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KCHS Planning for Future of Healthcare in Kearney County

CINDY RAMSEY

Kearney County Health Services has been serving the area's healthcare needs for generations. Now KCHS is laying the groundwork to continue this legacy well into the future by initiating Phase 1 for the potential construction of a new facility.

The current hospital was built in 1954. Over the years, additions, renovations, and remodels have been used to adapt the space for the growing demands of the facility, and accommodate healthcare changes.

"When we ceased the nursing home and assisted living services in 2018, we really looked at our square footage footprint and tried to utilize what we could immediately for growth and stability," CEO Luke Poore said. "It was a little slow going out of the gate, but when we started to add new specialists and their services locally, that increased the demand for space, and things really started to take off."

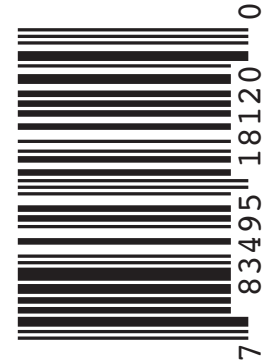
This newly available space was utilized to add new specialists, services like outpatient rehabilitation and Senior Life Solutions, and apartments for on-call staff living outside the Minden area. Within three years, the KCHS Board of Trustees was once again noticing space would become an issue as they strived to provide high quality healthcare and meet the needs of a growing population and utilization.

"In 2021 with utilization and service expansion progressing, we began to plan accordingly with our footprint to see what kind of remodel we could possibly entertain to further accommodate healthcare in Kearney County," Poore said. "As part of that at the start of 2021, we partnered with HFG Architecture to begin evaluating our infrastructure, utilization trends, a recent community needs assessment, along with growing our staff with these key objectives. That led to entering into a Master Planning agreement with HFG Architecture at that point."

Shortly after the master planning project finalized in 2021 for the facility, these considerations took a backseat



Kearney County Health Services has begun Phase 1 of a potential new facility construction project. During this phase, the KCHS Board of Trustees will work with HFG Architecture to create a conceptual design that includes the size and scope of the project while vetting potential financing options that would not affect taxpayers. More details will become available if KCHS chooses to proceed to Phase 2 of the project. (Courtesy photo)



Weather Forecast

May 1:	71/40	
May 2:	75/45	
May 3:	80/49	
May 4:	69/42	
May 5:	62/39	
May 6:	70/41	
May 7:	73/46	

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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, May 11; and Monday, June 8.

MEA Scholarship

Two scholarships currently valued at \$400 will be awarded by the Minden Education Association to Minden graduates pursuing a degree in education. You cannot apply for this scholarship until you are student teaching. Apply by the May 15 deadline that follows your fall or spring student teaching.

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- Name, address, phone number
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Application Deadline: May 15

Cars & Coffee

The weather is warming up which means it's almost time for another season of Cars & Coffee at Harold Warp Pioneer Village hosted by JCT 6/10 Cruzerz. This free event will be held on Saturday mornings from 8-11am on the east side of Pioneer Village by the Village Diner. All vehicles are welcome. Come enjoy coffee, rolls, and cars May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, and October 10.

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Letter to the Editor

To the veterans and volunteers who put the flags out at the cemetery for Memorial Day:

Our flags in the cemetery for Memorial Day are a beautiful reminder of the freedom we have due to our fallen soldiers. It is one of my favorite times of the year to drive through our cemetery.

I would like to suggest that the flags be put out at the cemetery for Memorial Weekend rather than just for Memorial Day. I have noticed that most other cemeteries in our area are doing this. A lot of people visit the cemetery over the weekend and they are not always able to come on Monday. It seems like such a short time to admire the flags, since they are only on display for a few hours on Monday.

Thank you to all the people who help put the flags out. It is a great tribute to our fallen military members.

Paula Burgess

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Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
4/18/26	58	29	-
4/19/26	75	36	-
4/20/26	78	42	-
4/21/26	88	59	-
4/22/26	81	56	-
4/23/26	76	61	-
4/24/26	65	45	-
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as KCHS received news that their electronic health record vendor would be sunsetting their product. Focus turned to a new electronic medical records conversion.

"That was about a 3-year project from the date of being notified, to the date of go-live," Poore explained. "We went live in March 2023 and it took us about a full year to get optimized with our new electronic medical record across both the hospital and clinic."

During the summer of 2025, the board was able to revisit the master planning project, coming back to the document created in 2021, knowing full well quite a bit had changed. KCHS had only continued to see significant growth in patient volume especially in surgery, specialty clinic, outpatient rehabilitation, inpatient, and emergency room volume when the master planning was revisited in 2025. As a result, utilization of the current space was nearly at capacity and the board was left to consider if remodeling was even a possibility.

"We were provided with some very high-level values of what the scope of a remodel/renovation looked like in 2021, and how the cost had changed since 2021 for the same scope, but also what HFG Architecture was seeing for new cost builds per square foot," Poore said. "Taking into account where our footprint is, what our storefront exposure is, and what our potential for expansion was given current location, phasing a remodel project became unrealistic without shutting down service lines for an unknown extended period of time."

Remodeling options became a question of not only pausing service lines, but also where to relocate staff and patients during the remodel and how to do so while keeping staff intact. These complications changed the trajectory of the discussion to considering a new build and if that would be manageable.

"The Board of Trustees made the decision to pursue more of the uplift review of a complete new build versus a renovation. That led to ultimately having to undergo some proposal planning for what that looks like from a planning perspective with architecture," Poore said.

HFG Architecture suggested breaking down the planning process of a new build into two phases to best review this. In Phase 1, a conceptual design will be created for the size and scope of a new facility that allows for a dollar value to be determined while working concurrently with the USDA as a potential route for funding to gauge their perspective on how appealing the project would be to them.

"That's what we committed to with Phase 1. It will be a process of right-sizing what a total facility would include: how many clinic exam rooms, how many inpatient rooms, how many surgery suites, how many outpatient specialty clinic rooms, potential building location, what services do we not have currently that we could capture such as 24/7 MRI imaging, evaluating more resources to better care overall for those in Kearney County," Poore said.

KCHS has come a long way from its beginning to be confident in its ability to consider building a whole new facility, and even more to ensure the construction will require no bond and not affect taxpayers. Closing the nursing home was a difficult decision that ultimately allowed KCHS to prepare for this situation.

"We were able to build an operation; we were able to put away some cash reserves to be appealing on a balance sheet to do something like this independent of a bond and maintain the debt through our operations, and not go for a bond," Poore said.

Audits of the hospital's financials, billing, and more are conducted annually by Eide Bailly. In the last five years, KCHS has been intentional in focusing on a debt capacity analysis during these audits to understand where operations are trending and what their abilities are. CFO Gavin Blum along with third parties Eide Bailly and Piper Sandler & Company have reviewed this information, and all concluded the results have become more favorable over time.

"We will be taking a hard look at the USDA financing, but also looking on the private side as well," Poore admitted, "We do know at this point we're not at all looking to fund a potential build with a bond and thus do not intend to ask taxpayers to fund construction."

Much of Phase 1 will also be vetting on interim financing for a potential project and permanent financing through the USDA, to make that decision on financing. This phase

is anticipated to go through August 2026. At the conclusion of Phase 1, KCHS will make a decision whether to proceed or not to Phase 2. Phase 2 would be providing the remainder of architectural, interior design, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical engineering, and civil engineering.

"This is still very much a review and vetting process, there is nothing final about it. I think once we wrap up Phase 1 and we have final determination on whether to go into Phase 2, that's when we'll really start to see a lot of things become known," Poore said. "If we can get a location finalized, that would help us in our ability to share more. Once the location aspect and Phase 2 is committed to I think you'll see things move quickly."

While KCHS plans for the future, it is the community's support that has made these considerations possible. Poore spoke of the last 15 years as an organization, and how support on numerous levels has cultivated this moment for KCHS and Kearney County.

"Even before my time started here, this was a vision for our board of trustees, our medical staff, and our entire team. During the past 15 years, this facility has grown, whether it was bringing hometown talent back to work in Minden in many different roles to serve such a critical need for a community, opening the doors for coveted specialty care needs to come practice in Minden and expanding services, or signing local primary care physicians to a dedicated service to Kearney County. It's because of their commitment, the County's commitment. It's because of the public and their commitment to utilize local facilities like this to recruit the specialists and the primary care physicians we have been able to get to this point and have these discussions," Poore said. "Hospitals are economic engines for rural communities such as Minden, having the opportunity along with that to better serve the healthcare needs for patients to remain local for their needs is wonderful. I have no doubts that this will be generational for Minden, Kearney County, and all that we get the opportunity to serve."

KCHS will continue to share updates as Phase 1 progresses and more information becomes available. For more information, visit kchs.org.

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Public Speaks, City Council Listens

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden City Council decided not to waive three readings of a proposed ordinance relating to food trucks at their first meeting of the month to provide time for gathering public feedback. Several members of the community took advantage of this opportunity to share their concerns regarding the ordinance in its proposed form during the April 20 regular meeting.

Kirk Ramsey was the first to share his thoughts stating he understands the intent, but the proposed ordinance imposes limitations that discourage small business. Requiring approval from adjacent property owners and the fee schedule are his biggest concern with the ordinance. He encouraged the council to adopt policies that encourage cooperation and growth instead.

Ryan Kulhanek also voiced opposition to the ordinance telling the council there is no need to add layers and fees. Because most food trucks come from out of town, they already incur a cost just to get to Minden to operate. He suggested a zero cost ordinance that could then be evaluated after a time to determine if there are additional costs to the City that need to be covered.

Jacob Rafert told the council when he was approached by 52 Taphouse about occupying his building on the southwest corner of the square, they came with no plan to have a kitchen. Food trucks offer not only food but variety to customers and the entire community. He stated threatening the ability to get food trucks in town could negatively affect their business and asked the council to 'let Minden be different'.

Dana Faber told the council she frequents food trucks when they come to town. She asked what defines a food truck within the ordinance and if it includes individuals selling out of their car or at the farmer's market. She expressed that she feels the fees are too high and the language in the ordinance need to be cleaned up.

Ramsey gave one more quick comment before public forum concluded. He reminded the council that people from Minden often travel out of town for meals, but food trucks not only keep people in town but also attract visitors who then spend money in the community. The other speakers echoed their agreement with this sentiment.

Once the council began their own discussions regarding the ordinance, City Administrator Michael Krings explained the intent was never to discourage food trucks within Minden but to provide an avenue for their use of public property to be granted by City staff rather than requiring the council to meet for every application. Bringing the proposed ordinance to the council allowed

for discussion of how to go about applications, fees, and regulations and to gather public feedback. With that, he told the council it is okay to scrap the proposal and go back to the drawing board if that is their wish.

Teresa Sumstine stated in its current form the ordinance creates more problems than it solves. She believes it should be denied and started from scratch.

Dave Bunger argued in favor of much of the ordinance. He stated a \$40 application fee is submitted for every special designated liquor license so it is not absurd to require an application fee for food trucks. Further he believes there needs to be some kind of permission clause. Businesses could have an event that requires the parking that would be taken by a food truck or could be having a vendor of their own coming. Without proper communication food trucks could negatively affect that local business.

Mayor Larry Evans did not argue for or against the ordinance but shared simply that he believes there needs to be regulations regarding where food trucks can be parked for public safety. With discussion concluded, the council unanimously denied the ordinance. City staff will use the public and council's feedback as they work to outline an ordinance that better fits those ideas.

In an effort to maintain streets, the City tries to armor coat a few streets annually. This summer, three road-

ways in the cemetery, the water treatment plant driveway, and part of Ridge Avenue are scheduled to receive this treatment. The council approved the armor coat street maintenance for approximately \$19,025.11 to be done by Figgins Construction.

With the new RV park at Pioneer Village, the council considered the armor coating of 12th Street from Highway 10 to Colorado Avenue to help with traffic flow. This street is currently owned by Pioneer Village and they are willing to assist with the cost of the project, but there is no clear cost share percentage at this time. The council did end up approving armor coat street maintenance of 12th Street for approximately \$10,906.67 to be done by Figgins Construction.

In other business the council: Approved minutes from the April 6 meeting. Approved bills and claims. Approved volunteer firefighters Colby Klahn, David Anderson, and Dustin Shoff. Approved March 2026 treasury report. Approved March 2026 budget report. Approved payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$3,465 for legal services.

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County Board Met

CINDY RAMSEY

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners had a relatively short agenda for the April 21 regular meeting.

County Attorney Melodie Bellamy informed the board she had been contacted by a UNK student who is interested in a paid summer internship in her office. Although this is not a something that has been done in the recent past, Bellamy informed the board she has space in her budget to accommodate the request. Furthermore she believes with the current shortage of county attorneys, anything the County can do to draw people to this sector is a good idea. The board offered no objections to allowing the internship.

