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Axtell Wellness Brings Relief Home

CINDY RAMSEY

Chiropractic care can help relieve musculoskeletal pain, improve joint mobility, correct posture, and enhance overall physical function. Axtell residents seeking chiropractic treatment can now enjoy these benefits without leaving town at Axtell Wellness.

Owner Dr. Westen Gustafson, DC grew up on a farm outside of Axtell. After graduating in 2010, he attended and played football at Doane College where he graduated with a biochemistry degree. He continued his education at the University of Western States in Portland, Oregan receiving his Doctorate of Chiropractic degree and a Master's degree in Sports Medicine in 2018.

"I practiced for a year in Holdrege. Then I practiced for another year in Colorado at a really busy practice and then I joined the army," Gustafson said. "So I spent six years in the army and then I came back here."

Returning home, and to his farming roots, Gustafson still wanted to put his degree to use. The opportunity arose with an office space located at 404 Main Street.

"We met with the landlord and he helped us get it in functioning shape and here we are," Gustafson said.

Axtell Wellness opened on June 1st. The office has limited hours as Gustafson continues to farm as well. Office hours are Mondays 3-6 p.m. and Thursdays 7-10 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome. Axtell Wellness also accommodates appointments outside office hours. To make an appointment call 402-752-0762.

Bringing his chiropractic skills to his hometown has been a fulfilling adventure.

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Dr. Westen Gustafson, DC is making it easier than ever for Axtell residents to feel better with his new chiropractic office, Axtell Wellness, located at 404 Main Street. Axtell Wellness is open Mondays and Thursdays and by appointment. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)



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Weather Forecast

July 10:	88/65
July 11:	91/67
July 12:	95/68
July 13:	93/70
July 14:	94/71
July 15:	95/70
July 16:	91/68

News Briefs

WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit signupwic.com. A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, July 13; Monday, August 17; and Monday, September 21.

Church Services at Harold Warp Pioneer Village

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

Calling All Minden Area Businesses

eXp Realty is putting together a new Minden Business Directory to help residents & newcomers easily find and support local businesses right here in our community.

If you own or manage a business in the Minden area, they would love to include you! Simply visit https://forms.gle/Jswyoqr2sPgDXVWN9 and complete the short form to ensure your information is accurate and up to date.

Their goal is to create a valuable local resource that highlights the businesses that make our community such a great place to live, work, and shop.

Fundraising Golf Tournament

Kearney County FFA Alumni Chapters will host a fundraising golf tournament on Friday, August 7 beginning at 10am at Minden Country Club. 4 person scramble. Registration per team $300. Contact Kevin Reed (402) 469-0973 or scan the QR code to register. Proceeds will benefit Axtell, Minden, and Wilcox-Hildreth FFA Chapters.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the golf tournament. Hole sponsor $300, hole and logo advertisement $500, longest drive sponsor $200, longest putt sponsor $200, closest-to-pin sponsor $200, other sponsorships include meals, koozies, raffle items, and more. Contact one of the following for more information: Macie Oertle (740) 412-7724, Kevin Reed (402) 469-0973, Brian Labenz (308) 240-0414, Joe Fickenscher (308) 830-0514, Abigail Meyer (402) 460-9166.

Free Swim Day

In celebration of National Swimming Pool Day, Phelps Memorial Health Center is sponsoring FREE swimming at area pools on July 11th. Participating pools include: Arapahoe, Alma, Axtell, Bertrand, Beaver City, Cambridge, Elm Creek, Elwood, Franklin, Hildreth, Holdrege, Oxford, Wilcox. Check with your local pool for times!

Kearney County Fair Talent Show

Step into the spotlight at the 1st Annual Kearney County Fair Talent Show July 17th, inspired by the iconic days of Ed McMahon and the legendary TV show Star Search! Whether you're funny, musical, or born to perform—this is your moment.

Talent Categories include: Comedy, Instrumental, Vocal, Dance.

Perform in front of judges for bragging rights and fair fame. Open to all ages! Performances limited to 3 minutes. If music is required, participants must bring their own.

Spots may be limited so register early. Registration link can be found on the Kearney County Fair Facebook Page.

Winner for each category will be part of the opening act for the Saturday night concert.

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Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
6/27/26	85	64	.02
6/28/26	92	73	-
6/29/26	96	75	-
6/30/26	93	71	-
7/1/26	91	70	.01
7/2/26	89	72	-
7/3/26	88	68	.19
Total Week Precip.....			.....0.22

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Minden Street Improvements







Crews worked on removing trees along Tower Avenue in Minden in preparation of street improvements. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

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Axtell Merchantile, inside the Axtell Wellness office, features non-toxic home and body products that are locally made by small businesses. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

"I like the small town; I know everybody here. I really like to help people that I know and help them feel better," Gustafson said.

Treatments include traditional spinal manipulation along with muscle work and trigger point therapy to help with the adjustment. In addition to chiropractic services, Axtell Wellness carries wellness products for home and body. Gustafson's wife, Allie, added the Axtell Merchantile touch to the business featuring non-toxic products that are locally made.

Gustafson is happy to be home and helping his neighbors feel better. Planning for a grand opening celebration is underway and will be announced on the Axtell Wellness Facebook page.



Pioneer Village Holds History and Something New

CINDY RAMSEY

Pioneer Village is encouraging visitors to slow down and discover something new at the museum this summer. Several new programs and exhibits have been introduced to help reach this goal.

History Club has been drawing younger visitors to the museum since it was introduced in May. Held the first and third Thursday of each month through August, the program includes stories and activities that engage participants in age appropriate history lessons.

"The goal for those is to get kids involved at the museum and excited to learn about history," Exhibits and Education Curator Alyssa Smith said.

Coloring pages and scavenger hunts are available daily at Pioneer Village. In addition to a traditional scavenger hunt that challenges older kids to read exhibit plaques and focus on the items in the museum, a new scavenger hunt is also available for toddlers. Prizes are available for completed scavenger hunts of both levels.

"We have a scavenger hunt for older kids and also one for toddlers that is specific to them. That one is more picture based for little ones that can't read everything," Smith said. "We want them to be included because so many of them come out here and they want to do what their older siblings do."

Helping to guide young hunters to their discoveries is the artwork of museum artist Chloe Osborn. Her work has also added a touch of whimsy to the museum.

"She's doing chalk art and that kind of stuff throughout the outside part of the museum for kids to enjoy. Along with different art for the scavenger hunt, she made some little characters to help kids have a clue where to look and she did the mural," Content Specialist Danica Schoone said.

