



MPS School Bond Questions Will Be Answered During October 8 Community Meeting

CINDY RAMSEY

Voters in the Minden Public Schools district will vote on a \$27 million bond issue for a new elementary school building in a special election scheduled for November 4, 2025. A similar bond proposal was made in 2023 but failed to garner the necessary public support in the May election. With changes to the original project and new financing factors affecting the impact on taxpayers, MPS hopes to get a better result this time around.

The current elementary school building is 100 years old. The district has made repairs to the aging building, but further repairs will require serious updates with a huge price tag.

"We have fixed everything that we can without spending millions of dollars. Everything from here on out, if we're going to fix it, is going to be million-dollar fixes," Superintendent Jim Widdifield said. "When we looked at repairs two years ago, just to bring that building up to code was going to be anywhere from \$8-10 million, and that was without expansions. That number is going to be similar now, if not more expensive."

More than just providing a school building that is entirely up to code, the proposed new elementary building offers additional classroom space to serve the growing population in Minden, particularly the currently underserved preschool-age children. The Minden community currently has three preschools, each offering two half-day programs. All three preschools, including Minden Public Preschool, have waiting lists. MPS has historically had over 20 students on a waiting list for preschool for more than 15 years due to space requirements.

"Just because we have a waiting list does not mean that the waiting list of the other two preschools is the same kids. There might be some double-ups, but it's not everybody," Widdifield said. "We need to do better for these kids and those born in Minden."

A survey sent out through the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association showed that out of the 87 schools that completed the survey, Minden is serving



Minden Public School district voters will decide on a \$27 million bond issue for a new elementary school building in a special election on November 4. The proposed layout of the new building (pictured above) would provide more classroom space, efficiency, cost savings, and safety for the district. MPS will host a community meeting on Wednesday, October 8th starting at 7pm in the high school auditorium detailing the design, financing plan, and answering questions. (Courtesy image)

Weather Forecast

Oct. 3:	88/63	
Oct. 4:	79/54	
Oct. 5:	76/57	
Oct. 6:	73/55	
Oct. 7:	68/50	
Oct. 8:	68/49	
Oct. 9:	69/48	



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Joseph Hall Comes to Minden Opera House

Joseph Hall, born in 1984, has been paying tribute to the legacy of Elvis Presley since 2006. He starred on NBC's America's Got Talent in 2008, making six TV appearances, viewed by more than 90 million people and placing as one of the top 10 finalists.

Sharon Osbourne was impressed enough to tell him, "I've got shoes older than you, but I'd like to try you on!"

Joseph Hall has performed all over the world from Las Vegas, Nevada to Porthcawl, Wales. Joseph Hall has won many awards throughout his young career including the "Spirit of Elvis" award.

Joseph has worked with Elvis Presley Enterprises, Legends in Concert, and has officially been recognized as one of the top Elvis tribute artists in the world today. Hall completed six smashed seasons in Branson, Missouri and currently tours across the country.

Don't miss your chance to see this acclaimed tribute artist as he performs at the Minden Opera House on Saturday, October 11. Tickets are on sale now at mindenoperahouse.com.



News Briefs

Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County will host a DIY Craft Night on Sunday, October 26 at 2pm at the Lempka Home, 1045 Western Ave. Participants can make a 16" round-door hanger (\$25 each) or 18"x30" door mat (\$35 each). Participants must pre-register by Sunday, October 12. All door hangers, mats, and supplies for crafting will be supplied. Lots of stencils to choose from, some but not all stencils are pet themed. To register contact Jane at 308-830-9870, email pawsupkearneycounty.com, or send a Facebook message to Paws Up Kearney County.

Community Drive-thru Baby Shower

Join KCHS on Saturday, October 11 at 10am in the south KCHS hospital parking lot (727 E. First Street, Minden) for a special celebration just for parents and parents-to-be! The first 25 cars will receive a free pack of diapers plus educational materials and toddler snacks. Sign up for a chance to win raffle prizes including a stroller, travel booster seat, and more. Special gift for pregnant Molina members.

They will also have free certified car seat installation. Please sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWYFYDK>. Don't miss this fun and helpful event hosted by Healthy Families Nebraska, Two Rivers Public Health Department, Molina Healthcare, and Kearney County Health Services.

MPS Cafeteria News

MPS food service staff are working to bring back the Beef in Schools program and they need your help. Their goal is to feed students with local, nutritious foods. Thanks to generous donations in the past, they have funds for their first processed beef. They need donations of beef to keep this program going.

Additionally, MPS would love any home grown produce that you would like to donate to the school lunch program. Call Jennifer at 308.830.7104 to help get local, nutritious food back on students' lunch trays.

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, October 13; Monday, November 10; and Monday, December 8.

Murder Mystery Dinner

The Minden FFA Alumni and Minden Chamber are partnering to host a Christmas City Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser to support the Minden FFA chapter on Saturday, November 15 at the Minden Opera House. Mark your calendars and keep reading for ticket info coming soon.

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
9/20/25	71	60	-
9/21/25	74	56	-
9/22/25	84	62	-
9/23/25	67	62	5.35
9/24/25	72	56	.04
9/25/25	80	55	-
9/26/25	81	57	-
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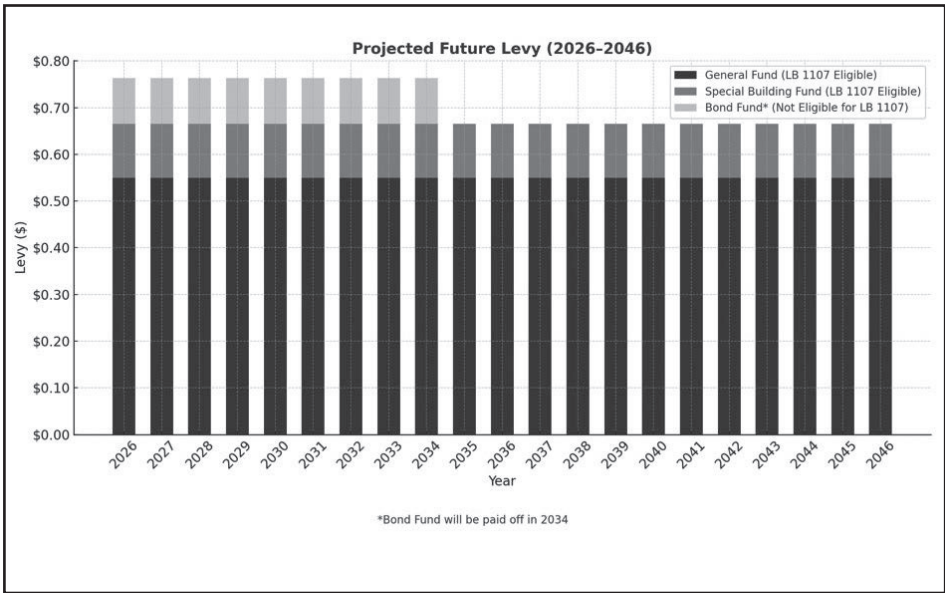
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MPS has a financing plan for the proposed bond issue that would provide stable funding while maintaining predictable levy rates for the lifetime of the bond. As shown in the graph, the current bond levy would be eliminated once the high school bonds are paid off at the end of the 2033-2034 school year. (Courtesy image)

the same number of preschool students as schools half the size. “We have 850 kids in MPS. There are school districts that have 400 students that are serving the same number of preschool kids that we’re serving,” Widdifield said.

Having a building with sufficient space to meet the preschool needs of the community offers benefits to the school, the community, and local businesses. If the district moves forward with this project, the preschool program can be expanded to a full-day option. This means parents of preschoolers wouldn’t need to leave work during the day or find childcare for part of the day. Additionally, offering a full-day preschool would increase state funding. “Now, is it all about money on this one? Absolutely not, because research has shown that early childhood education is essential,” Widdifield said. “For every dollar that goes into early childhood, there’s a \$12 return on the investment. If we’re just focusing on the finance piece, we’re losing out on money from the state because of not having a full-day preschool program.”

The revised design for the new elementary school building has reduced the courtyard, streamlined the administration office area, and reduced some square footage from the 2023 proposal. The building will still be connected to the east side of C.L. Jones Middle School, creating a unified K-12 campus for MPS. This layout offers benefits such as improved staffing efficiency, reduced costs, better resource utilization, increased safety for all grade levels, lower maintenance expenses, and space for future expansions.

“Having everybody basically under one roof allows us to utilize staff and equipment better. And having one campus is safer than having multiple campuses. There are just so many things that, from an efficiency standpoint, make sense. We’re looking at saving money and making ourselves as efficient as humanly possible,” Widdifield explained.

For many voters, the deciding factor in their decision is the effect a new bond issue would have on their property taxes. The new bond issue proposal is approximately \$2 million less than the previous proposal. This is a result of changes to the design, as well as additional projects that the district has completed with Special Building Funds over the last two years. Unfortunately, construction costs remain high with no sign of

a reduction in the near future.

In an effort to pursue a bond issue with the least impact on taxpayers, the district has worked with DA Davidson to create a financing method utilizing revenue bonds. This plan provides stable funding for the new elementary school while maintaining predictable levy rates.

LB 1107 credits on the General and Special Building levies automatically provide a 30% tax credit to every property owner in Nebraska, significantly reducing the school property tax burden. This legislation was not in effect during the 2023 bond election. With this tax credit, the district can utilize the Special Building Fund and avoid adding another tax to the Bond Fund, eliminating the need for a bond levy at the end of the 2033-2034 school year. The district’s total levy is expected to decrease by about 13% once the bond is paid off.

There’s also a possibility of us paying off the high school bond and elementary school debt sooner,” Widdifield said. “But I want to show people that this is the worst-case scenario.”

Everyone is invited and encouraged to learn more about the proposed bond issue and how it will affect taxpayers. Minden Public Schools will hold a community meeting on Wednesday, October 8, at 7pm in the high school auditorium. Cody Wickham from DA Davidson will present information about the financing plan for this bond and its effect on the district’s levy. Representatives from CMBA and BD Construction will also give a presentation on the project design and construction. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the bond before the November election and to get your questions answered by district officials and the experts involved in planning.

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Minden Public School's Homecoming week starts on October 6. The Homecoming theme for 2025 is "Bash Bow".

The high school spirit days are: Monday - no school; Tuesday - Dynamic Duos; Wednesday - Class Color Wars; Thursday - Anything but a Backpack; Friday - Purple/White

The Homecoming parade will be on Friday, October 10 at 2:30 p.m. The parade will take place on the square. The crowning will take place at the Minden Opera House's balcony immediately after the parade.

Organizations or groups who want to enter a parade float are asked to line up on the streets to the east and north of the post office. Do NOT line up behind the fire department vehicles - in case of emergency and to ensure you're included as the emergency vehicles are the last entry of the parade. Your entry will be directed into the parade once there.

