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CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous big book study, 10 a.m., Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m., Keene Memorial Library auditorium, Fremont.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, noon, Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Fremont Kiwanis Club, noon, Presidential Dining Room, Midland University.

Lego party, 4-5 p.m., Keene Memorial Library, Fremont. This is for ages 3-10.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 5:15 p.m., Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Hamburger night, 5:30-7 p.m., Fremont Eagles Club. The soup is chili. Everyone is welcome.

Prairie Fields Aesthetics Christmas Open House, 5:30-8 p.m., 350 W. 23rd St., Fremont. There will be special pricing and raffles.

GriefShare group, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1546 N. Luther Road, Fremont. This group is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a family member or friend. For more information, contact the church at 402-721-5536.

Narcotics Anonymous It Works Group, 6:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church East Building, west of the church, 1440 E. Military Ave., Fremont. Enter through the rear door.

Photos with Santa, 6:30-8 p.m., The Her-

itage at Shalimar Gardens, 749 E. 29th St., Fremont. The event also will include Christmas caroling with the Fremont High School Chorale, Fremont Middle School Girls First Choir and Johnson Crossing Academic Center fifth-grade honor choir; cookies and cocoa; and a gift wrapping station. The event is free and open to the public.

Bingo, 7 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8223, 742 N. Main St., North Bend. Everyone is welcome.

Civil Air Patrol, 7 p.m., 1201 W. 23rd St., in yellow hangar at Fremont Airport.

County-wide housing study presentation, 7 p.m., Christensen Field, Fremont. The public is encouraged to attend a presentation of findings from the recently completed Dodge County & Communities County-Wide Housing Study with Strategies for Affordable Housing.

Fresh Hope Support Group, 7 p.m., Dunklau Gardens Conference Room, Fremont. The faith-based support group is for those suffering from mental illness or family members and/or caregivers.

Storytime, 7-7:30 p.m., Keene Memorial Library auditorium, Fremont.

Tally Ho Toastmasters, 7-8 p.m., Midland University's Anderson Building, Ninth and Clarkson streets, Fremont. Everyone is welcome to learn skills in communication,

self-confidence and leadership. For more information, call 402-936-3479.

Alcoholics Anonymous big book study, 8 p.m., Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting, 8 p.m., First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 N. Davis Ave., Oakland.

FRIDAY

Cosmopolitan 100 Service Club, 7 a.m., Fremont Eagles Club.

Charlie Diers Ford Lincoln Holiday Coffee, 9-10 a.m., 2445 N. Broad St., Fremont.

Al-Anon meeting, 9:30 a.m., Chapter 5 Club front room, Fremont.

Community Closet, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Uniquely Yours Stability Support, 240 N. Main St., Fremont. The cost is \$5 to fill a bag. There is no limit of how many bags you can buy. For more information, call 402-727-8977.

Fremont Community Breastfeeding Support Group, 10-11 a.m., Three Rivers Health Department conference room, Fremont.

HomeStore, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 701 E. Dodge St., Fremont. The HomeStore sells donated items at discounted prices. Proceeds support the mission of Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity.

Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m., Keene Memorial Library auditorium, Fremont.

Baby and toddler time, 11 a.m. to noon, Keene Memorial Library auditorium.

Alcoholics Anonymous 12x12 study, noon, Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Fremont Rotary Club, noon, Fremont Golf Club, N. Somers Ave.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 5:15 p.m., Chapter 5 Club, Fremont.

Dinner, 5:30-7 p.m., Fremont Eagles Club. The special is chicken fried steak. The regular meeting also will be served. The Links Duo will be playing from 7-10 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Our Little Christmas Festival and Open House, 7 p.m., Fremont Opera House. Music with John Huss and Friends will begin at 7 p.m. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" is set for 7:30 p.m. Cider and cookies will be served and there will be a silent auction of holiday wreaths decorated by local businesses. Cost is a \$5 donation.

Road to Bethlehem, 7-9 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, 904 N. Bell St., Fremont. Tours will leave approximately every 15-20 minutes guided by a shepherd. Visitors will travel back in history to visit the manger in Bethlehem that very first Christmas. Each guest will receive a free gift and refreshments will be served at the end of the tour.



Hop on your bike and go

Wishing Wheels
 aiding people in
 need for sixth year

SAM PIMPER
 Fremont Tribune

Over the course of the past six years, the annual Wishing Wheels campaign has provided more than 290 bicycles to Fremont children and recently, several adults, too.

