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Pedaling the Whooping Crane Highway

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North America's Great Plains are Mike Forsberg's and Andy Caven's heritage and passion. Yet they can sound like newcomers when talking about their current travels and amazing new multi-sensory Great Plains experiences.

Their perceptions began multiplying May 11 when Forsberg, a Lincoln wildlife photographer/conservationist, and Caven, Central Flyway Programs director at the Baraboo, Wisconsin, International Crane Foundation headquarters, rode the first mile of a 2,500-mile bicycle journey.

They decided in December to do their "Pedaling the Whooper Highway" project that follows the Central Flyway used by endangered Whooping Cranes each spring and fall migration season. They started at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas gulf coast and will finish June 30 near a Whooping Crane nesting area in northern Saskatchewan.

"On bikes, you're a lot closer to the land and all of your senses are engaged," Forsberg said. "In a vehicle, you can't hear it, you can't smell it, you can't even taste it, and we've already eaten a lot of bugs."

They didn't take plan-for-a-year advice. "The first day out the door, your plan can change," Forsberg said. "So it's sort of like the birds deciding when to leave and then just go."

They are fund-raising along the way.

Caven, who grew up at Aberdeen, South Dakota, said they identified 44 important Central Flyway habitat sites for Whooping Cranes, knowing that weather, detours and other factors might limit their ability to stop at all of them.

After arriving in south-central Nebraska June 2, they passed some U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Rainwater Basin wetlands and spent the next three days along the Platte River at Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary southwest of Gibbon and the Crane Trust south of Alda.

They then biked north through the eastern Sandhills, toward Burwell and up to Newport over the weekend, before riding into South Dakota on June 9.

About the Birds

Endangered Whooping Cranes are the rarest and largest of the world's 15 species of cranes, yet Forsberg said many people living along the Central Flyway know little about them and even less about their migrations and habitats.

The majestic 5-foot-tall white birds with black



Lincoln photographer/conservationist Mike Forsberg, back center, takes iPhone video as he and area bikers leave Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary Friday morning. The phone was the only option because he couldn't bring his usual photography gear on the 2,500-mile "Pedaling the Whooper Highway" bike ride. (Courtesy photo by Lori Potter)

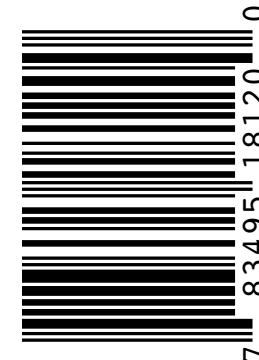
wing tips and red-and-black faces have been a longtime focus for him and Caven, who was the Crane Trust's director of conservation research from 2015-2022.

Today, there are an estimated 835 Whooping Cranes - approximately 550 in the wild - after a low of 15 migrating Whoopers in the 1940s.

Forsberg and Caven previously traveled the Central Flyway using other types of transportation. Forsberg said seeing it from an airplane in 2022 was a "like a bird" experience, but different from his current close-up views of crane habitats.

They have often worked together, including spending eight days in 2023 in side-by-side blinds in a northern Canada to document Whooping Crane chicks hatching. One result was Forsberg's 2024 "Into Whooperland" book.

Pedaling Project



Weather Forecast

June 12:	87/64	
June 13:	79/58	
June 14:	74/55	
June 15:	76/54	
June 16:	76/56	
June 17:	80/61	
June 18:	83/62	

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News Briefs

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 13; Monday, August 17; and Monday, September 21.

Bethany Lutheran Axtell Midsummer Picnic

Friday, June 19, 2026, is the date for the 143rd Midsummer Picnic at Bethany Lutheran Church, located two miles east and one mile south of Axtell. The public is invited to attend. There will be a Swedish Smorgasbord from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fried chicken, Swedish meatballs, Ostakaka, and other delicious foods will be available. The meal will be served in our wheelchair accessible fellowship hall where the A/C will be on. The evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with music by We II—Marcia Lindau and Jan Schneider.

Church Services at Harold Warp Pioneer Village

Harold Warp Pioneer Village will be providing non denominational church services each Sunday until Labor Day weekend from 11: 30 to 12:00 noon. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Dawg Days

Come celebrate the start of summer with the Minden Chamber of Commerce sponsored Dawg Days on the Square Friday, June 19th from 6-8pm. Food trucks, vendors, cotton candy, snow cones and more!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The American Medical Association generally agrees that pregnancy until the 12th week is known as an embryo. At 5 weeks it is as large as a grain of rice.

I've always wondered about the adamant and personally involved position of those against abortion. Seemingly even in cases of incest, rape, projections at term of severe and devastating handicaps that ultimately leads to institutions for care or at the very least foster care, they are so self righteous! Even extreme financial limits, no insurance, no prospects of adequate income creates despair and hopelessness. And do you consider miscarriage an act of God?

If you are so morally and religiously opposed to a decision that is not yours to make, are you willing to make it your business by pledging to raise the unwanted infant as yours, providing love and care under every and any circumstance? If not, "judge not lest you be judged!"

Glenda Blauch

Linden Biskup Named to Missouri State University's Spring 2026 Dean's List

PRESS RELEASE

SPRINGFIELD, MO (06/01/2026)-- Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Linden Biskup of Wilcox made the list.

Biskup was among more than 5,000 students named to the spring 2026 dean's list.

CCC Spring Honor Lists

PRESS RELEASE

(Grand Island, Neb.) – Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the President's and Dean's honor lists for the 2026 spring semester.

The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses and the Holdrege, Kearney, Lexington and Ord centers.

Students on the President's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while students on the Dean's Honor List earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

President's Honor List

Axtell: Alessandra Banzhaf-Diaz and Toby Stepanek

Kearney: Cadie Nickel

Minden: Marise Kuehn-Larson and Jerzee Smidt

Upland: Isaac DeJonge

Dean's Honor List

Axtell: Isaiah Springer

Heartwell: Monte Adams

Minden: Aubree Bules, Dalton Sinsel and Auston Tagtmeyer

Wilcox: Makayla Johnson

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
5/30/26	85	64	.07
5/31/26	86	62	.03
6/1/26	82	62	.16
6/2/26	80	64	.06
6/3/26	82	63	.57
6/4/26	74	62	.59
6/5/26	81	63	.06
Total Week Precip.....			1.54

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The pair already is meeting some storytelling goals for "Pedaling the Whooper Highway" by inviting other cyclists to join the ride along the flyway. On June 5, 23 people biked with them for 25-plus miles along the Platte from Rowe Sanctuary to the Crane Trust.

That area is the halfway point in miles - actually 46.3 percent, according to Caven, the scientist - for the overall bike ride and migration route.

Caven and Forsberg are averaging about 55 miles per day at speeds of 8-20 miles per hour. Forsberg's Surly ECR bike and Caven's Trek Checkpoint are designed for traveling gravel roads and "bikepacking."

At least one person is always with them in a Toyota Tacoma pickup carrying food, water, and first aid and bicycle repair supplies. The support vehicle crew also helps monitor weather conditions and plan daily routes.

Overnight stays have been at campgrounds, motels, and places like Rowe Sanctuary and the Crane Trust.

Most crew members are staff for the Platte Basin Timelapse project co-founded by Forsberg in 2011 and headquartered at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Other PBT staff are on the road gathering documentary video and photos.

"It's not easy. It hurts. You get sore," Forsberg said about long bike rides and noting that Caven can ride faster and farther. "I really start to seize up at about 60 miles. I think of us as like a couple of Whooping Cranes traveling together ... They're not in the same fitness level either."

Caven joked that preparing to ride each morning requires several cups of coffee and lots of Tiger Balm.

He's documenting conditions in Central Flyway habitats. As of June 4, he had identified 150 bird species and 300 plant species.

Caven described Whooping Cranes as an "umbrella species" that indicates habitat qualities also important to other species. Conservation that helps an umbrella species can benefit others.

Along the way, he and Forsberg talk to people in small towns about the Great Plains natural resources around them. "So far, we've never talked to anyone who was angry," Forsberg said. "Maybe they were indifferent at first, but they've all been proud of where they live."

Another goal is identifying a flyway touring route for others to follow. Forsberg knows of many U.S. trails built around landscapes or history, but none defined by a migration.

Bigger Picture

"Pedaling the Whooper Highway" joins a long list of efforts to learn more about cranes and their habitats, and tell those stories. Each is like an addition to a Great Plains/Central Flyway quilt.

Forsberg's storytelling projects include Platte Basin Timelapse, "Follow the Water" travels from the Platte's Wyoming headwaters to the Missouri River and books.

For 50-plus years, International Crane Foundation co-founder George Archibald and his staff have studied cranes in captivity and in remote places around the world.

When asked how "Pedaling the Whooper Highway" fits with other crane research and conservation efforts, Archibald said, "Although the major wetlands where Whooping Cranes rest during migration are protected, there are hundreds of smaller wetlands that also provide important habitat for the cranes but are now disappearing through reduced rainfall as a consequence of climate change.

"In addition, cranes will not use wetlands within five miles of wind farms. The bikers will meet with local people to discuss safe placement of wind farms."

One message Forsberg and Caven are sharing is that the Great Plains aren't a flat flyover region. "Seventy percent is not flat at all, plus there are diversities in soils, just like there are in roads,"

"Pedaling the Whooper Highway" is one of Mike Forsberg's several long-distance, fact-finding, storytelling journeys.

In 2011, he and Nebraska Public Media veteran Michael Farrell co-founded the Platte Basin Timelapse project based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources. Cameras at 70-plus sites take one photo every hour of every day from sunrise to sunset.

PBT Outreach and Education Coordinator Grace Carey said camera equipment has been upgraded over the years. Only two original locations remain, but most newer cameras are near original locations.

The PBT website says there now are more than 5.2 million images and 180-plus stories. Carey said anyone can use the content for research, education and storytelling.

PBT had a key role in Forsberg's 2016 hiking, biking and canoeing journey with videographer Pete Stegen to track an imaginary drop of water 1,350 miles from the Platte's western Wyoming headwaters to the Missouri River at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

That story was told in the "Follow the Water" documentary.

Forsberg has been featured in other crane or Great Plains documentaries. His books include "Ancient Wings - The Sandhill Cranes of North America," 2005; "Great Plains: America's Lingering Wild," 2009; and "Into Whooperland," 2024.

Forsberg said. "... It can be different day to day or even hour to hour."

Caven's example was hearing only Eastern Meadowlarks until they crossed into Kansas. Then they heard their first Western Meadowlark and a mix of both. Soon, there were only Western Meadowlark songs.

It's Personal

So are the long learning-on-the road journeys obsession-related?

"I can't not do this," Forsberg said. "I feel so much like a real person and to be truly thankful for what I can do. That's the way it's always been."

Plus, it's helping develop the next generation of storytellers.

"I've been in places in my life to ring the alarm ... that we have to stop losing grasslands and wetlands in the Great Plains," Caven said, because annual losses can equal the size of Yellowstone National Park.

Forsberg feels the weight of migration while on the road and better understands how Whooping Cranes must adjust to day-to-day conditions. "You just think about what's ahead of you, that day, that morning, that mile," he said.

"One of the wonderful things about the natural world is it can make you feel small," Caven added. "I love that, but others may not."

The Road Ahead

When he gets home, Caven must meet a deadline to send a draft report to the North American Crane Working Group.

Forsberg will organize the photos and video he's taking only on his iPhone. Because he couldn't bring his usual camera gear on a bike ride, he asked longtime National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson of Lindsborg, Kansas, for an iPhone photography crash course.

Forsberg also will work with Carlee Moats, the PBT documentary director.

And he's involved in a Whooping Crane documentary project with the International Crane Foundation and Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. It may be ready for public viewing next fall.

Forsberg also will continue work to build communities around watersheds and flyways.

He and Caven expect to travel more Great Plains roads in the future. "We have layers and layers of more good project ideas," Forsberg said. "It's about finding the time and the timing to use them."

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Ordinance Considerations Continue At City Council

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden City Council addressed infrastructure, ordinances, and equipment purchases during the June 1 regular meeting.

With the construction of the new elementary school, electrical lines currently located on Park Avenue need to be relocated. The council approved the NPPD project in the amount of \$259,284 for the relocation of the electrical lines. The City will meet with the School to discuss partial reimbursement of the costs.