Museum visitors of all ages can participate in the hunt for Moose the Squirrel at Pioneer Village. The furry critter's initial appearance was a surprise even to museum staff.

"At the beginning of last month we all noticed this squirrel stuffed animal that was placed by the taxidermied moose head and we were all like 'how did that get here?'," Schoone said. "We found out one of our volunteers put it there and thought it was the funniest thing."

Its placement was a nod to the classic cartoon 'The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle' featuring the friendship of Rocky the flying squirrel and Bullwinkle the moose. Unfamiliar with the cartoon, some museum employees decided the squirrel had chosen the name 'Moose' as it was placed directly above the identifying plaque.

"We all were talking about the squirrel at the plaque that said 'Moose' for so long that at that point we fully adopted him and decided he was going to be the new spokesman for the education department," Smith said. "Hopefully he brings lots of smiles to not just children."

Moose has already been introduced to the History Club participants and residents at Bethany Home. Visitors are encouraged to find Moose on his adventures through the museum and take a picture to share once they find him.

"He's not a historical figure per se, but it gets people looking. Especially with kids, if they have to slow down to look for something, they're going to catch other things along the way," Smith explained. "That's the purpose of Moose the Squirrel. That's the purpose of having the scavenger hunts. We're just trying to get them to slow down enough to enjoy it and realize there is something for them, not just objects in a building."

While searching for Moose, visitors will notice special labels on items throughout the museum as part of the '250 Years of America's Progress' initiative. Museum staff have been scouring the many exhibits throughout Pioneer Village and identifying items that are 50, 100, 150, and 250 years old.

"Staying true to what Harold Warp did and his vision for this place, those items will get a label so as people go through the museum they can search for these items that are in our collection that fit those points in history," Smith said. "We've got some other things with that like power points, activities, and a coloring page specific to 250 Years of America's Progress that will be sprinkled throughout all of what we're doing."

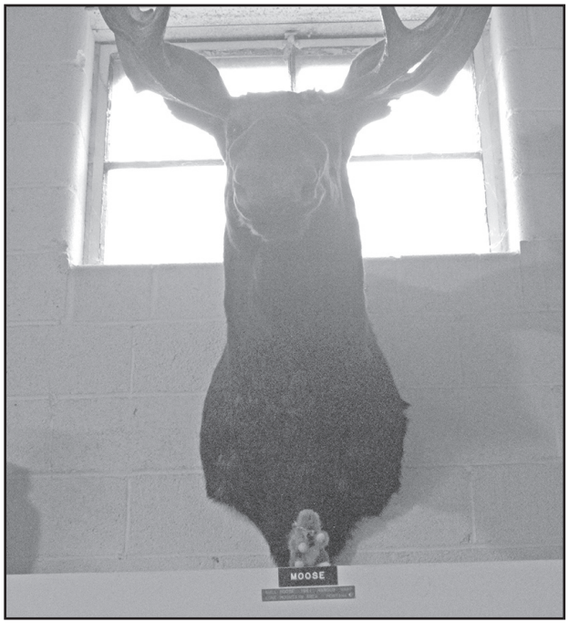
This special initiative will be up through this year and next year. Museum staff is working to get thorough in identifying these special items so new identifiers will be placed as qualifying items are discovered and more research is completed.

"It takes quite some time to go through the collection and find all that stuff," Schoone said.

Summer programs are also utilizing the impressive green space at Pioneer Village by inviting the community to participate in Family Picnic Days. Several families attended the first family picnic last month bringing their own blanket and food to enjoy on the Village green or grabbing food at the Village Diner. The event also includes yard games, carousel rides, potato sack races, and more.

"It's meant to get families coming out and spending time together," Smith said. "Plus we've got such a nice green, it's nice to use it."

The next Family Picnic Day will be held on July 17 from 11am-1pm. Kids will get into the museum half-priced with the purchase of an adult ticket during the event.



Harold Warp Pioneer Village staff have put together several programs and exhibits to encourage visitors to slow down on their exploration of the museum and find something new. Visitors can take a picture of Moose the Squirrel (pictured above) on his adventures through the museum and share the photo in the gift shop for a special surprise. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Updates to the Pioneer Village Campground provide a clean, comfortable space for out of town visitors to camp close to the museum. The campgrounds feature several new spaces for campers and RVs as well as updated shower and laundry facilities.

The Village Diner is serving lunch and snacks 11am-2pm Wednesday through Sunday. Serving both visitors of the museum from the west window and the community from the east window, the Village Diner has a menu that will satisfy every customer. Any changes to opening or menus will be posted on the Harold Warp Pioneer Village social media pages. Be sure to follow Pioneer Village on Facebook and Instagram for fun posts, museum news, and to keep up with all the new things happening at Pioneer Village.

"By the time this goes out, we could be doing six more new things. We're just trying to keep adding new things and getting people to realize they can come, there are things to see," Smith said.

Next time you visit Pioneer Village, be sure to slow down as you check out the many programs and exhibits that highlight the history of America and you'll be sure to discover a new treasure in the massive collection.

KCHS Recognized for Advancing Rural Stroke Care

The American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Rural Recognition Silver award recognizes efforts to address the unique health needs of rural communities

PRESS RELEASE

People who live in rural communities live an average of three years fewer than urban counterparts and have a 40% higher likelihood of developing heart disease and face a 30% increased risk for stroke mortality, according to an American Heart Association's presidential advisory on rural health. Kearney County Health Services is committed to changing that.

For its efforts to optimize stroke care and reduce gaps in rural health outcomes, Kearney County Health Services has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Rural Recognition Silver award.

Stroke is the No. 4 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S, according to the American Heart Association's 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel supplying the brain is blocked by a clot or ruptures, preventing blood and oxygen from reaching brain tissue. When this happens, brain cells begin to die. Early detection and rapid treatment are critical to improving survival, minimizing disability and supporting faster recovery.

The American Heart Association recognizes the importance of health care services provided to people living in rural areas by rural hospitals that play a vital role in initiation of timely evidence-based care. For that reason, all rural hospitals participating in Get With The Guidelines - Stroke are eligible to receive award recognition based on a unique methodology focused on early acute stroke performance metrics.

"We are proud that our team at Kearney County Health Services is being recognized for the important work we do every day to improve the lives of people in Kearney County who are affected by stroke, giving them the best possible chance of recovery and survival," said Luke Poore, CEO. "As a hospital in a rural community, we face challenges such as extended interfacility transportation times and limited staffing resources. We have made it a priority to ensure those challenges never compromise the standard of care our stoke patients receive. Rural communities deserve high-quality stroke care. I'm proud of our team's commitment to stroke care excellence and this achievement."

