

★Book Signing: "The Unstonnable Bridget Bloom" by

Association

United Methodist Praise Band, Seward Ministerial

Rocket Brewing Co. large event room. ★Lecture: "The Mildred Adaline Lindsev Story: Escaped Slave Living in Seward County" by Tobin Beck - Civic Center east fireplace room. Free.

SHS FCCLA and Friends. ★LUXE Dance Academy of Lincoln Dancers/Cloggers -

Bandshell. Sponsored by Suhr & Lichty Insurance.

& Trust, Concordia University, Jones Bank of Seward and Milford, Hughes Brothers, and Petsource by Scoular. The July 4th Committee, coordinator Darin Urwin & Company.

<ul> <li>★ Book Signing: "The Unstoppable Bridget Bloom" by Allison Bitz of Lincoln – 1–2 p.m., Chapters Books &amp; Gifts. Ask her anything. Target audience: 12 through 28.</li> <li>5:30p ★ Food Truck – Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. 5:30–8 p.m.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>★ Self-guided Volkswalk: "Step to the Beat" – Starts at Fast Mart, 215 N. 6th St., 5K (3.1 miles) or 10K (6.2 miles). All day. Free. See www.julyfourthseward.com for details.</li> <li>★ Exhibits Open – Various. 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Open to the public.</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>★ PUBLIC RESTROOMS</li> <li>★ Civic Center</li> <li>★ Courthouse – south doors</li> <li>★ Fairgrounds</li> <li>★ High School Track</li> <li>★ Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church</li> <li>★ Plum Creek Park</li> <li>★ Nebraska National Guard Museum – 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.</li> <li>★ during the parade</li> <li>★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</li> </ul>	8:30a	<ul> <li>★ Chimes Concert – Courthouse Tower. 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.</li> <li>★ Shuttle/Trolley Rides – See map on www.julyfourth.com or pick up a map at the Info Center on the Square. <i>Free</i>. Hours: July 4th - 8:30 a.m3:15 p.m. &amp; 5–7 p.m.</li> <li>★ Best Decorated Bike/Trike Contest – Bandshell. Decorate your bike/trike. Ride your bike in the Grand Parade! Awards/prizes. All ages welcome. Free. Sponsored by SHS FCCLA.</li> </ul>

- ★ Historic Walk Around the Square With Jon Keller, Author of "150 Years Around the Square." Meet at information booth at 5th & Seward Sts. One-hour presentation.
- ★ "Nebraska Train Songs and Tales" by David Seay Civic 9:30a Center Auditorium. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Humanities Nebraska. ★LUXE Dance Academy of Lincoln, Dancers/Cloggers -Bandshell.
- 10:00a ★ Family Rest Area – Civic Center west fireplace room. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Includes children's activities, silent auction, and photo spot. Hosted by GFWC SWC. ★ Car Show Opens – Seward St. between 6th & 8th St. See website
  - ★ River City Carnival Opens Location TBA
  - ★ Moolah's Giant 18 ft. Inflated Slide 5th & Seward Sts. Cattle Bank & Trust parking lot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sponsored by Cattle Bank & Trust.
  - ★Quilt Talk: "The Quilts of Valor Program" by Bonnie Smith, Blue River Quilt Guild - Civic Center AV room.
  - ★ Author Talk: "Andrew Jackson Higgins" by Jerry Strahan,
  - Higgins Biographer NENG Museum. ★ See the Higgins Boat-PA31-17 – NENG Museum front.
- ★ Free Movie: "An American Tail" Rivoli Theatre. PG. "We are Family!" People's Choice Best Family Movie. About a great family. Sponsored by Wisehart family and Seward Fourth of July Celebration Committee
- ★Blue River Men's Quartet directed by Jonathan Jank -Civic Center Auditorium.
- ★A Century of Fashion: Mini Fashion Show and Talk by Sue McLain - Civic Center, upstairs east fireplace room. Featuring clothes of 150 years. Honoring Cattle Bank & Trust's 150th anniversary. Sponsored by GFWC SWC and Humanities Nebraska.
- 12:30p ★ High School Summer Chamber Choir directed by Dr. Kurt von Kampen – Civic Center auditorium
- \*Lecture: "Moving and Saving the Log Cabin" by Pat 1:00p **Coldiron and Company –** Civic Center AV room. ★ Essence of Dance, Milford – Seward Bandshell
  - \* Concert: Dennis Bowers and his Harmonica Show Civic Center auditorium
  - ★ Demonstration: Gold Star Martial Arts, Team Velocity -5th & Seward Sts.
  - ★ Book Talk: "The Barbers of Seward County" by Jon Keller **Seward Historian** – Civic Center east fireplace room.
- ★ Piano Concert by Sally Jost Civic Center auditorium. 1:30p