Discussions from the previous meeting were reignited as the council considered the second reading of Ordinance 1317 regarding cargo containers. Most of the discussion centered around a definition in the proposed ordinance for 'residential zoning district' to mean any property containing a residential structure. Councilwoman Teresa Sumstine stated zoning districts are determined by the district map and their use is outlined in Chapter 94. Any changes in zoning need to be determined by Planning and Zoning. She is further concerned the restrictions set by this definition takes away the benefit of commercial property. Sumstine suggested restrictions be based on lot

size rather than zoning.

City Attorney Andrew Olson explained the language isn't an attempt to change zoning or the land use map, it is simply defining what 'residential zoning district' means in the context of this ordinance. The discussion concluded with a 3-1 vote in favor of the second reading with only Sumstine voting opposed. An attempt to waive the three readings was denied with a split vote as Alyssa Schneider joined Sumstine voting opposed.

Second reading of Ordinance 1318 fared better with the council. Kirk Ramsey spoke during public comment thanking the council for listening to feedback and making adjustments to better fit the needs of the community and businesses that work with food trucks. He shared that 52 Taphouse has been following the setbacks in the proposed policy and appreciates the council members coming down to get a better understanding of the policy in practice.

Additional amendments were proposed since the previous meeting that cleans up language for better clarity. The changes better define the term 'intersection' and allow the City Administrator or their designee to designate an area of public property for use by mobile food trucks as necessary.

The council approved the new amendments as presented bringing the ordinance back to a first reading. After

approving the first reading of the newly amended ordinance, the council approved a motion to waive the three readings and adopted the ordinance by title.

An order of condemnation was placed on the property located at 358 S. Nance last December. The order required repairs or demolition of the garage to be completed by March. With no discernible efforts made to comply with the order, the council ordered demolition of the garage and an assessment on the property in April. After this order and before the City was able to get a contractor to complete the demolition, the property owners took the building down themselves. Because of this, there is no need to maintain the condemnation, demolition, or assessment orders and the council approved a motion to rescind all orders for the property. Any further actions will be nuisance abatement as it does not qualify for condemnation considerations.

The cemetery is in need of a new mower to keep up with summer maintenance. The proposed purchase of a John Deere Z950M ZTrak mower from Landmark Implement for \$10,785.34 is well under the amount budgeted for mowers for this budget year. The proposal includes the trade in value of the cemetery's current 2013 John Deere. The council approved the purchase of a new mower for the cemetery as presented.

Resolution 1836 directing the sale of surplus property with a fair market value of less than \$5,000 was approved. Included on the surplus property list is the 2013 John Deere mower from the cemetery as well as an iPad used by the fire department that is no longer capable of being charged.

In other business the council: Approved May 16 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved payment of \$135 to Rembolt Ludtke LLP for legal services. Approved project with Sorensen Construction in the amount of \$18,000 for the replacement of concrete in the alley behind City Hall.

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Thank You!

I have enjoyed the challenge of serving on the Harold Warp Pioneer Village Foundation Board for nineteen years. A lot of joy has come from watching and visiting with our many visitors to the Museum. I can say that I have spent my time wisely.

No matter if it is at work, a member of an organization, or just being involved with other people, it is important to surround yourself with good dependable people. I feel that is the road to success and that is why the Harold Warp Pioneer Village Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers have rejuvenated the Museum.

You have heard the saying "it has been such a roller coaster ride," I would say it has been "a great carousel ride." We have brought the Pioneer Village and the Community closer together and working together for the betterment of Minden and Kearney County. Big Thank You goes out to the Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers for putting on the retirement reception. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the Pioneer Village atmosphere.

Again, Thank You
Larry Wilcox

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Zoning Administrator Position To Go Full-Time

CINDY RAMSEY

Planning and Zoning took center stage during the June 2 regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners with a review of the Zoning Administrator position and two public hearing for administrative subdivisions.

With several months under her belt as the Zoning Administrator, Carrie Favinger spoke to the board to provide an update on what occupies her time and how many hours she has spent in this first year as a part-time employee. She explained her hours have been fully occupied with applications and addressing alternative energy regulations. Regulations regarding data centers will need to be addressed in the near future which will also require quite a bit of time and Favinger still needs time to complete further trainings.

County Attorney Melodie Bellamy informed the board that when Favinger was appointed, Planning and Zoning was in the midst of the busiest it has ever been making it difficult to determine if the position will remain busy enough to justify making it a full-time position. Following some discussion, the board determined there are several areas that haven't been given as much attention in the past that could help occupy the Zoning Administrator's time if the position is made full-time. The board directed Favinger to prepare her budget for the next year with the position becoming full-time.

Veterans Services Officer Phil Heun asked the board to reappoint Matt Cavanaugh to the Veterans Services Board for a term to end June 2031. Heun informed the board Cavanaugh was willing to retain the position and has been an asset to the board. Bellamy reminded the board they recently adopted a policy about volunteer board appointments that states the vacancy needs to be advertised to provide potential volunteers awareness of the opening and the opportunity to submit their

interest in the position.

Despite Heun being unaware of the new policy and the qualifications necessary to hold the position, the board agreed to follow the formality of the policy. The term ending will be shared on the County's website and applications from any interested individuals will be reviewed by the board before the position is appointed.

A public hearing was opened for a liquor license for Nebraska Dunes LLC. Awarii Dunes was recently purchased by Nebraska Dunes LLC requiring a liquor license for the new owners to continue offering alcohol sales. No public comments were given and the hearing was closed. The board approved the liquor license request.

Commissioner Jason Sinsel stepped back from his position on the board for a public hearing for an administrative subdivision for KVHA LLC due to potential financial benefit from the matter. Favinger informed the board she had received an application for the subdivision from the project engineer. This is an existing livestock facility and it checks all the boxes for an administrative subdivision. The intent is to sell the property. Favinger has not received any calls in favor or opposed to the proposed subdivision. With no further comments the hearing was closed and the board approved the administrative subdivision.

The meeting's final public hearing was for an administrative subdivision for Stewart and Erin Anderson. The subdivision would separate the irrigated land from the corner 6.3 acres in order to sell the irrigated land. The

application meets the requirements for an administrative subdivision. Stewart attended the hearing to answer any questions presented by the board regarding the application. After the hearing was closed, the board approved the administrative subdivision.

In other business the board: Approved May 19 minutes. Approved bills and claims, payroll, and hospital taxes. Approved May 2026 County Clerk and Clerk of District Court fee reports. Approved North Dry Creek Drainage District Director Bond for R. Eugene Olson. Approved Lowell Drainage District Director Bond for Randy Holl. Approved duplicate General Fund checks to Callie Jo Reiss for \$49 and \$49.50. Approved budget engagement letter with Contryman Associates, P.C. for FY 26-27 and budget preparer pay for Markus Ramsey for the same fiscal year. Spoke telephonically with Jerry Berggren regarding attic renovation bid.

The Kearney County Board of Equalization also met on June 2. The board approved minutes from the May 5 meeting. County Assessor Jennifer Pittner met with the board to set protest hearing dates. Protest hearings will be held on July 7, July 21, and July 22 beginning at 1pm. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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I don't know how I can ever say Thank You enough to each and every one of you that came to my 95th Open House. It was great to see and visit with all of you. And for those who could not attend and sent cards - thank you so much. I enjoy cards and will read them over and over. So for all the friends that came, the cards, phone calls, flowers and gifts - a big THANK YOU. And for each and every one of you that worked so hard to make such a great 95th Birthday for me - thank you ever so much.

I love you all.

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Potter's Wheel

By Lori Potter

While placing iris and peony flowers on the graves of five generations of Potters at Freewater Cemetery southwest of Wilcox on Memorial Day weekend, I thought about the different ways each generation farmed and raised livestock.

Many were practices farmers would never use today.

The first generation pioneers who came to south-central Nebraska after the Civil War were encouraged by the U.S. government's 1862 Homestead Act to earn ownership of 160 acres of land by farming it for five years and building a house.

They hitched horses to plows, broke the prairie sod, planted crops and grazed cattle on the vast grasslands. A big learning curve was how to get crops that did well in other states or countries to grow in Nebraska's different soils and climate.

Irrigation started in the late 1800s in places where water from rivers and creeks could be diverted into crop fields.

Soon, mechanized tractors were pulling plows, planters and harvesting equipment. With each generation, bigger, more high-tech equipment boosted efficiencies and allowed farm and ranch families to till more acres and manage more livestock.

My earliest memory of a technology change on our farm southeast of Wilcox starts with watching Dad set siphon tubes to move water from a ditch to each corn row. On July 4, we'd shoot fireworks into an irrigated field just east of the farmstead so the debris wouldn't be a fire hazard.

At around age 12, I began driving the pickup or tractor - starting, moving ahead a little bit, stopping and repeating - while Dad and my brother Glen picked up and moved gated irrigation pipe that was a next generation technology, and hay or straw bales.

Lots of plowing, disking and cultivating continued for decades until minimum till, no-till and cover crops became the norm.

Change always takes time because people in each generation of farming or any occupation know only what they know at a given time. Knowledge leading to better ways usually requires years of research, testing and innovation.

The results are better efficiencies, safety measures and technologies to grow more crops on the same number of acres and yield more beef from each steer. Research also can identify ways to improve, restore and sustain natural resources.

Farm and ranch families who inherited land from past generations and hope to carry on that tradition must not misuse their soil or water resources. It's expensive to use more fertilizer or other chemicals than needed to meet crop goals and they must avoid depleting surface water or groundwater needed to water crops and livestock.

During almost 36 years on the Kearney Hub staff, I wrote many stories about land and water use disagreements that often involved ag production versus preserving prairies and wetlands. The Ogallala Aquifer and groundwater quality and quantity were parts of many discussions.

However, some common ground was found. While no interests got 100 percent of what they wanted, agreements were reached to help preserve and protect natural resources. One example is the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program created by stakeholders throughout the watershed.

Much continues to be learned from ongoing monitoring projects such as irrigation system meters, aquifer measurements, soil sampling, and monitoring of wetlands and other wildlife habitats.

One learning project passed through Kearney County last week. Michael Forsberg, a wildlife photographer and crane researcher from Lincoln, and Andy Caven, Central Flyway programs director for the Wisconsin-based International Crane Foundation, are "Pedaling the Whooper Highway." By June 30, they will have biked the 2,500-mile route from south Texas to Saskatchewan used by endangered whooping cranes each spring and fall migration season.

They rode by Rainwater Basin wetlands, stopped at Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary and stayed overnight at the Crane Trust along the Platte River near Alda.

The paragraph below, written as if a farmer is speaking, is from an essay in the Nebraska Corn Board's "I'm a Nebraska Corn Farmer" publication. It should remind all of us to wisely use, protect, save and sustain natural resources, including farmland, wildlife habitat, surface water, groundwater, grasslands and forests.

"I have the opportunity to walk the same paths as generations before me and take my turn caring for something that will be here long after I'm gone."

Lori Potter of Kearney is a Wilcox area native and co-owner of her family's farm. She has been a Nebraska newspaper journalist for 48 years, including as a freelancer since March 2021.

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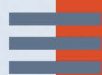
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For the Record Police Report

Kearney County Court

Gary L. Kubik, Omaha, speeding 1-5 MPH County/State, fine \$50, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 5-24-26

Chase O. Johnson, Wilcox, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 5-24-26

Brandi M. Steinkruger, Upland, careless driving, fine \$100, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Kavan, 3-17-26

Arminda L. Kring, Axtell, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 5-23-26

Karissa L. Nelson, Axtell, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 5-3-26

Abraham Gomez Sr., Hastings, COUNT I: drive under suspension/before reinstated-state, fine \$100; COUNT II: speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Minden Police Officer Eikenberry, 4-10-26

Minden Fire & Rescue

5-29-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Colorado for Public Service Standby.

5-30-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to W. Sycamore Street for a fall with injury.

5-30-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 1st Street for a transfer from KCHS.

6-1-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Casey's for a light headed person.

6-1-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 1st Street for a BLS transfer KCHS.

6-2-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to 34 Road for a house fire.

6-2-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 1st Street for a transfer from KCHS to Good Sam.

