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Project: Prairie Power Exhibit Opens

NEBRASKA PRAIRIE MUSEUM

On Saturday, August 29, 2026, the Phelps County Historical Society were excited to celebrated the opening of their newest exhibit, Project: Prairie Power at the Nebraska Prairie Museum. The public ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by over 60 people who enjoyed coffee and cookies while being the first guests to lay eyes on the large new exhibit that spans the north wall of the Schrock Hall's main floor.

Micah Huyser, Executive Director of the Nebraska Prairie Museum reported: "Project: Prairie Power is the culmination of a vision, years of planning, countless hours of work, and the generosity of many individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations that believe in preserving and sharing our collective story here in South Central Nebraska." The two-year project was brought to life last year when the Historical Society hired the Museum Fabrication Group (MFG) out of Denton, Texas.

The large educational and informative display lays out a key transformative chapter in Nebraska's history including the Tri-County canal irrigation system, Nebraska's Holdrege Silt Loam soil, and the ability to produce our own electric power. From the 1930s through today, these three vital components revolutionized farming, improved our quality of life, strengthened our communities and helped shape the modern Nebraska we love.

This exhibit highlights the story of innovation, determination, cooperation, and progress that honors those original visionaries that made it all possible. Our ancestors' story is one defined by hard labor and limited access to conveniences many of us now take for granted. It honors the farmers, line workers, public power leaders, families, and community members whose efforts brought water, light, and power to rural Nebraska. Their work changed generations of lives, and we are proud to preserve and share their stories with visitors from near and far.

Projects like this do not happen alone. They require

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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, September 21.

The Closet Coat Drive

The Closet & Food Pantry of Minden is preparing to keep kids warm this winter. After going through their current stock, they found that they are missing just a couple of coats in each size to make sure every student is covered. If you're able to help fill those gaps with NEW winter coats, they would be incredibly grateful. Every coat means one more child heading out into a cold Nebraska morning warm, comfortable, and ready to take on the day.

Sizes needed: Girls: 2T (1), 3T (1) , 5T (1), Youth M(3), Youth Large(7), Youth XL(5), Adult Small(2), Adult Medium(2), Adult Large(1). Boys: 3T(2), 4T(2), 5T(1), Youth M(3), Youth L(4), Youth XL(6), Youth 2X(1), Adult M(7), Adult L(2), Adult XL(1), Adult 2X(2).

NEW Coats can be dropped off at The Closet any time during business hours. Make sure you let the volunteers know they are for the coat drive OR at Lieske, Lieske, & Ensz Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5PM

Night Shoot Tournament

Under the Lights, the 1st Annual Night Shoot Tournament fundraiser, will be held at Minden Gun Club, 1025 N. Garber Avenue, on Saturday, September 12. Registration and practice will be held from 3-4pm. Orange rock shoot will take place 5-8pm with cosmic shoot from 9pm-midnight. There is a 20 squad limit for this event with pre-squading taking precedence. Entry fee is $40 for 50 rock (25 orange and 25 cosmic). Practice round (if time allows) is $10 and cosmic post-shoot (if time allows) is also $10.

This event is open to all hunter safety certified individuals ages 11 and up. Prizes will be awarded and food stand will be open.

Proceeds will benefit the Kearney County GOP and Minden Trap Team. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling or texting Annie Jacobsen at 479-640-3626.

KCHS Free to Move, Safe to Groove Community Day

Join KCHS for the Free to Move, Safe to Groove Community Day on Saturday, September 26 from 9am-1pm at 727 E. 1st Street in Minden. After the 5K fun run/walk, join KCHS for a morning of health, safety and community fun with something for all ages. Get moving, learn something new, connect with local organizations and enjoy time together. Activities include photo booth, giveaways, face painting, coffee trailer, mobility & agility exercises, touch-a-truck, and more. A free lunch will be served from 11:30am-1pm. Bring the whole family and be part of the fun!

After Hours Event

The public is invited to attend a Kearney County Community Foundation & Minden Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event on Friday, September 18 from 5-7pm at Minden Opera House. The Kearney County Community Foundation is excited to host the unveiling of a new light and sound system at Minden Opera House during the event. Yanda's Music technicians will be on hand to show off the new technology. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Everyone is invited!

JML Touch-A-Truck

Jensen Memorial Library presents Touch-A-Truck on Saturday, October 10 from 10am-noon. Join them on the downtown square to learn about the vehicles that help the community thrive. Follow Jensen Memorial Library on Facebook and Instagram for information on other upcoming events.

Wilcox Fall Festival

Plan for a day of fun on Saturday, September 12 during the annual Wilcox Fall Festival. The celebration will include a fun run/walk, parade, trivia, car show, money dig, treats, meals, and lots more! A full, up to date schedule of events can be found on the Wilcox Fall Festival Facebook Event page.

2026 Library Fall Crawl

More than 100 libraries across Nebraska are participating in the Second Annual Library Fall Crawl, taking place from Tuesday, September 1 through Monday, November 30, 2026. The Library Fall Crawl invites residents to visit libraries across 109 communities within the state of Nebraska, exploring new spaces, attending programs and discovering the many resources each library has to offer.

To take part, patrons can pick up a free Library Fall Crawl Booklet beginning September 1. At each participating library, visitors will receive a sticker to mark their stop. Completed passports with at least ten stamps from ten different libraries will be entered into a prize drawing. The center page of the booklet may be turned in at the participant's home library or the tenth library they visit.

For more information, please contact your local library director.

Courier Weekly Deadlines:

Courier Designed Ads need to be requested by the customer by Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Client supplied or pre-designed ads are due on Friday at 4:00 pm.

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September is National Preparedness Month

Be prepared for weather emergencies: Black Hills Energy shares reminders with customers

PRESS RELEASE

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA – September 2, 2026 – Black Hills Energy is encouraging customers to take a few simple steps now to prepare for possible weather-related outages and emergency situations. Building a basic plan and gathering essential supplies can help households stay safe, comfortable, and connected – especially for those with medical needs or loved ones who may require additional support.

"Preparing in advance can go a long way, especially for customers who depend on medical equipment or who may need additional support," said Andy Storf, general manager of Nebraska operations at Black Hills Energy. "Our priority is to empower our customers with the information they need to stay safe, be prepared and feel informed – no matter what conditions arise."

Three tips to prepare at home:

Make an evacuation plan for your family and loved ones. Identify multiple escape routes out of the neighborhood should you need to leave with little advance warning. Plan a safe meeting location where you can meet if you get separated.

Gather important supplies in an emergency supply kit and keep this handy. Your kit should have enough food, water and supplies for people and pets to last three days. Include important papers and documents, emergency contact numbers, prescription medicines, eyeglasses, computers, phones, chargers and hard drives, credit cards and cash, and pictures.

Stay safe at home by making sure your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers are up to date and working well. Replace batteries and equipment if needed.

Black Hills Energy is also encouraging customers to sign up for outage alerts and encourage friends and family members to do the same. Visit your online Black Hills Energy account to sign up for alerts and update contact information.

To learn more about creating an emergency preparedness plan, visit blackhillsenergy.com/be-prepared.

Natural gas safety reminders

If you smell natural gas, with its telltale rotten egg odor, leave the area immediately and call 911 from a safe location. Avoid using electrical devices, phones, or light switches in the immediate area as they can create a spark and ignite a fire. Make sure everyone in your household knows how to recognize the signs of a gas leak, so they know how to stay safe.

Spotlight on Damage Prevention

We work hard to educate our customers and communities about the importance of calling or clicking 811 before digging. This applies to everyone, from contractors running excavation equipment, to families planting a new garden. Calling 811 at least 48 hours before breaking ground is the best way to prevent damage to underground utilities, which in turn prevents service interruptions, injuries and fatalities. Learn more at blackhillsenergy.com/811.

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partners who believe in the power of history, education and community. Patti Simpson, Phelps County Historical Society President said, "The entire Nebraska Prairie Museum board and staff gives their most sincere thanks to the over 240 donors who made this extensive $450,000 project a reality."

Distinguished donors to the project include: Bunker Hill Farms Inc.; Central Valley Irrigation; Central Public Power & Irrigation District; City of Holdrege; Dahlstrom-Quinn Family Trust; Rodale Emken Estate; Bruce & Carol Hendrickson Endowment; Duane & Kathleen Long; Clarke Nelson; PCCF Community Impact Fund; Roy W. & Mary L. Pearson Charitable Fund; Sherwood Foundation; Visit Phelps County; and Wagner Irrigation.

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A prominent donor wall featuring these current-day visionaries is incorporated into the exhibit right next to the original 1930 visionaries who brought water to our thirsty land. The investments into this project have helped create an exhibit that will educate, inspire, and serve our community for years to come. Future generations will be able to learn the challenges, ingenuity, and perseverance that shaped life on the Nebraska prairie.

The Nebraska Prairie Museum would like to invite everyone to come out and see Project: Prairie Power in person. The Museum is open 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, and from 1 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Admission is by free-will donation.

Minden Opera House Announces Its 2026-2027 Season

PRESS RELEASE

The Minden Opera House, a center for visual and performing arts in Central Nebraska for over 25 years, is pleased to announce its 2026-27 Season slate of events. Executive Director Marcy Brandt states, "We are proud to be a living representation of what this community can do when it pulls together behind a unified purpose. With Minden preparing for its 150th anniversary next summer, we look forward to not only bringing some fantastic arts experiences to the community to celebrate this historic occasion, but being a gathering place for many of the events being planned."

