-in-law, Marilee and Alonzo Kelly.

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at Volzke Funeral Home. Family will greet friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m.). The service is 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at St. John Lutheran Church with interment at the Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the church, Nebraska Audobon Society or the donor's choice. Condolences may be left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com

Harriet E. Klammer

Sept. 14, 1928 – Sept. 30, 2020

Harriet E. Klammer was born Sept. 14, 1928, in Seward, to John William and Theodora Natalia (Fiehler) Mueller and passed away Sept. 30, 2020, in Seward, at the age of 92 years, and 16 days.



Harriet was baptized that same month at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward. She attended school at St. John Lutheran School through the eighth grade. In April of 1942, Harriet was confirmed to the Lord Jesus. She then attended Concordia Teachers High School and College from 1942-1949, receiving her teaching certificate in 1949. Harriet taught first and second grades at Gethsemane Lutheran School in Detroit, Michigan, from 1949-1951. On July 28, 1951, she was united in marriage to Carl Mehlberg, in Seward and to this union three children were born. They were called to several churches including Christ Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois, St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Santa Barbara, California. Rev. Mehlberg died in Santa Barbara in 1966.

The family then moved to Dearborn, Michigan, where Harriet taught first grade at Guardian Lutheran School for seven years. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, in 1972. On Aug. 7, 1976, Harriet was united in marriage to Theodore Klammer in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1981, she retired and they moved to Rogers, Arkansas where Ted passed away in 1986. In 1987, she moved to Seward where she was a substitute teacher and aid at St. John Lutheran School.

On June 12, 1998, Harriet was united in marriage to Enno Klammer in Frankenmuth, Michigan. She moved to Salem, Oregon, in 1998 and back to Seward in January 2006. Harriet grew in faith and love of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ until he called her home.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Carl Mehlberg (1966), Theodore Klammer (1986) and Enno Klammer (2005); son, David Mehlberg (1993); daughter, Cheryl (2018) and husband William Ladwig (2020); brothers, Reinhold Mueller, Willard Mueller, Raymond Mueller, Edgar Mueller; sisters, Bernice (Henry) Luebbe, Mildred (Bert) Baldinger, Elizabeth (Richard) Murphey.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathleen and husband Barry Nash; seven grandchildren, James Nash, Amalie Nash, William Nash, Hannah and husband David Newton, Samuel and wife Christina Ladwig, Jessica and husband Martin Nowak and Zachary and wife Theadora Ladwig; five great-grandchildren, Bethany Newton, Shiloh Newton, Audrey Ladwig, Cole Ladwig and Maisy Nowak; brother, John W. Mueller; and sister, Verna Wied.

A Celebration of Life is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at Living Word Lutheran Church in Seward with graveside service and inurnment at Greenwood Cemetery in Seward. Memorial contributions are suggested to Living Word Lutheran Church or Seward Memorial Library. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Sept. 24 – Oct. 1
Jared P. Segner and Morgan Segner to David R. Segner and Melissa M. Segner, a tract of land in the SW1/4 27-9-1. DS \$1,316.25

Charles C. Haase and Geraldine M. Haase to Charles Dean Haase, Lorraine Ann Leininger, Elaine Ann Richters, Diane Mae Forst and Gary Lee Schaefer, N1/2 Lot 3, Block 66 of Harris, Moffitt and Roberts Addition to Seward. DS exempt

Lonnie Burkey and Marietta Burkey to Joseph L. Burkey and Megan R. Burkey, E1/2 N1/2 SE1/4, 2-9-2. DS exempt

Todd M. Pfeil and Heather J. Pfeil to Coleman Riggs, Lot 4, Block 3, Jirovsky Sixth Addition to Seward. DS \$540

Lucille Willis to Logan Mahalek, Lots 11-12, Block 11, Garland. DS \$33.75

Plex Construction, LLC, to Robert Brauer and Frances Brauer, Lot 1, Country Club Heights Sixth Ad-

dition, Seward. DS \$528.75

Chad W. Keel and Lanyce S. Keel, trustee of the Chad W. and Lanyce S. Keel Trust, an undivided one-half interest to Chad W. Keel, trustee of the Chad W. Keel Trust and an undivided one-half interest to Lanyce S. Keel, trustee of the Lanyce S. Keel Trust, N1/2 NW1/4 21-9-4. DS exempt

Gabriel Chase and Rachel Chase to Kadron R. Fye and Austi L. Fye, S1/2 Lot 7 and the N1/2 Lot 10 Block 1, South Seward Addition to the City of Seward. DS \$416.25

Fox Den Rentals to Christopher K. Yates, Lot 5, Block 1, South Seward Addition to City of Seward. DS \$128.25

Dollar Corporation to Middle Creek Ranch, LLC, a tract of land in the S1/2 34-11-4. DS \$1,012.50

Michael D. Niemoth and Patricia A. Niemoth to Eduardo Martinez and Alyssa Martinez-Alvarez, Lot 5, Block L, Davison and Culver's Addition to Milford. DS \$180.



Marriage licenses

Information taken from records provided by the Seward County clerk.

September
Allisa Hoffman, Ord, and Alexander Gurnsey, Milford
Chytana Stuckwisch, Seward, and Joshua Jones, Seward
Bethany Gillet, Elkhorn, and Jonathan Svoboda, Seward
Mariana Moncada, Seward, and Dillon Snider, Seward

Audrey Gingerich, Seward, and Bruce Diem, Olar, South Carolina

Brandi Fiala, Seward, and Ryan Billington, Seward
Shelby Todd, Staplehurst, and Elijah Schaunaman, Seward
Allison Betz, Utica, and Spencer Griggs, Utica
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Birth

Vlasin, Grant and Shannon (McCoy) of Seward, a daughter, Kenley Marie Vlasin, born Sept. 22, 2020 at Seward Memorial Hospital, weighing 9.5 pounds and 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Troy and Lisa Vlasin of Seward and Kevin and Marie McCoy of Lincoln.

Kenley is welcomed



Kenley Marie Vlasin home by big brother, Brooks, 1.5.

Codr to celebrate 85

Mary Lou Codr, formerly of Seward, will celebrate her 85th birthday this month.

She was born Oct. 9, 1935.

She has eight children, including Cindy (Vic) Benes, Deb (Gary) Vandenberg, Ken (Sharon) Codr, Karen Smaus, Becky (Dan) Kresha, Bob (Becky) Codr, Alan (Deb) Codr and Lisa (Mike) Karel.

She has 30 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.



Mary Lou Codr

To celebrate, her family is requesting a card shower. Cards may be sent to Joseph's Court at 646 I St., Room 203, David City, NE 68632.

CASA releases new podcast, CASA Talk

Seward is home to a new podcast.

CASA Talk is created and produced by Southeast Nebraska CASA. Host Hope Dunbar, along with CASA's Executive Director Marci Fehlhafer, together developed the idea for a new podcast centered around the importance of engaging in conversation with our neighbors around the social advocacy topics of today.

Racial inequality, mental health, the power of relationship, the creativity of a human life, the present state of law enforcement in Nebraska are just a few of the topics for upcoming episodes.

"Our goal as an organization has always been to affirm the value of every child—including those victims of abuse and neglect," Fehlhafer said. "In order to do that, we need to approach our neighbors with fresh eyes and compassion and this podcast is about modeling and encouraging everyone to start talking about those things we care most deeply about."

CASA Talk can be found anywhere you listen to podcasts—iTunes, Spotify, Google Play, Stitcher and more. There is also a link on the website: www.south-eastnebraskacasa.org.

Rhodes awarded Quilt of Valor



COURTESY PHOTO

Robert Rhodes, the current Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 359 in Cordova, was awarded a Quilt of Valor in a private outdoor ceremony Sept. 26 with family members in attendance to also celebrate the 65th anniversary of his marriage to his wife, Roma. wThe Cordova Auxiliary Unit 359 members are grateful to Pat Becker, the local Quilts of Valor Foundation member, for all of her help and sharing the story and mission of Quilts of Valor with another local veteran and their family. Rhodes' quilt was provided by Nebraska Piecemakers, Phyllis Schoenholz, Nebraska South Central coordinator.

A big **THANK YOU** to my family and many friends for helping me celebrate my 70th birthday!
Love you all — **Jan Bell**

Looking for joy? Our Joy is in the Lord

by Pastor Scott Krohn
Living Word Lutheran Church, Seward

Life goes on forever; it really does.

Unfortunately, that is a statement that some will question. The people who have never been taught about the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the people who refuse to accept the teachings of our Savior and those who just don't seem to care, deal with a difficult dilemma. For them, the death of our human body is the end of life.

They don't grasp the joy in the knowledge that the death of our old bodies is just the next step in our journey in God's plan for eternity.

The Bible is very clear about God's plan for us. In all reality, we were never made to die. The introduction of sin into the world is what caused God to lim-

it our existence on this earth. He could see that the evils of a sinful world would take their toll on our bodies and on our minds. He knew when people started primarily living for themselves instead of Him and their neighbors, things would break down. He tried to teach and guide us, but sin is a precious lure to our natures.

But God loves us so much that even with all the rebellion, He still saw people who needed His help. He said I will try one last time; I will send My Son Jesus Christ to teach and to guide. To show people the truth of who "I Am," and if they believe in Him and follow His words, I will give them eternal life.

I live for the joy to teach others about the grace we receive from our Father in Heaven when we trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I live for

the joy of the day that I will see God's blessing. The day He calls me home, the day I will experience His heaven. When a loved one dies, we must realize it is not "goodbye forever" only a time to say, "I will see you later in Paradise." That is if we humble our hearts and believe in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us.

If you don't have the assured faith that Jesus Christ died for you, that He will take you to His Father's Heaven when you leave this earth, I ask you to humble your heart and then pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you.

You will find peace in the knowledge of eternity and the hope of a glorious life in Heaven forever. Trust in Jesus Christ. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He tells us so!

Answering a few early voting questions

Between the internet, social media and national television pundits, there's plenty of misinformation about absentee ballots and early voting.

Seward County Clerk Sherry Schweitzer has grown frustrated by these misconceptions and complaints. So she's volunteered to set the record straight about some of the falsehoods she's seen associated to early voting.

QUESTION: I heard that there are ballots tossed away – for example in the trash can. Is that true?

ANSWER: No. Ballots are never thrown away! After the election is canvassed, the law says I must store everything for a period of 22 months. Early Voting Ballots and their envelopes, ballots voted at the polls, all reports, checklists, flash drives, etc., - literally everything that is used in processing an election is saved and stored for almost 2 years! Again, it's the law, so ballots are not thrown away!

QUESTION: I just received my Early Voting Ballot. It says on the envelope that I have to sign it. Why? Doesn't that ruin the purpose of confidentiality?