## ★★★ <u>NO PRIVATE FIREWORKS ALLOWED.</u> ★★★

featuring lights on the Courthouse. Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership. Home Lighting Exhibition – View local homes decorated with red, white, and blue lights. Contest sponsored by Seward Rotary Club and SHS FBLA. Planting Exhibition – View beautiful red, white, and blue plantings throughout the community. Keep Seward Beautiful Committee

★ Operation Silhouette – Holiday lights around the Square

# Wednesday, July 5

6:00a

 $\star$  Clean Up – meet on north side of square, citywide throughout morning. City of Seward, Seward Scouts, SHS FFA, FBLA, Skills USA, FCCLA and Key Club, 4-H Clubs, community volunteers, - a "Litter-Free" event - Keep Seward Beautiful!

★ Plan to Spend July 4, 2024, in SEWARD ★ Nebraska's (Official Fourth of July City

★★★ History ★★★ Since 1868, the community of Seward, Nebraska, has honored and

celebrated the anniversary of the United States. Rich in community

history, this celebration has grown to state and national attention,

emphasizing the total community effort. This example of "small

town" America celebrating as it has for over 150 years will again

happen on July 4, 2023, and we invite you to share this day with us,

Seward was named Nebraska's Best Festival 2021, 2015 and

2016; received the top award in 2005, 2006 and 2007; finished

as a finalist in 2011-2014 & 2017; was named Nebraska

#### Info Booth – NE corner Courthouse Square in the street & Civic Center. Junto Winery – 1356 182nd Road, Seward Register in the guest book. Opens: July 4th - 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Liberty House Bed & Breakfast - 5th & Moffitt Sts. Antique Bandshell - 5th St. & Jackson Ave. Market Opens: July 2nd-4th - 9 a.m. Bottle Rocket Brewing Co. – 230 S. 5th St. Brews, food truck, beer Living Word Lutheran Church – 1300 W. Hillcrest garden and root beer. Tours available. Food truck on July 3rd 6:30–8 p.m. Seward Memorial Library - 233 S. 5th St. Hours: July 3rd - 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; July 4th - Opens 8 a.m Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church – 6th & Bradford Sts. Changing Table & Feeding Station – 5th & Jackson Ave., Bandshell Nebraska National Guard Museum (NENG) - 201 N. 8th St. Air-Park. Hosted by MOPS. conditioned public restrooms. Free. Self-guided tours. New gift shop. Civic Center – 616 Bradford St. \*Cooling station open on the 4th until 5:30 p.m.\* Hours: July 3rd - 8 **Family Rest Area** – Civic Center west fireplace room. *Silent Auction.* a.m.-4 p.m. • July 4th - 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Free. Sponsored by GFWC SWC. Opens: July 4th - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Olde Glory Theatre and Community Hall – 348 Jackson Ave. High School – 532 Northern Heights

# Rivoli Theatre - 533 Main St. Free Movie: July 4th - Noon.

**Key Locations & Hours** 

Optimist Freedom Run - Plum Creek Ball Fields East side. New Location, new route. See website at www.julyfourthseward.com. Starts: July 4th - 7 a.m Plum Creek Park - North Rainbow & East Pinewood Aves. No cars. Walking traffic only. No private fireworks. Post Office - 507 Main St. Pictorial cancellation for Seward's July 4th Celebration. Free postcards.

Red Path Gallery & Tasting Room - 514 Seward St. Nebraska art, wine, beer and spirits

Seward County Historical Society Museum - 1037 364th Rd., Goehner, NE. Hours: July 2nd - 1:30-5 p.m.