The season kicks off **October 17th** with ***Revelation: A Tribute to Journey***. This Kansas City-based tribute band recreates 1980s-era Journey concerts, featuring lead vocalist Danny Wayman, who emulates Steve Perry's vocal style. They play crowd favorites, "Don't Stop Believin'" and "Faithfully" among many other hits in the Journey catalog. Tickets are $35.

The remainder of the season promises to be full of variety and exciting new performances. See details below.

NOVEMBER 13 – The Toasted Ponies 7:30 pm Adults $20/ Students $10

Sponsored by Bill & Nancy Langford in honor of Jack & Donna Tubbs.

Lincoln-based The Toasted Ponies combine the best of both traditional and contemporary Bluegrass music. They will play everyone's Bluegrass favorites along with a fun mix of Cajun, Western Swing, Gospel and Celtic tunes just to keep things exciting.

DECEMBER 19 – Polar Express Family Event 6:00 pm Adults $8 / Ages 8 & under $3

The annual event begins with the reading of the "Polar Express" book by a professional storyteller. At the conclusion of the storytelling, cookies & hot chocolate are served (along with a special appearance by Santa Claus) with the feature film following the refreshments. The event is geared toward families with children ages 4th grade and under. Children are welcome to bring their pillows and come dressed in their pajamas for this evening of Christmas magic. *An earlier show might be added.*

JANUARY 30 – Colten Wyatt 7:30 pm Tickets $25

Presented by 1st Bank & Trust Company. From the heart of Lincoln, Nebraska comes a sound that feels both brand-new and right-at-home. The Colten Wyatt Band blends country, gospel, southern rock, and classic Americana into a high-energy, harmony-rich experience built for dance floors, county fairs, street dances, and packed-out ballrooms across the Midwest.

FEBRUARY 12 – David Anthony 7:30 pm Tickets $20

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, David Anthony started his love of magic when he was five years old and his uncle got him a magic kit. He shared his love as a performer for the first time when he was twelve years old. He worked vigorously on his show with the help of Rodney Whitlock, the owner of a local magic shop. He attended his first magic convention when he was fifteen years old. Since then he has won competitions with his award-winning act, "A Tale of Serendipity."

JULY 24 – Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Company PRESENTS Omaha Street Percussion – *details to be announced.* Omaha Street Percussion exists to bring the art of percussion to the public in a way that is tangible, obtainable, and exciting; demonstrated in such a way that promotes education, mentorship, and performance. Omaha Street Percussion infuses drums and dance together to create an upbeat show that is guaranteed to get you clapping your hands and shaking your hips. Household items like pots, pans, buckets, and trash cans are used as instruments to help create an energizing and exhilarating experience that will be sure to get you up on your feet. Audience interaction and participation is a major part of the OSP performance experience. You will truly feel part of the show!

Originally constructed in 1891, the Opera House building housed three separate businesses on its first floor, each with street-level access until its renovation in 1997. The Kearney County Community Foundation acquired the building that year through generous bequests from the Estates of Vane and Alta Nied and Nels & Lucille Winther. Opting for a complete overhaul, the Foundation undertook a complete renovation, introducing a stunning stairway, Gift Shop, Art Gallery, and meeting rooms. The grand opening of the renovated Minden Opera House took place over Memorial Day weekend in 2000, celebrating its return to being a vibrant hub for the arts and events in South Central Nebraska.

The Nebraska Arts Council, a state agency, has supported this season through its matching grants program funded by the Nebraska Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Visit artscouncilnebraska.org for information on how the Nebraska Arts Council can assist your organization, or how you can support the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

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PRIZES: ONE TIME ONLY JACKPOT: Every perfect weekly entry will be saved for a chance to win $100 at the end of the contest in its entirety. **FIRST PLACE:** $25 awarded weekly. **SECOND PLACE:** $15 awarded weekly.

Potter's Wheel

By Lori Potter

It's a miracle that anyone at any place or time walks the Earth.

Think of the enormously long odds of our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and earlier ancestors meeting at exactly the same place and time, marrying, and having children. Especially those who immigrated to the United States and then lived in big cities or were pioneers in the vast American wilderness.

I was reminded of that two weeks ago in a two-hour phone visit with a cousin, Barbara Wischmeier, now living in south Florida.

She never lived in the Wilcox area, but has ties to a Potter family farmstead about 11 miles south of town and almost across the road from where I grew up. Her great-grandparents Jennie (Potter) and Fred Zulauf lived there; as did their daughter and son-in-law Ellen and Bernie Wischmeier; and grandsons Roger, Richard and Paul.

Roger, Barbara's dad, was a professional church organist and music teacher mostly in the Chicago and Kansas City areas. Barbara followed a similar professional path and came to the farm only for family visits.

She has tracked one path of our Potter history to 1330. While mostly searching for genetic threads related a health issues, she also found the trail interesting.

We already knew much about my great-great grandparents - her great-great-great - Charles and Jennie Potter. He wrote about his many adventures after leaving his upstate New York childhood home, including his bachelor years in Chicago, where he met Jennie McDougal, originally of Montreal; farming and starting a family in Iowa; serving in the Union Army during Civil War; post-war healing; and traveling as pioneers to Red Cloud, where two of his brothers already had settled and four or five lived at some time.

Charles, known as C.R., then acquired farmland in northern Harlan and Franklin counties, and also built homes, stores and elevators in the country, Wilcox and Ragan.

Looking back from those mid-to-late 1900s described in C.R.'s writings and a memoir written by one of his daughters in her old age, Barbara's research centers on Potter family roots in England and in early America.

The English Potters were landowners, farmers and knights with "sir" titles who were involved in community administration, military service, and helping people survive pandemics, the Hundred Years War and Wars of the Roses. I don't know if any Potter knights also wore suits of armor like those pictured in books and movies.

Nathanial Potter Sr., born in 1617, was the first to come to America. He and the next few generations helped establish Rhode Island.

My five-time great-grandfather Eseck Potter, Sr. registered in 1776 for military service in Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War and died in 1777 at age 29 in Rhode Island. His wife Rachel Simmons was a direct decendent of Mayflower passengers.

C.R. and one brother served as Union Army soldiers.Two others were teamsters who delivered food, arms and other Civil War freight via horse-drawn wagons..

A great-grandpa on Mom's Dunn side of our family had a similar experience in that era. John Henry Dunn and his two siblings were born in Ohio, orphaned as children and raised in different families.

This photo of Jennie and Charles Potter was taken at or near their Dec. 22, 1860, wedding. They met in the Chicago area, and had started a farm and family in Iowa when Charles served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

John Henry also joined the Union Army in Iowa. His 1922 obituary says he was reported missing in action three times and in a Confederate Army prison once.

He and his first wife had one child, but she and her second baby died during childbirth. John Henry and his second wife, Rachel, had 12 children mostly raised in Franklin and Harlan counties.

I tell these family stories as examples, not to give the impression that my ancestors were unique. Most families have similar (and unique) stories about war heroes, community leaders and maybe even knights. Some are known, others might be revealed through family research and many never will be known by current or future generations.

It's amazing that so many of our ancestors had the right time-right place encounters necessary for us and other generations to be born. That surely indicates that God has a purpose for each of us.

Every family has generations of outstanding members with special skills, links to great moments in history and/or a willingness to use their time and talents to serve their communities, states and countries. I hope most also tried to help people in need, be kind and do the right best thing.

It's also true that all families have scoundrels or at least some not-so-nice people in their history, so we can't assume that being kind, generous, fair and helpful (or not) is determined only by good or bad genes.

I've shared Barbara's history paperwork with my twin sister and my oldest niece. It's interesting and heartwarming to know we come from many generations of good people.

Still, each of us must decide what kind of person we want to be. Most of us will mirror many of the best qualities of our parents, grandparents and beyond, while also finding our own way to best spend our time on Earth.

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

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Minden Public Schools

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Friday, Sept. 11: BREAKFAST: Egg bites, cereal; LUNCH: Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza

Monday, Sept. 14: BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, cereal; LUNCH: Loaded chicken pasta, dinner roll

Tuesday, Sept. 15: BREAKFAST: Bagel, cream cheese; LUNCH: Beef tacos, rice, refried beans

Wednesday, Sept. 16: BREAKFAST: Chocolate muffin, string cheese; LUNCH: Spaghetti, breadstick

Thursday, Sept. 17: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll, yogurt cup; LUNCH: Corn dog, baked beans

Friday, Sept. 18: NO SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Sept. 11: ACT Test Registration; V Girls G @ Lexington, 9 a.m.; V FB vs. Cozad, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12: V SB @ Cozad, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 13: FFA Pickleball Social

Monday, Sept. 14: Reserve VB @ Broken Bow, 4:30 p.m.; JV SB @ Holdrege, 5 p.m.; JV FB vs. Kearney Catholic, 6 p.m.; V SB vs. McCook, 6:30 p.m.; Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15: V Girls G @ Gothenburg, 10 a.m..; MS/JV/V Boys & Girls XC Minden Classic, 4:30 p.m.; JV SB @ Ord, 4:30 p.m.; 7th grade FB @ Gothenburg, 5 p.m.; JV/V VB @ Hastings, 5 p.m.; V SB @ Ord, 6 p.m.; JV/V VB vs. Northwest @ Hastings, 6 p.m.; 8th grade FB @ Gothenburg, 6:30 p.m.; JV/V VB Northwest vs. Hastings @ Hastings, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16: FFA to Husker Harvest Days; Early Release, 1 p.m.; Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17: Early Release, 1 p.m.; V Girls G Minden Golf Invitational, 9 a.m.; Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3 p.m.; 8th grade VB @ Adams Central, 4:15 p.m.; 7th grade VB @ Adams Central, 4:30 p.m.; V/MS Boys & Girls XC @ McCook, 5 p.m.; JV SB @ Gothenburg, 5 p.m.; V SB @ Gothenburg, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18: NO SCHOOL; FFA Highway Clean Up, 9 a.m.; V VB @ Gothenburg, 11 a.m; V FB @ Milford, 7 p.m.