Moving onto juvenile services, Bellamy informed the board the annual grant for these services has gone down in the past two years since the services were taken on locally. The local juvenile services officer continues to look for additional grants to provide alternative funding to support these efforts. One grant application was ready to sign during the meeting, but Bellamy also asked the board to consider granting the chairman the authority to sign any future grant applications as well to ensure timely submissions. The board approved this request.

An appointment policy was presented to the board outlining how volunteer board vacancies will be advertised and when absentee board members should be replaced. The policy, as well as an application form for any individual interested in serving on a board, can be found on the County's website kearneycounty.ne.gov. Vacancies and expiring terms may also be advertised in the local newspaper, but is not required. The policy was approved with a few language corrections.

Dave Arnold from Royal Engineered Composites attended the meeting to present a revised copy of the no build easement proposed to the board at a previous meeting. All updates to the easement requested by the board had been made and the document was reviewed by Bellamy. The no build easement with Royal Engineered Composites was approved.

An interlocal agreement with the City of Minden relating to law enforcement building use and communications was last approved in 2021. That agreement set fees through 2026 with an annual increase of 3%. The City reached out to revisit the interlocal agreement before it automatically renews in 2027. Both parties expressed they are content with the terms outlined in the agreement so the board approved extending the interlocal agreement with the City of Minden for another five years with the same terms.

Jerry Berggren from Berggren Architects appeared to speak with the board about the courthouse dome. He reported being close to ready to put the project of separating the tower from the courthouse attic out for bid. Drawings should be ready by May 12 with an estimated bid selection in June.

Additionally, Berggren suggested the County bring in a second forensic engineer for the dome restoration project. With the potential for such a large cost for the project, he believes the public may demand a second opinion. Berggren told the board he also thinks this individual's input and assistance could positively impact the project cost by allowing the incremental removal of pieces rather than requiring the whole dome to be taken off and restored as one piece. The board approved the addition of this second forensic engineer to the project.

In other business the board: Approved April 7 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved resolution for Kearney County Noxious Weed Control Authority. Approved Garden Plains and Keene Cemetery mowing contracts with E&E Turf with corrections. Approved proclamation for Men's Health Month. Approved duplicate General Fund check to Tyson W. Stratman for \$49.50.

Royal Groundbreaking



Royal Engineered Composites held a groundbreaking ceremony on April 20 for a \$5 million expansion project. Many community members helped celebrate the event learning the project will add over 23,000 square feet of manufacturing space and about 70 jobs. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)





Extension News - Horticulture

By Elizabeth Exstrom, M.S.

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Mother's Day Marks the Start of Gardening Season

Mother's Day is just around the corner. While it's a time to celebrate moms, it's also the day many vegetable gardeners have been waiting for all spring. For many in Central Nebraska, it signals that it's finally time to plant tender vegetable crops.

Mother's Day has long been used as a reminder of our average last frost date. Based on historical data, about half of all final spring freezes occur before early May, and half occur after. While this makes it a helpful guideline, it's important to remember that it is just an average. Nebraska weather can be unpredictable, and late frosts are still possible. Gardeners should be prepared to protect sensitive plants if temperatures dip near freezing.

What you plant plays a big role in when you should plant. Cool-season crops such as peas, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and kohlrabi can tolerate cooler temperatures and even light frost. These crops can be planted earlier in the spring.

Warm-season crops, including tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant, are much more sensitive to cold. These should not be planted until after the threat of frost has passed, typically around Mother's Day. Soil temperature is another important factor. After Mother's Day, soil temperatures are usually warm enough for these crops to begin actively growing. If planted too early, they may sit idle in cold soil and struggle to establish.

How you plant your crops can also impact success. Some vegetables perform best when started indoors and transplanted into the garden. Crops like broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, onions, tomatoes, peppers, and sweet potatoes benefit from being transplanted, giving them a head start on the growing season.

Other crops can be transplanted, but only if they are kept small. Melons, cucumbers, squash, and watermelon do best when planted as young seedlings with just a few leaves. Allowing them to grow too large before transplanting can lead to transplant shock.

Some vegetables are best planted directly into the garden. Beans, corn, peas, and okra do not transplant well and should be seeded directly into the soil.

Choosing which vegetables to grow can feel overwhelming, especially when reading seed catalogs or plant labels. Terms like variety, cultivar, hybrid, and heirloom are often used, and each has a specific meaning.

A variety is a naturally occurring type of plant that will grow true from seed. Cultivar, short for "cultivated variety," refers to plants that have been selected for specific traits such as size, color, or disease resistance. Hybrids are crosses between two different parent plants and are often bred for improved performance. However, seeds saved from hybrid plants may not produce the same results the following year.

Heirloom varieties have been passed down for generations, typically for 50 years or more. These plants will grow true from seed and are often prized for their flavor. However, they may not have the same level of disease resistance as hybrid varieties.

Mother's Day marks more than a celebration of Mom, it signals the beginning of the main gardening season. By choosing the right crops, planting at the right time, and using the proper methods, you can set your garden up for success. And with a little luck, you may even be harvesting fresh produce by Father's Day.

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Plant Problems By Rita Brhel

When to prune old-fashioned spirea, Worrying about tree trunk injury, Preventing cover crops from becoming another garden weed

Q: I'm helping my mom clean up her yard, and her old-fashioned spirea are all over the place! They have to be at least six feet tall. I want to cut them back this weekend so she can see through her window. How much can I cut them back without killing them?

A: Old-fashioned spirea, also known as bridal wreath spirea, are tough shrubs and can handle severe pruning. Even if you cut them back to the ground—a technique called rejuvenation pruning—they'll regrow, and fairly quickly, too. However, if you prune your spirea this weekend, you'll sacrifice this year's blooms. Unlike Japanese-type spirea (such as the popular 'Gold Mound') which blooms in the summer on new growth, old-fashioned spirea is a spring bloomer. This means that the flowers form on old wood and appear before the new season's growth; if you prune this old wood before the shrub blooms, you're also cutting off this year's flowers. If your mom wants to see her spirea blooming this spring, you'll need to delay this weekend's pruning plans until immediately after the old-fashioned spirea blooms.

Q: While grinding out the stump of one tree, the machine inadvertently clipped the next tree over—a 25-year-old hackberry. The cut didn't go deep, but the grinder did take the bark off of a spot about the size of a saucer. Will my tree survive this?

A: Trees can handle shallow trunk injuries well as long as the area of bark loss isn't more than 25 percent of the trunk's circumference. That said, it's important to have an Extension horticulturist or certified arborist give your tree a full assessment. Sometimes what one person considers a shallow cut may be deep enough to cause concern when studied by a professional. Also, a mature hackberry can start to have issues that affect the tree's overall health, such as areas of decay or other stress factors, that could compound the stump-grinder injury. Depending on what's found, an Extension horticulturist or arborist can provide recommendations that address the whole tree so this injury doesn't become a bigger problem over time.

Q: My dad lives in another state and his health is failing, so I anticipate that I'll be gone a lot this summer. I think it'd be best to take a year off from my vegetable garden, but I don't want to come back to a weedy mess. A neighbor suggested a cover crop, which sounds good except for one thing. How do you keep cover crops from becoming weeds themselves?

A: Good question! The short answer is, cover crops can become weeds if they're unmanaged. But a cover crop isn't really a cover crop unless it's managed to be. Cover crops are plants that are grown specifically to protect and improve soil between growing seasons. The plants recommended to be used as cover crops are such because they excel in weed suppression, erosion control, building soil structure and soil moisture-holding capacity, and adding soil nutrients. Some cover crops also offer habitat to pollinators and beneficial insects. Managing cover crops means that these intentional plantings are seeded at certain times and terminated at certain times to maximize their soil benefit to the garden space. There are several cover crops recommended for vegetable gardens. You'll want to choose both a warm- and cool-season crop to cover your garden from this spring through this summer and the winter into next spring. Warm-season crops—such as buckwheat and sweet clover—are planted in the spring before or at the same time that you would typically plant your vegetable garden, which times the cover crop's growth to outcompete weeds. Cool-season crops—such as oats, field peas, oil-seed radish, winter rye, annual ryegrass, and winter wheat—are planted in late summer or fall, early enough to establish before winter. While some cool-season cover crops go dormant over the winter, gardeners who plant early season vegetables tend to like cover crops that are instead killed by freezing temperatures. If you don't typically start planting your garden until after the threat of frost is past, about mid-May, you'll want an overwintering cover crop that starts growing again in the spring to keep weeds at bay until you can plant. It's important that, no matter which cover crops you choose, they are killed and tilled into the soil (rototiller or shovel) before they go to seed; many of these cover crops work well because they grow quickly, but they can also be prolific seeders and, left unchecked, become a weed themselves.

Rita Brhel lives in Fairfield, has a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is a certified Master Gardener, and coordinates the Horticulture Program at Adams County's Nebraska Extension office in Hastings. Have a horticulture question? Contact your County Extension office to get connected with your local Nebraska Extension horticulturist.

Arbor Day



The City of Minden hosted its annual Arbor Day festivities at Jaycee Park on April 24. During the event, the Minden Tree Board explained the importance of Arbor Day and noted Minden has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for 35 years. A tree was planted with the help of local Girl Scouts and members of the community. Tri-Basin NRD was also in attendance giving away free trees and shrubs to the public. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



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Local FBLA Students Find Success at State Leadership Conference

CINDY RAMSEY

Members of the Axtell and Minden FBLA Chapters attended the State Leadership Conference in Kearney April 16-18. Several Kearney County students were recognized on stage for their accomplishments in their events.

Events placing in the Top 3 qualify for a spot at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer. Three Minden and one Axtell events have qualified for nationals.

Minden events placing in the Top 8:

Frank Kovacs and Jon Althouse, Sales Presentation, 1st

Carson Wright, Network Design, 2nd

Frank Kovacs, Network Design, 3rd

Carson Wright, Management Information Systems, 4th

Frank Kovacs, Public Speaking, 7th

Carson Wright, Financial Planning, 7th

For Axtell, Isaiah Sinachack is a two time state champion in Digital Video Production. In order to raise money to send Isaiah to the national competition, he will be selling popsicles during the Axtell Memorial Day town celebration and for the last day of school. Donations to help with his trip can be dropped off in the Axtell Community School office.

Check out the video that qualified Isaiah for nationals at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7sidtxketg>



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Minden Police Report

Minden Police Report Calls for Service

April 16

0931 - 1200 Block W. Sycamore St., Animal Complaint

0951 - Minden PD, Citizen Needing Assistance

1743 - 700 Block S. Brewster Ave., Suspicious Activity

1844 - 200 Block N. Yates Ave., Welfare Check

2013 - 100 Block N. Garber Ave., Animal Complaint

0010 - 100 Block E. Hwy 6, Open Door

0123 - Hwy 6 and Minden Ave., Traffic Stop

April 17

0646 - 300 Block W. Holland St., Child Called 911 Several Times Playing on Phone

0155 - Jaycee Park, Foot Patrol

1139 - 300 Block Ridge Ave., Motorist Assist

1751 - Minden PD, HHS Intake

1818 - Continuing Investigation

1849 - 100 Block E. Hastings St., HHS Intake

2057 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Peddler

0342 - 700 Block S. Lincoln Ave., City Ordinance

April 18

0712 - Kearney, Check Welfare/Agency Assist

1408 - 500 Block E. Holland St., Suspicious Vehicle

1654 - 500 Block W. 1st St., Death Investigation

2118 - Hwy 6 and Colorado Ave., Traffic Stop

2141 - Hwy 6 and Colorado Ave., Traffic Stop

0445 - 400 Block E. 3rd St., Open 911 Call

2324 - 100 Block E. 3rd St., Death Investigation

April 19

2309 - Hwy 10 and Country Club Rd., Traffic Stop

2230 - 400 Block E. 7th St., Suspicious Activity

April 20

0815 - Brown Ave. and St. Clair St., Two Vehicle Accident

0312 - 300 Block E. 5th St., City Ordinance

0315 - 400 Block N. Tower Ave., City Ordinance

0427 - 200 Block N. Hubbard Ave., City Ordinance

1430 - 800 Block E. 2nd St., Verbal Disturbance

1709 - Jaycee Park, Suspicious Activity

1946 - 800 Block Webster St., Residential Fire Alarm

2042 - Hwy 6 and Peister Ave., Traffic Stop

2309 - Hwy 10 and Country Club Rd., Traffic Stop

2328 - Chautauqua Park, Curfew, Made Contact with Two Subjects

0056 - 900 Block W. 1st St., Open Door

0312 - 400 Block N. Kearney Ave., City Ordinance

April 21

0810 - 200 Block S. Colorado Ave., Keep the Peace

1017 - 300 Block W. Holland St., Check Welfare

1024 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Loitering

1027 - 200 Block Gilman Ave., Unit Call

1327 - 800 Block E. 2nd St., Harassment

1604 - Traffic Complaint

1149 - 400 Block E. 7th St., Possible Vandalism

0114 - 600 Block W. 3rd St., Open Door

0303 - 300 Block E. 5th St., Open Door

0421 - 100 Block W. Hwy 6, Open Door

1826 - Hwy 10, Traffic Complaint

2034 - 500 Block E. 3rd St., Animal Complaint

2125 - 500 Block E. 3rd St., Medical Call

April 22

0521 - 500 Block W. 1st St., Death Investigation

0830 - 800 Block E. 2nd St., Check Welfare

0900 - 100 Block N. Park Ave., Truancy

1025 - 900 Block W. 5th St., Vehicle Kicking Up Gravel, Driving Carelessly

1050 - Kearney Ave. and Holland St., Suspicious Vehicles

1522 - Dumpster in Roadway, Officer Moved

1838 - Citizen Called About Situation on I-80/Minden Exit

1932 - 1st St. and Hull Ave., Traffic Stop

2040 - 600 Block W. 9th St., Agency Assist

For the Record

Kearney County County Court

Casey Stephen-Hoffman, Kearney, COUNT I: disturbing the peace, fine 14 days jail, 19 days credit for time served; COUNT II: criminal mischief-<\$500, fine 14 days jail, 19 days credit for time served, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 3-29-26