Kearney County Sheriff

6-2-26, A vehicle driven by Jessica A. Trofholz, Upland, was traveling north on Highway 10, when a deer entered from the west side of the road colliding with the vehicle. Estimated damage: \$70,000.

Calls for Service

May 28

0350 — 5th St. and Hubbard Ave., Tagged Vehicle

0406 — 300 Block Thomsen Ave., Unit Call

0550 — 1st St. and Blaine Ave., Baby Raccoon in Street

0908 — 400 Block Tower Ave., Check Welfare

1428 — 500 Block Garber Ave., Found Canine, Returned to Owner

2257 — Hwy 6 and 10, Traffic Stop

May 29

0707 — HHS Intake

2351 — Agency Assist

May 30

0841 — 600 Block Ridge Ave., Found Canine, Returned to Owner

1050 — Ongoing Investigation

1100 — 10-19, Motorist Assist

1910 — 1st St. and Oak Ave., Traffic Stop

2205 — 5th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

2339 — 1st St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

May 31

0057 — 400 Block E. 5th St., Assist with Removing Bat from Residence

1425 — 800 Block W. 5th St., Animal Complaint

1451 — 500 Block W. 9th St., Injured Animal

2012 — 10-19, Citizen Assist

June 1

0843 — Fairgrounds, Suspicious Vehicle

0909 — 600 E. Holland St., Opossum in Garage

1352 — 600 Block N. Kearney Ave., Investigation

1411 — 600 Block N. Brown Ave., Unit Call

June 2

0024 — 300 Block N. Colorado Ave., Open Door

0040 — 100 Block E. 16th St., Suspicious Vehicle

1008 — 600 Block W. Campbell St., Citizen Being Chased by Animal

1428 — 500 Block E. 9th St., Report of Vandalism

1500 — 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Motorist Assist

2159 — Hwy 6 and Brown Ave., Street Lights Out

2309 — 600 Block N. Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

2219 — 600 Block N. Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

2313 — 4th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

June 3

1151, 100 Block Lincoln Ave., Uncontrollable Juvenile
1235, 400 Block S. Brown Ave., Dog Picked Up and Returned to Owner

1550, 300 Block N. Nebraska Ave., Check Welfare

1610, 100 Block S. Kearney Ave., Keys Locked in Vehicle

1638, 700 Block N. Kearney Ave., Animal Complaint

2026, 4th St. and Brown Ave., Possible Disturbance

2319, 600 Block W. 1st St., Report of Juveniles Lighting Fireworks

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Postmaster Emil Nelson received notice that all bids opened for the construction of the post office at Minden were rejected as they were all in excess of the amount available for the contract.

Willia Rae Tidvall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Tidvall, was named the honor student of the Minden eighth grade and presented with a medal by superintendent C.L. Jones.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

The City of Minden prepared for a special election to vote on a municipal airport. Due to a technicality, the vote at the regular election was declared invalid.

A railroad strike shut down rail lines paralyzing the nation's train service for two days. In Kearney County the mail failed to arrive and papers for carrier delivery arrived by truck.

The Minden area received two and four-tenths inches of rain. Hail also fell but did little damage.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

The \$600,000 bond issue for School District R-3 to build C.L. Jones Middle School was sold at a meeting of the board of education. The bonds were offered at competitive bidding. Bidding began at 3.5 percent and was accepted at 3.069 percent for 20 years.

Norman students taking their first train ride from Minden to Hastings were Clayton Jacobsen, Jerry Meisenbach, Harold Johnson, Joyce Gaston, Arthur Holsten, Nadine Jacobsen, LaRae Granger, Ilene Johnson, Raymond McCoy, Ann King and Bobby Deisley. Accompanying them was Mrs. Herman Bjorklund.

The new Axtell Co-op Grain Company elevator, under construction, had reached approximately 41 feet above the ground, according to Denver McPherson, manager of the elevator. Upon completion the elevator would have a 200,000 bushel capacity.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

The highest award given to a layman by the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting, "The Lamb Award," for distinguished service to boyhood, was presented to L.W. "Bill" Larsen of Minden.

The swimming pool was opened with Robert Ramsey as manager, Jim Meacham as assistant manager and Diana Layton as head lifeguard. Other lifeguards were Tish Armstrong, Patty Wiggins, Betty Hoffman, John Knudsen and Kent Felzein.

The Minden High School golf team finished seventh at the state tournament. Cal Rogers posted an 87; Bob Christensen, 91; Roger Bienhoff, 92; and Richard Armstrong, 94.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Ken Petersen of Ruskin and Gina Newbold of Minden were crowned king and queen of the Minden Danish Days.

The Hildreth Lions Club float, sporting the fifty state flags, was described as outstanding by bystanders in the Minden Bicentennial parade. Merle Haselbarth was crowned as the overall winner in the bread baking contest.

Youth artists David Bunger and Mark Adams of Minden and Carl Swanson and Angie Wahlmeier of Axtell were chosen to

participate in the Bicentennial Year's Star Spangled All-State Fine Arts Program at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

Five hundred RV units were reported to have been parked at the Kearney County fairgrounds for the 12th annual Good Sam Samboree.

John and Martha Meier celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Pioneer Village with dinner, fellowship and reminiscence.

The Wilcox Centennial parade drew 200 entries. The celebration officially opened with the arrival of the Pony Express which carried the charter for the Village of Wilcox. The charter was carried from Minden along the Polyline railroad right of way. At the opening ceremony, Mark Buckley served as master of ceremonies. He introduced the new mayor of Wilcox, Lyle Stabenow.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The average temperature registered a 71 during the month of May with only four days in the month breaking 75 degrees.

Mike Sindt, a senior music education major and trombone player from Upland, was awarded an outstanding soloist award from the International Jazz Educators Association.

Receiving perfect attendance recognition at C.L. Jones Middle School were Julie Bloomfield, Toni Ceballos, Constance Gregoski, Susan Johnson, Darci Leierer, Detlef Diercks, Lisa Bohlen, David Brundage, Becci Bunger, Clay Coslor, Eric Fritson, Pat Marlatt, Philip Marlatt, Tirzo Borrego, Cami Coslor, Danny Kile, Megan Dorn, Riley Grams, Bo Hansen, Samuel Hansen and Nathan Speer.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

The State Bank of Hildreth celebrated 100 years of banking with a customer appreciation week. The event included an open house and a street dance.

The Kearney County Historical Society hosted their annual open house at the Kearney County Museum. Doris Thompson gave an account detailing the early days of the county.

Rick and Sonya Nelsen held an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for Grace Elizabeth's Bed and Breakfast in Minden. The business on N. Brown Avenue was named after Sonya's grandmother who loved to have people in her home.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

The Axtell Area Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours event at Kat's Korner Market. Two long-time member businesses were recognized: Bob and Jean Roberts of Roberts Construction and Joe and Leisha Roberts of Roberts Seed. Chamber President Bruce Anderbery presented both awards.

The Minden Stingrays began their Plains Tsunami Swim League Season at Orleans competing against five other teams: Franklin, Phillipsburg, Southern Valley, Alma and Wilcox-Hildreth. Coaches Marcia Davis and Katie Salpas led the Stingrays to 77 Top 10 finishes of which 55 were Top 5 finishes.

The Aurora Coop Junior Legion baseball team hosted Central City at Ollie Bjorklund Field in cool and damp conditions in the season opener for the home team. JC McDowell was the winning pitcher for Aurora Coop hurling a no-hitter in the five inning 8-0 victory. McDowell struck out ten hitters while only walking three.



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Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: 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
Pastor Doodle Harris
Sunday, June 14: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

Keene Evangelical Free

662 F Road
308-743-2611
Matthew Snell, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 17: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC

104 E. Fifth St.
Craig Richardson, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 12 p.m.
Wednesday, June 17: Ladies Fun & Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic

Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Sunday, June 14: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran

360 So. Stewart
(402) 756-8552
Greg Volsky, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster Presbyterian

Broad and Main Street
Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran
401 Lake Street
Daren Popple, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

God's Lighthouse, Full Gospel
Sunday, June 14: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

287 Jefferson Street
Father Evan Winter
Sunday, June 14: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran

502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

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Minden

Bethany Lutheran
437 E. Fourth St.
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Thursday, June 11: Miriam Circle, 9 a.m.
Saturday, June 13: Walking, 8 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Gathering, 9 a.m.
Sunday, June 14: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 16: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.
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Evangelical Free

1310 W. First St.
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Fredericksburg Lutheran

616 33 Road
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.
Communion served 2nd Sunday each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic
628 N. Garber
Father Evan Winter
Saturday, June 13: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, June 14: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado
Rev. William Zwick
Friday, June 12: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.
Sunday, June 14: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee & Cookies, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 17: Communion, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 18: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, June 19: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.
Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor
Thursday, June 11 Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 14: Worship, 10 a.m.
Thursday, June 18: Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado
Sunday, June 14: Worship/Sunday School/Choir, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st

Sundays
Wednesday, June 17: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.; Youth Club, 3:45 p.m.; Dinner & Devotions, 6 p.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran
102 S. Stockton St.
Kenton Birtell, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist

203 S. Sapp St.
Candance Miller, Pastor
Sunday, June 14: Worship, 9 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community

106 W. Detroit St.
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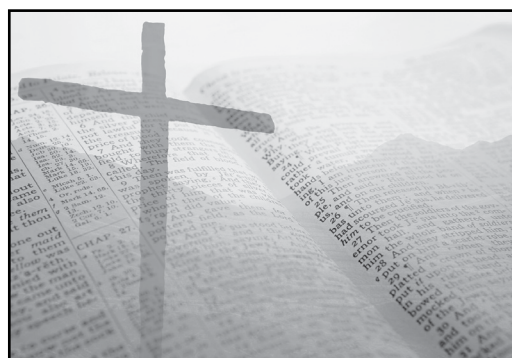
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The Good Word

By Rev. Doodle Harris

“The Good Shepherd/Lamb/Beaver”

A couple of weeks ago, I took my 10-year-olds to see the movie “Sheep Detectives,” grateful that they are not yet “too old” for children’s movies. The movie is a delightful mashup of British comedy, murder mystery, and religious allegory. The sheep are walking through a village when one points at a church and asks “what goes on in there?” The other explains that it is where God lives. When the first asks who God is, the second replies with a confusing jumble of words indicating that God is an invisible shepherd who is also a lamb that behaves like a beaver. Each week, people show up and eat God. The sheep’s longer explanation of these metaphors is worth the price of admission to the movie, but don’t drink too much soda as it also invites a spit-take.

The confusing and overlapping metaphors for who God is and how God works in this world felt right. I appreciated the writers’ commitment to describing God as jumble of images in which there were no clear outlines and definitions of God. I felt more empowered to write and preach because the movie gave me permission to embrace my own wonder at the many ways God presents Godself to humanity and the implications of all of those presentations. When we do not define God as neatly as we faithful are sometimes tempted to do, it frees us to consider other perspectives about God’s relationship with the world.

The sheep’s conversation also invites us into authentic and vulnerable dialogue with one another about how we view the divine. The sheep weren’t determined to convert the other to their own personal view of God. Instead, they were curious about how the other had encountered the divine. The conversation didn’t melt into a competition, but instead informed the sheep’s larger mission of finding the murderer

(could a priest really be guilty?). In other words, the sheep valued curiosity about one another and their surroundings more than they valued full and total comprehension. They valued the journey of learning as much as they celebrated solving the mystery at the end of the movie (maybe more).

When I look at my neighbors on my street, some worship in different spaces and some don’t worship at all. When I speak with my friends in the Catholic church, we can’t agree on a shared rubric for sacraments. When my extended family’s group text ventures into the realm of politics, I silence the notifications for a few days. I am so worn down by our world’s value on being correct and having the most to show for it. However, I am encouraged that - as sheep - we don’t have to agree on what we like best about our invisible shepherd lamb beaver bread God. We simply have to be inspired to take care of one another, to be curious about one another, and to share popcorn at the movie theater.

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First Bank Seniors Bounce Back at Ogallala

ROGER HANSEN

The Minden First Bank seniors split their two weekend games, losing at Imperial 6-7 on June 6 then rebounding with a win at Ogallala 14-5 on June 7. The seniors record moved to 3-1.