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

MENUS:

Friday, Sept. 11: BREAKFAST: Banana bread; LUNCH: Corn dogs

Monday, Sept. 14: BREAKFAST: Muffins; LUNCH: Hot ham & cheese

Tuesday, Sept. 15: BREAKFAST: Breakfast sandwich; LUNCH: Beef enchiladas

Wednesday, Sept. 16: BREAKFAST: Breakfast nuggets; LUNCH: Fish sandwich

Thursday, Sept. 17: BREAKFAST: Ham bar; LUNCH: Spaghetti bar

Friday, Sept. 18: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: Mandarin orange chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Sept. 11: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; FB @ Shelton, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 14: JH FB & VB vs. Franklin, 2 p.m.; JV FB vs. Franklin, 4 p.m.; XC @ Alma Cross Country Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15: VB Wilcox-Hildreth Triangular, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16: FFA @ Husker Harvest Days, 8 a.m.; MTSSC Team meeting, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; VB @ Overton Tri, 5 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; HAL: 3rd-5th, JH & HS, 8:30 a.m.; FB vs. Deshler, 3 p.m.; VB vs. Deshler, 6:30 p.m.; Homecoming Dance, 9:30 p.m.

Axtell Community School

MENUS:

Friday, Sept. 11: BREAKFAST: Pancakes; LUNCH: Sausage gravy & biscuit OR Parfait

Monday, Sept. 14: BREAKFAST: Waffles; LUNCH: BBQ rib sandwich OR Chef salad

Tuesday, Sept. 15: BREAKFAST: Egg & toast; LUNCH: Soft chicken taco OR Chicken Caesar salad

Wednesday, Sept. 16: BREAKFAST: Granola bar, string cheese; LUNCH: Beef tips over rice

Thursday, Sept. 17: BREAKFAST: Oatmeal bake, yogurt; LUNCH: Cook's Choice

Friday, Sept. 18: BREAKFAST: Pancakes; LUNCH: Pizza OR Oriental chicken salad

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Sept. 11: FB vs. Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12: VB @ Hitchcock County Invite, 9 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 14: JH/JV FB & VB @ SEM, 3 p.m.; XC @ Alma Invite, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15: FFA meeting, 6:30 a.m.; VB @ Wilcox-Hildreth Tri, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16: FFA @ Husker Harvest Days; JH VB @ Elm Creek Tournament, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17: VB Axtell Triangular, 5 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18: FB @ Arapahoe, 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, Sept. 14: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, Sept. 15: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, winter blend, muffin & fruit

Wednesday, Sept. 16: Philly steak & cheese sandwich, French fries, beets, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Thursday, Sept. 17: Ham, hash brown casserole, peas, biscuit & fruit

Friday, Sept. 18: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, baked beans, fruit & dessert

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Do You Remember

Ninety Years Ago — 1936

Fifty boys reported to Coach John Richman and were busy on the Minden High School athletic field every evening trying to prove to him that they could "carry the message to Garcia" on the Whippet eleven in 1936. Six lettermen from the 1935 season were in suit. John Rogers, Doyle Pickering, Dale Gregory, Alfred Bank, Jr., Elliott Rae Chappell and Arthur Soundy are set to take the field again this fall.

Mrs. Roland Christensen presented 13 piano pupils in a musical playlet Sept. 12. Students taking part were Helen Binderup, Marilyn Markussen, Lucy Ann Hapeman, Mary Ellen Bang, Marjorie Christensen, Willa Reye Christensen, Gwen Phyllis Etzelmiller, Anna Belle Etzelmiller, Dorothy Stadler, Donald Stadler, Pearl May Petersen, Betty Layton and Doris Hermansen.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

The Minden Fire Department held its annual meeting and elected officers Sept. 4. Lloyd Nelson was elected president of the department, Andrew Nelson was chosen as vice president; William Ahrens was secretary and treasurer and Ray Bjorklund was chosen as Fire Chief.

"Sunset in Eldorado," starring Roy Rogers and Trigger was playing at the Minden Theatre with the pre-feature of "A Boy, A Girl, and A Dog." Admission prices were 12¢, 25¢ and 30¢.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

Roy E. Nelson of Axtell was re-elected chairman of the Kearney County Chapter of the American Red Cross for the coming year at the organization's annual meeting. Other officers re-elected were vice chairman Mrs. Clara McQuillan, treasurer Mrs. Ted Keenan, and secretary Mrs. Carrie Hove.

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Mrs. Wesley F. Shannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Youngson of Norman, graduated with top honors from Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Mrs. Shannon was named valedictorian of her class and received the gold medal for scholarship.

McDonald's Co. was holding its "big, thrifty anniversary sale." Women's carefree cardigans were on sale for $2.99; men's worsted wool slacks were $8.99; and warm flannel pajamas were on special for $1.97.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Wilcox trampled to a 39-0 conquest of Elm Creek Friday night in a FKC season opener. Butch Nitchie boosted the Eagles ahead 7-0 in the first period on a 37-yard jaunt and a plunge for the extra point.

Mrs. Clarence Bauer and Mrs. Richard Waldron attended the State Planning Commission of the Christian Women's Fellowship at Lincoln last weekend. Mrs. Bauer is serving as State service director. Mrs. Waldron was nominated to a four year term to the International Commission of the Fellowship.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Winners of the Ford Punt, Pass & Kick contest sponsored by Big John's Ford were Robb Vitera, Griff Latter, Michael Shada, John Roy Nelson, Shawn Johnson and Kelly Luedtke.

The annual duel between Wilcox and Hildreth was settled Friday night when the Eagles managed to outgun the Greyhounds 28-19. Jim Robinson led the Wilcox defensive efforts with 13 tackles, followed by Tom Lambert with 11, and Dale Blank's 11.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

LaVern Keen demonstrated his hydraulic aluminum can crusher at the senior citizen congregate dinner. The machine has a possibility of crushing 500-600 cans per hour. Keen uses the machine every day to crush cans which are brought to the Senior Center by the public.

Last week's Duplicate Bridge winners were Erma Miller and Victoria Youngsen with Betty Craig and Isabel Hove coming in second. Six tables were played.

The Axtell volleyball team got their season off to a good start with a 15-8, 15-4 win over Pleasanton, who was rated as one of the pre-season favorites in the FKC.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The Minden City Council approved a traffic study for the areas around Minden High School and C.L. Jones Middle School. Problems had arisen with parking and congestion in the area.

Clark Soderquist of Axtell received a purple ribbon on his market lamb at the Nebraska State Fair; Soderquist also received a blue on a second market lamb.

The Wilcox Eagles volleyball team opened its 1996 season by downing the Elm Creek Buffaloes in three tough sets. Brittany Potter led the way for the Eagles serving 18-18 for 12 points.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

The Axtell Wildcat football team opened their 2006 season with an 38-0 victory over the Pleasanton Bulldogs. Jared Knoble and Justin Swedburg each recorded team-best ten tackles during the contest.

Flags, community members, and Patriot Guard Riders lined sidewalks and roadways to honor family and friends of Staff Sergeant Jeffrey Hansen as he was laid to rest. The soldier was serving in Iraq when the Humvee he was riding in rolled into a 10 foot deep canal.

A dedication ceremony was held for Nature's Mosaic. The project took five and a half years to make it from dream to reality.

2016 — The children of Sam and Jessica Hansen of Minden competed in their first year at the Muzzleloader State Shoot in Cairo. Vincent, age 4 (left) won second place in the Dutch Oven Cookoff with a pineapple upside down cake. Victoria, age 6 (middle) received medals in four of the six matches in the Sub-junior events. She received one gold, two silver, and one bronze placing her second overall in the state. Grace, age 8 (right) received medals in five of the six matches in the Sub-junior events. She received four gold and one silver placing her first overall making her the Sub-juniors champion. She also tied the state record in the knife throwing event.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

Kearney County Health Services welcomed Family Practitioner Dr. Andy Craig onto their staff. The Minden native was excited to treat patients in his hometown.

Two Rivers Public Health Department issued the following statement: Mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile virus have been found in Phelps County. At this time, there has been one probable positive human case in the Two Rivers District. It is important to remember that most of human West Nile cases are usually reported in August and September.

"Grand Champions. Made in Nebraska." This year's Nebraska State Fair theme shined a spotlight on all those involved in agricultural and livestock events. The grandest champions of all took center stage at the State Fair over Labor Day weekend to compete in the 11th annual Nebraska Elite Showman Competition. Participants included Brinn Space of Minden representing Kearney County.