If there is inclement weather, the district will notify the public via their social media, text, and phone call protocol. The coronation would then take place before the football game.

The Homecoming football game against Broken Bow is on Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Kuper Field. The dance for high school students will take place from 10-11:30 p.m. right after the game.

MHS Homecoming Candidates



The candidates for Minden High School 2025 Homecoming Queen are: (first row) Hallee Schoone, KayLynn Jorgensen, Lauren Starkey, (second row) Makenna Anderson, Rebbecca Lempka, and Myla Emery. The candidates for Minden High School 2025 Homecoming King are: (third row) Brody Sexton, Carson Wright, Landon Bules, (back row) Ambrose Bloomfield, Luke Grollmes, and Cole Fetterolf. The crowning will take place on October 10th the Minden Opera House balcony immediately following the homecoming parade. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

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Minden High School 2024-25 Laurel Awards

Minden High School presented Laurel Awards for the 2024-25 school year on September 24, 2025. Donuts were served to the students as they received their Laurel.

PURPLE LAURELS are awarded to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.35 to 3.74 for the year. The following students have earned a Purple Laurel for the 2024-25 school year:

Bailey Alkire, Makenna Anderson, Ambrose Bloomfield, Bailee Fries, Mia Fritzsche, Jada Gant, Cristal Gonzalez Cruz, Salvador Guido Jr., Victoria Hansen, Kanin Heath, Abby Hollis, Mason Johnson, Landry Joyce, Treven Keen, Byron Kring, Kimberly Larsen, Gabrielle Lee, Isabelle Martin, Hope Mason, William Masters, Shelby Nelson, Aclynn Osterbuhr, Traylor Pearson, Steven Rhodes, Nyayah Riek, Nayla Sayed, Turner Schmidt, Evelyn Sharkey, Cael Smith, Lauren Starkey, Izabella Tira, Samuel Tunnell, Jesse Werner, and Brooklyn Workman

GOLD LAURELS are granted to students who have earned a 3.75 to 4.0 grade point average for the year. The following Minden High School students have earned a Gold Laurel for the 2024-25 school year:

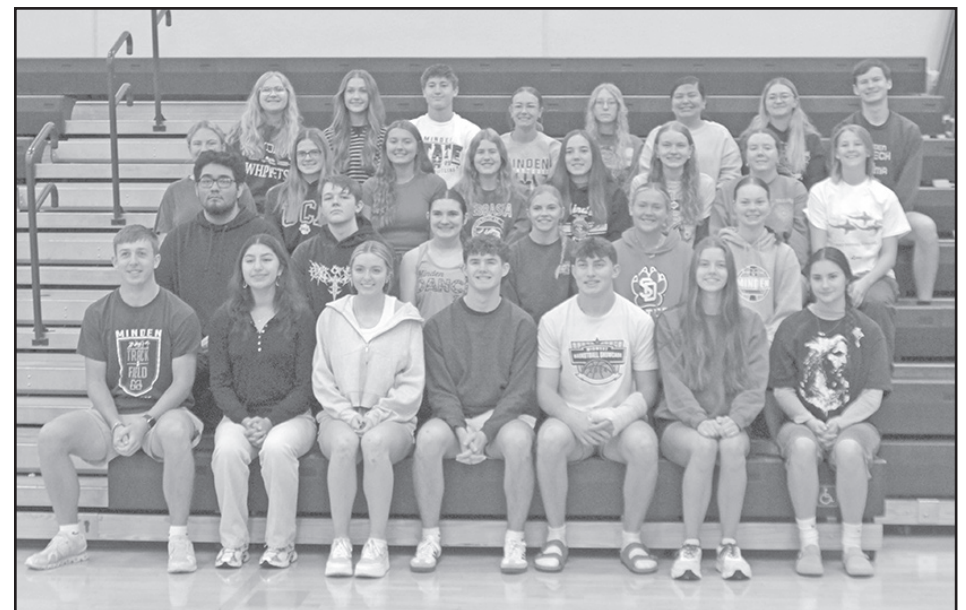
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SOPHOMORES (FRESHMEN IN 2024-25): (First row) Brielle Boudreau, Jolie Buechler, Alyssa Cederburg, Luke Craig, Adaire Crane, Keira Crane, Riley Eden, Bailee Fries, Cristal Gonzalez Cruz, Sawyer Grotrian, Victoria Hansen, (Second row) Jocelin Iniguez Jauregui, Sydney Jenkins, Ashlyn Kernick, Zachary Klabunde, Byron Kring, Xander Linner, Aclynn Osterbuhr, Traylor Pearson, Hailey Petersen, (Back row) Cohen Schmidt, Cole Schwenka, Drew Seiler, Zoey Seiler, Evelyn Sharkey, Mason Shirley, Annika Soelberg, Jaelyn Trew, Jesse Werner. Not pictured: Hali Knott, William Masters, Addyson Meyer, Nyayah Riek. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)



JUNIORS (SOPHOMORES IN 2024-25): (First row) Bailey Alkire, Jonathan Althouse, Holt Aschenbrenner, Sophia Birkestrand, Cassandra Fetterolf, Jada Gant, Parker Hatch, Kanin Heath, Abby Hollis, Mason Johnson, (Second row) Landry Joyce, Frank Kovacs, Kimberly Larsen, Gabrielle Lee, Luz Lopez-Yanes, Evan Lutkemeier, Hope Mason, Chloe Osborn, Turner Schmidt, (Back row) Steven Rhodes, Ashlyn Zerr, Cael Smith, Caleb Schwenka. Not Pictured: Mia Fritzsche, Emma Goodrich, Treven Keen, Naviannah Lennemann, Nayla Sayed, Andrei Ureche. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)



SENIORS (JUNIORS IN 2024-25): (First row) Luke Grollmes, Benezith Alarcon Avila, Makenna Anderson, Ambrose Bloomfield, Landon Bules, Myla Emery, Ava Fickler, (Second row) Salvador Guido Jr., Terry Hofaker Jr., Elizabeth Hunt, Alyssa Johnson, KayLynn Jorgensen, Rebbecca Lempka, (Third row) Isabelle Martin, Madisen Mulroney, Shelby Nelson, Christina Nielsen Trine, Alizabeth Nielsen, Emory Porter, Arabella Reed, Abigail Reith, (Back row) Danica Schoone, Hallee Schoone, Brody Sexton, Lauren Starkey, Izabella Tira, Natali Uribe, Brooklyn Workman, Carson Wright. Not pictured: Alejandra Gonzalez Cerecer, Colton Riley, and Samuel Tunnell. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)





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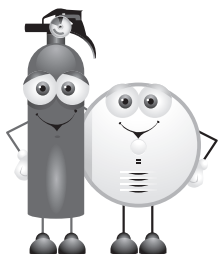
- Routinely inspect smoke detectors. Smoke detectors can only alert residents to a fire if they're working properly. Battery-powered smoke detectors won't work if the batteries die. Routine smoke detector check-ups can ensure the batteries still have juice and that the devices themselves are still functioning properly. Test alarms to make sure the devices are functioning and audible in nearby rooms. Install additional detectors as necessary so alarms and warnings can be heard in every room of the house.

- Hire an electrician to audit your home. Electricians can inspect a home and identify any issues that could make the home more vulnerable to fires. Ask electricians to look over every part of the house, including attics and crawl spaces. Oft-overlooked areas like attics and crawl spaces pose a potentially significant fire safety threat, as data from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) indicates that 13 percent of electrical fires begin in such spaces.

- Audit the laundry room. The laundry room is another potential source of home structure fires. NFPA data indicates around 3 percent of home structure fires begin in laundry rooms each year. Strategies to reduce the risk of laundry room fires include leaving room for laundry to tumble in washers and dryers; routinely cleaning lint screens to avoid the buildup of dust, fiber and lint, which the NFPA notes are often the first items to ignite in fires linked to dryers; and ensuring the outlets washing machines and dryers are plugged into can handle the voltage such appliances require. It's also a good idea to clean dryer exhaust vents and ducts every year.

- Look outward as well. Though the majority of home fires begin inside, the NFPA reports that 4 percent of such fires begin outside the home. Homeowners can reduce the risk of such fires by ensuring all items that utilize fire, including grills and firepits, are always used at least 10 feet away from the home. Never operate a grill beneath eaves, and do not use grills on decks. Never leave children unattended around firepits, as all it takes is a single mistake and a moment for a fire to become unwieldy.

- Sweat the small stuff. Hair dryers, hair straighteners, scented candles, clothes irons, and holiday decorations are some additional home fire safety hazards. Never leave candles burning in empty rooms and make sure beauty and grooming items like dryers, straighteners and irons are unplugged and placed in a safe place to cool down when not in use.



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This year, the mikeroweWORKS Foundation is awarding \$5+ million in work ethic scholarships to more than 500 aspiring tradespeople. As in past years, 2025 recipients include a broad mix of plumbers, electricians, welders, mechanics, pipe fitters, HVAC specialists, blacksmiths, cosmetologists, and many other skilled workers seeking to enter careers that don't require an expensive four-year degree.

"It's been really gratifying to help train the next generation of skilled tradespeople," said Mike Rowe, CEO of mikeroweWORKS. "The opportunities to prosper in the trades today are astonishing, and shining a light on those opportunities has been a real privilege."

With this latest round of scholarships, Rowe's foundation will have awarded nearly \$16 million in work ethic scholarships to more than 2,600 Americans, making mikeroweWORKS the largest trade school scholarship fund in the country. Along with its scholarship program, mikeroweWORKS is also leading the charge to reinvigorate the trades by challenging the myths and misperceptions that keep so many people from exploring a vocational career.

"It's not enough to simply award scholarships to qualified applicants," said Rowe. "If we really want to close the skills gap, we need to change perceptions in the broadest possible way. That means better PR for the trades. We need to show Americans that lots of skilled tradespeople are making a very comfortable six-figure salary, setting their own schedules, and finding real meaning and fulfillment in their work."

For nearly a decade, the ratio of baby boomers retiring to those entering the workforce has been 5:2, according to Skillwork. The resulting "skills gap" has widened, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in May that there are 7.4 million open positions—the majority of which do not require a four-year degree— and caused a labor shortage that's left our workforce profoundly out of balance. Meanwhile, the cost of college has soared, leaving nearly 44 million Americans with \$1.7 trillion in student loan debt. And yet, high school graduates are still encouraged—often by well-meaning parents and guidance counselors—to borrow vast sums of money to attend universities that continue to raise their tuition, leaving millions indebted and untrained for the many vocational jobs waiting to be filled.