This recognition goes to hospitals for their commitment to acute stroke care excellence, demonstrated through performance on guideline-directed measures including intravenous thrombolytic therapy, timely hospital inter-facility transfer, dysphagia screening, symptom timeline and deficit assessment documentation, emergency medical services communication, brain imaging and stroke expert consultation.

"Patients and health care professionals in Kearney County face unique health care challenges and opportunities," said Karen E. Joynt Maddox, M.D., MPH, chair of the American Heart Association Quality Oversight Committee and co-author on the Association's advisory on rural health. Kearney County Health Services has advanced the important work of improving care for all Americans, regardless of where they live."

Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

ACTIVITIES:

Saturday, July 11: ACT test date
Monday, July 13: Board of Education meeting

Axtell Community School

ACTIVITIES:

Monday, July 13: VB @ Elm Creek Tri
Thursday, July 16: VB @ Cozad Team Camps

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, July 13: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll fruit & dessert
Tuesday, July 14: Baked steak, baked potato, carrots, dinner roll & fruit
Wednesday, July 15: Pancakes, sausage, salad, fruit & dessert
Thursday, July 16: Hot beef sandwich over mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw & fruit
Friday, July 17: Casserole, peas, fruit, bread & dessert

RYDE Transportation For All Ages

RYDE Transit offers public transportation for all residents of Minden and Kearney County, Monday thru Friday – 8:00am to 5:00pm. Service is available to Minden and all of Kearney County, and out of town trips to Kearney, Holdrege, Hastings, and Grand Island. Please call at least 24 hours in advance for a ride.

RYDE Transit provides transportation for medical care, therapy, education, jobs, and shopping for individuals of all ages. Call 308.832.2139 to schedule your ride. Public Transportation is easy to ride, and open to everyone.

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July 9th, 2026

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RSVP or request info by texting FARM to Molly Burchell at 308-830-5955

If you cannot make the event, private sessions may be available.



Potter's Wheel

By Lori Potter

I've never had a stars-aligned life-changing moment, but something similar recently gave me a sweet 58-year-old memory.

June 21 was Father's Day and the start of summer - and many summer vacations. Among the things I think about each Father's Day since my dad died in late June 1996, are long ago family vacations with him, Mom and my twin sister, Lisa.

Some trips to other parts of Nebraska or nearby states combined tourism with visits to extended family members. Others were quick trips to the Black Hills or Colorado when it rained and irrigation wells could be shut off for a few days.

But there also were planned week-or-more trips to Yellowstone National Park and, in 1967, to Huntsville, Alabama, where my brother Glen was completing National Guard training. Mom, Dad, Lisa and I had our first airplane rides home, after leaving Glen's red GTO behind for his drive back to the farm.

Lisa and I were in high school before we understood how unusual and special those summer vacations were for any family, especially a farm family. When a Wilcox teacher asked our class early in the fall semester where we'd gone on summer vacation, almost all of our classmates said Harlan County Lake, State Fair or nowhere.

A few days before this year's summer solstice Father's Day, I saw a TV feature story about the spring 1965 opening of Houston's Astrodome, the world's first multi-purpose, domed, air-conditioned stadium, credited with the invention of AstroTurf and amazing animated scoreboard light shows.

It was the home stadium for the Astros baseball and Oilers football teams for 30-plus years, and continued to host events until 2002 that included livestock shows, conventions, concerts and the 1992 Republican Convention. It officially closed in 2009 and now is used only for storage rental.

My family's 1968 summer vacation - including Grandpa Ward Potter who was widowed the year before - focused on the HemisFair in San Antonio, Texas, which was the official World's Fair that year. My parents' plans also included seeing more of south Texas and visiting relatives on Mom's Seyler side of the family in Louisiana and Missouri.

I don't know how Dad navigated with paper maps while driving through big cities along the way, especially Houston.The 1968 Houston was nothing like today's city of approximately 2.4 million people within 640 square miles, but it still was huge.

Although I never asked him, I think the only reason we went there was to see the Astrodome. I knew he reserved tickets for all of us to tour the building the morning after we arrived.

However, it was a surprise when he took me to an Astros-Dodgers baseball game there the night before. Dad wasn't a huge sports fan, but I watched a lot of sports on TV with Glen while growing up. The rest of the family mostly listened to Husker football games on the radio and liked to watch the Olympic Games on TV.

But there we were that summer of 1968 in outfield seats attending our first ever live professional sports event in a building called the Eighth Wonder of the World.

Like most fans, the one thing we wanted to see was a homer by either team so the unique scoreboard graphics would light up. I think the Dodgers got a triple, but we had to wait for our family tour the next morning to see the home run light show.

Next, Dad found our way to Galveston on the Gulf of Mexico so Lisa and I could see the "ocean" and gather seashells in a plastic bag to take home as souvenirs.

We later learned the importance of makiing sure that all of the critters had left their shell homes. The bag was in the car's trunk for several hot, steamy days as we continued our travels in Louisiana, Arkansas and into Missouri.

The obvious rotten fish smell didn't reveal itself until we arrived at the farm of Mom's cousin near Joplin and opened the trunk. Before anyone could react, the farm's hound dog grabbed the bag and ran off with it.

I've had opportunities as an adult to travel to many parts of the United States, both sides of Canada and to several foreign countries. I wonder if I would have been brave enough to do that or if I would have appreciated everything I saw and did, if not for my introduction to new places and experiences while on family vacations.

Those summer trips were special gifts. However, they were only a few of the thousands of experiences Mom and Dad gave to me that I didn't fully appreciate at the time.

One trait I inherited from Dad is a hesitation to show emotion, whether what happens is good, bad, scary or happy. I didn't give him the big hug he deserved when we left the Astrodome 58 years ago or when we returned home from the family vacations.

I hope I said thank you for other wonderful things Mom and Dad did for me over the years and showed gratitude by trying to be like them in many ways.

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.





Do You Remember

Ninety Years Ago — 1936

County Agent Elliott R. Davis received a telegram from Lincoln stating that the Federal appropriation for eradicating the grasshoppers had been received and that a half car load of poisoned bran would be shipped to Minden for distribution by the county board of supervisors.

The Yost Case Eagles and the Francisco-Olson John Deere's each took it on the chin in the double header which officially opened the Kittenball season at the new ball park in north Minden last Thursday evening. The Eagles were bested by the Hastings Shada's 14 to 5, and the Deere's were thoroughly irrigated by the Tri-county boys from Hastings, the score being 13 to 3 against them.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Manager Gus Soterin reported that the average daily attendance at the Municipal Pool since Memorial Day, when it opened, has been around a hundred swimmers a day. During the very hot weather when the thermometer recorded the 109 degree heat, the facilities of the pool were taxed to the limit.

