



Officers Promoted at City Council Meeting

CINDY RAMSEY

The June 16 regular Minden City Council meeting was highlighted by a pinning ceremony of Minden's new police sergeants. Although these promotions are not typically done in front of the council, the announcement gave the council and public a look at the direction the Minden Police Department is headed under its new leadership.

Police Chief Jarvis Kring spoke a few words of appreciation for the support and leadership David Graham and Logan Shrader have provided during their time on the MPD before the new sergeants' families helped put on their pins. Graham will serve as night sergeant for the MPD while Shrader will serve as day sergeant. Members of the Kearney County Sheriff's Office were in attendance to show their support as well.

Moving onto action items, the council approved the second reading of ordinance #1303 creating street improvement district 2025-1. A motion to waive the third reading failed in a 2-2 vote. The council will consider third reading of the ordinance during the July 7 meeting.

A public hearing was opened to change the zoning of a property on Ridge Avenue from Residential on (R-1) to Outlying Commercial (C2). Property owner Paul Eberle



Minden's newest police sergeants, David Graham (left) and Logan Shrader (right) received their sergeant pins during the June 16 regular Minden City Council meeting. The officers' families were honored to help Graham and Shrader during the pinning ceremony. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

Weather Forecast

June 27:	90/68	
June 28:	92/66	
June 29:	88/63	
June 30:	86/64	
July 1:	87/65	
July 2:	89/67	
July 3:	92/68	



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Missoula Children's Theatre at MOH

Missoula Children's Theatre presents HERCULES, an original adaptation of the classic children's story, sponsored by The Amick/Youngson Foundation, Nathan Raun Children's Theatre Fund, and Minden Community Players.

AUDITIONS – Monday, July 14th at 10:00 am (with rehearsal for some parts in the afternoon). Approximately 50 roles are available. Students must be entering 1st through 12th grade. No advance preparation is necessary. Most students rehearse approximately 4 hours and 15 minutes each day, Tuesday through Friday, but schedules may vary. PARENTS (or other responsible adults) will need to complete this form on Monday morning, or can complete it in advance and send it with the children: <http://bit.ly/4n4iMF7>.

PERFORMANCE – Friday, July 18 6:30 pm. Adults \$7 / Children ages 5-13 \$5 / Under 5 free. Get tickets at mindenoperahouse.com.

Pioneer Village Church

Each Sunday morning from 11:30am-noon from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, there will be interdenominational Christian worship services at Pioneer Village. The Chaplain and the Kearney County Ministerial members will be speakers while Glen Haselbarth and others will be providing some worship music and hymns. Those coming for the services will not be charged to enter Pioneer Village.

Cars & Coffee

JCT 6/10 Cruzerz will host Cars & Coffee events at the Village Diner July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 4 from 8-11am. All vehicles and vehicle enthusiasts are welcome at this free event. Join the fun for cars, coffee, doughnuts, and friends.

Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County has two events coming up. Dog owners are encouraged to sign up for dog micro-chipping to be held Saturday, June 28 from 1-3pm at Burgess Well, 724 E. U.S. Hwy 6. The cost is \$25 per dog and 20 spaces are available. Reserve your space by calling Jane at 308-830-9870, email pawsupkearneycounty@gmail.com, or send a message to Paws Up Kearney County on Facebook.

Join Paws Up Kearney County for a Bow Wow Brunch on Sunday, July 13th from 5-7pm at The Windmill, 521 N. Colorado Avenue. Egg casseroles, cheesy potatoes, rolls, and fruit will be served. Free will donations accepted. All proceeds will benefit Paws Up Kearney County.

WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit signupwic.com. A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, July 14; Monday, August 11; and Monday, September 15.

LeTourneau University Announces Graduates for Spring 2025

PRESS RELEASE

LONGVIEW, Texas (June 20, 2025) - LeTourneau University recognizes our spring graduates who received bachelor's and master's degrees.

Graduates with summa cum laude honors maintained a cumulative grade point average between 3.8 and a perfect 4.0 throughout their college coursework. Those with magna cum laude honors maintained a cumulative grade point average between 3.6 and 3.79, and cum laude graduates maintained a cumulative grade point average between 3.40 and 3.59.

LeTourneau University (LETU) is the Christian polytechnic university where educators engage students to nurture Christian virtue, develop competency and ingenuity in their professional fields, integrate faith and work, and serve the local and global community. LeTourneau University's campus is located in Longview, Texas, 120 miles east of Dallas, Texas, and 60 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana. LETU is the 2nd Best Value College in Texas among private institutions, as ranked by Payscale.com and by SmartAsset.com.

Among them were:

Wilcox: Micah Johnson, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
6/14/25	89	66	-
6/15/25	78	65	.24
6/16/25	89	64	-
6/17/25	77	66	2.21
6/18/25	81	58	-
6/19/25	92	65	-
6/20/25	102	74	-
Total Week Precip.....			2.45

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spoke in favor of the change explaining to the council he had purchased the property under the assumption it was already zoned as commercial. His plans are to clean and fence in the property to provide a space people can rent for camper, boat, and trailer storage. No other comments were given and the hearing was closed.

Before taking action on the proposed ordinance to amend the zoning as discussed, the council was informed the Planning and Zoning Commission have recommended approval. The Future Land Use Map also shows a commercial zone for the property. The decision was easy for the council as they unanimously approved ordinance #1304 amending the zoning from R-1 to C2, waived the three readings, and adopted the ordinance by title.

The council's final piece of business was consideration of a contract agreement with Ryan Hurst Utility Consulting Services, LLC for the operation of the Minden wastewater treatment facility. When Pete Marshall ended his employment with the City earlier this month, the City lost its certified operator for the wastewater facility.

Hurst has provided consulting services to the City in the past for both the water and wastewater facilities. Two City utilities employees are working towards obtaining the necessary certification at which time the agreement with Hurst will be terminated. The council approved the agreement as presented.

In other business the council: Approved June 2 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved cafeteria plan reimbursements. Approved May 2025 treasury report. Approved May 2025 budget report.

Letourneau University Announces Spring 2025 Dean's List

PRESS RELEASE

LONGVIEW, Texas (June 20, 2025) - The following students were named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List at LeTourneau University. The Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

LeTourneau University President Dr. Steven D. Mason said being named to the Dean's List is a significant academic achievement and honor.

"As the comprehensive Christian polytechnic institution in the country, LeTourneau University attracts students who are among our nation's best," Mason said. "I'm especially impressed with these honor roll students, and I expect them to have a significant impact on our future."

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Claiming every workplace in every nation as their mission field, LeTourneau University graduates are professionals of ingenuity and Christ-like character who see life's work as a holy calling with eternal impact. For additional information, visit www.letu.edu.

Wilcox: Micah Johnson, Mechanical Engineering

Bailey Arnold of Minden Receives Stipend for Summer Research Project at Nebraska

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, NE (06/19/2025)-- Bailey Arnold of Minden is among 114 Husker undergraduates who have been awarded stipends by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to participate in research with a faculty mentor this summer.

Arnold, a senior fisheries and wildlife major, will participate in the project "Differential Gene Expression and Adaptive Strategies in Arctic Ptarmigan Species" as part of Nebraska's Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experience Program, which supports undergraduates to work with faculty mentors in research or creative activities. Students receive stipends of \$2,640 to engage in intensive research or creative activity for 20 hours per week. The students' projects span academic disciplines including engineering, chemistry, modern languages and literatures, psychology, art and art history, architecture, special education, and fisheries and wildlife.

Students from the Nebraska Summer Research Program and UCARE will present posters on their research and creative activities at a campus research symposium Aug. 5 in the Nebraska Union. For more information on undergraduate research at Nebraska, visit <https://ucare.unl.edu>.

For the full list of summer UCARE recipients, visit <https://go.unl.edu/xy3r>.



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Summerhaven Road to Remain Under County Control

CINDY RAMSEY

It was County Clerk Myra Johnson's last meeting with the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on June 17. The public is invited to attend a retirement open house in the courthouse assembly room to celebrate Johnson on June 30 at 2pm.

Kicking off the meeting's appointments, County Treasurer Jody Payne presented two resolutions for consideration. The first was a resolution to close the LATCF Fund and transfer the interest to the General Fund. Payne explained all but the interest has been expended so there is no need to retain this fund.

The second was a resolution to open a Juvenile Services Fund effective July 1, 2025, the start of the County's budget year. The finances currently held in the General Fund for juvenile services would be transferred to create this new fund. Payne noted it would make accounting easier for all involved to have a fund specifically for juvenile services. Both resolutions were adopted by the board.

Luke Poore and Gavin Blum from Kearney County Health Services presented the hospital's budget and tax asking for the 25/26 fiscal year. Poore explained focus has been placed on bringing in more specialists to serve patients locally, expanding marketing and community collaboration, aiming to become part of the solution with EMS/ER services, and maintaining employee retention. He stated the hospital needs to

expand in order to grow revenue which is starting to plateau. They want to avoid a bond in this pursuit, but they need the County's support to make that possible.

Blum presented the hospital's budget noting increased expenses across the board and several changes at the federal level in reimbursements. The hospital's property tax asking has been \$400,000 since 2017. Considering inflation and the expiration of an old hospital bond, KCHS is asking \$500,000 this year. Blum explained their hope and intent is to have no further increase in their asking for at least five years, but the hospital is aiming for progress, not complacency.

In discussion, the board was reminded an additional \$100,000 in the tax asking will have a big impact on the County's cap. Blum told the board the KCHS facility will need improvements and the tax asking allows a small cushion for the hospital to save in order to make those improvements. If the board prefers the hospital to pursue a bond, that is something they need to know. Leaning toward the option of a bond, the board approved \$400,000 for the hospital's fiscal year 25/26 tax asking.

Road Superintendent Joe Anderson received a cost estimate of \$4,000 for a road study of Summerhaven Road from Lance Harter at Oak Creek Engineering. A debate ensued amongst the board about whether to proceed with a road study, vacate the road, or continue with the status quo. Anderson told the board he doesn't think the road should be vacated as there is space for development that would require public access via that road.

To avoid liability issues, Anderson and the board agreed improvements need to be made if the road isn't vacated. Trees will need to be removed from the right of way and grading will need to be fixed on the curve. No official action was taken, but the board directed Anderson to handle the improvements to bring the road up to local road standards.

In other business the board: Approved June 3 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved May 2025 Clerk of District Court report. Approved bond for North Dry Creek Drainage District Director Dave Westesen. Adopted resolution of cash transfer from the 911 Fund to the Communications Fund. Set budget guidelines for fiscal year 25/26 of up to 3% increase. Approved Road Department surplus list and listing these items for sale on Big Iron. Approved Integrated Security Solutions fire alarm monitoring at \$40 per month for 12 months. Approved payments #2 and #3 for bridge replacement.

The Kearney County Board of Equalization also met on June 17. After approving minutes from the May 6 meeting, a public hearing was opened for motor vehicle exemption. County Treasurer Jody Payne told the board she had received an application for motor vehicle exemption from Mosaic for a newly purchased vehicle. With no further comments the hearing was closed. The board approved the motor vehicle exemption as presented and the meeting was adjourned.

