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The Seward High Class of 2020 celebrates its graduation with the traditional cap toss Aug. 1.

STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2020 EDITION

We made it to 2021. Take a quick look back at 2020.

January

The Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich left his post as president of Concordia University to become president of Concordia University St. Paul.

K'lena Schnack, a senior at Milford High, participated in the Rose Parade in her role as president of Key Club International.

Students at Milford Elementary moved into their new classrooms at the start of second semester.

A proposed extension of Karol Kay Boulevard in northeast Seward drew the ire of residents in the area whose property would be impacted by the street.

February

The 10th annual trivia night, hosted by St. John Lutheran School Parent-Teacher League, drew 56 teams.

Lt. Gov. Mike Foley was in Seward for the Ag Grown Gathering and participated in a panel discussion about agriculture-related topics.

Seward High School Key Club hosted its annual multicultural fair, an opportunity for high school students to share information about other countries with elementary students.

Jeaven Scdoris and Konner Schluckebier, both students at Milford, won the school's first two state wrestling titles at the state wrestling tournament.

March

New flooring was installed at the Seward bandshell.

The Bee Buzz Run, a fundraiser for

the States Ballroom in Bee, celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The coronavirus made its presence known in Seward County as schools went to online learning and events were cancelled.

Tyler and Erin Pulec's home became the hub of a community drive to help those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

April

A poster by Mackenna Wollenburg of Seward earned second place in the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's poster contest.

Local stores continued to adapt to pandemic restrictions and changing demands of shoppers.

The first lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported in the Four Corners Health district.

Nick Werman spent his days bringing cheer to Seward by driving around town playing music through speakers in the back of his pickup.

The Four Corners Health Department opened a COVID-19 testing site in York.

May

Area schools used virtual formats for graduation, conducting the ceremonies online.

Although some pandemic restrictions were lifted, many area churches continued to meet online only.

The Fourth of July Celebration Committee voted to cancel in-person festivities.

Some Memorial Day programs were cancelled because of pandemic restrictions.

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Concordia announces honor list

Concordia University named 244 students to its honors list for the Fall 2020 semester.

The top 25% of all undergraduate students who complete at least 12 credit hours qualify for the honors list.

Students earning term honors include:

Nebraska

Olivia Leising, Arapahoe, junior; Olivia Rogers, Ashland, freshman; Kenzie Strate, Ashland, junior; Rebekah Henschen, Bancroft, senior; Zachary Zohner, Battle Creek, sophomore; Kayla Luebke, Bee, junior; Cally Rogers, Bellevue, senior; Kylie Wegner, Bellevue, senior; Anna Gombold, Bennington, senior; Alexander Helfrich, Bennington, senior; Grant Lammers, Blair, junior; Grant Wragge, Bloomfield, senior; Rebecca Rerucha, Bruno, senior; Thomas Young, Clarks, senior; Allison Story, Clay Center, senior; Abigail Gerber, Columbus, sophomore; Hailey Wilson, Cozad, freshman; Logan Adam, Crete, junior; Carter Kent, Crete, senior; Camry Moore, Crete, junior; Samuel Sisco, David City, senior; Erin Johnson, Daykin, senior; Zachary Bennetts, Denton, junior; Madison Koch, Doniphan, sophomore; Dylan Paap, Dunbar, senior; Sydney Ross, Elkhorn, freshman; Nathan Wickham, Elkhorn, sophomore; Lauren Moes, Elm Creek, sophomore; Taylor Moes, Elm Creek, sophomore; Sara Huss, Fairbury, sophomore; Jayson Klaumann, Fairbury, junior; Autumn Johnson, Fremont, junior; Aubrey Rathke, Fremont, freshman; Brooke Baugh, Friend, senior;

Arleigh Costello, Gothenburg, junior; Elizabeth Bergdolt, Grand Island, senior; Abigail Huggins, Grand Island, senior; McKenna Kaskie, Grand Island, senior; Brianna Van Bibber, Grand Island, freshman; Kalee Wiltfong, Grand Island, sophomore; Jacob Woodmancy, Grant, sophomore; Breanna Green, Greta, senior; Mara Hjerstad, Greta, junior; Sarah Atchity, Hastings, junior; Gwendolyn Gaunt, Hastings, freshman; Baile Vanarsdall, Hershey, junior; Hannah Birtell, Holdrege, senior; Nathan Birtell, Holdrege, junior; Jordyn Hilliard, Holdrege, senior; Madison Parsons, Holdrege, freshman; Brynna Bruxellas, Humboldt, freshman; Hunter Bartels, Imperial, senior; Gabrielle Krutinger, Imperial, freshman; Maccy Menke, Lawrence, junior;

Alyssa Barnhouse, Lincoln, sophomore; Grace Barry, Lincoln, senior; Karsyn Bredenkamp, Lincoln, senior; Abigail Crouch, Lincoln, senior;

Kayla Ernstmeyer, Lincoln, senior; Mackenzie Ferrel, Lincoln, senior; Caleb Goldsmith, Lincoln, junior; Lydia Grimp, Lincoln, junior; Amy Guenther, Lincoln, senior; Lexie Kreisel, Lincoln, sophomore; Erin Mapson, Lincoln, junior; Josie Puelz, Lincoln, junior; Katherine Sheldon, Lincoln, junior; Sydney Smith, Lincoln, senior; Amelia Schlichting, Lyons, senior; Adrianna Sims, Malcolm, junior; Anna Ramsdell, Milford, junior; Devon Reitz, Milford, sophomore; Emily Boyer, Mullen, senior; Cassidy Grosserode, Neligh, senior; Luke Blomenberg, Norfolk, senior; Nicholle Harstad, Norfolk, senior; Sarah Sugita, Norfolk, senior; Ryan Samuelson, Omaha, senior; Jonah Wilson, Omaha, junior; Ivan Yabut, Omaha, sophomore; Joseph Bindl, Papillion, senior; Abigail Jeppesen, Pleasant Dale, senior; Keri Bauer, Pleasanton, senior; Kailey Weichel, Plymouth, senior; Kyra Kennedy, Purdum, senior; Mary Nibbe, Red Cloud, sophomore; Kaitlyn Radebaugh, Red, senior; Michelle Hernandez, Schuyler, freshman;

Abigail Baack, Seward, sophomore; Anna Baack, Seward, senior; Mika Brees, Seward, senior; Ross Briggs, Seward, senior; Larissa Embree, Seward, sophomore; Macy Gebhardt, Seward, sophomore; Alayna Goldsmith, Seward, sophomore; Allison Klipp, Tobias, senior; Mady Payne, Utica, junior; Rebecca Higgins, Valentine, senior; Taylor Cockerill, Waverly, senior; Elizabeth Gierke, Waverly, Neb, junior; Kathryn Potter, Wilcox, junior; Gabrielle Luehr, Wood River, senior; Gideon Luehr, Wood River, sophomore; Reegon Cast, York, senior; Samantha Ellis, York, senior; Kenna Miller, York, senior; Kylee Nixon, York, senior; Madalyn Woodburn, York, sophomore

Rosanna Scott, West Fork, senior

California
Benjamin Toenjes, Bakersfield, junior; Tobias Hager, Buena Park, sophomore; Rightly Perry, Corona, senior; Mikella Martinez, Dixon, junior; Anabelle Reyes, Glendora, senior; Allysia Thayer, Rialto, senior; Renata Peperkorn, Rocklin, junior; Matthew Holmes, San Diego, senior; Julia Van Wey, San Diego, sophomore

Jasmine Cody, Alamogordo, senior; Erin Johnson, Brighton, senior; Kianna Ogilvie, Colorado Springs, senior; Ami Pritchett, Denver, freshman; Matthew Murphy, Elbert, senior; Esther Lang-

ness, Englewood, sophomore; Megan Hakes, Erie, junior; Logan French, Fort Collins, junior; Carrie Black, Highlands Ranch, senior; Victoria Hatton, Holyoke, junior; Victoria Race, Holyoke, sophomore; Ashley Gerczynski, Kiowa, sophomore; Shaina Danile, Longmont, senior; Thomas Schulteis, Parker, freshman; Jennika Chapman, Westminster, senior; Ashley Evans, Westminster, junior

Florida
Grace Huesmann, Pensacola, junior; Megan Garbe, Valrico, junior

Hawaii
Micah Willweber, Kailua, sophomore

Idaho
Nicholas Zadar, Boise, senior

Illinois
Hayden Rensner, Effingham, senior; Eli Haines, Plano, freshman; Clara Nebel, Red Bud, senior

Indiana
Daniel Oberdieck, Lansenville, freshman; Kathryn Castens, New Haven, junior; Caleb Zeckzer, New Haven, freshman

Iowa
Erica Heinzerling, Ankeny, senior; Abigail Kropf, Ankeny, sophomore; Dresden Wilson, Boone, senior; Benjamin Berg, Carroll, senior; Lauren Dawson, Cedar Falls, freshman; Sarah Heck, Coon Rapids, senior; Nathan Hof, Eldridge, sophomore; Alexandria Downing, Sioux City, junior; Nicole Brees, Solon, senior; Grace O'Neal, Spirit Lake, junior; Emma Armbrrecht, Williamsburg, junior

Kansas
Mikayla Lowe, Atchison, senior; Jennifer Horne, Canton, sophomore; Logan Srna, Culver, junior; Luke Johnson, Kansas City, sophomore; Abigail Meier, Lawrence, junior; Neal Patron, North Newton, sophomore; John Palmer, Offerle, senior; Zachariah Metzger, Overland Park, senior; Angel Hadachek, Sabetha, senior; Isabel Brosch, Wichita, junior

Michigan
Hannah Cmeyla, Bay City, junior; Calvin Rohde, Reed City, sophomore; Nathan Johnson, Vicksburg, junior

Minnesota
Toby Semler, Marshall, senior; Joshua Marlatt, Mound, senior; Marc Freiberg II, Racine, sophomore; Cyrus Scott, Rochester, senior; Sierra Geistfeld, St. James, junior; Linnea Buchholz, St. Paul, senior; Bennett Shane, Truman, junior; Josie O'Laughlin, Winona, junior; Allison Marshall, Woodbury, senior

Missouri
Hannah Mundt, Blue Springs, junior; Tyler Linneman, Carrollton, junior; Chloe Brown, Concordia, freshman; Faith Brown, Concordia, sophomore; Brooke Lange, Concordia, freshman; Victoria Ritzma, Concordia, junior;

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County employees honored Dec. 29

by Hope Moural
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The Seward County Board of Commissioners honored county employees who have been with the county for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years during its Dec. 29 meeting.

The honorees are as follows: Timothy Huntington, 10 years; Jeff Baker and Craig Stava, 15 years;

Tanya Woosley, 20 years; and Deanna Boyer, 25 years.

The board also honored those who retired this year included Barb Liska, Rick Bell, Mike Janssen and Dave Pankoke.

Also during the meeting, the board:

- approved a bid from Eagle View Technologies regarding software and an imager to be used for the assessor's office primarily, among others. The total cost of the bid was \$172,783.78, and it was agreed at least 28,000 is to be paid every six years to the technology.
- heard from Seward County Sheriff Mike Vance regarding a volunteer community liaison position that was recently created and introduced the person filling the role, Sharon Dickinson.
- heard from Jeff Baker about the potential restructuring of the veterans service/public transit position for the person coming in to take his place. Baker said based on his experience, length in days and other matters, he would like to see both the veterans service officer position and



COURTESY PHOTO

Jeff Baker receives a certificate of appreciation for 15 as a county employee Dec. 29 from Seward County Commissioner John Culver.

public transit as full-time positions, requiring two people instead of one.

Commissioner John Culver spoke out against, saying he would like to keep it as one, at least until the summer, when the next fiscal year budget would be opened and worked on. After much discussion between the two, it was decided the position would stay as is, but that such a person would need to be compensated to fulfill such duties.

The board approved the recommendation of Matt Starkey as the new veteran service/public transit/fleet director/general assistance director for Seward County.

The next Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting will be Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. The meetings are open to the public.

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Year in Review continued: 2020 is in the rearview mirror



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Marv Taylor, Seward Kiwanis Parade of Flags Advisor, acts as emcee for the Aug. 22 dedication of the United States Space Force flag and re-dedication of the POW-MIA flag at the Seward Parade of Flags. Sitting behind him are, from left, Gov. Pete Ricketts, State Sen. Mark Kolterman and Nebraska Sorghum Producers Association Executive Director Nate Blum.

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June

Concordia University announced a modified fall semester schedule with in-person classes finishing before Thanksgiving.

The Seward County Ag Society announced changes to the county fair, making it a 4-H/FFA event only and cancelling the other events.

Local pools opened for the summer with schedule and attendance changes to comply with pandemic restrictions.

The Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward reopened to the public with new attendance guidelines.

July

Centennial High School celebrated graduation June 27 with a ceremony on its football field.

Seward's annual Fourth of July celebration went on without the traditional crowds and fireworks. The online offerings were available through the celebration's Facebook page, and organizers deemed the event a success.

Four Corners Health announced 33 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Seward County through June 24.

Centennial Public Schools superintendent Tim DeWaard was arrested on charges of child abuse and third-degree sexual assault.

Seward Police Chief Alan Baldwin retired from the force.

August

Seward and Milford high schools and Concordia University hosted in-person commencement ceremonies.

Four Corners announced a surge in COVID-19 cases in Seward County.

School started around the county with in-person classes for the first time since March.

The official flag for the new Space Force was unveiled at the Parade of Flags in Seward, the first place in the country for the flag to be seen.

September

Concordia University



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Milford senior K'lena Schnack, right, and Kaitlin Cirillo of Parsippany, New Jersey, prepare for the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day. Schnack is the president of Key Club International, and Cirillo is vice president.

and Bryan College of Health Sciences joined forces to help students earn two degrees (biology and nursing) while adding just one semester of schooling.

Petsource by Scoular held a ribbon cutting at its new facility in Seward.

The third death related to COVID-19 in Seward County was confirmed by Four Corners.

Local first responders marched in memory of first responders around the country who have died in the line of duty.

The Seward Kiwanis Club replaced flagpoles at the Veterans Memorial in the Seward Cemetery.

October

Seward kindergarten Colton Whisler was the honorary captain of the Seward High football team Oct. 2. Colton is currently cancer-free after battling the disease most of his life.

Seward Memorial Hospital officials said they are ready if they needed to house COVID-19 patients from other hospitals that ran out of space.

Pat and Stacey Piskorski of Seward lost their home to an overnight fire.

School officials asked everyone to continue to follow the state's directed health measures to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

November

Concordia University announced plans for a \$17 million renovation to its music center.

Seward County voters turned out to vote in the general election, with 81% casting ballots either in person or through the mail.

Gene Curtis of York came through Seward as part of his Boot Walk from Grand Island to Lincoln to raise awareness and money for veterans.

Misty Ahmic was sworn in as a county commissioner, replacing the late Mike Mundhenke.

December

Seward celebrated its annual Christmas Festival, although events were modified and the parade was a reverse parade.

Concordia University announced the hiring of Dr. Bernard Bull as its new president. Bull will start at CUNE in August.

COVID-19 case numbers started trending down, but health officials encouraged residents to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

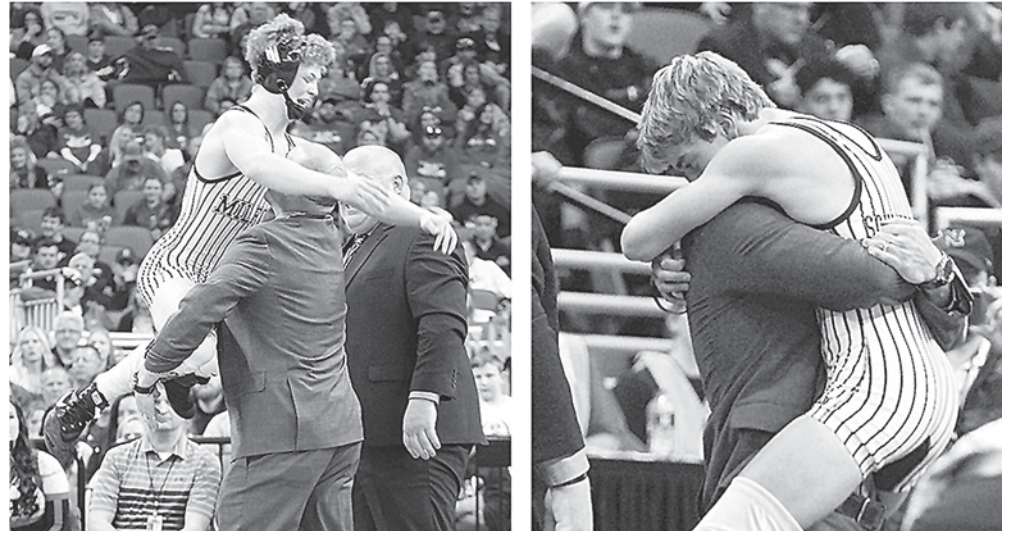
The Magical Lights of Seward opened to the public, providing a socially distant opportunity to enjoy festive holiday lights.