Nettie, Lenora, David and Vernon Newbold, children of Mr. and Mrs. Day Newbold earned perfect attendance awards at the Lowell school.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

The Farmers Co-op Grain and Supply Company elevator was to be completed that week, according to Harold Yost, manager of the firm. Yost said the approximately $150,000 structure would have a 250,000 bushel capacity. The bins reach 115 feet above ground and the entire structure towers 155 feet over Minden.

One hundred and sixty-four youngsters from Axtell, Wilcox, Norman and Heartwell gathered at the Minden pool a few weeks ago for the first in a series of swim days. Youngsters from these towns met each Tuesday and Thursday at the Minden pool for the Red Cross sponsored swimming sessions.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Carl Swanson, Milt Swanson, Ed Klanecky, and Al Farm completed a special dealer practices and farm management training through Allied Chemical Corporation. The program qualified the men to offer Allied's Arcadian Red Banner service to customers.

Rev. Herbert R. Ekerberg resigned as the director of the Bethphage Mission. He left to become resident director of the Martin Luther Manor, a home for the aged at Minneapolis, Minn.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Congregations of the Minden area churches gathered at the Minden athletic field on July 4th to worship together in observance of the nation's 200th birthday.

Minden hosted the District IV Horse Show on June 28. Qualifying for the State 4-H Horse Show were Shelly Madsen and Jodie Bruning in western pleasure; and Shelly Madsen in reining.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

Bess Witte of Minden succeeded in landing a seven pound, 10 ounce walleye which measured 28.5 inches while fishing at Swanson Reservoir near Trenton.

Amanda Carver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Carver, took first in the Chautauqua Baby Contest sponsored by the Minden Lioness Club.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996



2016 — The Axtell 7-8th grade boys baseball team won the B divsion of the South Central League Championship on June 28 in Alma. Axtell defeated Cambridge to win the tournament and regular season titles.

Rehearsals for the Minden Community Players' children's play "Nightmare High School" were underway. The group, under the direction of Karma Chavez, were set to present the play on Aug. 1 and 2 at Chautauqua Park.

Richard Alt of Hildreth was honored by the Nebraska Coaches Association for 25 years of service.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Minden musicians Jamie Christensen and Sarah and Jana Tomsen toured Europe with the University of Nebraska at Kearney's first Nebraska Honor Choir. The group of 40 was made of singers from across the state.

The Minden Public Schools track got a facelift over the summer with a new surface and fresh paint.

Minden area students continued learning in the summer months through the Summer Orientation About Rivers (SOAR) program. This was the tenth year the program utilized local experts and sites to get kids excited to learn about the area they live in.

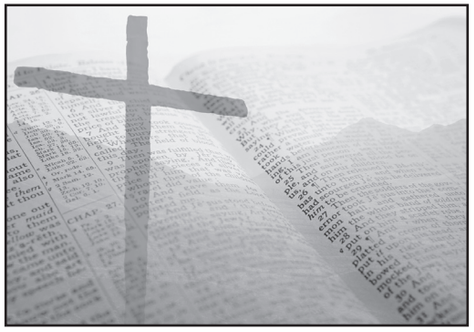
Ten Years Ago — 2016

Lenny Ginder of Minden was honored with the VFW State Volunteer of the Year award at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Convention in Kearney. The award is given to one non-member each year for volunteering their time to help the community because the VFW recognizes the importance of community service to America. Ginder was nominated by VFW Post 5537 Commander Matt Cavanaugh for his many years as a volunteer for the Special Olympics.

The Hildegard Center for the Arts, Nebraska Tourism Commission, and Nebraska State Historical Society invited residents to submit photographs capturing historic sites in all of the 93 counties of Nebraska for a photo contest. A photo of Salem Methodist Church submitted by Kelly Rush originally of Axtell was selected to represent Kearney County in the statewide traveling Sesquicentennial Photo Exhibit.

Jensen Memorial Library carried on the "Ready, Set, READ!" summer reading program theme with outdoor games. Library staff supplied equipment for activities like frisbee golf, hopscotch, mini golf, and beanbag toss. To get things started, the kids played a game of shark tag.

Stay in the Loop



The Good Word

By PMA Julie Schmidt

FREEDOM!!

This time of year gives us lots of opportunities to think about freedom. Memorial Day allows us to pause and remember those who have died in service to our country. The graves of service men and women are not the only ones we decorate. We also remember our loved ones who have gone before us. A legacy of people who shared their lives and their faith with us. Generations of loved ones who came from other countries to find freedom here.

On June 14, we proudly fly the United States flag, the Stars and Stripes. The flag is a symbol of the freedoms our nation stands for. There is also the recently proclaimed holiday of Juneteenth, June 19. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Its name is a blending of the words June and nineteenth, and it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order by Major General Gordon Granger proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1865.

The Fourth of July celebrates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. We were free from the rule of Great Britain. We were free to develop the United States as a country built on liberty. We marked 250 years a few days ago. For as much as we profess freedom and celebrate freedom in this country, it will never be perfect.

Think of the freedoms we encounter throughout our lives. Think of the joy of freedom an infant has when they realize they are mobile. They learn to crawl to new destinations and when they take that first step, they find their world has really opened up, alas under the watchful eye of their parents. Likewise, two of my grandchildren are teenagers and are able to drive a vehicle. That equates to some newfound freedom. As we get older, we may feel we lose some of our freedoms. I don't feel so free to jump on a trampoline as I used to, not wanting to risk injury. Some people need to leave behind their homes and some of their independence to live at an assisted living or nursing home where they have the benefit of others to care for their needs.

Freedoms change and evolve, but one freedom that does not elude us is the freedom we have in Christ. "For freedom Christ has set us free." (Galatians 5:1) Because of God's great love for us in sending His Son to redeem us, we have been freed from the power of sin and death forever. The Apostle Paul, in Romans chapter 6, reminds us of God's great gift. "For if we have been united with him (Jesus) in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him." We will continue to sin as long as we live on this earth, but we know through the grace of God we have been forgiven. We can live each new day in freedom. Jesus has redeemed us from our sins by His death. He has set us free and has promised us life everlasting with Him. In that new life, we will also be freed from the trappings of this world and the trappings of our earthly bodies. We will once again run uninhibited like toddlers and not be afraid of falling. We will not deal with failing eyesight or be hard of hearing. We will be free to celebrate, giving glory and praise to our Almighty God!