On Saturday, First Bank out-hit Imperial (8 hits to 6), but were too benevolent with free passes as they ceded 7 walks and hit five batters.

Through four innings, First Bank led 6-0 but would score no more. Conversely, Imperial, after being shut out for four innings, plated four in the fifth and three in the seventh to eke out the win.

Mason Bolin (2-3, with a double), Luke Grollmes (2-2) and Cael Smith (2-2) had multi-hits. Cohen Schmidt's lone hit, a double, drove home two runs.

Parker Hatch scored two runs.

Grollmes and Hatch each stole two bases.

Bolin went four innings as the starter and limited Imperial to one hit and no runs while walking four and striking out 7. Hatch came on for 0.1 inning and gave up two hits, four earned runs, one walk and struck out one. Smith finished for the final 2.1 innings and yielded 3 hits, 3 earned runs, 2 walks and he fanned one. He was tagged with the loss.

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Imperial 0 0 0 0 4 0 3- 7

Loser-Smith

Vs. Ogallala on Sunday, an 8-run third and a 4-run sixth helped First Bank get back on the winning track in a game in which they never trailed. First Bank laced 18 hits to Ogallala's five. Four seniors with three hits each and another with two led the potent attack, those being:

Hatch (3-4, double, 3 RBI), Bolin (3-5, double), Smith (3-4, double), Schmidt (3-3) and Grollmes (2-4, triple, 2 RBI).

Bo Bonifas and Owen Janda each had two RBI.

Grollmes, Smith, Janda and Schmidt scored two runs apiece.

Steals leaders were Hatch (3) and Smith (2).

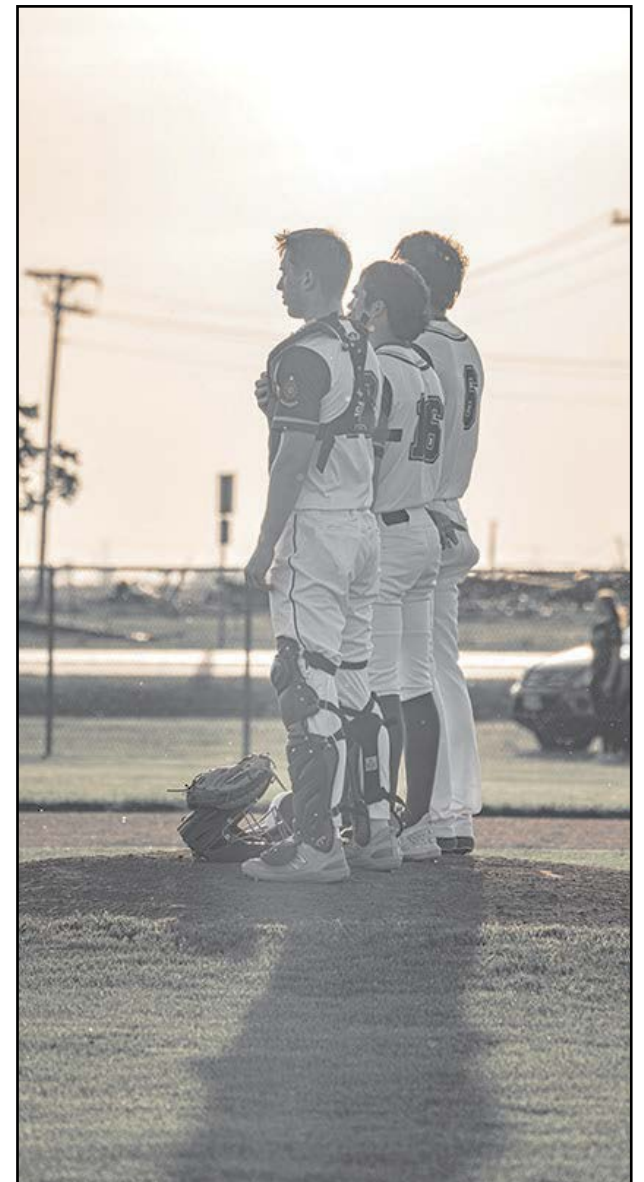
Grollmes got the win, going 3.2 innings as the starter. He allowed 3 hits, 5 runs (2 earned), one walk and he whiffed four. Bonifas relieved for 2.1 innings and, other than two hits, gave up nothing else while fanning one.

First Bank 1 1 8 0 0 4- 14 (3-1)

Ogallala 0 1 2 2 0 0- 5

Winner- Grollmes


A busy ten-day stretch coming up includes games on June 9 (Broken Bow), 10 (McCook), 12 (Hi-Line) and 14 (Imperial) all at home and June 15 at Kearney and June 17 at McCook.



The Minden First Bank Seniors baseball team got rained out of their first game of the week before splitting the weekend with a loss to Imperial followed by a victory over Ogallala. Pictured: (above) Luke Grollmes, Jake Halvorsen, and Cael Smith honor the flag from the mound during the National Anthem. (left) Cael Smith cheers on his team from the dugout. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



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First Bank Juniors Have Double Victory Weekend

ROGER HANSEN

The Minden First Bank juniors notched two wins over the weekend in resounding fashion, topping Imperial 18-0 on June 6 and then downing Ogallala 12-2 the next day. The juniors record climbs to 4-2.

Against Imperial First Bank pounded out 15 hits and profited from 12 bases-on-balls and two hit batsmen.

After five innings the juniors led 7-0 then jumped all over Imperial for 11 runs in the sixth.

Nine First Bankers got hits, led by a 4-4 effort from Jake Bolin that included a double. Morgan Johnson also doubled for one of his two hits and ditto for Bo Lutkemeier. Levi Bockstadter banged out two hits as well. Luke Samuelson stroked a double.

Driving in multiple runs were Lutkemeier (4), Kyler Wilson (2) and Bockstadter (2).

Four players scored three runs--Johnson, Bolin, Lutkemeier and Landon Powers-- and Samuelson crossed home twice.

Bolin had three of the team's six stolen bases.

Cohen Schmidt got the pitching win in a complete game performance. He allowed four hits, no runs, three walks and fanned 8.

Even though Imperial was the home team they did not bat in the sixth due the contest being time-limited.

First Bank 1 0 4 0 2 11- 18 (3-2)
Imperial 0 0 0 0 0 0- 0
Winning pitcher-Schmidt

On Sunday at Ogallala, First Bank spot-



The Minden First Bank Juniors baseball team scored victories over Imperial on June 6 and Ogallala on June 7. Pictured: First Bank Juniors intently watch play on the field. (Courier photo by Arabella Reed)

ted Ogallala two early runs but shut them out the rest of the way. In the meantime, First Bank had three multiple-run innings to pull away.

Leading the eight-hit parade were Lutkemeier (3-4, 2 doubles, 3 RBI) and Bolin (3-3). Wilson added a double and knocked in three runs.

Johnson, Bolin and Lutkemeier scored two runs apiece.

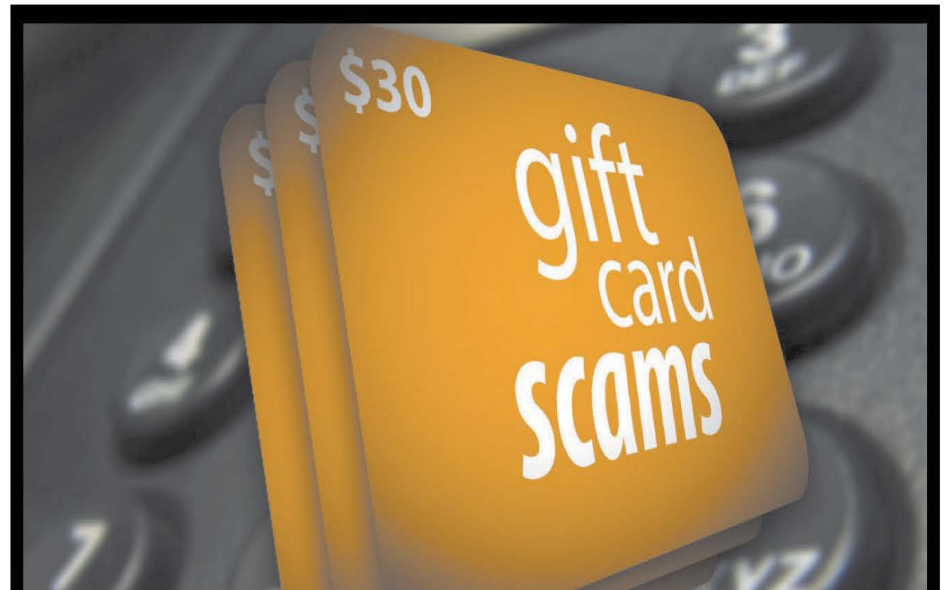
Walks (8) and hit batsmen (5) once again aided the First Bank cause.

The team was making good contact at the plate (when not walking or getting plunked) as there was only one strikeout.

Zach Klabunde started and got the win. His line--3 hits, 2 earned runs, 3 walks and 2 Ks. Then Johnson relieved for one inning and had a line of zeroes except for one strikeout.

First Bank 0 3 0 5 4- 12 (4-2)
Ogallala 2 0 0 0 0- 2
Winner-Klabunde

The juniors have a busy scheduled week with games on June 9,10,12 and 14, all at home. The contest on Friday, June 12 vs. Cozad is just a scrimmage and not an official game.



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NEMFCA Eight-Man Football Hall of Fame 2026 Induction June 20

PRESS RELEASE

The Hall of Fame is presented by the Nebraska Eight-Man Football Coaches Association and sponsored by Cornerstone Bank. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to celebrate the history, growth, and success of Nebraska Eight-Man Football.

Two coaches and thirteen players have been named to the 2026 NEMFCA Eight-Man Football Hall of Fame. They will be inducted during ceremonies held on Saturday, June 20, 2026 at The Osborne Family Sports Complex on the campus of Hastings College in Hastings.

The Wall of Fame will be unveiled at 2:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Lynn Ferrell Arena and the inductions will take place during halftime of the 49th annual Sertoma Eight-Man All-Star Game. Kickoff for the game will be 6:00 p.m.

The Class of 2026 includes: Players- Adam Broders (Bloomfield) Ben Ideus (Lewiston), Brett Kaczor (Ewing), Clint Belina (Howells), Justin Swedburg (Axtell), Kole Ficken (Bruning-Davenport), Lance Thorell (Loomis), Mark Olsen (Hampton), Nate Most (Giltner), Shannon Messersmith (Hayes Center), Taylor Dixon (Wauneta-Palisade) Family Legacy- Jerry and Rich Mlinar (Greeley), Coaches- Steve Colfack (Butte/Bertrand), and Mike Speirs (Howells/Howells-Dodge).

The physical Eight-Man Football "Wall of Fame" is located in the lobby of the Lynn Farrell Arena and you can also visit and learn more from the virtual hall of fame at:

www.nebraskaeightmanfootball.com Please follow the NEMFCA on X/Twitter: @NE8manFB

JUSTIN SWEDBURG – AXTELL HIGH SCHOOL

In the mid-2000's, Justin was a standout running back and linebacker while leading the Wildcats to 4 consecutive playoff appearances and a trip to the 2005 Class D1 State Finals (where they finished as the state runner-up.) He dominated both sides of the ball for Axtell- totaling over 3,000 rushing yards, scoring 60 touchdowns, and tallying a school record 430 tackles. In the course of his prep career, Justin received multiple accolades including being named 1st Team All-District four times, 1st Team All-State two times, and he was selected as the Kearney Hub's Defensive Player of the year in 2007. Then in the summer of 2008, he was honored as the Most Valuable Defensive Player for both the 8-Man All-Star and the Nebraska vs. Kansas All-Star games. Justin then moved on to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he would become a 4-year starter and team captain while also leading the Lopers to two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Titles and two National Playoff appearances. He was later honored as a member of Huskerland Prep Report's All-Decade Team for the 2000's and after college, he returned to his home town of Axtell, where he works as a teacher and coaches both football and wrestling. Justin is most proud of the opportunity to work with great teammates and coaches along the way and positively representing his alma mater throughout the journey. The NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him into the Eight-Man Hall Football of Fame Class of 2026.