ANSWER: The law states that a voter must sign the oath which gives information about the voter's address and that the voter is not falsifying any information. When a ballot is received back in our office, we log it in our computer. To open the envelope, we lay it down with the information about the voter face down. The side facing up on the envelope then shows only my office address on it. Envelopes are opened and ballots are put in

a secure ballot box so they are ready for counting on Election Day. We will open thousands of Early Voting Ballot envelopes for this election, so time is of the essence. I and my staff know the importance of confidentiality and honor it by making sure no one's name is shown when we are opening Early Voting Ballots.

QUESTION: If I use an Early Voting Ballot, can someone go to the polls and try to vote using my name?

ANSWER: No. When an Early Voting Ballot is issued to a voter, it is entered into our computer program. When the rosters are printed for use at the polls, the voter's name is flagged by the computer and our office highlights the name to let the Election Board know that a ballot cannot be given for a voter with that name. Also, Election Board members are people from that precinct or ward. Chances are that somebody knows that person and may question the imposter. If that does happen, legal authorities will be called because it is a felony to impersonate another voter.

QUESTION: I missed last week's article where you listed the weekly questions. Is there somewhere I can find them?

ANSWER: All the questions have been posted on the home page of Seward County's web page. Go to countyofsewardne.com to find it. We update it every week.

Sherry Schweitzer
Seward County Clerk
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Christmas at Concordia still happening

Concordia University's annual Christmas concert series will look different this year.

Instead of the traditional four concerts performed at St. John Lutheran Church, Christmas at Concordia will take the form of a pre-recorded concert package that will be available for purchase for viewers to enjoy in the comfort of their home.

"It is important for us, as a music department and as a university, to provide our students a platform to share their God-given talents with the public," said Dr. Kurt von Kampen, Concordia music department chair. "Although this year's event will be virtual, we are working to create a unique experience for not only our students, but for the whole Concordia family."

In addition to the concert link—featuring the Cantamus Women's Choir, Concordia Handbell Choir, Male Chorus, University A Cappella Choir, University Brass Ensemble and University Symphonic Band, the Christmas at Concordia Concert Package, on sale starting Oct. 16, will include printed keepsake programs and special gifts to share the Christmas joy.

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Courtney Cookus's kindergarten class at Seward Elementary includes, from left: (first row) Jidge Pekarek, Lexi Roth, Mattie Schulte, Gage Spanel, Jayce Strauss, Branick Thonen and Sandra Waegli; (second row) Khelen Gilliland, Kynna Hackbart, Layla Hiser, Isla Johnson, Cameron Kaspar, Jackson Luebbe and Evett Oberhauser; and (third row) Nixon Anderson, Brantley Baxa, Marshall Bicket, Leyton Bolling, Jenna Crosmer, William Douglass and Ellie Duncan.



Mrs. Frihauf's kindergarten class at Seward Elementary includes, from left: (first row) Isaiah Burkhardt, Emily Chelewski, Ethan Christensen, Farah Damanhoury, Bella Elvins and Everly Wagenknecht; (second row) Wyatt Ficke, Dash Heyen, Ty Janitscheck, Addison Luebbe, Carter Moore and Blakeley Nantkes; and (third row) Michael Wright, Logan Standley, Clara Thurber, Thomas Steckler, Rhett Svehla and Asher Uden. Aubree Roth and Liyah Kratochvil are not pictured.



Stacey Piskorski's kindergarten class at Seward Elementary includes, from left: (first row) Brooklynn Pulec, Kolten Sedlak, Kinley Svoboda, Beckett Towle, Avery Troyer and Colton Whisler; (second row) Grayson Hobson, Elijah Hoehler, Aleigha Johnson, Grady Luebbe, Mila Morenzoni, Noah Palmer, Ava Pliefke and Connor Pracheil; and (third row) AvaLeigh Aragon, Ivan Atkins, Alaric Bennett, Charley Booth, Logan Brown and Lillian Crouch. Logan Alloway is not pictured.

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St. Paul Lutheran School



Kindergartners at St. Paul Lutheran School in Utica include, from left, Heidi Anderson, Mason Chesnut, Aislyn Ruether, Hadley Schmeiding, Canaan Noler, Nora Schmeiding, Barrett Struble and Zapporah Lostroh.

Our Redeemer Lutheran School



Kindergarten students at Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Staplehurst are, from left: (first row) Amerli Walker and Allison Hartshorn; (second row) Cashton Strauss and Bradley Riha; and (third row) Arabella Snider and Titan Soukup. Teachers are Janelle Potratz and Sarah Luebke.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School



Kindergartners at St. Vincent de Paul in Seward are, from left, Bryce Kinnamon, Max Santo, Jack Owens, Wyatt Kouma and Hannah O'Brien

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Family history questions? Society can help

The Seward County Genealogical Society meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. downstairs at the Civic Center.

TOPS meets weekly

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a nonprofit weight management organization, meets every Thursday in the Audio-Visual Room at the Seward Civic Center. Weigh-in starts at 11:15 a.m., with meetings from noon to 12:30 p.m. The first meeting is free. Masks are worn and social distancing is practiced.

FRIDAYS

Test Nebraska open

Memorial Health Care Systems will be hosting Test Nebraska in the large west parking lot across the street from the clinic and hospital. Individuals must register for testing. Visit testnebraska.com to take the online assessment and see if you are eligible to receive your free COVID-19 test. Tests will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Fridays, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

The FALL Library "Card"

Seward Memorial Library challenges readers of all ages to pick up a fall library "card." The game card consists of a 16 box grid with activities related to the library printed in each box. During September and October, use the card to investigate and discover new library resources as well as enjoy reading some different or unfamiliar stories. Cross off your progress and turn in the card when you have completed at least one row or column. Each line will equal one entry into the drawing. Try for all 10. Adult prizes include \$50, \$25, and \$10 while the youth (up to grade 8) include \$20, \$10, and \$5 provided by Friends of Seward Library. Stop in or drive up to the library to get your card (or print at home with this link: www.sewardlibrary.org/fallcard). Winners will be notified in early November.

OCTOBER 10

Clean-up day set in Seward

The City of Seward will host a clean-up day Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to noon. Scrap metal and appliances may be brought to the wastewater plant parking lot on South Columbia Avenue. No hazardous material or electronics will be accepted. Cost will be \$5 per appliance or load with a \$20 maximum. For more information, call the Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership at (402) 643-4189.

OCTOBER 15

Fourth Committee works on 2021 celebration

The monthly Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center. The agenda includes committee chair assignments, a review of the tentative schedule and general discussion.

The 2021 Seward Fourth of July will be a "double" celebration- honoring the centennial of Seward's Rivoli Theater with the theme "The Magic of Movies" and the centennial of Hughes Brothers, Inc., with the theme "Made in America!" Grand marshals are Laurie Richards, director of the Nebraska Film Office and the descendants of the Hughes Brothers family. Both receive the Nebraskan's Friend Award.

OCTOBER 17

Bring your stuff to shred

Cattle Bank and Trust in Seward will host a free shred day Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon in its main bank parking lot. Limit 100 pounds per person.

Benefit planned for Mifflin

The Seward Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a benefit for Bruce Mifflin Saturday, Oct. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Seward VFW Club. Burger or hot dog baskets with fries and baked beans will be served for a free-will donation. Carry-out is also available. A silent auction is planned, with proceeds going to the Mifflin family. Anyone who would like to make a donation but cannot attend should contact Norm at (402) 525-1177.

OCTOBER 20

Diabetic support group to meet

The Diabetic Support Group will hold its quarterly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Seward Family Medical Center lower level Vahle Conference Room. The pre-

sentation is called "Feet to Stand On." A light supper will be provided. Call (402) 646-4667 by Tuesday, Oct. 13, to RSVP.

OCTOBER 23, 24

SHS band presents show

The Seward High marching band will present its 2020 show featuring the music of Billy Joel Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24. The Friday performance will be at halftime of the SHS football game. Saturday's show will be at Seward High's football field at 5:30 p.m. It will be free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 25

Wicked women run

The annual Heartfelt Wicked Women's 5K will be Sunday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m. at Junto Winery in rural Seward. Registration may be done at GetMeRegistered.com.

Celebrate at the county museum

The Seward County Historical Society Museum will host Halloween At the Museum Sunday, Oct. 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. The trains will run, and treat stations will be open. Costumes are encouraged.

THROUGH OCTOBER 25

Wreaths available for holidays

The Seward High Band is conducting its annual wreath sale through Sunday, Oct. 25. Contact any band member or Band Boosters member or call the high school office at (402) 643-2988. Delivery will be before Thanksgiving. All proceeds go to the Band Boosters scholarship fund.

THROUGH OCTOBER 30

Seasonal items available through auction

Friends of Seward Library is auctioning seasonal décor days items online this year. The auction is live now and will end at noon on Oct. 30. New bidding items will be added through Oct. 9. Instructions are online for bidding and proxy bidding is available through the library if you call (402) 643-3318. Visit the @FriendsOfSewardLibrary Facebook page or this link to join in the auction: www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSewardLibrary. Call the library if you have questions.

NOVEMBER 3

Drive-thru supper on calendar

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, one mile west of Milford on Highway 6, will host a drive-thru soup supper on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. Chicken noodle, chili and vegetable beef soups will be available, along with crackers and cookies for a free-will donation. Orders will be delivered to the vehicle. For more information, call (402) 761-3146.

NOVEMBER 28

Start preparing for Tree Festival

The GFWC Seward Woman's Club will host the annual Christmas Tree display at the Civic Center during the Christmas Festival which will be held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving which is Nov. 28. This year the trees could be decorated by the 34 churches of Seward County. Presently the club has received nine responses to the letter sent out in June. Churches that have not received their letter or who have questions should contact Jean Kolterman at (402) 643-3803. Decorating will happen any time the week of Nov. 21 through 27.

JANUARY 29

Save the date and study up

The 11th annual PTL Trivia Night is coming to the Ag Pavilion on Friday, Jan. 29! Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and trivia starts at 7:15 p.m. The team with the most correct trivia answers wins \$400; second place wins \$200. All proceeds will benefit the children of St. John. Cost is \$200 per table of eight players, and must be paid in advance. Registration opened Oct. 5, and closes Jan. 22. You may register your team at <http://www.tinyurl.com/stjohntrivia>. The event will follow public gathering guidelines from Four Corners Health Department. Participants will be asked to wear masks when away from their team table. For more information, email stjohntrivia@gmail.com or call Michelle Meyer at (402) 219-3008. Also, contact Meyer to be a corporate or memorial sponsor for a team or trivia round.