Casey Stephen-Hoffman, Kearney, criminal mischief-<\$500, fine 4 days jail, \$90 restitution, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Struss, 3-30-26

Seleste R. Bruce, Kearney, COUNT I: refuse to submit to test-1st offense, fine \$500, 12 month probation, 60 days revoked license; COUNT II: willful reckless driving-1st offense, fine 30 days jail, 1 day credit for time served, 12 months probation, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 5-29-25

Tanner A. Piska, Holdrege, COUNT I: DUI-alcohol-1st offense, fine \$500, 60 days revoked license; COUNT II: refuse to submit pretest, fine \$100, 4 months probation, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 1-19-25

Richard L Graf, Holdrege, overweight on axle or group of axles, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 3-12-26

Minden Fire & Rescue

4-16-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to M Road for a personal illness.

4-19-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to O Road for a personal injury.

4-20-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Highway 10 for a single vehicle accident.

4-20-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Nebraska Avenue for a personal illness.

4-20-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to K Road for a ditch fire.


4-21-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Gilman Avenue for a personal illness.

4-21-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 3rd Street for a personal illness.


4-22-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched for a personal illness.

Kearney County Sheriff

4-17-26, A vehicle driven by Leah Norman, Oxford, and a vehicle driven by Ethan M. Eiley, Hildreth were both traveling northbound on Highway 44. As they traveled north, they came upon a pickup turning west onto O Road. Norman slowed to allow the pickup to turn. Eiley observed to slow down and attempted to pass Norman. Eiley impacted its front passenger side into Norman's rear drivers side. Estimated damage, Norman: \$3,000. Estimated damage, Eiley: \$3,000.



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Saturday, May 2
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Minden High School District Music

Minden hosted the 2026 District Music Contest on April 24. The Whippet musicians had a phenomenal day at the contest.

Each small group room judge can indicate one outstanding performance and two honorable mentions. These are indicated as OP or HM on the results image. Minden students earned two outstanding performance awards and two honorable mention awards.

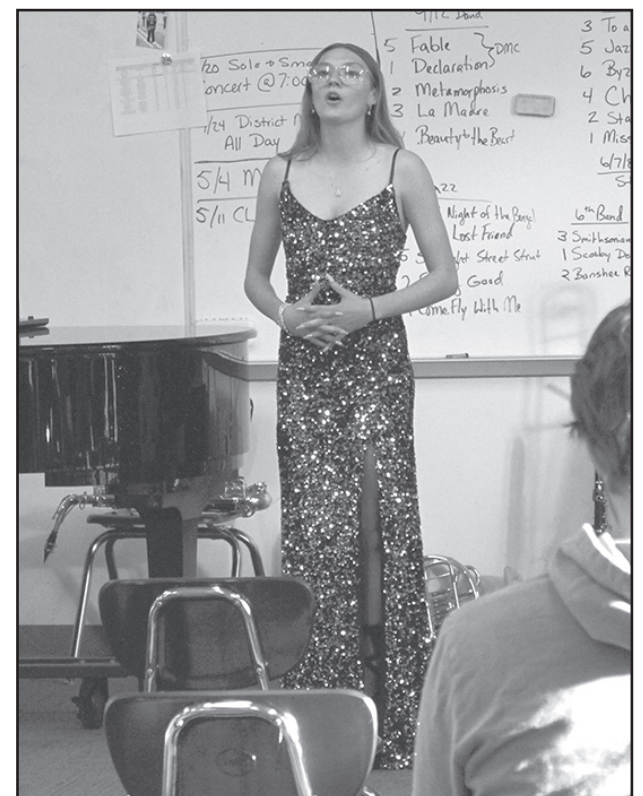
Minden 2026 District Music results:

Concert Band 1+ (1 from all judges)
Mixed Chorus 2
Jazz Band 1+ (1 from all judges)
Kierra Antillon, Vocal Solo, 1 (Perfect Score)
Brooke Carr, Vocal Solo, 2
Lindsey Foth, Vocal Solo, 2
Addyson Meyer and Madalyn Morey, Vocal Duet, 2
Madalyn Morey, Vocal Solo, 1
Zipporah Wilson, Vocal Solo, 2
Ashlyn Zerr, Vocal Solo, 2
Rebecca Lempka and Abigail Reith, Trumpet/Trombone Duet, 1 (OP)
Tynlie Struss and Jaelyn Trew Flute Duet, 1 (OP + Perfect Score)
Benezith Alarcon, Clarinet Solo, 1
Madalyn Morey, Marimba Solo, 1 (HM)
Percussion Ensemble 1

Hallie Hartman, Piano Solo, 1 (HM)
Rebecca Lempka, Trumpet Solo, 1
Abigail Reith, Trombone Solo, 1
Steven Rhodes, Mason Shirley, and Jackson Widdifield, Trumpet Trio, 2
Josa Ciemnoczolowski and Sawyer Grottrian, Alto & Bari Saxo Duet, 1
Jon Althouse and Frank Kovacs, Baritone/Alto Sax Duet, 1



Minden High School Band and Choir held a solo and small ensemble concert at Minden High School on April 20 prior to the 2026 District Music Contest on April 24. (Courier photos by Lily Ramsey)





FFA Students of the Month



MINDEN

Contest Team: Ag Communications

Names: Sophie Birkestrand, Shelby Nelson, Lizzy Nielsen, Arabella Reed

Recent Success: During the Nebraska State FFA Convention, this group of FFA members competed in the Ag Communications contest. As a team, they had to design a media plan to promote a topic on Nebraska Rangelands and Pastures. The team decided to focus on wet meadows and the unique ecosystem it includes along the Platte River, including Sandhill Cranes. At the state competition, the team placed 3rd, the highest a team from Minden has ever placed. Individually, Arabella Reed placed 5th, and Lizzy Nielsen placed 8th. The broadcast video and social media plan components of the contest placed 2nd, and the feature story and magazine layout placed 3rd.



AXTELL

Name: Stephanie Cederburg **Grade:** Sophomore

SAE: Stephanie has a show pig SAE. She purchases hogs in the spring and works with them to get them ready to show at the county fair. Some of the skills Stephanie has gained while doing this include leadership, communication and patients, as well as an understanding of how to care for animals.

Involvement: Stephanie is currently serving as the sentinel for our chapter. This year, she has competed in Land Judging, Floriculture, Employment Skills, and Vet Science. She has also participated in chapter fundraisers, community service, and other leadership opportunities.

Recent successes: Stephanie attended State FFA in April where she attended leadership workshops, participated in a community service activity and also served as a delegate for our chapter. Stephanie is also part of our greenhouse committee and has been working hard to care for all the plants in our greenhouse which we will sell during our annual FFA plant sale.



WILCOX-HILDRETH

Name: Cauy Twohig **Grade:** Senior

SAE: My agricultural involvement consists of two distinct Supervised Agricultural Experiences. First, I maintain a Placement SAE with a local producer, where I gain hands-on experience in large-scale farm operations and labor management. Complementing this is my Entrepreneurship SAE, through which I manage my own operation raising and marketing high-quality show steers.

Involvement: I have been in the Wilcox-Hildreth FFA Chapter for the last two years. I have been active in many different contests such as land judging, livestock judging, and welding.

Recent successes: My recent success has been at the Nebraska State FFA Convention where I competed in the Welding CDE Contest and I also received my FFA State Degree.

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Calendars and Menus

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MENUS:

Friday, May 1: BREAKFAST: Bagel with cream cheese; LUNCH: Whippet burger, chips

Monday, May 4: BREAKFAST: Breakfast burrito; LUNCH: Oriental chicken, egg roll

Tuesday, May 5: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll, yogurt; LUNCH: Super nachos

Wednesday, May 6: BREAKFAST: Breakfast boat, cereal; LUNCH: Hot dog bar

Thursday, May 7: BREAKFAST: Yogurt parfait, granola; LUNCH: Tater tot casserole, dinner roll

Friday, May 8: BREAKFAST: Muffin, cottage cheese; LUNCH: Chicken nuggets, French fries

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, May 1: V G @ Broken Bow, 9:30 a.m.; All-School Play, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 2: V TR SWC @ Cozad, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 4: JV G @ Cozad Invite, 2 p.m.; V TR Tri with Holdrege/ Kearney Catholic (throws), 4 p.m.; Evening with the Arts, 6 p.m.; HS Band & Choir Concert, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5: V/JV G @ Cozad Dual, 2 p.m.; V TR @ Cozad Invite, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6: FFA Greenhouse Groundbreaking Ceremony, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 7: JV G @ Southern Valley, 9 a.m.; V G SWC @ Broken Bow, 10 a.m.; 7/8 TR @ SWC Cozad, 2 p.m.

Friday, May 8: ACT Test Registration deadline for June test; K-3 Track Meet, 9 a.m.

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MENUS:

Friday, May 1: LUNCH: Grilled burger, baked beans, chips

Monday, May 4: LUNCH: Build your own sandwich, chips, pea salad

Tuesday, May 5: LUNCH: Crisпитos, refried beans OR Combo sub

Wednesday, May 6: LUNCH: Something on a bun, green beans OR Chicken Caesar salad

Thursday, May 7: LUNCH: Quesadilla, corn OR Grilled cheese

Friday, May 8: LUNCH: Breakfast sandwich, fries OR Oriental chicken salad

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, May 1: TR @ FKC Invite Overton, 9 a.m.; G @ Overton Invite, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 4: Honor's Night, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5: G @ FKC Invite Overton, 10 a.m.; JH TR @ FKC Invite Wilcox, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 6: PK Field Day, 11 a.m.; K-6 Field Day, 12 p.m.

Thursday, May 7: TR @ Lawrence-Nelson Invite; G @ Southern Valley Invite, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 8: Wayne State College Math Day

WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MENUS:

Friday, May 1: BREAKFAST: French toast; LUNCH: Mandarin orange chicken

Monday, May 4: BREAKFAST: Muffins; LUNCH: Hot dogs

Tuesday, May 5: BREAKFAST: Breakfast nuggets; LUNCH: Nacho day

Wednesday, May 6: BREAKFAST: Monte Cristos; LUNCH: Chicken fried steak

Thursday, May 7: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: BBQ chick-

en on a bun

Friday, May 8: BREAKFAST: Cook's choice; LUNCH: Falcon Field Day, burgers

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, May 1: Spring Concert Practice, 8:30 a.m.; G @ Overton Invite, 9 a.m.; HS TR @ Overton, 9 a.m.; FCA meeting, 12 p.m.; District Special Education meeting, 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 2: HS FKC TR make up date, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 4: Spring Concert Practice, 8:30 a.m.; K-6 Spring Concert, 6:30 p.m.; 7-12 Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; 2-6th District ELA testing, 8:30 a.m.; G FKC Tournament @ Overton, 9 a.m.; JH FKC TR @ Wilcox, 10 a.m.; 4th Grade Penpal Lunch, 11 a.m.; Student Council meeting, 11:40 a.m.

Wednesday, May 6: Graduation Practice, 9 a.m.; National Honor Society meeting, 11:40 a.m.; MTSS-A, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, May 7: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; 2-6th District Math testing, 8:30 a.m.; TR @ Alma Twilight, 10 a.m.

Friday, May 8: FCA meeting, 12 p.m.; Falcon Fun Day, 12 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dinner Menus

Meals served at Minden Community/Senior Center (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska), 403 N. Colorado Avenue, at noon. Please call 308-832-2139 the day before the dinner with your reservations. All meals are served with coffee, water, and milk. Menu are subject to change. Join us.