Minden Swim Team Dives Into Season

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Swim Team made waves in Gothenburg on June 6 at their first competition of the season. Competing against swimmers from Cozad, Elwood, and Gothenburg, the Minden athletes still brought home 88 ribbons. Minden had nearly 60 top five finishes with many individuals securing top spots in multiple events.

First place winners were: Noah Casper, 100 Long Free, 50 Freestyle, 25 Short Free; Blakeleigh Harsin, 200 Long Free, 100 Freestyle; Pat Phillipi, 100 Long Free, 50 Freestyle; Easton Dornhoff, 50 Butterfly; Brody Casper, 50 Butterfly; Aria Munoz, 50 Freestyle, 25 Short Free; Payzla Stahla, 50 Freestyle, 25 Backstroke, 25 Short Free; Hendrix Ogier, 100 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke, 100 Individual Medley; Riley Strong, 100 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke; Kinley Strong, 50 Backstroke, 50 Short Free; Willow Philippi, 50 Breaststroke; Brody Casper, 50 Short Free, 100 Individual Medley; Minden Girls 14U, 100 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay; Minden Boys 18U, 100 Medley Relay, 100 Free Relay; Minden Boys, 100 Medley Relay, 100 Free Relay; Minden Girls 14U White, 100 Free Relay; Minden Girls Purple, 100 Free Relay.

Second place winners were: Willow Philippi, 200 Long Free; Amelia Collins, 50 Butterfly; Zander Sinsel, 100 Freestyle, 50 Short Free; Corbin Dornhoff, 50 Backstroke; Aria Munoz, 25 Breaststroke; Blakeleigh Harsin, 50 Breaststroke; Easton Dornhoff, 50 Short Free; Riley Strong, 50 Short Free; Minden Girls White, 100 Free Relay; Minden Girls, 100 Medley Relay.

Third place winners were: Natalie Ramos, 200 Long Free; Liam Collins, 100 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke; Lucas Collins, 100 Freestyle, 50 Short Free; Amelia Collins, 50 Breaststroke, 50 Short Free.

For a full listing of results visit plainstsunami.com. The Minden Swim team looks to make another splash when they travel to Cambridge on June 13.

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Hippos Make a Splash at Arapahoe Plunge

CINDY RAMSEY

The Wilcox-Hildreth Hippos began their swim league season at Arapahoe Plunge on June 6 competing against five other teams: Arapahoe, Cambridge, Hoxie, Norton, and Oxford. The Hippos had more than 40 top 10 finishes with nearly 30 of those in the top five.

First place winners were: Jordan Burki, 200 Long Free; Avery Stroebel, 25 Short Free; Javarian Choquette, 50 Short Free; Mighty Mud Skippers, 100 Free Relay.

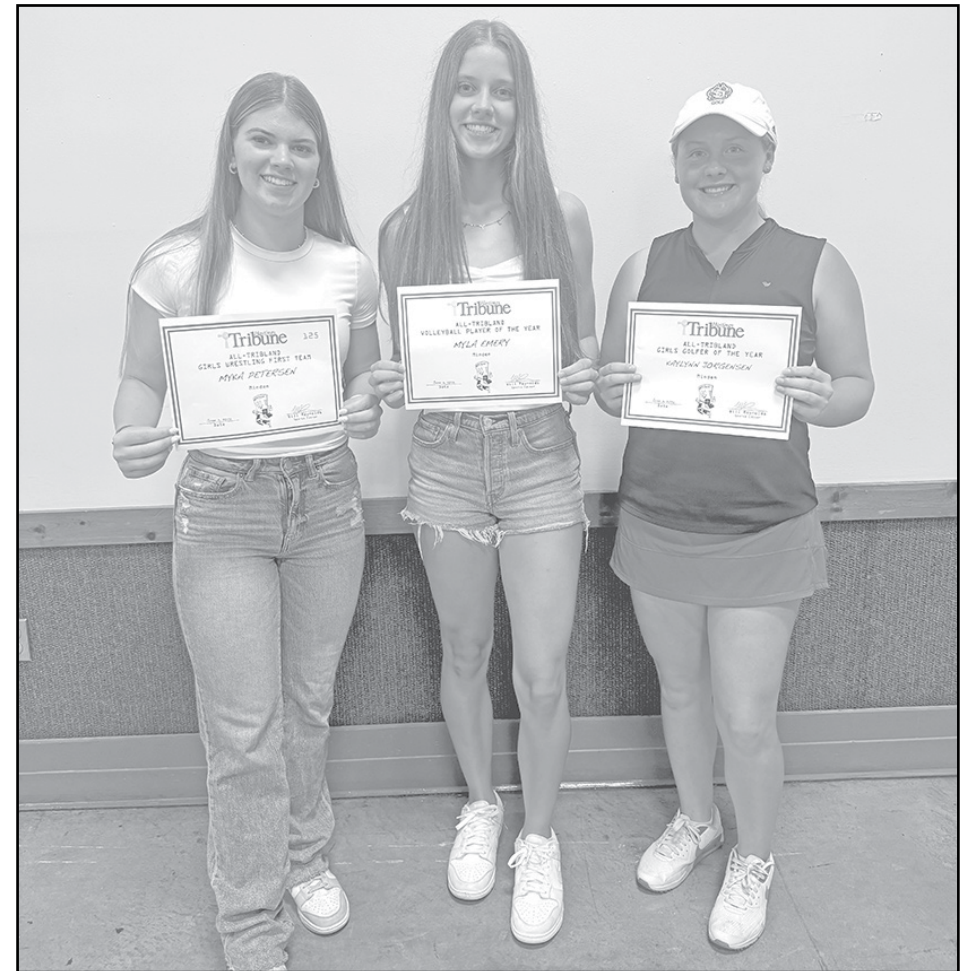
Second place winners were: Isabelle Burki, 100 Long Free, 50 Freestyle; Javarian Choquette, 200 Long Free, 100 Freestyle; The Water Queens, 100 Medley Relay; Makynna Ortiz, 50 Butterfly, 100 Individual Medley; Avery Stroebel, 50 Freestyle; Piper Swanson, 100 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke; Hunter Casper, 100 Freestyle; Jordan Burki, 50 Backstroke; Dexter Casper, 25 Breaststroke; Chloe Johnson, 50 Breaststroke; Asa Burki, 50 Short Free; Lane Behemoth, 100 Free Relay; Relay Potamuses, 100 Free Relay.

Third place winners were: Makynna Ortiz, 200 Long Free; Winnie Rahmann, 50 Freestyle; Dexter Casper, 50 Freestyle, 25 Backstroke; Jordan Burki, 100 Freestyle; Asa Burki, 50 Backstroke; Piper Swanson, 50 Short Free.

For a full listing of the results visit plainsunami.com. The Hippos will dive back into competition at Cozad on June 13.

Whippet Athletes Honored

ROGER HANSEN



For the past few years the Hastings Tribune has been honoring area athletes in all of the school sports for the recently completed school year. Minden fared very well again in 2025-26.

Kaylynn Jorgensen was tabbed as the Girls' Golfer of the Year. She also received this honor for the 2023-24 year. Last year Kara Suchsland was so honored, making

it three years in a row for Minden girls' golfers.

Myla Emery was named as the volleyball player of the year. Mattie Kamery won this honor two years ago.

Myka Petersen was selected to the Girls' Wrestling first team at the 125 pound weight class.

This is a very benevolent exploit on the part of the Tribune. The recognition event was held at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

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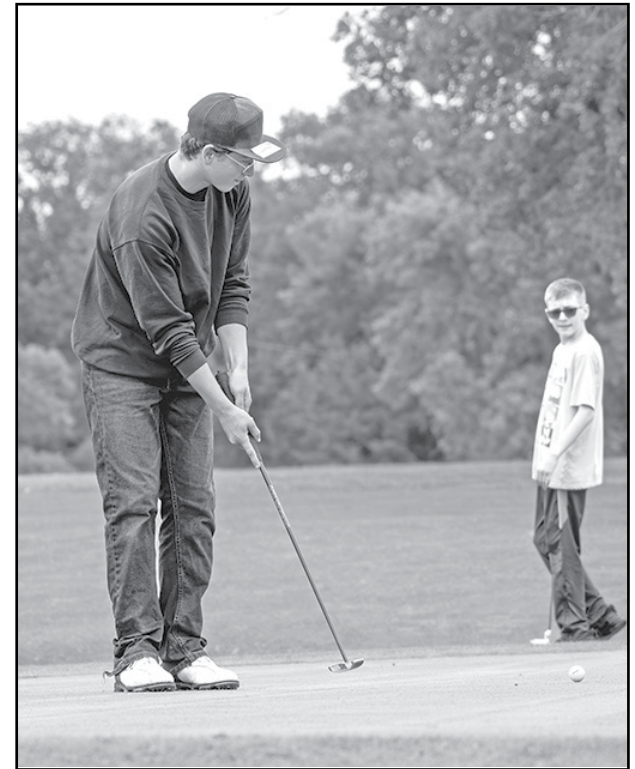


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Golf Program Grows at Junior Golf Camp

Over 130 young golfers from Minden and surrounding towns participated in a three day camp at Minden Country Club last week. This was the most campers ever at the annual junior golf camp. Participants practiced rules and etiquette, learned how to putt and chip, tried out full swings at the range, and played holes out on the course. The golf tradition in Minden is growing stronger every year, and we can't wait to see what these kids can do on the course in the future! (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



Local Middle School State Track & Field Medal Winners

ROGER HANSEN

Some area junior high athletes did very well at the State Middle School Track & Field Meet at Gothenburg on May 16.

Minden girls:

200 meters- Reagan Carey, 6th, 27.21

400 meters- Carey, 2nd, 59.35

Long Jump- Carey, 6th, 16-0.75

3200 Relay- Gemma Fritson, Emerson Kuehn, Reagan Johnson, Blakeleigh Harsin, 3rd, 10:44.8

Pole Vault- Addie Jordan, tie-8th, 8-6

Wilcox-Hildreth girls:

High Jump- Elsie Donley, 8th, 4-10

Triple Jump- Ellie Blank, 10th, 32-0.25

Axtell girls:

Pole Vault- Adelyn Wells, tie-11th, 8-6

Minden boys:

Discus- Garrett Hartman, 8th, 142-4

Jorgensen Sisters Compete in Nebraska Women's Amateur Meet

ROGER HANSEN

Minden sisters KayLynn and Macy Jorgensen recently competed in the Nebraska Women's Amateur meet at Lochland in Hastings.

The competition involves lots of Division One college golfers, including some from UNL, UNO and Creighton.

KayLynn finished 15th and Macy 30th.



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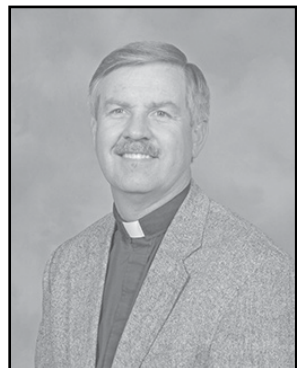
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Obituaries



Terry Lee Nielsen, 71

Terry Nielsen, 71, passed away on May 31st, 2026. He was born on September 1st, 1954, in Minden, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Marilyn Nielsen, and his brother, Gary Nielsen. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sandy; daughter Megan Vander Haar (Jade);

son Erik Nielsen (Sarah); grandchildren Zachary and Brody Vander Haar and Kinley and Nolan Nielsen; sister Sharie Hubert (Andy); sister-in-law Mary Nielsen; and many nieces and nephews.

Terry was raised first on the family farm and later in Minden, Nebraska. He was baptized and confirmed at Fredericksburg Lutheran Church and graduated from Minden High School. He continued his education at Midland University in Fremont, where he met his future wife, Sandy, and formed many lifelong friendships. He later attended Wartburg Theological Seminary, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree and prepared for a life of pastoral ministry.

Terry married Sandy on June 3rd, 1978. The couple began married life in Phoenix, Arizona, where Terry served his internship before accepting his first call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, also known as Soap Creek, in DeWitt, Nebraska. During their 13 years there, they welcomed their children, Megan and Erik, and built enduring relationships within the congregation and community. In 1994, the family moved to Bellevue, Nebraska, where Terry continued his ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Throughout his ministry, Terry was known for his steady faith, compassionate presence, and devotion to caring for others through both hardship and celebration. He especially loved baptisms and the promise of grace they represented. He often reassured those around him with a favorite phrase: "It'll all work out."