Brian Peters of Seward was sworn in as the city's new police chief.



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Dwight American Legion Post 110 members march into St. Wenceslaus Cemetery for Memorial Day services on May 25.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Jeaven Scdoris, left, and Konner Schluckebier of Milford High celebrate Milford's first state wrestling championships in 31 years.



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Riddick Waldron takes a closer look at the Quilt of Valor presented to his dad, Chris, during a ceremony Nov. 8 at the 4-H Building in Seward.



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Seward county employees honored for service, retirements



Tanya Woolsey is awarded for 20 years as a county employee from Seward County Commissioner John Culver.



Deanna Boyer is awarded for 25 years of service to Seward County from Commissioner John Culver.

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Dave Pankoke, left, retired as a Seward County employee this year and was honored at the Dec. 29 county commissioners meeting.

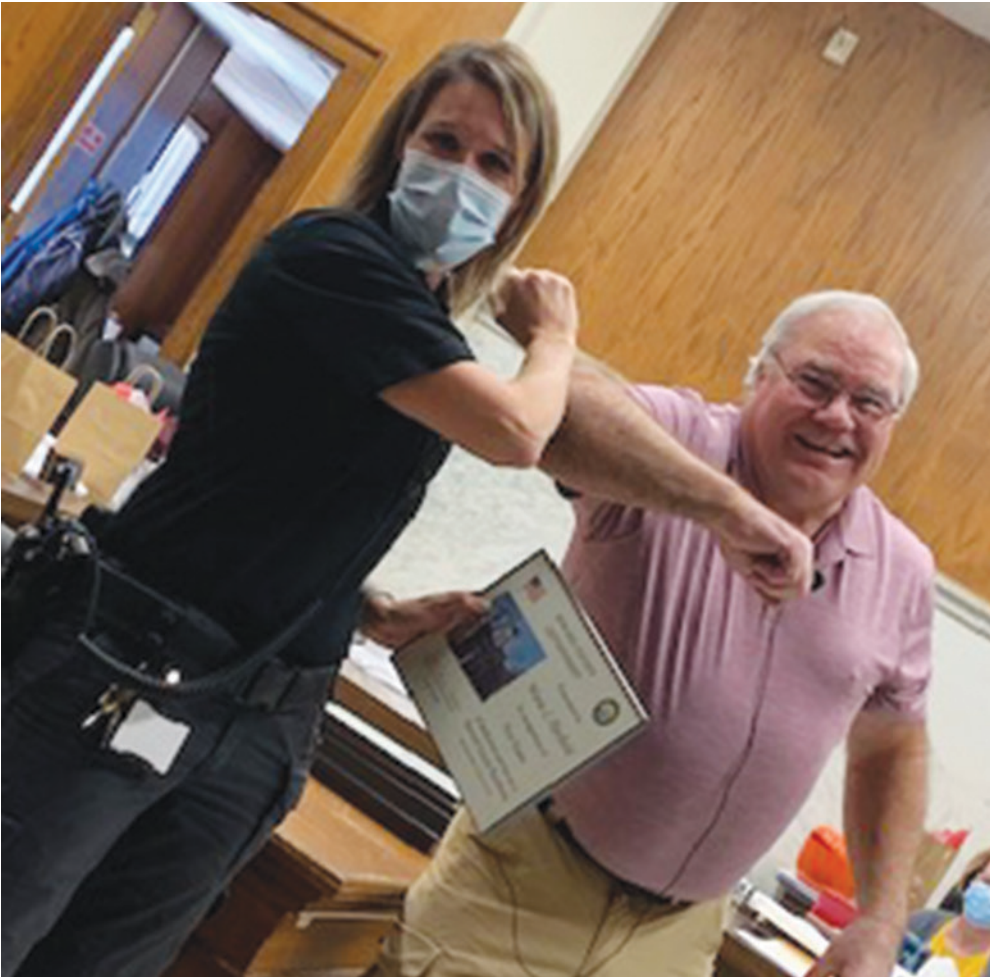


Barb Liska received a gift after retiring as a Seward County employee this year. She served as the E911 director.



Ken Baldinger gets an elbow bump from Commissioner John Culver Dec. 23 in honor of his five-year work anniversary.

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Maria Hatfield gets an elbow bump from Seward County Commissioner John Culver for five years of service as a county employee.

Thank you

As another busy holiday season winds down, we want to say thank you to the Seward community for your continued support of your local small businesses. This year has certainly been a hard one in so many ways, but through the hardships and challenges, we have also seen moments of great joy and hope — neighbors helping neighbors, frontline workers giving their all, and local communities rallying around small businesses to help them stay open.

Your support, in a hundred big and small ways, has made all the difference. We have owned a business in this community for more than 40 years and we feel truly blessed to be able to take care of you, your children, your grandchildren and even some of your great-grandchildren! From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for shopping local and keeping our small town strong. We literally could not do it without you!

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Are you planning on making
a New Year's resolution for 2021?

Yes: 0

No: 6

Now we want to know

Would you take the Covid-19 vaccine if offered to you?

Yes:

No:

Vote this week on Facebook or at sewardindependent.com. Results will be published in next week's issue.

Nebraska saw success last year, despite pandemic

by Gov. Pete Ricketts

When the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Day, many are going to be glad to have 2020 in the history books.



Gov. Pete Ricketts

It's not been easy to endure the pandemic, but I'm inspired by the way Nebraskans have pulled together to fight the virus.

Even though it's been a tough year, Nebraskans have shown great resilience as a state, and we've made vital contributions to the nation's response to the global pandemic.

Before anyone in our state tested positive for coronavirus, Nebraskans were already stepping up to help protect our fellow Americans from the disease.

On Feb. 7, Camp Ashland—an installation of the Nebraska National Guard—hosted 57 Americans who had been evacuated from the region of Wuhan, China, where the virus originated.

The quarantine operation was a success. All of the evacuees were cleared for release after a two-week quarantine period. On Feb. 17, UNMC took in more than a dozen Americans who had been rescued from a Diamond Princess cruise ship off the coast of Japan.

The patients were treated and monitored in the National Quarantine Unit, and all of them were released in good health.

With this experience behind us, protecting Nebraska's hospitals became the 'north star' guiding our strategic response to the coronavirus. We put together a six-part plan to help achieve this goal.

1. Testing

2. Contact Tracing
3. Purchasing and Distributing PPE
4. Setting aside space for people to quarantine
5. Protecting At-Risk Populations
6. Issuing Directed Health Measures

In addition to these steps, Nebraskans have been using tools to slow the spread of the virus such as social distancing, wearing a mask to the store, washing hands often and staying home when sick.

As we've protected hospital capacity, we've also been working to help Nebraskans recover. The state steered federal coronavirus relief towards \$411 million in grants for Nebraska's businesses and family farms.

This includes grants of \$12,000 to 12,214 small businesses and 9,209 livestock producers with 75 or fewer employees. The funds also include stabilization grants to hotels and convention centers, zoos, ethanol producers, event centers and sports arenas.

The strength of Nebraska's ag producers, food processors and transportation companies have helped feed the world throughout the pandemic.

Companies in our state have also played pivotal roles in the efforts to produce a safe and effective coronavirus vaccine.

Meridian Clinical Research in Omaha took part in the clinical trial to gather research on the Moderna vaccine, which arrived to our state last week. Becton Dickinson invested \$70 million to expand its capacity in Nebraska in order to manufacture the needles and syringes used to administer vaccines.

These are just a couple of examples of how Nebraska has played a leading role in the national response to the pandemic.

Throughout the pandemic, we've been

cutting red tape to keep Nebraskans working. From giving licensed professions more flexibility to allowing restaurants to offer carryout alcohol, we looked for ways to grow our healthcare workforce and help small businesses survive.

The jobs being created across our state have helped Nebraska to have the nation's lowest unemployment rate. At 3.1%, our unemployment rate for November 2020 is only slightly above where it stood one year ago (3.0%)—despite the pandemic.

In August 2020, we also celebrated a giant step forward in delivering property tax relief to Nebraskans. The bill the Legislature passed, and I signed into law, creates a refundable income tax credit based on your property taxes paid to schools.

Once the tax credit is phased in, the state will provide an additional \$375 million in property tax relief.

In early March, Vietnamese trade officials visited Lincoln as a follow up from our fall 2019 trade mission to Hanoi. They committed to buy \$3 billion of beef, corn, distiller's grains, soybeans and wheat from Nebraska in the next two to three years.

In spite of all the challenges, we have a lot we can be grateful for over the past year. We still have a ways to go before the pandemic is over, but Nebraskans can be proud of how the state has come together during this difficult time.

If you have questions about coronavirus vaccinations or our current Directed Health Measures, please email pete.ricketts@nebraska.gov or call (402) 471-2244.

Working together, I'm confident we'll also emerge from the coronavirus pandemic stronger than ever in 2021.

Happy New Year!

Top things I love about people

by Caitlyn Nelson
for The Seward Independent

People are amazing. With how intricate and unique each person is, there are things that humans do that just make me smile.



Caitlyn Nelson
Reporter

For example, when one person starts clapping, others join in whether or not they know why they are clapping.

Or when it's icy outside and we just know we can't walk normal so we waddle around like penguins trying not to fall.

I love when someone holds the elevator for someone else and the person not in the elevator yet does a little run to get there faster.

I love when people get excited for their food at restaurants. When the person can see the food

coming and their face lights up and they start moving things on the table to prepare it for the plate.

I love when people are in a conversation and start laughing together, but not just any laughs – the laughs that don't stop and eventually when it dies down both people forgot why they even started laughing. Or if they do remember, the laughing starts all over again thinking about what made them laugh in the first place.

I love when people have animals and they get brought up in conversation and the owner stops the conversation to find a picture to show off their pet. I do this all the time, but it is so sweet how proud we are of our animals.

I love that people watch other people's lives, real or made up, on the television for fun.

I love that people love water. They gather on beaches and at lakes to play in it and sometimes

just sit by the body of water for relaxation.

I love when people "pay it forward." When something good happens to someone and they automatically want to go do something good for someone else so someone else can feel the same happiness is the sweetest thing I think people do.

I love when you're telling a story to someone and the other person hears a similarity you both have and you can see in their face they are waiting for you to stop talking so they can tell you the similarity.

This train of thought came from watching a trend on Tik Tok, but it really got me thinking about what humans do that I just find fascinating and cute. It is the small things that just make humans so amazing - the quirks, the similarities we share and the things we do but don't even realize.

Looking toward the new year

by Stephanie Croston
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So it's 2021. So what.

I think everyone was hoping everything would magically be better once the calendar turned.

After all, it's not 2020 any more.

The pandemic should be over. The presidential election fracas should be figured out. We shouldn't have to remember to grab a mask when we leave the house.

Alas. None of those are the case.

In a shocking turn of events, 2021 started out the same way 2020 ended. The pandemic is still making headlines. The presidential elec-

tion, according to some, has yet to be decided. And keep a mask in your coat pocket, just in case.

On the brighter side, a vaccine for the coronavirus is beginning to make inroads around the country. As of Jan. 20, someone will be sworn in as president of the United States. As for masks, well, the Lone Ranger liked them.

We all have big plans for 2021, right? We want to go places in person, see things up close, meet people not wearing masks. We don't want to worry about whether or not someone could transmit a contagion to us or our loved ones.

Among my goals for 2021 is finishing a couple book series I'm plowing my way through. One series has just one book left. Two series have a handful or so. A couple other series are started, but I'm not far enough into them to

say how many are left.

I've also got several TV series to catch up on and movies to watch. As the studios get productions cranked up again, that list will likely expand.

And then there are the counted cross stitch pictures I've got waiting for me. At some point, I need to get to them.

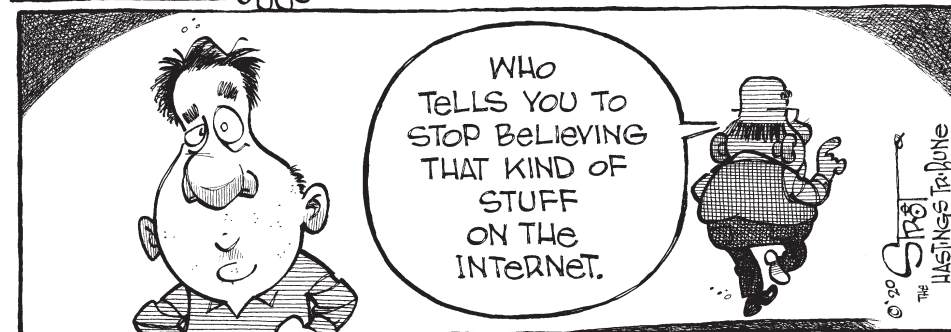
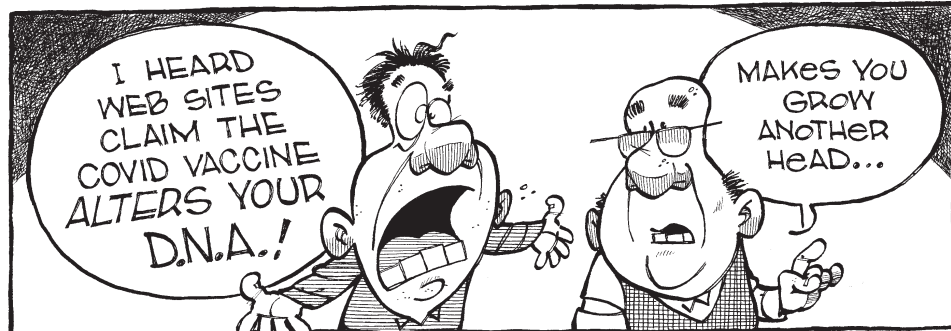
And the stories floating around in my head that need to be written are still floating.

You'd think, during all that down time last spring and early summer, I would have checked some of those off my list. Not the case.

I'm looking forward to the new year, not just because it's new and clean and shiny but because it's a chance to start over, review how last year's goals ended up and set new ones. Maybe more realistic, this time, though.

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Using LED light systems for houseplants and transplants

by Sarah Browning
Lancaster County Extension educator

A major challenge for good growth of houseplants indoors, particularly in winter, is poor light. Most homes are just too dark for plants to grow well in winter, especially those plants requiring high light.

Signs your plants are not getting enough light are small leaves, long thin stems, failure of blooming plants to flower and lighter-than-normal colored foliage. For example, a geranium grown in low light tends to be spindly and have light green leaves, while the same plant in bright light will be shorter, better branched, with larger dark-green leaves.

Last January, I wrote about which light wavelengths plants need most for good growth, choosing the best window location for high light plants and compared the efficiency of traditional incandescent lights vs. fluorescent lights. Let There Be Light...For Your Plants, <https://go.unl.edu/houseplantlight>.

Today, let's look at how fluorescent and LED lights compare for plant growth.

Fluorescent vs. LED lights

Fluorescent lights have been the standard for many years. They are cool enough to be placed very close to plants. Standard cool-white fluorescent lights – whether tubes or compact fluorescent bulbs – produce mostly blue light and are low in red. Most foliage plants grow fine with this light spectrum, however, special horticultural-type fluorescent lights or “grow bars” are needed for blooming plants requiring higher levels of red-light wavelengths. Warm-white lights are less effective for plant growth.

LED or light-emit-

ting diode lights can be customized to provide both blue and red-light wavelengths similar to a fluorescent “grow bar.” They emit almost no heat and are very long-lived, up to 50,000 hours. In the past, LED lights were expensive so not a cost-effective choice compared to fluorescent lights. However, they are now common for many home and horticultural uses and are much more cost-effective.