Monday, May 4: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered carrots, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, May 5: Baked steak, baked potato, winter blend, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, May 6: Spaghetti, peas, garlic bread, fruit & dessert

Thursday, May 7: Ham, hash brown casserole, beets, biscuit & fruit

Friday, May 8: Salmon patties, fried potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit & dessert

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Do You Remember

Ninety Years Ago — 1936

Will Rogers Service Station on South Brown Avenue installed gasoline pumps that figured up in dollars and cents as well as gallons the amount of gas going into the tank.

Minden won the Kearney County grade school track meet, scoring 70 points. Wilcox was second with 25.5 points and Keene was third with 22 points.

At the local theater, the Dionne quintuplets, Yvonne, Cecile, Marie, Annette and Emilie were cast in the movie, "The Country Doctor" with Slim Summerville and Jean Hersholt.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Swayze's Market, on the north side of the square, was burglarized of cash amounting to nearly \$600. It was believed that the robbers entered the basement and waited until they heard Swayze hide the money and close the door.

Robert Gaston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaston of Norman, was selected as a member of Boys' State by American Legion Post 94.

Nebraska's largest body of water, Lake McConaughy at Ogallala, set new records. Reading at the time of the report was 113.5 feet, showing a six foot rise in two months.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

Don Helzer, Minden Public Schools music director, was the honored guest at a banquet given by the Minden Woman's Club for his contribution to the school's and Minden's culture.

Harold Pedley, member of the Minden School Board was elected president of the School Board Association, District 6.

Jerry Brown, a University of Nebraska at Lincoln junior, appeared to be the best prospect for fullback for the fall season.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Over 800 people attended the grand opening of the Nichol Hotel Coffee Shop and the billiard room, featuring two rotation pool tables and three snooker tables.

Harold Lundeen of Minden was elected governor of District 563 of Rotary International.

Rosemary Kuehn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kuehn, won a scholarship to All State in Art from the Fifth District of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs. Gigi Garrett also won a blue ribbon in the district competition.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

The Minden and North Platte Chapters of the Nebraska Experimental Aircraft Association met at the Minden airport with about 30 planes flying in. Walter and Jerry May of May's Aircraft Service were hosts of the event with the hangar being used to serve dinner.

Steve Casper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmas Casper of Hildreth, and Jeff Loschen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Loschen of Hildreth, were selected as Boys' State representative and alternate by American Legion Post 378.

Betty Morey, Kearney State College senior, displayed projects at the Senior Art Show. Her displays included batiking, a wax-resist method and a sculpture.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

The primary election heated up with several races contested. Running for sheriff were James Huff and Marshall Nelson. Steven Voigt and Rebecca Miller squared off for the public defender's office.

Jerry Hamill, a Minden High School junior, placed second in future problem solving state competition.

Fern Anderson celebrated her 80th birthday in her home with Jane Olsen and Julie Shada as hostesses.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The Dizzy Dozen Extension Club held its organizational meeting by celebrating its 40th anniversary. Corsages were presented to charter members Caroline Stadler, Marjorie



2016 — The Minden Trap Team wound down its season with the State Trap meet in Doniphan. Jaron Brown was Junior All-Conference Second Team with a conference shooting total of 216 out of 250 which placed him ninth overall out of 157 juniors. Sawyer Koch was Junior All-Conference First-Team and Team Captain. Koch's conference total was 233 out of 250 placing him first overall in the conference.

Strolberg, Matilda Stuehm and Mary Wendell. Ruth Soderquist received a corsage for coming the greatest distance.

Rose Anne and Jim Burchell celebrated the opening of Granny's Attic and Grandpa's Cellar with a ribbon cutting hosted by the chamber ambassadors.

Laura Stratman was selected to play in the annual East-West All-Star volleyball game. Stratman was nominated by her coach, Ed Rowse.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Nebraska Congressman and Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Osborne spoke to a crowd at the Minden Opera House concerning water issues facing the state of Nebraska.

The Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra performed at the Minden Opera House. The orchestra featured 'Peter and the Wolf' featuring conductor Ernest Richardson, violinist Amy Sims, and narrator John Klinghammer.

The South Central Nebraska Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans held a 'Hands on Project' for Sewing for Babies. The churches gathered hygiene products, diapers, blankets, and clothes to be put into going home layettes for needy moms.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

Minden High School Alumni Alvaro Sanabria-Diaz finished in 25th place at the Boston Marathon. His position as a runner for the Costa Rica National Team helped qualify him to run against more than 30,000 other elite runners at the well known event. This was his first marathon.

Mark Buckley, President of Iowa-Nebraska Bank and Kelly Holthus, Chairman of Cornerstone Bank announced an agreement had been reached for Cornerstone Bank to purchase the Wilcox branch of Iowa-Nebraska State Bank in Wilcox, Nebraska.

Through snow, rain, and heavy winds, construction of the new high school remained on schedule. Sections of the building along 3rd Street included the Auditorium, Music Hall, Gymnasium, and locker rooms. The precast cement walls for those areas were erected through a blizzard, the steel framing was on, and the roofs were installed. The last of the precast walls defined the Industrial Tech wing viewed from 5th Street.

Church Directory

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BethanyAxtell.org
(308) 743-2597

Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, May 3: 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, May 3: 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, May 3: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 6: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Craig Richardson, Pastor
Sunday, May 3: Donuts & Juice, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 12:45 p.m.

Monday, May 4: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6: High School Youth Meal/Study, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Sunday, May 3: Mass, 8

a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
360 So. Stewart
(402) 756-8552

Greg Volsky, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, May 3: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster Presbyterian
Broad and Main Street
Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, May 3: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran
401 Lake Street
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Sunday, May 3: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
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Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish
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Sunday, May 3: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

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Caroline Schenk, Pastor

Sunday, May 3: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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munion, 6:30 p.m.

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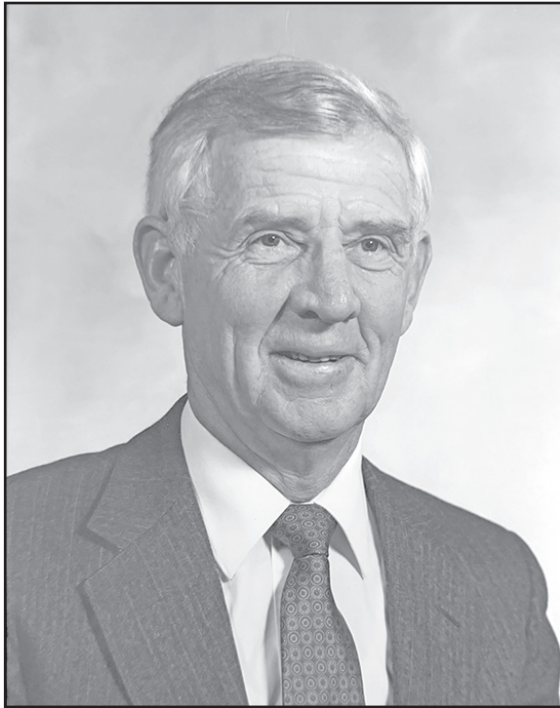
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Obituaries

Robert L. Raun, 98 - Minden Resident



Robert L. Raun of Minden, Nebraska, died early in the morning on his 98th birthday, Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Bethany Home in Minden.

Visitation was held on Monday, April 27, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Heartwell with wake service. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, April 28, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden with the Rev. Evan Winter officiating. Interment followed at the Osco Cemetery south of Norman. The family suggests memorials to Bethany Home in Minden, the Osco Cemetery Association, the Minden Opera House Preservation Fund in care of the Kearney County Community Foundation, or the

Minden Fire Department. Craig Funeral Home of Minden is serving the family.

Robert Lee Raun was born April 22, 1928, to Chris L. and Sarah S. (Smith) Raun on the family farm in Grant Township, Kearney County, Nebraska. He was raised in the Osco Baptist Church and attended the Osco School through eighth grade, then graduated in 1945 from Campbell High School where he was active in FFA, played basketball, and was quarterback on the six-man football team his senior year. He also was an eight-year 4-H member in Kearney County.

After turning 18 during his freshman year at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Mr. Raun enlisted in the U.S. Army as a volunteer. He served on active duty with the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force from September 1946 until July 1948, ultimately as a supply officer at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He then served with the U.S. Air Force Reserve until 1967, attaining the rank of captain.

Back at the university, Rob was a leader in several campus organizations. He served as noble ruler (president) of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and as president of Block and Bridle, the Innocents Society and student government.

He graduated with high distinction on June 4, 1951, earning a degree in general agriculture. The following weekend, on June 9, he married his university sweetheart, Eileen Derieg, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Hastings.

Rob was a farmer and livestock producer in Kearney and Sherman counties for more than four decades, living in the Osco neighborhood. At various times he also hauled cattle and hogs for Charles Youngson, sold grain bins, and grew castor beans and milkweed for industrial ventures.

As a young farmer, Rob was founding president of the Nebraska Natural Gas Irrigators Association. In 1964, he served as campaign manager for Bill Colwell, an unsuccessful candidate for the 3rd District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1966, Gov. Frank B. Morrison appointed Rob to fill a vacancy on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. Rob then was elected to the seat in 1968 and 1974. He declined to seek re-election in 1980 and retired from the board having served three

terms as chairman.

In 1982 he was elected to the Catherland Reclamation District board of directors.

From 1983-85, Rob served as director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture under Gov. Bob Kerrey. After returning to farming full time, he served on the Nebraska Economic Development Commission and Nebraska Water Management Board and helped lead efforts to save the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis from closing. In 1993, he was co-chair of the University of Nebraska Presidential Search Committee.

He served on the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Board of Trustees in Battle Creek, Michigan, from 1985-98, retiring as board chairman.

Rob was a longtime member and past president of the Minden Rotary Club and the Osco Cemetery Association board of directors. He also served on the boards of Fort Kearney Beef Producers, Farmers Union Business Association Cooperative, Farmers Cooperative Grain & Supply Co. of Minden, and the Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., and as a trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation. He was a longtime member of groups including the T-Bone Club, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Farmers Union and Nebraska AgRelations Council; helped to establish the Nebraska LEAD Program; and in retirement served alongside Eileen on a committee to help beautify Minden.

From 1970-83, Rob wrote a well-read monthly column, "One Farmer's Notebook," for Nebraska Farmer Magazine.

In 1992, he became one of the founding directors of the Kearney County Community Foundation. He served as fundraising chairman for the foundation's \$2.7 million renovation of the Minden Opera House, which was completed in 2000.

Rob and Eileen moved into Minden on Dec. 26, 1996, then to Bethany Home on Oct. 15, 2018. Eileen passed away Oct. 18, 2022.

Rob and Eileen were members of Holy Family Church in Heartwell from early in their marriage through the time of their deaths. Over those years, Rob served the Catholic Church in various volunteer capacities at the parish, diocesan and state levels.

He was a lifelong Democrat.

Honors included the Nebraska AgRelations Award (1985), the Nebraska Builder Award from the University of Nebraska (1987), and Ak-Sar-Ben Court of Honor recognition for service to agriculture (1993). Rob was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement in 1995. He later received the Kearney Hub Freedom Award for his role in the Minden Opera House project.

Whatever accolades Rob has received in his lifetime, he will be remembered nowhere with more admiration than in the hearts and homes of his children and their families. We have known him to be a lifelong learner; a patriot; a public servant; a good steward; a man of prayer; and above all a devoted husband, a good father, and a proud and supportive grandfather and great-grandfather. We could have had no better example of what it means to love God, care for our neighbor, and serve our community.

Rob was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen; his parents; an infant son born at rest; two grandsons, Nathan Raun and Paul Hoxmeier; brother and sister-in-law, Ned and Essie Raun; sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Del Kopf; his wife's parents, Francis and Rita Derieg; a sister-in-law, Mary Jane Derieg; a niece, Ellen (Kopf) Miller; and three nephews, Larry Raun, Bill Raun and Greg Raun.

Survivors include daughter Sharon (James) Kresha of Omaha; daughter Carol (Matthew) Walters of Omaha; son Christopher (Teresa) Raun of Lincoln; son Kevin (Jessica) Raun of Minden; daughter Elizabeth (Craig) Hoxmeier of Orleans; son Andrew (Ruth) Raun of Hastings; 22 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Arthur (Ruth) Raun of Elbert, Colorado; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Thomas and Peggy Derieg of Eagle, Idaho; cousins; nieces and nephews; his dear friend Dr. Walter Macedo Jr., of Celebration, Florida; and many other friends.

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Donley, Bungler Lead Falcons at Arapahoe

ROGER HANSEN

The long-running Jim Mather Arapahoe Invitational was held on April 22 with 11 schools vying for accolades.

Boys' scores: Loomis 124, Alma 110, North Platte SP 90, Hi-Line 40, Arapahoe 36, Elm Creek 34, Wilcox-Hildreth 32, Franklin 25, Bertrand 15, Cambridge 13, Southern Valley 8

Girls' scores: Elm Creek 136, Alma 72, Loomis 63, NPSP 59, Cambridge 56, Bertrand 33, Arapahoe 33, Wilcox-Hildreth 32, Hi-Line 22, Southern Valley 16, Franklin 5

The Falcons' Thomas Donley had a record-setting day in the 400 as he broke a 22-year old school record set by Jacob Brummer in 2004. Donley's time was 50.79, Brummer's 50.9. Donley also was second in the 200 and third in the pole vault.