"Ever since we took shop class out of high school, we've been telling our kids that the best path for the most people is a four-year degree," said Rowe. "And for decades now, we've been lending money we don't have to kids who can never pay it back, so they can buy a diploma that no longer guarantees them a job. That has to stop. At mikeroweWORKS, we're telling an honest story about college debt, and making a persuasive case for the many opportunities that exist in the skilled trades. That's what

we've been doing since Labor Day of 2008, and that's what we'll be doing this Labor Day. And hopefully, for many Labor Days to come."

Larissa Labenz of Minden was one of the recipients of the mikeroweWORKS Foundation Scholarship for the 2025-26 school year. She is attending Southeast Community College in Beatrice studying Horticulture and Landscape Design.

For more information about the mikeroweWORKS Foundation, visit mikerowe-works.org.

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High School Students of the Month



AXTELL

Name: Lillian Dobish
Grade: Senior
Achievements: Head Trumpet in Axtell Band, Vice President of Axtell FFA Chapter, Vice President of Axtell Community School Student Council, Student Representative for Axtell TeamMates Board.
What attributes does the student have that helped her achieve success: Lillian has proved day after day of her leadership skills. Working well with others for the betterment of the ensemble. Giving positive feedback to me as a new director to the school and being able to communicate clearly. It has been a true honor to teach Lillian her senior year.
Future plans: Marketing for Landmark Implement and opening her own Cafe.



WILCOX-HILDRETH

Taylor Ingram, junior and clarinet player, is an integral part of marching band for the last three years. She shows up early, stays late, is the first to memorize music and help other students. Her dedication and positive attitude help her to excel in anything she tries. These attributes earned her a spot on the Band Leadership Team as a sophomore and junior. Taylor is involved in not just marching band but choir, one act, speech and cheer. She sings the National Anthem beautifully and with confidence.
When she graduates, Taylor plans to minor in Modern Languages (Spanish) and then move to a Spanish-speaking country.



MINDEN

Name: Rebecca Lempka
Grade: 12
Achievements: National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. First chair trumpet at MHS, UNK Honor Band 2024 and 2025, Class B All State Band 2023 and 2024, District music contest duet superior 2023, 2024, and 2025. Member of Class C1 State Volleyball team 2023 and 2024, Conference & District Speech Finalist Informative speaking 2025.
Band: Rebecca is an incredibly hard-working member of the Minden Band program. She understands that improvement takes time and effort and has a keen awareness of the path to success in everything that she does. Rebecca is driven to be the best that she can be and that has helped her be an impactful leader to the others around her.
Volleyball: Rebecca demonstrates remarkable composure and level-headedness in high-pressure situations. She consistently shows confidence in being true to herself and contributes valuable insight through her unique perspective. Her strong analytical skills allow her to thoughtfully evaluate information and determine the most effective course of action. Over the past four years, she has developed into a positive and influential leader both on and off the court, and it has been a privilege and blessing to coach her.
Speech: Rebecca is inquisitive. She is a voracious learner. The topics she chooses for speech are top-notch. She is a fantastic part of our team with great results in both informative and persuasive speaking. Her writing skills are far beyond a typical high school student, and her analysis of topic is incredible.



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Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

MENUS:

All breakfast includes fruit or vegetable and milk. All lunch includes fruit and vegetable bar and milk.

Friday, Oct. 3: BREAKFAST: Cheese omelet, ham slice;

LUNCH: Breaded chicken patty on a bun, chips

Monday, Oct. 6: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Oct. 7: BREAKFAST: Long John; LUNCH: Stuffed crust sausage pizza

Wednesday, Oct. 8: BREAKFAST: Egg bites, muffin; LUNCH: Taco soup, Fritos

Thursday, Oct. 9: BREAKFAST: Breakfast burrito; LUNCH: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy

Friday, Oct. 10: BREAKFAST: Mini waffles; LUNCH: Sub sandwich bar, chips

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 3: V FB @ Milford, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4: Harvest of Harmony @ GI

Monday, Oct. 6: NO SCHOOL; V SB Sub Districts; JV FB @ Adams Central, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: District Girls GO @ GI, 9 a.m.; 7th FB vs. Cozad, 4:30 p.m.; 7th VB vs. Centura, 4:30 p.m.; 8th VB vs. St. Cecilia, 4:30 p.m.; 8th FB vs. Cozad, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: FFA Land Judging Contest

Thursday, Oct. 9: CC SWC @ Broken Bow, 4 p.m.; v/JV VB Tri vs. Broken Bow/Ogallala, 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10: District SB Finals; Homecoming Parade, 2:30 p.m.; V FB vs. Broken Bow, 7 p.m.; Homecoming Dance, 10 p.m.

Axtell Community School

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 3: XC @ FKC Invite @ Overton; V/JV VB vs. Blue Hill, 4 p.m.; FB Homecoming vs. Blue Hill, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4: Harvest of Harmony @ GI

Monday, Oct. 6: NO SCHOOL; JH FB & VB @ Loomis, 3 p.m.; JV FB & VB @ Loomis, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: V/JV VB vs. Arapahoe, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Districts Land Judging HS only

Thursday, Oct. 9: Picture Retakes; XC @ Wilcox-Hildreth Invite, 1 p.m.; V/JV VB @ Amherst Triangular, 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10: FB vs. Elm Creek, 7 p.m.

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

MENUS:

Milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh fruit and vegetable bar and yogurt served daily plus many more new breakfast and lunch items.

Friday, Oct. 3: BREAKFAST: Pop Tarts; LUNCH: Combo sub

Monday, Oct. 6: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Oct. 7: BREAKFAST: Breakfast sandwich; LUNCH: Walking tacos

Wednesday, Oct. 8: BREAKFAST: Frudel; LUNCH: Chicken fried steak

Thursday, Oct. 9: BREAKFAST: Chocolate crescent; LUNCH: Hot beef sandwich

Friday, Oct. 10: BREAKFAST: French toast; LUNCH: Pig in a blanket

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 3: HS & JH XC FKC Championships @ Overton, 12:30 p.m.; District Special Education meeting, 2:45 p.m.; VB Homecoming vs. Franklin, 4:30 p.m.; FB Homecoming vs. Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4: Harvest of Harmony @ GI, 10 a.m.; JH VB @ Silver Lake Tournament, 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 6: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Oct. 7: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Cap & Gown ordering meeting, 9:10 a.m.; Student Council meeting, 11:40 a.m.; VB Wilcox-Hildreth Triangular Senior Night/Pink Out, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: FFA SW Land Judging; JH FB & VB vs. SEM, 1 p.m.; MTSS-B, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; HS & JH XC @ Falcon Invite, 1 p.m.; JH VB @ Silver Lake, 2 p.m.; VB vs. Giltner Triangular, 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10: FB @ Kenesaw, 7 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, Oct. 6: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit and dessert

Tuesday, Oct. 7: Baked steak, baked potatoes, carrots, dinner roll and fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Taco salads, beans, rice, fruit and dessert

Thursday, Oct. 9: Ham in scalloped potatoes, beets, biscuit and fruit

Friday, Oct. 10: Hot roast beef sandwich over mashed potatoes, coleslaw, fruit and dessert

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 5: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

Sunday, Oct. 5: 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, Oct. 5: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Donuts & Coffee, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 6: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: High School Youth Supper/Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
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Saturday, Oct. 4: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Mass, 8 a.m.

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Greg Volsky,

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Sunday, Oct. 5: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

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Sunday, Oct. 5: Worship, 10 a.m.

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Bethany Lutheran

437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

Thursday, Oct. 2: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion at both services

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

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Ruth Circle, 4:30 p.m.; Church Club, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Night Supper, 6 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Miriam Circle, 9 a.m.

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Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

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Sunday, Oct. 5: Combined Service with Bethany Lutheran/Potluck Following, 10:30 a.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 4: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

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St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Friday, Oct. 3: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Bible Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: JYM 5th, 5 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9: Bible

Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 10: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.; Homecoming Parade, 2:30 p.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 2: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Worship, 10 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 5: Worship/Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Communion 1st Sundays; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran

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Communion 1st Sunday every month

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Wartime restrictions were lifted and Hansen's Ice Cream Lounge once again offered sweet cream ice cream in several flavors.

Brown McDonald's advertised women's hats at \$3.98, including bulky-crowned sailors, off-the-face cloches as well as bonnets and turbans in dozens of styles with sequin, jewel, ribbon, self bow and feather trims.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Twenty five airplanes and a lone helicopter landed at the Minden airport for the first stop of the annual Nebraska-Wyoming Air Tour. The 50 pilots and passengers were greeted by the Minden Chamber of Commerce delegation and served breakfast at the Minden Country Club.

Work was completed on the addition of a new tract to the Minden cemetery. The addition comprised a plot of ground 980 feet long and 245 feet wide and included 276 lots.

The new 250,000 gallon water tank was tested for the first time. Rainy weather delayed the painting of the water tower.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Two hundred FFA boys participated in the Land Judging Contest held in Minden. Winning first place was a team consisting of Gary Bergsten, Bruce Jorgensen, Roger Olsen and Ronnie Sinsel.

The 40th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mahoney was celebrated at the Alfred Stenson home in Norman with guests Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarkington, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robb, Mr. and Mrs. Art Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Musgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Partridge, Helen Cavanaugh, Clara Brainard and Merle Layton.

Bob Swanson scored three touchdowns and Ken Meyers scored one as Wilcox overcame the Loomis Wolves 27-19.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Katherine Moyer retired from McDonald's after 24 years of service with the Minden store. She began working in 1951 under the managership of Bob Lewis and ended her career under the managership of Sam Gammill.

Mrs. James E. (Elvina) Bang celebrated her 90th birthday with a party held at the Kearney County Community Hospital Long Term Solarium. Hosting the party was Elvina's daughter, Jean Nash.

The Bethany Home Board of Directors observed "Nebraska Nurses Recognition Week" by publicly recognizing and thanking its professional staff, including Geri Elliott, Nancy Jane Reed, Maggie Lunberry and Elaine Exstrom.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

Brenda Kring of Axtell was awarded for work she did with pigskin in her 4-H projects. The Nebraska Porkettes Pigskin Committee cited Kring's home environment entry which featured a basket filled with a bouquet of pigskin flowers that coordinated with her room.

Children of Creative Care visited the city/county jail where Sheriff Marshall Nelson explained how prisoners were housed and fed.

A 15-4, 15-1 win over Loomis helped Wilcox increase their record to 5-1 for the season. Shawna Guthrie led the team with nine ace spikes. Debbie Vandell had 12-12 serving with 10 points.