Research at Purdue University has shown LED lights can provide a more beneficial light spectrum to greenhouse plants than conventional lights, while using 75% less electricity.

LED light fixtures

A quick Amazon search of “LED house plant lights” will provide multiple LED light options for home growers, including light strips, floor or desk lamps, bulbs and hanging lamp fixtures. LED light bulbs can be inserted into a traditional light fixture or lamp.

Light intensity recommendations when using LED lights are 25W for high light plants in a one-square-foot grow space and 16W for low light plants. When using multiple lights or strips, they should be placed so their light coverage overlaps, providing enough light intensity for all plants.

Light wavelengths in the range of 400 to 700 nanometers (nm) are considered ideal for plants. More specifically, 440 nm blue light, 660 nm red light and 730 nm far red light are important for good photosynthesis and plant growth. Some light fixtures give off pink/purple visible light, which may not be aesthetically pleasing for use in a typical home setting.

But others can be adjusted to give off warm

or cool white visible light, which is more typical for home lighting, while still providing the necessary light spectrum for plant growth.

One example of an LED light strip providing these wavelengths, is the Lighttimetunnel LED Plant Grow Light Strips - Full Spectrum, which can be connected end-to-end. These types of light strips are becoming the standard for indoor production of lettuce, greens or herbs and can easily be used when growing your transplants for next year's garden. Many similar products by other manufacturers are also good options. Of course, there is still an up-front cost, but remember these lights will last for many years.

An example of a floor lamp for larger houseplants is the AgroBrite Hydrofarm Floor Plant Light. Many additional good floor light options are available, some with three or more light heads that can be directed and adjusted to provide light for several plants.

When growing transplants or seedlings in the winter months, position lights 3-6 inches above plant leaves and raise the lights as plants grow. Follow the instructions for your light system to determine correct placement and look for the signs of low light in plant growth listed above to determine if your lights are too far away.

Note: Reference to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended. These products are listed as examples only. No endorsement by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is implied.

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Carina Sanchez gets a fist bump for her five years of service with the county from Seward County Commissioner John Culver.



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Michelle McMann gets an elbow bump of congrats from Seward County Commissioner John Culver for five years of service Dec. 23.



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Anthony Rohan gets an elbow bump from John Culver for five years of service.



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Obituaries

Emil M. Lampe

Nov. 29, 1930 – Dec. 25, 2020

Emil Martin Lampe was born Nov. 29, 1930, in rural Gresham to Emil H. and Metta (Rathjen) Lampe and passed away Dec. 25, 2020, in York at the age of 90 years and 26 days. He was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. H.E. Meyer at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gresham.



Emil attended school at District 3 for five years and then at Immanuel Lutheran School for three years. He attended Gresham High School until 1944 when his family moved to rural Utica. Emil then attended Utica High School where he graduated with the Class of 1948.

Emil did farm work for family and neighbors until he was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951. He served his country on both the east and west coasts until Dec. 1, 1953. He went into farming on the home place and was a lifelong farmer.

He worked at the Flying V Ballroom for more than 25 years where he was a ticket seller and a bartender. Emil met his future wife, Jeanette (Jan) Hartmann, at the Flying V, and on Nov. 24, 1973, they were united in marriage at Zion Lutheran Church in Garland.

Emil was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Waco where he was a longtime Sunday school teacher. In 1998, he transferred his membership to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Utica, where he remained a member until his death. Emil was active at St. Paul and was an usher and greeter as well as a member of the Grand Pals programs.

Emil was a member of American Legion Post 49 in Utica and was Adjutant for many years. He was also a member of the VFW Post 4755 in Seward. He spent his spare time refinishing furniture.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jan, in October 2020; two brothers, Theodore and Frederick Lampe; and sister, Miriam Hope.

Emil is survived by two brothers-in-law, Bill and wife Doris Hartmann and Jim and Ardath Hartmann, all of Seward; three sisters-in-law, Della Hartmann, Viola Hartmann and Arlys Hartmann; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

A funeral service was Jan. 2 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Utica. A graveside service and interment were at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Waco, with military honors by the Utica American Legion Post 49 and the U.S. Marine Corps. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church or C.A.S.I.N.O. Endowment at Concordia University. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Janet Willis

April 19, 1955 – Dec. 28, 2020

Janet Willis was born April 19, 1955, in Pueblo, Colorado, to Duane and Evelyn (Sullivan) Wright and passed away Dec. 28, 2020, in Lincoln at the age of 65 years, 8 months and 9 days.



Janet grew up on a ranch near Ordway, Colorado, where she attended Crowley County High School, graduating in 1973. On Dec. 1, 1972, Janet was united in marriage to Joseph Howard Willis, Jr. in Golden, Colorado. Janet was a stay-at-home mom for a few years until she began working as a waitress in a few restaurants in the Denver metro area.

In 1986, the family moved to Las Vegas where Joe worked in the concrete business and Janet started working at Sears Business Sales, selling computers and then moving on to a handful of other jobs before landing her favorite at Outwest Meat Co. There she developed several lifelong and cherished relationships. Once their children were grown, the couple purchased a fixer upper in northern Nevada in the town of Caliente. Janet and Joe spent countless weekends there hunting, fishing and enjoying the great outdoors. She also enjoyed two-step dancing, her gardening, flowers, singing, cooking and baking, especially bread. In 2013, she moved to Milford to be close to her daughter. She had a deep faith and love for Jesus and shared that with others every chance she got.

She was preceded in death by her brother, JD; father, Duane; and husband, Joseph.

Janet is survived by her children, Dawnia and husband, Ben Ramirez, Milford, and T.J. Willis, Utah; eight grandchildren, Jayk Willis, Randi Willis, Raquel Ramirez, Gabriel Ramirez, Kira Ramirez, Autumn Ramirez, Summer Ramirez and Heather Ramirez; two great-grandchildren, Trenton Kavan and Mayson Cauley; brother, John Wright; four sisters, Patsy and husband, Mike Thompkins, Linda Sullivan, Ginger Mitchell and Tammy and husband, John Van Ort; mother, Evelyn Wright; and her companion dog, Jimmi.

A Celebration of Life was Jan. 2 at the Milford Mennonite Church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the church. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Jeanette M Andreasen

Sept. 5, 1940 – Dec. 31, 2020

Jeanette M Andreasen, 80, of Lincoln, passed away Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020. She was the youngest of nine children born to William and Mathilda Fehringer Sept. 5, 1940 in Brunswick. She graduated from Bloomfield High School. Jeanette married John Andreasen on Aug. 4, 1962, in Bloomfield and made their home there for a year before moving to Blair and eventually Grant, Seward and finally Lincoln to keep up with their grandchildren's activities.



She worked as a nurse's aide for several years before becoming owner and manager of Woodstock Pizza in Grant where she made an impressive impact on so many. She was known for her joy and generosity, her unforgettable laugh, her candid directness, contagious enthusiasm especially at sporting events and hugs and kisses. Jeanette never knew a stranger and could make a new friend anywhere she went.

She was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. She enjoyed cheering on and supporting her grandchildren year round no matter what they were doing. She also loved making, sharing and eating food. Jeanette truly had a servant's heart and was devoted to her Catholic faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Cletus, Robert, Gordon and Stanley and infant granddaughter Tori. Survivors include her loving husband of 58 years, John; children, Todd (Jody), Tamera (Jim) Toof, and Tim (Janel); 17 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; siblings Eileen Newton, Rita Brabec, Mark Fehringer, Norbert Fehringer; in-laws, many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Rosary will be Thursday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 at St. Patrick's Church, 6111 Morrill Ave. in Lincoln. Visitation will be prior to the Rosary from 9 to 9:50 a.m. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established to support her favorite charities. Arrangements by Volzke Funeral Home of Seward.

Arlen K. Vollstedt

June 17, 1948 – Dec. 26, 2020

Arlen Keith Vollstedt was born June 17, 1948, in Seward to Norman and Lois (Niewedde) Vollstedt and passed away Dec. 26, 2020, surrounded by his family in Garland at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 9 days.

Arlen grew up in Garland, where he attended Zion Lutheran School and then attended two years at Garland High School before the family moved to Beaver Crossing. He graduated from Beaver Crossing High School with the Class of 1966. Arlen was united in marriage to Susan Lynn Suellwold on Dec. 15, 1967, at Zion Lutheran Church. Arlen owned A & D Drywall for many years, working in the Seward and Lincoln areas.

Arlen was the co-founder of Circle G Livestock and was very active in 4-H. He loved helping his children with their cattle and hog projects and he enjoyed raising cattle with his friend, Gary Plautz. Arlen loved everyone and taught his kids to do the same. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's events. He had a special bond with his two dogs, Whiskey and Wilbur. Arlen was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, where he served as a church elder. He was a man who had a strong faith in the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jeff in 1987; parents-in-law, Chester and Margaret Suellwold; sister, Bonnie Jean Vollstedt; brother-in-law, Dennis Koranda, Jr.; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jan and Karl Hoehler.

Arlen is survived by his wife, Susan Vollstedt, Garland; three daughters, Jenny and husband, Jason Brase, Staplehurst, Julie and husband, Chad Phillips, Garland, and Janelle and husband, Travis Schaefer, Garland; 10 grandchildren: Jalynn Brase, Jeana Brase, Janessa Brase, Sabryn Phillips, Cooper Phillips, Jagger Phillips, River Phillips, Traelyn Schaefer, Talan Schaefer and Jeffi Schaefer; two sisters, Lodeen Koranda, Seward, and Cheryl and husband, Dan Gray, Grand Island; brother-in-law, Doug and wife, LeAnn Suellwold, Garland; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

A funeral service was Dec. 31 at Zion Lutheran Church in Garland with interment in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Vollstedt family for future designation. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Timothy B. Heyen

June 15, 1957 – Dec. 24, 2020

Timothy Boyd Heyen was born June 15, 1957, in Seward to Robert Heyen and Delores (Imig) Heyen and passed away Dec. 24, 2020, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, at the age of 63 from complications related to COVID-19.



Tim grew up in Seward and graduated from Seward High School. He received his engineering degree from Southeast Community College, Milford, and his Bachelor of Organizational Management from Concordia College, Seward. Tim was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith.

On Jan. 17, 1975, Tim was united in marriage to Madge Yoder and this union was blessed with three children, Eric, Jaclyn and Beau Heyen. Tim and Madge moved from Seward to Henderson, Tennessee, and then to Cadiz, Kentucky. Tim was employed as an engineer with Transcraft in Cadiz at the time of his death. He was a Harley motorcycle enthusiast and lifetime member of the Harley Owners Group. He had obtained the Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout, served as a Cub Scout leader, a Cub master and a Boy Scout assistant leader. His hobbies included fishing and working on vehicles.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Delores Heyen; granddaughter, Norah Heyen; father and mother-in-law, Wallace and Nelda Yoder; brother-in-law, Doyle Rhoades and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

He is survived by his wife, Madge Heyen, Cadiz; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Beth Heyen, Seward; daughter, Jaclyn Heyen; son, Beau Heyen, Kansas City, Missouri; brother, Ronald Heyen and partner, Cate Anderson, Iowa, Louisiana; sisters and brothers-in-law, Wendy Rhoades and Marvin Taylor, Lincoln, and Terri and Jon Burchess, Lincoln; and three grandchildren, Liam, Dash and Ronan Heyen.

Visitation is 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home in Seward with family receiving friends from 4 to 7 p.m. A private family service is Jan. 9. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Heyen family for future designations. Condolences may be left for the family at www.zabkafuneralhome.com.

Carol L. Noler

July 20, 1932 – Dec. 29, 2020

Carol Lee Noler of Seward, formerly of Beaver Crossing, was born July 20, 1932, to Carl and Dorothy (Vogt) Christian in Beaver Crossing.

Carol graduated from Beaver Crossing High School in 1950. She attended Doane College in 1950 and 1951 and taught school in District 16 for two years. On Dec. 14, 1951, Carol was united in marriage to Berle Noler in Beaver Crossing. Ten days after their wedding, Berle was sent to Korea for 1 1/2 years. Carol lived her entire life in Beaver Crossing with the exception of one year (1943-1944) during World War II, in which she lived in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Carol was a member of Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, United Methodist Church Women, chamber of commerce, village board for 12 years and American Legion Auxiliary. She served as director of Golden Age, hospice volunteer since 1998 and church pianist for eight years. She was on the LIFE newsletter staff since 1976, member of Mission Sewing Group, Sunday school teacher and food pantry volunteer. She enjoyed participating in Meals on Wheels. Carol had an avid love for feeding her feathered friends. She was a strong supporter and fan of her beloved Nebraska Cornhuskers. She loved helping all those needing various kinds of assistance. She also participated in gospel singing groups and other activities showing her love for her Lord and Savior. She especially loved watching her grandchildren's activities. Carol passed away Dec. 29, 2020, in Seward at the age of 88 years, 5 months and 9 days.

She is survived by her children, Becky (Deon) Gocke, Waco, Kris (Terry) Bartholomew, Beaver Crossing, and Kelly (Connie) Noler, Vienna, Georgia; grandchildren, Brooke Cast, Austin Gocke, Mark Bartholomew, Marcy Dodd, Kerri Nunley, Jessie Edmisten, Nate Noler, Aaron Noler and Daniel Noler; and sister-in-law, Joyce Christian, Seward. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Dorothy Christian; husband, Berle Noler; and brother, Richard Christian.

A service date and time are pending. Condolences may be left for the family at www.volzkefuneralhome.com.

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Police

Information provided by the Seward Police Department.

Dec. 12

4:33 p.m.—A caller reported that about five people and a store clerk were not wearing masks. An officer made contact with the store manager who said they would handle the situation.

Dec. 14

1:17 p.m.—A caller in the 700 block of South Columbia reported their back door was broken open and they were not sure yet what was missing.

6:13 p.m.—A caller in the 2600 block of Progressive Road reported a customer at a store had been asked to leave and had not done so and the caller would like police to remove the customer from the premises. An officer told the customer not to return that night.

8:52 p.m.—A caller in the area of Sixth and Main streets reported an older man walking around and seemed to be confused. An officer determined the man was OK and was walking home. The officer offered him a ride but the man refused.

Summary of other calls

- Abuse neglect/child 4
- Abuse neglect/adult 1
- Barking dogs 2
- Coroner call 1
- Field contact 1
- Fraud 2
- Funeral escort 3
- Injury accident 1
- Miscellaneous 10
- Non-injury accident 3
- Parking violation 5
- Property found 1
- Traffic stop 20
- Reckless driving 2
- Traffic hazard/debris 1
- Welfare check 2

Dec. 20

1:36 a.m.—A caller in the 500 block of South Columbia Avenue reported possible underage drinking with 15 or more people present.

5:12 p.m.—An officer reported he would be out in the area of East Bek Avenue and Sunrise Drive to attempt to serve multiple Lancaster County warrants on a man. The suspect was located and taken to jail.

Dec. 23

9:29 p.m.—A caller in the 2600 block of East Seward Road reported that two men in a white pickup destroyed the decorations in their front yard.

Summary of other calls:

- Abuse/neglect child 2
- Animal bite 3
- Civil/child custody 1
- Civil/keep peace 2
- Coroner call 1
- Disturbance 2
- Field contact 1
- Fire alarm activation 1
- Fraud 1
- Hit and run accident 1
- Liquor violation 1
- Miscellaneous 16
- Motorist assist 1
- Non-injury accident 2
- Parking violation 2
- Reckless driving 5
- Traffic control 1
- Traffic hazard/debris 1
- Traffic stop 33
- Welfare check 4

County court

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Dec. 7-11

Taylor N. Daro, 22, Lincoln, no license on person, \$25 fine; no proof of insurance, \$100 fine; no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Eric D. Harding, 19, Leavenworth, Kansas, possess K2/synthetic 1 oz. or less, first infraction, \$300 fine; possess or use drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Marcus L. Ferry, 35, Colorado Springs, Colorado, urinating in public, \$100 fine.

Nicholas S. Zimmer-

man Sr., 41, Martell, CMV-load securement, \$100 fine.