Camryn Bungler also won gold (high jump) and two silvers (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles).

There were personal bests all up and down the event chart for both the boys and girls, not just for those who medalled but others as well.



The Wilcox-Hildreth track & field team had a fantastic outing at the Jim Mather Invitational on April 22. Thomas Donley (above) and Camryn Bungler (left) led the Falcons at the event. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson)

BOYS RESULTS

200-METERS — Donley, 2nd, 22.74 (Personal Best)

400-METERS — Donley, 1st, 50.79 (new school record--old record by Brummer in 2004 at 50.9); Kaden Schriener, 7th, 55.48 (PB)

800-METERS — Kip Johnson, 6th, 2:14.02 (PB)

1,600-METERS — Alex Klatt-Terabelian, 5th, 5:03.09 (PB)

3,200-METERS — Jacob Jezbera, 7th, 12:10.54 (PB)

110-METER HURDLES — Drew Blank, 5th, 17.01 (PB)

300-METER HURDLES — Blank, 6th, 43.86 (PB)

4x800 RELAY — Klatt-Terabelian, Luke Lush, Jezbera, Johnson, 5th, 9:38.67

POLE VAULT — Donley, 3rd, 13-0 (PB)

LONG JUMP — K. Schriener, 7th, 19-0 (PB)

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METER HURDLES — Bungler, 2nd, 16.49

300-METER HURDLES — Bungler, 2nd, 50.14

HIGH JUMP — Bungler, 1st, 5-4

LONG JUMP — Dinah Culp, 5th, 15-2 (PB)

TRIPLE JUMP — Culp, 4th, 32-3.5 (PB)

Whippets Have Season-High Day at Gothenburg

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The Minden boys varsity golf team finished last week strong, clenching a third-place finish as a team April 23 at the Gothenburg Invite.

The Whippets started off the week in McCook, with Brody Sexton taking the top spot for Minden. He finished in 9th place with an 81. Turner Schmidt was just two strokes behind Sexton with an 83. Schmidt was a medal winner, taking 13th place.

"It was a beautiful day at Heritage Hills in McCook. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. It was great to see Brody play well, claiming a 9th place medal," said Coach Taylor Maulsby. "Turner had another solid day with a 13th place finish. We are still struggling to find four solid scores to put ourselves in contention at some of these meets."

Overall, the team took 6th place with a final score of 348.

The weather was not in the Whippets' favor on Thursday at the Gothenburg Invite, but they were able to battle through the elements and played some great bounce back nines, said Maulsby.

"It was a very tough day to shoot our season best score of 338 and also placed 3rd in a very competitive meet," he added.

Turner Schmidt led Minden with a score of 80 and took 8th place. Zach Klabunde just edged out Brody Sexton – both shooting 84 – for 15th place.

"Zach and Travler had very good back nine scores to save their rounds. ... Brody had a very good front nine and played well throughout the day outside of a few tough



The Minden boys golf team brought medals back from their trip to the western side of the state last week. Above: Brody Sexton and Turner Schmidt earned hardware at Heritage Hills golf course in McCook on April 21. Left: Schmidt and Zach Klabunde earned medals at Wild Horse golf course in Gothenburg on April 23. (Courtesy photos)



holes to finish," Maulsby explained. "Turner was once again very consistent, taking an 8th place medal. Andrew struggled throughout the day but continued to battle."

As a team, Minden shot 338 for third place.

"I hope this shows our kids that we can compete with many of the best teams in the state. We just need to continue to improve and become more consistent overall," Maulsby said.

The Whippets will hit the links May 1 in Broken Bow.

McCook Invite: Brody Sexton 81 (9th); Turner Schmidt 83 (13th); Zach Klabunde 91; Travler Pearson 93; Andrew Runions 93; Team 348 (6th)

Gothenburg Invite:
Turner Schmidt 80 (8th);
Zach Klabunde 84 (15th);
Brody Sexton 84; Travler
Pearson 90; Andrew Runions 98; Team 338 (3rd)

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Falcons, Cats Face Tough Competition in Alma

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth took on a tough field of golfers April 21 in Alma.

Conner Strolberg was the top golfer for the Wildcats, penciling in a score of 94. His teammate Landon Powers was not far behind with a 99. The team finished in 11th place with a 404.

"We had some good performances from Connor Strolberg, and Felix Lopez, who both established personal best scores. The weather was outstanding!" said Axtell Head Coach Donnie Miller.

Wilcox-Hildreth had three golfers competing at Alma. Aubree Overholser and Brayton Blank both turned in a score of 109. Sutton Strong finished with a 113.

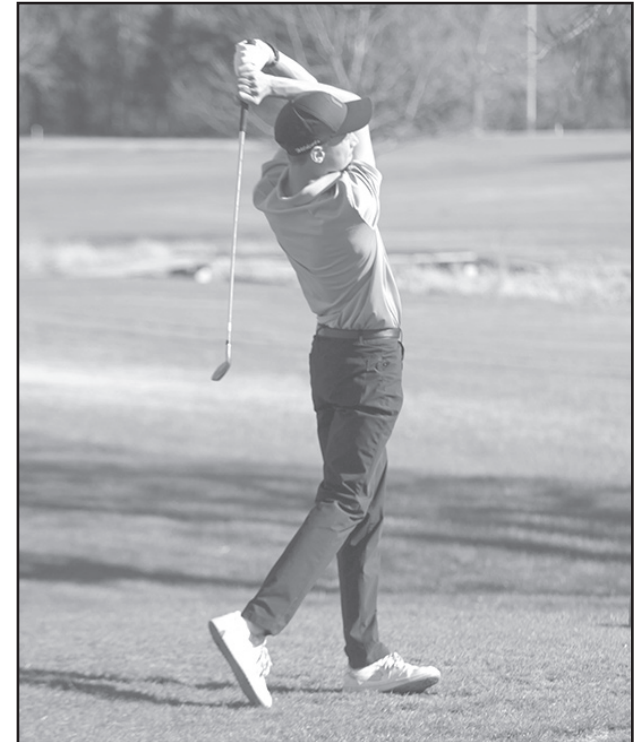
Both teams will be back in action May 1 at Overton.

Axtell Results: Connor Strolberg 94; Landon Powers 99; Felix Lopez 103; Nolan Wells 108; Nick Dahl 119; Team 404.

Wilcox-Hildreth Results: Aubree Overholser 109; Brayton Blank 109; Sutton Strong 113.



Above: Wilcox-Hildreth's Aubree Overholser prepares to putt. Right: Axtell's Nolan Wells watches the line of his ball from the drive. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

LANDON POWERS - GOLF

School - Axtell Community School

Grade - Freshman

Achievements this season -

Landon has quickly established himself as a Varsity golfer this season, and has been our #1 player for most of the current season.

Attributes that have led to his

success: Landon has accepted the challenge of being a top-level golfer. He's very focused on being the best he can be, yet wants more out of himself every day.

I'm impressed with how mentally tough Landon is as a freshman, and how he allows himself to be coached. - Coach Donnie Miller



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

AUBREE OVERHOLSER - GOLF

School: Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

Grade: Senior

Achievements in past seasons and this season: I believe that Aubree has lettered every golf season. Aubree broke 100 for the first time in her career when she shot a 99 at the Hi-Line Invite on April 7.

Challenges she has overcome: Playing in the spring, Aubree has to compete from the men's tees. This can be very challenging because it can add a lot of distance to each hole, depending on the course. With a very talented class ahead of her, Aubree didn't get a lot of varsity opportunities her first three years. She's making the most of all those opportunities now!

Attributes that have led to her success: Aubree is a very hard worker. She loves golf and plays a lot with family outside of the season. Her commitment to the game has played off as she is routinely scoring 20+ strokes better every meet compared to earlier in her career. Aubree is our lone senior this season. She has been a fantastic leader for the rest of our team, which otherwise consists of freshmen and sophomores. Our younger kids have seen first hand how to practice with a purpose, make the most out of every day, and respond to adversity on the tougher days of golf. Aubree plans to attend UNK and major in elementary education. - Coach Jordan Volk



Lady Cats Finish Second at Overton Invite

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell's track and field athletes accumulated a goodly number of high finish medals at the seven-team Overton Invite on April 21.

The Cat girls had a strong second place team finish. **Girls' scores:** South Loup 151, Axtell 140, Overton 86, Twin Loup 48, SEM 42, Ansley-Litchfield 37, Harvard 5

The Axtell boys had their best scoring day this season in finishing fourth. **Boys' scores:** South Loup 152, Twin Loup 116, Overton 93, Axtell 83, Ansley-Litchfield 41, Harvard 29, SEM 6

The jubilation of earning gold for the Cat boys was realized by Micah Houchin (3200) and Landon Eckhoff (discus). Four seconds picked up by the boys came from Conner L'Heureux (400), Kyler Kolbo (1600), Eckhoff (shot put) and Isaiah Sinachack (300 hurdles). Additionally, four thirds were claimed by Kolbo (400), Micah (1600), Sinachack (110 hurdles) and the 1600 relay group of L'Heureux, Aydan Houchin, Luke Abbott and Carter Lorenz.

Exulting in first places, seven in all, for the Cat girls were double winner Emma Hall (1600, 3200), double

winner Kali Philippi (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles), Maddie Wells (400), Morgan Hawkins (shot put) and Emily Danburg (pole vault).

As part of yet another four-medal day for Philippi were a second (triple jump) and a third (long jump).

Two relays silvered--the 400 relay with Mina Schilling, Danburg, Leah Stritt, Ashlynn Nelson and the 1600 relay foursome of Allison Fulmer, Jerzey Ramirez, Wells and Ella Lorenz.

Four other thirds were merited by Schilling (100), Lorenz (400), Danburg (triple jump) and the 3200 relay unit of Fullmer, Ramirez, Madi Hays and Kayla Abbott.

In addition to Philippi, Danburg and Schilling brought home four medals.

BOYS RESULTS

400-METERS — L'Heureux, 2nd, 56.87; Kolbo, 3rd, 57.79 (Personal Best)

800-METERS — L'Heureux, 4th, 2:19.15 (PB)

1,600-METERS — Kolbo, 2nd, 5:12.51 (PB); M. Houchin, 3rd, 5:14.50 (PB)

3,200-METERS — M. Houchin, 1st, 11:10.26; A. Houchin, 5th, 12:53.7

110-METER HURDLES — Sinachack, 3rd, 18.29 (PB)

300-METER HURDLES — Sinachack, 2nd, 45.31

4x400 RELAY — L'Heureux, A. Houchin, Abbott, Lorenz, 3rd, 4:05.07

HIGH JUMP — Barrett Thorell, 6th, 5-0

SHOT PUT — Eckhoff, 2nd, 43-3 (PB)

DISCUS — Eckhoff, 1st, 125-1 (PB)

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METERS — Schilling, 3rd, 13.48 (PB)



The Axtell track & field team found great success with a large number of high finish medals at the Overton Invite on April 21. Pictured clockwise from above: Landon Eckhoff prepares to launch his throw in the discus. He earned a gold medal in the event. Madi Hays clears the bar in the high jump. Carter Lorenz waits his turn in pole vault. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

400-METERS — Wells, 1st, 1:07.44 (PB); Lorenz, 3rd, 1:11.31 (PB)

800-METERS — Wells, 5th, 3:03.2

1,600-METERS — Hall, 1st, 6:04.32; Fullmer, 6th, 7:09.35 (PB)

3,200-METERS — Hall, 1st, 13:03.2; Sadie Lorenzo, 5th, 15:24.04

100-METER HURDLES — Philippi, 1st, 17.46; Schilling, 4th, 18.53

300-METER HURDLES — Philippi, 1st, 50.96 (PB)

4x800 RELAY — Fullmer, Ramirez, Hays, Abbott, 3rd, 13:03.71

4x400 RELAY — Fullmer, Ramirez, Wells, Lorenz, 2nd, 4:56.62

4x100 RELAY — Schilling, Danburg, Stritt, Nelson, 2nd, 54.26

POLE VAULT — Danburg, 1st, 8-6; Schilling, 5th, 7-0; Ramirez, 6th, 6-6

HIGH JUMP — Hall, 6th, 4-4

LONG JUMP — Philippi, 15-8 (PB); Nelson, 5th 15-5.5 (PB), Danburg, 6th, 14-10

TRIPLE JUMP — Philippi, 2nd, 32-3.25; Danburg, 3rd, 32-2.5

SHOT PUT — Hawkins, 1st, 34-3.5 (PB)



Minden Competes at Dave Gee Invite

ROGER HANSEN

Minden was among the 15 schools that competed at the Dave Gee Grand Island Northwest Invitational on April 23.