Terry never lost his love for the farm life that shaped him. He enjoyed gardening, caring for the yard, cooking and grilling, canning his famous dill pickles, and spending time outdoors hunting and fishing. He also loved sports, especially cheering for the Nebraska Cornhuskers and Kansas City Royals.

He was a loving husband, brother, son, father, and grandfather who treasured time with his family. His oldest grandson, Zachary, gave him the nickname "T-Pop," and now all of his grandkids affectionately refer to him by that name.

In later years, Terry built upon his gift of working with kids in an encore career as a paraprofessional at Birchcrest Elementary.

In recent years, Terry lived with frontotemporal dementia, a disease that gradually changed the rhythm of daily life for him and his family. They are deeply grateful for the caregivers, friends, and loved ones who walked alongside them with prayer, compassion, and support.

Memorials may be directed to The Association for Fronto-

temporal Degeneration (AFTD) www.theaftd.org to support continued research. Terry's memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation was held on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bellevue. A memorial service was held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bellevue. Burial was held on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in DeWitt. To view a live broadcast of the service, please go to www.bellevuefuneralchapel.com and click on the "Live Cast" option in the menu. Arrangements are under the care of Bellevue Memorial Chapel in Bellevue.



Marvin Leroy Smith, 91

Marvin Leroy Smith, age 91, died Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney, Nebraska, following a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Marvin was born July 29, 1934, to Paul E. and Della Mae Smith at home in Agra, Kansas. Much of Marvin's

childhood was spent living on farms in north central Kansas near Alton and Smith Center. He attended country school and would later share stories with his children about the many miles he walked to school each day. Marvin's parents purchased and settled on a farm in Jewell County, north of Esbon, when he was in the eighth grade. He attended Esbon High School, where he excelled as a fullback on the school's six-man football team, was named Homecoming King, and met a popular cheerleader named Ethel Carver.

Following his high school graduation in 1952, Marvin farmed with his father before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He proudly served in the First Calvary Division of the Infantry and achieved the rank of Corporal. He was stationed in Tokyo, Japan, for eighteen months, and was honorably discharged in November 1955.

On December 12, 1955, Marvin and his high school sweetheart, Ethel Carver, were united in marriage. Four children were born to this union: Sherri, Jeri, Jeffery, and Joel. After farming for several years in Jewell and Smith counties in north central Kansas, Marvin attended diesel mechanic's school in Kansas City, Kansas, and later worked for Caterpillar in Wichita, Kansas.

In 1965, Marvin relocated his family to Minden, Nebraska, where he became a residential city/rural delivery driver for Abbott's Dairy of Hastings, Nebraska, for the next fifteen years. He serviced the city routes in Minden and Axtell, along with rural routes in the Minden-Axtell-Wilcox-Hildreth areas. Following the closure of Abbott's Dairy in 1980, Marvin purchased a commercial milk distributorship affiliated first with Meadow Gold and later, Robert's Dairy. Known as 'Marv's Delivery,' he serviced several businesses in the south-central Nebraska region for sixteen years.

Upon retirement in 1999, Marvin and Ethel returned to rural living outside Guide Rock, Nebraska. He began a second career as a school bus driver for Red Cloud Public Schools. Ethel

passed away in 2005, shortly before their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Marvin and special friend, Sharon Richardson of Minden, blended their lives together in 2007, first residing in Red Cloud, Nebraska, and later in Holdrege, Nebraska. Marvin continued his career as a school bus driver, working for Holdrege Public Schools until 2017. He moved to the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney, Nebraska, in April of 2026.

Throughout his life, Marvin enjoyed following Kansas Jayhawk Sports, reading western novels, and gardening. His children and grandchildren will fondly remember sharing outdoor activities with him such as camping, fishing, boating, and hunting. His penchant for telling "tall tales" at bedtime about his adventures with Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, and other western figures will also be a lasting memory.

Marvin is survived by four children, Sherri (John) Stookey, Jeri Camp, Jeff Smith (Cristi), and Joel Smith (Linda); ten grandchildren, Mark Wellington, Holly Sandino, Daniel Stookey, David Stookey, Taylor Monks, Carlie Smith, Halston Smith, Alyssa Rice, Jenna Moench, and Brandon Smith; sixteen great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia Snow; sister-in-law, Carole Smith; nieces, Becky Halsey, Angela Ayers; nephew, Paul Smith; and special friend, Sharon Richardson, and her family: Kelvin and Kayleen Schepker, Kim Schepker and Chaynece and Peyton; Kris and Cheryl Schepker, Amy and Charlie Wolfe, and Mackenzie and Trevor Wolfe.

Those preceding Marvin in death include his wife, Ethel; his parents, Paul and Mae Smith; brother, Gene Smith; and nephew, Brad Snow.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 12, 2026 at the Williams & Kuehn Funeral Home in Red Cloud from 10am until service time at 2pm. Funeral Services will be at the funeral home starting at 2pm.

Memorials are suggested to the Marvin Smith Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of Williams & Kuehn Funeral Home, 241 West 4th Ave., Red Cloud, NE 68970. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.wkfuneralhomes.com.



Teresa Ann (Nitchie) Struble, 68

Teresa Ann Struble, 68, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away peacefully at home on May 2nd, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Holdrege, Nebraska on August 6th, 1957 and raised in Wilcox, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by

her parents, Everett and Donna Nitchie, and stepfather Lester Harmon. Teresa is survived by her husband of 48 years, Larry Struble; son Jesse (Joanna) Struble; three grandchildren—Samuel, Nora, and Sophie; siblings Susan Wyatt, Bryan Nitchie, Don Nitchie, and half-sister Carol Ann Gaw. A devoted follower of Jesus Christ, Teresa's life was a testimony of faith, perseverance, and love. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 13th from 1-3p.m. at JB's Sports Bar and Grill in Holdrege, Nebraska.

Patricia "Pat" A. Anderson, 82
Minden Resident



Patricia "Pat" A. Anderson, 82, of Minden, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Bethany Home in Minden. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026 at First Baptist Church in Kearney with Pastor Sean Dougherty and Pastor Mark De Kluyver officiating. The service will be streamed to the church's website. Inurn-

ment will be held later that day at 2:00 p.m. at the Minden Cemetery. A memorial book signing with family present will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Memorials in Pat's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Legal Notices

NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Public notice is hereby given that the Kearney County Health Services Board of Trustees of Minden, Nebraska is soliciting proposals for Construction Manager at Risk services for an a replacement hospital project for Kearney County Health Services. Interested applicants must have a minimum of 5 years experience in hospital construction work, which includes significant hospital renovation, expansion, and replacement projects and CM-at-Risk type contracts and have the ability to bond up to 49 million dollars of construction. More detailed information on the project, the qualification requirements & proposal submittal requirements are available upon request in writing by email to (Kearney County Health Services/

CM RFP, c/o Devon Brogan, Project Manager, Health Facilities Group, LLC, email: devonb@hfgarchitecture.com, and please copy matc@hfgarchitecture.com). Emails should contain "Kearney County Health Services CM RFP" in the subject header.

Confirmation of your company's intention to participate in the RFP selection process is requested to be sent by email no later than Thursday, June 25, 2026. The hospital board will be employing a three-step qualifications-based selection process to select Construction Manager's for this project. Phase I includes soliciting qualifications from qualified Construction Manager's and for the hospital to review the submitted qualifications to determine a short list of candidates to proceed to Phase II. Phase I qualifications statement/brochures shall be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, July 06, 2026,

and shall be in a sealed envelope or package and delivered to the office of Kearney County Health Services 727 E 1st St, Minden, NE 68959 and shall conform to the requirements listed in the project RFP for Phase I. Requests for information for Phase I shall be made no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2026. An announcement of the short list of CM firms to be interviewed will be issued on Thursday, July 09, 2026. Phase II includes the solicitation of a formal proposal from the short-listed firms that shall conform to the requirements in the RFP packet. The Phase II proposal materials shall be submitted to the office of Health Facilities Group, LLC no later than 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 23, 2026. Phase III interviews of the short-listed firms are scheduled to be conducted on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Responses will be returned to the "contact" name and the "email/phone" number indicated in your proposal materials within three business days of the interview date.

See tabulated schedule below to supplement information in the solicitation narrative.

RFP Schedule:

Phase I
June 11 & 18, 2026: Publish Solicitation/RFP

June 25, 2026: Prospective CMaR firms to email indicating interest in participating

June 30, 2026: Phase I RFI's due

July 06, 2026:

Phase I Qualifications Statements due

Phase II

July 09, 2026:

Phase II CMaR list announced

July 23, 2026:

Phase II Proposals due

Phase III

July 29, 2026:

CMaR Interviews

August 3, 2026: Announcement of prospective award

sent out to all Phase II firms

Dated June 11, 2026

Luke Poore, CEO

Kearney County Health Services

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO: LOGAN KELLER

You are hereby notified that on March 3rd, 2026, the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C126-73 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$14,532.44 plus court costs, sheriff fees, and pre-judgment interest pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 45-103.01.

The petition prays that judgment be entered

against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 25th day of July 2026 at the Kearney County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258

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NOTICE CITY OF MINDEN

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Jun 11, 2026

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF KEARNEY COUNTY,
NEBRASKA ESTATE OF
BRENT S. SHERWOOD,
DECEASED

CASE NO. 26-18

Notice is hereby given that on June 2, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Austin Sherwood,

whose address is 221 S. 21st, Ord, Nebraska 68862, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 11, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen

Clerk of the County Court

Kearney County

Courthouse

Minden, NE 68959

Remington S. Slama #27389

KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT
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Attorney for Applicant

P.O. Box 272

Minden, NE 68959

308-832-2150

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Jun 11, 2026

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NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1318

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 58 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BY ADDING ARTICLE V, AS THE SAME RELATES TO MOBILE FOOD VENDORS WITHIN THE CITY OF MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Passed and approved this 1st day of June, 2026.

/s/ Larry Evans

Larry Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan

Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Jun 11, 2026

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Informed

NOTICE**REGULAR MEETING BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
KEARNEY COUNTY,
NEBRASKA****JUNE 2, 2026 - 9:30AM**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held June 2, 2026 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, Robert Swanson, James Miller, Nathan Avery Jeff England and Heath Hofstetter. Also present were Co Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Melodie Bellamy Co Atty, Jennifer Pittner Co Assessor, Carrie Favinger Planning & Zoning 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 May 19, 2026. Approved Bills and Claims, March payroll and Hospital Taxes. Held a Public comment from 9:30 to 9:35 a.m. No comments were made. Approved the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court Fee Reports for May 2026. Held public hearing for and Approved new liquor license - Nebraska Dunes. Approved North Dry Creek Drainage District Director Bond - R. Eugene Olson. Approved Lowell Drainage District Director Bond - Randy Holl. Reviewed the No Show Cause Hearing for 2026 real property. No adjustments were needed. Met with Carrie Favinger to review and plan for Co. Planning and Zoning position. Ap-

proved duplicate General Fund Check 25050169 and 26010150 to Callie Jo Reiss Issued 5/20/25 and 1/20/26 for \$49.00 and \$49.50. Approved Chairman to sign the Budget Engagement Letter with the Contryman CPA. Met with Phil Heun - VSO to reappoint Matt Cavanaugh to Veterans Svc Board - tabled until next board mtg. Held Public Hearing and Approved Resolution for Administrative Subdivision, KVHA, LLC- Tract in pt SE ¼ 3-6-14. Held Public Hearing and Approved Resolution for Administrative Subdivision, Stewart and Erin Anderson - Tract in NE ¼ SE ¼ 6-6-13. Held conference call with Jerry Berggren - Berggren Architects, set date to open sealed bids for attic renovation project for July 7, 2026. Adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart,
Chairman