Kirklan A. Woods, 48, Denton, DUI-alcohol first offense, \$500 fine, 12 months probation, revoked license 60 days and interlock device; refusal to submit to test first offense, \$500 fine, 12 months probation, revoked license 60 days and interlock device; disturbing the peace, 12 months probation; possess marijuana 1 oz. or less first offense, \$300 fine and 12 months probation.

Gene A. Selby, 32, Seward, dogs running at large, \$10 fine.

Trivia Night is Jan. 29

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.

Real estate

Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

Dec. 10 – 28

Brandon L. Roth and Ashley J. Roth to Jacob Riley and Kelsie Riley, west 10 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 1, Davison and Culver's Addition to Milford. DS \$371.25

Geoffrey Ben Ewing and Lillian Kathy Ewing to Alex D. Jorgensen and Crystal A. Jorgensen, Lot 11, Cannon First Addition to Seward. DS \$591.75

Melissa Reamer and James Reamer to Patrick E. Murphy, Lots A and B, Administrative Replat of Lots 7-9 and ½ of vacated alley abutting thereon, Harris Moffitt and Roberts Addition to Seward. DS \$348.75

Charlotte M. Besse to Robert E. Bounds and Debra L. Bounds, Lots 5-6, Block 84, Harris, Moffitt and Roberts Addition to Seward, DS \$236.25

Naomi G. Luebbe to Bruce Luebbe, SE1/4 13-10-1. DS exempt

Clayton D. Kent, Russel C. Kent and Mary Kent, Carlene M. Schulz and Sharon J. Mueller to James Reamer and Melissa Reamer, Lot 2, Wake Second Addition to Seward. DS \$661.50

Brian H. Imig and Briianne M. Imig to Brian H. Imig and Briianne M. Imig, Lot A, administrative replat of the N1/2 of Lots 2-4 and the south 15 feet of Lot 5, Block 4, Schleuter Heights First Addition to Seward, DS exempt

Micky A. Shepard and Brenda H. Shepard to David A. Hofschulte and Jamie R. Hofschulte, Lots 15-16, Block 7, Milford. DS \$562.50

Benjamin C. Siebert and Jessie J. Siebert to Shawn Mortensen and Kimberly Mortensen, Lot 18, Seward Heights Fifth Addition to Seward. DS \$810

Jerry L. Rumery and Tracy L. Rumery to Jerry L. Rumery and Tracy L. Rumery, Lot 2, Wake 3rd Addition, Seward. DS exempt

Merle J. Beckler to Merle J. Beckler, Christopher Beckler and Cidric Beckler as trustees of the Merle J. Beckler Family Trust, E1/2 SE1/4 except Lot 1 in Merle's Addition, a subdivision in the SE1/4 SE1/4 2-11-3. DS exempt

Gary Jacobsen and Debra S. Jacobsen to Alvin H. Meyer and Pamela A. Meyer, Parcel 1: a tract of land in Tax Lot 5 in the SE1/4 4-11-4 and Parcel 2: a tract of land in the SE corner of Tax Lot 5 in the SW1/4 4-11-4. DS \$416.25

Richard F. Knuth and Nancy C. Knuth to Bradley R. Knuth and Daniel F. Knuth, Lot 1, Block 1, Country Club Addition to Seward. DS exempt

Mark A. Petri to Steven G. Soflin and Lori L. Soflin, Petri Addition, a subdivision in the NE1/4 NW1/4 18-11-4. DS \$542.25

Chris Dillon and Korene Dillon to Lois A. Upton, Lot 7, Thornridge Acres First Addition to Milford. DS \$573.75

Bromwich Enterprises, LLC,

to Stevie J. Kindrex and Haley N. Kindrex, Lot 1, Hive-West Addition in the SW1/4 SW1/4 14-12-3. DS \$65.25

Underwood Construction Co., LLC, to Pristine Rentals, LLC, Lot 2, Block 2, Shoal Creek Development Addition to Seward. DS exempt

Lyle Krska and Julie Lee Liska to Dorian Krska and Jared L. Kouma, a tract of land in the NW1/4 NW1/4 2-12-2. DS exempt

Patrick Goesch to George G. Seibert, Meadow Addition, a part of the NE1/4 of 14-12-1. DS \$933.75

April Sears, Cynthia Sears and Shawn Judy and Arron Judy to Marysville Acres, LLC, a tract of land in the SW1/4 32-12-2. DS \$119.25

Clovis Colley and Stephanie Folan and Daniel Folan to Marysville Acres, LLC, a tract of land in the SW1/4 32-12-2 DS \$119.25

Roger Fritz, Dean Fritz and Bonnie J. Fritz, Gale Fritz and Rosemary Fritz, Sandra Fritz Patchin and Dennis Patchin and Rosilyn Fritz to Marysville Acres, LLC, a tract of land in the SW1/4 32-12-2. DS \$618.75

Phillips Bros., Inc., to Jeramy Phillips and Janae Phillips, a tract of land in the NE1/4 25-10-1. DS \$285.75

Donald Stewart and Carol A. Stewart to Kerwyn L. Stewart and Lisa L. Stewart, SE1/4 SE1/4 32-9-4 and the SW1/4 SW1/4 33-9-4. DS \$393.75

Seward County arrests

Information taken from arrest affidavits filed with the Seward County Court.

Devitti Borrayo, 29, Lincoln, was arrested Sept. 27 in connection with the offenses of speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol (second offense) with an open alcohol container. Ten percent of a \$10,000 bond was filed and Borrayo was arraigned Nov. 16. The case was bound over to district court.

Heather Daggett, 27, Omaha, was arrested Oct. 10 in connection with the offense of possession of a controlled substance. A \$10,000 bond was filed and Daggett was to appear for

a preliminary hearing Jan. 6.

James Alder, 55, Lincoln, was arrested Aug. 30 in connection with driving under the influence (second offense) and refusal to submit to a breath test. Ten percent of a \$10,000 bond was filed and Alder had a pretrial hearing Dec. 9. Another pretrial hearing is scheduled for Jan. 13.

Abdul Kapela, 24, Kentucky, was arrested Aug. 21 in connection with driving under the influence (second offense). Ten percent of a \$1,000 bond was filed and Kapela failed to appear for a bond hearing Nov. 23.

Traffic

Information taken from Seward County court records.

Dec. 7-11

Nixon T. Nerud, 24, Dorchester, speeding 16-20 mph county/state, \$125 fine.

Alexander Cardoso Zurdo, 40, Crete, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Connor J. Hinninger, 28, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Chelsa I. Ketelsen, 33, Seward, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Allan H. Haug, 69, Clarinda, Iowa, speeding 16-20 mph municipal, \$125 fine.

Nathanael J. Thompson, 38, Seward, speeding 16-20 mph interstate, \$125 fine; no operator's license waivable, \$75 fine.

Cale G. Phillips, 18, Hamburg, Iowa, speeding 11-15 mph municipal, \$75 fine.

Kiet H. Nguyen, 18, Lincoln, speeding 16-20 mph municipal, \$125 fine.

Jarrin E. Keller, 30, Lincoln, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, \$25 fine.

Liliana A. Alaniz, 18, Milford, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, \$25 fine.

Garrett J. Bean, 19, Eaton, Colorado, speeding 6-10 mph municipal, \$25 fine.

Caitlyn A. Shafer Beckstrom, 21, Grand Island, speeding 6-10 mph interstate, \$25 fine.

Tiffany M. Sexton, 23, Elgin, Illinois, speeding 6-10 mph interstate, \$25 fine.

Francis W. Liban, 19, Grand Island, speeding 21-35 mph interstate, \$200 fine.

Caleb E. McCartney, 28, Ulysses, following too close, \$50 fine.

Jonathan W. Price, 43, South Elgin, Illinois, speeding 16-20 mph interstate, \$125 fine.

Katelynn M. Knox, 21, Seward, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Vincent V. Soucie, 33, Denton, no valid registration-car/pickup/stepvan, \$25 fine.

Bernabe Tercero-Escobar, 35, Crete, no operator's license waivable, \$75 fine.

Julie R. Walker, 53, Milford, speeding 11-15 mph county/state, \$75 fine.

Zachary R. Murray, 20, Kyle, Texas, speeding 21-35 mph interstate, \$200 fine.

Marriage licenses

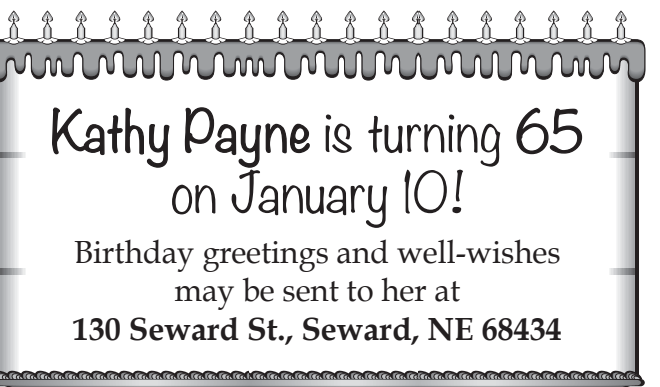
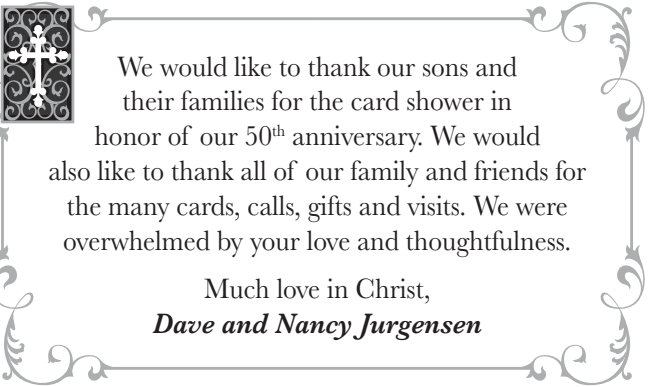
Information taken from records filed with the Seward County clerk.

December

Lanessa Kerner, Seward, and Christopher James Jr., Seward
 Maria Mines, Milford, and Steven Muller, Milford
 Anna Oetting, Lincoln and Kip Jones, Pleasant Dale
 Lilly Schleuter, Uti-

ca, and Daniel Buser, Crete

Teresa Patrick, Dwight, and Mark Duffek, Dwight
 Rhonda Frenzel, Lincoln, and Craig Magnuson, Lincoln
 Angel Wilson, Seward, and Joshua Mandina, Seward
 Katelin Oborny, Seward, and Colby VanDerslice, Seward.



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Pastor's column

Can any good come from 2020?

by Pastor Mark Haefner
Grace Lutheran Church, Seward

Aren't you glad 2020 is over! I think we would all agree that we don't ever want a repeat.

But can anything good come from 2020? I found an answer to that question as I was reading about Israel in Deuteronomy 8. (Take a minute to read it, at least verses 2-3)

Israel was about to enter the Promised Land after living in the wilderness for 40 years. Think about that. Forty 2020's in a row! They had lived in tents with no heating, no air conditioning, no running water, no bathroom. They had experienced a number of plagues. They had run out of food and water numerous times. Could anything good come from 40 years of living in tents in the wilderness?

Moses says yes. He tells the people to remember all those things and to think about how God used them for their good. He tells them that God used the troubles they faced to humble them.

How is that a good thing? God humbles the proud and lifts up the humble. Unless we are humbled before the Lord, we will never look to Him for help.

Unless we are humble before the Lord and confess our inability to do anything without Him or to save ourselves, we will never trust Him as our Savior.

2020 has humbled us. It has taught us that we are not as smart as we think we are, nor are we as much in control of things as we think. If you are still proud after considering all that happened in 2020, you will respond with anger and despair.

If you have been humbled, I pray you will look to the Lord for your help and salvation. By sending Jesus into the world, He has proven that He loves you and wants nothing more than for you to trust Him for salvation and for help in every need.

Moses says that those 40 years in the wilderness were a test. God wanted to find out what was in their hearts and whether or not they would listen to and live by the words He had given them.

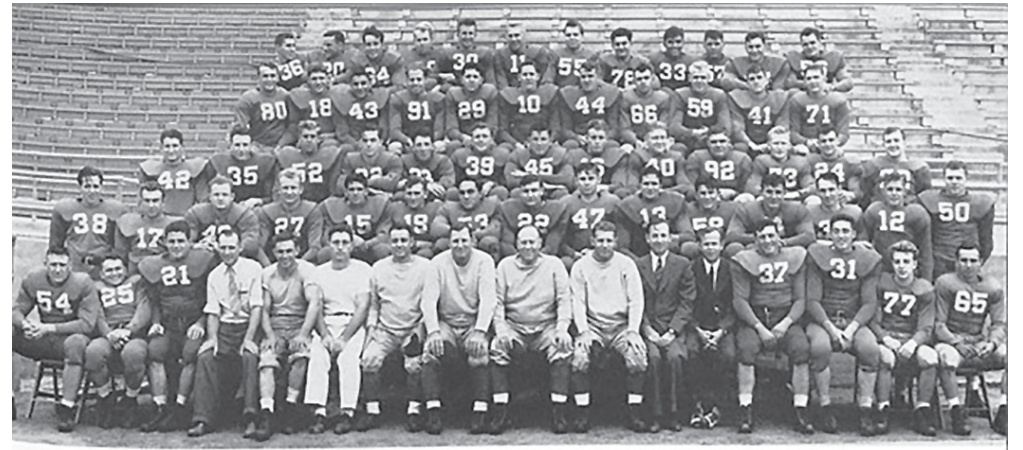
If you are a Christian, consider how the events of 2020 have made you reconsider God's commandments. What is your relationship with the government? How do you show your love to your neighbor? How do you continue to worship

while showing respect and obedience to the government as God demands and love for your neighbor as God demands?

God has used the events of 2020 to make us examine what he has to say about these things. Hopefully, as we have done this, we have been led to be even more determined than ever to live by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

None of us always humbles themselves before the Lord. None of us always lives by every word that comes from the mouth of God. But thankfully, Jesus did. He always lived by every word that came from the mouth of God, even when Satan himself tempted Him not to. He did that for us so that God could "make him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor. 5:21 NIV).

We don't want a repeat of 2020. But remember it. Remember how God used it to humble you and to move you to re-examine his word. Be determined, with God's help, to live your life in 2021 trusting in Him alone for salvation and being guided every day by His word.



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Private First Class Robert Bonahoom was a member of the 1940 Rose Bowl Husker football team. Bonahoom later attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a lieutenant and assigned to a unit in the South Pacific during World War II. He was one of the highest awarded soldiers from Nebraska for his actions on New Georgia on July 14, 1943.

They were Nebraska National Guard: Robert Bonahoom

Bonahoom led his forces against dug-in Japanese positions on the island of New Georgia

by Gerald D. "Jerry" Meyer
NENG Historian

When the Nebraska National Guard was called up for one year of federal service on Dec. 23, 1940, a young member of Company G, Second Battalion, 134th Infantry Regiment was faced with an issue.

Private First Class Robert Bonahoom was a student at the University of Nebraska and on the football team scheduled to play Stanford on New Year's Day (1941) in Pasadena, California, for the Huskers.

A friend of his from Hastings, Francis Greenleaf, was also on the team and would not be able to attend the game due to the call-up. The war would cause them drop out of school and playing football to become leaders of soldiers on far away battlefields.

The 134th Infantry Regiment reported to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, on Jan. 8, 1941, to begin training. The unit was made up of Nebraska National Guard companies from around the state. They would participate in the largest pre-war exercise known as the Louisiana Maneuvers in August of 1941.

The unit was preparing for release from federal service when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. This caused the unit's orders to be rescinded and issued for the "duration" (until hostilities ceased).

Just before Christmas, the units were ordered to the West Coast (California) to provide protection from a possible Japanese invasion force. While in California, one of the battalions was released on a secret mission to the Aleutians to fight the Japanese (they were known as the "Lost Battalion" and did not return to the regiment during the war).

Some of the members of the regiment were pulled to service outside of the units such as Seward's "Buzzy" Hermann who volunteered for the 101st Airborne (would later jump on D-Day and Operation Market Garden) and Robert Bonahoom who was selected to attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, to become a commissioned officers (Second Lieutenant of the Infantry).

As the regiment started to come to full strength, many were pulled to other units and served outside of the 134th Infantry Regiment.