Minden Police Report

Calls for Service

August 28

2206 - 1st St. and Oak Ave., Traffic Stop
1126 - 100 Block S. Hull Ave., Report of Missing Person, Located
1608 - 600 Block N. Nebraska Ave., Death Investigation

August 29

0000 - 700 Block E. 8th St., Out with Suspicious Vehicles
0249 - 700 Block E. 1st St., Assist, Unknown Call
1908 - Brown Ave. and Holland St., Motorist Assist
2213 - City Limits and E. Hwy 6, Traffic Stop
2315 - 100 Block E. 5th St., Alarms
2354 - Agency Assist

August 30

1215 - 200 Block E. 2nd St., Disturbance
1813 - Hwy 6 from Axtell, Driving Complaint
1837 - 1st St. and Nebraska Ave., Traffic Stop
1931 - Hwy 6 and Piester Ave., Motorist Assist
2008 - Hwy 6 and Piester Ave., Traffic Stop
2038 - Hwy 6 and Piester Ave., Traffic Stop
2158 - Agency Assist

August 31

0716 - 6th St. and Minden Ave., Broken Water Main
0932 - 300 Block N. Brown Ave., Check Welfare
1110 - 600 Block N. Garber Ave., Funeral Escort
400 Block N. Tower Ave., Check Welfare
1538 - 3rd St. and Colorado Ave., Traffic Stop
1546 - 13th St. and Brown Ave., Accident Investigation
2243 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Check Welfare

September 1

1227 - 2nd St. and Park Ave., Parking Violation
1424 - 700 Block S. Nebraska Ave., Unit Call
1526 - 1st St. and Nebraska Ave., Traffic Stop
1754 - 500 Block E. Hawthorne St., Animal Complaint
1636 - 600 Block W. 3rd St., Suspicious Activity
2038 - 500 Block E. 3rd St., Suspicious Activity

September 2

0047 - 300 Block N. Brown Ave., Check Welfare
0917 - High School, Truancy
2038 - Hwy 6 and Smith Ave., Traffic Stop
2134 - Hwy 6 and Piester Ave., Traffic Stop
2238 - 100 Block S. Hull Ave., Traffic Stop/Arrest/ Driving Under Suspension
2308 - 200 Block S. Hull Ave., Dog at Large, Returned to Owner

For the Record

Marriage License

Dakota J. Madison, 35, Minden & Amanda Rose Luna, 36, Minden; 9-1-26
Brian A. Snow, 39, Minden & Cierra K. Wilhelm, 33, Minden; 8-31-26

Kearney County District Court

State vs. Javier Lemus-Murillo, Kearney, felony bindover COUNT I: attempt of a class 2A felony; COUNT II: assault-cause bodily injury; 8-7-26

Kearney County County Court

Michael Malave, Hastings, leave accident-att. Prop/fail to furnish, fine $100, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Larsen, 6-12-26
Cory H. Deweese, Hildreth, drive during revocation/impound-1st, fine $500, 6 months probation, Minden Police Officer Eikenberry, 6-5-26
Cory H. Deweese, Hildreth, COUNT I: drive during revocation/impound-1st, fine $500, 6 months probation; COUNT II: fail to use turn signal, fine $25, 6 months probation, Minden Police Officer Eikenberry, 8-2-26
Donald R. Wheelbarger, McCook, overweight on axle or group of axles, fine $100, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Adams, 8-18-26
Evan A. Scott, Sandy, Utah, speeding 6-10 MPH County/ State, fine $75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 7-11-26
Perry F. Maynor, Jr, Bennington, no valid registration-car/ pickup/stepvan, fine $25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 7-17-26
Dudley E. Benson, Axtell, overweight capacity plates, fine $100, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 7-14-26
Thomas C. Manley, Stamford, overweight on axle or group of axles, fine $25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 7-23-26

Minden Fire & Rescue

8-28-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was on standby at Minden Public Schools for the football game.
9-1-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Nebraska Avenue for a fall with injury.
9-2-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Brown Avenue for a fall with pain.
9-2-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to G Road for a possible person trapped under a tractor.
9-3-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Brown Avenue for a life alert.

Kearney County Sheriff

8-22-26, A vehicle driven by Brittany G. Franklin, Funk, was southbound on Highway 44, approaching the intersection of Highway 6. Franklin appears to have failed to yield to the southbound stop sign continuing to travel south through the intersection and drifting off the roadway to the right, striking the railroad crossing arm system. Franklin continued to travel south carrying debris into the west ditch, where the vehicle came to a rest. Franklin denied EMS transport, but did seek medical treatment and transport by a family member. All trains on this track were stopped until approximately 7 a.m. that day. Estimated damage, Franklin: $50,000. Estimated damage, Railroad: $20,000.
8-25-26, A vehicle driven by Mario Artemio Marin Chalche, Clovis, New Mexico was stopped in the southbound lane on Highway 10 preparing to turn into the Fort Kearny Feedlot. A dark-colored van approached from behind and abruptly turned onto the shoulder to pass, braking heavily to avoid striking Chalche. A vehicle driven by Alexander Dale Brais, Heartwell, which was traveling behind the van, was unable to avoid Chalche and collided due to the van's abrupt maneuver. Brais came to rest in the northbound lane facing north, while Chalche came to rest in the southbound lane. The dark-colored van continued from the scene without stopping. Estimated damage, Chalche: $30,000. Estimated damage, Brais: $50,000.
8-30-26, A vehicle driven by Douglas W. Ockinga, Eustis, was westbound on Highway 6. Ockinga observed a red Angus cow in the middle of the road. Ockinga swerved to miss the cow, but still struck it on the driver's side door and struck the wheel well of the trailer he was pulling. Ockinga was able to straighten wheel well to continue driving. Cow was not found. Estimated damage: $500

Church Directory

Axtell

Bethany Lutheran
903 25 Road
BethanyAxtell.org
(308) 743-2597
Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: 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, Sept. 13: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Keene Evangelical Free
662 F Road
308-743-2611
Matthew Snell, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 16: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.
Craig Richardson, Pastor
Sunday, Sept.13: Breakfast, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 16: Ladies fun & Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17: Church Council, 8 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
360 So. Stewart
(402) 756-8552
Greg Volsky, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster Presbyterian
Broad and Main Street
Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran
401 Lake Street
Daren Popple, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

God's Lighthouse, Full Gospel
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish
287 Jefferson Street
Father Evan Winter
Sunday, Sept. 13: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran
502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
112 W 11th Ave
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Sunday, Sept. 13: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.
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Zion Lutheran
Located 1 mile west of Macon, 1503 31st Road, (Franklin)
Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran
437 E. Fourth St.
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Thursday, Sept. 10: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Miriam Circle, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12: Walking, 8 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Gathering, 9 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13: Combined Bethany/Fredericksburg Outdoor Service with Holy Communion at Chautauqua Park, Potluck following, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 14: Church Council, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.
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Evangelical Free
1310 W. First St.
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Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Church Family Fellowship after worship services; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Grandparents Day
Wednesday, Sept. 16: Church Admin. Board, 6:30 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study Tuesdays @ Bloomfield Home, 9 a.m.

Fredericksburg Lutheran
616 33 Road
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.
Communion served 2nd Sunday each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic
628 N. Garber
Father Evan Winter
Saturday, Sept 12: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass
Sunday, Sept. 13: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran
206 N. Colorado
Rev. William Zwick
Friday, Sept. 11: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13 Sunday School/Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Happy Grandparent's Day
Tuesday, Sept. 15: Choir practice, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 16 JYM Basic, 3:45 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM Advanced, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.
Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 10 Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 10 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17: Prayer Time, 1 :30 p.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian
109 N. Colorado
Gary Smith, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; Communion 1st Sunday
Wednesday, Sept. 16: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

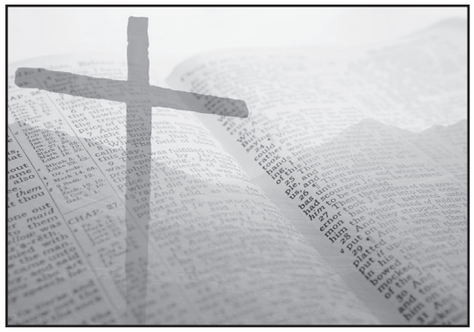
Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran
102 S. Stockton St.
Kenton Birtell, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist
203 S. Sapp St.
Candance Miller, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship, 9 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community
106 W. Detroit St.
Craig Cedar, Pastor
Affiliated with Evangelical Free Church of America
Sunday, Sept. 13: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays: Awana & Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
Bible Studies during the week. Check our Facebook page

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."
- Philippians 2:4



The Good Word

By Pastor Logan Ellis

Can We Just Talk?

It is good to visit with you once again. I find myself unable to gaze away from the hyper polarization that exists in our nation, and in particular the silence that exists between those of different opinions. I think a lot of us wonder what happened, as topics are more often being regulated or quarantined from our expectations in conversation. At first, religion was taboo to families who had different backgrounds, then politics became taboo as disagreements of how our government should act happened, which left only the shallowest conversations such as weather or how the Huskers almost won that last game. We have shaved conversation topics from our selection over time to end up with few, if any, meaningful or engaging conversations.

I think the reason for this is twofold. The first reason is the fear of lack of knowledge. There are so many events happening at the same time it is practically impossible to keep tabs on what is going on, let alone forming an opinion or reaction to it. Because of this, we hesitate because we are implicitly taught not to speak unless we have experience, or a couple of google searches, under our belt.

The other reason is more primal: we do not want to have conflict. Through our political two party system of Democratic or Republican majority representation, many issues are addressed through the most partisan solutions and rhetoric, despite many different viable variations being available. The loudest opinions present us with flaws that come from ignoring dissenting voices, leaving us with incomplete answers. Rather than to admit when different opinions have valid points, it is much easier to deny their whole existence.

