

2004 Theme:
**Faith and
Freedom!**

**AMERICA'S OFFICIAL FOURTH OF JULY CITY
SEWARD, NEBRASKA, INVITES YOU TO THEIR
136TH ANNUAL
2004 OLD-FASHIONED, SMALL TOWN
JULY 4 CELEBRATION**

ALL DAY - SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2004 RAIN OR SHINE!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

★ FIREWORKS SHOW IS AT Plum Creek Park - 10:00 pm!

- ★ **Nebraskan's Friend Award: Dr. Orville Walz of Concordia University in Seward**
- ★ **Information Center: N.E. corner of Courthouse Square**
- ★ **July 4 Historical Marker: SW corner of Courthouse Square; Nebr. State Historical Society; City of Seward**
- ★ **GRAND PARADE: bands, floats, units. Parade theme: "Faith and Freedom" - Contact Chamber of Commerce, 616 Bradford Ave., Seward, NE 68434, 402-643-4189, or Tim Thurber, 402-643-6487**
- ★ **"Café on the Square Benefit Auction," 6th & Seward Sts., featuring 1963 Classic Olds & other major items**
- ★ **Holiday Lights - Seward's "Operation Silhouette" Outline of Courthouse and businesses - seek of the 4th**
- ★ **Food on celebration grounds: St. John Parent-Teacher League, Civic Center, 6:30-11 am; Seward VFW Auxiliary, Post Home, 243 9th St. 7-11 am; Food Alley, all day, 9 am till sold out; Band Parents, Civic Center, 11:30 am - 2 pm; Beef Bar-B-Que Buffet, Bandshell, 5 pm till sold out; SBA, Plum Creek Park, 6-10 pm**
- ★ **Carnival - Blues Amusements, 4th St. Off Main St., in front of Youth Center, July 3 & 4 - two big days!**
- ★ **Special Tourist Family**

- ★ **Seward Co. Community Service Award; Seward VFW Aux. 4755, 4th of July Committee, Seward Co. Independent**

- ★ **Special Edition by the Seward Co. Independent**
- ★ **Special Pictorial Cancellation, U.S. Post Office lobby, 10 am - 1 pm; honoring Patriotic theme, "Faith and Freedom"**
- ★ **Cornhusker State Games Torch leads Grand Parade**
- ★ **The VonKampen's and Company Show, 5 & 7 pm, Bandshell, (Civic Center Aud. In case of bad weather)**
- ★ **No private fireworks during parade and fireworks display, City Ordinance S6-336.2**

Since 1868 our community of Seward, Nebraska, Has honored and celebrated the anniversary of our 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 one hundred thirty years, will again happen on July 4, 2004 and we invite you to share this day with us, if not in person, at least in spirit!

Selected Nebraska's Top Festival Attraction—2002

An official Keep Nebraska Beautiful "Litter-Free" event!

EVENT LOCATIONS

INFORMATION BOOTH-N.E. corner Courthouse Square in street
BANDSHELL-5th & Jackson Ave.
CATTLE NATIONAL BANK & TRUST-5th & Seward St.
CIVIC CENTER-616 Bradford Ave.
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-North Columbia
HIGH SCHOOL-532 Northern Heights
JONES NATIONAL BANK & TRUST-6th & Main St.
MIDDLE SCHOOL-237 South 3rd
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-7TH & Jackson Ave.
PLUM CREEK PARK-N. Columbia & E. Pinewood (no cars - waling traffic only - no private fireworks)
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-348 Jackson Ave.
ST. JOHN FELLOWSHIP HALL-Columbia & Hillcrest
SEWARD COUNTY AG PAVILION-West Seward City Park
SEWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-200 E. Pinewood
VFW CLUB-243 South 9th St.
ST. VINCENT DePAUL CHURCH-152 Pinewood Ave.
USE OUR SHUTTLE SERVICE - RUNS ALL DAY!
Park at the High School or Ag Pavilion

PORTABLE REST ROOMS

Bandshell, behind the fence
(Includes handicapped facility)
Carnival - 4th & Jackson
Plum Creek Park - parking lot
Parade Route - 1st & Bradford
SunMart - 5th & Jackson
Cattle Nat'l Bank & Trust-parking lot, East side

PUBLIC REST ROOMS

Civic Center
Courthouse Square, South doors
Jones Nat'l Bank & Tr. Basement
Fairgrounds Grandstand
Plum Creek Park

First Aid Station, SVFD - 3rd & Jackson Ave.

MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ★ **Walker Mfg. Parachute Jump, 8 pm, Plum Creek Park (weather permitting)**
- ★ **Nebraska's Best Handmade Craft Show - all day - on the square - "Crafts on the Square"**
- ★ **Guest register - Register in the guest book! N.E. corner of Courthouse, Information Booth, by Cattle Nat'l Bank & Trust**
- ★ **Music in the Park, 96KX Live Concert, Plum Creek Park, free**
- ★ **Special July 4 Shuttles All Day, starts at High School & Ag Pavilion, 9 am - 4 pm and 6 pm to end of fireworks - see maps for details**

RAIN OR SHINE

★ In case of extreme rainfall, the entire Fireworks display will be postponed until the Seward County Fair!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 2

- 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ★ The NEW Seward Memorial Library "Visitor's Day Open House/Tours, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, tours on the hour
- 7:00 PM ★ Evening of Inspirational Music - The "Young Continentals" In Concert, Seward Senior High Aud., no admission fee, free will offering, spon. Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

SATURDAY, JULY 3 - Pre-Party

- ★ "Blues Amusements" CARNIVAL, open July 3 & 4 all day, in front of Youth Center, South 4th St.
- ★ New Dowding Municipal Swimming Pool open
- 4:00 ★ Seward Volunteer Fire Department Quasiquicentennial (125th) Memorial Dedication, Seward Fire Station, 3rd & Jackson Ave.
- 7:00 ★ Family Pre-Show featuring the Todd Allen Family of Corunna, Michigan guests of the Wissmann Family Singers, Seward, Bandshell, free will offering
- 8:00 ★ SVFD Quasiquicentennial Street Dance, 3rd st. between Jackson Ave. And Seward St., Fee, gates open at 7 pm, dance at 8 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 4 - "Rain or Shine"

RIDE THE SHUTTLE FREE - ALL DAY - TO DOWNTOWN AND AROUND - PARK AT THE AG PAVILION OR HIGH SCHOOL

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE- see schedule for worship times

- 6:30 AM ★ Community Breakfast, St. John Luth. School Parent-Teacher League, Civic Center Bsmt., Serving 6:30-11am - FEE
- 6:30 AM ★ VFW Auxiliary Community Buffet Breakfast, VFW Club, serving 7-11am - FEE
- 7:00 ★ 6.2 Mile Freedom Run, Seward Optimist Club, 14th & Seward, park entrance - Entry FEE, forms at Chamber office
- ★ Pre-registration for July 4 Car Show, 7am-10:30 am, between 6th & 8th sts., corp. spon. Seward Area Chamber, 616 Bradford St., 643-4189, contact Dr. Craig A. Slepicka, event chr. - FEE
- 7:30 ★ Flag Raising: Boy Scout Troops 256, Bandshell
- ★ Community Prayer Service, Seward Ministerial ASSN., speaker Rev. Jeff Collins, Hillcrest Evangelical free Church, Seward, and United Methodist Carol Choir, dir. Trudy Langner, Bandshell
- ★ Anvil firing, Colonial custom, Seward Volunteer Fire Dept., Zabka Park behind Bandshell
- ★ Chimes Concert, Guthman Tower at Greenwood Cemetery, compliments City of Seward (all day)
- 8:00 ★ EXHIBITS OPEN - Free - open to the public, 8 am - 3 pm

EXHIBITS INCLUDE:

- ★ Camp Creek Threshers and Seward Co. Fair Antique Tractors & Farm Machinery Exhibits, SunMart, grass lot west of bldg.
- ★ Quilt Show, "LOG CABINS & HOUSES QUILTS," Seward's Blue Valley Quilters, Cattle Nat'l Bank & Trust meeting room 2nd floor (elev.) - Vote your favorite quilt
- ★ "Images of Independence," timeless photo documentary exhibit of the community's July 4th Celebrations, Civic Center
- ★ Seward County Fair Photography, Civic Center, spon. Seward Co. Fair Board
- ★ Baptismal Gowns - Past and Present, Civic Center, spon. GFWC Seward Womens Club
- ★ Wedding Dresses Over the Decades, Civic Center, spons. GFWC Seward Womens Club
- ★ Sunday's Finest - Ladies Hats Through the Years, Civic Center, spons. GFWC Womens Club
- ★ Special Exhibit - Seward County Genealogical Records - special emphasis "Our Family Histories," historic documents & records, certificates, photos, with special emphasis on church documents and confirmation photos, Civic Center Video room, spon. Seward County Genealogical Society
- ★ Nebr. State Fair Youth Art, 1st places in Ed. Div., Civic Center