Kearney County Board of
Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk

GENERAL FUND: KC Payroll, May 2026, \$242,560.25; Colt W. Aschenbrenner, Juror, 35.00; BC Publishing, Publications, 314.53; Riley Beal, Juror/Mile, 56.75; Melodie Bellamy, Co Atty, Phone/Zoom Subscript, 388.49; John J. Bengston, Juror/Mile, 55.30; Black Hills, Ut, 52.39; Central Plains Valuation, Rural Review, 14,000.00; City of Minden Ut Dept, Ut, 1,260.01; Coast To Coast Computer Products, Su, 827.97; CSE, Sv, 585.00; Aaron C. Doxon, Juror, 35.00; Eakes Ofc, Su, 644.86; Earl May, Su, 55.97; Troy J. Eurek, Juror/Mile, 61.10; Fifth Street Printing, Su, 117.00; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 5,138.36; First Concord Ben Grp, Cafeteria Plan, 120.00;

Kevin L. Fishell, Juror/Mile, 52.40; Dawnyell M. Frederick, Juror, 35.00; Heather Fritson, Witness, 316.95; Jill L. Fritson, Juror, 35.00; Shelly Gibbins, Extension Ofc Mngr, Su, 411.23; Ellen J. Grams, Juror, 35.00; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 697.64; Great Plains Uniforms, Su, 453.68; Darin Haight, Custodian, Election Work, 352.95; Kelly Hartman, Co Bailiff, Su, 319.69; Timothy D. Head, Juror, 35.00; Rhonda Herrick, Ext Ed, Mile, 160.08; Hometown Leasing, Sv, 134.38; Caleb S. Hoyt, Juror, 35.00; Justin Data Solutions, Sv, 3,400.00; K & K Auto Repair, Sv, 159.71; KC Health Svc, Sv, 60.00; KC Public Defender, Jeffrey P. Ensz, Sv, 1,740.56; KC Road & Bridge Fund, Road Transfer, 23,674.00; KC Sheriff's Fund, Sv, 158.00; Kurtis K. Klinghammer, Juror, 35.00; Madison National Life, Ins, 1,070.50; Amanda Jo Mcneff, Juror, 35.00; Jacob R. Meyer, Deputy Co Atty, Phone, 20.00; Scharlea M. Miller, Juror, 35.00; Minden Courier, Subscript, 65.00; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, Fees, 20.65; Minden Public Schools, Officials Salary Co Share, 4,201.65; MIPS, Sv, 2,710.85; Laura N. Moody, Juror/Mile, 49.50; NAPA, Su, 8.82; Ne Assoc of Co Officials, Dues, 2,357.03; Ne Public Health Environment Lab, Sv, 105.00; Charles R. Nolan, Juror, 35.00; Corey O'Brien, Phelps Co Deputy

Atty, Sv, 1,469.00; Daniel M. Pasbrig, Juror, 35.00; Precision Roller, Su, 1,159.75; Presto-X, Sv, 104.10; Quill Corp, Su, 55.18; Jonathan L. Schilling, Juror/Mile, 58.20; Melissa A. Seiler, Juror/Mile, 46.52; Tyler J. Stangl, Juror/Mile, 49.50; Tyler J. Stoddard, Juror/Mile, 49.50; Bryce K. Sweeney, Spanish Interpreter, Sv, 107.50; Thomson Reuters, West Publish Corp, Publication, 132.00; USPS, PO Box Rental, 198.00; Bart A. Woodward, Juror, 35.00; Woodward's Disposal Svc, Sv, 26.10; TOTAL \$312,848.60. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: KC Payroll, May 2026, \$123,503.35; Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt, Phone, 30.00; Black Hills, Ut, 130.14; Carquest/Landmark, Su, 634.38; City of Minden Ut Dept, Ut, 349.87; Tracy A. Donley, Mow, 140.00; Eakes Ofc, Su, 25.30; Ed Broadfoot & Sons Sand & Gravel, Gravel, 23,009.92; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 481.84; Flying M Applications, Sv, 1,794.50; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 136.58; Hi-Line Motor, Su, 27,600.00; Jim's OK Tire, Su, 2,077.00; KT Diesel & Equipt, Su, 1,255.08; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply, Su, 58.12; Menards, Su, 155.35; Midwest Petroleum Equipt, Su, 1,687.93; Minden Courier, Annual Subscript, 65.00; Minden Hardware, Su, 129.23; Minden Machine, Su, 99.18; MIPS, Sv, 124.16; NAPA Auto, Su, 550.00; NMC,

Sv, 54,601.61; Randy Pracht, Road Mechanic, Phone, 30.00; Presto-X, Sv, 77.62; Quality Sound & Comm, Unit Rental, 79.00; Southern Public Power, Ut, 405.58; Werner Construction, Sv, 711,205.57; Wilcox Ut Dept, Ut, 5.22; TOTAL \$950,441.53. ROD PRESEV. & MODERN. FUND: Business World, Su, 165.00; MIPS, Sv, 430.08; TOTAL 595.08. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Berggren Architects, Sv, 19,239.69; TOTAL \$536.03. WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: Centurylink, Sv, 595.63; TOTAL \$ 595.63. JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND: KC Payroll, May 2026, \$5,763.40; Healthy Horizons Counseling, Sv, 700.00; Morgan Kenton, JV Svc Aid, Mile, 1.45; TOTAL \$6,464.85. CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS FUND: KC Payroll, May 2026, \$25,372.83; City of Minden Ut Dept, Ut, 189.60; Eakes Ofc, Copies, 388.73; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 73.92; TOTAL \$26,025.08.

Jun 11, 2026
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**NOTICE
NOTICE OF BOARD
MEETING****NOTICE OF VOTE TO
INCREASE BASE GROWTH
PERCENTAGE USED TO
DETERMINE PROPERTY
TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY**

The Wilcox-Hildreth Public School Board of Education will meet on Monday, June 15, 8:00 p.m. in the Wilcox Conference Room for a board meeting. Among other topics to be discussed, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3405, the Board will vote on whether to increase the school district's base growth percentage by up to seven percent (7%). A copy of the agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

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NOTICE**CITY OF MINDEN****COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on May 16, 2026 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: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. City Officials Present: Evans, Krings, Olson and Jordan. Approved Bills and Claims: 7aa Investments--Supplies \$2.39, Alan L. Witte Sales And Service--Supplies \$4,382.17, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies \$1,967.83, Amgl Cpa's & Advisors--Fees \$6,200.00, A. C Spracklin Pc--Medical \$420.00, A. R. Pontiero--Fees \$518.59, Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company--Fuel \$142.50, B&R Stores, Inc--Supplies \$148.06, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$321.20, Ccmobl Inc--Cleaning \$577.80, Cengage Learn-

ing, Inc--Supplies \$32.80, City Of Holdrege--Fees \$7,631.16, Demco, Inc--Supplies \$129.64, Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$3,780.00, Dollar General-Regions 410526--Supplies \$212.08, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$199.00, Electronic Systems, Inc--Maintenance \$156.40, Essential Resource Group Inc--Fees \$190.95, Five Points Bank--Fees \$249.68, Fyr-Tek Inc--Repairs \$562.36, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$122.30, Greatamerica Financial Services Corporation--Fees \$135.23, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical \$7,229.75, Hd Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd--Uniforms \$84.32, Ingram Library Services Llc--Supplies \$606.76, Intellicom Computer Consulting--Tech/Engineering \$12,594.83, Isw--Supplies \$92.50, J. L. Carter--Repairs \$1,206.70, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs \$1,187.68, Johnstone Supply--Supplies \$88.77, J. Hansen--Training \$374.00, Jones Insurance Agency, Inc--Insurance \$1,952.00, Kelly Supply Company--Supplies \$375.04, Kt Diesel & Equipment--Repairs \$2,379.71, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies \$13.37, M. Johnson--Energy Rebate \$219.80, Menards Of Kearney--Supplies \$66.30, Midwest Tapes--Supplies \$78.72, Minden Opera House--Fees \$50.00, Minden Public Schools--Fees \$2,660.00, Napa Auto Parts--Supplies \$1,300.55, Ne Mosquito And Vector Control--Training \$70.00, Nebraska Dwee--Training \$84.00, Nmc Industrial Services--Rental \$2,485.35, Nppd Kwh--Utilities \$125,632.82, Nppd O & M - - Maintenance \$203,731.56, One Billing Solutions, Llc--Fees \$87.03, Philadelphia Insurance Companies--Insurance \$301.00, Pony Express Ford--Repairs \$506.50, Presto X Co.--Maintenance \$111.53, Protex Central Inc.--Maintenance \$187.00, Southern Power District--Utilities \$68.68, The Minden Courier--Printing \$794.22, T. Holsten--Personnel \$100.00, T. Brown--Personnel \$100.00, Town And Country Farm And Home Inc--Supplies \$2,373.52, Trade Well Pallet Inc--Supplies \$700.00, Village Cleaners Inc--Uniforms \$52.13, Western Pathology Consultants, Inc.--Fees \$136.00, Wex Bank--Fuel \$7,704.28, E. Cline--Dependent Care \$865.38, 5-15-2026 Payroll \$64,259.49. Items Approved: Consent Agenda-- Bunger motioned to approve the consent agenda and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Treasury Report, April 2026-- Yant motioned to approve the April 2026 Treasury Report and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Budget Report, April 2026-- Bunger motioned to approve the consent agenda and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$3,465 for legal services-- Schneider motioned to approve the payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$3,465 for legal services. Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye:

Bunger, Yant and Schneider. Abstain: Sumstine. Interlocal with Kearney County for the police building and dispatch services-- Schneider motioned to approve an Interlocal with Kearney County for the police building and dispatch services. Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Selection of bidder for the 7th Street Paving and Utility Improvements project-- Yant motioned to approve the bid of Diamond Engineering in the amount of \$675,907.15 for the 7th Street paving and Utility Improvements project. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Construction engineering services with Olsson Associates not to exceed \$99,000 for the 7th Street, Tower Ave, and Nebraska Ave paving and utility improvements project-- Sumstine motioned to approve the construction engineering services with Olsson Associates not to exceed \$99,000 for the 7th Street, Tower Ave, and Nebraska Ave paving and utility improvements project and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Ordinance 1317 amending Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, of the Minden Municipal Code, by amending section 14-1 and adding Article XIV - Cargo Containers--Yant introduced Ordinance No. 1317 for its first reading, Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger and Yant. Voted nay: Sumstine and Schneider. Mayor Evans voted aye. Ordinance 1318 amending Chapter 58, Peddlers and Solicitors, of the Minden Municipal Code, by adding Article V - Mobile Food Vendors, first reading:

Bunger introduced Ordinance No. 1318 for its first reading. Yant seconded. Yant motioned to add 58-151 (4) Intersection means the curb of any intersection or road inside the city limits. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Schneider motioned to add to 58-152 The City Administrator or his/her designee may designate an area of public property for use by mobile food trucks without seeking prior approval. Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Yant motioned to amend 58-153 from 100 feet to 50 feet and add does not apply to closed streets. Sumstine added that Olson could always redraft the ordinance to make more sense. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Voted aye for the first reading of Ordinance No. 1318: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Not Approved: Yant motioned to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 1317. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger and Yant. Voting nay: Sumstine and Schneider. Non-Action Items: Council Announcements. Public Forum. Presentation of Jensen Memorial Library Annual Report by Library Director, Janene Hill. Bunger motioned to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, 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.
Jun 11, 2026
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 30-28(7) AND 30-53(1) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, NEBRASKA

TO ALEX J. BECKMANN AND LACEY T. BECKMANN, owners of 625 N Hubbard Ave., Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959:

Notice is hereby given that you are in violation of the following Ordinances of the Code of the City of Minden, Nebraska for your property located at 625 N Hubbard Ave., Minden, which is hereby declared a Public Nuisance:

§ 30-28(7): failure to keep the lot or piece of ground and the adjoining street and alleys free of any growth of 9" or more of weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation; AND

§ 30-53(1): a motor vehicle nuisance for the keeping of a motor vehicle which is not currently registered; or which is parked in violation of city ordinance; or which is incapable of moving under its own power; or which is in a junked, wrecked, or inoperable condition.

To become compliant with § 30-28(7), please trim your lawn to a height that is compliant with such Code. You have the right to appeal this declaration within five (5) days of the final date of publication of this Notice. Appeals must be made directly to the City of Minden, Nebraska by telephone or written notice. If you fail or refuse to request an appeal or bring the property into compliance within five (5) days of the final date of publication of this Notice, the City shall hire the work to be done with costs assessed back to your property, and you may also be

subject to criminal citation or civil penalties for such violations.