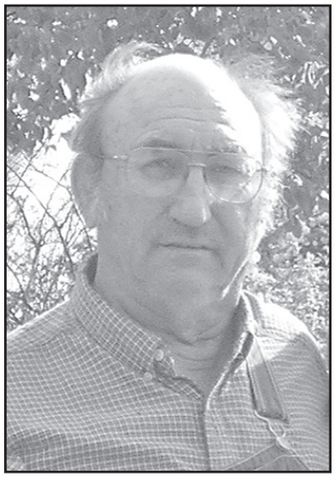
So what do we do then? Discuss our recent grievances with Plato's use of pros, discern what percentage of Trump's speech was inconsistent with the last, question Cicero's use of rhetoric for public entertainment, or express concern for the recent rise of socialistic policies? Yes, actually! That is part of the answer. We must be willing to express our opinion. The other, much more difficult component is the willingness to hear dissenting opinions, and explore them with those who hold those positions. It is not a mistake to hear someone out, or to listen to a dissenting voice. We must be willing to tolerate a difference of opinion. Our nation was constructed on disagreement, compromise, and a brave act of discovering how we can share ideas and policy with others and retain divided goals.

There are multiple battlefields we must take back. The first is political structures on the local, state, and nation level. The loudest voices have successfully scared off many from city meetings, town halls, public forums, and other means of a community talking to those who represent them. We need to take these opportunities to talk with the politicians, listen to and interact with others. While there will be loud voices, we have the power to dilute their influence through just our presence alone. Another important venue to grow conversations is in private conversations among friends. We can expand the topics we talk about with others through simple questions that invite us to learn more about the people we are already connected to. We can have deeper relationships with others, while also exploring what we believe. They can be a much better soundboard for us than the partisan endpoints, because their connection to us is more than just an alignment of political endgoals.

The community, and world, I am proposing is not one of unity, but rather one of flexibility. We claim that our most fundamental right and exercise is one of free speech, but our muscles are in serious need of a workout. So, participate in discourse, ask people their thoughts on events, be willing to stand for something, and most of all, be willing to engage with other opinions. As Alexander sings in Hamilton, "If you stand for nothing, Burr, what will you fall for?!"

Obituaries

Ronald L. Grube - Norman Resident



Ronald L. Grube of Norman, Nebraska passed away August 28, 2026 at Accura Healthcare in Kenesaw Ne.

Ron worked with the Burlington Northern Railroad until 1998 when he retired.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn; two sons and daughters-in-law, William (Kathrine) and Micheal (Michaela); seven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Patricia and his sister Alvena, daughter-in-law, Candace.

He was a father, grandfather and great grandfather and will be truly missed by family and friends.

Service was held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at the Merten-Butler Mortuary Chapel, Blue Hill, Nebraska with Pastor Michael Wenig officiating. Private family burial was in the Blue Hill Cemetery, Blue Hill, Nebraska. There was no viewing or visitation as his wishes were to be cremated. A memorial has been established to be designated at a later date. The service was livestreamed on Merten-Butler Mortuary's website. To view the service go to Ronald's obituary and click on the play button towards the bottom of the page. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mertenbutlermortuary.com. Campbell Funeral Home, Campbell, Nebraska is serving the family.

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Jorgensen Matches Sister's Best 9-Hole Score

ROGER HANSEN

The Minden girls' golfers were part of a quad meet at Holdrege on September 1. It was a very competitive 9-hole meet with Holdrege and Broken Bow tying at 204 and Minden just 8 strokes back having shot a 212. Cambridge was the fourth school represented but did not have four golfers.

Macy Jorgensen fired a 32 to easily outdo the rest of the field and, not only that, but her score tied her sister KayLynn's best 9-hole score which is a season record for the Whippets' program.

Also playing varsity were Laynee Joyce (55-good for 10th), Ceirra Riley (58) and Hallie Hartman (67).

Competing as JVs were Hartleigh Bienhoff (57-3rd), Arihanna Johnson (61-5th) and Kennedy Eckhardt (67-9th).

A couple of days later (September 3), the team played at the Grand Island Central Catholic Invitational. 11 schools sent golfers.

Minden was sixth. GINW won the meet with a 383, followed by Columbus Scotus 410, Adams Central 414, GICC 418, Broken Bow 426, Minden 461, Central City 466, Kearney Catholic 481 and Gothenburg 511. Cambridge and Southwest did not have four scorers.

Macy again shot exceptionally, firing a one under par 71 to win by 16 strokes. Her score was a personal best.

Laynee shot a 110 which was a PR for her. Hallie had a 129 and Ceirra a 151.

JVs played nine holes. Hartleigh shot 79, Arihanna 82 and Kennedy 86.

The Minden girls golf team had a busy week playing in the Holdrege Quad on September 1 and the GICC Invitational on September 3. Macy Jorgensen (left) once again led the Lady Whippets finishing first individually at both events. (Courtesy photos)

Missing District Assignments Shared

ROGER HANSEN

In last week's Courier the District assignments for Class C girls golf (Minden) and Class D cross country (Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth) were mentioned as not yet known, but now they are.

District C-4 golf @ Lakeside Country Club (Johnson Lake), October 5: Adams Central, Arcadia-Loup City, Broken Bow, Burwell, Centura, Cozad, Doniphan-Trumbull, Gibbon, Gothenburg, GICC, Hi-Line, Holdrege, Kearney Catholic, Minden, Ravenna, St. Paul, Ravenna

District D-5 cross country @Cross Creek Country Club (Cambridge), October 15: Alma, Arapahoe, Amherst, Axtell, Brady, Cambridge, Elm Creek, Franklin, Gibbon, Hi-Line, Kenesaw, Maxwell, Overton, Pleasanton, Ravenna, Red Cloud, Shelton, Silver Lake, Southern Valley, Southwest, SEM, Wilcox-Hildreth, Wood River

The site for the C-4 cross country district, which includes Minden, will be at Aurora on October 14. The participating schools were previously announced.

Cozad Topples Hwy 6

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The Cozad Haymakers exploded out of the dugout with 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning to conquer the HWY 6 Trailblazers 15-7 on Sept. 3 at Cozad.

Despite McKinley Jauken scoring the first run at the top of the first, starting pitcher Lillian Labenz couldn't stop Cozad's batters. Labenz gave up nine runs (five earned) on five hits. She had no strikeouts and walked five.

Addisyn Norris was the relief pitcher for Labenz. She struck out one and walked two. Norris gave up two hits and one run.

Labenz was the leader in hits for the Trailblazers, going three-for-three. Jauken, Stella Birkestrand and Kaleah Boulware drove in two runs, and Neveah Browitt had two hits.

HWY 6 traveled to the McCook Tournament on Sept. 4, and took on the Fillmore Central Panthers on Sept. 8.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
HWY6	1	0	0	4	2	X	X	7	10	2
CZDV	10	0	0	1	4	X	X	15	11	3

The Hwy 6 Trailblazers couldn't overcome an early lead by Cozad's batters during their faceoff in Cozad on September 3. Pictured: (above) Lillian Labenz fires a pitch from the mound. (left) Alexa Hale takes a big swing at the plate. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

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Lady Falcons Dominate at Hi-Line Tri

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The Wilcox-Hildreth volleyball team came out on top, not losing a single set on Sept. 3 at the Hi-Line Triangular in Elwood.

The Falcons beat the Hi-Line Wolves 25-20 and 25-20 in the first round of the triangular.

Freshman Elsie Donley led with seven kills, followed by freshman Ellie Blank and junior Camryn Bunger who both had five. Freshman Georgia Guthrie set up 19 assists and had 12 digs.

Individual stats for Wil-Hil vs. Hi-Line:

Kills: Elsie Donley 7, Ellie Blank 5, Camryn Bunger 5, Georgia Guthrie 1, Madison Sheen 1, Kinley Hansen 1

Assists: Guthrie 19, Donley 1

Aces: Blank 4, Donley 2, Bunger 2, Sheen 1, Hansen 1

Digs: Guthrie 12, Elin Patterson 3, Sheen 3, Blank 3, Bunger 2, Hansen 2, Donley 2

Blocks: Bunger 2

In game two, Wil-Hil easily took down Sumner-Eddyville-Miller with set scores of 25-18 and 25-14.

Bunger came out swinging with 8 kills to her name, followed by five apiece from Donley and Blank. The trio showed their dominance in digging as well. Donley notched seven digs followed by Bunger and Blank with six each. Guthrie had the most assists at 19, and Donley put up five blocks.

The team hosted their home triangular Sept. 8 against Alma and Northern Valley, Kan. They will play Sept. 10 at home against Red Cloud.

Individual stats for Wil-Hil vs. S-E-M:

Kills: Bunger 8, Blank 5, Donley 5, Sheen 3, Hansen 2, Guthrie 1

Assists: Guthrie 19, Bunger 2, Blank 1, Donley 1

Aces: Bunger 1, Sheen 1, Hansen 1, Donley 1

Digs: Donley 7, Blank 6, Bunger 6, Guthrie 4, Patterson 3, Sheen 3, Ona Wilsey 1

Blocks: Donley 5, Blank 2, Hansen 1, Bunger 1, Guthrie 1

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Axtell Buffaloed by Elm Creek

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The Axtell Lady Wildcats couldn't quite overcome the Elm Creek Buffaloes Sept. 3 on their home court.

The Buffaloes stampeded past the Wildcats in three sets with final tallies of 25-18, 25-20 and 25-20. The loss leaves Axtell with a record of 1-4.