- ★ New Dowding Municipal Swimming Pool opens
- ★ Kite Flying Exhibit - Picture pretty kites with Charles Gorr of Omaha, Downtown, corner of Seward & 7th St., across from old Library
- ★ Seward County Photo Tribute to Men and Women Currently Serving in Armed Forces, Seward VFW club rooms
- ★ "Spirits and Spirituals" Pencil Drawing Reproductions by the late Thomas B. Johnson, featuring Black spiritual hymns and Native American Spirits, Langworthy Gallery, Civic Center
- 9:00 ★ Food Alley Opens, 5th St. between Seward & Jackson, food booths
- ★ "York Radio Control Airplane Club" & "Lincoln Sky Knights" radio control airplanes, Elementary school playground, 200 E Pinewood. Special Exhibition 9 am - 12 pm
- ★ Craft Show Opens, Courthouse lawn
- ★ Miscellaneous Market Opens, 5th St. between Seward & Main
- ★ Children's Hour with Mr. Magic - Jeff Koch, Civic Center Aud., spon. FGWC Seward Jr. Womans Club
- ★ Pet Parade - Seward FFA, Bandshell, NO FEE - bring your pets
- ★ Faith and Freedom Video - David Barton's "Keys to Good Government," Municipal Building
- ★ Horseshoe Pitching Tourney, Seward Co. Fairgrounds horseshoe pits, spon. Seward VFW Post 4755 - ENTRY FEE
- 10:00 ★ Carnival Opens - Blues Amusements, 4th St., off Main St.
- ★ Seward Vol. Fire Dept. Water Fight Tournaments, 3rd St. between Jackson and Seward Sts., spon. SVFD-VFD Teams. Contact John Singleton 643-3400, Women & Mixed Teams Welcome!
- ★ Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Lecture Presentation - "Geo. Drovillard - Hunter and Sign Talker for Lewis and Clark" - Darrel Dapper, Omaha Civic Center Aud., spons. Nebr. Humanities Council & Seward Arts Council
- ★ Special Postal Station Opens - Pictorial Cancellation for Seward's July 4th, U.S. Post Office Lobby, Free Post Cards! July 4 Only! Open 10 am - 1 pm
- ★ Faith and Freedom Video - David Barton's "America's Godly Heritage," Municipal building
- ★ Children's Big Wheel/Hot Cycle Races, Moffitt Park, spon. Seward Youth & Community Club
- ★ Capitol City Cloggers, Bandshell, spons. Cattle Nat'l Bank & Trust
- 11:00 ★ The vonKampen Brothers in concert, Civic Center Aud.
- ★ Free Aerobatic Airplane Show, Municipal Airport, S. Hwy 15, bring lawn chairs, spons Seward Airport Auth./Lincoln Aerobatic Club
- ★ "Café on the Square" Auction, 6th & Seward St., 1963 mint condition Olds" - plus other items!
- ★ "The Cleffs" In concert, featuring Fred Bruns & Company, Civic Center basement during the meal by the band parents
- ★ Faith and Freedom Video - David Barton's "Foundations of American Government," Municipal bldg.
- ★ International Travelogue, "The Soviet Bloc and Church Reform - Poland and Russia" by Dr. Robert Fiala, Concordia Univ., Jones Nat'l Bank & Trust basement
- ★ Bubble Gum/Apple Pie Eating Contest, Bandshell, spon. Seward Rotary Club - FREE
- 11:30 ★ Sloppy Joe/Yum Yum Feed, Civic Center lower level, serving 11:30 - 2 pm, Seward Band Parents Fund Raiser
- ★ Special United States Birthday Cake Giveaway, Bandshell, spon. Seward High FCCLA - FREE
- ★ "Build a Bigger Burger" regional competition, Bandshell, spons. Seward County Fair Board
- 12:00 ★ Nationwide Bell Ringing - "Let Freedom Ring," bells will ring 13 times city-wide and nationally!
- ★ Walking Tour of Seward's Historic Square, Seward Co. Historical Society, Jane Graff, guide, begins at Information Booth, 5th & Seward Sts.
- ★ Faith and Freedom Video, David Barton's "Keys to Good Government," Municipal Building
- ★ Antique Auto Show/Exhibit Contest Judging, Seward ST. Between 6th & 8th Sts., spon. Seward Area Chamber of Commerce
- ★ Seward Kiwanis KITones - Musical Favorites & Patriotic Song Fest, Civic Center Langworthy Auditorium
- ★ Capital City Cloggers, Bandshell, spon. Cattle Nat'l Bank & Trust
- ★ International Travelogue - China's Religions and the State by Dr. Robert Fiala, Concordia University, Jones Nat'l Bank & Trust aud. Basement