2015 — Fireman Funday was held in Franklin sponsored by Central Nebraska Volunteer Firefighter Association. The Wilcox team of Dustin Johnson, Steve Borgman, Blake Groothuis, Blaine Groothuis and Thomas Gardels won the vent and spray, Run, Hook and Spray, and water fight. They took second in the bucket brigade. They also took the all-around trophy. Second place was won by Franklin and third by a Quad City group made up of firefighters from Hildreth, Minden and Franklin.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

A break in the water main near Third and Colorado forced the cancellation of elementary classes. The lawn at St. Paul Lutheran Church was damaged by the water.

Betty and Cleon Kimberling, aunt and uncle of Marcia Lindau of Axtell, stopped in Minden and Axtell on the Kimberlings' ride across the country. The trip began near San Diego and would be completed in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Crowned king and queen of Homecoming at Hildreth were Kevin Hallam and Sara Mietzner. Attendants were Trent Schmidt, Josh Morgan, Celeste Fritz and Jennifer Jelkin.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

The Buss Stop in Minden was presented a Community Gem award during the annual Nebraska Retail Federation awards banquet. Community Gems are highly regarded retailers who provide goods and services unique to the area and who are deeply committed to community betterment through their involvement with social programs and economic development.

East Elementary sent a check to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Hurricane Katrina fund in the amount of \$1,136.31. The school used its wishing well and donation cans around town to collect the funds.

The Kearney County Joint Economic Development Agency loaned Village Bowl of Minden money to be used for new electronic scoring machines.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

The dedication of a veteran and firemen memorial was held following the Wilcox Fall Festival parade. Talk of placing a monument in the town had been happening for several years before Don Fecht took it on himself to see it through. The monument is now a prominent feature for all who visit downtown Wilcox to admire due to one man's determination and the support of his community.

River Straatmann of Axtell was chosen to participate in the Miss Harvest of Harmony Pageant as Miss Axtell during the 74th Annual Harvest of Harmony Parade and Pageant in Grand Island.

The Wilcox-Hildreth Lady Falcons continued their winning ways traveling to Pleasanton to compete in triangular action. The Lady Falcons improved their record to 8-2 with two wins over Eustis-Farnam and Pleasanton.



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SPORTS



Wildcat Girls and Boys Second at Franklin Meet

ROGER HANSEN

Wilcox-Hildreth and Axtell ran 5K over the hills and through the dales of the Franklin Country Club on September 23. The Cats' boys were second outright and the Cats' girls tied for second while the Falcon girls tied for sixth and the Falcon boys were 9th. 16 schools were represented with 12 full boys teams and seven full girls' teams.



The Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth cross country teams took part in the Franklin Invitational on September 23. The Wildcat boys and girls teams both finished second (the girls tied for second) while the Falcon girls tied for sixth and the Falcon boys finished ninth. Pictured left to right: Falcons Allegra Johnson and Ayva Bendorf keep pace with Axtell's Sadie Lorenzo. Cooper Woollen and Craig Bunger, both of Wilcox-Hildreth, stay together during the race. Wildcat Micah Houchin gets ahead of the competition to earn fourth place. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

The girls' team scores: Elm Creek 12, Amherst 34, Axtell 34, Ravenna 41, Overton 42, Wilcox-Hildreth 42, Alma 46. The top six boys' teams: Bertrand 11, Axtell 28, Alma 31, Shelton 36, Amherst 47, Elm Creek 48. Wil-Hil was 9th at 85.

GIRLS winner: Aysha Neal, Alma, 21:36; Emma Hall, AX, 7th place medal, 23:08; Chloe Johnson, WH, 15th medal, 25:32; Kali Philippi, AX, 16th, 25:52; Allegra Johnson, WH, 17th, 26:04; Sadie Lorenzo, AX, 21st, 27:15; Ayva Bendorf, WH, 23rd, 27:26. 32 girls ran.

BOYS winner: Brexten Kobza, Harvard, 18:37. Micah Houchin, AX, 4th place medal, 19:08; Alex Klatt-Terabelian, WH, 13th medal, 19:39; Kyler Kolbo, AX, 14th medal, 19:50; Felix Lopez, AX, 15th medal, 19:50; Aydan Houch-



in, AX, 19th, 20:04; Isaiah Sinachack, AX, 20:18; Jacob Jezbera, WH, 31st, 20:55; Chase Nickel, AX, 36th, 21:25; Eli Sinachack, AX, 43rd, 22:22; Brett Woollen, WH, 60th, 24:39; Cooper Woollen, WH, 74th, 25:51; David Sonnenfeld, AX, 77th, 26:15; Caleb Hall, AX, 78th, 27:02; Craig Bunger, WH, 79th, 27:44. 83 boys ran.

The junior high kids ran 1.1 miles. For the boys: Ivan Hammond, AX, 2nd, 5:31; Oscar Clausen, AX, 8th, 5:48; Henry Lush, WH, 41st, 7:27; Rush Sinachack, AX, 45th. 49 boys ran.

For the girls: Adelinn Nickel, AX, 14th, 6:53; Willow Hill, AX, 23rd, 7:37; Riley Hill, AX, 25th, 8:09. 29 girls ran.

Hwy 6 Trailblazers Return to the Field With a Victory

PHIL SERRONE



Katherine Marshall gets ready to step into the batter's box. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

It seemed like the Hwy 6 Trail Blazers were never going to get an opportunity to play again if mother nature had her way, luckily the rain cleared up and the team was able to return to play on Sept.25. The team traveled to Southern Valley to face off against their co-op team with Alma High School.

Hwy 6 early on in the ballgame struggled to bring runs across home plate, getting down to an early 1-2 deficit. Those struggles did not last as the offense exploded for six runs in the top of the sixth inning to pull away from Southern Valley/Alma by a final score 7-3.

P Addysin Norris made an impact on the mound and in the batter's box as she finished 1-2 with a double, one run scored and one walk. 1B Katherine Marshall had a team high three base hits as she drove in two RBIs. She was a huge factor in the Trail Blazers' big sixth inning. CF Stella Birkestrand and SS McKinley Jauken each collected multiple hits in the contest as well as one RBI.

Overall, it was a strong showing within the batter's box for Hwy 6 as they managed to outhit the opposing team 10-1.

Norris put together a gem of a game as she earned a complete game after pitching the entirety of seven innings. She allowed one hit, three runs (2 ER), nine walks and struck out five. She threw a total of 134 pitches with 67 of those registering as strikes.

Hwy 6's record on the season now stands at 6-9 and winners of their last two games. On Oct.2, the team will travel to North Platte with first pitch slated for 6:30 p.m. Earlier in the week, the Trail Blazers hosted Fairbury on Sept.29 as well as a road trip to Centura on Sept.30. We will have a full recap of all three games in next week's paper!

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Minden Girls Second, Boys Third at Ogallala Invite

ROGER HANSEN

Minden traversed to Ogallala to compete at the Ogallala Invite cross country meet on September 25. Well over 20 schools were represented with a mix of Classes B, C and D schools.

The Whippet girls were edged by Chase County by one point for the team title. GIRLS top five: Chase County 39, Minden 40, Gothenburg 66, Chadron 83, Sidney 87. 78 girls ran varsity and 29 as JVs.

The girls' winner was Scout Bell, Gothenburg. Finishing as medalists for Minden were Alexa Warner, 3rd, 20:41 and Adelyn Whitten, 4th, 20:57. Very nearly medaling were Aclynn Osterbuhr (16th, 22:33) and Evie Sharkey (19th, 22:39). Adaire Crane was 30th at 23:30.

Cristal Gonzalez and Zipporah Wilson ran as JVs with Cristal (23:57) placing first and Zipporah (27:06) 15th.

Minden's boys finished third in a close race for the top three spots. The top five: Alliance 50, Gothenburg 55, Minden 59, Perkins County 74, Gering 90. 98 boys ran varsity and 71 ran as JVs.

The boys' winner was Elijah Goodell, Perkins County in a new course record time of 15:39. Picking up medals for the Whippets were Gage Thull (9th, 17:18) and Javi Perales (12th, 17:37). The other two scorers ran well also. Trystan Sharkey was 18th at 18:18 and Isaac Reed 20th at 18:23.

Steve Rhodes and Seth Jacobitz led a pack of Whippets in the JV competition with Steve (19:42) placing 3rd and Seth (20:33) 10th. Also running were Holt Aschenbrenner (11th, 20:34), Frank Kovacs (20th, 21:44), Eli Warner (24th, 21:54), Byron Kring (31st, 22:54), Landon Grollmes (37th, 23:30), Jack Widdifield (38th, 23:31), Lucas Collins (54th, 25:08) and Grayson Heggemeyer (57th, 25:16).

Leading the Jr. High Whippet girls, who ran 3K, to a first place finish were Regan Johnson (4th, 12:30), Gemma Fritson (5th, 12:43), Kinsey Morey (10th, 12:59) and Emerson Kuehn (16th, 13:49). Taya Tomsen (21st, 14:16) and Kennedy Eckhardt (38th, 15:15) ran well also.

Blake Boudreau had a great kick to finish 5th at 11:52 in the boys Jr. High race, who also ran 3K. Three other junior Whippets running were Brantley Wright (23rd, 12:40), Zander Sinsel (46th, 13:42) and Liam Collins (59th, 14:23).

77 girls and 84 boys raced in the junior high event.

Minden Courier Football Contest Winners Week 5

ROGER HANSEN

Week 5 of the Courier Football Contest proved to be a tough nut to crack for the prognosticators.

After weeks of coming close to cashing in, Frank Kovacs of Minden is awarded the 1st place prize of \$25. He was the only contestant to have three misses and the only one to pick Alabama over Georgia.

Five entries had four misses so the tie-breaker determined the \$15 winner. Tony Lunbery of Axtell guessed 38 (Ohio

State beat Washington 24-6--total 30) to earn second place plaudits.

The other four-miss entrants and their tie-breaker guesses: Karl Detmers, Minden (51), Bret Weaver, Axtell (55), Cray Stubbs, Minden (57) and Janet Swedberg, Lincoln (61).

Most missed games were Alabama over Georgia, Ole Miss over LSU, Oregon over Penn State, Illinois over USC and Kansas State over Central Florida.



The Whippets gather for awards at the conclusion of the Ogallala cross country meet on September 25. (Courtesy photo)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MYLA EMERY - VOLLEYBALL

School - Minden High School

Grade - Senior

Achievements: 2024 - SWC 1st Team, OWH All-Nebraska C-1 First Team, OWH C-1 All-Tournament Team, LJS All-Class All-Tournament Team, LJS Super State 3rd Team, LJS C-1 All-Tournament Team, LJS Class C-1 First-team all-state, Hastings Tribune 2nd Team, Kearney Hub First Team, NCPA Academic All-State, AVCA All Region Team

She tied the school record for number of aces in a season with 77 in 2024, and she reached 1,000 assists in 2024

This season - reached 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. One of only 2 players to reach 1,000 assists, 1,000 kills, and 1,000 digs.