Freed through Christ,
Parish Ministry Associate Julie Schmidt
Bethany Home Chaplain

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Funk

Fridhem Lutheran
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Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish
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Saturday, July 11: Walking, 8 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Gathering, 9 a.m.
Sunday, July 12: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Potato Bar Fundraiser, 12 p.m.
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Saturday, July 11: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass
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Tuesday, July 14: LWML Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 15: Communion, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 16: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Kearney County Fair Praise & Worship Night, 8 p.m.
Friday, July 17: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

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Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran
102 S. Stockton St.
Kenton Birtell, Pastor
Sunday, July 12: Worship, 9:30 a.m.
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United Methodist
203 S. Sapp St.
Candance Miller, Pastor
Sunday, July 12: Worship, 9 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community
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SPORTS



First Bank Seniors Win Back the Week

ROGER HANSEN

A five-game winning streak for the Minden First Bank Seniors was halted by a pair of losses early last week. On June 29, Holdrege thwarted First Bank 9-1 and then on July 1 Loomis upended First Bank 6-3.

At home vs. Holdrege, First Bank got out to a 1-0 lead after one inning but was stymied for the rest of the contest. Holdrege plated runs in five different innings to pull away.

First Bank managed just three hits--one each from Keaton Heikkinen, Cael Smith and Cohen Schmidt. Jake Halvorsen was on base three times due to walks. He stole two bases and scored the lone run.

The defense was somewhat porous, helping Holdrege by committing eight errors.

Heikkinen pitched the first four innings and gave up 4 hits, five runs and 3 walks to go with 2 Ks. Parker Hatch relieved for the final three innings and ceded 4 hits, 4 runs (one earned) and one walk. He struck out 3.

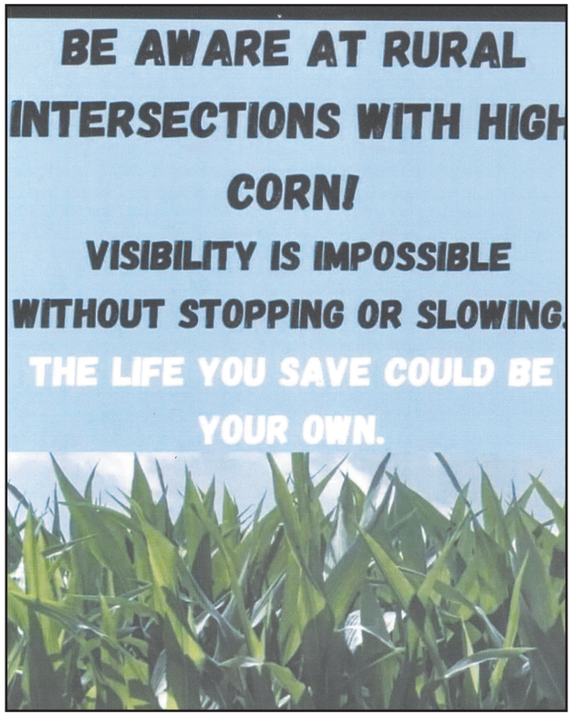
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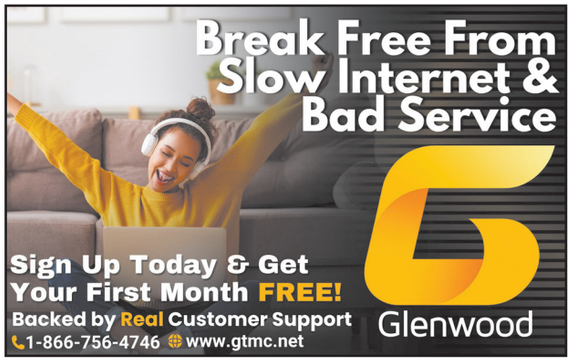
Loser- Heikkinen

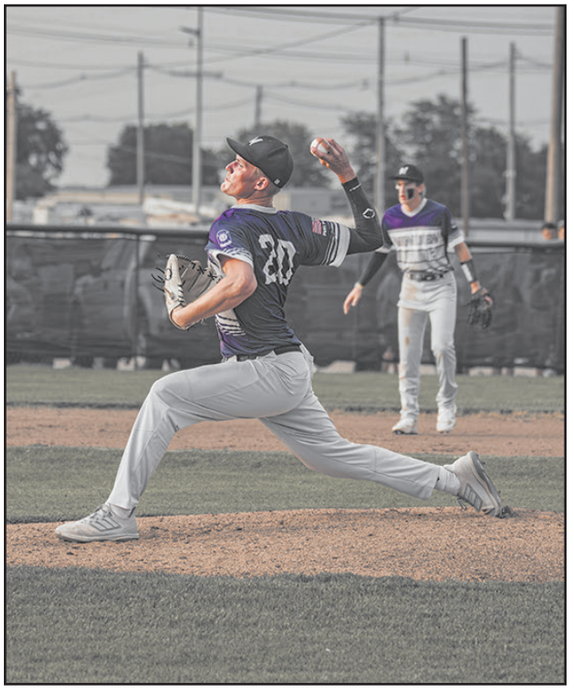
Trying to bounce back a couple of days later entertaining Loomis, hits and baserunners were still hard to come by. First Bank batters had only one strikeout, so they were putting the ball in play, but to little avail. Additionally, Loomis pitchers gave up no bases on balls.

After four innings, First Bank was up 2-1 but Loomis scored five runs over the course of the fifth and sixth innings. First Bank's offense was mostly handcuffed in the final three innings as a comeback was not in the cards.

Smith had two hits, two stolen bases and scored one of the runs.







Mason Bolin winds up the pitch. (Courier photo by Arabella Reed)

Halvorsen was the starter and lasted 5.2 innings. He allowed 9 hits, 6 runs (one earned), and one walk. He fanned 4. Coming on in relief for the final 1.1 innings was Beau Bonifas. His line--0 hits, 0 runs, 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Loomis	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	-	6
First Bank	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	-	3 (10-5)

Loser- Halvorsen

First Bank then closed the week's action with two wins--7-1 over Broken Bow on July 2 in Minden and besting Holdrege 18-8 on July 3 at Holdrege.

Luke Grollmes' pitching blanked Broken Bow for six innings until they scored an unearned run in the

seventh. He allowed 6 hits, one run (unearned) and 2 walks complimented by 5 strikeouts.