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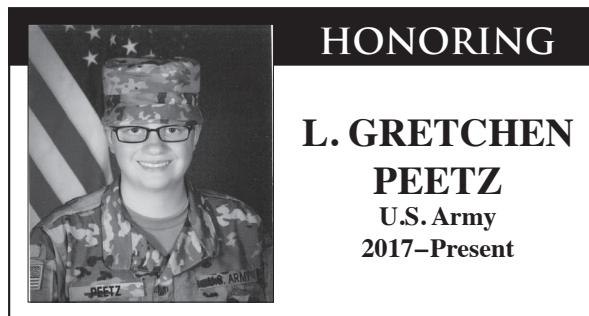
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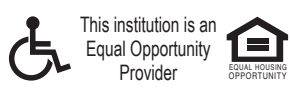
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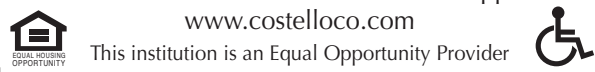


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Estate of Marilyn J. Hemphill,
Deceased
Estate No. PR20-55
Notice is hereby given that on
September 16, 2020, the County
Court of Seward County, Nebraska,
Brad Peetz, whose address is
1204 Plainview Ave., Seward, NE
68434, was informally appointed
by the Registrar as the Personal
Representative of the Estate.
Creditors of this Estate must file
their claims with this Court on or
before: November 23, 2020, or be
forever barred.

/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
Seward, NE 68434

Gregory C. Damman, #19030
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129 N. 5th St.
P.O. Box 98
Seward, NE 68434
(402) 643-3639
Attorney for Estate
SCI — September 23, 30, October
07, 2020

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
SEWARD COUNTY,
NEBRASKA

Estate of Alan F. Harre, Deceased
Estate No. PR.20-57
Notice is hereby given that on
September 25, 2020, in the County
Court of Seward County, Nebraska,
the Registrar issued a written
statement of Informal Probate of
the Will of said Decedent and that
Diane C. Harre, whose address is
2172 364th Road, Staplehurst,
Nebraska 68439, 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 November 30, 2020, or be
forever barred.

/s/Sheila R. Beins
Clerk of the County Court
Seward County Court
261 S. 8th St.
Seward, NE 68434

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SCI — September 30, October
07, 14, 2020

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF FLOYD R. JOHANSEN,
Deceased.**

Case No. PR20-60

**NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that on
October 1, 2020, in the County
Court of Seward County, Nebraska,
the Registrar issued a written
statement of Informal Probate of
the Will of said decedent and that
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address is 1950 Karol Kay Blvd.,
Seward, NE 68434, was informally
appointed by the Registrar as
Personal Representative of this
estate.
Creditors of this estate must file
their claims with this Court on or
before December 7, 2020, or be
forever barred.

/s/Sheila R. Beins
CLERK
OF THE COUNTY COURT

MICHAEL G. MULLALLY,
#17373
MICHAEL G. MULLALLY,
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P.O. Box 411
Seward, Nebraska 68434
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Attorney for
Personal Representative
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HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is given that the Seward
County Board of Commissioners
will hold a public hearing on
Tuesday, October 13th, 2020,
at 9:30 am, Seward County
Courthouse, 529 Seward Street,
Room 304, Seward, Nebraska,
regarding the following:
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**
Parcel ID: 800108337
Owners: Don & Donna LLC.
Contractor is: Constructors Inc. for
a TEMPORARY ASPHALT PLANT
Located in Precinct J, In the North
1/2 of the North West 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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MEETINGS

**NOTICE OF
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
The board of education of the
School District of Seward will meet
in regular session on Monday,
October 12, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.
for a board study session to be
followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular
business meeting. The meeting
will be held at the Administrative
Offices located at 410 South St.,
Seward, Nebraska. An agenda
for the meeting which shall be
kept continually current is readily
available for public inspection at
the Superintendent's Office during
normal business hours.
To view the agenda go to
http://SewardPublicSchools.org/ and
find the eMeeting link.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The October meeting of the Board
of Educational Service Unit 6 will
meet at the Educational Service
Unit 6 main office, located at 210
5th St, Milford, NE, on Thursday,
October 15, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
The agenda for said meeting is
on file at that location and kept
continually current.
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NOTICE
A Public Meeting of the Seward
County Planning Commission
will be held, October 19th, 2020,
7:30 pm, 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
4:00 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
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a
meeting of the Seward County
Extension Board will be held at
5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8
at the Seward County Extension
Office, 322 S 14th St, Seward,
NE. The meeting is open to the
public. The agenda for the meeting
is kept continually current and
is available at the Seward County
Extension Office.
Rebecca McKay
Administrative Assistant
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:
Seward County Ag. Society
Monday, October 19, 2020
7 p.m.
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Seward County Fairgrounds
Michael J. Flyr
Secretary
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GENERAL NOTICES

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lattice telecommunications tower.
Anticipated lighting application
is medium intensity dual red/
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SEWARD COUNTY
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Seward County Board of Commissioners holds meeting

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 OCTOBER 27, 2020
The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Mike Mundhenke, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Approved the minutes of September 22, 2020.
Approved Seward County claims through September 18, 2020.
Officials gave updates of their offices.
Commissioners gave an update of their activities.
Approved Seward County office inventories.
Gary Jewell of AKE Safety Equipment gave a presentation on fire extinguishers.
Blake Swicord and Chelsea Smith of the Sheriff's office presented information on an additional Paid Position for Task Force Restructure.
Adopted the agenda for October 6, 2020, and adjourned at 10:14 a.m.
Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk
SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2020
ACCURATE CONTROLS, SE,

\$522.90; ACE IRRIGATION, SE, \$7,297.90; ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR, SE, \$21.85; ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM, SU, \$338.99; AKRS EQUIPMENT, EQ, \$2,354.90; AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP, FE, \$18,440.82; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UT, \$575.24; BLUESTEM NETWORK, UT, \$110.00; BOB BARKER CO, SE, \$185.35; BUTLER CO LANDFILL, SE, \$273.78; CATTLE BANK & TRUST, FE, \$138,271.81; CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL, SU, \$72,185.01; CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS, SU, \$68.75; COLUMBUSARTS COUNCIL, FE, \$318.95; CONSOLIDATED MGT CO, SE, \$122.47; CROSS AND SONS, SE, \$1,899.11; DERBY INDUSTRIES, SE, \$168.72; DERKSEN PORTABLE BLDGS, SE, \$5,495.00; DES MOINES STAMP MFG, SU, \$105.95; ANN DOBESH, SE, \$35.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, SU, \$395.43; NOLAN EICKHOFF, SE, \$46.34; FARMERS COOPERATIVE, SU, \$1,274.23; FIRST WIRELESS,

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BIDS

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Notice is hereby given that Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Seward until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at City Hall located at 537 Main Street, Seward, NE 68434, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of Outfall Relocation.
Major components of the Work include: Demolition of a portion of the existing effluent pipe at the City's wastewater treatment facility and installation of a new effluent pipe to the Big Blue River.
The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at 13140 Lincoln Road, Suite 101, Omaha, Nebraska 68138.
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(763.475.9600) for a fee of \$100. Paper Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH, dated September 15, 2020. Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bids shall be directed to the City Administrator, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR OUTFALL RELOCATION, SEWARD, NE, SEWAC 155258." The City of Seward reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner.

Greg Butcher
City Administrator
City of Seward, NE
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Notice is hereby given that Independent Advantage LLC (the "Company") has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The designated office of the Company is 573 252nd, Milford, Ne 68405. The registered agent of the Company is Tabitha Friesen, 573 252nd, Milford, Ne 68405. The general nature of the business will be to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The LLC was filed with the State of Nebraska August 10, 2020. Organizer Name: Tabitha Friesen.
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Notice is hereby given that CHARLIE ROMEO EXPRESS, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office at 1548 336th Street, Seward, NE 68434. The company has been organized to engage in all lawful business permitted under the laws of the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Limited Liability Company Act. The company was organized and commenced operation on September 8, 2020, and its duration is perpetual unless sooner terminated. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by its Manager, pursuant to its Operating Agreement.

CHARLIE ROMEO EXPRESS, LLC
/s/ John M. Heida
Registered Agent
John M. Heida, #17316
HEIDA LAW FIRM
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Attorney for
Charlie Romeo Express, LLC
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2019-20 Budgeted Revenue Sources	
Property Taxes	2,371,959
Local Contracts	4,747,928
State Receipts	328,854
Federal Receipts	788,978
Core Service Dollars	34,476
Total 2019-20 Revenue	\$8,272,195

2019-20 Budgeted Expenditures	
Special Education	3,957,397
State Contracts	348,890
Federal Grant Activities	737,936
Other School Services	556,157
Professional Development	783,085
Technology Services	940,848
Instructional Media	10,244
Operations/Admin/Maint/Other	937,144
Total 2019-20 Expenses	\$8,271,702

Visit www.esu6.org to view the full Annual Report.

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APPLICATION FOR EARLY VOTERS BALLOT

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Street _____ City _____

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that the above statement is true, as I verily believe.

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Signature of Voter or Person Acting as Voter's Agent (if needed) _____

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Seward, NE 68434

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SECTION B SPORTS

Seward County Independent

October 7, 2020

Jays battle but fall at home

by Stephanie Croston
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A back-and-forth game finished in disappointing fashion for the Seward football team.

The Jays hosted Northwest Oct. 2 and hung with the Vikings through three quarters. GINW was able to score in the fourth and kept the Jays out of the end-zone to make the final 24-17.

"I like our effort and intensity," SHS Coach Jamie Opfer said.

Northwest scored first, but the Jays came back with a Parker Hammond field goal to end the first quarter 7-3.

Gavin Sukup found Mason Bisbee for a 15-yard scoring strike in the second quarter, giving the Jays the lead. GINW tied the score with a field goal of its own, and the teams were knotted at 10-10 at halftime.

GINW scored first in the third quarter, but Seward came back with a 19-yard pass from Sukup to Nathan Pence to tie the score again.

"They made more plays," Opfer said. "We played hard. We got better with our assignments, but we can't give up free points."

He said Seward is getting closer to its potential.

"Every day is an opportunity," he said.

Sukup finished the game completing 20 of 38 passes for 210 yards and two touchdowns. He was also the team's leading rusher with 70 yards on 15 carries.

On defense, Sukup notched nine solo tackles. Kalen Knott added



Boone Duncan of Seward tries to get outside against the Northwest defense during Oct. 2's match-up.

six solo tackles and three assists.

The Jays (2-4) are scheduled to play at Beatrice (2-4) Friday, Oct. 9. Opfer said the Orangemen are big up front and athletic on the perimeter.

"If we do our part, we can compete with them and win," he said.