The campaign started as a Low Income Ministry of Dodge County project, consisting of approximately eight bicycles being gifted yearly to less fortunate area youth during the holiday season. Glen Mueller, father of Deb Niles, coordinator of Wishing Wheels, was in charge of fundraising, ordering the bicycles and distributing them to recipients.

Eventually, Niles and Dave Mitchell, co-coordinator, took over the operation on their own.

"It got to the point where we started getting too big to run out of the Low Income Ministry," Niles said during a Tuesday interview with the Tribune. "There wasn't enough room for all the bikes and it became too hectic, so Dave and I took it completely over, and now we run it and the Fremont Area Community Foundation manages all the funds."

This year, Niles said that approximately 51 bicycles are being distributed to the Masonic Eastern-Star Home for Children, the Salvation Army, Heartland Family Services Jefferson House

and the Hope Center for Kids Fremont.

There are enough bicycles for all requests from the Masonic Home, Jefferson House and Hope Center, and a drawing for 27 bicycles will happen at the Salvation Army. Niles said that the request was for 57, but there aren't enough funds to accommodate all requests. Recipients of the bicycles also receive a bike lock and a helmet, she said.

Bicycles are purchased through Walmart and Bad Dog

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Bikes

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Bikes, and will be distributed to children the week of Dec. 18. Funds for each year's campaign are provided by members of the public, a group of Fremont bicyclists who've ridden together for years and by members of the Fremont Rotary Club.

Those interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Fremont Area Community Foundation can still do so through Dec. 14, Niles said. It needs to be made clear that the checks and cash are intended for the Wishing Wheels campaign.

"You have to specify what that money is being

used for otherwise they will use it for another one of their projects," she said.

In 2016, eight bicycles were given to Care Corps Family Services to aid with transportation needs for residents looking for jobs, and this year, another six bikes are making their way to Care Corps.

Niles said the decision was made to give Care Corps an allotted number of bicycles after she heard a story about a man who lived at the shelter and had to make a long walking commute to work.

"They didn't have enough bikes for all the people looking for jobs to use one," Niles said. "And we thought that if they had more bicycles, people could find jobs faster, and then also have a better chance of keeping that job because they had their transportation needs taken care of."

In the second year of assisting Care Corps, a new component has been added.

"This year they are getting six (bikes), and when someone moves out of Care Corps and gets an apartment or house they can take the bike with them

so that they can maintain their transportation until they are able to get a vehicle," Niles said.

When Niles and Mitchell talked to Care Corps about their intentions, the organization was completely on board.

"They love it, because the main thing Care Corps tries to do is get people back on their feet," she said. "They work on a lot of educational and emotional aspects with people, but with the insurance and liability we were told it's too expensive to insure a van to drive people around. But these bicycles don't cost them anything."

In addition to the bicycles, Care Corps also will receive additional bike tubes and tire patches.

Niles encourages those who can to consider donating to this year's Wishing Wheels campaign.

"We are still taking donations until the 13th or 14th (of December)," she said.

"And even if they come in after it's still very helpful, because for us, this is a year-round fundraising deal."



SAM PIMPER, FREMONT TRIBUNE

Robert Hearnes, 11, smiles while standing beside a bicycle he received through the local Wishing Wheels 2016 campaign. Robert and 23 other children attending the Hope Center for Kids Fremont received bicycles last year.



Seward High Youth Rotarian

Name: Kelsie Zadina

Parents: Kevin and Angie Zadina

Activities: volleyball, basketball, track, Key Club, FFA, SkillsUSA, Junior Jays Mentoring, volleyball and basketball camps; computer class assistant at the Seward Senior Center

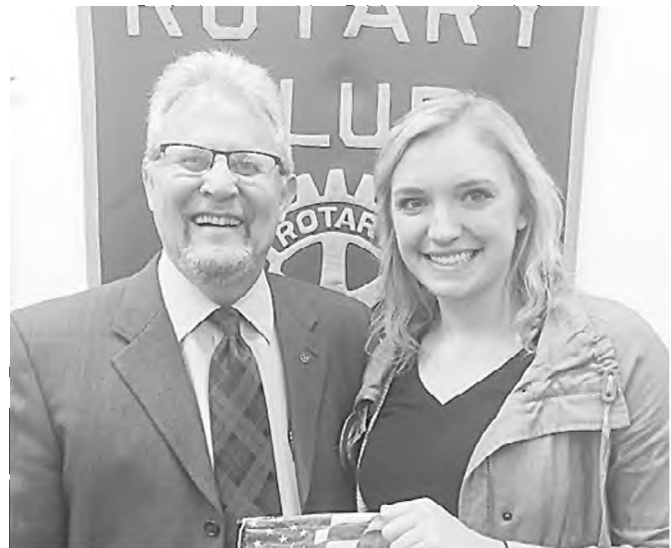
Honors: National Honor Society, honor roll; Academic All State in volleyball and basketball; all conference basketball and volleyball