Challenges she has overcome: In previous seasons, Myla was surrounded by teammates with significant varsity experience.

This year, however, she and Rebecca Lempka are the only players with extensive experience at that level. Myla has embraced this challenge by stepping into a leadership role, guiding and teaching her younger teammates with poise and confidence.

Attributes that have led to her success: Myla is an exceptional competitor with an advanced volleyball IQ. While she is an outstanding setter, we have also relied heavily on her as an attacker—she currently leads the team with 221 kills. Her ability to excel in any front-row position makes her one of the most versatile athletes to ever play at MHS.

Myla's understanding of the game is comparable to having an additional coach on the court. It has been a privilege to witness her growth and to coach her over the past four years. - Coach Julie Ratka



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Invite Title Par for the Course for Lady Whippets

ROGER HANSEN

Minden's girls' golfers had one rather than two meets last week due to mother nature infringing on a triangular at Hastings that was to have been held on September 23. However, in the one meet the Whippets competed at, they kept their season's streak of finishing atop the leaderboard by winning the Holdrege Invitational on September 25.

Team Scores: Minden 355, GI Northwest 370, Aurora 375, Holdrege 404, McCook 408, Kearney 422, Broken Bow 440, Hastings 455, Lexington 458, Southwest 499, Ogallala 500, Holdrege JV 502, Cambridge 632

The individual leaderboard also had the usual familiar names up top. KayLynn Jorgensen toured the course in 74 for first and Macy Jorgensen shot a 78 to claim the runner-up spot. Shelby Nelson's 91 was good for seventh.

Also on varsity for Minden were Isabelle Martin (35th, 112) and Lauren Starkey (51st, 125).

The season is moving along quickly with just four meets remaining. The next two are the Cozad Invite on September 29 and the Southwest Conference meet on September 30 at Broken Bow. Those will be reported on next week. Then, following those meets, the District meet will be at the Indianhead Golf Course at Grand Island on October 7 followed by the State Meet (supposing that the Whippets will qualify) at North Platte's Lake Maloney course on October 13/14.



The Lady Whippets golf team traveled to Holdrege on Sept. 25 for an invitational. The team performed well despite the consistent mosquitos. On Sept. 23, the team's meet in Hastings was canceled due to rain.

Pictured: (above) Isabelle Martin attempts to land the ball on the green. (below) KayLynn Jorgensen drives the ball. (left) Lauren Starkey lines up her putt attempt. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



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Lady Cats and Lady Falcons Meet on the Court Again

PHIL SERRONE

It was just a couple weeks ago where Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth's volleyball teams met for the first time this season in which the Lady Wildcats emerged victorious after two sets. Fast forward a couple later, and both teams met again at the Axtell triangular held on Sept.25. Southern Valley High School was the other school in attendance.

Beginning the triangular, host Axtell faced off against Southern Valley in a two set contest. The Lady Wildcats

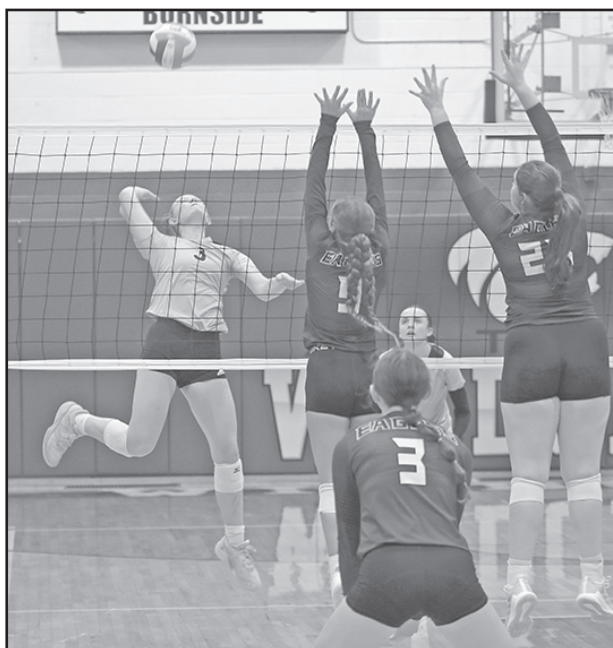
overwhelmed the opposing team in both sets by a score of 25-14 and 25-17.

Wilcox-Hildreth did not find the same success as Axtell did against Southern Valley as the Lady Falcons dropped both sets. While the results did not go Wilcox-Hildreth's way, the team was highly competitive in both sets, especially in the first set where the team battled back and forth to force overtime. Wilcox-Hildreth lost the first set 26-28 and the second set 23-25.

Closing out the evening was a matchup between Ax-



Axtell hosted Wilcox-Hildreth and Southern Valley in triangular action on September 25. During the competition Axtell senior Emily Danburg scored her 1,000th career dig. (above) the team helps celebrate Danburg's accomplishment. (left) Ashlynn Nelson tips the ball over the net for Axtell. (far left) Wil-Hil's Dinah Culp and Madison Sheen attempt to deflect the ball. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



tell and Wilcox-Hildreth that lasted two sets. Despite the Lady Falcons best efforts, the team was defeated 25-23 and 25-12.

Axtell has now won four straight games and improved their record to 10-9 moving above .500 on the year. On Oct.3, the Lady Cats will host their 'Homecoming' game against Blue Hill. Axtell traveled to Bertrand Sept.30 with the hope of continuing their recent win streak.

We will have a full recap from each game in next week's paper!

No individual stats were provided by either team by the time of publication so we will update any missing stats that come in on our website themindencourier.com.

Lady Wildcats Sweep Field at Giltner Tri

PHIL SERRONE

The Lady Wildcats have been playing some good volleyball as of late and that was on full display at the Giltner Tri where Axtell did not take a single set loss. Giltner hosted the triangular with Harvard also in attendance on Sept.23.

In the first matchup, Axtell faced off against host Giltner that saw the Lady Wildcats dominate the first set by a score of 25-7. Giltner managed to keep it close in the second set but the Lady Wildcats emerged victorious with a set score of 25-21.

Emily Danburg was tremendous on the offensive end as she led the team with 18 kills, she also contributed one ace and 15 digs on the defensive side of the game. Madison Wells put her teammates in the right spot with a team high 23 assists.

Defensively, Addyson Skaggs bolstered the team with

a team high 19 digs. Morgan Hawkins contributed 12 digs. Skaggs, Danburg and Hawkins combined for 49 digs.

Closing out the triangular, Axtell picked up their second victory of the evening defeating Harvard in two sets. The first set was much more competitive than the second as Axtell won 25-17. Harvard was overwhelmed by the Lady Wildcats' offense in the second set 25-12.

Skaggs had one of her better games of the season attacking the ball, tying with Danburg for a team high 10 kills. Her serve proved to be difficult for the opposing defense to figure out as she picked up three of Axtell's seven aces. Wells once again led the team in assists with 18 total.

Overall, Axtell had strong contributions on the defensive end from everyone on the roster as the team totaled 29 digs as a unit. Danburg led the team with seven

digs while Skaggs finished with six.

Here are the following stats from Axtell vs Giltner:

Kills: Emily Danburg 18, Addyson Skaggs 4, Ashlynn Nelson 4, Morgan Hawkins 3, Bristol Thorell 1, Madison Wells 1; Aces: Danburg 1; Digs: Skaggs 19, Danburg 15, Hawkins 12, Nelson 3, Leah Stritt 3, Wells 2, Mina Schilling 1; Assists: Wells 23, Hawkins 1

Here are the following stats from Axtell vs Harvard:

Kills: Skaggs 10, Danburg 10, Hawkins 3, Thorell 1, Wells 1; Aces: Skaggs 3, Wells 2, Stritt 1, Danburg 1; Digs: Danburg 7, Skaggs 6, Nelson 3, Stritt 3, Hawkins 3, Schilling 3, Thorell 2, Wells 2; Assists: Wells 18, Danburg 2, Amelia Halvorsen 1, Stritt 1, Hawkins 1, Schilling 1

Whippets Earns Hard Fought Win Over Swedes

PHIL SERRONE

It was a packed house on Sept.25 when the Minden Lady Whippets hosted their SWC rivals Gothenburg for some volleyball action. Fans in attendance were treated to a back and forth affair that ended with Minden standing tall after five sets.

In the first set, the Lady Swedes got out to an early lead that forced head coach Julie Ratka to use an early time-out to gather Minden's composure. Minden flashed their resilience to battle back, eventually taking the first set by the score of 25-19.



That back and forth first set established the tempo for the rest of the game as the two teams exchanged set victories. Minden was defeated in the second set by a score of 21-25. Following that brief setback, the Lady Whippets bounced back with a close 25-23 victory. Gothenburg forced overtime by a 21-25 set score.

With the game hanging in the balance, the Lady Whippets saved their best for the final set earning the victory 15-13. This was a highly competitive game that could have gone either way and really shows off how tough the SWC can be.

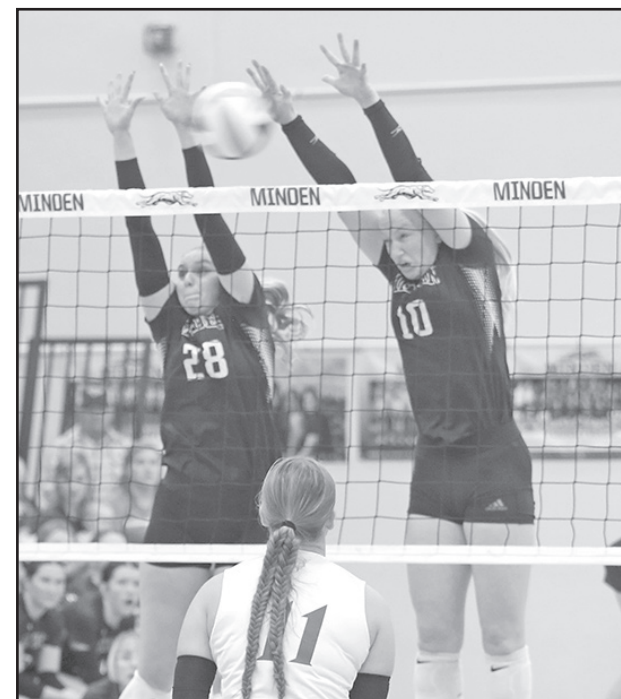
Myla Emery was the driving force for the offense as she stuffed the stat sheet with 24 kills, 19 assists, four aces, 18 digs and four blocks. Aly Cederburg attacked the ball tenaciously with 13 kills. She played a strong role limiting the Lady Swedes' kill attempts with four blocks. Grace Hansen facilitated the offense with precision as she led the team in assists with a total of 28. Makenna Anderson's serve proved to be difficult for Gothenburg to figure out as she led the team with five aces.