Axtell ventured north Sept. 8 to play in the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Triangular. As of press time, S-E-M did not have a win to their name yet this season.

The Wildcats will continue to have a busy week, playing Ansley-Litchfield Sept. 10 at home and on the road Sept. 12 for the Hitchcock County Invite.

There were no individual stats available as of press time for the Axtell vs. Elm Creek game.

Bowling Standings

Classey Lassies 8-27-26

Team Standings:	**W**	**L**
Upland Bar & Grill	4	0
Platte River BBQ	3.5	.5
Split Happens	3	1
Skye's The Limit Salon	3	1
Larson Bros Construction	1	3
Dobish Dumpsters	1	3
Pony Express Ford	.5	3.5
Aurora Coop-Keene	0	4

High Individual Game: Chelsey Oltman, 179; Amanda Rasmussen, 170; Allyson Sinsel, 155

High Individual Series: Amanda Rasmussen, 469; Sheila Schoone, 452; Chelsey Oltman, 438

High Team Game: Split Happens, 428; Platte River BBQ, 408; Skye's The Limit, 407

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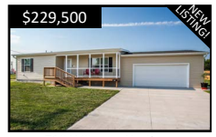

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Lady Whippets Split McCook Tri

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The Minden High School volleyball team lost their first match to McCook at the McCook Triangular, but the Whippets rebounded in their second game to defeat Chase County.

The Whippets came out strong against the Bison, winning the first set 25-11. However, the Bison powered back in sets two and three, besting the Whippets 25-22 and 25-20.

Junior Aly Cederburg continued to show her dominance on the court with 10 kills, 17 digs and four blocks. Sophomore Olivia Armstrong set up 17 assists and pitched in 10 digs. Sophomore Ruby Rhynalds was also busy on the floor with 12 assists and seven digs.

Individual stats for Minden vs. McCook

Kills: Aly Cederburg 10, Malayna Emery 7, Josa Ciemnoczolowski 7, Reagan Carey 3, Rilynn Johnson 3, Bailee Fries 1, Ruby Rhynalds 1

Assists: Olivia Armstrong 17, Rhynalds 12, Cederburg 3

Aces: Cederburg 2, Armstrong 1, Emery 1, Lexie Anderson 1, Rhynalds 1

Digs: Cederburg 17, Carey 15, Anderson 14, Armstrong 10, Rhynalds 7, Sophia Birkestrand 3, Emery 2, Johnson 1, Ciemnoczolowski 1, Fries 1, Gabbie Lee 1

Blocks: Cederburg 4, Johnson 4, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Fries 2

Minden easily took down Chase County, beating the Longhorns in two sets. The final scores were 25-18 and 25-15

Cederburg led the charge with five kills, seven digs and two blocks. Armstrong set up seven assists and three aces. Freshmen Lexie Anderson and Reagan Carey stayed low for six digs each.

The Whippets traveled to Shelton Sept. 8 and will play at home Sept. 10 against Beloit, Kan.

Individual stats for Minden vs. Chase County:

Kills: Cederburg 5, Ciemnoczolowski 4, Carey 3, Armstrong 2, Emery 1, Johnson 1, Fries 1

Assists: Armstrong 7, Rhynalds 6, Carey 1

Aces: Armstrong 3, Cederburg 1, Rhynalds 1

Digs: Cederburg 7, Carey 6, Anderson 6, Armstrong 5, Birkestrand 4, Emery 4, Rhynalds 2, Lee 1

Blocks: Cederburg 2, Emery 1, Johnson 1, Ciemnoczolowski 1

Bailee Fries goes up for a powerful hit over the net. (Courier photo by Susan Fries)

Minden Fights to the Final Set in Lexington

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

In a nailbiter of a fourth set, the Minden Whippets fell to the Lexington Minutemaids Sept. 3 in Lexington. Minden now has a 2-5 record this season.

Lexington claimed the first two sets of the match, 25-20 and 28-26, but the Whippets fought back in the third set to win 25-22. The game almost went to a fifth and final set, but the Minutemaids squeaked past Minden in set four with a score of 26-24.

Junior Aly Cederburg had the most kills so far this season with 19. She was also the block leader with five.

The entire team dug deep with a total of 77 digs. Junior Kaleigh Carr had 18 digs, and freshmen Malayna Emery and Reagan Carey both contributed 13. Sophomore Oliva Armstrong had 21 successful set assists.

The Whippets hit the road on Sept. 8 to play Shelton, and they will be at home Sept. 10 against Beloit, Kan.

Individual stats for Minden vs. Lexington:

Kills: Aly Cederburg 19, Reagan Carey 8, Josa Ciemnoczolowski 6, Bailee Fries 6, Malayna Emery 5, Rilynn Johnson 2

Assists: Olivia Armstrong 21, Ruby Rhynalds 16, Cederburg 1, Kaleigh Carr 1

Aces: Emery 5, Sophia Birkestrand 1

Digs: Carr 18, Emery 13, Carey 13, Cederburg 12, Rhynalds 7, Fries 5, Armstrong 2, Johnson 2, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Tatum Delira 1, Lexie Anderson 1, Birkestrand 1

Blocks: Cederburg 5, Emery 4, Johnson 2, Ciemnoczolowski 2

2026 Hwy 6 Trailblazers

HWY 6 TRAILBLAZERS - Tayleigh Strickland, Alexys Eckmann, Jade Melroy, Madelynn Pelowski Wood, Breckynn Edgren, Scarlet Rogers, Alexa Hale, McKinley Segelke, Stella Birkestrand, Addisyn Norris, Mckenzie Reith, Hope Mason, Ella Warburton, Lillian Labenz, Austin Johnson, Adelyn Neal, Laci Loseke, Kaleah Boulware, McKinley Jauken, Katherine Marshall, Taya Tomsen, Wyndser Lupkes, Jenika Neitzke, Jenna Petersen, Neveah Browitt, Jade Bowman, Samarha Barrow, and MayCee Beat. Coaches Jason Hale, Karli Becker, Tara Johnson, Hannah McGinley, and Russ Raburn. (Courtesy photo)

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Sports Calendar

Wilcox-Hildreth

Friday, September 11
FB @ Shelton
Monday, September 14
XC @ Alma Invite
Tuesday, September 15
VB Wil-Hil Tri.
Thursday, September 17
VB @ Overton Tri.

Axtell

Friday, September 11
FB v. Franklin
Saturday, September 12
VB @ Hitchcock Co. Invite
Monday, September 14
XC @ Alma Invite
Tuesday, September 15
VB @ Wilcox-Hildreth Tri.
Thursday, September 17
VB Axtell Tri.

Minden

Friday, September 11
FB v. Cozad
Saturday, September 12
SB @ Cozad Invite
Monday, September 14
SB v. McCook
Tuesday, September 15
GO @ Gothenburg Invite
XC Minden Classic
VB @ Hastings Tri.
SB @ Ord
Thursday, September 17
GO Minden Invite
XC @ McCook Invite
SB @ Gothenburg

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASES

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Neb. Stat. 77-1633, that a representative of the following political subdivisions will meet on the 16th day of September, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kearney County Fairgrounds on North Highway 10 for the purpose of conducting a joint public hearing to obtain public input on property tax increases proposed by the subdivisions: Subdivision, Phone #, Property Tax Request

County of Kearney
308-830-0391
$5,680,031.00

City of Minden
308-832-1820
$1,649,932.00

Said meeting is open to the public. Accommodations for the disabled are available upon request. Please contact the Kearney County Clerk at 308-832-2723 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if accommodations are required.

There is no item on the agenda for this joint public meeting other than discussion of the political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by a percentage greater than the "allowable growth percentage" defined in 77-1633. The political subdivision shall make their presentation in the order listed above.

Sep 10, 2026
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF MINDEN MONUMENTS COMPANY, LLC A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that, Minden Monuments Company, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its designated office and registered agent located at 146 East 13th Street, Minden, NE 68959. The designated agent is Samantha Kuehn. The general nature of its business is to conduct any and all lawful business for which a company may be organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska. The company was organized and commenced on August 14th, 2026. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by its manager/member, until such time as her successor or successors are selected pursuant to the Operating Agreement.

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Sep 3, 2026
Sep 10, 2026
Sep 17, 2026
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting for a Hearing to set Final Tax Request at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska. The agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska, and (877) 995-6688. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the meeting.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 16 day of Sept 2026, at 1:30 o'clock PM, at 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege NE 68949 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	2,263,435.55	3,095,171.38	37%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,861,241.45	$ 1,975,225.15	6%
Valuation	7,136,557,315	7,737,275,900	8%
Tax Rate	0.026081	0.025528	-2%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.024056		

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ESU # 11

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 21 day of September 2026, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., at ESU 11 Conference Room B for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

Anita Krejce
Clerk/Secretary

2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 4,053,763.00
2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 4,285,563.00
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 5,639,003.89
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 2,770,838.11
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	$ 8,409,842.00
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,313,661.60
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 1,301,277.55
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 1,313,661.60
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 21 day of September 2026, at 5:10 o'clock P.M., at ESU 11 Conference Room B for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	5,276,270.00	5,639,003.89	7%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,363,500.00	$ 1,313,661.60	-4%
Valuation	11,502,337,497	12,395,528,766	8%
Tax Rate	0.011854	0.010598	-11%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.011000		

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 11 will hold a regular meeting of the Board at the service unit located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on **Monday, September 21, 2026 immediately following the budget and tax hearings which begin at 7:00 p.m.** A current agenda of items to be brought before the Board at this meeting is available for public inspection in the office of ESU 11. Reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs who want to attend the meeting will be provided on request if sufficient advance notice is given. Accommodations for special needs can be requested by calling ESU 11 at 995-6585.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following-described property will be sold by FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder in the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, 424 North Colorado, Minden, Nebraska, on October 30, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.:

The South half of Lot 5, and all of Lot 6, Block 1, B&M Addition to Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska

The highest bidder will deposit with the attorney for Trustee, the full purchase price in certified funds by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale, at the offices of Locher Pavelka Dostal Braddy & Hammes, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the Beneficiary. The Purchaser shall be responsible for all prior liens, all applicable fees, and all taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This property is sold "as is" and this sale is made without any warranties as to the title or condition of the property.