Wayne State Releases Dean's List for Spring 2025 Semester

PRESS RELEASE

June 20, 2025 (WAYNE, Neb.) – Wayne State College included 1,196 students on the dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the Spring 2025 semester. Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An asterisk (*) denotes a 4.0 GPA for the term.

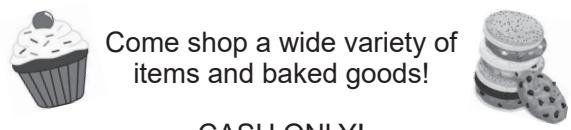
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Hildreth: Georgia Ramsey
Minden: Kaylee Smith, Alaina Suchsland*



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Kearney County District Court

Nurita Lambert vs. Raymond Axtell, Axtell & Judy Anderson, Axtell; negligence-vehicular, 6-13-25

Kearney County County Court

Brian G. Petersen, Minden, COUNT I: commit child abuse negligently/no injury, fine \$1,000, 90 days jail; COUNT II: disturbing the peace, fine \$500, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Gibbons, 8-28-24

Ervin E. Wissman, Bertrand, no valid registration/truck, fine \$200, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Adams, 12-12-24

Brianna E. Walker, Hastings, COUNT I: speeding 21-35 MPH County/State, fine \$200; COUNT II: careless driving, fine \$100, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 5-27-25

Barbara Hernandez Gonzalez, Grand Island, COUNT I: speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75; COUNT II: no valid registration-car/pick up/step van, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 5-30-25

Robert E. Barr, IV, Omaha, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 5-28-25

Reilly J. Ell, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 5-30-25

Chandler A. Dahlgren, Holdrege, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 5-30-25

Janet M. Asher, Barrington, Illinois, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 5-21-25

Debra R. Miller, Minden, careless driving, fine \$100, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 4-26-25

Zian Rosario, Lincoln, possess marijuana over 1oz to 1 pound, fine \$300, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 4-27-25

Drew L. Whetstine, Republican City, DUI-alcohol-1st offense, fine \$500, 4 months probation, 60 days revoked license, Kearney County Sheriff Officer

Seals, 12-21-24

Marcos Martinez, Orleans, COUNT I: no operator's license/non-waiverable, fine \$75; COUNT II: speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Guzman, 5-5-25

Minden Fire & Rescue

6-12-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 2nd Street for a fall with a possible head injury.

6-13-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home for a personal illness.

6-17-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Highway 10 & feedlot for an accident.

6-18-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to U Road in Franklin for mutual aid in a structure fire.

6-19-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to O Road for a field fire.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

6-17-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for a personal illness and transport to Kearney Regional.

Kearney County Sheriff

6-16-25, A vehicle driven by Sean Eric Wills, Kearney, was eastbound on Highway 6/34 veered onto south shoulder before beginning to turn onto 29 Road. A vehicle driven by Cristian Vargas, Kearney, also eastbound on Highway 6/34, continued traveling as Wills began the left turn, attempted to veer in the westbound lane to avoid a collision. Vargas' bumper made contact with Wills, causing the bumper to be pulled off. Estimated damage, Wills: none. Estimated damage, Vargas: \$5,000.

6-11-25, A vehicle driven by Gary Lambert, Deweese, was traveling westbound on Highway 6, near the interchange, when a vehicle driven by Julio Keenum, Des Allemand's, Louisiana, entered the interchange in front of Lambert, causing front end damage to Lambert and passenger side damage to Vargas. Estimated damage, Lambert: \$20,000. Estimated damage, Vargas: \$20,000.

6-1-25, A vehicle driven by Patricia J. Westberg, Shelton, was traveling westbound on W Road crossed the center of

the road, ran off the road to the right, spun 180 degrees, now facing east then rolled the vehicle in the north side ditch. Estimated damage: \$5,000.

6-6-25, A vehicle driven by Elias J. Bair, Hastings, was stopped facing westbound on Highway 6 for construction, when a vehicle driven by Katelyn Jo Wells, Axtell, westbound in the construction zone on Highway 6 failed to stop and collid-

ed with Bair. Estimated damage, Bair: \$3,000. Estimated damage, Wells: \$500.

6-12-25, A vehicle driven by Jaxon Lee Smith, Holdrege, was traveling eastbound on J Road and got sucked into a maintained dirt mound in the center of the road. Smith overcorrected, causing the vehicle to overturn on the north side of the ditch. Estimated damage: \$2,000.

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Local Independence Day Celebrations

Kearney County communities will be celebrating America's independence with a wide variety of activities and all are invited to join in the fun.

AXTELL

Sunday, June 29

8:00-9:30pm

Bring your lawn chair to the Axtell football field for the annual All American Celebration. Event includes an ice cream social, entertainment by Cindy Boehler, and fireworks to follow. Sponsored by Axtell Presbyterian Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Bethany Lutheran Church, Evangelical Free Church of Keene, and Fridhem Lutheran Church of Funk.

MINDEN

Friday, July 4

5:00-10:30pm

Come out to the Kearney County Fairgrounds for food, fireworks, and baseball. Minden First Bank Post #94 Legion Baseball will host a Minden/Kearney County alumni game. The evening will begin with a \$5 homerun derby/hitting contest at 5pm. The alumni game starts at 6pm and must end by 8:30pm. Between innings there will be games, promotions, and prizes hosted by the Minden Chamber of Commerce. Players and fans can

bring their own beverages and snacks for the evening or take advantage of food trucks/concessions at the game. A fireworks display, sponsored by the Minden Chamber of Commerce and City of Minden, will begin around dusk. Freewill donations will be accepted.

PIONEER VILLAGE

Saturday, July 5

9:00am-4:00pm

Join Harold Warp Pioneer Village and celebrate Independence Day with Americana tours, tractor display, birthday cake, live music, nostalgic games, fresh watermelon, ice cold lemonade, ol' timey firework crafts, ringing of the bells and their annual watermelon seed spitting contest, all included with admission which is always free for members. Feel free to bring your own picnic or grab takeout from nearby eateries and savor your meal in the Pioneer Village courtyard. Come make the most of the wonderful atmosphere, great food, and community spirit.

HILDRETH

Thursday, July 3

6:00pm — Golf Cart Poker Run at Lions Field sponsored by Grow Hildreth

Friday, July 4

7:30am — Hildreth 5K & 1 Mile start at the park

sponsored by Grow Hildreth

7:30-9:00am — Breakfast in the park sponsored by WHHS wrestling team

9:30am — Kids Parade "Through the Decades" theme - Register outside of Kooper's Korner. Sponsored by Hildreth Public Library

10:00am — Parade "Red, White & School Spirit" theme - Line up at the Lions Field starting at 9:00 a.m. Sponsored by Hildreth Lions Club

11:30am-1:00pm — Lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church, sponsored by Cub Scouts

12:30pm — Kids Pedal Pull at Commercial Ave., sponsored by Hildreth Lions Club

1:00pm — Pitch tournament at Clint's Tavern. Registration begins at 12:30pm

1:00-6:00pm — Free Swimming at Hildreth Public Pool, sponsored by Grow Hildreth

1:00-3:00pm — Bingo at Hildreth Library, sponsored by Friends of the Library

1:00-3:00pm — Cornhole tournament at the park - \$20 per team, sponsored by Grow Hildreth

3:00-5:00pm — Horseshoe tournament at the park - \$20 team entry fee, winner splits the pot. Sponsored by Grow Hildreth

4:00-6:00pm — Free throw contest at the park, sponsored by the Hildreth Alumni

6:00pm — Dunk tank at the park, sponsored by Grow Hildreth

6:00pm — HVFD "Duck Dive" at Hildreth Public Pool

6:00-7:30pm — Fireman's BBQ at the park, sponsored by Hildreth Volunteer Fire Department

6:30pm — Ice Cream Social at the park, sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church

7:30pm — Adult Tractor Pull at Commercial Ave. in front of the park, sponsored by Hildreth Lions Club

10:00pm — Fireworks sponsored by Hildreth Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, July 5

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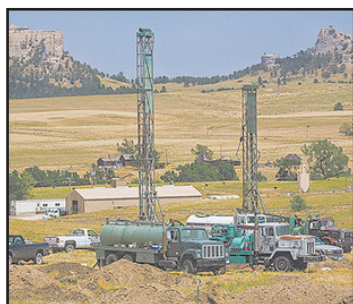
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Uranium Glass: A Glowing Review

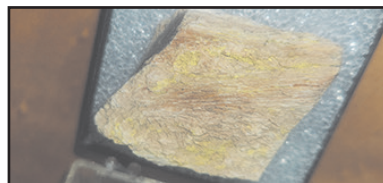
WILLIAM ASCARZA, PIONEER VILLAGE DIRECTOR



The Crow Butte uranium deposit near Crawford, NE. (Courtesy of mindat.org)

a byproduct of uranium, was notably used for its luminescent properties, particularly as paint on the hands and numbers of clocks and watches. Today, radon gas, derived from radium, is utilized in cancer treatment, showcasing the evolving applications of uranium-derived elements.

The landscape of uranium utilization shifted dramatically during World War II. The United States' atomic research efforts intensified, focusing on the isotope uranium-235, found in old vanadium mines in the Southwest. Uranium-235's capacity to undergo nuclear fission made it a pivotal ingredient for the development of nuclear weapons and power plants. This marked a significant turning point in the strategic importance of uranium, propelling it onto the global stage as a key element in the advancement of nuclear technology.



The uranium ore carnotite in petrified palm root from the Anderson Mine in Yavapai County, Az. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)



Hauling uranium ore at the Redington Mine east of Tucson, Az circa 1955. (Courtesy of Arizona Geological Survey)

The Crow Butte Mine located in northwest Nebraska south-east of the town of Crawford holds a significant place in Nebraska's mining history as the first uranium mine in the state. Discovered in 1980, this roll-front uranium deposit represents a pivotal development in the region's natural resource exploration. Owned by Cameco Resources Inc., the mine commenced operations in 1991, marking the beginning of an important era in Nebraska's industrial landscape.

During its operational years, the Crow Butte Mine was a major contributor to uranium production in the United States. It successfully extracted approximately 11.8 million pounds of U3O8, also known as uranium oxide or yellowcake, from the Oligocene Chadron Formation. This geological layer, characterized by tuffaceous, pyritic sandstones, provided a rich source of uranium, which was crucial for energy production.

Despite its initial success, the mine faced challenges that culminated in the curtailment of operations in 2016. Economic factors, regulatory considerations, and the fluctuating demand for uranium contributed to the decision to cease production. The closure of the Crow Butte Mine marked the end of an era, but its legacy remains an integral part of Nebraska's mining history.

Today, uranium continues to be a cornerstone in the energy sector, primarily through its role in nuclear power generation. Its historical journey from a chemical curiosity to a vital component in medical, industrial, and military applications underscores its enduring significance. As the world navigates the challenges of energy production and sustainability, uranium's legacy and potential continue to influence scientific and technological advancements.

Uranium glass, a type of glassware that gained popularity in the

In 1789, German chemist Martin Klaproth made a groundbreaking discovery of uranium oxide (UO2). This discovery marked the beginning of a new era for uranium, a metal that would go on to play a crucial role in various industries. Before 1905, two primary ores of uranium—pitchblende and carnotite—were recognized globally. Early applications of uranium were quite diverse, ranging from its use in glass and ceramics to serving as a component in stains, dyes, specialized steels, and lamps.