Work: Seward County Independent

Church: St. John Lutheran Church, god-parent group

Service Above Self: youth basketball and volleyball camps

College plans: undecided; architecture as field of study



Seward High senior Kelsie Zadina, pictured with Seward Rotary President Russ Sommerfield, was the November Youth Rotarian of the Month.



EVENTS

NOVEMBER 29

Give blood in county

The Nebraska Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Plains Equipment Group in Seward.

The NCBB will be in Beaver Crossing at the fire hall from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, as well.

Crafts planned at center

The Seward Senior Center will host a craft morning Wednesday, Nov. 29, starting at 10 a.m.

Bingo celebrates birthdays

The Utica Senior Center will celebrate October birthdays with bingo Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 1 p.m. Heartland Senior Living will host.

Play pitch to support youth center

The Seward Youth Center will sponsor a pitch tournament fundraiser starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the 4-H Center on the Seward County Fairgrounds. Registration is \$40, which includes the meal, for a two-person team. Register by Nov. 30. Teams may play in the five- or 10-point division, with payouts for the top three teams in each. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

DECEMBER 3

Parade of Homes announces sites

The 2017 Scholarship Parade of Homes will be Sunday, Dec. 3, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. All ticket sale proceeds go to provide scholarships for Seward County high school seniors who will attend Concordia University or Southeast Community College in Milford. Tickets are available at Concordia University's Alumni Office (Weller 206) or the Seward banks (Cattle National Bank and Trust Co., Jones National Bank and Trust Co. and Union Bank and Trust Co.). They are \$12 in advance, \$15 day of event. Homeowners on this year's tour are Mark and Chris Blanke, 189 Wildwood Road; Dave and Amber Fiala, 411 N. Columbia Avenue; Mike and Jeanie Hecker, 2432 N. Columbia Avenue; Scott and Tammy Kocian, 2443 N. Columbia Avenue; and Nicky Engel and Jim Neuberger, 206 Seward Street.

NOVEMBER 30

Give blood in Milford

The Nebraska Community Blood Bank will host a blood drive Thursday, Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Milford High School.

Boosters plan kick-off event

The Seward High Booster Club will host its kick-off pork feed Thursday, Nov. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. during the high school's season opening basketball games. Varsity games start at 6 p.m. (girls) and 7:30 p.m. (boys) against Hastings. A free photo booth will also be available.

THROUGH DECEMBER 1

Coat drive to benefit local families

The Seward County 4-H Junior Leaders are hosting a coat drive through Friday, Dec. 1. Gently used coats of all sizes, gloves, mittens and hats will be collected. The drop-off site is the Seward County Extension Office at 322 South 14th Street across from Pac 'N' Save. For more information, call (402) 643-2981 or email seward-extension@unl.edu.

Ladies service planned at church

Grace Lutheran Church in Seward will host a Ladies Advent Prayer Service Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. The service will be a celebration of Advent in lessons and songs, followed by a meal. RSVP by Friday, Dec. 1, to Grace Lutheran Church at gracesewardne@gmail.com or (402) 643-4131. Leave a message if no one answers.

Decorate homes for annual contest

The Seward Rotary Club, assisted by the Seward High Future Business Leaders of America, will host the annual Seward Holiday Outdoor Home Lighting Decorating Contest in the Seward area and judge the entries on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. The contest is free to enter and names can be submitted to Clark Kolterman at clark.kolterman@sewardschools.org or call Sandi Wright at the Jones National Bank and Trust at (402) 643-3602. Contact Kolterman with any concerns or questions.

DECEMBER 1

Singer to perform at winery

Joe Cockson will present a concert at Junto Winery Friday, Dec. 1, from 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.juntowine.com.