DATED this 31 day of August, 2026.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Trustee
By: /s/ Gregory L. Galles
For: LOCHER PAVELKA DOSTAL BRADDY & HAMMES, LLC
200 The Omaha Club
2002 Douglas Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102
Phone: (402) 898-7000
Fax: (402) 898-7130
Gregory L. Galles, #21748
Attorney for Trustee

STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

On this 31 day of August, 2026, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally came Gregory L. Galles, to me known to be the identical person whose name is affixed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the execution thereof to be a voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year last above written.

/s/ Katelyn Kerans
Notary Public

Sep 10, 2026
Sep 17, 2026
Sep 24, 2026
Oct 1, 2026
Oct 8, 2026
(71)znez

KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statutes 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of September, 2026 at 10:50 A.M., at Supervisor's room, 2nd floor, Kearney County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements 2024-2025 (1)	Actual Disbursements 2025-2026 (2)	Proposed Budget of Disbursements 2026-2027 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (6)**
County General	$ 4,865,528.55	$ 4,885,882.91	$ 6,934,594.00	$ 200,000.00	$ 2,905,899.74	**$ 4,228,694.26**
County Road	$ 2,594,035.93	$ 3,821,450.37	$ 4,529,985.00	$ 200,000.00	$ 4,729,985.00	**$ -**
Visitors Promotion	$ -	$ -	$ 74,915.00	$ -	$ 74,915.00	**$ -**
Rod Preserv. & Modern. Fund	$ 2,283.60	$ 5,754.09	$ 15,497.00	$ -	$ 15,497.00	**$ -**
Employment Security	$ -	$ -	$ 15,800.00	$ -	$ 15,800.00	**$ -**
Relief Poor	$ -	$ -	$ 21,037.00	$ -	$ 21,037.00	**$ -**
Opioid Recovery	$ -	$ -	$ 36,047.00	$ -	$ 36,047.00	**$ -**
Stop Program	$ 275.85	$ 360.53	$ 2,958.00	$ -	$ 2,958.00	**$ -**
County Drug Law Enforcement	$ -	$ 6.54	$ 255.00	$ -	$ 255.00	**$ -**
COVID American Rescue Plan	$ 207,853.21	$ 15,484.48	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$ -**
LATCF Local Assist & Tribal Consistency	$ 100,000.00	$ 4,913.70	$ -	$ -	$ -	**$ -**
Inheritance Tax	$ 761,951.77	$ 593,823.79	$ 4,753,004.00	$ -	$ 4,753,004.00	**$ -**
911 Wireless Funds	$ 81,004.52	$ 46,843.90	$ 76,000.00	$ -	$ 76,000.00	**$ -**
Juvenile Services Aid	$ -	$ 78,763.92	$ 99,286.00	$ -	$ 99,286.00	**$ -**
Hospital Maintenance	$ 20,343,690.23	$ 20,060,101.02	$ 20,635,000.00		$ 20,235,000.00	**$ 400,000.00**
Hospital Bond	$ 857,492.50	$ 746,800.00	$ 741,800.00	$ 236,121.00	$ 235,921.00	**$ 742,000.00**
Central Communications	$ 348,128.32	$ 376,728.93	$ 408,472.00	$ 34,000.00	$ 123,087.73	**$ 319,384.27**
TOTALS	$ 30,162,244.48	$ 30,636,914.18	$ 38,344,650.00	$ 670,121.00	$ 33,324,692.47	**$ 5,690,078.53**

	Bond Purposes	**Non-Bond Purposes**	**Total**
Breakdown of Property Tax	**$ 742,000.00**	**$ 4,948,078.53**	**$ 5,690,078.53**

Unused Property Tax Request Authority available for next year $ 1,106.40

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of September, 2026 at 10:50 A.M., at Supervisor's room, 2nd floor, Kearney County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	38,276,243.00	38,344,650.00	0%
Property Tax Request	$ 4,756,677.00	$ 5,690,078.53	20%
Valuation	2,672,401,165	2,820,633,295	6%
Tax Rate	0.177993	0.201731	13%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.168639		

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NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Nebraska State Statutes that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2026-2027 budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the superintendent during regular business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Nebraska State Statutes that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Minden Public Schools, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0503, will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. or immediately following the public hearings in the Minden High School Media Center. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.

Sep 10, 2026
(55) znez

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools (50-0001) in Kearney County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 21 day of September, 2026 at 8:00 o'clock, P.M., at Wilcox Conference Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: https://nep.education.ne.gov

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2026-2027 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 6,361,644.00	$ 6,889,000.00	$ 7,314,183.00		$ 1,930,800.00	$ 5,437,761.00
Depreciation	$ 147,932.00	$ 210,000.00	$ 2,313,680.00		$ 2,313,680.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ 27,194.00		$ 27,194.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 290,483.00	$ 291,000.00	$ 568,664.00		$ 568,664.00	
School Nutrition	$ 274,423.00	$ 304,000.00	$ 370,000.00		$ 370,000.00	
Bond	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -
Special Building	$ 978,767.00	$ 1,202,855.00	$ 2,099,494.00		$ 1,099,494.00	$ 1,010,101.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 913.00	$ -	$ 755,742.00		$ 755,742.00	$ -
Cooperative	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Student Fee	$ -	$ -	$ 16,842.00		$ 16,842.00	
TOTALS	$ 8,054,162.00	$ 8,896,855.00	$ 13,465,799.00	$ -	$ 7,082,416.00	$ 6,447,862.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ -	$ 6,447,862.00	$ 6,447,862.00

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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools (50-0001) in Kearney County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 21 day of, September 2026 at Immediately following the budget hearing o'clock P.M., at Wilcox Conference Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Property Valuations	986,628,200	1,044,154,025	6%

	2025-2026 Budget Information				2026-2027 Budget Information				
Fund	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Property Tax Request	2025 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2025-2026 Request **Divided By** 2026 Valuation)	2026-2027 Operating Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	6,889,639.00	5,000,101.00	0.506787	0.478866	7,314,183.00	5,437,761.00	0.520782	3%	6%
Special Building Fund	2,307,948.00	1,072,038.00	0.108657	0.102670	2,099,494.00	1,010,101.00	0.096739	-11%	-9%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	749,501.00	239,394.00	0.024264	0.022927	755,742.00	-	0.000000	-100%	1%
Total	9,947,088.00	6,311,533.00	0.639707	0.604463	10,169,419.00	6,447,862.00	0.617521	-3.47%	2%

Effective Levy Rate 0.395213

Notes:

(1) The example publications included here are solely to hear taxpayer input at the tax request hearing. No action should be taken at the hearing. Action items should be completed at a regular meeting, ensuring that all requirements of the Open Meetings Act are followed.

(2) The sample publication is intended to assist subdivisions in meeting the publication requirements related to the Tax Request Hearing. This is a sample form only - it is not a required form. Each subdivision is responsible for ensuring their publication includes all information required by the statutes and the accuracy of the information presented. Each subdivision may need to modify the sample forms for the circumstances specific to your subdivision.

(3) If your subdivision is increasing the Property Tax request above the allowable growth percentage (2% plus real growth percentage), you are subject to the postcard notification and joint public hearing requirements of the Property Tax Request Act (§ 77-1633). You are required to attend the Joint Public Hearing outlined in § 77-1633. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request as outlined in § 77-1632. You are still required to hold the Budget Hearing, regardless. If the tax request does not exceed the allowable growth percentage, you will continue to hold the Special Hearing to set Final Tax Request as has been done in the past.

(4) Levy calculation formulas will need to be updated if you have fund(s) with a different valuation from the standard district-wide valuation

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF STANLEY M. HANSEN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR26-24

Notice is hereby given that on September 3, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Jodi Maaske, whose address is 311 Bryan Street, Loomis, Nebraska 68958, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before November 10, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen
Registrar
Kearney County Court
Kearney County Courthouse
Minden, NE 68959

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Sep 10, 2026
Sep 17, 2026
Sep 24, 2026
(38) znez

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF SHIRLEY R. L'HEUREUX, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR 26-14

Notice is hereby given that, on April 28, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of informal probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Steven P. L'Heureux was designated by the Registrar as Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this court on or before November 10, 2026, or be forever barred. Entered on this 3rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen
Clerk of the County Court
Kearney County Court
424 N Colorado Ave
Minden, NE 68959

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Axtell Community School (50-0501-000) in Kearney County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September, 2026 at 6:30 o'clock, PM, at Axtell Community School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: https://nep.education.ne.gov

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2026-2027 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 6,171,263.00	$ 7,188,709.84	$ 7,011,893.00	$ 2,400,000.00	$ 4,631,643.00	$ 4,828,535.00
Depreciation	$ -	$ 200,000.00	$ 754,715.00		$ 754,715.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 328,012.00	$ 350,000.00	$ 450,000.00		$ 450,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 253,900.00	$ 256,000.00	$ 350,000.00		$ 350,000.00	
Bond	$ 187,379.00	$ 420,000.00	$ 747,548.00		$ 297,548.00	$ 454,545.00
Special Building	$ 3,510,906.00	$ 3,000,000.00	$ 1,750,000.00		$ 1,350,000.00	$ 404,040.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -
Cooperative	$ 554,218.00	$ 575,000.00	$ 600,597.00		$ 600,597.00	
Student Fee	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
TOTALS	$ 11,005,678.00	$ 11,989,709.84	$ 11,664,753.00	$ 2,400,000.00	$ 8,434,503.00	$ 5,687,120.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 454,545.00	$ 5,232,575.00	$ 5,687,120.00

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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, September 15, 2026 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

Sep 10, 2026
(21) znez

It's Your Right to Know

NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 50-0501 of Kearney County, Nebraska, a.k.a. Axtell Community School, will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, immediately following the Final Tax Request Hearing, in the Axtell Community School Library, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent. Please email Dr. Chelsea Feusner, superintendent, with questions: chelsea.feusner@axtellwildcats.org.