Boys' scores: Norris 117.5, Northwest 112, Waverly 84, Aurora 62, Cozad 55.5, Holdrege 49, O'Neill 36, Minden 31, Boone Central 28, GICC 24, Central City 19, Milford 18, Broken Bow 14, Sandy Creek 8, Adams Central 4

Girls' scores: Waverly 86, Northwest 76.5, Adams Central 75, Norris 67, GICC 65, Central City 57, Aurora 52.5, Holdrege 31, Minden 30, Sandy Creek 27, Boone Central 26.5, Milford 24, O'Neill 22.5, Broken Bow 17, Cozad 6

Leading the Whippet boys were a pair of thirds-- Parker Hatch in the 300 hurdles and Traelin Christensen in the discus.

The Whippet girls also grabbed two thirds--Alexa Warner in the 3200 and the 3200 relay with Josa Ciemnoczowski, Brielle Boudreau, Luz Lopez and Adelyn Whitten.

BOYS RESULTS

400-METERS — Hatch, 6th, 51.31

3,200-METERS — Gage Thull, 4th, 10:43.08 (Personal Best)

110-METER HURDLES — Luke Grollmes, 7th, 15.87

300-METER HURDLES — Hatch, 3rd, 43.33

4x400 RELAY — Hatch, Grollmes, Logan Verbeck, Landon Bules, 5th, 3:34.66

SHOT PUT — Christensen, 4th, 50-4.5 (PB)

DISCUS — Christensen, 3rd, 153-10

GIRLS RESULTS

400-METERS — Riley Eden, 5th, 1:00.43

800-METERS — Ciemnoczowski, 6th, 2:31.77 (PB)

1,600-METERS — Whitten, 7th, 5:48.37 (PB)

3,200-METERS — Warner, 3rd, 12:43.73

100-METER HURDLES — Myla Emery, 4th, 15.71

4x800 RELAY — Ciemnoczowski, Boudreau, Lopez, Whitten, 3rd, 10:05.42

DISCUS — Victoria Hansen, 5th, 118-8 (PB)



Minden traveled to Grand Island to compete in the Dave Gee GINW Invitational on April 23. The Whippets were among 15 schools competing. Pictured below left to right: Tynlie Struss reaches for the pit. Navianah Lennemann clears the bar in pole vault. Josa Ciemnoczowski hands off the baton to Luz Lopez in the 3200 relay. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



Hatch Leads Whippets at Gothenburg Midwest Classic

ROGER HANSEN

Minden entered some track and field athletes in the Gothenburg Midwest Classic on April 21. The meet included 21 schools and no team scores were kept.

Top medalists for the Whippet boys were Parker Hatch (1st-400), Traelin Christensen (2nd-shot put and discus) and Luke Grollmes (2nd-110 hurdles).

The Whippet girls had silver medalists in Myla Emery (100 hurdles) and Josa Ciemnoczowski (800) and got thirds from Marlie Petersen (shot put) and the 3200 relay team of Brielle Boudreau, Luz Lopez, Adelyn Whitten and Aclynn Osterbuhr.

BOYS RESULTS

400-METERS — Hatch, 1st, 50.67 (Personal Best); Logan Verbeck, 6th, 52.9 (PB)

800-METERS — Holt Aschenbrenner, 5th, 2:11.47

1,600-METERS — Gage Thull, 4th, 5:02.02

3,200-METERS — Trystan Sharkey, 4th, 11:21.99

110-METER HURDLES — Grollmes, 2nd, 14.95 (PB)

SHOT PUT — Christensen, 2nd, 49-0.5

DISCUS — Christensen, 2nd, 152-2; Cael Smith, tie-6th, 124-7.5

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METERS — Riley Eden, 5th, 12.82 (PB)

200-METERS — Eden, 4th, 26.74 (PB)

800-METERS — Ciemnoczowski, 2nd, 2:33.94

1,600-METERS — Alexa Warner, 4th, 5:50.68

100-METER HURDLES — Emery, 2nd, 15.71

4x800 RELAY — Boudreau, Lopez, Whitten, Osterbuhr, 3rd, 10:41.23

HIGH JUMP — Aly Cederburg, 5th, 4-10

SHOT PUT — Petersen, 3rd, 35-3; Victoria Hansen, 6th, 33-8.5 (PB)

DISCUS — Hansen, 4th, 103-8.5

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Wilcox-Hildreth

Friday, May 1

TR @ FKC Invite at Overton

GO @ Overton Invite

Tuesday, May 5

GO @ FKC Invite at Overton

Thursday, May 7

TR @ Alma Twilight

Axtell

Friday, May 1

TR @ FKC Invite at Overton

GO @ Overton Invite

Tuesday, May 5

GO @ FKC Invite at Overton

Thursday, May 7

TR @ Lawrence-Nelson

GO @ Southern Valley Invite

Minden

Friday, May 1

GO V @ Broken Bow

Saturday, May 2

TR V @ SWC Invite at Cozad

Monday, May 4

GO JV @ Cozad Invite

TR V Throwers Tri

Tuesday, May 5

GO JV/V @ Cozad Dual

TR V @ Cozad Invite

Thursday, May 7

GO JV @ Southern Valley

GO V @ SWC at Broken Bow

Bunger, Donley Set School Records at Lex Meet

ROGER HANSEN

On the heels of a great day at Arapahoe a couple days earlier, Wilcox-Hildreth's Camryn Bunger and Thomas Donley again had shining moments at the Lexington Don Bader Meet on April 24 with 21 schools represented in a non-team scored format. Athletes representing all four classes--A,B,C,D--competed.

Bunger surpassed her school record in the high jump and won the event, setting a new standard at 5-6, up from her previous best of 5-4 1/4 in 2025. Along with that achievement, she also won the 300 hurdles and was third in the 100 hurdles.

Donley's previous school record in the 400 lasted all of two days as he timed 50.74 to finish third and to lower the new mark down from 50.79 on April 22.

A couple more personal bests were posted by Dinah Culp in the triple jump and by Alex Klatt-Terabelian in the 3200.



Ten Wilcox-Hildreth track & field athletes competed at the Don Bader Meet in Lexington on April 24. Pictured: (above) Kinley Hansen prepares her shot put attempt. (left) Luke Lush surveys the track as he waits for his race to begin. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson)

BOYS RESULTS

400-METERS — Donley, 3rd, 50.74 (new school record, breaking his record of 50.79 set a few days earlier)

3,200-METERS — Klatt-Terabelian, 5th, 10:46.26 (personal best)

4x400 RELAY -- Cody Schrinier, Kaden Schrinier, Luke Lush, Donley, 6th, 3:38.05

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METER HURDLES — Bunger, 3rd, 16.33

300-METER HURDLES — Bunger, 1st, 49.82

HIGH JUMP — Bunger, 1st, 5-6 (new school record, breaking her record of 5-4 1/4 from 2025)

TRIPLE JUMP — Culp, 5th, 33-0 (PB)

The Falcons are in action again on Friday, May 1 for the FKC Meet to be held in Overton.

CCC Volleyball All-Stars Named

PRESS RELEASE

COLUMBUS, Neb. – The inaugural list of Central Community College All-Stars has been announced by CCC athletics.

Ten deserving volleyball players from across CCC's 25-county service area were selected and each will receive a commemorative medallion. They are:

Taryn Arbuthnot, MB, Sumner High School: Averaged 4.7 kills and 1.2 blocks per set in 2025. Arbuthnot has signed to play volleyball at UNK. Coached by Erika Kappel.

Kamryn Behrns, RS, David City High School: Averaged 5.1 kills and 3.4 digs per set in 2025. Behrns has signed to play volleyball at Drake University. Coached by Tali Reeves.

Grace Dawson, S, Lakeview High School: Averaged 10.3 assists and 1.8 digs per set in 2025. Dawson is undecided about her future plans. Coached by K.C. Belitz.

Myla Emery, S/OH, Minden High School: Averaged 5.3 kills, 3.97 assists and 3.19 digs per set in 2025. Emery has signed to play volleyball at Concordia University. Coached by Julie Ratka.

Paighton Erb, MB, Columbus High School: Averaged 4.2 kills and 3.1 digs per set in 2025. Erb has signed to play volleyball at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Coached by Matt Hoenk.

Erin Gegg, OH/MB, Shelton High School: Averaged 4.9 kills per set in 2025. Gegg has signed with Hastings College to play basketball. Coached by Misti Potter.

Katie Rowe, MH, Lakeview High School: Averaged 3.0 kills per set in 2025. Rowe will attend one of the U.S. service academies. Coached by K.C. Belitz.

Daisy Ryan, MB, Overton High School: Averaged 4.7 kills and 4.1 digs per set in 2025. Ryan will continue her volleyball career at Hastings College. Coached by Hayley Ryan.

Kendall Schneider, S, Clarkson-Leigh High School: Averaged 9.1 assists and 3.0 digs per set in 2025. Schneider will study speech pathology at the University of South Dakota. Coached by Becky Schneider.

Payton Sullivan, MH, Hastings St. Cecilia High School: Averaged 4.6 kills per set in 2025. Sullivan will continue her volleyball career at Wayne State College. Coached by Kelan Schumacher.

"This is a fantastic group of volleyball players," said Spenner. "I have been blessed to watch many of them in action this season. This list of student-athletes proves Nebraska is a volleyball state. Congratulations to the 2025-26 Central Community College Volleyball All-Stars."

The inaugural naming of Central Community College All-Stars marks the official transition from hosting traditional all-star games. CCC athletics will also announce all-stars for basketball, boys golf and soccer, girls soccer and softball.

Minden Trap Takes Off-Week Clays Classic Trophy

MARISSA CHRISTIANCY

This year Minden Trap Team once again partnered with Rep Valley Trap Club out of Rosemont, NE to compete in a traveling dual between the two teams. This year was the first year that Minden Trap Team hosted the dual. It was held on April 25, 2026 at the Minden Gun Club. The weather did not cooperate for the shoot. The teams competed in some of the worst weather so far this year. The wind blew, and the rain poured down on the shooters in spurts. In the middle of the competition a 30 minute lightning delay had to be taken. Despite all of these challenges, the shooters battled through. The shooters shot some awesome scores and Minden was the winner of the dual! The following individual awards were brought home:

In the Junior 16 Yardline event, Vincent Hansen claimed the Champion Male 16 Yardline award. Huntley Oberg tied for the Third Place 16 Yardline awards. Huntley shot-off against the Rep Valley shooter and claimed the Third Place Junior Male award. Wyndser Lupkes claimed the Champion Female 16 Yardline award and Gentry Oberg claimed the Runner-up Female 16 Yardline award.

In the Senior 16 Yardline event, Zoey Seiler claimed the Champion Female 16 Yardline award and Alizabeth Nielsen claimed the Runner-Up Female 16 Yardline award. Matt Dixson claimed the Champion Male 16 Yardline award. Landon Grollmes and Maverick Betty tied for Senior Male Runner-Up and Third Place 16 Yardline. Landon and Maverick shot-off. Landon claimed the Runner-Up Senior Male 16 Yardline award and Maverick claimed the Third Place Senior Male 16 Yardline award.

In the Senior Handicap event, Zoey Seiler claimed the Champion Female Handicap award. There was a three-way tie for the Champion and Runner-Up Senior Male Handicap awards. Zane Fuehrer, Rhiley Smith, and Aaron Nielsen all tied with a score of 43/50. Rhiley Smith claimed the Champion Senior Male Handicap award and Aaron Nielsen claimed the Runner-Up Senior Male Handicap award.

Minden Trap Team claimed the Dual's traveling trophy with a score of 623/750.



Pictured clockwise from above: Dual Award Winners (Front Row - Left to Right): Huntley Oberg, Gentry Oberg, Wyndser Lupkes, Zoey Seiler, Matt Dixson, and Rhiley Smith. (Back Row - Left to Right): Alizabeth Nielsen, Aaron Nielsen, Maverick Betty, Landon Grollmes, and Vincent Hansen. Eli Kuehn settles into his old point before calling for his target. Zander Sinsel shoulders his gun and prepares for his target. Coach Danny Brown was dripping wet in the clubhouse while waiting for the lightning delay to expire. (Courtesy photos)



Senior High Scores			
	16 Yardline (out of 50)	Handicap (out of 50)	HOA (out of 100)
Zoey Seiler	47	44	91
Aaron Nielsen	47	43	90
Kellan Conyers	47	41	88
Maverick Betty	48	38	86
Zane Fuehrer	43	43	86
Landon Grollmes	48	36	84
Alizabeth Nielsen	46	37	83
Matt Dixson	49	32	81
Drew Seiler	47	32	79
Rhiley Smith	36	43	79
Mason Johnson	31	41	72
Stephanie Cederburg	35	33	68
Dalton Pasbrig	41	22	63
Owen Gillming	35	26	61
Madeline Kring	36	0	36

Junior High Scores	
	16 Yardline (out of 50)
Vincent Hansen	49
Huntley Oberg	44
Gage Seiler	43
Drake Noetzelman	42
Wyndser Lupkes	40
Trace Forster	36
Wyatt Gottsch	34
Jordan Burki	33
Brooks Halkyard	33
Eli Kuehn	31
Aiden Gottsch	29
Zander Sinsel	28
Logan Grollmes	27
Gentry Oberg	25
Asa Burki	22
Grayden Forster	9

Bules Signs with Nebraska Wesleyan

ROGER HANSEN

Minden senior Landon Bules signed a letter-of-intent to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University as a business administration major and to play on the Prairie Wolves basketball team. He recently answered some questions posed by the Courier.