The interest in uranium mining surged during World War I, primarily due to its potential for radium recovery. At that time, the United States led the world in uranium supply, a position later overtaken by the Belgian Congo in 1925. Radium,



Slag glass displayed at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

Uranium oxide was commonly used in the production of certain colors of uranium glass, such as green, yellow, and even some pink varieties. This inclusion was not for its radioactive properties but for the vibrant color it produced. When illuminated with a black light, uranium glass containing uranium oxide exhibits a fascinating glow. This fluorescence is a result of the uranium oxide reacting to ultraviolet light, causing the glass to emit a visible luminescent glow. This characteristic makes uranium glass not only an appealing collectible but also a scientific curiosity. Unfortunately, its contents of radioactive carcinogens proved detrimental to the glass blowers who manufactured it.

Collectors of uranium glass value its historical significance, artistic appeal, and the unique visual experience it offers. The glass is often found in various patterns and colors, each with its own story and charm. For those interested in acquiring these pieces, identifying the fluorescent property can be a delightful aspect of the collecting experience.

Visitors to the Harold Warp Pioneer Village are amazed at the collection of uranium glass that has recently been assembled into a formal exhibit by our RV Volunteer Friends. It is now available for viewing under a black light at the China House on the Village Green. The China House also contains many examples of other glass popular among glass aficionados including carnival, milk, opalescent, and slag to name a few. Other displays include a collection of popular dinnerware in the forties and fifties known as fiesta. A large collection of black glass belonging to Clara Jensen, sister of Harold Warp is also on display that shines blue, red and purple when held against natural and artificial lighting.



Fiesta dinnerware displayed at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

We are delighted to unveil a new interactive feature in the American Confetti column.

How to Get Involved:

Visit the Exhibits at Pioneer Village!

Spot an Item featured in this month's American Confetti column. While exploring the exhibits, keep an eye out for a specific item highlighted in the article. It's a fun way to challenge your observational skills and enhance your appreciation of the museum's collections.

Share Your Discoveries! After identifying the item stop by our museum gift shop during regular business hours (which is always free for everyone). Share your findings with our friendly staff by telling us where the item is located or snap a quick photo. We'd love to hear what you learned about it!

Enter the Drawing! Correctly identifying the item.

Last month's article featured a tachometer, an early flight instrument that was placed on the propeller hub of aircraft for the purpose of measuring engine performance and lift.



Name this item displayed at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village for a prize. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)



Uranium glass displayed at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

A hail storm touched the south edge of Kearney County causing heavy damage. The area north of Hildreth reported a complete loss. Many farmers would not be able to plant corn due to wet conditions.

Mayor Arthur Jensen welcomed a crowd to the first summer band concert. Tom Mason, master of ceremonies, introduced the leader, Leslie Marks, the members and each number on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Peterson celebrated their 40th anniversary with an open house. Daughters Katherine Peterson and Mrs. Arnold Petersen cut the three-tiered wedding cake.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Beginners' swimming lessons attracted 100 youngsters to the Minden pool. Fifteen teenagers enrolled for a swim instruction class.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lundy, operators of the Home Town Bakery, reported that 300 persons attended their open house.

Clayton Morey was the director of the 50th anniversary pageant presented at Kearney State Teachers College. Morey graduated from KSTC with the Class of 1940.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Present for their 50th high school class reunion were Mrs. Edward Petersen, Pearl Saltzgaber, Mona Hapeman, Mrs. Moritz Aabel, Ida Stearley, Carrie Kaldal, Lillie Runquist, Elmer Lindquist, Rebecca Boasen, Howard Tarkington, Tilda Biber and Mrs. Charles Green.

MHS varsity cheerleaders Betty Hoffman, Cindy Olsen, Phyllis Horan, Susan Wilcox and Patty Johnson attended the National Cheerleader Clinic in Lincoln.

Pvt. Robert D. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leverage

Nelson, was assigned to the 10th Artillery's 6th Battalion in Germany.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Hested's Store closed its store. The firm opened its business in Minden in 1928 with Ethel Gleave as manager and she was also manager at its closing. Co-manager Hazel Gleave died in 1968.

The women's softball team remained undefeated. Phil Fleming was the coach and Buster Brown's Bar was the sponsor.

The Minden High School Band was named "best out-of-state band" at the Portland Rose Festival.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

Kenneth Borg was honored for 44 years of civil service to Kearney County and his country as a soil conservation technician.

Bryon Casper of Hildreth and Wayne Lienemann of Wilcox played for the East and West, respectively, in the Eighth Annual Eight Man All-Star football game.

Minden eighth grade cheerleaders were Jodi Petersen, Jill Burke, Pam Paulsen and Deanne Jameson.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

The Minden High School Class of 1935 held its 60th anniversary reunion at Pioneer Restaurant. Dave Larson welcomed 25 classmates to the event. Others on the program were the Rev. Oliver Lindeblad and Bob Bang.

Peggy Putnam of Norman was awarded the State Homemaker Exchange at the Nebraska Association for Family and Community Education convention.

Axtell High School cheerleaders for 1995-1996 were Leslie Paulsen, Jocelyn Poole, Kris Oberg, Erin Larson, Jessica Weldon and Megan Strolberg.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005



2015 — "Roost Here", a piece created by Heartwell metal artist Sally Jurgensmier, was selected for display at the 12th annual SculptureWalk in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The seven foot tall piece was one of 55 pieces of art displayed at the outdoor exhibit selected from over 200 submissions.

Harold Warp Pioneer Village was the site of the first International Teardrop Gathering. Nearly 150 teardrop camp trailers were expected to converge at the Pioneer Village campgrounds.

Olympic gold medalist Rulon Gardner addressed a huge crowd at C.L. Jones Middle School. His speech was entitled, "Never Give Up, Never Stop Trying."

The Falcon Seniors won a 10-0 decision over the Kearney County Raiders with the game being stopped in the fifth inning by the ten-run rule.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

Royal Engineered Composites had an increase in orders for the Airbus 320 jet which had a positive impact on the growth of the Minden based company.

The first opportunity to file for candidacy for a state office in the 2016 election was still months away. However the Secretary of State's office was already receiving calls from citizens expressing interest in running for office. Secretary John Gale said his election division was fielding calls each week from people asking about deadlines, filing fees and other requirements.

ESU 11 hosted a workshop entitled, "Educating the Next Generation of Nebraskans about Soil Conservation using the Power of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)." During the two-day course, teachers gained information about Geographic Information Systems, and learned how to create new lessons for their students regarding the importance of geography, tree conservation and soil conservation.

Open House

Upland Fire Department invites the public to an open house of their new fire station.



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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, June 29: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

Worship will be recorded and posted on our website at BethanyAxtell.org.

First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

Sunday, June 29: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; All American Celebration & Ice Cream Social, 8 p.m.

Keene Evangelical Free

662 F Road
308-743-2611

Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, June 29: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 25: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, June 29: Donuts & Juice, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 30: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling,
Pastor

Saturday, June 28: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 29: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran

360 So. Stewart
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Greg Volsky,
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Sunday, June 29: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster Presbyterian

Broad and Main Street

Mark A. Diehl, Pastor

Sunday, June 29: Worship, 10 a.m.

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Sunday, June 29: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

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Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

287 Jefferson Street

Father Evan Winter

Sunday, June 29: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran

502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk,
Pastor

Sunday, June 29: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

112 W 11th Ave
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Sunday, June 29: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.

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Sunday, June 29: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran

437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Saturday, June 28: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, June 29: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 1: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Evangelical Free
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Tom Barnes, Lige Reed, Pastors

Sunday, June 29: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.

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Sunday, June 29: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship after worship services

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Fredericksburg Lutheran

616 33 Road

Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Sunday, June 29: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee, 10:30 a.m.

Communion served 2nd Sunday of each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic

628 N. Garber

Father Evan Winter

Saturday, June 28: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, June 29: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Sunday, June 29: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Monday, June 30: Quilt Tie Group, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, July 1: Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2: Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 4: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Thursday, June 26: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 29: Worship, 10 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 3: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, June 29: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran

102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor

Sunday, June 29: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every

other Sunday

United Methodist

203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller, Pastor

Sunday, June 29: Worship, 9 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community

106 W. Detroit St.

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Sunday, June 29: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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Obituaries

Christine Marie (Meis) McAuliffe, 50 - Formerly of Minden



Christine Marie (Meis) McAuliffe, 50, formerly of Minden, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at her home in Tempe, AZ. Funeral mass was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden with Fr. Evan Winter officiating. Interment was held later that day at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Jamestown, KS. Visitation with the family present was held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at the church with Rosary. Memorials in Christine's honor are kindly suggested to Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden or to the family for future

donation to addiction recovery programs. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Christine was born on March 8, 1975 in Hays, KS to Fred Meis and Jean (Herbin) Meis. She grew up in Hays where she attended Saint Joseph's Elementary School and Thomas More Prep-Marian High School. Throughout her high-school years, Christine successfully competed as a member of the debate, forensic, and scholar's bowl teams, served as a school ambassador, sang and played her guitar in the folk chorus, and participated in the high school's musicals. She graduated with honors in 1993.

After high school, Christine attended Creighton University on scholarship

where she later graduated with a dual-major bachelor's degree in Biology and German in 1997. The highlight of her undergraduate college education was working as a research assistant to her biology professors. Her post-graduate years were spent studying law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University where she earned her Juris Doctor degree with honors and a specialization in Intellectual Property Law. Christine was admitted to the Arizona Bar in 2001 and was registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She then entered the work force where she soon made partner and practiced for a number of well-known law firms in the Phoenix area. As a life-long lover of learning, Christine then chose to continue her law education by earning her Master of Laws degree through the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in 2007.

Christine made her home in Tempe, AZ where she was united in marriage to Philip McAuliffe, and to this union four children were born: Stephen, Nicholas, Anne, and Grace. They later divorced, and in 2012, Christine and Tad Plantz had a daughter, Ava. The families lived for a number of years in the Tempe, AZ area.

In 2017, Christine moved to Minden, NE where she was active in Saint John the Baptist Parish as a lector, musician/vocalist, and catechist. In her free time, Christine enjoyed playing golf, tennis, gardening, and writing music. She was also an avid game and card player. Always looking for new opportunities to further her learning, Christine obtained several health care certifications in recent years. She then worked in health care, choosing long-term care as she especially loved geriatrics.

Those left to cherish her memories include her children, now of Hilliard, OH and Chandler, AZ; parents Jean and Fred Meis of Minden, NE; brother Fred Meis (Kristin) of Wahoo, NE; brother James Meis (Caprice) of Kearney, NE; and sister Stephanie Gillen (Brian) of Elizabeth, CO as well as a great number of aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by both her maternal and paternal grandparents and aunts/uncles.

Tributes and memories can be shared with the family at www.craigfunerals.com.