Defensively, Lempka led the team in digs with 23 total. Kaleigh Carr was not too far behind her teammate with a total of 19 digs. Lempka, Emery and Carr combined for 60 digs. As a unit, Minden limited Gothenburg's chances on offense with 13 blocks.

Set scores: 25-19, 21-25, 25-23, 21-25, 15-13

Here are the following stats for Minden vs Gothenburg:

Kills: Myla Emery 24, Aly Cederburg 13, Rebecca Lempka 9, Kaleigh Carr 5, Myka Petersen 1; Assists: Victoria



Lady Whippets volleyball had a busy week of games beginning with a victory over Gothenburg on Sept.25. Following that win, the team competed in three games at the Holdrege Invite on Sept.27 and finished 2-1. (above) Aly Cederburg and Kaleigh Carr attempt to block a spike attempt. (left) Victoria Hansen prepares her serve attempt. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

Hansen 28, Emery 19, Makenna Anderson 3, Carr 2, Cederburg 1; Aces: Anderson 5, Emery 4, Lempka 1; Digs: Lempka 23, Carr 19, Emery 18, Anderson 14, Hansen 8, Petersen 2, Cederburg 1; Blocks: Emery 4, Cederburg 4, Petersen 2, Lempka 1, Carr 1

Lady Whippets Finish 2-1 at Holdrege Invite

PHIL SERRONE

Closing out the week was a trip to Holdrege High School on Sept.27 in which the Lady Whippets competed in three different games. Their matchups throughout the day consisted against the Lady Dusters, Grand Island Central Catholic and St.Cecilia.

In the first matchup, the Lady Whippets faced off against the St.Cecilia Bluehawks in a two set battle that favored Minden by set scores of 25-22 and 25-15. No individual stats were provided.

Following their first victory on the day, the Lady Whippets found similar success against GICC. Minden overwhelmed the Crusaders in the first set by an easy score of 25-12. GICC put up a better fight in the second set but ultimately, the Lady Whippets were too much, winning the match with a final set score of 25-21.

It was an explosive end to the invitational when Minden matched up against rival Holdrege. Both teams have found strong success on the season with the Lady Dusters having a record of 12-1. There was an extra sense of motivation as Holdrege had not defeated Minden in some years.

Despite the Lady Whippets best efforts, they were not able to continue their win streak over Holdrege dropping both sets by a score of 23-25 and 20-25.

Minden's record on the season now stands at 16-5 and the team will look to bounce back into the win column with three games this week. On Oct.2, the team traveled to Centura for a triangular with Sandy Creek. Earlier on Sept.30, Minden hosted Lincoln Lutheran. We will have a full recap from all three games in next week's Courier!

Here are the following stats for Minden vs St.Cecilia:

Kills: Myla Emery 15, Rebecca Lempka 6, Kaleigh Carr 5, Victoria Hansen 1, Aly Cederburg 1; Aces: Victoria Hansen 2, Emery 1, Grace Hansen 1, Rebecca Lempka 1; Assist: V.Hansen 13, Emery 7, Carr 1; Digs: Emery 9, Carr 7, V.Hansen 3, Lempka 2, Myka Petersen 2, Bailee Fries 1

Here are the following stats for Minden vs GICC:

Kills: Emery 13, Carr 4, Cederburg 2, Lempka 1; Aces: Emery 1, Lempka 1; Digs: V.Hansen 6, Lempka 5, Carr 3, Fries 2, Petersen 1; Assist: V.Hansen 14, Emery 1, Carr 1

Here are the following stats for Minden vs Holdrege:

Kills: Emery 10, Cederburg 6, Fries 2, Lempka 1, Carr 1; Aces: Emery 1, V.Hansen 1, G.Hansen 1, Digs: Emery 10, Lempka 9, Carr 7, V.Hansen 6, Fries 2; Assist: V.Hansen 9, Emery 7, Rilynn Johnson 1, Lempka 1, Carr 1

Dawgs Wrangle Dusters for 42-14 Victory

ROGER HANSEN

Minden rose to 2-3 and kept Holdrege winless in the Whippets' 42-14 win at Holdrege on September 26 on a beautiful early fall evening.

A huge night running the football, mostly due to Caleb Schwenka's 263 yards and all six Minden TDs, Parker Hatch's 177 yards and thanks in large measure to the Dawgs' offensive line, proved difficult for the Dusters to contain.

Minden took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in 7 plays to score on Schwenka's 5-yard run. During the drive Hatch reeled off a 45-yard run. At 8:48 it was 6-0 as the conversion run failed.

The Dawgs forced a Holdrege punt that Hatch returned for an apparent 65-yard TD but it was nullified by penalty. No matter, as Minden went on an 8-play drive that covered 79 yards and was finished off by Schwenka's 24-yard run. He also ran in the 2-point conversion and at 3:28 of the first the lead went to 14-0. Two big plays on the drive were Hatch's passes to Andrew Runions for 14 yards and to Cohen Schmidt for 28 yards.

Holdrege took just two plays to answer with a score, a 51-yard TD scamper that, combined with the PAT cut the Whippets' lead to 14-7 at 3:13 in the first.

Minden came right back with a 15-play, 80-yard scoring drive that spanned the end of the first and into the second and ended with Schwenka's 4-yard run. Chain-moving plays in the drive included a 9-yard Morgan Johnson run, a 14-yard pass from Hatch to Schwenka and rushes of 13 and 18 by Hatch. The conversion run was stopped so at 8:18 of the second the lead was upped to 20-7.

The Dusters blocked a Minden punt attempt and on the next snap found the end zone on a 33-yard TD run. The PAT was again good and at 4:10 before halftime the score tightened up at 20-14. The half ended with no additional points.

On the opening kickoff of the second half, a Duster returner was stripped of the ball by Luke Grollmes, setting up the Whippets at midfield. A 13-yard Hatch run got the drive moving then four straight Schwenka runs got Minden six more points, the final run a 10-yard TD. The try for two was again stopped but the Whippets added to the margin, now 26-14 at 9:10 of the third.

The remainder of the third was scoreless, however, Hatch continued adding to his rushing total, which would have been higher if not for some sacks and ballhandling mishaps.

After the Dawgs forced a punt early in the fourth, Caleb got TD run #5 sprinting 66 yards. Hatch passed to Cole Schwenka for the 2-point conversion and the lead ballooned to 34-14 at 9:26.

On the ensuing kickoff, Cael Smith made a jarring hit on the returner and Luke Livingston recovered the resulting fumble. In just four plays, Caleb scored for the final time on a 10-yard run. Hatch connected with Runions for the 2-point conversion leading to the

game's final points at 7:09.

Two highlights in the last half of the fourth were a Livingston interception and some hard-nosed running by Morgan Johnson that got the Whippets some first downs and helped to kill the clock.

Minden totaled 536 yards--477 rushing and 59 passing while Holdrege ran for 96 and passed for 62 for a 158 total.

RUSHING: Schwenka 31-



The Minden Whippet football team snapped a brief losing streak with a big victory over rivals Holdrege on Sept. 26. The final score was 42-14. Pictured: (above) Bo Lutkemeier and his teammates bring down the Duster ball carrier for a group tackle. (left) Parker Hatch stands in a clean pocket to throw a pass. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

263, 6 TDs; Hatch 19-177; Johnson 10-48; Team 1-(-11)

PASSING: Hatch 5-14, 59 yards

RECEIVING: Schmidt 1-28, Caleb 2-17, Runions 1-14, Cole 1-0

TACKLES (solos-assists): Bo Lutkemeier 5-1 (2 for loss), Cole Schwenka 4-0, Evan Lutkemeier 1-3, Johnson 2-1, Lukas Labenz 3-0, Grollmes 2-1 (2 for loss), Hatch 1-1, Kanin Heath 0-2, Smith 2-0, Caleb Schwenka 1-0 (1 for loss), Kyler Wilson 1-0, Pat Clark 0-1, Livingston 0-1

INTERCEPTIONS: Livingston

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Livingston, Sage Saunders, Grollmes

PUNTING: Grollmes 2-12.5 ave., (1 blocked)

KICKOFF RETURNS: Cole Schwenka 1-36

PUNT RETURNS: Cole Schwenka 1-0, Hatch 1-0

Minden 14 6 6 16- 42 (2-3)

Holdrege 7 7 0 0- 14 (0-5)

M- Caleb Schwenka, 5 run (run failed)

M- Schwenka, 24 run (Schwenka run)

H- 51 run (kick)

M- Schwenka, 4 run (run failed)

H- 33 run (kick)

M- Schwenka, 10 run (run failed)

M- Schwenka, 66 run (Hatch to Cole Schwenka)

M- Schwenka, 10 run (Hatch to Runions)

Minden has now defeated Holdrege six years in a row. The Whippets next play at Milford on October 3 to take on the 4-1 Eagles. They lost to Syracuse on the opening weekend but have since run off wins over Louisville, Wilber-Clatonia, Fairbury and Lincoln Christian. Milford averages 37.2 offensively and yields 20.4 defensively.



Minden's Myla Emery Earns Triple Crown Accolade

PHIL SERRONE

A huge milestone was reached recently for Lady Whippet Myla Emery as she earned a career triple crown with 1,000 kills, digs and assists.

Emery has always been a focal point for the Lady Whippets volleyball team doing whatever she can to contribute whether that's setting the offense up, delivering a kill on the opposing defense or providing maximum effort on the defensive end. She also provides so much as a leader, something that won't show on the stat sheet.

She earned 1,000 assists early in her career as a sophomore but fulfilled her career marks for digs and kills in the last couple weeks. This was always a personal goal for Emery when she arrived as a freshmen so as a

Cats Fall to Blue Devils

ROGER HANSEN

Kenesaw bested Axtell 48-0 in Kenesaw on September 26.

The Cats ran for 39 yards and passed for 52 to total 91 while Kenesaw ran for 197 and passed for 68 for a 265 total.

AXTELL RUSHING: Nick Dahl 15 carries, 29 yards; Conner L'Heureux 10-15; Luke Abbott 1-(-5)

PASSING: Dahl 6-13, 52 yards; Carter Lorenz 0-4

RECEIVING: Reece Hunt 4-37; L'Heureux 2-15

TACKLES (solos-assists)- Landon Powers 7-3, Dahl 4-6, L'Heureux 4-4 (2 for loss), Hunt 3-4 (2 for loss), Landon Eckhoff 1-4, Carter Hardenbrook 3-1 (1 for loss), Easton Bergstrom 1-2 (1 for loss), Abbott 0-2, Luke Samuelson 0-2

PUNTING- Eckhoff 3-29.7 ave., Powers 1-27

PUNT RETURNS- Hunt 1-5

KICKOFF RETURNS- L'Heureux 1-10

Axtell 0 0 0 0- 0 (0-5)

Kenesaw 8 24 8 8- 48 (2-3)

The Cats host Blue Hill (1-4) on October 3. The Bobcats lost to Loomis and Lawrence-Nelson, defeated Giltner, then lost to Elm Creek and Wilcox-Hildreth.



community, we are all happy to see her meet her mark! Congrats on all that she accomplished in her four years as a Lady Whippet!