Lt. Robert Bonahoom (formerly of Company G - Hastings) was assigned to the 172nd Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Division ("Rainbow" Division) that spearheaded the Island Hopping Strategy in the South Pacific. He was awarded posthumously the nation's second highest award below the Medal of Honor.

In July, 1943, he led his platoon of infantry onto the beachhead of Lainana on the island of New Geor-



COURTESY PHOTO

gia. As the forces were attempting to breakout of the beachhead, Bonahoom led his forces against dug-in Japanese positions. His sacrifice and bravery saw him being awarded the Distinguish Service Cross (posthumously). His body was re-interred back to Parkview Cemetery in Hastings following the end of the war in 1945. Following is the general order for his award:

Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, General Orders No. 353 (1944):

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to First Lieutenant (Infantry) Robert G. Bonahoom (ASN: 0-1291223), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, in action against enemy forces during the fierce fighting to widen the *** Beachhead on *** ***, on 14 July 1943. Lieutenant Bonahoom was attempting to lead a surprise attack on a native village occupied by the Japanese when the enemy was alerted by the firing of other troops. Under the extremely hostile fire that followed, he led a determined charge and encouraged his men in their advance. He was wounded after destroying a machine-gun pillbox with hand grenades. Handicapped by his ankle wound but refusing evacuation, he pushed forward but was hit again and mortally wounded.

"Lieutenant Bonahoom so inspired his men by his bravery and self-sacrifice that the company fought on against heavy odds and captured the enemy positions. "First Lieutenant Bonahoom's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

The Nebraska National Guard Museum is starting to collect stories of Nebraska soldiers that started with the regiment but served in other units during the war. The exhibit titled "They Were Nebraska National Guard" will feature the individuals who served outside the regiment. If you know of soldiers that fit this description, we want to hear from you. Call the museum at (402) 643-9038 or email the NENG Historian at gerald_meyer@yahoo.com.

Jenny's REESources

Area Extension winter training sessions coming up

by Jenny Rees
Seward/York counties Extension educator

This past week, I've received several questions about winter meetings so wanted to better clarify what to expect. Also, area winter program brochures were mailed out last week. If you no longer wish to receive this, let us know and we'll update our mailing list.



Jenny Rees
Extension educator

Risk dial: For Extension programs, if the risk dial is 'Red,' in-person events are canceled. The risk dial is reset every Friday for many district health departments throughout the state. Thus, those who pre-register will be notified by Monday the following week of any cancellations and next options. This week, locally we are in 'Orange,' so pesticide training in York on Jan. 7 and chemigation training in York on Jan. 8 (both at Cornerstone Event Center at the fairgrounds) are thankfully on. UNL guidelines require masks when the risk dial is 'Orange.' Thank you to all who have called in to pre-register.

Crop production clinics: Technically, these are all presented virtually whether you choose to watch online on your own or at an in-person location. I enjoy seeing people and catching up at winter meetings, so I'm grateful we still have in-person meeting options.

The following website has the agendas and registration information: <https://agronomy.unl.edu/cpc>. There's not an easy way to see where the in-person options are located unless you click on the 'Register' button and scroll. Thus, I will list them for you below.

For those of you who've attended in the past, you know there are two rooms which allow for various learning opportunities and CCA credits: certification/pest management room and a crop/soil/water room. When watching virtually, you will have the option to switch between the different rooms. There are specific ways built in to ensure those who need recertification and are watching virtually are accounted for and to account for those desiring various CCA credits. Some in-person locations like Hastings, Aurora and Central City are hosting both rooms.

In York, on Jan. 14 and 21 at the Cornerstone building at the fairgrounds, for specific reasons I've chosen to only host the pest management room. That works if you only need certification or wanted to watch only those topics. Otherwise, if you needed soil/water credits, it would work best to choose a different in-person location or watch virtually. I just wanted you to be aware of that.

For the Nebraska Crop Management Conference, most of us are only able to provide two of the four rooms. When you register for CPC/NCMC this year, you will choose wheth-

er you have the weed guide shipped directly to you or to a nearby Extension office where you can pick it up. In-person locations include:

Jan. 7: Eastern Nebraska locations: Lincoln, Geneva, Norfolk, Syracuse

Jan. 14: Eastern Nebraska locations: Lincoln, Norfolk, York, Syracuse

Jan. 21: Eastern Nebraska locations: Lincoln, Norfolk, York

Jan. 27: Nebraska Crop Management Conference locations: Seward in this area.

Chemigation: For those desiring to apply fertilizer and/or chemicals through irrigation systems, you can obtain your initial or recertification for chemigation at an in-person training or online. The online version is also for both initial and recertification and can be obtained at: <https://water.unl.edu/article/agricultural-irrigation/chemigation>.

There is no charge for chemigation training. For those attending in person, pre-register and bring a calculator (can't use smartphone). Area January in-person trainings include Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Cornerstone building at the fairgrounds in York.

Crop Budgets are updated for 2021 and available at <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/budgets>.

Extension survey: It's also that time of year for annual reporting. If you could please help me out by completing this five-question anonymous survey, I'd appreciate it: <https://app.sli.do/event/s8g48y8z>.

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Clippers top two at home

by Heath Kramer
Seward County Independent

When Malcolm, along with all other Lancaster County schools, had to wait an extra two-and-a-half weeks to start practices and games, one had to wonder how quickly the teams would come out of the gates. While not every win has been pretty, the fact that the Malcolm girls are undefeated entering the 2021 portion of their season is reason for optimism. “We’ve been able to find ways to win even when we hadn’t practiced much and weren’t always playing our best,” Malcolm head coach Andy Klepper said. “That built up confidence while we were working out the kinks.”

Two fast starts in the Clippers’ holiday tournament games helped the team cruise to a pair of wins over some solid competition. Malcolm opened the event Dec. 28 with a 59-40 win over Oakland-Craig before returning to their home court two days later to knock off No. 3 Centennial 50-38.

In both games, No. 6 Malcolm used defensive intensity and its full-court press to make life miserable for its opponents. Against the Knights, the Clippers jumped out to a 19-10 first quarter lead while they held a seven-point lead over the Broncos after the opening frame.

“Getting the lead early helps us out in a lot of ways,” Klepper said. “That cushion gives us a chance to play more girls and it helps keep our starters fresh.”

“In both games, I thought our opponents got tired in the first half, and we did a good job taking advantage.”

The Clippers used a nine-player rotation in both games.

Joslyn Small had a strong tournament. The senior guard scored 24 points in the two games and shared the team high score



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Alyssa Fortik of Malcolm looks for room in the lane Dec. 30 against Centennial.

with 17 points against Centennial.

“Jos stepped up big time, especially in the Centennial game,” Klepper said. “We knew she had it in her, and we’ve been waiting for those shots to fall.”

Alyssa Fortik also had 17 against the Broncos. The sophomore point guard hit three from beyond the arc, including a halftime buzzer beater from 40 feet out that put Malcolm up 11 going into the break.

“Alyssa has really high expectations of herself,” Klepper said. “It’s good to see her playing with more confidence.”

Diamond Sedlak led the Clippers in scoring against Oakland-Craig as the sophomore had 13 points including a pair from long range.

Entering the new year, free throws will be a point of emphasis for the Clippers who went just 12-of-27 from the line against Centennial.

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“That was a big negative in an otherwise positive game,” Klepper said. “The time is going to come when we’ll need those to fall. It’s something we’ll work hard on this week.”

It will be a busy week for Malcolm (8-0) as they play three games in three days. The Clippers travel to Palmyra (0-7) Thursday, Jan. 7, before returning home to host Milford (4-5). Malcolm will travel to Broken Bow Saturday for an early afternoon tilt against No. 10 North Central (7-2) in the Nebraska Girls’ Basketball Showcase. North Central won the Class C2 state championship in 2018.

“We know Milford will be tough,” Klepper said. “They always play us close, and they’re better than their record indicates.”

“North Central is a quality program that we can’t take for granted. It will be our third

game in about 42 hours. I told our girls this stretch could be a good test for when we hopefully have to play three games in three days in March.”

Malcolm 50, Centennial 38

CEN 13 12 2 11 38
MAL 20 16 3 11 50

MALCOLM—Joslyn Small 6-16 3-6 17, Jasmine Small 1-2 0-0 2 Ashlynn Sehi 0-4 2-5 2, Jordan Denton 0-5 0-0 0, Alyssa Fortik 6-11 2-5 17, Diamond Sedlak 1-6 0-2 3, Emma Brown 2-6 5-9 9, Lauryn England 0-1 0-0 0.

CENTENNIAL—Kate Hirschfeld 4-12 1-2 9, Kierra Green 1-2 0-0 3, Daylee Dey 2-6 4-4 8, Jaci Opfer 2-5 0-1 4, Kiley Rathjen 3-3 0-0 6, Asia Nisly 1-8 2-3 5, Jaycee Stuhr 0-4 0-0 0, Kailey Ziegler 1-2 1-2 3.

Three-point goals—MHS 6-21 (Jo. Small 2-7, Ja. Small 0-1, Denton 0-1, Fortik 3-7, Sedlak 1-4, England 0-1) CEN 2-14 (Green 1-1, Dey 0-3, Opfer 0-1, Nisly 1-6, Stuhr 0-3) **Rebounds**—MHS 37 (Sehi 8, Sedlak 7, Brown 7), CEN 36 (Opfer 7, Dey 6). **Assists**—MHS 8 (Jo. Small 2, Ja. Small 2, Fortik 2), CEN 8 (Hirschfeld 2, Dey 2). **Steals**—MHS 17 (Sehi 5, Jo. Small 4), CEN 6 (Hirschfeld 4). **Turnovers**—MHS 10, CEN 21. **Fouls**—MHS 11, CEN 18.

Malcolm 59, Oakland-Craig 40

O-C 10 7 12 11 40
MAL 19 16 13 11 59

MALCOLM—Jo. Small 3-13 1-2 7, Reagan Wondereck 2-4 4-8, Ja. Small 1-2 0-0 2, Sehi 2-2 6-8 10, Kiley Elkins 0-0 1-2 1, Denton 1-4 2-4, Fortik 4-7 0-2 9, Sedlak 5-8 1-2 13, Brown 2-7 1-2 5, England 0-2 0-0 0.

O-C—13-41 12-23 40.

Three-point goals—MHS 3-11 (Jo. Small 0-2, Ja. Small 0-1, Denton 0-1, Fortik 1-1, Sedlak 2-4, Brown 0-1, England 0-1), O-C 2-13. **Rebounds**—MHS 36 (Sehi 7, Sedlak 7), O-C 29. **Assists**—MHS 10 (Fortik 5), O-C 11. **Steals**—MHS 14 (Denton 3, Brown 3), O-C 12. **Turnovers**—MHS 20, O-C 23. **Fouls**—MHS 20, O-C 18.

SHS girls get year’s first win

by Stephanie Croston
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It took until the last week of the year before the Seward girls won their first game of the season.

The Jays defeated Bishop Neumann 46-40 in the Wahoo tournament Dec. 30 after falling to Wahoo 43-28 in the opener Dec. 28.

“It helps when you make threes in the first half,” SHS Coach Beth Bohuslavsky said.

She said she saw a difference in the team’s mindset coming into Thursday’s game.

“Everything clicked,” she said, adding that the team showed more energy. “It was good to see the offense click.”

Hannah Benedict finished with a career-high 17 points and was 5-10 from three-point range. Anna Hughes grabbed nine rebounds for the Jays.

In the loss to Wahoo, Bohuslavsky said, Seward didn’t play badly; it just didn’t hit shots. SHS was 9-45 shooting, including 4-25 from three.

Despite that, Seward

cut the Wahoo lead to seven midway through the fourth quarter.

Abbey Ringler led the team with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

The Jays (1-8) have one game on the schedule this week – a road trip to Beatrice Friday, Jan. 8.

“It’ll be a tough game for us,” Bohuslavsky said.

She said Beatrice graduated a couple starters but returned a couple guards who play well together.

Wahoo 43, Seward 28

WHS 7 10 18 8 43
SHS 7 6 5 10 28

SHS—Tanya Miller 0-4 0-0 0, Dalaney Anderson 1-3 0-0 2, Tarryn Hartman 1-4 0-0 3, Eden Schulz 0-6 0-0 0, Hannah Benedict 2-10 0-0 6, Anna Hughes 0-2 0-0 0, Abbey Ringler 4-6 6-8 14, Madison Dorniny 1-2 0-0 3, Haylie Sloup 0-5 0-0 0, Keira Littersa 0-1 0-0 0, Ona Stutzman 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 9-45 6-8 28.

Three-point goals—SHS 4-25 (Miller 0-3, Hartman 1-4, Schulz 0-4, Benedict 2-6, Hughes 0-1, Ringler 0-1, Dorniny 1-1, Sloup 0-4, Littersa 0-1). **Rebounds**—SHS 43 (Ringler 14). **Assists**—SHS 6 (Benedict, Stutzman 2). **Steals**—SHS 4 (Ringler 3). **Blocked shots**—SHS 1 (Benedict 1). **Turnovers**—Fouls—

Seward 46, Bishop Neumann 40

SHS 14 14 4 14 46
BNHS 5 7 13 15 40

SHS—Miller 2-7 4-5 9, Hartman 2-4 2-2 8, Schulz 0-4 0-0 0, Benedict 5-10 2-6 17, Hughes 1-1 2-2 4, Ringler 0-1 0-0 0, Sloup 0-1 5-10 5, Stutzman 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 11-33 15-25 46.

BNHS—Totals 11-47 11-18 40.

Three-point goals—SHS 9-24 (Miller 1-3, Hartman 2-4, Schulz 0-4, Benedict 5-10, Stutzman 1-3). **BNHS 7-30**. **Rebounds**—SHS 25 (Hughes 9), BNHS 28. **Assists**—SHS 6 (Miller, Benedict 2). **Steals**—SHS 5 (Hughes 2). **Turnovers**—SHS 18, BNHS 15. **Fouls**—SHS 14, BNHS 18.

Milford boys win tournament

by Stephanie Croston
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A pair of wins against tough competition gave the Milford boys’ basketball team the championship of its holiday tournament Dec. 30.

Milford defeated Cross County 60-49 in the semifinals Dec. 28. Coach Tony Miller said the teams were evenly matched and it was a close game.

The Cougars were also undefeated entering the game. Muller said one of the keys was limiting CCHS’s three-point attempts, which MHS was able to do. CCHS

was 3-16 from beyond the arc.

Seth Stutzman paced the MHS offense with 20 points and seven steals, and Jaxon Weyand added 11.

With the win, the Eagles advanced to the final against Central City. Another hard-fought battle ended with MHS winning 66-61.

Central City connected on 8 of 27 three-point attempts and pulled down 40 rebounds. Milford hit 3-10 from three and had 26 rebounds.

Muller said it was good to see a win, despite not playing their best, against a good team.

Weyand led the offense with 18 points, and Micah Hartwig added 16, with Stutzman scoring 10.

The Eagles headed to Auburn Jan. 2 to play Falls City and beat the Tigers 64-53. Hartwig notched a double double with 11 points and 10 assists to go with seven steals. He scored seven in the fourth quarter.

Stutzman led the offense with 25 points on 12-18 shooting. He just missed a double double with nine rebounds.

Weyand added 15 points, including six in the fourth quarter.

Muller was happy with the play of Kaleb Miller off the bench.

The senior was steady in all three games for the Eagles, notching eight points and five rebounds against Cross County, three points and seven boards against Central City and eight points against Falls City.

“It was a good way to finish the break,” Muller said.

The Eagles (10-0) are scheduled to visit Malcolm Friday, Jan. 8, for a 7:30 p.m. game and host David City Saturday, Jan. 9, with tip-off at 7:45 p.m.

CHS sweeps at Malcolm, falls at home

by Stephanie Croston
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After a pair of Bronco wins at the Malcolm Holiday Classic, the Centennial boys’ basketball team saw Heartland escape from Utica with a win Jan. 2.

Centennial beat Wilber-Clatonia 38-37 on a last-second shot by Lane Zimmer Dec. 28 to open the holiday competition.

“We played like we hadn’t practiced in five days,” Coach Cam Scholl said. “We were probably more lucky than anything.”

After trailing 35-30 at the end of the third quarter, CHS had some shots fall in the fourth, Scholl said.

Maj Nisly and Cooper Gierhan finished with 10 points each, and Zimmer scored eight, including the final four of the game.