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Calendars and Menus

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ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, June 29: FBLA National Leadership Conference (Anaheim, California)
Monday, June 30: FBLA National Leadership Conference
Tuesday, July 1: FBLA National Leadership Conference
Wednesday, July 2: FBLA National Leadership Conference
Saturday, July 5: FCCLA National Leadership Conference

Axtell Community School

ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, June 29: FBLA National Leadership Conference (Anaheim, California)
Monday, June 30: FBLA National Leadership Conference
Tuesday, July 1: FBLA National Leadership Conference
Wednesday, July 2: FBLA National Leadership Conference

Community Services

Dinner Menus

Meals served at Minden Community/Senior Center (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska), 403 N. Colorado Avenue, at noon. Please call 308-832-2139 the day before the dinner with your reservations. All

meals are served with coffee, water, and milk. Menu are subject to change. Join us.

Monday, June 30: Chicken & rice casserole, green beans, biscuit, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, July 1: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, July 2: 4th of July Dinner

Thursday, July 3: Goulash, peas, garlic bread & fruit

Friday, July 4: Center Closed Happy 4th of July!!

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Gwenda Nell (Martin) Olson Harden, 90



A memorial service for Gwenda Nell (Martin) Olson Harden was held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at the Holdrege Methodist Church in Holdrege, Nebraska, with Pastor Sarah Fisher officiating.

Gwenda Nell "Gwen" (Martin) Olson Harden, 90 years of age, of Holdrege, passed away on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the

Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege. Gwen was born January 30, 1935, in Kearney, Nebraska, the first of four children born to R.L. and Eleanor (Marlatt) Martin. She received her education from Axtell Public Schools and later attended and graduated from Minden Public Schools with the class of 1953.

She pursued higher education from Kearney Teachers College and then taught in rural schools north of Minden, Heartwell, and Funk.

On June 25, 1954, Gwen was united in marriage to Kenneth H. "Kenney" Olson and to this union three children were born: Scott, Beth, and Sue. The family made their home south of Funk, where Gwen spent most of her life on the farm being a farmer's wife, while Kenney engaged in farming and a cow/calf operation, until his passing.

On August 14, 2010, Gwen was united in marriage to Robert H. "Bob" Harden. Bob and Gwen enjoyed spending time traveling throughout the United States. They also enjoyed traveling to several locations to add to their collection of Jewel T Autumn Leaf Pattern Pottery.

Gwen enjoyed playing cards, giving programs for different organizations, and the Monday Morning Coffee Bunch. All her life, Gwen loved to sing. In high school, she took voice lessons at Hastings Presbyterian College and sang for many weddings and funerals. Gwen sang many solos but especially liked to sing with her mother, children, and later in life with the Sweet Adelines.

She was a member of Holdrege Methodist Church where she enjoyed teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and being a member of the United Methodist Women. Gwen was a 4-H leader for many years and a charter member of the Farmerette Club.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Teresa Sue Olson; her two husbands: Kenney in 2008; and Robert H. "Bob" Harden in 2014; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Elaine Martin; Lois Rydlund and her husband, Bill; Loretta Sturgis; Lucile Soneson and her husband, Gordon; and Rogene Peterson.

She leaves to celebrate her life, her children: Scott Olson and his wife, Vicky of rural Axtell, Nebraska; and Beth Kabes of Leigh, Nebraska; seven grandchildren: Jason Olson and his wife, Hallie; Candice Vinton and her husband, Darren; Crystal Klug and her husband, Beau; Curtis Olson and his wife, Jade; Myles Kabes and his wife, Caitlin; Zach Kabes and his wife, Jill; and Kenton Kabes and his wife, Nicole; twenty-two great-grandchildren with one on the way; her siblings: James Martin; Ginger Petersen and her husband, Jim; Tony Martin and his wife, Carol; two brothers-in-law: Dale Sturgis; and Paul Peterson; and other relatives and friends.

There was no memorial book signing or visitation the evening prior to the service. The family is honoring Gwen's wish for cremation.

A memorial has been established in Gwen's honor and kindly suggested to Holdrege Methodist Church.

Expressions of caring and kindness can be sent to the family at www.nelsonbauerfh.com

The Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege is in charge of the arrangements.

Terrell Galen Marlatt - April 19, 1941 – May 7, 2025



Terry, as he was known, succumbed to lung cancer at his home on Summer Haven Lake near Kearney, NE. The son of Dwight and Marcella Marlatt, both deceased, he grew up on the 4th generation family homestead just one mile south of his home at Summer Haven. He was 84 years old when his soul passed from this earth.

Terry will be remembered for his love of country, his enduring curiosity, and his lifelong connection to both family and the skies above. He served in the U.S. Navy and then the call of the wild blue yonder prompted his professional career in the design and manufacture of military defense aircraft. His favorite was the McDonald Douglas F4 phantom jet. In retirement Terry remained active as a firearms enthusiast, dedicating his time to precision shooting and rifle accurizing for competitive target sports.

Surviving to share memories are his son, Justin Marlatt, and grandchildren, Paige and Greyson, of greater St. Louis, MO, and his daughter Dana Pender (Fritz) of Mesa, AZ and her four sons, Alexander (Seattle, WA), Jordan (Minden, NE), Aiden and Joshua both of Mesa, AZ. Also surviving are sisters Shari (Harry) Straight of Albuquerque, NE, Gleness (Tom) Knauer of Santa Fe,

NM, Vicky Marlette of San Antonio, TX; brother Richard (Kerry) Marlatt of Kearney, NE; niece Kameron Straight (Rhonda Davis) of Albuquerque, NM; nephews Greg Straight of Denver, CO, Rick (Kina) Marlatt of Las Cruces NM, Evan Marlatt of Kearney, NE, Pat (Meagan) Marlatt of Beatrice, NE, and Phil (Meagan) Marlatt of Valencia, CA; and four great-nephews and three great-nieces.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents and four grandparents, Curtis and Amy Marlatt of Kearney, NE and Milton and Meda McCue of Hastings, NE. Also preceding him in death were 5 aunts and four uncles: Eleanor (R.L.) Martin of Minden, NE, John (Ethel) Marlatt of Del Norte, CO, Celia (Edward) Coyne of Holyoke, CO, Martha (Emmet) Hunsicker of Manhattan, KS, and Bonnie McCue of Denver CO and five of his 21 first cousins.

Memorial Services will be held at Mitzi's Pavilion, Yanney Heritage Park, 2020 West 11th St. Kearney, NE, at 11 am on July 5, 2025. Picnic for friends and family to follow. Inurnment will be a private event at Minden Cemetery.

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Minden hosted some all-star volleyball and basketball action on June 11-12 sponsored by New West.

On Wednesday, June 11 there was a four-team volleyball tournament. The Southwest Conference (SWC) was the eventual winner downing the Fort Kearny Conference (FKC). In the first round, the FKC defeated the RPAC and the SWC topped the LPC. Five Whippets-- Makenna Betty, Aubree Bules, Mattie Kamery, Kinsie Land and Makenna Starkey--represented the SWC along with three girls from Broken Bow, one from Gothenburg and one from Holdrege. Wil-Hil's Madison Bunger was on the court for the FKC along with one girl each from An-

sley- Litchfield, Loomis, Elm Creek, Overton, Pleasanton and Amherst.

The Republican Plains Activity Conference (RPAC) topped the Lou-Platte Conference (LPC) for third place. The RPAC had girls from Alma, Bertrand, Cambridge, Dundy County-Stratton, Maywood-Hayes Center, Maxwell, Medicine Valley, Paxton, Southern Valley, Southwest, Sutherland and Wauneta-Palisade while the LPC brought in girls from Ravenna, Doniphan-Trumbull, Ord, Centura, Central City, Wood River and Arcadia-Loup City.

Minden's Makenna Starkey was named the MVP for the tournament as the SWC won all of the sets it played.

On Thursday, June 12 four all-star basketball games were contested, each consisting of four eight-minute running-clock quarters.

The RPAC girls defeated the FKC girls 43-27. Madison Bunger and Cara Bunger of Wilcox-Hildreth contribut-



Minden hosted New West All-Star Classic volleyball and basketball competitions on June 11-12. Madison Bunger (above) and Cara Bunger (left), both Wilcox-Hildreth 2025 graduates, joined players from Pleasanton, Amherst, Ansley-Litchfield, Elm Creek, Loomis, and SEM in representing FKC on June 12. Madison Bunger was also selected to represent FKC in the volleyball match on June 11. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson)

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ed five and four points, respectively. Kesli Cox of Maywood-Hayes Center was the game's MVP.

Besides the two Wil-Hil girls, the FKC had players from Pleasanton, Amherst, An-sley-Litchfield, Elm Creek, Loomis and SEM while the RPAC was represented by girls from Southern Valley, Southwest, Maxwell, Alma, Wauneta-Palisade, Maywood-Hayes Center and Medicine Valley.

The FKC boys upended the RPAC boys 49-42 led by Axtell's Jake Halvorsen, who scored 10 fourth-quarter points, 13 for the game and was tabbed as the MVP. Also suiting up for the FKC was Brandt Modlin of Axtell (scored eight points), Elijah Bergstrom of Axtell and Micah Johnson of Wilcox-Hildreth.

Other FKC schools represented were Amherst, Loomis, SEM, Elm Creek and Pleasanton and participating from the RPAC were cagers from Arapahoe, Southern Valley, Wallace, Paxton, Alma, Maxwell, Hi-Line, Medicine Valley and Maywood-Hayes Center.

The SWC girls bested the LPC girls 53-44. Claire Cargill of Ord was the MVP having scored 22 points. Four Whippets on the SWC squad were Kinsie Land (12 points-leading scorer), Makenna Betty (3 pts.), Makenna Starkey (6 pts.) and Mattie Kamery (6 pts.). Broken Bow, McCook, Gothenburg and Holdrege also had team members among the 10-player SWC group.

The LPC team players came from Gibbon, St. Paul, Wood River, Arcadia/Loup City and Ord.

The LPC boys claimed a win over the SWC boys 73-58 in spite of Holdrege's Garret Johnson draining seven three-pointers on his way to 25 points. Brett Eckhardt of Minden (4 pts.) was one of just seven players in action for the SWC which also sported players from McCook, Broken Bow, Holdrege, Cozad and Valentine.

The LPC suited up players from Central City, Doniphan-Trumbull, Gibbon, Centura, Wood River, Ord, St. Paul and Arcadia/Loup City.



Rivals Jake Halvorsen of Axtell and Micah Johnson of Wilcox-Hildreth (above top) played as teammates in the New West All-Star Classic basketball games held in Minden on June 12. The FKC boys basketball team (above) including Axtell's Jake Halvorsen, Brandt Modlin, and Elijah Bergstrom, and Wilcox-Hildreth's Micah Johnson, defeated RPAC 49-42. (top right) Five Whippets, Makenna Betty, Aubree Bules, Mattie Kamery, Kinsie Land and Makenna Starkey, represented the SWC along with three girls from Broken Bow, one from Gothenburg and one from Holdrege in the New West All-Star Classic volleyball games held in Minden on June 11. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson and Courtesy photo)



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First Bank Srs Show Grit to End Week on Top

PHIL SERRONE

Losing skids are a normal part for any team in any sport but it's about how you answer back from those moments, and the Minden First Bank Seniors flashed some grit to close the weekend with an explosive 15 run shutout victory over Doniphan-Trumbull.

While First Bank closed out the weekend how they would like, the team did not have a great start to the week dropping two games against McCook and Broken Bow. The first loss of the week came on Monday, June 16 against McCook by a score of 3-10.