Falcon Offense Explodes for 62-34 Victory

PHIL SERRONE

Wilcox-Hildreth high powered offense once again delivered some fireworks on Sept.26 with a huge victory over Blue Hill High School. The final score of the ballgame was 62-34.

With this game's total, the Falcons offense has now put 134 points across the scoreboard. No quarter-by-quarter breakdown or individual stats were provided by the time of publication. Keep an eye out on our website for any updated stats to be added.

The Falcons will host their 'Homecoming' game on Oct.3 against Franklin in hopes of pushing their win streak to three games. Their record on the year now stands at 3-2.

Bowling Standings

Classie Lassies	9-18-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Split Happens	16	8
Larson Bros Construction	14	10
Dobish Dumpsters	13.5	10.5
Pony Express Ford	13.5	10.5
Aurora Coop-Keene	12	12
Upland Bar & Grill	10	14
Skye's The Limit Salon	9	15
Platte River BBQ	8	16
High Individual Game: Kasey Welch, 208; Betty Smith, 170; Deb Cavanaugh-Dorn, 169		
High Individual Series: Kasey Welch, 522; Deb Cavanaugh-Dorn, 467; Betty Smith, 453		
High Team Game: Aurora Coop-Keene, 439; Larsen Bros Construction, 426; Split Happens, 394		
High Team Series: Larson Bros Contruction, 1157; Aurora Coop-Keene, 1153; Pony Express Ford, 1080		

Monday Maniacs	9-22-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	12	4
Children First Daycare	8	8
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High Individual Game: Ashley Osterbuhr, 196; Ashley Osterbuhr, 171; Sherri Merrill, 171		
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Minden Unified Association	9-25-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Joyce Farms	79	61
Miller Body	74	66
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High Individual Game: Dusty Space, 233; Mark Klabunde, 184; Dustin Schwenka, Rich Pesek & Paul Jensen, 179		
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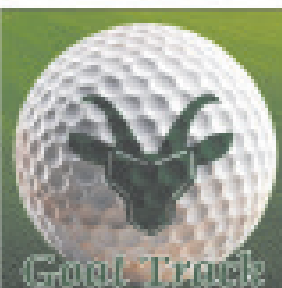
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3. Bring the Official Entry Blank to the Minden Courier office (520 N. Minden Ave - Minden, NE 68959) or send to the "Minden Courier Football Contest" c/o Minden Courier - P.O. Box 379 - Minden, NE 68959. Send just the entry blank. Entries must be dropped off by NOON, or postmarked, by the Friday before the weekly games are played.
4. One entry per person per week, please.
5. Decisions regarding the outcome of the contest are FINAL.
6. Staff members of Syndicate Publishing are not eligible to enter the contest.
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Obituaries

Gregory John Thull, 51 - Minden Resident



Gregory John Thull, known as Greg to his family and friends, passed away peacefully from stroke complications at CHI Kearney, Nebraska on September 26, 2025, with his wife Abbey by his side.

Greg was born on December 16, 1973, in Beloit, Kansas to Calvin and Joyce (Brokaw) Thull. He spent his early years in Cawker City and graduated high school with the class of 1993, before moving to Beloit where he worked at the Solomon Valley lumber yard. Eventually he moved to Kearney where he dedicated many years to Builders. During that time he met Abbey and they lived

in Axtell, before choosing to call Minden home. In his later years, Greg was at home on disability, spending cherished time with Abbey, and helping with the daycare kids.

Greg and Abbey were married on September 5, 2009 in a beautiful backyard ceremony. Through this marriage he gained two daughters, and together, they welcomed three sons.

Family was everything to Greg. He was a hands-on-dad, who despite being in constant pain, loved teaching his kids how to build, play catch, and share his playful love of scaring people. Coaching and supporting them brought him great joy. Greg's love for Abbey was unwavering - he especially adored her cooking, with her apple pie holding a special place in his heart.

Whether it was working on home projects, manning the grill, or simply enjoying a

night at home, Greg always put his family first. Greg also had a deep love for sports. You'd rarely see him without a Cubs, Chiefs, Huskers, Jayhawks or Whippet shirt on. Cheering on his teams and sharing that excitement with friends and family was one of his favorite things to do.

Greg is survived by his wife Abbey; daughters Maddie & Hannah; sons Gage, Brax & Tucker; and his beloved dog Maple.

He is also survived by his mother-in-law Jan Popple; sisters-in-law Blair (Cole) Peterson, Mariah (Kel) Knehans; brothers-in-law Dylan (Ashton) Popple and Addison (Amy) Popple. Father-in-law Steve Popple.

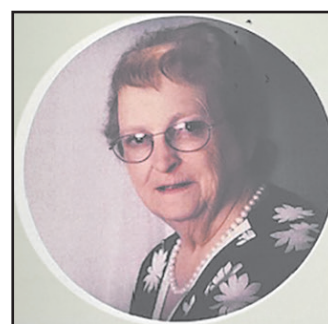
He leaves behind his sisters Trish (Mark) Bonifas; Missy (Glen) Allen; Cindi Withrow; and brother Randy (Cheryl) Thull, and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and close friends who loved him dearly.

A Celebration of Greg's life will be held on October 3, 2025 at 2 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden, NE. There will be no visitation and a private burial will take place at a later date.

In honor of Greg's memory and love for his family, a college fund has been created for his sons.

Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Deloris Ann (Soterin) Cook, 91 - Former Minden Resident



Deloris Cook, known to many as "Dee," peacefully passed away on Sunday, August 24th, 2025 with her family by her side in Denton, Texas at the age of 91. Graveside services were held on Monday, September 21, 2025 at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

Deloris was born April 9th, 1934, the youngest of five children of Gus and Alvena Soterin. She was Baptized and Confirmed at the Bethany Lutheran Church as she was a faithful member in Minden, Nebraska.

She grew up in Minden, Nebraska where she graduated from Minden High School and was a very active swimmer and lifeguard at the Minden Swimming Pool. She also served as a dedicated member of the Naomi Rebekah Lodge #12 in Kearney, NE and the American Legion Auxiliary in Minden, NE. She was always a hard worker, and held various jobs including driving an 18 wheeler which allowed her to see many parts of the country.

July 2nd, 1988 she was joined in marriage to Elwin Ray Cook at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden, Nebraska. In 1999, they moved to Denton, Texas where they resided for the remainder of their 33 years of marriage until Ray passed away in 2022. She was a lifelong Husker fan, could be spotted at the Casino in front of her favorite slot machine, and most of all creating memories while spending time with her friends and family.

Survived by her Daughter, Debra Ann Hassler, and her Son, James Black and wife Shannon. She is also lovingly remembered by her four grandchildren: Sonia & Sean Zimmerman-Lyness, Brandon & Jess Hassler, Brent & Sara Hassler, and Kendra Roe.

Her legacy continues through ten great-grandchildren: Dylan & Alexis, Bryson & Lauren, Brady, Riley, Kelsey, McKenna, Devon, Jasmine, Brayden, Seamus, Gavin, and Piper, as well as two great-great-grandchildren Cody & Damien.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ray, her parents Gus and Alvena Soterin, her siblings Lloyd (Brother) & Ruth, Phyllis (Sister) & Gene, Bonnie (Sister) & Cloyd (Boomer), Joan (Sister) & Dale, as well as two baby boys in infancy.

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Carol Mae M. Gramke, 90 - Upland Resident



Carol Mae M. Gramke, 90, of Upland, passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at CHI Health - Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Minden with Rev. William Zwick officiating. The service will be streamed to the church's YouTube page. Private family inurnment will be held at the Upland Cemetery. Memorials in Carol Mae's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Carol Mae Marie Gramke was born on February 1, 1935 in rural Franklin County, Nebraska to Ocke O. and Martha S. (Johnson) Bunger. She

was baptized on February 17, 1935 in Hildreth, and was confirmed April 17, 1949 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hildreth. Carol Mae grew up in the Hildreth area, graduating from Hildreth High School.

She was united in marriage to LaVerne F. P. Bartels on December 16, 1956 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hildreth. LaVerne passed away in March of 1959. Carol Mae was united in marriage to Merrill D. Gramke on June 25, 1971 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and to this union two children were born: Rhonda Sue and Troy Merrill. The family made their home in Upland, where she was a dedicated farm wife and helped care for many of the family animals through the years.

Carol Mae was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hildreth, Zion Lutheran Church in Upland, and later St. Paul Lutheran Church in Minden. She enjoyed gardening, canning and baking; she even won a purple ribbon at the fair for her meringue pie. Carol Mae was an avid Husker football and volleyball fan. She also followed the Kansas City Chiefs and Stephen Curry with the Golden State Warriors. She enjoyed attending music and theatrical events, and playing cards, especially pitch with her relatives. Carol Mae loved spending time with her family and attending all of her granddaughter's activities.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Rhonda Johnson and her fiancé, Jon Morgan of Kearney; son, Troy Gramke and his wife, Dotti of Upland; grand-

daughters, Carrin Gramke and Carmin Gramke; as well as a host of nieces, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended relatives and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merrill in 2021; siblings, Lorrena (Myron) Kersenbrock, Orval (Beulah) Bunger, and Luella Frerichs; and sister-in-law, Dolores (Dwayne) Soucie.

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

Legal Notices
NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Rosa Hardin, dated April 14, 2008, and recorded on April 15, 2008, in Book No. 200, at Page 453 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Kearney County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on October 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the assembly room of the Kearney County, Courthouse, Minden, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash:

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NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1308

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM. Passed and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2025.

/s/ Larry Evans,
Mayor

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

Oct 2, 2025
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF MIDWEST DRONE SERVICES, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following limited liability company has been formed under the laws of the State of Nebraska:

1. The name of the limited liability company is Midwest Drone Services, L.L.C.
2. The address of the designated office is 151 Park Ave. Minden, NE 68959.

3. The name and street and mailing address of the initial agent for process of the Company is Adam Christensen at 151 Park Ave Minden, NE 68959.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF WHISKEY SLOUGH TRUCKING, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Whiskey Slough Trucking, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska on September 16, 2025, with its initial designated office located at 1145 U Road, Kearney, Nebraska, 68847, and the agent of the company is Colby J. Emal, whose address is 1145 U Road, Kearney, Nebraska, 68847.