Meanwhile, First Bank's hitters laced ten hits--three from Bonifas (including a double) and two each from Halvorsen (including a triple) and Smith. Bonifas had two RBI and Smith scored two times.

Broken Bow 0 0 0 0 0 0 1- 1
First Bank 0 4 2 1 0 0 x- 7 (11-5)
Winner-Grollmes

A complete reversal of the previous outcome from four days earlier found First Bank scoring early and often vs. Holdrege.

First Bank banged out 15 hits including six Bankers with multiple base knocks. Smith had three (including a double), Lutkemeier and Hatch two each (both with a double) and Bolin, Heikkinen and Bonifas had two apiece.

Driving in two or more runs were Smith (3) and Hatch, Halvorsen, Heikkinen, Bonifas and Lutkemeier all with two each.

Runs scored leaders were Hatch (3), Bolin (3), Heikkinen (2), Grollmes (2), Bonifas (2) and Halvorsen (2).

Three First Bank pitchers shared the hurling duties. Bolin started and went 1.2, yielding 2 hits, 4 runs and 7 walks while striking out 3. Next up was Smith who went 2.1 with a line of 5 hits, 4 runs, one walk and one K. Hatch mopped up for 2 innings and wasn't very charitable, giving up one hit, no runs nor walks and whiffing 3.

First Bank 2 0 3 7 0 6 0- 18 (12-5)
Holdrege 0 4 0 4 0 0 X- 8
Winner- Smith

After a Wednesday, July 8 contest at Grand Island, three seniors--Hatch, Bonifas and Bolin-- will play in the league All-Star Game at Kearney Legion Memorial Field at 7pm on July 9.





The Minden First Bank Seniors baseball team had a rough start to the week with losses against Holdrege and Loomis. Fighting back, they ended the week with victory over Broken Bow and a comeback win over Holdrege. Pictured: (Above) Luke Grollmes takes a swing. (Right) Beau Bonifas waits for the pitch. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



First Bank Juniors Drop Two Games

ROGER HANSEN

The First Bank Juniors began their week with a loss at Holdrege on June 29, going down 5-12.

An early 4-2 lead didn't last as Holdrege consistently produced runs while also shackling First Bank.

Eleven First Bank errors was likely as big a factor as any leading to the loss.

The Juniors collected three hits, including a double from Jake Bolin. Levi Bockstadter crossed home two times. Bo Lutkemeier and Cohen Schmidt had RBI.

Schmidt went five innings in a stint as the starter. He gave up 6 hits, 7 runs (4 earned) and 3 walks. He was occasionally effective as shown by 7 strikeouts. Micah Houchin was the reliever for two innings. He allowed just one hit, 5 runs (none earned) and no walks. He whiffed one.

Holdrege 2 0 4 1 0 2 3 0- 12
First Bank 2 2 0 0 1 0 0 X- 5 (10-5)
Loser- Schmidt

A much better result occurred for First Bank on July 1 in a 12-2 defeat of Loomis at Minden.

First Bank scored runs in each of the first four innings to run-rule Loomis.

Kyler Wilson and Bolin had two hits apiece out of the Juniors' total of seven. Wilson and Bo Lutkemeier each ripped doubles and Bolin legged out a triple. Zach Klabunde, Garrett Hartman and Wilson all drove in two runs. Bolin scored three times and Isaak Van Pool scored twice.

Wilson was sound in five innings on the mound. He allowed five hits, 2 runs (one earned) and 3 walks. He added 3 strikeouts.

Loomis 1 0 0 0 1- 2
First Bank 1 4 2 5 X- 12 (11-5)
Winner- Wilson

Hoping to create their own fireworks ahead of a fireworks display following the baseball action on July 3 at Holdrege, the celebrating was all on the Holdrege side as they again topped First Bank, this time 9-3.

First Bank rapped seven hits (including doubles by Lutkemeier and Hartman) and had four other baserunners due to walks and hit batsmen but could not come up with enough clutch hits to plate more runs.

Getting RBI were Schmidt, Wilson and Landon Powers.

Klabunde and Bolin each tossed three innings from the mound. Klabunde started and gave up 7 hits, 6 runs (none earned) and one walk with one strikeout. Bolin allowed 3 hits, 3 runs (2 earned) and 2 walks while fanning 2.

First Bank 0 0 1 1 1 0 0- 3 (11-6)
Holdrege 0 6 0 2 1 0 x- 9
Loser-Klabunde



Micah Houchin throws to base looking for an out. (Courier photo by Arabella Reed)

There will be a mid-week game at Grand Island on July 8 ahead of the Junior Area Tournament on July 10-14 which takes place in Minden.

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The Minden First Bank Juniors baseball team suffered two losses to Holdrege last week with a victory over Loomis in between.
(Left) Cohen Schmidt tries to avoid a wild pitch. (Right) John Wegner inches away from third base. (Right bottom) Garrett Hartman awaits a pitch. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)





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Wilcox-Hildreth Relay Meet

CINDY RAMSEY

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Minden participants were: Logan Brown, Brody Casper, Noah Casper, Corbin Dornhoff, Hendryx Ogier, Willow Philippi, Natalie Ramos, Cozette Sinsel, and Zander Sinsel.

Wilcox-Hildreth participants were: Asa Burki, Isabelle Burki, Dexter Casper, Hunter Casper, Samantha Catanese, Javarian Choquette, Britta Nelson, Makynna Ortiz, and Rush Rahmann.

Members from both Minden Swim Team and Wilcox-Hildreth Swim Team will compete at the championships meet in Lexington on July 11.

Sumner Saddle Club July 4th Rodeo



Kanin Heath of Minden competed in bareback riding Saturday afternoon at the 75th annual Sumner Saddle Club July 4th Rodeo. The first session of the rodeo was on Friday night. (Courtesy photo by Lori Potter)



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Minden Legion Baseball Alumni Game





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Teams of Summer



MINDEN 2 8U BASEBALL TEAM — Back row, left to right: Ace Holmes, Tucker Thull, Dallas Hoffschneider, Henry Gill, Colt Binderup, Connor Meyers. Front row, left to right: Salem Warner, Sutton Stadler, Lucas Nitzel, Draper Shoff, Jhett Johnson, Landon Favinger.