Minden had a 3-2 lead heading into the fifth inning but McCook rallied with a seven run outburst to take the victory.

As a team, the offense struggled with five hits total in the contest compared to McCook's 11. C Luke Grollmes found the most success against the opposing pitching staff with a multi-hit performance. LF Kade Dorszynski plated two runs with a single in the bottom of the third. RF Mason Bolin and DH Cael Smith each had a single in the contest.

P Jake Halvorsen earned the loss after tossing 4.0 innings of work on the mound. He allowed six hits, seven runs (4 ER), two walks and struck out four. RP/2B Cade Harsin relieved his teammate for 1.2 innings on the bump. He finished with two strikes out and allowed five hits, three runs (3 ER) and two walks. SS/RP Beau Bonifas ended the game on the mound for 0.1 innings allowing no hits, walks, runs and zero strike outs.

A road trip to Broken Bow was the next game up for First Bank, and the team's bats continued their cold spell. The final score of the game was 1-9 in favor of Broken Bow. First Bank only had two hits in the contest.

LF Kade Dorszynski and 3B Logan Clark were the lone two hits for Minden as the two combined for a single each. Broken Bow's pitching staff proved to be a difficult case for the batters to solve as the team accumulated 10 strikeouts.

P Luke Grollmes earned the loss on the mound after tossing three innings. He allowed four hits, five runs (5 ER), three walks and struck out two. RP/2B Cade Harsin pitched one inning of relief work. He allowed three hits, three runs (3 ER) with no walks or strike outs. RP/SS Beau Bonifas was the final pitcher on the mound as he finished the game with one hit, three runs (1 ER) and one walk allowed.

Heading into the weekend, First Bank needed to overcome their recent shortcomings as well as a severe heat warning. Fortunately, the heat might have allowed the offense to warm up as the team dominated Doniphan-Trumbull with a shut-out victory 15-0 this past Sunday.

3B Mason Bolin was dominant with the bat in his hands as he finished 3-4 with two doubles, three RBIs, three walks and scored two runs. P Logan Clark and 1B Jose Cuellar each had multi-hit performances with Cuellar contributing three runs scored as well. Minden had eight batters total with a single or better in the contest.

P Logan Clark brought his best on the hot afternoon as he pitched three innings with only one hit surrendered. He allowed one walk and struck out seven. CF/RP Jake Halvorsen ended the game on the mound for First Bank after one inning of work. He ended his time on the bump with no hits allowed, one walk and struck out one.



The First Bank Seniors Legion baseball team dropped two games early in the week before dominating Doniphan-Trumbull at home on June 22. Pictured: Cael Smith fires a pitch from the mound. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Yesterday, the team faced off against Broken Bow at home with a chance to avenge a disappointing loss. Following that game, there will be another chance to avenge a loss from earlier in the season with a home matchup against Holdrege later tonight. First pitch is slated for 8:00 p.m. The team will have a doubleheader against Loomis and Grand Island on Sunday. First pitch for the Loomis game is slated for 12:00 p.m. while Grand Island's pitch time is slated for 4:00 p.m. Check out next week's paper for the full recap from these games!

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MCCK	2	0	0	0	7	1	X	10	11	2
MNDN	0	0	3	0	0	0	X	3	5	5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MNDN	0	0	0	1	0	X	X	1	2	0
BRKN	1	0	1	5	2	X	X	9	8	0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
DNPH	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	1	3
MNDN	8	1	4	2	X	X	X	15	12	0



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First Bank Jrs End Rough Week With Win

PHIL SERRONE

Minden First Bank Juniors had a busy week in which three games were played against McCook, Broken Bow and Doniphan-Trumbull. While the two games did not go the way that Minden would have liked, they were able to battle the severe heat on the weekend to pick up a victory.

In the first game, First Bank faced off against a McCook team on Monday, June 16. This was the second matchup against McCook in two weeks time, unfortunately for First Bank it was McCook emerging with their second victory over the juniors by a score of 10-11.

First Bank was close to evening the series between the two 1-1 with a 10-7 lead heading into the top half of the fifth inning but a four run final inning for McCook propelled the team to victory. Plenty runs and hits were accumulated with 22 runs and 23 total hits between the two ball clubs.

CF Bo Lutkemeier and 3B Mason Bolin finished as the only two players with multiple hits in the contest. C Parker Hatch and Bo Lutkemeier led the team in RBIs with two each. P Cael Smith's lone hit in the game was a triple that scored a run.

On the mound, Smith was reliable as the left-hander lasted five innings but walks crept up as he made his way through the game. He allowed nine hits, nine runs (5 ER), five walks and struck out five. 2B/RP Tyler Wilson pitched in the final inning of the game for 0.2 innings of work. He allowed five hits, two runs (2 ER) with zero walks or strike outs.

After a day of rest, First Bank traveled to Broken Bow in hopes of getting back in the win column. Unfortunately, the team was overwhelmed by Broken Bow's pitching and offense leading to a 7-15 loss for the juniors.

Minden managed to score seven runs despite a huge contrast in hitting between the two clubs 3-15 in favor

of Broken Bow. Eight walks allowed the First Bank offense to put some runs on the scoreboard.

P Parker Hatch, C Cohen Schmidt and CF/RP Bo Lutkemeier each contributed singles in the contest. Stolen base leaders were: Smith 3, Schmidt 2, Hatch 2, SS Mason Bolin 1.

Hatch earned the loss on the mound for First Bank as he tossed 3.1 innings of work that allowed nine hits, 11 runs (9 ER), one walk and struck out four. Lutkemeier was called upon for 1.1 innings of relief out of the bullpen. He ended the contest allowing six hits, four runs (4 ER) and one walk.

Closing out the weekend, was the hottest game of the week in which a severe heat warning was issued. It was not just the weather that was heating up this day, as the First Bank juniors managed to end a two-game skid with a 10-5 victory over Doniphan-Trumbull.

Minden found great success within the batter's box as the team totaled 13 hits off the opposing pitching staff. P Mason Bolin, 1B Cael Smith, C Cohen Schmidt and 2B/RP Tyler Wilson each had multi-hit contributions in the contest. Minden had nine different batters that earned a base-hit in the game. CF Bo Lutkemeier and Bolin led the team in RBIs with two.

Bolin picked up the victory on the mound tossing a dominant three innings of work. He allowed one hit, two runs (0 ER), two walks and struck out eight. LF Luke Craig came onto the mound in relief for a short stint totaling 0.1 innings. He allowed three hits, three runs (3 ER) and three walks before being replaced by Wilson. Wilson pitched 1.2 innings to secure the victory for First Bank. He struck out one and did not allow a single run, hit or walk.

First Bank's record on the season now stands at 8-4. The team competed in Gothenburg two days ago and



It was a rough outing for the Minden First Bank juniors as the team dropped two contests against McCook and Broken Bow, but they battled back for a victory over Doniphan-Trumbull. Pictured: Bo Lutkemeier slides into home safely to put a run on the scoreboard. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

followed that up with a home contest against Broken Bow yesterday. First Bank will look to avenge a loss against Holdrege from a couple weeks ago later tonight at home. First pitch is slated for 5:30. We will have a full recap of these games in next week's paper!

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MNDN	2	0	2	3	0	X	X	7	3	7
BRKN	2	0	5	4	4	X	X	15	15	3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
DNPH	0	0	2	3	0	X	X	5	4	5
MNDN	1	0	6	0	3	X	X	10	13	1



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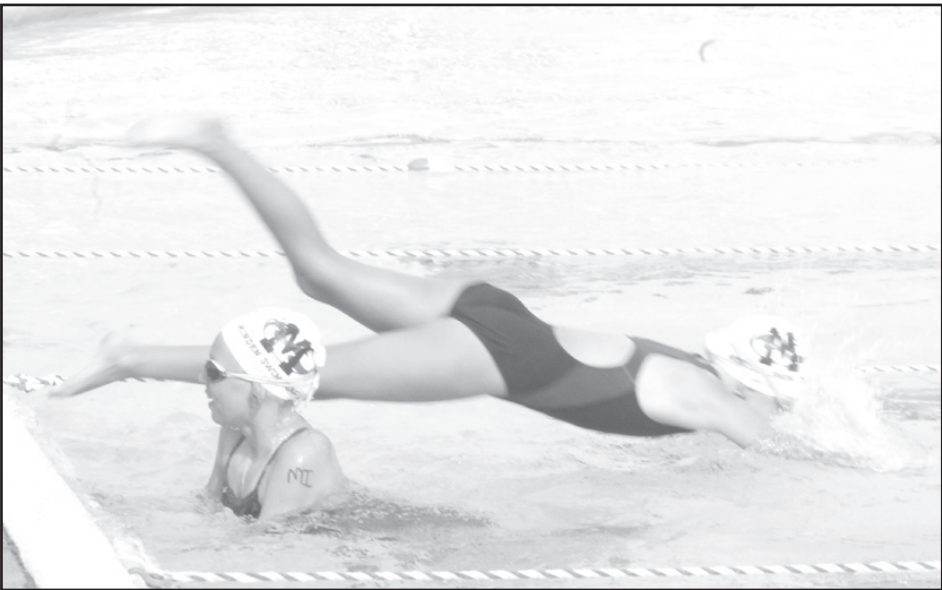
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Minden Swim Team Travels to Gothenburg

CINDY RAMSEY

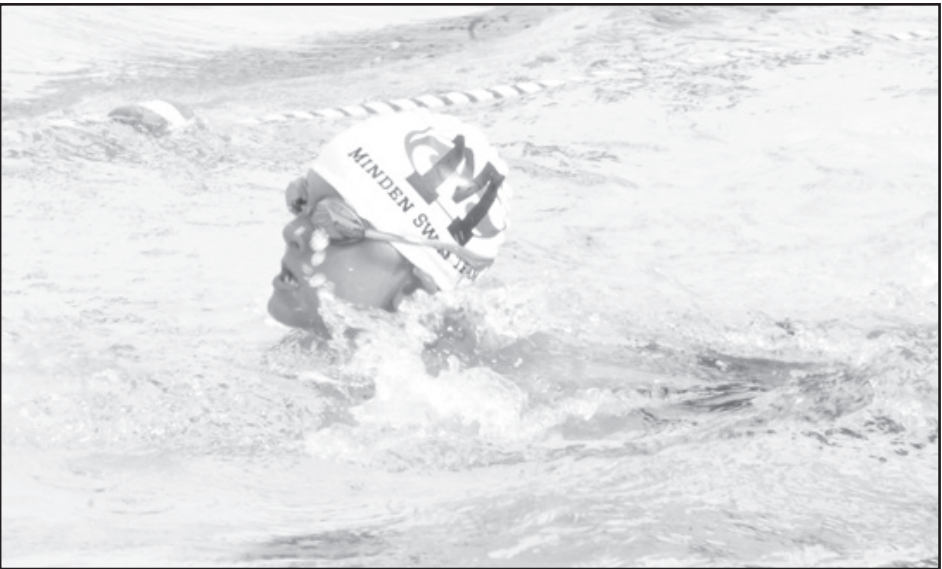
The Minden Swim Team traveled to Gothenburg on June 21 to compete against Cozad, Elm Creek, Elwood, and Gothenburg in the water. Minden results were (results are not finalized):