GINW 24, Seward 17			
GINW	7	3	7
SHS	3	7	7
First quarter			
GINW	4-yard run (kick good)		
SHS	Parker Hammond 21-yard field goal		
Second quarter			
SHS	Gavin Sukup 15-yard pass to Mason Bisbee (Hammond kick)		
GINW	26-yard field goal		
Third quarter			
GINW	13-yard run (kick good)		
SHS	Sukup 19-yard pass to Nathan Pence		

Fourth quarter			
GINW	1-yard run (kick good)		
Team totals			
First downs	19	SHS	19
Carries-yards	43-251	SHS	31-113
Comp.-att.-int.	15-25-0	SHS	20-38-1
Passing yards	89	SHS	210
Punts-avg.	5-38.0	SHS	7-35.42
Return yards	58	SHS	54
Fumbles-lost	1-1	SHS	0-0
Penalties-yards	1-10	SHS	9-78
SHS individual stats			
RUSHING	Boone Duncan 1-16, Bisbee 14-27, Sukup 15-70, Trevor Ruth 1-0.		
PASSING	Sukup 20-38-1 222, Team -12 yards.		
RECEIVING	Duncan 4-30, Bisbee 1-15, Bryce Piskorski 8-90, Ruth 2-(-3), Pence 5-90.		
TACKLES	Duncan 1u, 3a; Bisbee 1a; Hunter Novacek 5u, 8a; Piskorski 1u, 2a; Sukup 7u; Kalen Knott 6u, 5a; Nolan Hill 1u, 3a; Ruth 3u, 7a; Hammond 2u; Jackson Anderson 2u, 2a; Issac Franklin 3u, 1a; Justin Matulka 2a; Trey Dickey 2u, 2a; Tayden Vandenberg 4u; Nathan Miller 2a; Jackson Warren 2u, 1a; Pence 1u.		
Hastings 35, Seward 0			
SHS	0	0	0
HHS	0	14	21
Second quarter			
HHS	37-yard pass (kick failed)		
SHS	2-yard run (run good)		
Third quarter			
HHS	25-yard run (kick good)		
HHS	29-yard run (run failed)		
HHS	68-yard pass (pass good)		
Team totals			
SHS	9	HHS	17
Carries-yards	37-116	HHS	170
Comp.-att.-int.	12-22-0	HHS	15-25-2
Passing yards	74	HHS	242
Punts-avg.	5-37.2	HHS	3-52.3
Return yards	70	HHS	70
Fumbles-lost	3-3	HHS	1-1
Penalties-yards	1-10	HHS	9-85
SHS individual stats			
RUSHING	Mason Bisbee 13-53, Cameron Schrad 1-1, Novacek 2-9, Sukup 12-19, Nolan Hill 5-19, Ruth 2-3, Isaac Spotanski 1-2, unknown 1-10.		
PASSING	Sukup 12-22-0 74.		
RECEIVING	Duncan 5-41, Piskorski 4-24, Ruth 1-3, Pence 2-9.		
TACKLES	Duncan 4u, 2a; Cash Duncan 1u; Schrad 2u; Novacek 4u, 5a; Piskorski 2u, 3a; Kalen Knott 5u, 3a; Hill 3a; Ruth 3u, 6a; Parker Hammond 1u, 1a; Issac Franklin 1u, 5a; Justin Matulka 1u, 1a; Trey Dickey 1u, 2a; Tayden Vandenberg 1a; Nathan Miller 3a; Riley Prochnow 1a; Jackson Warren 1u; Quentin Stanek 1a; Pence 3a.		



Seward's Grace Hamling hustles to make a nice catch of a weak Schuyler infield fly ball Sept. 29.

SHS runner-up at conference

by Stephanie Croston
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River to open competition Oct. 5.

Seward softball finished its regular season with a runner-up trophy at the Central Conference tournament Oct. 1.

"We played well the whole day," Coach Rich Eber said. "Runner-up is something to be proud of."

SHS opened the tournament with an 8-0 win over York in five innings.

Sydney Parra led off the game with a home run. Claire Geidel drove in two, as did Dalaney Anderson. Parra got the start in the circle and held York to three hits.

In the semifinals, Seward beat Crete 6-3. Anderson, Geidel and Grace Hamling hit home runs against Crete's pitching. Anderson drove in three with her second-inning blast.

Parra got the win, striking out six in six innings.

The win put the Jays in the championship against Northwest, and the Vikings got the better of SHS 4-2. Jordyn Collins and Geidel hit solo home runs for Seward.

"We had a couple errors early that hurt us," Eber said. "Northwest played really good."

Seward started the week with a 12-0 win over Schuyler Sept. 29. Geidel hit a home run in the game. Ellie Griesen got her first high school win in the circle.

The Jays (19-8) hosted their subdistrict tournament Oct. 5 and 6. Seward played Blue

Seward 12, Schuyler 0					
SCH	000	r	h	rbi	0
SEW	48x	r	h	rbi	12
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi	
Parra, Sydney	2	0	1	0	
Alt, Allie	1	2	0	0	
Hamling, Grace	2	2	2	1	
Stutzman, Ona	1	0	1	1	
Benedict, Hannah	2	1	1	0	
Geidel, Claire	1	2	1	1	
Collins, Coral	1	0	0	0	
Parra, Lauryn	1	2	1	0	
Anderson, Jordyn	1	1	1	0	
Anderson, Dalaney	2	1	1	2	
Meyer, Brooke	2	1	1	1	
Fernau, Jayden	2	0	0	0	
Totals	18	12	10	6	

Seward 8, York 0					
YHS	000	00	r	h	rbi
SEW	102	05	r	h	rbi
SEW	ab	r	h	rbi	
Parra, S.	3	1	2	1	
Hamling	3	1	0	0	
Benedict	3	1	1	0	
Geidel	3	2	2	2	
Parra, L.	3	2	0	0	
Collins, J.	2	1	0	0	
Anderson	2	0	0	2	
Hartman, Taryn	0	1	0	0	
Meyer	3	0	1	0	
Fernau	3	0	1	1	
Collins, C.	0	1	0	0	
Totals	24	8	7	6	

Seward 6, Crete 3					
SHS	031	020	r	h	rbi
CHS	200	010	r	h	rbi
SHS	ab	r	h	rbi	
Parra, S.	3	0	0	0	
Hamling	3	1	1	1	
Benedict	3	0	1	0	
Geidel	3	3	2	1	
Parra, L.	3	1	2	1	
Collins, J.	3	0	0	0	
Anderson	3	1	1	3	
Meyer	3	0	1	0	
Fernau	3	0	1	0	
Totals	27	6	9	6	

Northwest 4, Seward 2					
GINW	000	210	r	h	rbi
SHS	000	000	r	h	rbi
SHS	ab	r	h	rbi	
Parra, S.	3	0	0	0	
Hamling	3	0	0	0	
Benedict	3	0	0	0	
Geidel	3	1	1	1	
Parra, L.	3	0	0	0	
Collins, J.	3	1	1	1	
Anderson	2	0	1	0	
Meyer	3	0	1	0	
Fernau	3	0	0	0	
Totals	26	2	4	2	

CHS takes down Cavaliers

by Stephanie Croston
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The Centennial football team picked up a big win Oct. 2, beating district foe Bishop Neumann 27-14.

"To come in 2-3 and beat a rated team was big," Coach Evan Klanecky said.

He said Centennial played its most consistent game of the season.

"It was fun to put four quarters together," he said. "I hope we turned the corner on what energy and momentum can do."

The Bronco defense came to play, knowing Neumann's tendencies and stopping them. On offense, Klanecky said, CHS was able to run some inside zone read and isolation plays and mixed in its outside zone.

"It was good to get the run game working," he said. "We were able to control the ball and tempo and field position."

The Broncos have worked on cleaning up special teams because many of those players are young and don't get a lot of reps.

Cooper Gierhan had a big night at quarterback. He completed nine of 11 passes for 88 yards and rushed 29 times for 270 yards.

On defense, Jayden Hartshorn finished with



Maj Nisly takes the handoff from Cooper Gierhan and looks for an opening in the line Oct. 2 in Centennial's victory over Bishop Neumann.

eight solo tackles and four assists.

The Broncos (3-3) are set to host Wilber-Cla-

tonia Friday, Oct. 9, in another district battle.

"It'll be another huge challenge," Klanecky

said. "If we can knock them off, maybe we'll start to turn some heads."

Postseason begins

Postseason play began Oct. 5 in softball. As the top seed, Seward hosted its subdistrict Oct. 5 and 6. Milford was in the C5 subdistrict at Malcolm with Wilber-Clatonia and David City Aquinas. Centennial was in the C6 tournament at Fairbury with Pierce and Highway 91.

Check out our website, www.sewardindependent.com, Facebook page or Stephanie Croston's Twitter page (@SCISTephanie) for scores and updates.

District finals had not been scheduled at press time.

Cross country teams prep for postseason

Malcolm looks for answers after UNK

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

For the past 30 years, the Malcolm cross country team has made a mid-season trek to central Nebraska for a what they hope will be a tune-up for a big event a few weeks later. This year, the Sept. 28 trip was a reminder of how tough things have been for the Clippers this season and just how good the competition is this year in Class C.

In a 38-team race, the Malcolm boys finished 12th with

218 points. Columbus Scotus claimed the team title with 103 points while Milford was runner-up with 112.

Ty Brockhaus was the first Malcolm runner to cross the line with his 37th-place finish in 18:25. In the same event last year, Brockhaus placed 10th with a time that was just seven seconds faster.

"The competition was absolutely amazing," Malcolm head coach Brie Pulec said. "It's pretty obvious that a lot of runners were training hard in the summer."

"It leaves us asking our runners, 'How are we going to respond to this? How are we

going to step it up?'"

Johnny Boesen was the second Malcolm harrier in with his 43rd-place finish in 18:35. Joey Brockhaus and Matthew Burbach were 61st and 79th, respectively.

With two of the Clippers' top runners sidelined with injuries, some young athletes had a chance to experience the course that hosts the state meet. Sophomores Zane Zoucha and Tate Ele were among the young runners to compete.

"This is some of the toughest competition we'll see all year," Pulec said. "It was good for those young guys to experience what this kind of

atmosphere feels like."

The 12th-place team finish and lack of a single medal leaves the Clippers doing some soul searching.

"If this meet determined who went to state out of our district, we would not be going," Pulec said. "Our team learned that we have a lot of work to do if we want to make it past districts."

"We need to dig deep and see what we can do over the next few weeks. Anything is possible if you break down the mental blocks and allow yourself to race."

Grace Schleining was the only Malcolm girl to compete

at Kearney. The senior placed 104th in a race that included more than 200 girls.

"We have several injured varsity runners," Pulec said. "We could have bumped some girls up from JV, but we decided it was better to focus on staying healthy for the conference meet."

"Grace wanted the opportunity to get on the course and compete even knowing she would be the only one on the team racing. She doesn't back down from a challenge."

The Clippers were scheduled to compete in the East Central Nebraska Conference meet Oct. 6 in Tecumseh.

Seward girls fourth at UNK; JV finish season strong at Aquinas

by Stephanie Croston
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Seward's cross country teams ran in two meets last week – on the state meet course at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Invite Sept. 28 and at Aquinas Oct. 1.

Coach Kurt Holliday said the teams competed pretty well at both. The girls' team placed fourth in the Class B race, with Keegan Beisel and Tande Masco earning sixth- and seventh-place medals, respectively. Holliday said both looked good.