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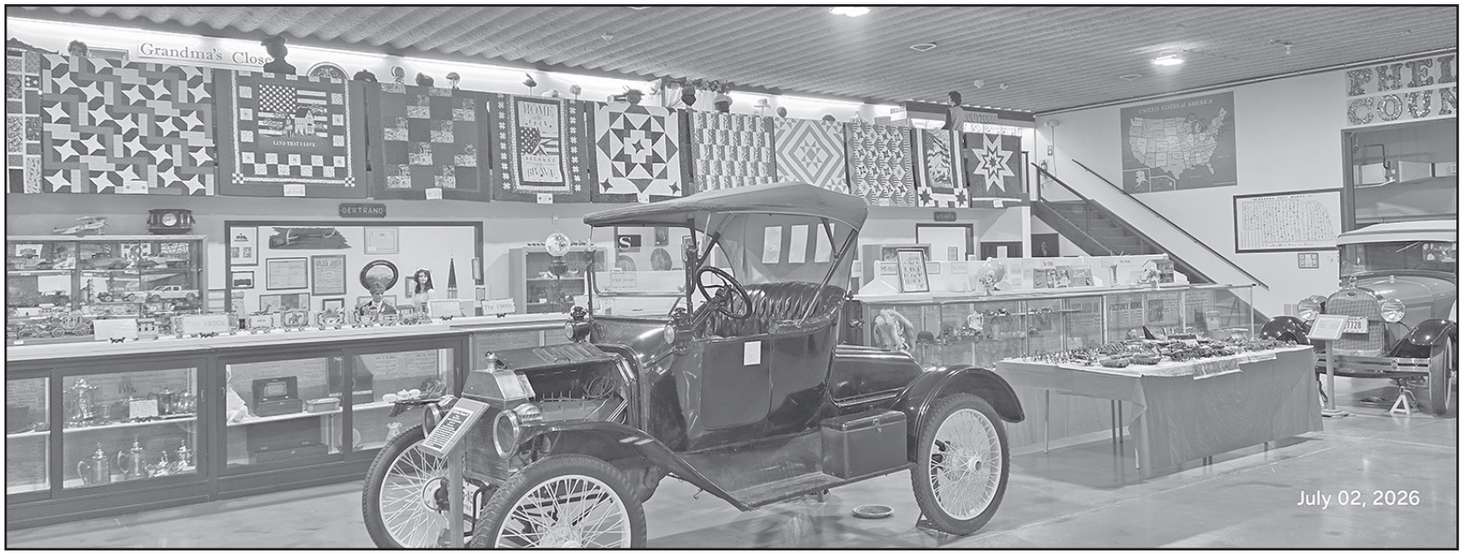
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Veteran Quilts of Honor a Big Hit!

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A large and patriotic crowd of visitors came out to the Nebraska Prairie Museum on July 2nd to help celebrate America's 250th and admire the 134 Quilts of Honor that are currently on display. This beautiful display is in coordination with the Nebraska State Quilt Guild's America250 "Quilts Across Nebraska!" project.

The morning coffee open house featured homemade rolls and a chance to view the Quilts of Honor along with 15 to 20 of the Museum's quilts that are out on display. Books documenting every Quilt of Honor that has been made and presented to the currently 803 area veterans were put out for people to look through. Some of the quilters who made the quilts were also on hand to answer questions including where each person's quilt was displayed.

Now through July 31st visitors are able to see these 134 beautiful red, white and blue quilts hanging from the balconies located all around the inside of the Museum. Earlier this year, Veterans who had previously received a Quilt of Honor were asked to lend them to the Museum for this summer's America 250th display and we were pleasantly surprised by their enthusiastic responses! Each quilt has been carefully hung by our local Quilts of Honor members. The name, branch and date of service of each veteran has been carefully pinned on the front of each quilt so visitors can easily see who the quilt belongs to. After July 31st, the quilts will be carefully taken down and returned to their owners so please make sure to come see them while they are here!

The Museum's will be hosting the Iron Horse Arts District's Dan Christensen Art Gallery beginning on July 9th and running for four weeks. Dan was a photographer and owner of Christensen Photography here in Holdrege. His photographs are well known for their artistic flare showing his love for Nebraska's nature, animals and his friends here in Phelps County. After retiring from photography, Dan served as the Museum's Executive Director from 2013-2018 and we are proud that his Art Gallery will be shown here in the Museum.







The Nebraska Prairie Museum is located one-half mile north of Holdrege on US Highway 183. We are open seven days a week year-round. This summer you can visit us Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm. As always, the cost of admission is by free-will donation.

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6-30-26—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to B Avenue for a personal illness & transfer to Good Sam in Kearney.

Kearney County Sheriff

6-25-26, A vehicle driven by Cody Andrew Whipkey, Kearney, was traveling southbound on Highway 44 when it struck a deer that entered the roadway unexpectedly. Estimated damage: $30,000.

6-11-26, A vehicle driven by Michael Malave, Hastings, was westbound on Highway 6 when 2 deer ran in front of the vehicle, causing it swerve & hit the guardrail before coming to rest on the shoulder of the eastbound lane. Estimated damage: $60,000. Damage also done to guardrail.

Service Times



Dwayne A. Sheldon, 62 - Minden Resident

Dwayne A. Sheldon, 62, of Minden, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Kearney County Health Services in Minden. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Craig Funeral Home in Minden with Rev. William Zwick officiating. Private family burial will be held at White Hill Cemetery, north of Minden. There will be no visitation or book signing. Memorials in Dwayne's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. More information can be found at www.craigfunerals.com. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Kearney County Joint Planning Commission on the 13th day of July 2026; 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska to hear public comments on:

· Special Use Permit Application: 5.24 Permitted special uses #4 – Mineral extraction, which shall include the following: oil wells, sand and gravel extraction and quarries by Werner Construction LLC to conduct mineral extraction (pump gravel) on a tract of land located ½ mile north of 50A on 32nd Road in the NE ¼ of Section – 24 T-8 R-15W of Kearney County.

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

Carrie Favinger
Planning & Zoning Administrator
308-832-2795

Jul 2, 2026
Jul 9, 2026
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: LOGAN KELLER You are hereby notified that on March 3rd, 2026 the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number CI26-73 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of $14,532.44 plus court costs, sheriff fees, and pre-judgment interest pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 45-103.01.

The petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 16th day of August 2026 at the Kearney County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
308 N Locust St Ste 306
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 381-1423
Jul 2, 2026
Jul 9, 2026
Jul 16, 2026
(30) znez

NOTICE

WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Wilcox-Hildreth Public School, a.k.a Kearney County School District No. 50-0001 of Kearney County, Nebraska will be held on the 20th day of July, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. in the Wilcox-Hildreth Conference Room in Wilcox. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.