1. I chose Nebraska Wesleyan because of the strong academics they bring and the very good basketball program they currently have. Also, they are located in Lincoln which will be a fun place to live.
2. I was also considering going to either UNK or UNL.
3. I believe the transition will be a good change for me. This transition will show my strengths which are my passing and ball handling ability.
4. I look forward most to meeting new teammates and challenging myself more at the next level. A challenge for me will be making a switch to a higher paced game at the college level.
5. I will be majoring in business administration.
6. I have a few favorite high school memories. I loved the holiday tournament during both my junior and senior years. This is because I felt like our team chemistry was the best during these times. Another great memory was beating Holdrege during my senior year. This was a great game and it made it so much better when we won.



Minden senior Landon Bules signed his letter of intent to play basketball at Nebraska Wesleyan University surrounded by family, coaches, and friends on April 22. Bules will pursue a degree in Business Administration while playing on the Prairie Wolves basketball team. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)





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Dated: April 6th, 2026
 Thomsen Family 8, LLC,
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 By/s/ Andrew S. Olson
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NOTICE OFFICIAL NOTICE

Section 2-965, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, provides a control authority may direct and carry out projects of control for one or more specific noxious weeds without individual notice as prescribed in Section 2-265 if the control authority has caused publication of notices of such project. The Kearney County Weed Control Authority as a part of the Platte Valley Weed Management Area and Twin Valley Weed Management Area and will be doing control work on selected sites of Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar, Yellow Flag iris, Canada Thistle and Phragmites along the Platte River and all tributaries, Little Blue River and all tributaries. Control work will be performed during the growing season when weeds are most susceptible to control from June 1st, 2026, through May 31st. 2027.

This service will be provided at no cost to the landowners within the targeted areas. Landowners not interested in this program are encouraged to call the Kearney County Noxious Weed Control Authority. Those not participating in the project shall have a weed management plan for the control of noxious weeds that has been approved by the Kearney County Noxious Weed Control Authority prior to the start time of this special project.

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 Dated this the 13th day of April, 2026.
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 Registered Agent:
 Wyatt Binderup
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NOTICE

The Axtell Village Board met Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 in the Axtell meeting room for their regular monthly meeting. Upon roll call the following were present: Eric Gustafson, Marcus Anderson, Linda Soderquist, Josh Beck and Utility Supt. Jason Stoddard. Chairman Gustafson opened the meeting under the open meetings act and read the public forum statement. Motion by Beck, second Anderson to approve March 2, 2026 minutes. Passed unanimously. Motion by Beck, second Soderquist to approve April

8, 2026 minutes. Passed unanimously. Motion by Anderson, second Beck to approve March 31, 2026 treasurers report. Passed unanimously. Southern Public Power representatives attended to give their annual report. Brad Lundeen was present to update the board on the Veterans Memorial. The land agreement with Mosaic has been returned and Eric will sign. The changes in the Memorandum of Understanding with the Veterans Memorial board will be made and returned to them for approval. Ground breaking is set for Memorial Day. Eric then submit-

ted Maddie Anderson as a trustee replacement for Landon Walz. After discussion the board voted: Josh Beck no, Marcus Anderson and Linda Soderquist yes. Motion carried. Motion by Anderson, second Soderquist to approve Verizon Fourth Amendment to the Water Tower Agreement, which the clerk had the attorney approve. Passed unanimously. The clerk gave the board pool manuals for their review and possible May approval. Motion by Anderson, second Soderquist to set manager wage at \$16.50 per hour and approve hiring Brooklyn DeJonge as guard. Passed unanimously. The board reviewed Figgins Construction armor coat bids. Motion by Beck, second Anderson to approve the following: Patch W. 4th & D

intersection 595.00, patch W. 5th 381.85, patch W. 5th 487.20, Patch W. 5th 457.80, 2nd Ave county line to E. 6th 10,112.10, 2nd Ave from E. 6th to E. 5th 3,081.50, 2nd Ave from 5th to Hwy 34 3,236.20, E. 4th from 2nd to 1st 5,551.85, E. 4th from 1st to Main 3,889.65, E. 5th from 1st to 2nd 7,208.05, 1st from Hwy 34 to E. 4th 2,618.10, 1st from E. 4th to E. 5th 3,522.15, Alley between Main and 1st from 5th to 4th 2,233.45, Alley between Main and 1st from 4th to Hwy 34 2,574.00, 1st from 6th to 7th 4,635.15, 7th from 1st to 2nd 6,045.00, N. Court Dr. from 7th to cul de sac 3,759.15, Paving area south of tennis court 2,075.15, Main from 6th to North end 3,607.90. Total \$71,843.20. Passed unanimously. Motion by Anderson, second

Soderquist to approve Kent Ropers building permit. Passed unanimously. Motion by Beck, second Anderson to approve Tyler Kratzer building permit. Passed unanimously. Jason then gave his monthly maintenance report. Motion by Soderquist, second Anderson to approve monthly claims. Passed unanimously. Motion Anderson, second Beck to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2026. Bills approved: Salaries 15,011.78, Ace Irrigation 4,283.66, CPI 229.05 & 239.05, Jims OK Tire 610.00, Municipal Supply 125.33, NE Dept. of Health 786.00, South Central Sanitation 7,026.83, Warrant 170.00, Black Hills 631.42, Builders 113.71, Cardmember Services 174.13 & 288.28, Cash 30.00, Dier, Osborn, Cox 100.00, Kats 700.81, KCEDA 300.00, Menards 529.24, Minden Hardware 32.99, NT&T 315.34 & 322.21, NMVCA 70.00, Vicki Nelson 118.25,

Next Generation Recreation 3,018.41, Olsson 3,000.00, One Call 26.04, Pool Furniture Supply 2,369.40, SPPD 3,319.00 & 3,324.00, Syndicate 33.54.

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

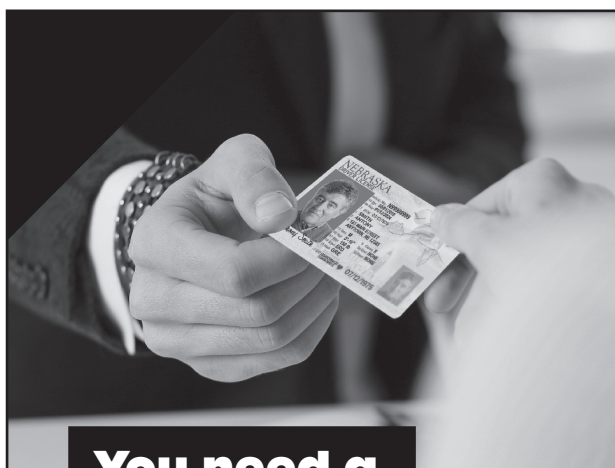
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner's Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes

Kearney County Clerk

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The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on April 6, 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 \$61.56, A. Christensen--Personnel \$150.00, A. Clark--Personnel \$100.00, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies \$1,490.49, Atlas Automation Llc--Repairs \$865.00, B. Sweeney--Tech/Engineering \$90.00, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$616.10, Bnsf Railway Company--Economic Development \$116.85, Bound Tree Medical Llc--Supplies \$1,830.80, C. Remmenga--Repairs \$10,100.00, Capital One--Supplies \$457.11, Ccmobl Inc--Cleaning \$722.25, City Of Hastings--Fees \$405.45, Coby Bryant--Repairs \$222.00, Core & Main Lp--Supplies \$6,656.10, D. Schoone--Personnel \$100.00, D. Vitito--Legal \$372.78, Dier,Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$2,540.65, Dutton-Lainson Company--Supplies \$623.07, E. Vanhorn--Personnel \$100.00, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$1,088.92, Elliott Equipment

Company--Supplies \$774.24, Grayson Tool, Inc--Repairs \$100.16, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$1,241.09, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$100.78, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical \$3,952.39, Hd Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd--Supplies \$154.90, Heartland Radar Llc--Vehicle \$225.00, Integrated Security Solutions, Llc--Tech/Engineering \$685.85, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs \$46.00, John Deere Financial--Supplies \$498.61, Jones Insurance Agency, Inc--Insurance \$181.00, K. Liesemeyer--Repairs \$2,690.00, Ke Co Treasurer--Fees \$6,033.33, Kearney County Clerk--Fees \$16.00, Kearney County Clerk--Fees \$16.00, Kelly Supply Company--Repairs \$1,237.16, Kt Diesel & Equipment--Vehicle \$875.11, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies \$93.78, M. Jordan--Personnel \$250.00, M. Melroy--Personnel \$150.00, M. Raffaelli--Cleaning \$202.95, M. Shelton--Personnel \$150.00, Menards Of Hastings--Supplies \$140.01, Menards Of Kearney--Supplies \$180.94, Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center--Membership \$100.00, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C--Financing \$6,050.40, Minden Utility Dept.--Utilities \$3,954.40, Municipal Supply-Nebraska--Supplies \$1,069.37, Napa Auto Parts--Supplies \$1,099.80, Nebraska Dept Of Transportation--Infrastructure Repair \$1,338.40, Nebraska Dwee--Fees \$200.00, Nphe--Fees \$135.00, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering \$32,980.38, Platte Valley Laboratories, Inc--Supplies \$276.00, Pony Express Ford--Repairs \$5,646.13, Presto X Co.--Maintenance \$185.61,

Quadient Leasing--Fees \$801.78, Reece Construction Co., Inc.--Repairs \$35.00, Rembolt Ludtke Llp--Legal \$2,670.00, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$2,000.00, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$8,950.00, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$2,525.00, S. Albers--Repairs \$1,541.22, Sign Center Inc--Economic Development \$3,430.87, Southern Power District--Utilities \$50.22, Southern Power District--Utilities \$34.26, Stryker Sales Corp--Rental \$1,900.00, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C.--Fees \$168.92, T. Brown--Personnel \$100.00, T. Cowden--Personnel \$225.00, T. Dowling--Personnel \$150.00, The Minden Courier--Printing \$65.00, United Parcel Service, Inc--Fees \$16.19, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet \$809.55, Witmer Public Safety Group--Vehicle \$215.94, Woodward Disposal--Fees \$32.50, 3-20-26 Payroll \$66,111.18. Items Approved: Consent Agenda. Yant motioned to remove Rembolt Ludtke LLP for legal services for nuisance abatement in the amount of \$2,670 from the consent agenda and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Yant and Schneider. Abstain: Sumstine. Yant motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended and Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Yant motioned to approve the claim to Rembolt Ludtke LLP for legal services for nuisance abatement in the amount of \$2,670 and Bunger seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Yant and Schneider. Abstain: Sumstine. Appoint Jeff R. Pa-

lik, class A license number S-1269 A, as the City Street Superintendent for April 6 thru December 31, 2026, for the purpose of the 2026 calendar year highway incentive payment, to be issued to the city, by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, in February 2027 to replace Brian J. Friedrichsen who was appointed on Nov 17, 2025 for the calendar year 2026—Bunger motioned appoint Jeff R. Palik, Class A License number S-1269 A, as the City Street Superintendent for April 6 through December 31, 2026, for the Purpose of the 2026 Calendar Year Highway Incentive Payment, to be issued to the City, by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, in February 2027 to replace Brian J. Friedrichsen who was appointed on Nov 17, 2025 for the Calendar Year 2026 and Sumstine seconded. Krings stated that Brian has left Olsons and we are needing to replace him as the Street Superintendent. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Ordinance amending Section 82-3, Stop signs and signals, of the Minden Municipal Code. Yant motioned introduced Ordinance No. 1315 for its first reading and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Motion carried. Bunger motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1315 by title and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Motion carried. Ordinance amending Chapter