- 100 Long Free** - Tatum Johnson, EX, 1:41.39; Pat Phillipi, 1st, 1:18.95
- 200 Long Free** - Blakeleigh Harsin, 1st, 3:14.94; Willow Philippi, 2nd, 3:59.74; Natalie Ramos, 3rd, 3:55.22
- 100 Medley Relay** - Minden 10&U Boys, DQ, 2:40.16; Minden 12&U Girls, 2nd, 1:26.75; Minden 14&U girls, DQ, 1:55.81; Minden 14&U Boys, 2nd, 1:20.02
- 25 Butterfly** - Tatum Eckhardt, 1st, 0:26.73; Tatum Johnson, 4th, 0:30.51; Easton Dornhoff, 1st, 0:43.62
- 50 Butterfly** - Amelia Collins, 2nd, 0:53.60; Brody Casper, 1st, 0:36.87; Wyatt Johnson, 1st, 0:40.25
- 50 Freestyle** - Logan Brown, 1st, 1:09.45; Tatum Johnson, 2nd, 0:45.65; Payzla Stahla, 5th, 0:53.98; Noah Casper, 2nd, 0:49.31
- 100 Freestyle** - Riley Strong, 1st, 1:24.20; Blakeleigh Harsin, 2nd, 1:27.55; Brody Casper, 1st, 1:12.44; Zander Sinsel, 2nd, 1:30.54; Liam Collins, 3rd, 1:34.20
- 25 Backstroke** - Aria Munoz, 6th, 0:49.49; Reid Stahla, 2nd, 0:39.38; Logan Brown, 3rd, 0:43.72; Zaiden Johnson, 4th, 0:45.64; Payzla Stahla, DQ, 0:31.38
- 50 Backstroke** - Riley Strong, 3rd, 0:50.61; Kinley Strong, 4th, 0:51.60; Natalie Ramos, 1st, 0:54.40; Lucas Collins, 2nd, 0:55.42
- 200 Free Relay** - Minden 12&U Girls, 1st, 2:42.97; Minden 14&U girls, 2nd, 3:09.24; Minden 14&U Boys, 1st, 2:34.91
- 25 Breaststroke** - Reid Stahla, DQ, 0:50.06; Tatum Eckhardt, 4th, 0:31.44; Noah Casper, 3rd, 0:37.75; Easton Dornhoff, DQ, 0:51.76
- 50 Breaststroke** - Blakeleigh Harsin, EX, 0:54.87; Willow Philippi, 3rd, 0:55.84; Amelia Collins, 5th, 0:58.61; Jacel Johnson, DQ, 1:39.28; Liam Collins, 1st, 0:54.19; Zander Sin-



The Minden Swim Team continued their season at Gothenburg on June 21. The team will have one more regular meet on June 28. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

- sel, 2nd, 0:55.25; Corbin Dornhoff, 4th, 1:39.22; Lucas Collins, 5th, 0:51.33
- 25 Short Free** - Aria Munoz, 3rd, 0:35.09; Logan Brown, 2nd, 0:28.68; Reid Stahla, DQ, 0:32.38; Zaiden Johnson, 3rd, 0:33.45; Tatum Johnson, 1st, 0:21.29; Payzla Stahla, 2nd, 0:23.09; Tatum Eckhardt, 3rd, 0:23.47; Noah Casper, 2nd, 0:23.47; Easton Dornhoff, 9th, 0:36.49
- 50 Short Free** - Kinley Strong, 1st, 0:36.32; Riley Strong, 2nd, 0:36.99; Amelia Collins, 3rd, 0:44.33; Eliana Petty, 6th, 0:47.31; Jacel Johnson, 10th, 1:10.92; Brody Casper, 1st, 0:32.14; Zander Sinsel, 2nd, 0:39.47; Liam Collins, 3rd, 0:41.74; Corbin Dornhoff, 7th, 1:00.72; Natalie Ramos, 3rd, 0:43.47; Lucas Collins, 3rd, 0:39.02; Wyatt Johnson, 4th, 0:39.65
- 100 Individual Medley** - Blakeleigh Harsin, 2nd, 1:53.07; Brody Casper, EX, 1:29.33
- 100 Free Relay** - Minden 10&U girls, 2nd, 1:47.59; Minden 10&U Boys, 2nd, 2:14.78; Minden 12&U Girls, 2nd, 12:24.02; Minden 12&U Boys-purple, 1st, 1:24.12



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Wilcox-Hildreth Swim Team Makes Waves at Cambridge

CINDY RAMSEY

The Wilcox-Hildreth Swim Team competed against Alma, Arapahoe, Cambridge and Southern Valley in Cambridge on June 21. Wilcox-Hildreth results were (results are not finalized):

200 Long Free - Dustin Johnson, 1st, 3:09.37

100 Medley Relay - WH-B-Med, 1st, 1:38.19; WH-G-Med, 2nd, 1:23.35

50 Butterfly - Makynna Ortiz, 1st, 0:44.57

50 Freestyle - Javarian Choquette, 1st, 0:42.77; Dexter Casper, 8th, 0:55.65; Machelles Catanese, 1st, 0:44.52; Dustin Johnson, 1st, 0:35.57

100 Freestyle - Audrina Henery, 2nd, 1:35.69; Jesse Ortiz, 2nd, 1:30.78; Rush Rahmann, 5th, 2:18.78; Chloe Johnson, 1st, 1:23.16; Makynna Ortiz, 2nd, 1:27.98; Ayva Bendorf, 3rd, 1:29.41

25 Backstroke - Dexter Casper, EX, 0:32.59

50 Backstroke - Jesse Ortiz, 2nd, 0:56.92

25 Breaststroke - Dexter Casper, 2nd, 0:32.22

50 Breaststroke - Audrina Henery, 2nd, 0:59.20; Jesse Ortiz, EX, 1:11.49; Hunter Casper, 1st, 0:55.37; Ayva Bendorf, 2nd, 0:48.92; Chloe Johnson, 4th, 0:51.10; Samantha Catanese, 5th, 0:55.66; Makynna Ortiz, 6th, 0:55.91

25 Short Free - Hattie Rahmann, 4th, 0:30.60; Javarian Choquette, 1st, 0:18.34; Dexter Casper, 6th, 0:26.35;



The Wilcox-Hildreth Swim Team continued their season at Cambridge on June 21. The team will have one more regular meet on June 28. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

Machelles Catanese, 1st, 0:20.11; Dustin Johnson, 3rd, 0:19.53

50 Short Free - Audrina Henery, 2nd, 0:41.02; Rush Rahmann, 4th, 1:02.58; Hunter Casper, 1st, 0:40.35; Chloe Johnson, 1st, 0:35.10; Ayva Bendorf, 2nd, 0:37.92; Samantha Catanese, 3rd, 0:40.71

100 Individual Medley - Jesse Ortiz, 1st, 2:03.32; Samantha Catanese, 1st, 1:51.29; Machelles Catanese, 1st, 1:55.59

100 Free Relay - WH-100lil, 1st, 1:25.66; WH-G-100, 1st, 1:12.29; WH-100Open, 2nd, 1:31.38

Jorgensen Wins Nebraska Junior PGA Championship

ROGER HANSEN

Minden senior-to-be KayLynn Jorgensen won the Nebraska Junior PGA Championship at Fremont on June 17 and in doing so qualified for the National Junior PGA Tournament to be played July 29-August 1 at West Lafayette, Indiana.

She had a 36-hole score of 4-over par 146 (75-71), one stroke better than runners-up Isabella Elgert of Lincoln and Brooke Thiele of York. Only two girls go to Nationals and Elgert defeated Thiele in a playoff for that right.

Her sister and freshman-to-be Macy Jorgensen did well also carding a 173 (83-90) to finish in fourth place.

On Thursday and Friday June 19-20, KayLynn, Macy and younger sister, 7th grader-to-be Samantha played in the Central Nebraska Junior Amateur at Lochland (Hastings) the first day and Riverside (Grand Island) the next day.

KayLynn finished third with scores of 78-80 for 158. Her 78 included an 11 on the 18th hole where three shots into the water soured her round. One never wants even a snowman (8) on any given hole but a double-figures score (11) is way beyond frustrating. Still, third place is no slouch.

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MEETING OF THE KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JUNE 17, 2025

A Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Equalization was held on June 17, 2025 at 9:25 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Robert Swanson and Board Members Jason Sinsel, Brent Stewart, Heath Hofstetter, Nathan Avery and James Miller. Absent was Jeff England. Also present were Kearney County Clerk Myra Johnson, Jody Payne County Treasurer, Melodie Bellamy Co. Atty and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Equalization Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. The Kearney County Board of Equalization took the following action: Approved the minutes of 5-6-2025. Held a Public Hearing at 9:25 a.m. Met with Jody Payne, Treasurer and approved Motor Vehicle Exemption for Mosaic, Axtell, NE: 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan 2C7WDGBG3KR723516. Adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:29 a.m.

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

JUNE 17, 2025 - 9:30AM

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held June 17, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jason Sinsel, James Miller, Nathan Avery, Robert Swanson and Heath Hofstetter. Absent was Jeff England. Also present were County Clerk Myra Johnson, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Scott White Sheriff. Craig Lupkes Emerg. Mgmt. Dir., Melodie Bellamy Co. Attorney and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. The Board of Commissioners took the following action: Approved minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting on June 3, 2025. Approved Bills and Claims. Approved the Clerk of the District Court report for May 2025. Adopted a resolution of Cash Transfer from the 911 Fund to Communications Fund. Approved a bond for North Dry Creek Drainage District Director, Dave Westesen. Discussed Audit and Budget contracts. Set Budget guidelines for FY 25/26 of up to a 3% increase. Held a Public Comment. No comments were made. Met with Jody A. Payne. Co. Treas. to adopt a resolution to close the LATCF Fund and transfer the interest to the General

Fund. Also, adopted a resolution to open a Juvenile Services Fund effective July 1, 2025. Craig Lupkes, Bldg & Grds Super. presented the Board with a list of surplus property. 1995 Chevy ¾ ton 4x4 pickup, 2000 Chevy ½ ton Pickup, 1963 Caterpillar 12E Motorgrader, 30 KW Generator, Hobart welder, International Cadet 2 stage snowblower, 5 lift cylinders 24 x 4, 2-3" Homelite water pumps, NAPA #5000 bumper jack, Bennett gas dispenser model 3788, 30 volt 300 amp starter generator, shop built transmission jack, 6 oil drums 24 x 44, 2-300 gallon fuel barrels, 550 gallon fuel barrel, 1000 gallon fuel barrel, 3 ton floor jack, barrel of unknown shredder blades 60-70, pallet of bricks approx.. 75. Surplus items to be sold thru Big Iron sales. Approved the Integrated Security Solutions fire alarm monitoring contract for 12 months at \$40 per month. Luke Poore and Gavin Blum from the Kearney County Health Services presented the Board their FY25/26 budget. They are asking for \$500,000 in tax asking for the coming year. The Board approved \$400,000 in tax asking for FY25/26. Met with Joe Anderson Road Supt. The Board approved payment #2 and payment #3 for Bridge Replacement project. Mr. Anderson also presented the cost estimates for a road study on Summer Haven Lake east road. The Board directed him not to do the road study. Adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman
Kearney County
Board of Commissioners
ATTEST:

/s/ Myra Johnson
Kearney County Clerk
GENERAL FUND: A T & T, Sv.,

\$389.44; Adams Co. Justice Ctr, Sv., 440.00; Ask Supply Co LLC, Su., 187.50; At-Scene, LLC, Sv., 2,383.00; Melodie Bellamy, Co. Atty., Sv., 143.32; Bethany Home, Sv., 1,125.00; Bomgaars, Su., 949.99; Central Plains Valuation, LLC, Sv., 7,512.00; CSE, LLC, Sv., 537.05; Dell Mktg LP, Su., 906.53; DeWald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC LLO, Sv., 897.00; Dier, Osborn, Cox PC LLO, Sv., 277.00; Dillenback Enterprise, Sv., 325.00; Eakes, Su., 719.19; F Johnson Building, Rent, 1,005.00; First Concord Benefits Grp LLC, Self-Fund Ded., 3,370.77; Shelly Gibbins, Ext. Office Mgr, Su., 103.47; Great Plains Comm., Sv., 116.87; Philip Heun, Vet Serv. Officer, Cell Ph., 22.83; Hometown Leasing, Lease, 210.51; Jim's OK Tire Store LLC, Sv., 85.00; Myra Johnson, Co. Clerk, Mil., 109.76; Kearney Co. Health Serv., Sv., 402.00; Kearney Co. Pub. Def., Sv./Su., 1,299.12; Kearney County Road Dept., Fuel, 1,461.65; Klein, Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith, Sv., 1,460.50; Lieske, Lieske, & Ensz PC LLO, Sv., 1,285.75; Lincoln Co. Sheriff, Sv., 18.00; Jenni Lupkes, Dep. Co. Clerk, Mil., 82.32; Mason's Supermarket, Su., 30.42; Matthew Bender & Co Inc., Su., 1,442.07; Minden Hdwe, Su., 457.48; MIPS Inc., Sv., 2,302.03; NAPA, Pts, 19.69; NASCO Educ. LLC, Su., 1,235.92; Nebraska Sheriff's Assoc., Dues, 60.00; Nebraska.gov, Subscr., 100.00; Jody A. Payne, Co. Treas., Su., 419.03; Pedley Drug Store, Su., 46.76; Plains Radiology Serv., Su., 37.00; Pony Express Ford, Sv., 538.34; Quill Corp., Su., 458.29; S.A.F.E. Ctr, Annual Fdg, 2,500.00; State of NE DAS-Central Fin., Sv., 150.00; Syndicate Publ., Publ., 318.65; Thomson Reuters-West Publ. Corp., Su., 3,219.00; US Postal Serv., PO Box Rent, 1,452.00; York

Co.y Sheriff, Sv., 20.92; TOTAL, \$42,633.17. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: Joe Anderson, Hwy. Supt., Cert., \$150.00; Bosselman Energy Inc., Fuel, 17,123.14; Carquest/Landmark Impl., Pts, 224.31; Tracy A. Donley, Mowing, 70.00; E & E Turf Inc., Mowing, 300.00; Eakes, Su., 99.96; F&A Concrete Finish LLC, Sv., 84,601.34; Fifth Street Prtg, Su., 79.20; First Concord Benefits Grp LLC, Self-Fund Ded., 870.54; Jim's OK Tire Store LLC, Su./Sv., 7,674.50; Landmark Impl. Inc., Su./Sv., 2,220.29; Lawson Prod. Inc., Su., 269.64; Mid-NE Aggregate Inc., Grav., 836.87; Minden Hdwe, Su., 69.66; Minden Lbr, Su., 367.03; NAPA, Pts, 115.00; NMC, LLC, Sv./Su., 15,135.67; Oak Creek Eng., Sv., 2,964.00; Randy Pracht, Road Mech., Cell Ph., 30.00; Sapp Brothers Petro.Inc., Fuel, 15,741.64; Share Corp., Su., 340.76; Syndicate Publi., Publ., 114.00; Winzer, Su., 210.97; TOTAL, \$149,608.52. LATCF FUND: F&A Concrete Finish LLC, Sv., \$10,943.79;

TOTAL, \$10,943.79. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Berggren Arch., Sv., \$12,076.80; Oak Creek Eng., Sv., 4,337.50; TOTAL, \$16,414.30. 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: CenturyLink, Sv., \$71.06; Kearney Co. Comm. Fund, Interfunds Transfer, 28,545.56; TOTAL, \$28,616.62. 911 WIRELESS SERVICES HOLDING FUND: CenturyLink, Sv., \$9,387.38; Geocomm Inc., Sv., 6,057.00; Intellicom Comp. Cons., Su., 14,717.00; Soarin Group, LLC, Sv., 2,694.00; Wahltek Pmt Proc. Ctr, Mnt. Agrmt., 2,799.25; TOTAL, \$35,654.63. COMMUNICATIONS FUND: CenturyLink, Sv., \$9.69; Comm. Eng. Inc., Sv., 100.00; First Concord Benefits Grp LLC, Self-Fund Ded., 326.52; Great Plains Comm., Sv., 167.40; NE Tech & Telecomm., Sv., 668.13; State of NE DAS Central Fin., Sv., 30.00; TOTAL, \$1,301.74.
June 26, 2025
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MEETING MONDAY, JUNE
16, 2025 - 8:00 PM
POSTING LOCATIONS:
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POSTING DATE 6/5/2025
FRANKLIN CHRONICLE
POSTING DATE 6/4/2025
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WILCOX, NE 68982-0190**

1. Call to Order. Roll Call. 2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act. 2.A. Pledge. 3. Consent Agenda. Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 3.A. Approval of Agenda. 3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular May 19, 2025 Board Meeting. 3.C. Approval of Claims. 3.D. Financial Report. 4. Visitors and communication from the public. 4.A. Americanism Committee Hearing. 4.B. Hearing for Policy 5018: Parental Involvement in Education Practices. 5. Action Items. 5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the NASB Strategic Plan. Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to approve the NASB Strategic Plan. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve board policies 1002, 2006, 3003, 3004.1, 3023, 3026, 3036, 3043, 3047, 3057, 4051, 4057, 4059, 5001, 5015, 5016, 5031, elimination of poli-

cy 5034 "intentionally left blank" this policy has been combined into 3026, 6025, 6031, 6034, 6044, 6045. Superintendent Patterson explained all the changes and options that the Board of Education had with policy options. The Board of Education chose to implement a ban on student cell phone usage during the school day. Motion by Chris Stuehm, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve board policies 1002, 2006, 3003, 3004.1, 3023, 3026, 3036, 3043, 3047, 3057, 4051, 4057, 4059, 5001, 5015, 5016, 5031, elimination of policy 5034 "intentionally left blank" this policy has been combined into 3026, 6025, 6031, 6034, 6044, 6045. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve classified staff wages for the 2025-2026 academic year. Superintendent Patterson presented wage increases to the Board. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to approve classified staff wages for the 2025-2026 academic year. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to contract services with Instructional Partners for ELA and/or Math training for teachers. Superintendent Patterson outlined the benefits of utilizing resources to directly impact teacher effectiveness in the classroom. Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to contract services with Instruc-

tional Partners for ELA and/or Math training for teachers for \$120,100. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.E. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the purchase of a digital alumni board. Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to approve the purchase of a digital alumni board. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 6. Discussion Items. 6.A. Discuss leave time for non-certified employees. Superintendent Patterson presented options for leave for non-certified employees. Changes will be made to the non-certified handbooks that will be presented and acted on in the July regular board meeting. 7. Administrator Report. 7.A. Superintendent Report. Superintendent Patterson reported: 1. Spending down grant funds for the Safety and Securing grant. 2. Summer building projects.\3. B-2 Environmental will be completing an asbestos inspection of the acquired church property. Bids for tearing the building down will be completed when the B-2 Environmental report is

ready. 7.B. Principal Report. Principal Glenn Reported: Americanism Act Hearing Update. 24-25 Attendance Recap. Principal Muhlbach Reported: Standards Based Grading. 8. Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 21, 2025 at 8:00pm in the Wilcox Conference room. 9. Adjourn. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to Adjourn meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Fund Number 01, GENERAL FUND: Access Elevator, Inc., 457.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 1,680.01; American Fence Company of Kearney, Fence, 2,604.06; Black Hills Energy, 2,139.00; Blick Art Materials, 116.32; BTS Communications, Phone Vendor, 54.00; Canon Financial Services, Inc., 54.32; Classic Spa & Tub Co., Pool Repair & Supplies, 363.92; Clearly, 96.99; Computer Hardware, 29.95; Cooperative Producers Inc, 3,223.32; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, E-Rate/Charter, 292.87; Decker Equipment, 1,424.91; Diversified Drug Testing, 320.00; Eakes Office Solutions, 4,554.11; ESU #11, 72,563.49; Frontier, 0.00; Great Plains Communications, 301.93; Guthrie, Desiree, 48.00; HD Supply, 2,400.08; Hometown Leas-

ing, Copy Machine Lease Company, 894.00; iCEV Multimedia, LLC, 2,750.00; Johnson, Jessie, 16.00; KSB School Law, 1,615.50; Larsen's Ace Hardware, 199.91; Magnatag Visible Systems, 614.60; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 145.69; McGraw-Hill School Education LLC, 2,943.18; Menards - Kearney, 364.19; NCSA, 375.00; Presto-X Company, Pest Control, 98.05; Protex Central, Inc., 117.78; Really Good Stuff, 35.88; Rosendahl Repair, 69.95; Rutt's Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., 3,081.52; Sheen, Kelly, 16.00; Shults, Rebekah, 16.00;

South Central Sanitation LLC, Trash Service, 285.00; Southern Valley Schools, 50.00; Supreme School Supply Company, 65.15; Syndicate Publishing, Newspaper, 74.93; Time Management Systems, 1,083.12; Verizon Wireless, Cellular Phone Service, 90.12; Village Of Hildreth, 1,630.82; Village Of Wilcox, 3,982.14; VISA, 3,204.90; Wage Works, 160.25; Weides Water LLC, 244.00; Welsh, Brian, 16.00; Woodward's Disposal Service, 55.00; Fund Number 01: 117,018.96; Checking Account ID 1: 117,018.96. June 26, 2025 (250) znez



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NOTICE

CITY OF MINDEN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chambers, pursuant to advance notice of said meeting simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Council and to the public as shown by the copy thereof posted in the Minden City Hall, Outside the Minden City Hall, First Bank & Trust Co., Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., and the Post Office. A copy of the notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Council Members Present: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. City Officials Present: Evans, Olson, Krings, and Jordan. Approved Bills and Claims: A. Christensen--Training \$21.15, Area Services Inc--Repairs \$420.00, At-Scene, LLC--Membership \$2,383.00, B&R Stores, Inc--Supplies \$237.06, Beacon Athletics LLC--Supplies \$255.00, Black Hills Gas Holdings, LLC--Utilities \$121.17, Bnsf Railway Company--Fees \$3,064.38, Capital One--Supplies \$3,466.20, City Of Hastings--Fees \$303.30, Core & Main Lp--Supplies \$2,444.47, Core Distinction Group, LLC--Fees \$9,000.00, Danko Emergency Equipment Co.--Supplies \$520.00, Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$1,000.00, D. Phillips--Supplies \$1,068.00, Donkey Towing & Transfer LLC--Fees \$462.50, Dutton-Lainson Company--Supplies \$674.42, D. Jensen--Training \$366.95, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$269.65, Fyr-Tek Inc--Supplies \$2,290.00, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$79.30, Great Plains