“Lane was the right guy at the right time,” Scholl said.

The Broncos defeated Malcolm 44-39 Dec. 30. Scholl said the Clippers are a young, skilled



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Jake Barga of Centennial puts up a shot behind the Malcolm defense Dec. 30.

team, and the Broncos had to make free throws down the stretch to keep them at bay.

Jake Barga and Gierhan scored 13 each for

CHS. Zimmer finished with seven rebounds.

“It was a tough, gritty win,” Scholl said.

The coach said the key to the game against

Heartland was containing the Huskies’ two main scorers. That did not happen, he said.

“They outcompeted us in the first half,” he said.

CHS trailed 26-19 at halftime.

Scholl said Bronco turnovers led to easy Heartland baskets, and CHS missed some assignments on defense.

“We had a shot to win at the end,” he said. “We played good defense down the stretch to get back in it.”

After being held in check for three quarters, Barga’s offense came to life in the fourth. He finished the game with 16 points.

Maj Nisly also scored 16.

Scholl said the goal for the Broncos (5-3) is to focus on the details – remembering assignments and plays, sprinting back on every defensive possession and spacing on offense.

“Everything we need to improve on is still there,” he said.

Centennial was to host David City Jan. 5

in a game rescheduled from earlier this season and host Sutton Friday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The team was to play at Raymond Central Jan. 9, but that game has been postponed because of Covid concerns at RCHS, Scholl said.

Centennial 38, Wilber-Clatonia 37

CHS 14 11 5 8 38
WCHS 16 8 11 2 37

CHS—Michael Nisly 1-3 0-0 2, Alex Hirschfeld 1-1 0-3 3, Maj Nisly 4-5 1-2 10, Jake Barga 2-8 0-0 5, Cooper Gierhan 4-13 1-1 10, Lane Zimmer 4-7 0-0 8, Jayden Hartshorn 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 16-38 2-6 38.

Three-point goals—CHS 4-14 (Mi. Nisly 0-2, Hirschfeld 1-1, Ma. Nisly 1-1, Barga 1-3, Gierhan 1-7). **Rebounds**—CHS 15 (Zimmer 5). **Assists**—CHS 9 (Hirschfeld 3). **Steals**—CHS 8 (Zimmer 3). **Turnovers**—4. **Fouls**—10.

Centennial 44, Malcolm 39

CHS 14 7 9 14 44
MHS 5 11 10 13 39

CHS—Mi. Nisly 1-2 0-0 2, Hirschfeld 2-2 0-0 6, Ma. Nisly 2-7 2-3 6, Barga 4-13 3-13 33, Gierhan 4-10 3-5 13, Zimmer 1-5 0-0 2, Hartshorn 0-1 2-4 2. Totals 14-40 10-15 44.

Three-point goals—CHS 6-14 (Mi. Nisly 0-1, Hirschfeld 2-2, Ma. Nisly 0-2, Barga 2-5, Gierhan 2-4). **Rebounds**—CHS 23 (Zimmer 7). **Assists**—CHS 11 (Ma. Nisly 4). **Steals**—CHS 4 (Hartshorn 2). **Blocked shots**—CHS 2 (Zimmer 2). **Turnovers**—CHS 12. **Fouls**—CHS 14.

Heartland 50, Centennial 48

HHS 10 16 13 11 50
CHS 12 7 14 15 48

CHS—Mi. Nisly 1-3 0-0 2, Hirschfeld 2-6 0-0 6, Ma. Nisly 7-12 0-0 16, Barga 7-13 2-3 16, Gierhan 2-8 0-0 5, Zimmer 1-1 1-2 3, Hartshorn 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-44 3-5 50.

Three-point goals—CHS 5-17 (Mi. Nisly 0-2, Hirschfeld 2-5, Ma. Nisly 2-3, Barga 0-3, Gierhan 1-4). **Rebounds**—CHS 16 (Gierhan 6). **Assists**—CHS 9 (three with 2). **Steals**—CHS 5 (Barga 2). **Turnovers**—CHS 7. **Fouls**—CHS 12.

Malcolm boys fall in tourney

by Heath Kramer
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So close. Following its own holiday tournament, the Malcolm boys' basketball team is fully aware it is able to compete with high level competition. Coming into the event, the Clippers thought their opponents – Oakland-Craig and Centennial, two teams with two losses each – would give them all they wanted. As it turned out, Malcolm had a chance to win both games.

The Clippers opened up Dec. 28 against the Knights and lost 52-50 when Jaden Harney made a layup at the buzzer. Malcolm had trailed by as many as 10 points in the third quarter before clawing its way back to make it a one-point game entering the final frame.

"We were able to get guys open for good looks that quarter," Malcolm head coach Chris Lewandowski said. "It didn't hurt that Drew (Johnson) got hot."

The sharp-shooting sophomore led the Clippers with 17 points including going 5-of-5 from behind the three-point arc.

With just over five minutes to play, Malcolm went up 44-43 to take its only lead of the game. The Knights grabbed the lead back with 3:57 left and held it until a pair of free throws tied the game at 50-50 with 12 seconds to play.

Oakland-Craig



STEPHANIE CROSTON/SCI

Malcolm's Jacob Schweitzer waits for a teammate to move into position against Centennial Dec. 30.

brought the ball up the court and Gunnar Ray missed the rim on a three-point attempt. Coulter Thiele snagged the rebound under the basket and found Harney in the lane for an easy game-winner.

"It came down to rebounding and defense," Lewandowski said. "That shot went up and we became spectators. Their guys were in the right place at the right time."

Hayden Frank scored 12 points including a pair of three-pointers. Johnson and Ethan Robotham led the team, each with eight rebounds.

Two days later, the Clippers lost a hard-fought 44-39 battle to the

get off any good shots," Lewandowski said. "When that happens, our other scorers need to step up to help take the attention away from Drew."

Maclain Beach led Malcolm with 13 points and Malcolm Saltzman added 10. While Johnson struggled to put the ball in the hoop, he did grab 10 rebounds. Jacob Schweitzer came off the bench to get a career high seven points and four rebounds.

"Jacob is a role player that did exactly what we needed him to do," Lewandowski said. "We need more of that from our number five, six and seven players."

Malcolm (2-6) will travel to Palmyra (1-4) Thursday, Jan. 7, before returning home Friday night to host No. 10 Milford (8-0).

"Milford is on a roll and playing great basketball," Lewandowski said. "Our guys have great attitudes and will keep working hard this week to get ready to do battle."

Centennial 44, Malcolm 39					
CEN	14	7	9	14	44
MAL	5	11	10	13	39

MALCOLM—Hayden Frank 5, Malcolm Saltzman 10, Maclain Beach 13, Jacob Schweitzer 7, Drew Johnson 2, Connor Zegar 2.

Rebounds—Frank 4, Saltzman 2, Beach 5, Schweitzer 4, Johnson 10, Zegar 2, Ethan Robotham 3. **Assists**—Frank, Beach. **Steals**—Beach. **Blocks**—Beach 2, Johnson.

Oakland-Craig 52, Malcolm 50					
O-C	17	9	14	12	52
MAL	12	6	21	11	50

MALCOLM—Frank 12, Saltzman 5, Beach 8, Schweitzer 2, Johnson 17, Robotham 6.

Rebounds—Frank 2, Saltzman 6, Beach 7, Schweitzer 2, Johnson 8, Zegar, Robotham 8. **Assists**—Frank 3, Saltzman 3, Beach 4, Schweitzer, Robotham 2. **Steals**—Frank 2, Saltzman, Beach, Zegar. **Blocks**—Beach 2.



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Kate Hirschfeld of Centennial drives into the Malcolm defense for a shot Dec. 30.

Broncos go 2-1 on hardwood

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After five days of vacation for the moratorium, the Centennial girls' basketball team was back in action Dec. 28 in a game moved up a day because of incoming weather.

"It was good to get back into the swing of things," Coach Jake Polk said.

The Broncos opened the Malcolm Holiday Classic with a 49-22 win over Wilber-Clatonia. CHS came back Dec. 30 to play Malcolm and suffered a 50-38 defeat.

Polk said any game right after the moratorium is tricky because there's been no practice. However, the Broncos shot well, and the bench was able to get playing time.

Kate Hirschfeld led CHS with 17 points.

Centennial knew Malcolm would be a tough opponent, Polk said, and that was the case. The Clippers play a unique style, and their press makes opponents slow down instead of running. The press bothered the Broncos, who committed 21 turnovers in the game.

Polk said Jaci Opfer played well off the bench, scoring four points and grabbing eight rebounds to provide a spark for CHS.

Hirschfeld's nine points led the offense.

Centennial was back on the court Jan. 2 to play Heartland in a game Polk described as

a confidence builder. Centennial led 12-6 after the first quarter but outscored the Huskies 21-0 in the second.

Hirschfeld scored 12 points and notched four steals, and Jaycee Stuhr grabbed six rebounds. Daylee Dey delivered four assists.

The Broncos (7-1) were scheduled to host David City Jan. 5 in a game rescheduled from earlier in the season. Sutton comes to Utica Friday, Jan. 8, and CHS heads to Raymond Central Saturday, Jan. 9.

Polk said the goal will be to find consistency in shooting.

Centennial 49, Wilber-Clatonia 22					
CHS	10	15	16	8	49
WCHS	6	3	5	8	22

CHS—Kate Hirschfeld 7-13 2-4 17, Kierra Green 3-8 0-0 7, Daylee Dey 1-2 0-0 3, Jaci Opfer 0-2 0-0 0, Kiley Rathjen 3-6 0-0 6, Maddie Avery 0-2 0-0 0, Asia Nisly 4-7 0-2 8, Jaycee Stuhr 2-5 0-0 6, Hailey Heidtbrink 0-1 2-2 2, Karly Naber 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 4-8 49.

Three-point goals—CHS 5-20 (Hirschfeld 1-2, Green 1-6, Dey 1-2, Opfer 0-2, Avery 0-2, Stuhr 2-5). **Rebounds**—CHS 22 (Nisly 4). **Assists**—CHS 13 (Hirschfeld 3). **Steals**—CHS 12 (Dey, Nisly 3). **Blocked shots**—CHS 1 (Avery 1). **Turnovers**—CHS 11. **Fouls**—CHS 11.

Malcolm 50, Centennial 38					
CHS	13	12	2	11	38
MHS	20	16	3	11	50

CHS—Hirschfeld 4-12 1-2 9, Green 1-2 0-0 3, Dey 2-6 4-4 8, Opfer 2-5 0-1 4, Rathjen 3-3 0-0 6, Nisly 1-8 2-3 5, Stuhr 0-3 0-0 0, Kaley Ziegler 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 14-41 8-12 38.

Three-point goals—CHS 2-14 (Green 1-2, Dey 0-3, Opfer 0-1, Nisly 1-6, Stuhr 0-2). **Rebounds**—CHS 33 (Opfer 8). **Assists**—CHS 8 (Hirschfeld, Dey 2). **Steals**—CHS 6 (Hirschfeld 3). **Blocked shots**—CHS 4 (Hirschfeld, Nisly 2). **Turnovers**—CHS 21. **Fouls**—CHS 18. **Fouled out**—Opfer.

Centennial 58, Heartland 18					
HHS	6	0	12	0	18
CHS	12	21	25	0	58

CHS—Hirschfeld 4-8 4-6 12, Madison Brandenburg 0-2 0-0 0, Green 1-3 0-0 3, Dey 2-5 0-0 6, Opfer 3-6 0-0 6, Kinnett 1-2 0-0 2, Rathjen 3-5 1-2 7, Avery 0-3 0-0 0, Nisly 4-5 0-0 9, Stuhr 2-4 0-0 5, Ziegler 1-3 0-0 2, Heidtbrink 1-2 0-0 2, Cora Payne 1-2 0-0 2, Rylee Menze 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 24-52 5-8 58.

Three-point goals—CHS 5-17 (Green 1-3, Dey 2-4, Opfer 0-1, Avery 0-3, Nisly 1-2, Stuhr 1-3, Menze 0-1). **Rebounds**—CHS 34 (Stuhr 6). **Assists**—CHS 15 (Dey 4). **Steals**—CHS 12 (Hirschfeld 4). **Blocked shots**—CHS 5 (Opfer, Nisly 2). **Turnovers**—CHS 7. **Fouls**—CHS 13.

Seward drops two in Wahoo

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The first win of the season remains elusive for the Seward boys' basketball team. The Jays came up short at the Wahoo holiday tournament Dec. 28 and 30, falling to Wahoo 82-47 in the opener and losing to Bishop Neumann 56-47 in game two.

Coach Trevor Menke said Wahoo's 1-3-1 zone defense caused problems for the Jays. He described the Warriors as well coached and skilled and said they'll probably play in Lincoln in March.

Drew Covalt came up big for SHS, scoring 25 points and connecting

on 7 of 14 three-point attempts. Sam Schroeder finished with seven rebounds, and Traetyn Schaefer delivered seven assists.

Neumann was another well-coached team for the Jays to play, Menke said.

"We need to continue to play harder for longer periods as we continue to progress through this season," he said. "We have great kids and we look forward to having some practice time here the next week before our next game."

Covalt scored 15 points, and Schroeder finished with 13 points and seven rebounds.

The Bluejays (0-8) are scheduled to travel to

Beatrice Friday, Jan. 8, for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Orangemen.

Wahoo 82, Seward 47					
WHS	17	22	23	20	82
SHS	7	13	15	12	47

SHS—Drew Covalt 9-18 0-1 25, Traetyn Schaefer 2-4 0-1 5, Jackson Trost 0-5 0-0 0, Dalton Burt 0-1 0-0 0, Gavin Sukup 3-5 1-3 7, Trevor Ruth 0-3 0-0 0, Finn Hochstein 0-1 0-0 0, Leighton Limback 2-6 0-4, Sam Schroeder 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 19-48 1-5 47.

WHS—Totals 29-50 17-25 82.

Three-point goals—SHS 8-24 (Covalt 7-14, Schaefer 1-1, Trost 0-4, Ruth 0-2, Hochstein 0-1,

Limback 0-2), WHS 7-15. **Rebounds**—SHS 20 (Schroeder 7). **Assists**—SHS 11 (Schaefer 7). **Steals**—SHS 6 (Limback 2). **Blocked shots**—SHS 6 (Schaefer 2). **Turnovers**—SHS 22. **Fouls**—SHS 19.

Bishop Neumann 56, Seward 47					
SHS	10	13	13	11	47
BNHS	10	18	10	18	56

SHS—Covalt 4-12 5-15, Schaefer 2-7 0-0 6, Trost 2-5 0-2 5, Sukup 1-3 0-0 2, Limback 2-3 2-2 6, Schroeder 6-7 1-2 13. Totals 17-37 8-11 47.

Three-point goals—SHS 6-15 (Covalt 2-7, Schaefer 2-4, Trost 1-4, Limback 0-1). **Rebounds**—SHS 23 (Schroeder 7). **Assists**—SHS 11 (Schaefer 7). **Steals**—SHS 5 (Schaefer 2). **Turnovers**—SHS 31. **Fouls**—SHS 16.

Eagles end third in holiday competition

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After defeating BDS in the opening round of the Runza Classic, the Milford girls came up short against Cross County 48-34 Dec. 28.

Coach Phil Stauffer said the Cougars shot well from long range (making 5 of 7) in the first half, digging a hole the Eagles couldn't climb out of.

Their height advantage also challenged MHS, he said.

Kaitlin Kontor paced Milford with 10 points. The loss dropped the Eagles into the third-place game against Central City, and the team responded well, Stauffer said. The Bison battled back from 12 down to take the lead in the middle of the third quarter.

"We outscored them 24-6 in the last 10 minutes to finish the game," Stauffer said. "Our defense got better as the game went along."

Hannah Kepler led the way with 16 points and seven rebounds. Kontor added 12 points and six assists.

Stauffer was pleased to see how the Eagles converted turnovers in to 19 points.

On Jan. 2, the Eagles went to Auburn to play

Falls City and won 50-17. The MHS defense forced 27 turnovers that led to 26 points.

Kepler notched a double double with 29 points and 10 steals.

The Eagles (5-5) are scheduled to play at Malcolm Friday, Jan. 8, and host David City Saturday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m.