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VILLAGE OF WILCOX
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The budget hearing of the Village of Wilcox was held September 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Notices of the budget hearing and the final tax requesting hearing were published in the Minden Courier newspaper on September 4, 2025. Notices of the two hearings and regular meeting were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Wilcox Post Office and High Street Insurance. Members of the Village Board were notified by mail postmarked September 4, 2025. Chairman Gardels called the budget hearing to order at 7:00 pm and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson and Adam. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public. Chairman Gardels made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, as well as, a comparison to the prior year's budget. The floor was then open for public comment on the proposed budget statement. A reasonable amount of time was allowed for public comment. With there being no comments from the public, motion was made by Nash with second by Adam to close the budget hearing. Vote: Ayes -5, Nays - none. Motion passed, budget hearing adjourned. The final tax request hearing was opened immediately after the budget hearing at 7:15 pm. The floor was open for any public comment or discussion. Motion by Johnson with second by Norman to close the final tax request

hearing. Vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - none. Motion carried. Final tax request hearing closed at 7:30 pm. Immediately following the final tax request hearing, the Board of Trustees moved onto the regular meeting and order of business. Chairman Gardels called the regular Village Board of Trustees meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees Present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson and Adam. Others in attendance: D. Walker, R. Carey, C. Podalak and R. Hinrichs. Minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Johnson with second by Nash to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously. The following claims were presented for payment: Syndicate 117.95, Great Plain Com. 241.50, Verizon 179.08, DW&S 1080.00, Eakes 169.08, Chemsearch 1535.95, Central States Lab 1469.16, Wilcox Utilities 533.96, Black Hills 96.56, SPPD 766.23, Downey Drilling 390.35, NE Public Health Env Lab 364.00, ASAP Express 155.55, SPPD 2180.04, Cline Williams 186.00, NE Dept Rev Recycling Fee 25.00, Water Reserve Acct. 4220.00, Unemployment Fund 800.00, Leading Edge 584.85, Larsens ACE 23.08, SCS 4294.70, Vestis 58.75, CPI 656.37, Visa 451.93, Cornerstone Ins. Group 450.00, NPPD 25,620.65, Council 175.00, Salaries 5829.43, EFTPS 1816.40, NYLife 1103.31, NE Dept Rev. sales tax 1003.77, Transfer 21,650.65. Motion by Norman to approve all claims for payment. Second given by Adam. Motion carried. All delinquent utility bills were reviewed. All

nuisance properties were discussed. Attorney is still working to get a District Court date regarding the lien on the property of 305 E. Franklin St. Building permit #417 was reviewed. J. Harms installing a chain link fence at 205 N. Stockton. Inspection and approval was made by the Wilcox Planning Commission and submitted to the Village Board for final approval. Motion by Nash with second by Adam to approve building permit application #417. Motion carried unanimously. NPPD representatives were present to discuss the 2026 Wholesale Power Contract. The contract will be reviewed further and decision will be made at the October 14th meeting. The board was informed of the outcome of the vicious dog court case. Owner was found guilty of the charges of dogs running at large, and restitution paid to owner, but not found guilty of the dangerous dog charge. Sentencing is sched-

uled for September 25, 2025 at 1:45 pm. An ordinance will be established regarding living in RV campers. Resolution #684 - Setting the final tax request, was read aloud. This sets our request at \$92,748.82 causing our tax rate to be 0.41932 per \$100 of assessed value. Motion was made by Adam and seconded by Johnson to pass Resolution #684. Vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - none. Motion carried. Motion to approve the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget document as proposed was made by Johnson with second by Nash. Vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - none. Motion carried budget document approved. The Annual Appropriation Ordinance #685 was introduced by Nash and moved to suspend the three readings. Second by Norman. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Three readings were suspended. Trustee Nash made the motion for final passage of the Annual Appropriation Ord. #685. Sec-

ond was given by Norman. Motion was put to vote and carried with all members voting in favor. Ord. #685 was approved and signed. In other discussion, the board reviewed two options for a new copier/printer for the Town Hall and the service agreement with Eakes Office Solutions. The board will go with the color printer option at \$101.61 a month for 60 months. Also discussed the hire of an IT person as needed, several IT providers have been recommended. The board discussed getting a new heater/air conditioner unit for the Town Hall office. Durable

service will be contacted. A new refrigerator for the Town Hall kitchen will be purchased with the Wilcox CIA and the Village each paying half of the cost. The service territory of the Village and SPPD was briefly discussed. More research will be done and review of contract. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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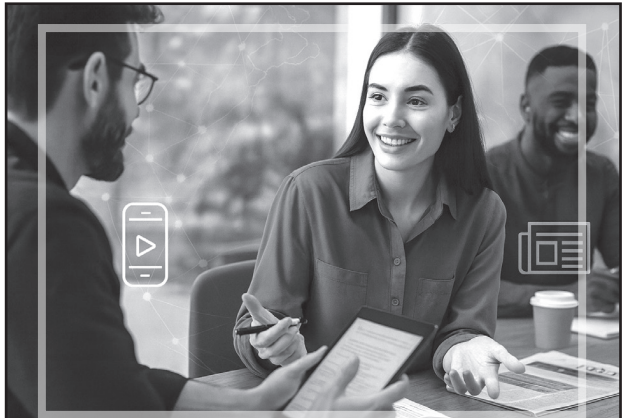
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NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' 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

Oct 2, 2025

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Two Rivers Public Health Department will be holding its regular bimonthly meeting beginning at 6:00 pm October 7, 2025. The meeting will be held in person at 516 W 11th Street Kearney NE with option of virtual public participation. Access trphd.ne.gov to find the meeting link. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and available for public inspection at Two Rivers Public Health Department; the agenda may be modified at this meeting.

-s- Jeremy Eschliman
Health Director
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Notice is hereby given that Shana Schoone Speaks LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 145 S Hull Ave Minden, NE 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Shana Schoone, 145 S Hull Ave Minden NE 68959.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Native American people of CA

5. Long periods of time (Brit.)

10. Classroom tool

12. Rods

14. One who renews

16. They start the alphabet

18. Periodical (slang)

19. Smooth singer Cole

20. Dorsal sclerites in insects

22. One from Utah

23. The world of the dead

25. Singer Redding

26. Mafia head

27. Wrongly

28. Unhappy

30. Anger

31. Dark olive black

33. Places to sit and eat

35. Made a mistake

37. Damp

38. Banned fuel type

40. Actor Damon

41. What thespians do

42. A polite address for a woman

44. Disallow

45. Swiss river

48. A banana has one

50. Afrikaans

52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

53. Agave

55. Journalist Tarbell

56. One-time tech leader

57. Incidentally (abbr.)

58. Intestinal bacterium

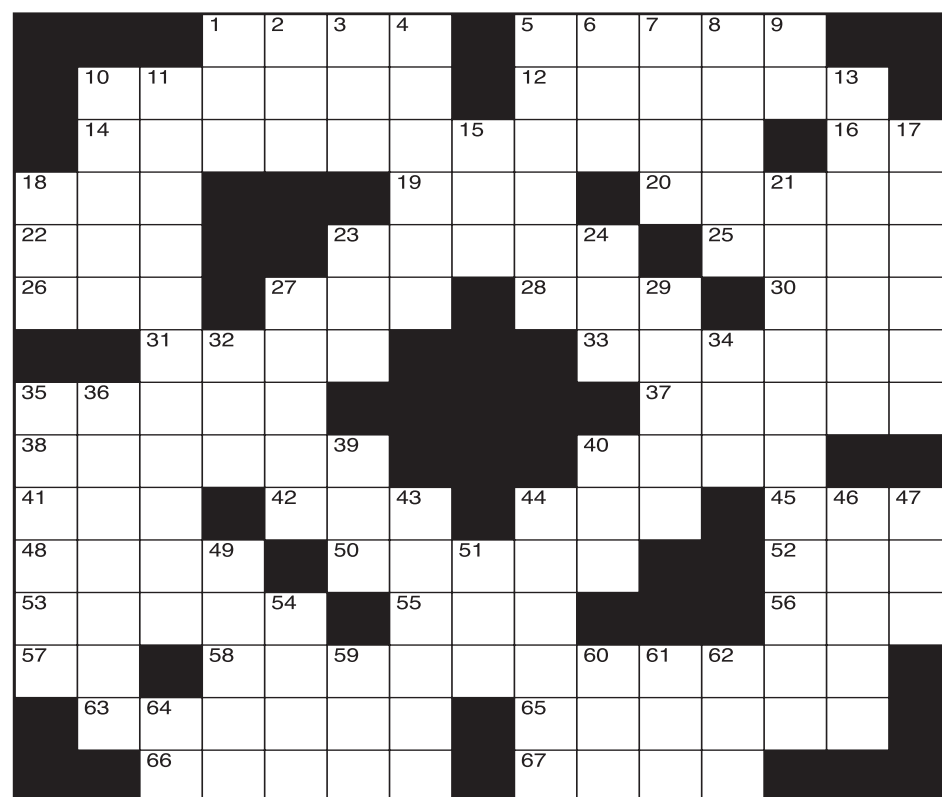
63. Loose sheaths around the spinal cord

65. Accompanies nook

66. Vogue

67. Highly excited

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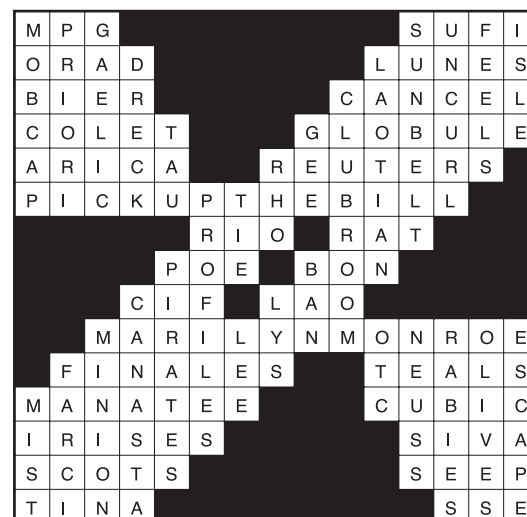


CLUES DOWN

1. Witch
2. Utilize
3. Writing utensil
4. Where rockers work
5. Becomes less intense
6. Consume
7. Type of catfish
8. "Horsetown, U.S.A."
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric poetry
11. Brings back to life
13. Humorous critiques
15. Cool!

17. Worst
18. Wet dirt
21. Useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. Internet device
29. City in India
32. A place to rest
34. Chat responder
35. A way to move on
36. What consumers are given
39. Digital audiotape

40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Church building
47. Georgia rockers
49. Surgeon's tool
51. "Much ___ about nothing"
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top



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