- ★ Nebraska Author Book Talks, “An Hour with a Hero” - featuring WWII POW Bob Dowding, author of “A Few Survived,” Seward Memorial Library Mtg. Rm, use west doors off parking lot
- 1:00 ★ Senior Citizen Reception Honoring Area Couples Married 50 Years or More!, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, refreshments, music, speaker, door prizes, gift certificates for all, guests welcome, spon. GFWC Seward Womans Club, contact Jean Kolterman 643-3803 - FREE
- ★ Historic Rivoli Theater Movie, “Cheaper by the Dozen,” rated PG, spon. Seward Arts Council - FREE
- ★ International Travelogue - Slovakia by David & Radka Fiala, Concordia University, Jones Nat’l Bank & Trust
- ★ Nebraska Author Book Talks - Authors of Seward County, Seward Memorial Library Mtg. Rm, use west doors off parking lot, hosted by Jane Graff & Eldon Hostetler, panel, Q&A
- ★ Demonstration, 5th & Seward, spon. Seward Black Belt Academy
- ★ City Municipal Band Concert - “Salute to Sousa,” Bandshell
- ★ Quilt Talk, “Quilts of the Omaha World Herald” by Jan Stehlik of Dorchester, Cattle Nat’l Bank & Trust upstairs (elev.), spon. Blue Valley Quilters “Quilt Trunk Show”
- ★ Faith and Freedom Video - David Barton’s “America’s Godly Heritage,” Municipal Building
- ★ Community Hymn Festival, Civic Center Aud., spon. Seward Ministerial Assoc., Rev. LaQuita McKibbin, chr.
- ★ Local Soldier’s Personal Perspective on Recent Conflicts and Wars - A First Hand Visit, soldiers that have participated in war with Iraq welcome, informal panel, Q & A, public welcome, Seward VFW Post, 243 S. 9th
- 1:30 ★ Joyfully Sing, Acapella Choir Concert, religious music, Civic Center Aud.
- ★ Antique Auto Show Awards, Seward St. Between 6th & 8th Sts.
- 2:00 ★ Wissmann Family Singers, Civic Center Aud.
- ★ Faith and Freedom Video - David Barton’s “Keys to Good Government,” Municipal Building
- ★ Jeff Koch-Mr. Magic, Bandshell, spon. GFWC Seward Jr. Woman’s Club
- ★ International Travelogue, “Our Recent Trip to Germany - SHS GAPP Students,” by Sam McCoy & Aaron Lewien and area students, Jones Nat’l Bank & Trust auditorium
- 2:30 ★ Governor’s Community Reception - hosted by Seward High FCCLA, St. John Church Fellowship Hall
- ★ Lincoln’s “Club Kicks,” Bandshell
- 3:00 ★ Whirlwind Dancers, Bandshell
- ★ Faith and Freedom Video - David Barton’s “America’s Godly Heritage,” Municipal Building
- 4:00 ★ GRAND PARADE, begins at 1st & Bradford Ave. And goes West on Seward St. To City Park, contact Seward Area Chamber of Commerce, 643-4189, or Tim Thurber, parade co-chr., 643-6487
- 5:00 ★ Beef Bar-B-Que Meal/Buffet, North of Bandshell, advance tickets at Seward banks, can buy on-site as well! Also serving desserts!
- ★ Kiwanis Dessert Booth/Ice Cream Social, North of Bandshell
- ★ Special Music - The vonKampen’s & Company, featuring vocalist Amy Heidemann, Bandshell
- 6:00 ★ Mayor’s Welcome - Crowning Miss Independence & Mr. Firecracker, Bandshell, spon. Seward Rotary, Seward County Community Service Award
- ★ Seward Baseball Association concession Stand, Plum Creek
- 7:00 ★ The vonKampen’s & Company, featuring vocalist, Amy Heidemann, Bandshell
- 8:00 ★ Walker Mfg. Parachute Jump, Plum Creek Park (weather permits)
- 8:30 ★ 96KX Concert in the Park, Plum Creek Park - free
- 10:00 ★ GIANT FIREWORKS SALUTE - A FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA! Plum Creek Park, spon. City of Seward, Walker Mfg., Hughes Bros., Experian, and the July 4th Committee coord. By Mel Bolte and Richard Horton, bring a blanket & chair, walk into the park - NO PRIVATE FIREWORKS ALLOWED
- ★ Downtown Seward’s “Operation Silhouette” - Holiday Lights around the Square! Featuring lights on the Courthouse!
- ★ Carnival - Blues Amusements, 4th ST. In front of Youth Center

MONDAY, JULY 5

- 8:00 AM ★ Clean Up - Seward Boy, Cub, & Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Community Volunteers, meet north side of square, city-wide throughout the morning - “A Letter Free Event” Keep Seward Beautiful! Plan to spend the 2005 4th in Seward

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