"If you can place there, you have a good chance to medal at

state," he said.

The boys' team was without frontrunner Nathan Nottingham, who was out sick. Holliday said the team's goal is the top 10, and it finished 15th. Cole Gray was the top runner in 59th and struggled after hurting his knee in warm-ups, Holliday said.

Drew Collings, Leighton Limback, Nic Classen and Evett Howe had the chance to run on the state course and did well, the coach said.

"We have room for improvement," he said. "It's better to be the underdog."

At Aquinas Thurs-

day, Seward's JV girls and JV and some varsity boys competed. It was the final meet of the season for the JV runners, and they turned in good times, Holliday said.

Michaela Broadwell, Emily Gokie, Ella Gray and Bethany Gebhardt finished fifth through eighth, and Bailey Broadwell placed 17th.

"They ended the season on a good note," he said.

The boys also ran well, with Colin Standifer just missing a varsity medal in 16th place.

In the JV race, Kyle Peery and Tanner Bye

earned medals in 12th and 13th places.

The Central Conference meet is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8, in Grand Island at Veterans Park. The conference is limiting the race to eight varsity runners from each team.

"The girls are one of the favorites to win," Holliday said, adding that Lexington will be a tough team.

Lexington is also good in the boys' division, and Holliday said he hopes Seward can compete with York.

"We hope to stay healthy and keep from quarantine," he said.

Results

UNK - Class B

Boys' team scores—Omaha Skutt 18, Plattsmouth 69, Bennington 73, Norris 78, Gering 105, Lexington 107, Mount Michael Benedictine 115, Hastings 158, Blair 173, Elkhorn North 179, Waverly 188, Elkhorn 197, Northwest 209, York 245, Seward 267, McCook 326, Beatrice 366

Seward—Cole Gray, 18:57; Michael Peery, 19:08.9; 64th; Leighton Limback, 19:23.4; 78th; Owen Sachschesky, 19:38.4; 90th; Drew Collings, 19:53; 97th; Evett Howe, 19:53.6; 98th; Nic Classen, 20:23.1; 116th; Colin Standifer, 20:41.7; 120th; Ian Johnson, 21:24.6; 132nd

Girls' team scores—Omaha Duchesne 60, Elkhorn 60, Omaha Skutt 74, Seward 86, Blair 108, McCook 111, Elkhorn North 121, Bennington 124, Norris 132, Northwest 181, Gering 201, Hastings 203, York 220, Lexington 242, Plattsmouth 281, Beatrice 287, Waverly 302

Seward—Keegan Beisel, 20:29.1; sixth; Tande Masco, 20:45.9; seventh; Samantha Hughes, 22:08.7; 33rd; Karmie Gottschalk, 22:20.4; 40th; Elizabeth Gokie, 23:45; 91st; Emily Gokie, 27:10.1; 127th

UNK - Class C

Boys' team scores—Columbus Scotus 103, Milford 112, Sidney 117, Aurora 133, Lincoln Christian 144, Fort Calhoun 157, Broken Bow 164, Pierce 166, Gothenburg 178, Douglas County West 206, Minden 214, Malcolm 218, St. Paul 256, Mitchell 257, Arlington 287, O'Neill 288, Adams Central 307, Lincoln Lutheran 338, Hartington-Newman Grove 358, Plattview 368, Boys Town 377, Hershey 379, Holdrege 403, Grand Island Central Catholic 432, Ogallala 454, Wayne 440, Auburn 473, Gibbon 487, South Central Unified 520, Fairbury 522, Kearney Catholic 537, Creston 583, Elm Creek 611, Central City 638, Alma-Southern Valley 649, Cozad 651, Chase County 668, Elmwood-Murdock 687

Milford—Carter Roth, 17:56.7; 22nd; Elliott Reitz, 17:58.2; 24th; Hudson Mullet, 18:16.9; 31st; Maddox Baack, 18:21.4; 35th; Collin Piening, 18:54.4; 58th; Landon Lautzenhiser, 19:03.8; 74th; Ben Copley, 19:10.4; 82nd; Isaac Hollist, 20:14.8; 143rd; Rollin Roth, 20:24.8; 155th

Malcolm—Ty Brockhaus, 18:25.9; 37th; John Boesen, 18:35.7; 43rd; Joe Brockhaus, 18:56.4; 61st; Matthew Burbach, 19:08.4; 79th; Zane Zoucha, 19:44.9; 110th; Antonio Sims, 20:23.4; 150th; Austin Earnest, 21:07.3; 185th; Thomas Lewis, 21:27.8; 206th; Alex Paider, 22:00.0; 230th

Girls' team scores—Douglas County West 92, Lincoln Christian 103, Pierce 128, Milford 131, Sidney 139, Aurora 160, Minden 160, Ogallala 166, Columbus Scotus 177, Ashland-Greenwood 181, Fort Calhoun 186, Grand Island Central Catholic 220, North Bend Central 249, Wayne 258, Auburn 273, O'Neill 277, Cozad 285, Holdrege 286, Elm Creek 296, Broken Bow 307, Adams Central 333, Gibbon 341, Chase County 346, Creston 397, Fairbury 4078, Cretal City 408, Hartington-New Castle 415, St. Paul 469, Elmwood-Murdock 482, Boys Town 540, Kearney Catholic 543, Alma-Southern Valley 594

Milford—Abbie McGuire, 20:47.1; ninth; Madelyn Mullet, 21:59; 30th; Alayna Piening, 22:31.8; 41st; Eliza McGuire, 23:11.3; 61st; Rachel Shively, 23:34; 72nd; Victoria Mink, 24:07; 85th; Rebecca Freeman, 25:00.1; 111th

Malcolm—Grace Schleining, 24:33; 104th

UNK - Class D

Boys' team scores—Axtell 40, Southwest 61, Shelton 63, St. Patrick 64, Mullen 68, McCool Junction 69, Sandhills 93, Bertrand 98, Ravenna 106, Yutan 119, Freeman 136, Arcadia-Loup City 140, Doniphan-Trumbull 142, Arapahoe 147,

North Central 158, St. Francis 178, Cambridge 181, Tri County 189, Ponca 200, Centura 221, Sutherland 232, Kearsaw 234, Wood River 250, Perkins County 254, Bridgeport 267, Heartland Lutheran 279, Dund County Stratton 296, South Loup 301, Oakland-Craig 302, South Platte 310, St. Cecilia 310, Blue Hill 310, Amherst 327, Brady 330, Hitchcock County 332, Chambers 348

Centennial—Clinton Turnbull, 18:32.3; 15th; Garrison Schernikau, 21:15.6; 83rd

Girls' team scores—Ravenna 24, McCool Junction 25, North Central 42, Nebraska Christian 48, Tri County 62, St. Patrick 87, Crawford 89, Bridgeport 91, Thayer Central 97, Oakland-Craig 98, St. Cecilia 102, Blue Hill 115, Hi-Line 128, South Loup 133, Axtell 145, Arcadia-Loup City 149, Freeman 152, Cambridge 162, Bertrand 166, Sutherland 173, Doniphan-Trumbull 185, Banner County 193, Hitchcock County 208, Shelton 234, Amherst 250, Ansley-Litchfield 286

Centennial—Madison Brandenburgh, 22:40.5; 23rd

Aquinas Invite

Boys' team scores—Aquinas 27, Milford 36, Fort Calhoun 47, Seward 114, Columbus Lakeview 114, Schuyler 116, Wayne 125, Bishop Neumann 125, Crete 129, Logan View 147, Wisner-Pilger 149, David City 248

Seward—Standifer, 18:45.29; 16th; Limback, 19:09.83; 25th; Collings, 19:23.42; 28th; Nathan Hochstein, 20:11.85; 45th; Johnson, 20:28.44; 49th; JV—Kyle Peery, 20:43.12; 12th; Tanner Bye, 20:50.07; 13th; Nilxon Seegerbarth, 21:31.72; 26th; Alex Tonninges, 21:44.56; 32nd; Franklin Broadwell, 21:56.88; 34th; Jakob Gray, 22:07.53; 37th; Collin Warren, 22:36.45; 42nd; Xander Foulk, 22:41.52; 44th; Sabit Duol, 23:18.86; 51st; Jady Nelson, 23:50.49; 60th; Matthew Flyr, 24:17.72; 62nd; Logan Wagoner, 30:04.07; 80th

Milford—C. Roth, 17:51.3; seventh; Reitz, 17:51.79; eighth; Mullet, 18:02.68; ninth; Baack, 18:20.74; 12th; Lautzenhiser, 18:58.98; 19th; Piening, 19:22.68; 27th; JV—Copley, 18:58.1; first; Hollist, 19:42.84; second; R. Roth, 19:44.58; third; Dane Kolb, 20:10.22; fifth; Logan Hersberger, 21:33.4; 27th; Joey Kenning, 23:33.18; 54th; Damien Henson, 24:43.97; 67th

Girls' team scores—Milford 30, Fort Calhoun 38, Crete 60, Wayne 61, Wisner-Pilger 71, Aquinas 88, Bishop Neumann 105, Columbus Lakeview 142, Logan View 148

Seward JV—Michaela Broadwell, 25:52.36; fifth; Em. Gokie, 26:03.36; sixth; Ella Gray, 26:45.3; seventh; Bethany Gebhardt, 26:54.38; eighth; Bailey Broadwell, 31:35.52; 17th

Milford—A. McGuire, 20:21.78; second; Mullet, 21:36.4; sixth; Piening, 22:04.36; 10th; E. McGuire, 22:45.05; 12th; Shively, 23:13.54; 15th; JV—Mink, 23:46.8; first; Freeman, 24:42; second

Raymond Central Invite

Centennial girls—Brandenburgh, 21:55.26; fourth

Malcolm girls—Maya Smerad, 26:32.16; 29th. **JV**—Natalie Shafer, 28:19.21; 11th

Boys' team scores—Bennington 24, Palmyra 34, Norris 36, Lincoln North Star 76, Elmwood-Murdock/Weeping Water 91, Arlington 99, Malcolm 105

Centennial—Turnbull, 18:10.57; first; Schernikau, 20:33.03; 23rd

Malcolm—James Watts, 20:29.34; 21st; David Swotek, 21:14.91; 28th; Ethan Stenger, 21:43.48; 31st; Ben Meyer, 22:30.42; 35th; Ben Rogers, 22:48.49; 37th. **JV**—Cayden Witzel, 28:08.63; 51st; Thomas Warenski 28:29.59; 52nd

Eagles second, fourth at UNK; girls win at Aquinas Invitational

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The Milford cross country teams headed west Sept. 28 to run at the Kearney Country Club in the University of Nebraska at Kearney Invite. The meet is contested on the state meet course.