DECEMBER 7-10

Music, play staged at theatre

"A Visit from St. Nicholas or the Night Before Christmas," by Lowell Swortzel will be staged at The Olde Glory Theatre Dec. 7-10. Students of Marble Music Studio will provide seasonal music. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 8 and 2 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 10. Tickets are available at www.oldeglorysewardne.com or by calling (402) 304-5392. Reserved seating is available for advanced tickets. Advanced tickets are \$10. Admission is \$12 at the door. Children 5 and under get in free. Special advance ticket price for Dec. 7 show is \$8.

DECEMBER 2

Fire departments plan first drive

The Seward County volunteer fire departments are hosting a Christmas toy drive to benefit Blue Valley Community Action. The first collection date is Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seward Walmart. A drop tank will be set up for new toys.

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DECEMBER 7

Sale features Plum Creek authors

A children's book sale at Concordia University is scheduled from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Thom Leadership Education Center on campus.

Mid-week movie planned at library

The community is invited to take an afternoon break and relax in front of the big screen in the lower level conference room at Seward Memorial Library.

DECEMBER 8-9

Concerts set on campus

Concordia University's Winter Jazzfest will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, in the Weller chapel auditorium. The Concordia Handbell Choir and Handbell Choir II will perform at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Music Center's Recital Hall.

DECEMBER 9

Church hosts Breakfast in Bethlehem

Come celebrate the joy of the Christ-Child this Christmas with your family and friends at Breakfast in Bethlehem on Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward.

THROUGH DECEMBER 9

Stuff the Cruiser begins collections

Seward Rotary's annual Stuff the Cruiser program has begun collecting toys and clothes for families with children age 0 to 14. The cruiser will be at Dollar General Friday, Dec. 8, and at the Seward Walmart Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9.

DECEMBER 10

Legion schedules breakfast

The Pleasant Dale American Legion will host breakfast Sunday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice.

DECEMBER 12

Alzheimer's Caregiver Group to meet

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group will meet the second Tuesday of each month. The group is open to anyone who

has a family member dealing with dementia. The meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at Brookdale Heartland Park.

DECEMBER 13

Celebration features show choir

The annual Sterling Connection Holiday Celebration will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Seward High auditorium. RSVP to (402) 646-4707. The event includes music by the Seward High Show Choir, refreshments and door prizes.

DECEMBER 14

Grief support group to meet

Heartfelt Connections, a grief support group for parents who have lost children, will meet the second Thursday of each month. Contact Sharon Dickinson at (402) 643-8145 or Diane Krieser at (402) 588-2687 for more information or visit the website at sewardheartfeltconnections.org.

DECEMBER 15

Singer to perform at winery

Andrea von Kampen will present a concert at Junto Winery Friday, Dec. 15, from 7-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.juntowine.com.

DECEMBER 16

Santa's coming for breakfast

The annual Seward Rotary Club Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m. at the Seward Civic Center in the lower level. The event is open to all and the cost is \$1 per person, which includes donuts, candy, juice, milk and more candy.

Pianist plans annual Christmas show

Sally Jost will perform a Christmas show at the Olde Glory Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 16. Friends joining her to perform this year include Jonathan Jank, Stan Mitchell, Ken Kloke, Xander Foulk and the ladies' quartet Cabriolet.

DECEMBER 19-21

Public Transit offers light tours

Seward County Public Transit will tour the area's holiday lights Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 19-21, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each night. Cookies will be served, as well. Call (402) 643-4067 to reserve a seat. The cost is \$4.

DECEMBER 21

Chamber hosts movie night

The Milford Chamber will host movie night Thursday, Dec. 21, Concessions open at 5:30 p.m., with the movie starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Milford Senior Center.

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JANUARY 19

Get brain ready for trivia night

The St. John Lutheran PTL is accepting teams for its 2017 trivia night, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 19, at Harvest Hall. Questions start at 7 p.m. that night. Teams of eight answer questions in 10 themed rounds. A silent auction, bar and other games are also available. The cost is \$160 per table or \$150 if paid in advance. Register at www.tinyurl.com/stjohntrivia, email stjohntrivia@gmail.com or call Michelle Meyer at (402) 523-0068.

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Seward Rotary's annual Stuff the Cruiser program has begun collecting toys and clothes for families with children age 0 to 14. The cruiser will be at Dollar General Friday, Dec. 8, and at the Seward Walmart Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9 to collect.

Families wishing to sign up or anyone wishing to donate who will not be in town Dec. 8 and 9 or who wishes to donate money should call (402) 646-5755 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., any Seward Rotary member or the Seward Police Department.

Distribution will be Saturday, Dec. 16.