Internet \$1,077.29, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical \$3,324.04, Hd Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd--Chemical \$748.67, J. L. Carter--Repairs \$90.00, Jims Ok Tire Minden LLC--Repairs \$3,235.60, J. P. Van Dyke--Supplies \$489.13, Ke Co Treasurer--Fees \$5,858.33, Kearney Co. Clrk Myra Johnson--Fees \$10.00, Kearney Co. Clrk Myra Johnson--Fees \$10.00, Kearney Co. Clrk Myra Johnson--Fees \$10.00, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies \$595.86, Macqueen Emergency Group--Supplies \$160.94, Menards Of Kearney--Supplies \$180.34, M. Shelton--Training \$149.98, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C--Financing \$6,050.40, Minden Lawn & Sprinkler--Repairs \$719.40, Minden Utility Dept.--Utilities \$1,786.31, Multitek North America, LLC--Supplies \$168.44, Municipal Supply-Nebraska--Supplies \$2,205.42, Ne Water Resources Assoc--Membership \$105.00, Northwest Electric LLC--Repairs \$1,867.21, Nphe--Fees \$18.00, P. Jensen--Repairs \$1,206.84, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$13,650.00, S. Anderson--Repairs \$179.00, Sos Portable Toilets Inc--Rental \$137.00, Southeast Crossings LLC--Training \$1,349.50, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C.--Fees \$99.09, T. Fuller--Supplies \$4,045.34, T. Holsten--Training \$104.00, Trade Well Pallet Inc--Supplies \$1,110.00, United Parcel Service, Inc--Fees \$26.70, United States Postal Service--Fees \$637.72, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet \$872.44, Woodward Disposal--Fees \$3,595.90, 5-30-25 Payroll \$68,313.98. Items Approved: Consent Agenda--Bunger motioned to approve the

consent agenda. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Schneider. Abstain: Yant. Ordinance creating Street Improvement District No. 2025-1, First Reading--Yant introduced Ordinance No. 1303 for its first reading. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Issuance of Order of Condemnation for the Property known as 1348 N. Colorado-- Yant motioned to condemn the Property known as 1348 N. Colorado requiring the buildings to be demolished by 8-28-25 or the City will proceed to demolish the buildings at the expiration of the 8-28-25 date. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Hearing on Appeal of Vacant Determination of the Property located at 525 N. Minden Avenue & Vacant Status Determination-- Sumstine motioned to declare 525 N. Minden Avenue as not vacant. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Hearing on Appeal of Vacant Determination of the Property located at 136 Hillcrest Drive & Vacant Status Determination-- Sumstine motioned to declare 136 N. Hillcrest Drive as not vacant. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Rescinding the Order of Condemnation for the Property in the 300 Block of S. Minden Avenue or more Particularly Described as Lots 1 & 2, Block 5, Ragan's Addition, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska and authorize payment of \$10 to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees-- Schneider motioned to Rescind the Order of Condemnation

for the Property in the 300 Block of S. Minden Avenue or more Particularly Described as Lots 1 & 2, Block 5, Ragan's Addition, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska and authorize payment of \$10 to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees. Bungler seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried. Rescinding the Order of Condemnation for the Property known as 335 S. Minden Avenue or more Particularly Described as Lots 3 & 4 and the North 10' of Lot 5, Block 5, Ragan's Addition, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska and authorize payment of \$10 to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees-- Bungler motioned to Rescind the Order of Condemnation for the Property known as 335 S. Minden Avenue or more Particularly Described as Lots 3 & 4 and the North 10' of Lot 5, Block 5, Ragan's Addition, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska and authorize payment of \$10 to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Setting a Hearing for Possible Condemnation of the Property at the SW corner of Colorado Avenue and Highway 6/34 owned by Uptown Grain-- Schneider motioned to Set the Hearing for Possible Condemnation of the Property at the SW corner of Colorado Avenue and Highway 6/34, Minden, Nebraska for July 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Bungler seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Subordination Agreement for Lot 1, Block 14, Original Town of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska with York State Bank and authorize

the Mayor to sign and execute said Agreement on the City's behalf--Bunger motioned to approve the Subordination Agreement for Lot 1, Block 14, Original Town of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska with York State Bank and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute said Agreement on the City's behalf. Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Hotel Market Feasibility Study Update Service Agreement with Core Distinction Group LLC and authorize payment for the study in the amount of \$9,000-- Bungler motioned to approve the Hotel Market Feasibility Study Update Service Agreement with Core Distinction Group LLC and authorize payment for the study in the amount of \$9,000. Sumstine sec-

onded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Not-Approved Items: Ordinance creating Street Improvement District No. 2025-1, First Reading--Sumstine motioned to waive the three readings. Voted aye: Bungler and Sumstine. Voted nay: Yant and Schneider. Non-Action Items: Public Forum. Council Announcements. Public Hearing, Condemnation Hearing for the Property known as 1348 N Colorado. Bungler motioned to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider.

Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
A complete transcript of the council minutes is available at the City Clerk's office and online at minden-nebraska.org.

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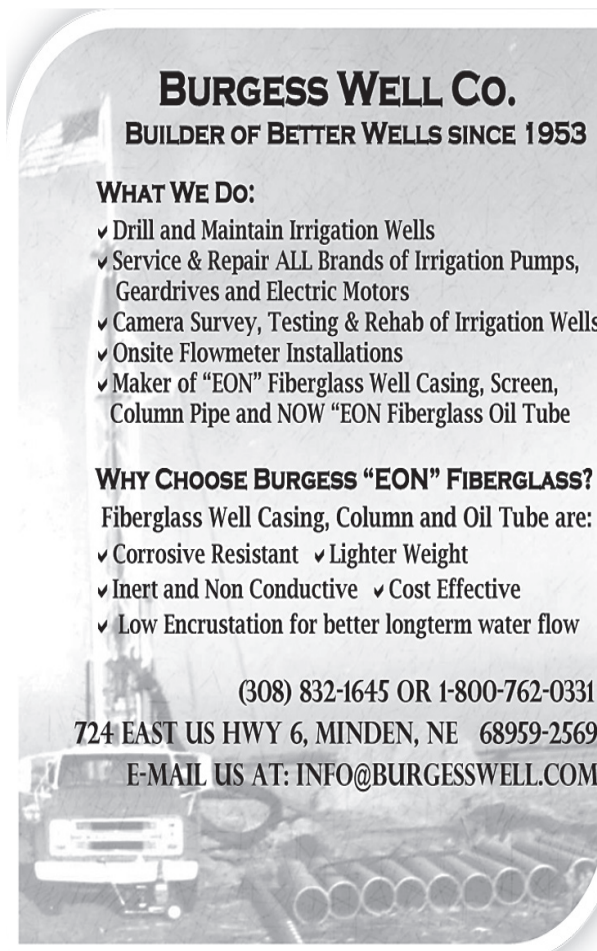
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINDEN, NE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Equalization will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 9:25 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. A Hearing will be held for the purpose of hearing comments from interested persons to determine whether to allow or deny the Motor Vehicle Exemption requests. A list of the organizations seeking an exemption is available in the office of the County Treasurer. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk
June 26, 2025
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ROGERS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rogers Property Management, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska on June 10, 2025. The designated office of the company is located at 816 20 Road, Axtell, NE 68924, and the name of the initial registered agent and their address is Zachary K. Gray, Attorney at Law, 700 Railroad Street, Suite 112, P.O. Box 855, Holdrege, NE 68949. The company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska other

than banking or insurance. The company will have perpetual existence unless terminated sooner. Affairs of the company are to be conducted by its members.

Rogers Property
Management, LLC
Zachary K. Gray #27047
Gray Law Firm, LLC
700 Railroad Street,
Suite 112
P.O. Box 855

Holdrege, NE 68949
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Its Attorneys

June 26, 2025
July 3, 2025
July 10, 2025
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 8th day of July 2025 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Minden of Kearney County Nebraska, for the purpose of hearing public comments on:

Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative Subdivision application made by Fort Kearny Consolidated in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4), Section Thirty Two (32), Township Eight (8) North, Range Fourteen (14) West of the 6th P.M., Kearney County Nebraska, to divide off a parcel of land to sell, and hearing all persons, with written or oral comments for or against said application. Any party may appear in person or be represented by an agent or attorney.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Zoning Administrator Office at

(308) 830-0589.

Craig Lupkes
Zoning Administrator
June 16, 2025

June 19, 2025
June 26, 2025
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Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative Subdivision application made by Colby and Taylor Klahn in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 SE1/4) of Section Fourteen (14) Township Six (6) North, Range Fourteen (14), to divide off a parcel of land to sell, and hearing all persons, with written or oral comments for or against said application. Any party may appear in person or be represented by an agent or attorney.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Zoning Administrator Office at (308) 830-0589.

Craig Lupkes
Zoning Administrator
May 28, 2025

June 12, 2025
June 19, 2025
June 26, 2025
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NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1304

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, WHICH MAP IS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 94-5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA. Passed and approved this 16th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Larry Evans,
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Abbey Jordan,
City Clerk
(SEAL)

June 26, 2025
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Computer manufac-
turer
5. Noted space station
8. Kurt Russell film
"Captain"
11. Automaton
13. Everyone has one
14. Incline from the
vertical
15. Fights
16. Dunn & Bradstreet
(abbr.)
17. Finishes off
18. Places to store things
20. Dutch painter Gerard

21. Smaller quantity
22. There's a North, South
and Central of these
25. In an early way
30. More spacious
31. Short-term memory
32. One who possesses
33. Sesame
38. Forbid
41. A way to explain
43. Not around
45. Evoke or suggest
47. Ancient kingdom near
Dead Sea
49. Dekameter
50. Fencing sword
55. "Luther" actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of
northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Hong Kong food stall:
___ pai dong
63. Not the start
64. Post

CLUES DOWN

1. Creative expression
2. Fiber from the outer
husk of a coconut
3. City in ancient Syria
4. College army
5. More disturbed
6. Pays no attention to
7. Restored
8. Competitions
9. Lyric poems
10. Famed American
lawman
12. Expression of disap-

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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pointment

14. Scars
19. Satisfy
23. Central European river
24. Brass instrument
25. One who gets paid to
perform
26. Propel with oars
27. Long period of time
28. Woman (French)
29. Type of plane

34. Pitching stat

35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Pro sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader of a
Jewish congregation

46. Abba ___, Israeli
politician

47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering
plants
51. Tributary of the High
Rhine
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Restrain
58. Father

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4th of July!

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Teams of Summer



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MINDEN T-BALL BLUE TEAM — Front row: Madelyn Blum, Mya Whittaker, Lucas Nitzel, Elliott Stepp, Kinsley Chavez. Back row: Coach Kylee Stepp, Teddy Blum, Gentry Kissinger, Emmitt Blum, Jason Gasseling, Easton Gillming, Draper Shoff, Brayden Carver, Harper Pohl, Coach Sandy Pohl.