Milford had a good day, Coach Michele Kontor said. The Eagles finished second in the boys' team standings behind Columbus Scotus. Carter Roth, Elliott Reitz, Hudson Mullet and

Maddox Baack finished within 25 seconds of each other and, although none medaled, Kontor was happy to see the pack mentality.

Lincoln Christian competed without its top runner, Kontor said. They've been the team in Milford's sights all season.

"Last year we saw a big improvement from UNK to state," she said. "We have to get all four under 17 minutes."

The girls' team finished fourth in the team standings, with

Abbie McGuire earning a ninth-place medal. Her time of 20:47.1 was a new personal best.

"She's having a great senior year," Kontor said.

The teams competed again Oct. 1 at Aquinas, and this time the girls finished atop the team standings. McGuire improved her best time to 20:21.78 and finished second. Mattie Mullet was sixth, Alayna Piening 10th, Eliza McGuire 12th and Rachel Shively 15th.

Kontor said Abbie Mc-

Guire ran the first mile faster than she usually has, and that gave her a lot of confidence.

The boys also ran well, finishing second behind Aquinas. Roth placed seventh, Reitz eighth, Mullet ninth and Baack 12th.

The Eagles are scheduled to run at the Southern Nebraska Conference meet Thursday, Oct. 8, at Fairbury.

Kontor said the course is hilly and rutted, but the Eagles are in the driver's seat for conference hardware.

Bronco times continue to drop in pair of races; Turnbull gets first win

by Stephanie Croston
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Clinton Turnbull of Centennial won his first race Oct. 1, outrunning the field at the Raymond Central Invitational.

The race was run at Branched Oak Lake where Malcolm hosts its meet. Coach Rob Johansen said it's hard to see the runners until there's about a half mile left.

"At that point, Clinton was in first with a runner right behind him. He was passed for a few strides and then overtook first again and outkicked his competitor down the stretch," the coach said.

Turnbull turned in his all-time best time of 18:10 after running the Malcolm Invite 10 days ago in 19:31. He's run under 19 minutes his last three races, Johansen said.

Madison Brandenburgh also ran her all-time best time, finishing fourth in 21:55. She improved from 22:39 at the Malcolm Invite.

Garrison Schernikau also improved his time, breaking 21 minutes for the first time this season.

"Garrison is getting that race experience that can be so valuable as a first year runner. He is getting the racing figured out and really starting to drop his times," Johansen said. "I'm anxious to see how well he will improve in the next few years as he has all the signs of being a really good runner."

The Broncos also competed at the UNK Invite Sept. 28.

Turnbull picked up a 15th-place medal in a field of 219 runners.

"Clinton got out really fast from the start and set himself up for a medal," Johansen said. "He is running really well right now and hopes it continues through districts."

Brandenburgh placed 23rd with a new school record time of 22:40. Johansen said she has been consistent in the last three meets.

Schernikau improved his time by five seconds and finished 83rd. The Broncos are

scheduled to run at the Southern Nebraska Conference meet Thursday, Oct. 8, at Fairbury.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Breanna Placke, a senior at Seward High, set a new school record for the Seward Community Golf Course last week. She shot a 36 over nine holes, breaking her sister Kendra's record of 37. She also finished second in the Central Conference tournament Oct. 2.

Honorable Mention

- Savannah Spahr - Milford
- Kailey Ziegler - Centennial
- Jordyn Virus - Malcolm

Gavin Sukup, a junior at Seward High, led the Bluejays against GINW with 210 yards passing and 70 yards rushing. He also added seven unassisted tackles.

Honorable Mention

- Carter Roth - Milford
- Jayden Hartshorn - Centennial
- Hayden Frank - Malcolm




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Halle Kinnett of Centennial watches where the ball should go against Cozad Sept. 29.

Broncos up win total

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Six games on the schedule meant six more chances for Centennial to add to its win total. The Broncos did that, picking up five victories in the final week leading into the postseason. The Broncos started the week by sweeping a rescheduled triangular with Wilber-Clatonia and Centura/Central Valley Sept. 28. Centennial beat CCV 10-2 with a home run by Daylee Dey and doubles by Hailey Heidtbrink, Cora Hoffschneider and Kai-ley Ziegler. Dey drove in

three runs, and Rylee Menze had two RBIs. CHS beat Wilber-Clatonia 12-0 in three innings, scoring seven in the third to end the game early. On Sept. 29, the Broncos split a triangular with Cozad and Southern, losing to Cozad 6-0 but beating Southern 6-1. The team headed to Yutan for a modified tournament Oct. 3 and beat Southern again 8-4 and Yutan-Mead 11-7. Coach Joe Dey said the team got off to a decent start Saturday. Ziegler hit a pair of triples and Halle Kinnett also tripled against

Southern. Yutan-Mead jumped out to a 6-0 lead after the top of the second inning. Centennial came back with five in the bottom of the second, tied the score in the third and scored five more in the fourth to get the win. Menze hit a triple and drove in four, and Daylee Dey hit a double and had two RBIs. The Broncos opened subdistrict play Oct. 5 against Highway 91 and came up short 8-6, ending the season with a 10-20 record. See more about this game on our website and in next week's *Independent*.

Clippers fall in upset

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

The belief was that they could run the table through the remainder of the regular season. After the Malcolm softball team lost to Freeman on Sep. 22, the schedule set up in such a way that all remaining games through subdistricts should be wins. That plan was foiled when the Clippers met disaster in extra innings of its Oct. 3 game against Tekamah-Herman. The Tigers took advantage of several fielding mistakes by Malcolm to pick up an 11-7 upset win.

The Clippers struck first when Kiana Dostal scored on an error in the bottom of the first. Two innings later, Jo Holliday drove in Alyssa Fortik when she blasted a triple to left field. Through five innings, Abbi Arroyo held the Tigers at bay as just three batters reached base. Things began to unravel in the sixth inning when a pair of two-out errors allowed the Tigers to tie the game.

Arroyo allowed just two earned runs in the game while striking out nine batters. Unlike the first game, runs were in abundance all the way through the second game as the Clippers outlasted Ashland-Greenwood 10-8. Malcolm jumped out to a 4-0 lead in a five-hit second inning before the Bluejays answered with six runs in the top of the fourth. The Clippers—who had 16 hits in the game—scored three in the fourth and three more in the sixth to



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Malcolm shortstop Alyssa Fortik hustles to pull in a foul ball along the third base line against Weeping Water Oct. 1.

secure the win. “Completely confusing,” Meyer said about how his team played against the Bluejays. “This team can play with anyone when they show up and I am not sure why it’s not being done consistently.” Abby Cantrell went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two RBIs while Alanea Babb had three hits, a double and drove in two runs. After missing multiple weeks due to injury,

Jordyn Virus returned to the lineup. The senior went 5-for-8 with four RBIs in her return. Malcolm picked up three wins with relative ease earlier in the week as they routed Weeping Water 17-4 on Oct. 1 in Malcolm. The Clippers traveled to Fort Calhoun Sep. 28 and swept a triangular with a 9-1 win over the Pioneers that was followed up with an 11-2 victory over Yutan-Mead.

Concordia University



BRADY OLTMANS/SCI

Concordia's Jaiden Beecher looks to beat a Dakota Wesleyan defender off the dribble during the Oct. 3 match at Bulldog Stadium.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Karson Dickson of Concordia (93) tracks down the Jamestown quarterback for a sack Oct. 3 during CU's 23-3 homecoming win.



BRADY OLTMANS/SCI

Concordia's Yessine Bessaies dribbles towards the Dakota Wesleyan goal during the Oct. 3 match at Bulldog Stadium.

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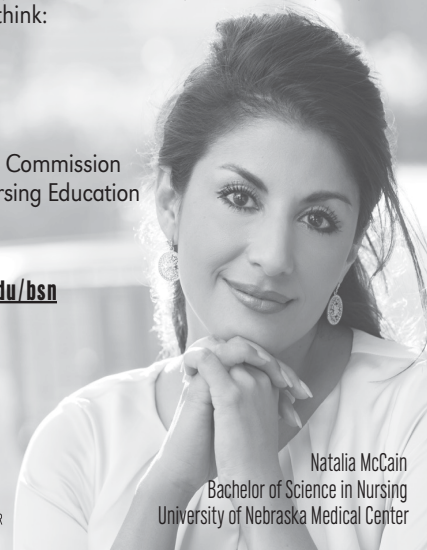
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Placke sets record, earns second at conference

by Stephanie Croston
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A Seward High record fell Sept. 28, but it stayed

in the family. SHS senior Breanna Placke shot a 36 to lead the Bluejays in their final home golf dual. Her

score broke the previous record of 37 set by her sister Kendra. "It was one of those days when everything went right for her for nine holes," Coach and dad Jim Placke said.

Claire Novak finished with a 50, Karissa Gottschalk a 51, Remi Christensen a 52 and Nataliy Anderson a 55.

The team was back on the course Oct. 2 at the Central Conference tournament in Holdrege. SHS finished third as a team, and Breanna Placke shot a 48-45 93 to finish as runner-up.

Anderson also earned a medal, placing 14th with a 52-55 107.

Novak shot a 62-51 113, Christensen a 60-54

114 and Ella Hochstein a 60-56 116.

Coach Placke said the Holdrege course is two completely different courses – the front is a tight course with fast greens, while the back is different.

"It was a good day for us," he said. "That gives us confidence going into districts."

"Breanna hung in and played well. She doesn't hit the ball far, but if the course sets up well, she has a knack for getting around it."

The Jays were to play in their district tournament Oct. 6 at Jackrabbit Run in Grand Island. The top three teams and top 10 individuals will qualify for state.



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Milford's Abby Houk takes a swing against Blue River Oct. 1.

Eagles go 1-1 to end regular season

by Stephanie Croston
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The Milford softball team had just two games to plan in the final week of the regular season, and the Eagles split them.

Milford lost to Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan/Friend 15-6 Sept. 29 but came back and beat Blue River 9-0 Oct. 1.

Milford gave up 10 runs in the first two innings against FCEMF but kept fighting, Coach Tom McCall said.

"We had 10 hits but we gave up 15," he said. Abby Houk, Kelly Bousquet and Maddy Cosaert had two hits each. Mariah Richards hit a home run, as well, and that was good to see, McCall said.

"We hit the ball hard," he said.

The bats were hot against Blue River, with Milford recording 11 hits. Houk, Richards and Kaitlyn Klug all hit home runs. Klug drove in three, and Houk and Camille Stauffer drove in two each.

"It was a much different night, a much differ-

ent feel," McCall said. "It was a nice way to finish the regular season."

Milford (8-11) was to open subdistrict play Oct. 5 against Aquinas in the C5 tournament at Malcolm. The winner was to play the winner of Malcolm/Wilber-Clatonia.

Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan/Friend 15, Milford 6

MHS	FCEMF	MHS	ab	r	h	rbi
Stutzman, Makena.....	4	0	1	0	0	0
Houk, Abby.....	3	0	2	2	2	0
Klug, Kaitlyn.....	3	0	1	0	0	0
Banks, Alexis.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stauffer, Camille.....	3	0	1	1	1	0
Richards, Mariah.....	2	1	1	1	1	0
Kontor, Kaitlin.....	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bousquet, Kelly.....	3	1	2	0	0	0
Cosaert, Maddy.....	3	1	2	1	2	1
Bell, Joselyn.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stutzman, Macy.....	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hansen, Mavis.....	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	27	6	10	5	10	5

2B—Bousquet, Houk. HR—Richards. 5B—Cosaert.

Milford 9, Blue River 0

MHS	IP	R(ER)	BB	K
Schildt, Myranda.....	1.1	9(6)	1	0
Stutzman, Mak.....	2.2	6(4)	1	1
WP—Schildt, Mak. Stutzman 2.				

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MHS 300 6x 9
Stutzman, Mac..... 1 1 0 0 0
Stutzman, Mak..... 1 1 1 1 1
Houk..... 3 1 2 2 3
Klug..... 3 2 2 3 3
Banks..... 2 0 0 0 0
Bell..... 0 1 0 0 0
Stauffer..... 3 0 1 2 2
Richards..... 3 1 2 1 1
Bousquet..... 2 0 1 0 0
Cosaert..... 2 1 1 0 0
Hansen..... 2 1 1 0 0
Totals..... 22 9 11 9
2B—Klug. HR—Houk, Klug, Richards.

MHS IP R(ER) BB K
Schildt.....5.0 0 1 4

Milford splits week's two matches

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A new rotation means adjustments for the Milford volleyball team.

Coach Emily Restau said the Eagles are doing a great job figuring out new responsibilities.

"We have multiple girls that are stepping up," she said. "Our setters are doing a great job at mixing up our offense, and we have done a better job in serve receive lately."

The Eagles split their matches last week, falling to Raymond Central 26-24, 25-23, 25-23 Sept. 28 but beating Wilber-Clatonia 25-15, 25-17, 25-23 Oct. 1.

Savannah Spahr led the attack against Raymond Central with eight kills. Sydney Stelling added seven and Sarah Spahr and Tennacee Crumrine notched six each.

Stelling also put up 21

assists. Four Eagles finished with double-digit digs – Avery Saltzman 16, Elle Kratochvil and Stelling and Savannah Spahr 10.

Against Wilber, Stelling led the team with seven kills. Savannah Spahr and Taylor Roth added five each.

Milford (9-10) was to play at Syracuse Oct. 5 and host York Thursday, Oct. 8.

Raymond Central 3, Milford 0

RCHS	MHS	26	25	25
		24	23	23

ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Tennacee Crumrine 12-17-6, Caitlyn Adams 3-3-1, Sydnee Stelling 19-19-7, Sarah Spahr 15-17-6, Marissa Walker 14-16-3, Savannah Spahr 22-24-8, Celia Bontrager 11-12-3. Totals 96-108-34.

BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Crumrine 0-1, Stelling 0-1, Sar. Spahr 0-2, Sav. Spahr 0-1, Bontrager 0-1. Totals 0-6.

SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Ashlynn Zegers 15-16-4, Adams 13-13-1, Stelling 9-11-1, Sav. Spahr 9-10, Avery Saltzman 15-15, Ellie Kratochvil 5-6. Totals 66-71-6.

SETS (good-assists)—Kratochvil 2-1, Zegers 1-0, Adams 23-9, Stelling 68-21, Walker 2-0, Sav. Spahr 6-0, Saltzman 5-2. Totals 107-33.

DIGS—Kratochvil 11, Zegers 3, Adams 5, Stelling 11, Sav. Spahr 10, Bontrager 2, Saltzman 16. Total 58.

Milford 3, Wilber-Clatonia 0

MHS	WCHS	25	25	25
		15	17	23



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Sarah Spahr curves her outside hit to go around Wilber-Clatonia's block during the game at Wilber on Oct. 1.

Jays score early, sink Clippers

by Heath Kramer
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They wasted little time establishing their dominance. With four scores in the first quarter, No. 5 Ashland-Greenwood made a statement in its dominating 51-14 victory over Malcolm on homecoming night in Ashland.

Matthew Schuster was the king of the gridiron as the 190-pound senior ran up and down the field all night on a Malcolm team that had no answer for his speed. Schuster piled up 227 yards with five touchdowns, including runs of 46, 48 and 61 yards.

"We couldn't match his speed," Malcolm head coach Scott Amen said. "When you face a team with a weapon like that, there's not much you can do."

Schuster helped the

Bluejays to a 30-0 lead with his four touchdowns in the first half.

The Clippers found the end zone just before halftime when the Clippers forced a fumble deep in Ashland-Greenwood territory. Four plays later, Gavin Zoucha punched it in from three yards out to make it 30-7 at the half.

"Our kids didn't quit," Amen said. "We were outmatched but that didn't affect our effort."

Backup quarterback Hayden Frank connected with Colby Sizemore for a 60-yard touchdown on the Clippers second play of the second half.

"That was big at the moment as it got us within two scores," Amen said. "We thought if we could get a stop, we could get back in the game."

The Bluejays had other thoughts as Schuster

got loose for his final long run of the night to make it a 30-point lead.

"There's a reason they're undefeated," Amen said. "They're clearly one of the best teams in the state."

The Bluejays piled up 442 yards of offense while the Clippers managed just 204. Zoucha led the Clippers with 63 yards of offense including 42 yards on the ground with 12 carries.

Malcolm (3-4) returns home for a Friday night battle with its neighbor to the north, Raymond Central (5-1). The Mustangs' only hiccup this season was a 21-6 loss to Ashland-Greenwood on Sept. 25.

"Their quarterback, Connor Kreikemeier, is a quick, elusive back that's really good in space," Amen said. "They like to throw the ball around quite a bit."

"We'll have our work cut out for us if we want to make a game out of this one. What I know is that our guys will show up ready to battle."

Ashland-Greenwood 51, Malcolm 14

Malcolm	0	7	7	0	14
A-G	23	7	14	7	51

First quarter

A-G—Schuster 60 run (Grauerholz kick), 11:12

A-G—Schuster 5 run (Grauerholz kick), 7:07

A-G—Grauerholz 32 FG, 4:01

A-G—Schuster 6 run (kick failed), 2:50

Second quarter

A-G—Schuster 46 run (Grauerholz kick), 10:18

MAL—Zoucha 3 run (Zoucha kick), 0:03

Third quarter

MAL—Sizemore 60 pass from Frank (Zoucha kick), 10:40

A-G—Schuster 48 run (Shepard kick), 8:30

A-G—Zimmerman 48 pass from Carroll (Shepard kick), 5:21

Fourth quarter

A-G—Upton 5-run (Hatzenbuelerkick), 0:22

Team totals

	MAL	A-G
First downs	7	10
Carries-yards	38-113	34-373
Comp.-att.-int.	6-15-3	4-10-1
Passing yards	91	69
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	1-10	1-10

Individual stats

RUSHING—Zoucha 12-39, Frank 12-39, Christensen 4-15, Saltzman 3-4, Wilkie 1-3, Reiling 1-3, Courter 2-3, Day 3-6.

PASSING—Frank 4-9-1, 81 yds; Saltzman 2-5-1 10; Meyer 0-1-1.

RECEIVING—Sizemore 2-60, Zoucha 2-23, Day 1-5, Frank 1-2, Dunse 1-1.

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Malcolm senior Joslyn Small digs a ball against North Bend during the Clippers' five-set, come-from-behind victory Oct. 1 in Malcolm.

Clippers battle back to win in 5

by Heath Kramer
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They found out they could dig a little deeper. Coming off a pair of losses, the Malcolm volleyball team had to work hard to reverse a losing trend in a come from behind thriller Oct. 1 in Malcolm. The Clippers outlasted North Bend Central 25-19, 17-25, 20-25, 25-11, 15-13.

Malcolm looked to be in control as it cruised to a first set win. But, the combination of weak serve receive and bad passing got the Clippers out of system often in the second and third sets and the Tigers took advantage behind strong swings from 5-foot-11 sophomore Kaitlyn Emanuel and her 5-foot-10 counterpart, Cierra Kluthe.

"We've made a lot of personnel moves in the past two weeks," Malcolm head coach Amber Dolliver said. "The girls are still learning how the player next to them will react in situations which at times leads to sloppy team play."

The Clippers appeared to right the ship as they dominated the fourth set behind strong serving from Danielle Fortik. The junior defensive specialist dropped in five ace serves in the set. She finished the match with seven aces.

"The girls did a good job of putting the ball in tough spots on serve receive," Dolliver said.

The Clippers had a season high 19 ace serves in the match.

While Malcolm jumped out to a big lead to open the fifth set with more strong serving from Fortik, the Clippers watched a six-point lead disappear as the Tigers scratched and clawed their way back to tie the set at 13-13.

"We had to use a timeout and hope to kill their momentum," Dolliver said. "It seemed to do the trick and give us a chance to settle our ladies down."

After getting a much needed side out, Ashlynn Sehi served the fi-

nal point to get Malcolm the win.

It was a total team effort as Kaitlyn Dostal led the way with 16 kills while Kiley Elkins added 12 kills, nine digs and four aces. Sophomore Lauryn England had 39 assists and 11 digs.

In her just her second week as the libero, Joslyn Small led the team with 12 digs. Fortik had eight digs while Sehi had four solo blocks.

The victory came on the heels of a three-set sweep on Sep. 29 at the hands of No. 2 Wahoo, 25-20, 25-19, 25-19.

The Warriors' 6-footers Josie Sutton, Mya Larson, Elle Glock and Kelsie Sears proved to be too much for a Clippers' lineup whose tallest players max out at 5-foot-9.

Elkins led Malcolm with six kills while Dostal added five. England had 19 assists while Small got 11 digs.

"There's a reason they've been in the top three at state the past three years," Dolliver said. "There's some serious talent on that side of the net."

"While we competed well at times, we have to get to where we walk on the court with more confidence. We may not have the height we've had in the past. But, we do have the talent to compete at a pretty high level."

Malcolm (14-6) was scheduled to travel to Weeping Water (9-11) Tuesday. The Clippers have a tough test Thursday as they head north to take on West Point-Beemer (14-6).

Malcolm 3, North Bend Central 2				
NBC	19	25	25	11
Malcolm	25	17	20	25
KILLS —Dostal 16, Elkins 12, Wondercheck 7, Burwell 7, Sehi 5.				
BLOCKS —Sehi 4, Elkins 2, Burwell, Dostal, Wondercheck.				
SERVES (aces) — Fortik 7, Small 4, Elkins 4, Zegar 3, England.				
SETS (assists) —England 39, Small 2, Zegar 2.				
DIGS —Small 12, England 11, Elkins 9, Fortik 8, Zegar 3, Dostal 2, Burwell.				
Wahoo 3, Malcolm 0				
Wahoo	25	25	25	
Malcolm	20	19	19	
KILLS —Elkins 6, Dostal 5, Sehi 5, Dostal 3, Wondercheck 2, England.				
BLOCKS —Sehi 3, England 3, Burwell, Wondercheck.				
SERVES (aces) — Fortik 2, Raben, Zegar, Sehi				
SETS (assists) —England 19, Small.				
DIGS —Small 11, England 7, Fortik 6, Zegar 4, Sehi 2, Burwell.				