To become compliant with § 30-53(1), please register or remove your motor vehicle which is presently and unlawfully parked upon the property within ten (10) days of the final date of publication of this Notice. You have the right to appeal this declaration within ten (10) days of the final date of publication of this Notice. Appeals must be made directly to the City of Minden, Nebraska by telephone or written notice. If you fail or refuse to request an appeal or abate the nuisance condition within ten (10) days of the final date of publication of this Notice, the City shall hire the work to be done with costs assessed back to your property, and you may also be subject to criminal citation or civil penalties for such violations.

City of Minden, Nebraska
Justin Cline, Development
Services Director
(308) 832-1820
jcline@minden-nebraska.org
Jun 4, 2026
Jun 11, 2026
Jun 18, 2026
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NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment

**West 3rd Street & Park
Ave. to West 4th Street &
Yates Ave.**

Minden, Nebraska

City of Minden, Nebraska (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment

**West 3rd Street & Park
Ave. to West 4th Street &
Yates Ave.**

**Minden, NE - 2026
026-02906**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the City of Minden, City Hall, Attn: Abbey Jordan, City Clerk/Treasurer, located at 325 N. Colorado Ave., Minden, NE, 68959, until Monday, June 15th at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

This project consists of constructing approximately 459 SY of 6" of roadway concrete, 506 LF of 8" Sanitary Sewer main including fittings, 3 concrete manholes, site removals, clearing and grubbing, excavation, erosion control, traffic control, and all other associated work as indicated on the drawings and within the specifications.

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents, and proposal form MUST be obtained from www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$22 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 10219602, Minden, NE, 3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment, West 3rd Street & Park Ave. to West 4th Street & Yates Ave., Minden, NE - 2026.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Olsson
2204 University Drive, Ste.
210
Kearney, NE 68845

Questions regarding Bids shall be directed to Nate Jensen, PE, at njensen@olsson.com or 308.529.1660. There is no pre-bid conference for this project.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to Owner as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s)

are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the Owner, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of sixty days after the bids are open. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Minden, Nebraska
By: Michael Krings
Title: City Administrator
Date: June 4th & June 11, 2026, Advertised in the Minden Courier.
Jun 4, 2026
Jun 11, 2026
(107) znez

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF CATHERINE MAY KNITTLE, DECEASED

CASE NO. PR 26-16 NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that, on the 20th day of May, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, James J. Jezbera, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 28th day of July, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiasen
Clerk Magistrate

Prepared & Submitted by:
James V. Duncan, #19799
SENNETT, DUNCAN, JENKINS
& WICKHAM, P.C., L.L.O.
425 So. 7th Avenue, P.O. Box
326 Broken Bow, NE 68822
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May 28, 2026
Jun 4, 2026
Jun 11, 2026
(32) znez

NOTICE

MEETING OF THE KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION JUNE 2, 2026

A Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Equalization was held on June 2, 2026 at 9:25 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Robert Swanson and Board Members Brent Stewart, Heath Hofstetter, Nathan Avery and Jeff England, Jason Sinsel and James Miller. Also present were Kearney Co Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Jennifer Pittner Co Assessor 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 May 5, 2026. Met with Jennifer Pittner, Assessor to set protest hearing dates for July 7, 21 and 22, 2026 at 1pm each. Adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:29 a.m.

/s/ Robert Swanson,
Chairman
Kearney County
Board of Equalization
ATTEST:
/s/ JENNI LUPKES
Kearney County Clerk
(SEAL)

Jun 11, 2026
(43) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 16th day of June 2026; 10:30 am. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska to hear public comments on:

Special Use Application - 5.14 Permitted special uses, #4 Broadcast towers and stations and wind generation systems, by The Grinnell Group to construct a 300' telecommunication tower on a tract of land in the SE ¼ of Section -30 T-7 R13W of Kearney County. Questions or comments may be directed to the County Zoning Administrator Office at 308/832-2795.

Carrie Favinger
Zoning Administrator
May 29, 2026

Jun 4, 2026
Jun 11, 2026
(29) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINDEN, NE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner's Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. 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

Jun 11, 2026
(21) znez

NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for furnishing all equipment, transportation, tools, materials, labor and skills necessary and incidental to perform all work described in the proposed contract documents entitled: Kearney County Courthouse – Attic Renovation, Minden, Nebraska, dated May 27, 2026 will be received by Kearney County, Nebraska, at the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse, 424 N Colorado Avenue, Minden, Nebraska on July 7, 2026 until 10:00 AM local time. The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the adjacent Commissioners' hearing room.

The Pre-Bid Walk-Through will be held at the site at the Kearney County Courthouse, 424 N Colorado Avenue, Minden, NE 68959 in the east entrance lobby on July 23, 2026, at 10 AM.

All bids shall be made on the printed forms attached to and made a part of the contract documents. The said documents have been prepared by Berggren Architects P.C. (402) 475-0597 and digital copies may be obtained from A&D Technical Supply, at 4320 S 89th St. Omaha, NE (402) 592-4950. Project Contact: Aly Ramage, ar@berggrenarchi-

tects.com

Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked: **"Bid Proposal – Kearney County Courthouse – Attic Renovation"** NOTICE: Bids submitted by facsimile transmission are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Each bidder must submit with the bid a certified cashier's check or bid bond equal to five percent (5%) of the bid.

The character and amount of security to be submitted by the contractor for the performance of the contract are stated in the proposed contract documents. Bidders may not withdraw their bids for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of the bids.

Kearney County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and re-advertise for bids; and further reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity.

Jun 11, 2026

Jun 18, 2026

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be accepting sealed bids for one (1) new 2026 or newer Articulated Motor grader with 250 hours or less at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June

16th, 2026. Sealed bids must be received at the Kearney County Clerk's office by 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday June 16th, 2026, at the following address:

Kearney County Clerk's Office

Kearney County Courthouse
P.O. Box 339
424 N Colorado Ave.
Minden, NE 68959

All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "MOTOR GRADER BID-2026".

All bids will be considered in the Kearney County Board of Commissioners Room during their regularly scheduled meeting in the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, Nebraska.

Kearney County will offer for trade:

One (1) 2017 Caterpillar Motor grader 12M3 SN#N9F00655 (3-40)

Interested bidders may contact Joseph Anderson, Kearney County Road Superintendent, in person or by phone at the Kearney County Road Department Office, 1124 East 9th Minden, NE or 308-832-2854.

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

May 28, 2026

Jun 4, 2026

Jun 11, 2026

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PORTABLE OXYGEN Concentrator? May be covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 855-385-3580.

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DOES YOUR basement or crawl space need some attention? Call Thrasher Foundation Repair! A permanent solution for waterproofing, failing foundations, sinking concrete and nasty crawl spaces. FREE Inspection & Same Day Estimate. \$250 off ANY project with code GET250. Call 1-844-958-3431

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WE BUY 8,000 cars a week. Sell your old, busted or junk car with no hoops, haggles or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle. Easy three step process. Instant offer. Free pickup. Fast payment. Call 1-855-910-0760

Local Classifieds

HELP WANTED

DATA ENTRY CLERK: Tri-Basin NRD seeks candidates for the position of Data Entry Clerk at the Holdrege NRD office. Full-time job with generous benefits package. Typing, filing, general office skills needed. Ag, legal, or real estate background helpful. Send resumes by June 19 to tribasin@tribasinrd.org or Tri-Basin NRD, 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege NE 68949 EOE/ADA.

GARAGE SALES

KENESAW CITY WIDE YARD SALES: 30+ listed sales Friday, June 12, 3pm-8pm & Saturday, June 13, 8am-1pm. Maps available day of sale at 101 N. Doane or online in different Facebook groups.

SERVICES

DAYCARE/YEAR-ROUND PRESCHOOL: Home setting, licensed, 32 years experience, great recommendations. 830-0983.

Classifieds GET THE JOB DONE!
Buy • Sell • Trade • Rent • Hire

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sealed with a kiss
- 5. Large sandwich
- 8. Swiss city
- 12. Japanese persimmons
- 14. When you hope to get somewhere
- 15. Wings
- 16. A name of God
- 18. Elected official (informal)
- 19. Abnormal breathing
- 20. "Seinfeld" character
- 21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 22. Something for sale
- 23. Gets rid of
- 26. One who touts
- 30. Blemished
- 31. Less than exciting
- 32. Born of
- 33. N. German town

- 34. Notes
- 39. Move away from land
- 42. Vulcanite
- 44. More ignoble
- 46. Child actor Kirk
- 47. Written works
- 49. Sea vessel
- 50. Residue
- 51. Engraved
- 56. Having sufficient skill
- 57. One and only
- 58. Erase
- 59. Broad inlets
- 60. Nightmarish street
- 61. Play again
- 62. Formerly (archaic)
- 63. Add a color to change the color
- 64. Move swiftly and lightly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scottish island
- 2. River in the Netherlands
- 3. Asian people
- 4. Fuzzy fruit
- 5. Ninth month (abbr.)
- 6. An idealistic social reformer
- 7. What you owe
- 8. Colorless mineral
- 9. Overjoyed
- 10. Rattling breaths
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. A citizen of Senegal
- 17. Greek mythological beauty
- 24. Wrath
- 25. Instrument to measure wind speed
- 26. Luxury carmaker
- 27. Bitterly regret
- 28. Not or
- 29. Google certification
- 35. Midway between northeast and east
- 36. Space station
- 37. Relating to the ears
- 38. Congressman
- 40. Yelled at
- 41. Rudely assertive
- 42. Defunct European money
- 43. Shared one's soul
- 44. Onion rolls
- 45. A way to state clearly
- 47. Relating to a lobe
- 48. Underlying message
- 49. Hollywood pig
- 52. Indicates pitch
- 53. Filament of a feather
- 54. Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
- 55. Diminish

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Collaboration is your secret weapon this week, Aries. Putting two heads together will be better than one. Take a walk or exercise to get away and gain perspective.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may find yourself getting a small bonus or increase in pay, proving your financial luck is looking up this week. Enjoy the surprise and treat yourself to something.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, this is a great week for writing or presentations since you will have creativity flowing through you. A fun text message can be a catalyst for a great weekend.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Your nesting instincts are in full swing right now, Cancer. You might be inspired to turn your space into a peaceful sanctuary. A family-related piece of news can bring peace.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Courage may come naturally this week, Leo. Speak your truth right when it is needed. Your warmth can be a magnet for others and new friendships may develop.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, learning a new skill will be easy for you right now. Take pride in your progress. You are becoming more versatile and vital.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Share your heart and listen closely to what a partner has to say, Libra. A romantic or platonic relationship will reach a high point. The connection built will be exciting.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You're at peak productivity right now as you tackle your to-do list with great focus, Scorpio. By the end of the week you'll be ready to dive into a mysterious or fun hobby.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

A sense of humor will be a great asset this week, helping to diffuse any tension by laughing, Sagittarius. Start looking ahead to travel plans.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Wisdom is flowing through you and you may find you are the go-to person for solid advice, Capricorn. Your grounded nature helps everyone around you.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, innovation will help you find clever shortcuts for problems that have proven tough to solve. Your unique style may start earning you praise, but remain humble.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Empathy allows you to connect with others on a deep level, Pisces. A creative project that you have been building finally starts to bloom in unexpected ways.

GET OUT & Enjoy Nature



Longer days and warmer temperatures bring plentiful opportunities to explore the great outdoors, reminding us of the vital role our outdoor recreation areas, parks and natural resources play in our lives and environment!

Physical & Mental Health Benefits Associated With Outdoor Recreation

Reduced -

- ▼ disease risk
- ▼ stress
- ▼ depression
- ▼ anxiety
- ▼ anger
- ▼ aches & pains

Enhanced +

- ▲ focus
- ▲ creativity
- ▲ mood
- ▲ sleep quality
- ▲ mobility
- ▲ energy

Sources: USDA Forest Service, Journal of Aging and Health, mentalfloss.com

Vitamin D “the sunshine vitamin”

- Promotes bone health
- Protects against disease and depression
- 10-15 minutes of casual exposure to sunlight several days a week on the arms and legs during warm weather should provide adequate amounts of Vitamin D, although many circumstances affect a body's Vitamin D production.
- Remember to use sunscreen when outside for an extended period of time!

Source: Harvard Health Publishing



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