58, Peddlers and Solicitors, of the Minden Municipal Code, first reading. Schneider motion introduced Ordinance No. 1316 for its first reading and Yant seconded. Schneider motioned to amend section 58-132 (8) (c)(1) to state "notification of the adjacent business owner(s)/property owner(s) at least two business days prior to occupying the city street" and to renumber to 8, 9, and 10 in the same section. Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Voted aye for the first reading with the amended language: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Terminate the interlocal agreement with City of Kearney for building inspection services--Bunger motioned to terminate the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Kearney for Building Inspection Services and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Resolution for the assessment of nuisance abatement fees, authorize the City Clerk to file the same with the Register of Deeds, and issuance of \$16 payment to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees — Yant motioned to approve Resolution 1831 for the assessment of nuisance abatement fees, authorize the City Clerk to file the same with the Register of Deeds, and issuance of \$16 payment to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Resolution for the assessment of vacant registry fees, authorize the City Clerk to file the same with the Register of Deeds, and issuance of \$16 payment to the Kear-

ney County Clerk for filing fees—Schneider motioned to approve Resolution 1832 for the assessment of vacant registry fees, authorize the City Clerk to file the same with the Kearney County Register of Deeds, and issuance of \$16 payment to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Yant and Schneider. Voting nay: Sumstine. Order of Condemnation for the property known as 358 S. Nance Avenue--Schneider motioned to authorize City staff to demolish the garage and debris and to assess the costs to the property owner for the property known as 358 S. Nance Avenue and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Approval of NPPD project # 5637257 in the amount of \$29,454.97 to replace a leaking transformer by Bethany Home—Bunger motioned to approve NPPD Project #5637257 in the amount of \$29,454.97 to replace a leaking transformer by Bethany Home and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Non-Action Items: Council Announcements. Public Forum. Proclamation for the Week of the Young Child. Bunger motioned to adjourn at 6:52 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.
Apr 30, 2026
(348) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY

COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff VS

Arellano, David & Nickey; and John Doe And Mary Doe, real names unknown; City of Minden, Nebraska; and Parcel #00004193; E 67" of W 121" of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), and E 67" of W 121" of S 10" of lot Four (4) and N 10" of vacated 7th Street block Twenty Six (26), Original town of Minden Kearney County, Nebraska (442 E. 7th) and the United States of America, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:00am on the 12th day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to wit:

PARCEL #00004193; E 67' of W 121' of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), E 67' of W 121' of S 10' of Lot Four (4) And N 10' of vacated 7th Street Block Twenty-Six (26), Original Town of Minden, Kearney County Nebraska (442 E 7th).

The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court.

The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

Scott K White
Kearney County Sheriff
Apr 16, 2026
Apr 23, 2026
Apr 30, 2026
May 7, 2026
(66) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY

COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff VS

ANT, LLC; Jesse T Adkins and or Sharon L Adkins, both deceased; Barnett Group, LLC, Strong Capitalv, LP; Craig Space; Lynda Stangl; and John Doe and Mary Doe, real names unknown; Any and all persons having or claiming any right to title or interest in or to; and Parcel #516701, A tract of abandoned Burlington Northern R.R. right of way in Block 15, Pearson's & Campbell's Add-Minden, Nebraska, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:30am on the 12th day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to wit:

PARCEL #516701, A tract of Abandoned Burlington Northern R.R. right of way in Block 15, Pearson's & Campbell's Add-Minden

Nebraska. The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

Scott K White
Kearney County Sheriff
Apr 16, 2026
Apr 23, 2026
Apr 30, 2026
May 7, 2026
(64) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY

U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff VS

Alexicia M Hernandez, a/k/a Alexcia Hernandez; Spouse of Alexcia M Hernandez, a/k/a Alexia Hernandez, If Any; Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, Delaet Dental, P.C. John Doe, as party in possession; and Jane Doe, as party in possession, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:00am on the 11th day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to

wit: The East 88.0 Feet of the north 34.42 feet of lot Five(5), the east 78.0 feet of the south 9.58 feet of lot Five(5) and the East 78.0 feet of lot Six(6), Block Thirty Five(35), Original town of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska. 311 North Hubbard Avenue, Minden Nebraska. The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

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Kearney County Sheriff
Apr 16, 2026
Apr 23, 2026
Apr 30, 2026
May 7, 2026
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NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY

COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff VS

KINGSTON, DOUGLAS E. & CHERITY B. and John Doe And Mary Doe, real names unknown; And Parcel #8011; S 16' of Lot 5, and all of Lot 6, Block 2, Original Town of Wilcox, Kearney County Nebraska (103 N Burr), Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District

Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:00am on the 19 day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to wit:

PARCEL #8011; S 16' of Lot 5, and all of Lot 6, Block 2, Original Town of Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska (103 N Burr).

The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

Scott K White
Kearney County Sheriff
Apr 23, 2026
Apr 30, 2026
May 7, 2026
May 14, 2026
(56) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY

COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff VS

Pat A Long, and John Doe and Mary Doe, real names

unknown; Town of Axtell, Nebraska; and parcel #0007217.10; E 78' of Lot 2 Ex E 13' Block 2, Fairman's Addition, Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska (508 W 4th) and the United States of America.

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PARCEL #0007217.10; E 78' of Lot 2 Ex E 13' Block 2, Fairman's Addition, Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska (508 W 4th).

The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

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NOTICE

**WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC
SCHOOL BOARD OF
EDUCATION REGULAR
MEETING MONDAY,
APRIL 20, 2026 - 8:00 PM
POSTING LOCATIONS:
MINDEN COURIER
POSTING DATE: 4/9/2026
FRANKLIN CHRONICLE
POSTING DATE: 4/8/2026
CONFERENCE ROOM-
WILCOX 404 SAPP STREET
WILCOX, NE 68982-0190**

1. Call to Order. Roll Call. 2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act. 2.A. Pledge. 3. Consent Agenda. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 3.A. Approval of Agenda. 3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular March 9, 2026 Board Meeting. 3.C. Approval of Claims. 3.D. Financial Report. 4. Visitors and communication from the public. No members of the public were present. Mr. Patterson talked to the board on behalf of Ms. Martin providing results from the State FBLA tournament. 5. Action Items. 5.A. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the teaching contracts of Macy Crowley, Madi Felt, and Ashlynn Picquet. 5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to transfer \$40,000 from the General Fund to the Nutrition Fund. Supt. Patterson updated the board on the Nutrition Fund balance and explained the need to transfer funds, he also reported on spending trends from the program. Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Alan Casper, to transfer \$40,000

from the General Fund to the Nutrition Fund. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve pool rates and wages for the 2026 summer. Supt. Patterson reported on the proposed wage increases to stay competitive with our area. Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve pool rates and wages for the 2026 summer. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.D. Discuss, Consider and take all necessary action to review board policies: 4024, 4042, 4043, 4057, 6020, 6021, 6033. Supt. Patterson reviewed the board policies with the board and answered questions from board members. Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to review board policies: 4024, 4042, 4043, 4057, 6020, 6021, 6033. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.E. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the proposed Superintendent and Principal Contracts. Supt. Patterson met with the Administrative Board Negotiations Committee last week and presented the proposed contracts to the Board. Motion by Chris Stuehm, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the proposed Superintendent and Principal Contracts. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert

Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 6. Discussion Items. 6.A. Financial Planning for Future Facility Updates. Supt. Patterson presented updates about a potential track project to the board. He also reviewed other facility projects that will need to be completed in the future. Other future projects included repairs to windows in the Wilcox weight room, window bids for portions of the Hildreth building, electrical and HVAC projects for the Hildreth building. Information was presented about how to financial plan and prepare for these projects. 6.B. Regular Monthly Meeting Times. The board reviewed their plans for regular monthly meetings. The Board will hold their meetings in the Wilcox conference room each month. Meetings from April-September will be held at 8pm. Meetings from October-March will be held at 7pm. Meeting times and locations are subject to change. Patrons should always check monthly meeting notices for potential changes. 6.C. Graduation. Supt. Patterson reminded the Board about graduation and roles and responsibilities during the ceremony. 7. Administrator Report. 7.A. Superintendent Report. Supt. Patterson reported: School Finance updates for all funds. Financial Planning Updates for projects. New Hires. Classified Salary comparisons. Academic/Athletic Banquet. Graduation. 7.B. Principal Report. Mrs. Muhlbach reported on new teachers, spring testing update, MAP data, kindergarten round up. Mr. Glenn reported on attendance and upcoming

events. 8. Next Board Meeting: 8:00pm May 18, 2026 in the Wilcox Conference Room. 9. Adjourn. Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to adjourn meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Checking Account ID 1 Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND: Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 1,028.12; Arant Creative Group, 826.36; Axtell Community School, 60.00; Black Hills Energy, 7,887.33; Broadfoot Sand & Gravel Inc, 516.65; BTS Communications, Phone Vendor, 54.00; Capital Sanitary Supply Co, Inc., 386.27; Carter Electric, 84.25; Central Nebraska Truck and Trailer Repair LLC, 5,113.05; Clearly, 97.31; Companion Corporation, 1,895.00; Cooperative Producers Inc, 11,333.40; Cornerstone Electric, 283.02; Cornhusker State Industries, 762.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, E-Rate/Charter, 317.87; Diversified Safety and Compliance LLC, 851.00; Eakes Office Solutions, 864.86; Esu #10, 465.00; ESU #11, 71.73; Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, 763.00; Flood Communications, 299.00; Follett Content Solutions, LLC, 1,289.07; Franklin County Chronicle, 188.86; Fritz's Market, 90.14; Furby's Plumbing, 353.00; Great Plains Communications, 290.61; HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd., 486.71; Hometown Leasing, Copy Machine Lease Company, 894.00; Instrumentalist Awards, 173.00; J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc., 125.40; Jaymar Business Forms, Inc., 373.30; Kat's Korner Market, 83.62; Kidwell, Inc, 86.25;

Larsen's Ace Hardware, 61.52; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 138.08; Menards - Kearney, 124.82; Midwest Connect, 303.00; Minden Courier, Newspaper, 7.85; Minden Public School, 400.00; NAEA, 275.00; NASB, 1,070.00; NCS Pearson, Inc, 63.70; NCSA, 305.00; Nebraska FFA Association, 618.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency, 36.00; NKC Tire/Nebraska-Tire, 2,564.48; Overdrive, Inc., 7.98; Patterson, Justin, 35.98; Presto-X Company, Pest Control, 234.88; Protex Central, Inc., 952.34; Rutt's Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., Heating & Air Conditioning, 17,763.16;

Southwest Public School, 272.50; Syndicate Publishing, Newspaper, 282.66; Two Rivers Public Health Department, 200.00; University of Nebraska Lincoln, 117.00; Village Of Hildreth, 2,088.49; Village Of Wilcox, 2,052.23; VISA, 1,446.87; Wage Works, 128.75; Wil-Hil Activity Account, 755.00; Wilcox-Hildreth Lunch Account, 40,000.00; Woodward's Disposal Service, 55.00; Yanda's Music And Pro Audio, 454.00; Fund Number 01, 111,207.47; Checking Account ID 1, 111,207.47.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

On May 4, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., a meeting conducted by Axtell Community School district will take place at Axtell Community School in the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an opportunity for parents who have parentally placed their child in an approved and/or accredited non-public school or exempt home school and representatives of non-public schools to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities who attend an approved and/or accredited non-public schools and exempt home schools which are within the Axtell Community School district for the 2026-2027 school year. Parents of a home-schooled child or a child attending a non-public school who has been or may be identified with a disability and attend an approved and/or accredited non-public school within the boundaries of Axtell Community School district, are urged to attend. If you have further

questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Robert Gregory, Superintendent at 308-743-2415.

Board of Education
Axtell Community School
Apr 30, 2026
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NOTICE

STATE OF NEBRASKA, TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Take Notice that Jeanette Louie Berkeypile, has filed a Petition in the District Court of Kearney County, the purpose of which is to change said Petitioner's name to Jeanette Louise Liljehorn. This matter has been set for hearing on the 22nd day of July, 2026, at 8:45 a.m., when you may appear, object, and contest the same.

Jeanette Louise Berkeypile, Petitioner
By Lorealea L. Frank #23497
Bruner Frank
Attorneys at Law
5804 1st Avenue
P.O. Box 2230
Kearney, NE 68848-2230
Her Attorney

Apr 30, 2026
May 7, 2026
May 14, 2026
May 21, 2026
(24) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Kearney County Joint Planning Commission will be held the 18th day of May 2026 @ 6:00 pm in the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska. The following is scheduled:

- adoption of wind and solar generation system regulation changes.

Questions or comments may be directed to the County Zoning Administrator's Office at 308-832-2795. An agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Zoning Administrator. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

Carrie Favinger
Zoning Administrator
4/20/2026
Apr 30, 2026
May 7, 2026
(31) znez

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that THREAD SHED LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 243 Ridge Avenue, Minden, NE 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the company is Sheila Warner, 243 Ridge Avenue, Minden, NE 68959.

Apr 16, 2026
Apr 23, 2026
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Ribbon Cutting



The Minden Chamber of Commerce and members of the community gathered at Freitag Family Chiropractic for a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the new business on April 24. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

State Economics Challenge



Minden High School students Frank Kovacs, Carson Wright, and Rebbeca Lempka had an outstanding performance at the State Economics Challenge on April 10. The trio earned second place in the western region. (Courtesy photo)