Linda Almquist,
Secretary

Sep 10, 2026
(27) znez

Notice of Special Hearing To set Final Tax Request

Axtell Community School (50-0501-000) in Kearney County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of, September 2026 at 6:45 o'clock PM, at Axtell Community School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Property Valuations	754,632,855	812,510,458	8%

	2025-2026 Budget Information				2026-2027 Budget Information				
Fund	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Property Tax Request	2025 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2025-2026 Request **Divided By**	2026-2027 Operating Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	6,841,394.00	4,828,542.00	0.639853	0.594274	7,011,893.00	4,828,535.00	0.594274	-7%	2%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	641,000.00	487,879.00	0.085461	0.060046	747,548.00	454,545.00	0.073533	-14%	17%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund _____				0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	4,231,670.00	303,030.00	0.040156	0.037296	1,750,000.00	404,040.00	0.049727	24%	-59%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	11,714,064.00	5,619,451.00	0.765470	0.691616	9,509,441.00	5,687,120.00	0.717534	-6%	-19%

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Kearney County Agricultural Society
IN
Kearney County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at Kearney County Fairgrounds for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 154,839.97
2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 91,526.98
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 137,000.00
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 45,309.01
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	$ 182,309.01
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 100,785.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 5,656.13

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 100,785.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 15th day of September 2026 at 9:40 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Minden of Kearney County Nebraska, located at 424 N Colorado Ave. for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the following application for an Administrative Subdivision.

Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative Subdivision application made by Riley & Lauren Stadler for an administrative subdivision further described as: A tract of land being part of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Thirty-Two (32), Township Six (6) North, Range Fifteen (15) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Kearney County, Nebraska to separate 5.15 acres for new home construction.

Said meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend for or against said application. Any party may appear in person or be represented by an agent or attorney. The agenda for said meeting is kept current at the office of the county clerk and can be modified up to 24 hours before the meeting

Questions or comments may be directed to the Zoning Administrator Office at (308) 832-2795.

Carrie Favinger
Zoning Administrator
August 26, 2026

Sep 3, 2026
Sep 10, 2026
(54) znez

NOTICE OF BUDGET SUMMARY-CORRECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body met on the 19 day of August 2026, at 10:30 o'clock A.M., at Regional Engagement Center, Kearney, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours as a result of the hearing

2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 2,141,462.76
2025-2026 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 3,008,783.49
2025-2026 Actual Disbursements & Transfers- CORRECTED	$ 2,591,172.45
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 3,065,067.41
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers- CORRECTED	$ 3,095,171.38
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 673,340.11
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve-CORRECTED	$ 1,085,605.42
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	$ 3,738,407.52
2026-2027 Total Resources Available-CORRECTED	$ 4,180,776.80
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 2,029,735.14
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year-CORRECTED	$ 1,975,225.15
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 138,761.47
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year- CORRECTED	$ 281,835.34
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ 2,029,735.14
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds-CORRECTED	$ 1,975,225.15

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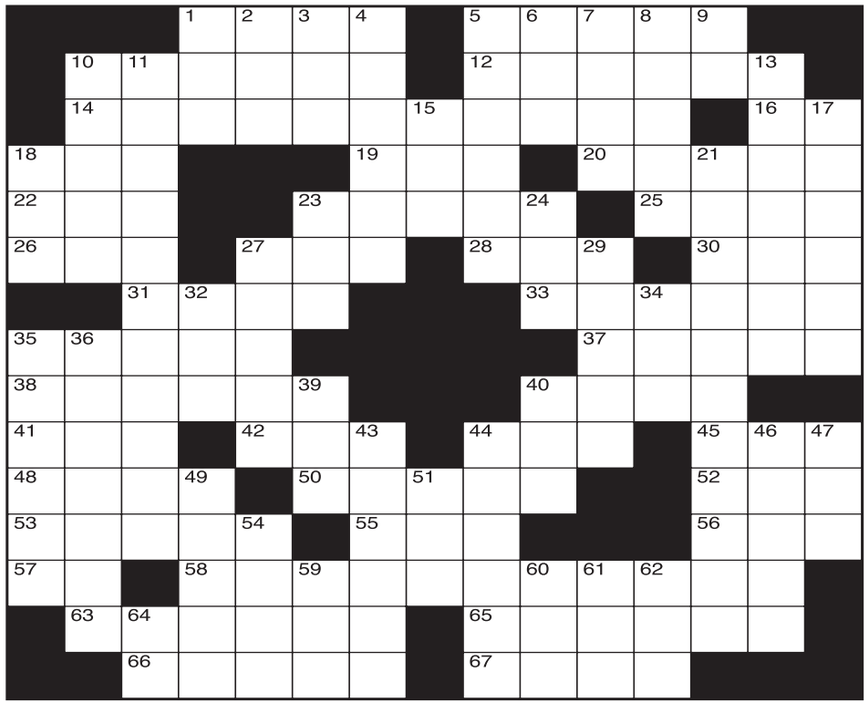

CLUES ACROSS

1. Longtime Vogue editor Wintour
5. A Spanish title of respect
10. A way of looking
12. Properly
14. Rolled steel
16. Not down
18. Law degree
19. Consume food
20. Intermediate ecological stage
22. Old world, new
23. Dispense justice
25. Stiff hair-like structure
26. Ethiopia
27. Cool!
28. Father
30. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
31. Holm oak
33. Be united
35. Rattling breaths
37. Supermarket chain
38. Provided with a quality
40. Samoan monetary unit
41. Swiss river
42. Hill (Celtic)
44. Have already done
45. ATM company
48. Syngman __, Korean president
50. Very willing
52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
53. Food listings
55. Bachelor's place to crash
56. Big Blue
57. Sports magazine
58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator
63. Female follower of Bacchus
65. A type of laugh
66. Slovenly women
67. Large jug

CLUES DOWN

1. Boxing's GOAT
2. Zero
3. Midway between north and northeast
4. Concurred
5. Added flavor
6. Amount of time
7. Eggs of parasitic insects
8. S-shaped moldings
9. Atomic #45
10. __ d'art: small artistic item
11. A godparent's "kids"
13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard
15. Hit lightly
17. Aircrafts
18. Witness
21. Alluding to something
23. Take to the limit
24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Start over
29. Administered
32. Romanian monetary unit
34. Unit of liquid capacity
35. Equips with weapons again
36. Disney town
39. Female deer
40. Title of respect
43. A place to go rafting
44. A way to conclude
46. Type of television
47. Georgia rockers
49. Leonhard __, Swiss mathematician
51. Slang for gun
54. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina
59. Bar bill
60. Small, gray-headed crow
61. Frozen water
62. Norwegian krone
64. Commercial

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Level: Intermediate

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
It may feel like you're coming out of the dark and into the light this week, Aries. A weight has been lifted, but there is still some emotional components to work out.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, have a look at the world around you this week instead of just moving forward with your nose to the grindstone. Enjoy a night out with friends and take an active role in the evening.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, question what you hear this week, and do not take all of the information you receive at face value. You might need to read between the lines.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
This is a great week to go out and get things done, Cancer. Even if you feel a little indecisive, don't sweat the small details. You don't have to make any great commitments.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, action is the name of the game for you right now. You might notice a sudden burst of physical energy at some point, and that can be channeled into a walk or bike ride.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Take some of the knowledge you have picked up and processed over the past few weeks and spread it around, Virgo. It is time to put your communication skills to work.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Physical stamina is strong for you this week, Libra. Consider working out to release some of that pent-up energy. A sport or hobby can channel it as well.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Take a break from the seriousness that has taken root lately, Scorpio. You'll find that some upbeat conversations are the way to navigate the waters this week.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
The things you say to others will have a profound effect, Sagittarius. Be mindful of the words you choose. Enjoy a physical group activity.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, your solid footing may become a bit unstable this week. Don't fret. In fact, infuse a bit of laughter and playfulness into things.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
There is no excuse for laziness this week, Aquarius. Make sure you get out of bed each day and engage in something that gets your body and mind working.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
It is time to take action, Pisces. See how far you can take all of the tasks that are on your to-do list. You may be surprised to find that you accomplish so much.

9.3.26 SOLUTIONS

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International Dog Day was celebrated Aug. 26. Thank you to our followers for sharing photos of their favorite pooches with us on Facebook.

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