Cross County 48, Milford 34					
MHS	6	12	12	4	34
CCHS	14	13	11	10	48

MHS—Makena Stutzman 0-2 0-0 0, Kaitlin Kontor 4-12 0-0 10, Hannah Kepler 2-8 5-8 9, Kaitlyn Klug 1-1 0-0 2, Taylor Roth 2-6 0-0 4, Sydney Stelling 3-7 0-0 6, Abby Houk 0-3 3-4 3. Totals 12-39 8-12 34.

CCHS—Totals 17-33 9-15 48.

Three-point goals—MHS 5-14 (Stutzman 0-1, Kontor 2-7, Kepler 0-4, Houk 0-2), CCHS 5-12. **Rebounds**—MHS 23 (Kontor, Kepler 5), CCHS 22. **Assists**—MHS 4 (Kepler 2). **Steals**—MHS 5 (five with 1). **Blocked shots**—MHS 1 (Roth 1). **Turnovers**—MHS 12, CCHS 12. **Fouls**—MHS 15, CCHS 10.

Milford 56, Central City 41					
MHS	18	8	14	16	56
CCHS	11	11	13	6	41

MHS—Stutzman 2-8 1-2 7, Kontor 4-10 1-1 12, Kepler 5-11 4-6 16, Alayna Plening 0-2 0-0 0, Piening 0-2 0-2 0, Roth 0-1 0-0 0, Celia Bontrager 0-2 0-0 0, Stelling 4-9 0-0 8, Houk 0-1 2-4 2, Richards 1-3 0-2. Totals 18-51 10-18 50.

CCHS—Totals 13-38 5-11 41.

Three-point goals—MHS 7-23 (Stutzman 2-7, Kontor 3-8, Kepler 2-7, Houk 0-1), CCHS 10-28. **Rebounds**—MHS 27 (Kepler 7), CCHS 21. **Assists**—MHS 13 (Kontor 6). **Steals**—MHS 12 (Kepler, Stelling 3). **Blocked shots**—MHS 1 (Kontor 1). **Turnovers**—MHS 11, CCHS 15. **Fouls**—MHS 6, CCHS 13.

Milford 50, Falls City 17					
MHS	16	11	9	14	50
FCHS	7	0	4	6	17

MHS—Stutzman 1-8 0-3 7, Kontor 2-7 1-1 6, Kepler 10-16 7-11 29, Addi Mowinkel 0-1 0-0 0, Piening 0-2 0-2 0, Roth 0-1 0-0 0, Celia Bontrager 0-2 0-0 0, Stelling 4-9 0-0 8, Houk 0-1 2-4 2, Richards 1-3 0-2. Totals 18-51 10-18 50.

FCHS—Totals 8-39 0-6 17.

Three-point goals—MHS 4-19 (Stutzman 1-6, Kontor 1-5, Kepler 2-6, Mowinkel 0-1, Stelling 0-1), FCHS 1-12. **Rebounds**—MHS 35 (Kontor 6), FCHS 33. **Assists**—MHS 11 (Kontor 4). **Steals**—MHS 19 (Kepler 10). **Blocked shots**—MHS 1 (Roth 1). **Turnovers**—MHS 14, FCHS 27. **Fouls**—MHS 6, FCHS 12.

Clippers struggle in first matches

by Heath Kramer
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How hard they want to work will determine how far they will go. That was the sentiment of Malcolm wrestling coach Matt Coufal coming off a Dec. 30 quad in Tecumseh in which the Clippers won duals over Johnson County Central, Lincoln Lutheran and Lincoln Christian.

While getting the wins looks nice, dig a little deeper and you find the Malcolm grapplers were on the losing end of the bulk of their actual matches. In a dual, a team gets six points if it has a wrestler in a weight class and the opponent does not have someone to compete at the same weight. The bulk of the Clippers' points came from open weight classes. On the mat, Malcolm won just seven of 18 matches.

"We (the coaches) came back from the Christmas break a little frustrated," Coufal said. "If we're going to be successful, the coaches can't want it more than the athletes."

Coufal cited a number of wrestlers not making weight at their first weigh-in and a number of technique issues on the mat.

"It makes you wonder how good they want to be," the coach

said. "Hopefully, this is just a holiday lull and this will wake them up a little."

The Clippers outscored Johnson County Central 46-30 while getting a 54-24 win over Lincoln Lutheran before beating Lincoln Christian 48-27.

Kale Nordmeyer had the best day of the Malcolm wrestlers. Wrestling at 285 pounds, the junior went 2-0 on the mat with pins that took just 38 and 57 seconds.

"Kale is one of our wrestlers that gets it," Coufal said. "He knows what it takes to compete on a bigger stage, and he's doing some of the things now that will help him when February rolls around."

Colt Reiling also earned two pins. The 138-pound sophomore put JCC's Jacob Graham to the mat in just under three minutes while finishing of Lutheran's Hudson Davis in the first period.

"Colt is a competitor," Coufal said. "He's starting to mature physically, and he's learning what it takes to be successful at this level."

Luke Walters and Elliott Robotham both earned pins at 152 pounds. Two Malcolm wrestlers who have qualified for state in past seasons – Gavin Zoucha and

Caleb Courter – did not compete in the quad.

Malcolm returns to action Friday night when they welcome Broken Bow for a dual before hosting the Malcolm Invite on Saturday.

"This week will be a chance to get back on the right track," Coufal said. "It starts with practicing well and making the right choices when the wrestlers aren't around the coaches. How good they want to be is up to them."

Malcolm 48, Lincoln Christian 27

138: Colt Reiling (M) win by forfeit; 145: Cayden Witzel (M) win by forfeit; 152: Elliott Robotham (M) pin Nicholas Roth (LC) 1:32; 160: Gavin Zoucha (M) win by forfeit; 170: Jacob Byers (LC) pin Josh Stewart (M) 1:38; 182: Lane Ballard (LC) pin Cooper Witte (M) 1:15; 195: Riley Donahoo (M) win by forfeit; 220: Anthony Roth (LC) def. Zack Pasco (M) 6-4; 285: Kale Nordmeyer (M) win by forfeit; 106: Double Forfeit; 113: Cyndee Loos (M) win by forfeit; 120: Zane Zoucha (M) win by forfeit; 126: Luke Blocker (LC) win by forfeit; 132: Isaac Wegrzyn (LC) pin Bryce Teut (M) 0:45

Malcolm 46, Johnson County Central 30

145: Rita Ceballos (JCC) pin Aidan Hardin (M) 1:30; 152: Luke Walters (M) pin Mason Selu (JCC) 4:22; 160: G. Zoucha (M) win by forfeit; 170: Stewart (M) def. Brett Bohling (JCC) 9-1; 182: Trevor Lohrman (M) win by forfeit; 195: Donahoo (M) win by forfeit; 220: Sam Agena (JCC) pin Pasco (M) 7:22; 285: Nordmeyer (M) pin Christian Harrifield (JCC) 0:38; 106: Double Forfeit; 113: Charlie Rinne (JCC) win by forfeit; 120: Stephanie Cruz (JCC) pin Loos (M) 0:38; 126: Z. Zoucha (M) win by forfeit; 132: JaPreece Morehead (JCC) pin Teut (M) 0:49; 138: Reiling (M) pin Jacob Graham (JCC) 2:58

Malcolm 54, Lincoln Lutheran 24

132: Grant Wells (LL) pin Teut (M) 1:40; 138: Reiling (M) pin Hudson Davis (LL) 1:34; 145: Bakhovaddin Ahmedov (LL) pin G. Zoucha (M) 0:29; 152: Keyden Uhrich (LL) pin Walters (M) 3:10; 160: G. Zoucha (M) win by forfeit; 170: Stewart (M) win by forfeit; 182: Trevor Lohrman (M) win by forfeit; 195: Donahoo (M) win by forfeit; 220: Pasco (M) win by forfeit; 285: Nordmeyer (M) pin Jackson Masek (LL) 0:57; 106: Double Forfeit; 113: Loos (M) win by forfeit; 120: Z. Zoucha (M) win by forfeit; 126: Avery Wieting (LL) win by forfeit

Concordia University

Men's basketball

The second half proved to be 20 minutes of frustration for a Concordia University men's basketball team that returned to action after 11 straight days without a game. Dec. 30's clash in Peru resulted in a 70-62 victory for Peru State College. The Bobcats dominated the second half (40-21) while protecting their home court.

"We weren't hitting threes, in the second half especially, and then I thought we started to force some things," Coach Ben Limback said. "We have to be more efficient and find ways to get easier buckets. That was our challenge at the end of the game – find ways to be tougher when things aren't going the way you want them to go."

Concordia did not get much offensive production outside of the dynamic backcourt duo of Carter Kent and Justin Wiersema. They posted 20 points, eight rebounds and four steals apiece with Wiersema also adding three assists. It wasn't enough to overcome the team's 8-for-41 (.195) effort from 3-point range. The Bulldogs shot just 24.2% (8-for-33) from the floor in the second half and 32.8% for the night.

Peru State (7-5) was just a little bit better offensively. Henry Tanksley (21 points) and Amitai Afenjar (18 points, 11 rebounds) did the bulk of the damage. They helped the Bobcats dig out of an 11-point halftime hole. An 18-5 run down the stretch turned a three-point Concordia lead (53-50) into a 10-point advantage (68-58) for Peru State.

Ryan Holt joined Kent and Wiersema in double figures with 11 points. Outside of those three, the rest of the Bulldogs went a combined 4-for-30 from the field. Concordia hopes it knocked some rust off ahead of the second half of the GPAC season.

"We definitely looked like some of us were still on break," Limback said. "We just weren't very sharp, but we'll bounce back. We have a great road challenge coming up. This was a great lesson to learn. We need to have a good practice tomorrow."

Concordia 81, Northwestern 74 (OT)

It wasn't exactly a thing of beauty, but the end result was just what Concordia needed. The Bulldogs showed the toughness to persevere through another rough perimeter shooting performance while emerging with an 81-74 overtime win at Northwestern Jan. 2. Kent produced eight of his team-high 17 points in the extra session.

Limback's program has won back-to-back trips to the Bultman Center in Orange City, Iowa. Concordia bounced back from its Wednesday loss at Peru State College to move to 11-5 overall (8-3 GPAC).

A turnover margin of plus-nine (17-8) helped the Bulldogs overcome their 37.1% (26-for-70) shooting from the floor. Key efforts were also made off the bench by the likes of Grant Wragge (seven of nine points in the first half) and Thomas Young, who buried eight critical points when called upon late in the ballgame. Kent (17) and Wiersema (12) eventually got going as the team's only double-figure scorers.

Neither team could ever feel comfortable in a contest that never had a spread greater than seven points. Trailing 57-51 midway through the second half, Concordia put together a 10-0 run that featured five points from Young. The Red Raiders (10-5, 5-5 GPAC) rallied and led 64-62 in the final minute of regulation before Sam Scarpelli's bucket forced overtime.

The Bulldogs got on top early thanks to back-to-back treys from Scarpelli and Kent. The Crete High School product Kent slashed for a back-breaker of a bucket in the last minute of overtime to push the lead to seven (76-69). Northwestern had run out of steam and fell despite shooting 47.5% from the floor.

"If you don't go on the road and play defense then you're rolling the dice with how well you shoot," Limback said. "I felt like we understood that tonight. We were down there and Thomas Young gave us a huge spark. It was great to see him shoot with confidence and it carried over into overtime."

The stars for Northwestern did much of its scoring as Trent Hilbrands led all players with 23 points. Alex Van Kalsbeek added 19 (to go with 12 rebounds) and Jay Small put home 15 points. The Red Raiders owned a 44-37 edge on the boards. Northwestern has suffered five straight losses to Concordia, which is now 15-3 in its last 18 games versus GPAC opponents.

Scarpelli finished with nine points and a pair of steals. Gage Smith chipped in eight points and five rebounds before fouling out. Noah Schutte saw extended minutes and posted five points and four rebounds while Ryan Holt collected six points and five boards.

Life on the road carries on into next week with the Bulldogs set to head to 18th-ranked Dakota Wesleyan (12-1, 8-0 GPAC) on Wednesday for an 8 p.m. tipoff inside the Corn Palace. It will be the first meeting between the two programs since Concordia clipped the Tigers, 68-66, in the 2020 GPAC tournament title game in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Women's basketball

It's really not supposed to look like this after a layoff of nearly two weeks between games. The Concordia University women's basketball team appeared as sharp as ever while making seven-straight treys to begin Dec. 30's contest. The Bulldogs held a double-digit lead for more than 37 minutes in a 98-53 win over Mount Marty. Freshmen Bailey Conrad and Taysha Rushton went for a combined 38 points in the win.

"Holy cow, what an impressive start," Head Coach Drew Olson said. "I was kind of worried that when you come back from a break you're not going to be as sharp. My assistant coaches said, 'No, they're ready just to play at home.' We've been on the road for so long, you could just tell that they were excited to be here. You're a lot more confident when you shoot in your own gym."

Rushton made four treys during a 21-0 Bulldog run right out of the gate. Concordia knocked down 17 triples for the

night in laying waste to Mount Marty's zone. Rushton went 5-for-6 from long range while equaling a career high 23 points.

Conrad took over in the second half. The native of Tea, South Dakota, stepped into a starting role and supplied a career best 15 points on the strength of 3-for-4 shooting from beyond the arc. Conrad also dished out four assists and grabbed five rebounds and two steals. In addition, Kayla Luebbe (11 points, six rebounds) and Taylor Farrell (10 points, three steals) found their way into double figures.

Fifteen Bulldogs saw action on Wednesday and 12 of them registered in the scoring column (eight players made at least one 3-point basket). Taylor Cockerill took only three shots, but led the team with six assists. Chloe Schumacher's seven rebounds (to go with six points) were tops for a Concordia squad that held a huge advantage (57-37)

on the boards. The Bulldogs also turned up the heat with the press and forced 20 Mount Marty turnovers.

The Lancers were led by 12 points from Bailey Kortan. Concordia hounded standout Karlee McKinney (2-for-10, five points) and limited Mount Marty to 30.2 percent shooting for the game.

Additional noteworthy performances were turned in by Kendal Brigham (six points, three rebounds), Rebecca Higgins (six points, three rebounds), Mackenzie Koepke (eight points, six rebounds, two blocks) and Mackenzie Toomey (five points, six rebounds, three assists).

Concordia 81, Northwestern 76
Big-time shot making down the stretch lifted Concordia to a nail-biter of a road victory at Northwestern Jan. 2. Rushton rang in 2021 with a career-high 28 points in another starring performance. After having led by as many as 18 points, the Bull-

dogs hung on for an 81-76 victory inside the Bultman Center in Orange City, Iowa.

Olson's squad has won four in a row to move to 10-5 overall (9-3 GPAC).

Rushton followed up a 23-point outing in Wednesday's win with another inspiring outing. The young Bulldogs showed toughness down the stretch after watching the Red Raiders (5-8, 5-5 GPAC) take a one-point lead (73-72) on Sammy Blum's bucket with under two minutes remaining. Koepke followed with a triple before Rushton knocked down a cold-blooded trey of her own.

Outside shooting was a theme once again. Concordia drained 16-of-40 shots from 3-point range on Saturday. Rushton (6-for-13) accounted for a half-dozen of them while backcourt mate Cockerill went 3-for-4 from beyond the arc. Cockerill posted 14 points while leading the team with seven rebounds. Higgins also scored a trio of treys on her way to 11

points. Molly Schany (12 points on 5-for-9 shooting) helped open things up on the perimeter for the likes of Taylor VanderVelde (18 points) and Blum (12 points). A Bulldog squad that continues to vary its defensive looks from game-to-game emerged with critical stops in crunch time, including a couple of them immediately after the daggers by Koepke and Rushton.

Koepke finished with eight points (and four steals) while six points apiece were contributed by Taylor Farrell, Rylee Pauli and Mackenzie Toomey.

Northwestern made this a white-knuckler with a 24-5 run that began in the third quarter and spanned a good portion of the final period.