\* Pie Festival – Raymond Church Pie Makers in Civic Center

Shuttle/Trolley Rides - See map on www.julyfourth.com or pick up a map at the Info Center on the Square. Free. Hours: July 4th - 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. & 5–7 p.m Sparetime Lounge & Grill – 123 S. 4th St.

VFW Club - 243 S. 9th St. Zabka Park – 4th St. & Jackson Ave.

Information Booth on July 4.

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HANDICAP PARKING 203 S. 6th Street

Jones Bank main parking lot & Karol Kay Blvd. during fireworks

★ Special Edition by the Seward County Independent – at

★ Special Pictorial Cancellation - U.S. Post Office honoring the

Park, 8 p.m., north Seward. Hosted by Daws Trucking.



FOR INFO, CONTACT: Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership 402-643-4189 or visit julyfourthseward.com

if not in person, at least in spirit!

### **WEBSITES:** julyfourthseward.com • sewardnebraskatourism.com **POSTER SPONSORED BY SEWARD COUNTY ADVERTISERS**

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- blanket and chair. \*\*In case of rain: fireworks will be on July 5th at 10 p.m.\*\* Extra seating at Seward Middle School and Plum ★ Nebraska's Friend Award – Virginia Cattle and the Cattle Family. Honoring Cattle Bank & Trust's 150th Anniversary.
- ★ Seward Optimist Freedom Run see www.julyfourthseward. com for details.

July 4, 2023

Please respect the property and lawns of the community!

Creek soccer fields.

Central

- ★ July 4 Historical Marker SW corner of Courthouse Square. Nebraska State Historical Society, City of Seward.
- ★ Grand Parade Theme: We Are Family A Call for Unity. Featuring bands, floats, and units. Honoring the 150th Anniversary of Cattle Bank & Trust. Entry forms at Civic Center; contact Donna Hendrickson, SCCDP at 402-643-4189; contact Tonia Nantkes 402-641-8912; visit ★ Giant Fireworks Salute: A Fireworks Extravaganza – Plum Creek Park. Music with fireworks on 104.9 MAX Country. Bring www.julyfourthseward.com or email sewardparade@outlook.com.
  - Courthouse and businesses. Week of July 4th. ★ Lincoln Volkssport Club - See www.julyfourthseward.com.
  - ★ Food on celebration grounds

  - ★ Mighty Fortress Church Hot Dog Feed 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Benefitting Blue Valley Community Action.
  - ★ SHS Band Boosters Civic Center, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Basement, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

★ Tourist Family – 4th of July Committee, Seward County Sheriff/

★ Seward County Community Service Award - sponsored by Seward VFW Auxiliary 4755, 4th of July Committee, and Seward County Independent.

NE corner of Courthouse Square by Cattle Bank & Trust. Also located in the Civic Center. ★ Crafts on the Square - Nebraska's Best Handmade Craft Show. On the square, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ★ Free Concert in the Park, "Sunset Lounge" - Plum Creek

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- ★ Beef Bar-B-Que Buffet Olde Glory (inside). 5 p.m. until sold ★ Holiday Lights – Seward's "Operation Silhouette," outline of

- Seward Police Department.

Items of Interest on July 4th

- ★ St. John Music Ministry Civic Center, 7–10 a.m. ★ Seward VFW Auxiliary – Post Home, 243 S. 9th St. 8 a.m.–Noon
- ★ Food Alley 5th & Seward St., 9 a.m. until sold out.

- out. Olde Glory Foundation Board. theme "We Are Family!" ★ Burger/Hot Dog Basket Feed – Seward VFW Club, 5–8 p.m. ★ Information Booth/Guest Register – Register in the guest book. ★ Parade of Flags – Flag display of all 50 states, handicap accessible. ★ Patriotic Outdoor Home Decorating Contest – sponsored by Seward Rotary and SHS FBLA. Day/nighttime lighting contest.



- 5:30–7 p.m. See maps. No rides from fireworks. City Ordinance S6-366.2
- \*\*\* No private fireworks during parade or fireworks display \*\*\*

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