Subdistrict softball first round from Oct. 5

Seward defeated Blue River 10-0 in the first round of the B7 subdistrict in Seward.

Centennial lost to Highway 91 8-6 in the opening round of the C6 subdistrict at Fairbury, ending the Broncos' season.

Malcolm run-ruled Wilber-Clatonia 14-1 in the first round of play at the C5 tournament in Malcolm.

Jays runner-up at RCHS

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The Seward volleyball team played through a busy week last week, going 4-2 in six matches.

The Jays played at Holdrege Sept. 29 and won 31-29, 25-23, 25-20. Coach Tom Pallas said the Jays did a good job finishing games.

Grace Vyhnaelek led the team with 13 kills. Abbey Ringler added 12 kills, 15 digs and four ace serves.

The Jays opened October with a triangular at Beatrice and went 1-1, falling to York 27-25, 25-21 but beating Beatrice 25-19, 25-10.

Pallas said York made plays at the end to win the match. Seward's Tanya Miller notched five kills to lead the Jays. Ellie Sagehorn picked up 11 digs.

Against Beatrice, the Jays played their best match of the year, Pallas said. The team had very few unforced errors and hit over .300. Ringler finished with 10 kills, and

Sagehorn and Hughes had 10 digs each.

SHS completed in the Raymond Central Invitational Oct. 3 and was 2-1 to finish as the runner-up. Seward started the day by beating Fairbury 25-15, 25-16. Pallas said the Jays had to work around Fairbury's tall middle hitter.

In game two, the Jays played Raymond Central and lost 25-18, 25-18. Pallas said The Mustangs have improved drastically, and Seward struggled with their aggressive serves.

SHS played Nebraska City for third place and won 25-22, 25-14. Ringler finished with 11 kills and served two aces. Desirae Hibbert put up 21 set assists.

Seward (13-8) was to travel to Aurora Oct. 6. A match with Schuyler set for Oct. 8 has been canceled, so Seward is trying to find another opponent, Pallas said.

The Jays will be at home Tuesday, Oct. 13, when Crete and Milford come to town for a trian-

gular.

Seward 3, Holdrege 0		
SHS	31	25
HHS	29	23
ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Desirae Hibbert 7-8-1, Tanya Miller 18-23-4, Keira Litteras 5-8-2, Abbey Ringler 29-33-12, Grace Vyhnaelek 26-30-13, Anna Hughes 26-30-3.		
BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Hibbert 0-1, Miller 0-5, Litteras 1-1, Ringler 0-2, Vyhnaelek 0-2, Hughes 1-7.		
SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Hibbert 11-12, Ellie Sagehorn 15-15, Ringler 15-16-4, Vyhnaelek 10-12-1, Hughes 12-12, Madison Dominy 14-14-1.		
SETS (attempts-assists)—Hibbert 101-31, Miller 4-0, Sagehorn 10-2, Litteras 2-0, Ringler 5-1, Vyhnaelek 1-0.		
DIGS—Hibbert 10, Miller 2, Sagehorn 20, Litteras 1, Ringler 15, Vyhnaelek 2, Hughes 8, Dominy 4.		

York 2, Seward 0		
YHS	27	25
SHS	25	21
ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Vyhnaelek 8-20-4, Hibbert 5-8-1, Hughes 6-7-2, Litteras 6-7, Miller 9-12-5, Ringler 8-12-1, Sagehorn 1-1.		
BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Hughes 0-1, Litteras 0-1, Ringler 1-0.		
SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Vyhnaelek 13-13, Hibbert 5-5, Hughes 6-7, Ringler 8-9-3, Sagehorn 7-7-1, Dominy 6-6.		
SETS (attempts-assists)—Hibbert 42-10, Hughes 4-1, Miller 1-0, Ringler 4-0, Sagehorn 4-1.		
DIGS—Vyhnaelek 8, Hibbert 4, Hughes 6, Litteras 2, Miller 2, Ringler 4, Sagehorn 11.		

Seward 2, Beatrice 0		
SHS	25	25
BHS	19	10
ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Vyhnaelek 8-10-5, Ringler 25-25-10, Hibbert 3-3-1, Litteras 10-12-2, Hughes 9-9-6, Miller 5-6-1, Dominy 1-1.		
BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Ringler 0-5, Hibbert 0-2, Litteras 0-3.		
SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Vyhnaelek 5-5, Ringler 5-5, Hibbert 7-7-1, Hughes 4-4, Sagehorn 4-5, Dominy 23-23.		
SETS (attempts-assists)—Ringler 2-1, Hibbert 53-23, Hughes 4-0, Sagehorn 2-0, Dominy 1-1.		

DIGS—Ringler 6, Hibbert 3, Litteras 1, Hughes 10, Sagehorn 10, Dominy 6.		
SHS	25	25
NCHS	22	14

Seward 2, Nebraska City 0		
SHS	25	25
NCHS	22	14
ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Vyhnaelek 8-12-3, Hughes 13-13-8, Litteras 6-6-2, Miller 8-10-1, Ringler 17-22-11.		
BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Vyhnaelek 0-2, Hibbert 0-1, Hughes 0-2, Litteras 0-1, Ringler 2-2.		
SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Vyhnaelek 7-8, Hibbert 6-6-2, Hughes 11-11, Ringler 10-11-2, Sagehorn 6-6, Dominy 7-7-1.		
SETS (attempts-assists)—Vyhnaelek 1-1, Hibbert 50-21, Litteras 2-0, Ringler 3-1, Sagehorn 4-2.		

DIGS—Vyhnaelek 2, Hibbert 6, Hughes 5, Litteras 1, Miller 2, Ringler 3, Sagehorn 8, Dominy 1.		
SHS	25	25
FHS	15	16

Seward 2, Fairbury 0		
SHS	25	25
FHS	15	16
ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Ringler 15-17-11, Hibbert 3-3-1, Hughes 12-14-9, Litteras 6-7-2, Vyhnaelek 10-13-2, Miller 4-5.		
BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Ringler 1-5, Hibbert 0-4, Litteras 0-1.		
SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Ringler 8-10, Hibbert 3-3, Hughes 13-13-1, Sagehorn 11-11-2, Dominy 6-6-1, Vyhnaelek 6-6-1.		
SETS (attempts-assists)—Ringler 3-1, Hibbert 45-21, Hughes 1-0, Litteras 2-1, Sagehorn 4-0, Vyhnaelek 1-1.		
DIGS—Ringler 3, Hibbert 3, Hughes 7, Litteras 3, Sagehorn 9, Vyhnaelek 3, Miller 1.		

Raymond Central 2, Seward 0		
RCHS	25	25
SHS	18	18

ATTACKS (good-attempts-kills)—Vyhnaelek 7-9-1, Hibbert 1-4, Hughes 11-12-6, Sagehorn 1-1, Ringler 10-12-7, Miller 3-3-1, Litteras 3-5-1.		
BLOCKS (solo-assists)—Vyhnaelek 0-1, Hughes 1-1.		
SERVES (good-attempts-aces)—Vyhnaelek 9-10-2, Hibbert 5-5, Hughes 4-4, Sagehorn 8-8, Ringler 6-6-1, Dominy 4-4.		
SETS (attempts-assists)—Vyhnaelek 1-0, Hibbert 36-15, Hughes 1-1, Sagehorn 5-0, Ringler 1-0, Litteras 1-0.		
DIGS—Vyhnaelek 3, Hibbert 2, Hughes 1, Sagehorn 8, Ringler 6, Miller 1, Dominy 4.		

Eagles stay close but fall at home

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The score is a bit misleading. Yes, Auburn beat Milford 28-13, but the Bulldogs scored their final touchdown with less than a minute to play in the game.

Milford Coach Marty Hingst said Milford was able to move the ball but not consistently.

Auburn held a 14-0 lead at halftime, but the Eagles cut that in half with a two-yard Eli Vondra run in the third quarter.

After AHS extended the lead in the fourth, Bryce Jakub fielded the kickoff and raced 85 yards for the touchdown to make the score 21-13.

Hingst said he like how the Eagles buckled down in the second half.

He was pleased with the defense by Cabe Schluckebier and Nick Beel. Schluckebier finished with seven solo tackles and three assists, while Beel notched six solo stops and two assists.

Camden Springer had a good night at defensive back, shutting down Auburn's top receiver, Hingst said.

On offense, Vondra led the Eagle attack with



BRADY OLTMANS/SCI

Milford's Isaac Yeackley (11) drags Auburn tacklers reaching for more yardage during the Oct. 2 football game.

95 yards on 28 carries. Jakub caught both Isaac Yeackley's completions. Milford (2-3) is sched-

uled to travel to Falls City Friday, Oct. 9. The Tigers run a single-wing offense, and this is the

only time Milford sees it, Hingst said. "It will be a physical game again," he said.

Broncos go 2-1 in Columbus tournament

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A mental collapse was the best way Coach Alex Anstine could describe what happened to Centennial's volleyball team Oct. 1.

The Broncos led Thayer Central 2-0 and lost the match 3-2. A delay after the second game didn't help, Anstine said. The Broncos started to doubt themselves, and Thayer Central picked up its game.

Freshman Karly Naber and junior Gracen Fehlhafer hadn't been in that kind of situation before either, Anstine said, and that made a difference in their play.

The Broncos battled but couldn't get the momentum back, losing 24-26, 12-25, 25-18, 25-17, 15-7. Kate Hirschfeld pounded 22 kills, and Jaci Opfer served five aces to go with 26 set assists.

The team came back at Columbus Scotus in a tournament against some bigger schools.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Grace Booth of Centennial attacks against Thayer Central Oct. 1.

Anstine said she didn't think that fazed them at all. Centennial lost the opener to Columbus Scotus 17-25, 25-21, 25-11, but played very well in the first set, Anstine said.

The third set was the opposite, with poor passes and no energy.

"We had a long talk after that," Anstine said. "The next match, we wanted to get after it."

Blair was the next opponent, and Centennial won 25-16, 25-15. In the third match of the day, CHS beat Hastings 25-17, 25-22. Errors let the Tigers back into the match late, but the Broncos were able to finish strong.

"I hope that was a turning point," Anstine said.

Centennial (14-6) is scheduled to play at Cross County Oct. 6 in its only match of the week. Anstine said the Cougars are in Centennial's subdistrict, and she hopes the tough competition will be a confidence builder for the Broncos.