Concordia will be back on the road on Wednesday, Jan. 6, for a matchup with Dakota Wesleyan (6-5, 4-5 GPAC). Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. from the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA Case CI 20-111, ADAIR ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. RANDALL J. MICEK, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-NC3, BENEFICIARY, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-NC3, RECONTRUST COMPANY, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, VILLAGE OF UTICA, JOHN DOE AND MARY DOE; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein,

To: John Doe and Mary Doe; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in Lots 5 and 6, Block 38 in Wright's Third Addition to the Village of Utica, Seward County, Nebraska. You have been sued by Adair Asset Management, LLC. The object of the plaintiff's Complaint is to foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012009 for the delinquent taxes on the real estate described above. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2010 thru 2013 taxes plus interest at the rate of 14% per annum. The Complaint asks the court to find that the taxes are a lien against the real estate, as provided by law, and that upon establishment of such lien, the real estate, which may remain unredeemed, be sold at public sale to satisfy the decree so entered, together with interest and costs, including attorney's fees as provided for and by Nebraska Revised Statute §77-1909, as amended, and that the defendants be forever barred of all claims upon, interest in, right or title to, lien upon or equity of redemption in the real estate upon confirmation of the sale. To defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the District Court of Seward County, Nebraska, 261 S. 8th St, Ste 145, Seward, Nebraska 68434, within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. If you fail to respond, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint. ADAIR ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC Deana K. Walocha, #21652 405 N. 115th Street, Suite 100 Omaha, Nebraska 68154 (402)399-9049, ex. 103 Attorney for the Plaintiff SCI — December 30, 2020, January 06, 13, 2021

Women's basketball

It's really not supposed to look like this after a layoff of nearly two weeks between games. The Concordia University women's basketball team appeared as sharp as ever while making seven-straight treys to begin Dec. 30's contest. The Bulldogs held a double-digit lead for more than 37 minutes in a 98-53 win over Mount Marty. Freshmen Bailey Conrad and Taysha Rushton went for a combined 38 points in the win.

"Holy cow, what an impressive start," Head Coach Drew Olson said. "I was kind of worried that when you come back from a break you're not going to be as sharp. My assistant coaches said, 'No, they're ready just to play at home.' We've been on the road for so long, you could just tell that they were excited to be here. You're a lot more confident when you shoot in your own gym."

Rushton made four treys during a 21-0 Bulldog run right out of the gate. Concordia knocked down 17 triples for the

2. This matter should be heard by a district court judge.
3. No party is in the military service of the United States or its allies within the meaning of the Service Members Civil Relief Act of 2003.
4. Defendant is not aware of any other action for custody, parenting time, guardianship, or any other action involving the minor children.
5. On or about the 1st day of April, 2016, this Court entered an Order For Support finding, among other things, that Defendant was the natural father of the minor children. As part of the aforementioned Order, the Third-Party Defendant was awarded custody of the minor children, and Defendant was ordered to pay support on behalf of the minor children in the amount of \$440.00.
6. Since the entry of the Order For Support, there has been a substantial and material change in the circumstances of the Parties, to-wit: the income of the Parties has changed such that application of the child support guidelines which would result in a variation by 10 percent or more, but not less than \$25, upward or downward, of the current child support obligation, child care obligation, or health care obligation, due to financial circumstances which have lasted 3 months and can reasonably be expected to last for an additional 6 months,
7. Since the entry of the Order For Support, there has been a substantial and material change in the circumstances of the Parties that would result in a change of the custody of the minor children and/or parenting time with the minor children, and a review of the same would be in the best interests of the minor children.
8. Applying the current support obligation would place Defendant below the poverty guidelines, in violation of Nebraska Supreme Court Rule §4-218.
9. The Nebraska Child Support Guidelines have been amended to reduce Defendant's child support obligation,
10. No determination has been made as to the tax exemptions for the minor children.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays the Court for an Order modifying his child support obligation in accordance with the facts and the law, modifying the custody and/or parenting time regarding the minor children, for a determination of tax exemptions based on the minor children, and for such other and further relief as may seem just and equitable in the premises.

STEVEN SEAMANN, DEFENDANT,
By: /s/Brett McArthur #020204 140 S. 27th St. Suite D Lincoln, NE 68510 (402) 421-8333 Attorney for Defendant
PRACIPE
To the Clerk of the above Court: Please prepare summons in the above case and instruct the Sheriff of Seward County, Nebraska, to serve the same upon the Parties as follows:
Seward County Attorney
261 S 8th St
Suite 211
Seward, NE 68434
Trista Anne Longsine
243 North 1st Street
Apt. #4
Seward, NE 68434
Please prepare summons in the above case and instruct the Sheriff of Keith County, Nebraska, to serve the same upon the Third Party Defendant, Trista Anne Longsine, at the following location:
Trista Anne Longsine
Ogallala Community Hospital
2601 N Spruce St

OGALLALA, NE 69153
/s/Brett McArthur
Attorney for Defendant
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TRISTA ANNE LONGSINE,
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CASE NO. C114-126
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NOW ON THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020, this matter came on for consideration of the Motion For Service By Publication filed herein by the Defendant. The Court, being fully advised in the premises, hereby finds as follows: the Motion should be, and hereby is sustained. Defendant is hereby given leave to serve notice of this action by publication.
SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.
/s/James C. Stecker
District Court

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I, the undersigned, certify that on December 18, 2020, I served a copy of the foregoing document upon the following persons at the addresses given, by mailing by United States Mail, postage prepaid, or via E-mail:
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BY THE COURT:
/s/Tera L. Koetter
CLERK
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BIDS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
CALL ORDER: 105
CONTRACT ID: M1005
STATE PROJECT NO.: MISC-34-6(1039)
LOCATION: US-34, SEWARD EAST CULVERTS
IN COUNTY: SEWARD
The Nebraska Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Hwy. 2 in Lincoln, until 1:30 PM on January 14, 2021. At that time the bids will be opened and read. Bids will be opened and the bid totals will be read via Webex. The Webex information will be available on the BidX Letting webpage a minimum of 2 days prior to the opening, and can be found by selecting the applicable letting from: <https://www.bidx.com/ne/lettings>. Plans, specifications, and additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Transportation's Web Site at <http://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/business-opp/hwy-bridge-ipl/>.
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MEETINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The January 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, January 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for said meeting is on file at that location and kept continually current.
SCI — January 06, 2021

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The board of education of the School District of Seward will meet in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for a board study session to be followed by the 7:00 p.m. regular business meeting. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Offices located at 410 South St., Seward, Nebraska. An agenda for the meeting which shall be kept continually current is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours. To view the agenda go to <http://SewardPublicSchools.org/> and find the eMeeting link.
SCI — January 06, 2021

MEETING NOTICE SEWARD/SALINE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the above agency will be held on Thursday, January 07, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Milford City Offices, council chambers, 402 1st St., Milford, Nebraska. Notice of each meeting is posted on the Seward and Saline County Courthouse bulletin boards. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the Seward and Saline County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearances before the Board. The Board of Directors of said Agency have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meetings.
DEAN BRUHA
SECRETARY/CLERK
SCI — January 06, 2021

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

Seward County Ag. Society
Monday, January 18, 2021
7 p.m.
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Seward County Fairgrounds
Michael J. Flyr
Secretary
Seward Co. Ag. Society
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ORGANIZATIONS

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
 Notice is hereby given of the organization of CORDOVA CUSTOMS, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company formed and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial principal place of business and designated office at 111 Paris Street, P.O. Box 72, Cordova, Nebraska 68330 and the initial registered agent at that address is Brittany L. Hansen. The general nature of its business is to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a Nebraska Limited Liability Company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska; and for all other purposes authorized by law, to the same extent as natural persons might or could do. The company commenced on December 21, 2020 and is to have perpetual existence. Its affairs shall be conducted by the members as authorized by the Operating Agreement. Dated at York, Nebraska this 30th Day of December, 2020. CORDOVA CUSTOMS, LLC 111 Paris Street P.O. Box 72 Cordova, Nebraska 68330 /s/ Christopher J. Buller, Attorney at Law, Organizer SCI — January 06, 13, 20, 2021 ZNEZ

ESTATES

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD RIEGER, Deceased.
 Case No. PR20-74
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 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 LADEAN RIEGER, whose address is P.O. Box 366, Utica, NE 68456, 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 February 23, 2021, or be forever barred.
 /s/Sheila R. Beins
 CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
 MICHAEL G. MULLALLY,
 #17373
 MICHAEL G. MULLALLY,
 P.C., L.L.O.
 510 Seward Street
 P.O. Box 411
 Seward, Nebraska 68434
 (402) 643-4581
 Attorney for Personal Representative
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEITH MCGILL, Deceased.
 Case No. PR20-75
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that on December 16, 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 ANDREW MCGILL, whose address is 2222 N. 4th Street, Seward, Nebraska 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 February 23, 2021, or be forever barred.
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN SWANSON, Deceased.
 PR 18-24
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT AFTER INFORMAL INTESTATE OPENING
 Notice is hereby given that a final account, report of administration and a Petition for Complete Settlement and determination of heirs has been filed and set for hearing in the County Court of Seward County, Nebraska located at 261 S. 8th Street, Seward, Nebraska 68484 on January 19, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.
 /s/Sheila R. Beins
 Clerk of Seward County Court
 PO Box 37
 Seward, NE 68434-0037
 402-643-3214
 /s/Chris F. Blomenberg, #22869
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 (402) 476-2200
 cblomenberg@mchenrylaw.com
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MINUTES

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 JANUARY 5, 2021
 The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. Present: Chairperson: John Culver Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Becky Paulsen County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer Absent: Member: Bob Vrbka

Approved the minutes of December 22, 2020.
 Sheriff Vance gave a report of road conditions.
 Commissioners gave an update of their activities.
 Approved a new Agenda Request Form effective January 1, 2021.
 Awarded Employee Recognition certificates for 10-25 years of service to Seward County.
 Recognized those employees that retired in 2020.
 Accepted a bid from Eagleview for Ortho and Digital Oblique Imagery and Software.
 Sheriff Vance introduced Sharon Dickinson as Volunteer Community Liaison for the Sheriff's Office.
 The lease agreement for the Task Force Building will be put on a future meeting agenda.
 Appointed Matthew Starkey as the Veteran's Service Officer/ Public Transit Director/ General Assistance Director/Fleet Director.
 Approved Nebraska Dept. of Transportation Agreement for Scheduling Software Project.
 Adopted the agenda for January 5, 2021 and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.
 Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk
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Director of Quality Programs: Full-time day position. Candidate is responsible for Quality Programs and Risk Management efforts; in evaluating, trending and communicating information gathered through various tools. A candidate with a minimum of Bachelor Science Degree from an accredited Nursing program preferred, with a minimum of three years related experience. —*Memorial Hospital*

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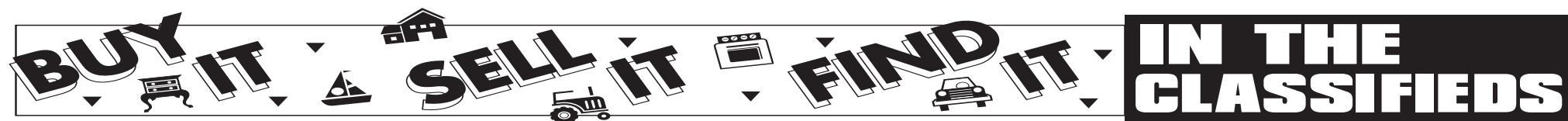
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Four Corners update

As of Friday, Jan. 1, the Four Corners Risk Dial has been reset and remains in the Orange Elevated COVID-19 Risk Level at 2.38, which is the same as the previous week. Public health recommendations and the COVID-19 dashboard are posted on our website at www.fourcorners.ne.gov.

Over New Year's Eve and Day (Dec. 31 through Jan. 1), there were 45 new cases of COVID-19 reported in the District:

Seward County had 23 new cases for a total of 1,635.

York County had 13 new cases for a total of 1,386.

Polk County had 6 new cases for 474 cases total.

Butler County added 3 cases for 743 total cases.

As of Jan. 1, the total cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in the Four Corners District is 4,238. There were 269 new cases in the previous 14 days, with 131 of those cases recorded in the past seven days.

Over the prior seven

days (Dec. 26-Jan. 1), the totals for each county are as follows:

- Butler County—15
- Polk County—11
- Seward County—63
- York County—42

Four Corners also confirmed three additional COVID-19 related deaths:

A Polk County man in his 80's, who had been hospitalized

A Seward County man in his 80's, who had been hospitalized

A Seward County woman in her 80's, who had been under medical care.

These deaths bring the Four Corners' cumulative total of COVID-19 related deaths to 58.

Seward County increases to 22 total COVID—19 related deaths; Polk County to 16. York and Butler counties each remain at 10 total COVID-19 related deaths.

For questions about COVID-19, contact Four Corners at (402) 362-2621 or visit the website at www.fourcorners.ne.gov.

Businesses looking a bit different



COURTESY PHOTO

Terry and Anita Miller, (left and middle) sold one half of their Precision Tool building on McKelvie Road in Seward to Hillcrest Wedding Decor Rentals owner Crystal Nelson, right, earlier this year. Nelson said she is enjoying having the space so far and the location is great for business. "We serve people from all around the state, not just Seward, so it's nice to have space," Nelson said. She has run Hillcrest Wedding Decor Rentals since 2016 and seen steady growth in the area and beyond. It features various items for just about every type of wedding, from the cake topper to place setting to light decorations and more that may need to be rented for the special occasion.

Online support groups starting soon

Tabitha's industry-leading Senior Care provider, offers a variety of support groups throughout York, Seward, Saline, Butler, Polk, Fillmore and surrounding counties.

Online grief and support groups are open to anyone in the community and are a great way to find support while sharing common experiences and coping tips in the safety and comfort of home. Your loved one did not have to be with Tabitha. Participation is free; register online at Tabitha.org/Hospice/Bereavement.

• Grieving Gracefully Book Club, held the second and fourth Tuesdays, Jan. 12 and 26, from noon-1 p.m. The support group will read and discuss "Choosing to See: A Journey of Struggle and Hope" by Mary Beth Chapman, a book that focuses on moving through grief with faith. For questions, call Juanita Steenbakkers at (402) 416-7365.

• Growing Through Grief Support Group, held every Tuesday beginning Jan. 19 at 3

p.m. This six-week support group is dedicated for those who recently lost a loved one. Share your story with others who are going through a common experience while receiving helpful tips to successfully move through the grief journey. For questions, call Abby Henre at (402) 486-8546.

• HOPE Book Club, held the first and third Thursdays beginning Jan. 21, from 10-11 a.m. The support group will read and discuss "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion, a memoir of her first year after her husband's death. For questions, call Tabitha Hoffman at (402) 362-7739.

• Caregiver Support Group, held every Thursday beginning Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. This eight-week support group is dedicated for those who are caring for a spouse, parent or other loved one with a serious illness. Each week will cover a different caregiving topic. For questions, call Juanita Steenbakkers at (402) 416-7365.

What's going on this month? Read below

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Seward Memorial Library has closed its doors to the public for the time being, but the drive-up window remains open all published hours as long as staff is available. Call the library at (402) 643-3318, text the staff at (402) 260-2202 or email the staff at info@sewardlibrary.org with requests or questions. The staff will be happy to have items ready for you to pick up when they are available.

year but the celebration was physically canceled and held only virtually. The theme for the Rivoli Centennial is "The Magic of Movies!" So, this year we hope to host a double celebration.

Nominations are still being sought for the Seward County Community Service Award for 2021. Names and resumes should be submitted to Clark Kolterman, 660 East Pinewood Ave., Seward, or email him at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org. A panel will compile the nominations and a committee cross section from throughout Seward County

will vote on the honoree.

Committee reports will be heard at the Jan. 21 meeting and details for the 2021 event are being planned. For more information, contact Kolterman at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org

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

THURSDAYS Family history questions? Society can help

The Seward County Genealogical

TOPS meets weekly
Take Off Pounds Sensibly, a non-profit weight management organization, meets every Thursday in the Audio-Visual Room at the Seward Civic Center. Weight-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.

JANUARY 21 Committee plans January meeting

The monthly meeting of the Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the West Fireplace room of the Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street. The meeting is to plan and organize the 2021 Fourth of July Celebration and select honorees and committee chair. Volunteers are welcome and the meeting is open to the public.

The 2021 July 4 will honor the centennial of Hughes Brothers, Inc., founded in 1921, and the theme is "Made in America!" The committee also plans to honor the centennial of the Rivoli Theater, who was to be the honoree last

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