By: Board of Education
Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

Jul 9, 2026
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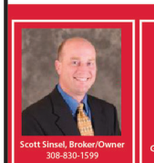
NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given on July 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm, prior to the regular board meeting, a hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving support, opposition, criticism, and/or suggestions for the reaffirmation of Policy 5416 Student Fees. The regular meeting of the Minden Public Schools Board of Education will begin immediately after the hearing.

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, July 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Jul 9, 2026
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NOTICE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this domestic corporation is: Anti-Totalitarians of Nebraska, Corp.

ARTICLE II STATEMENT

This nonprofit corporation is a religious corporation.

ARTICLE III INITIAL REGISTRATION

The address of the corporation's initial registered office is: 425 N. Colorado Ave.; P.O. Box 52; Minden, NE 68959. The name of its initial registered agent at that office is: K.M. Burkhardt.

ARTICLE IV INCORPORATOR

The incorporator is K. M. Burkhardt at 425 N. Colorado Ave.; P.O. Box 52; Minden, NE 68959.

ARTICLE V MEMBERS

This corporation will not have members (Biblical reference: Mark 9:40).

ARTICLE VI DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution, this corporation's assets will be distributed to one or more qualifying nonprofit corporation in accordance with applicable laws.

ARTICLE VII PURPOSE OF RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE

1. Spiritual abuse shall not be tolerated (Biblical reference: Mark 3:29).

2. The Conscience of Human Intelligence shall be protected (Biblical reference: Exodus 20:4-5).

ARTICLE VIII CALENDAR

The calendar for this corporation follows the Sevenish Day of Rest™ method filed as instrument #2606150930.

ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

The initial bylaws for this corporation shall be adopted by the incorporator.

Made and signed this 22 day of June, 2026.

ANTI-TOTALITARIANS of NEBRASKA, CORP.

By K. M. Burkhardt, Incorporator.

Jul 2, 2026
Jul 9, 2026
Jul 16, 2026
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NOTICE

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· Special Use Permit Application: 5.24 Permitted special uses #7 – Commercial and Industrial Uses, without outside storage of materials and equipment by Brian Shafer/Triple S Rentals to operate a millwright business & cold storage on a 19.56 acre tract of land in the NW ¼ of Section – 26 T-8 R-14 of Kearney County, otherwise known as 2096 36 Road.

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

Carrie Favinger
Planning & Zoning Administrator
308-832-2795

Jul 2, 2026
Jul 9, 2026
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the student fees hearing policy #5416 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, July 15, 2026, at 6:50 p.m., in the Axtell Community School library, which meeting will be open to the public. Notice is hereby given that the parent involvement hearing policy #6400 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, July 15, 2026, at 6:55 p.m., in the Axtell Community School library, which meeting will be open to the public. 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, July 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., 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

Jul 9, 2026
(49) znez

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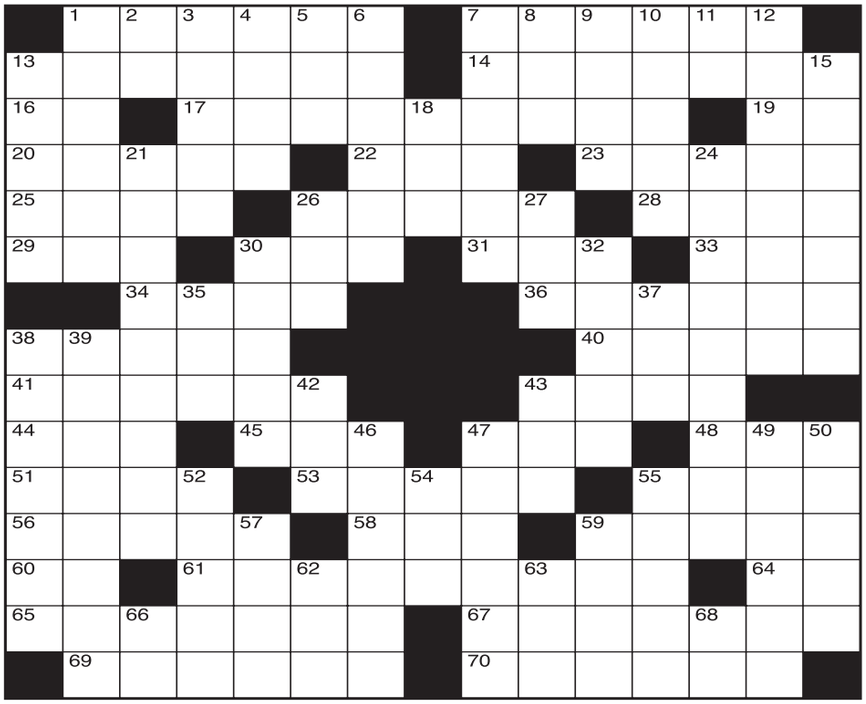
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mended
7. Hymns
13. Commercial transport of goods
14. Poked holes in the ground
16. They precede C
17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
19. Larry and Curly's pal
20. Injured
22. Popular type of dance
23. Moon crater
25. American state
26. Places to lock valuables
28. Stalk that supports the capsule
29. Keyboard key
30. '__ death do us part
31. A type of cage
33. A place to sleep
34. Annual music awards show
36. Made over
38. Hard, stony substance
40. Incantations
41. Long-legged, wading bird
43. Breathe noisily
44. Congressman
45. Rip off
47. Golf score
48. Popular pickup truck
51. Where infants sleep
53. Music term
55. Small opening in a surface
56. Musical term meaning "very"
58. Soviet Socialist Republic
59. Treats with powder
60. Email subject line feature
61. A British lawyer
64. Expression of laughter
65. Farmer's calendar
67. Seeds used as food
69. Eurasian shrubs
70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

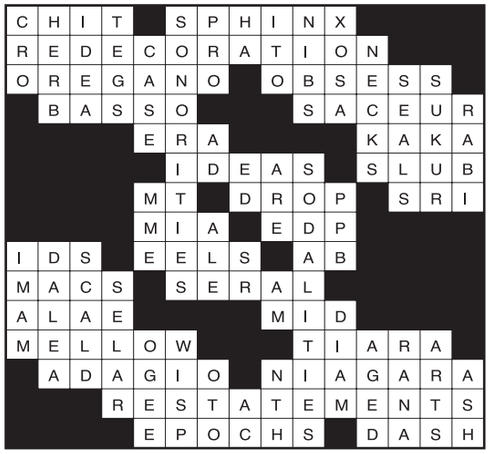
1. Hard things to kick
2. Collective of countries
3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
5. One's sense of self-esteem
6. Of the teeth
7. Treat with care
8. Type of whale
9. Curved structure
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
12. Smallest interval in western music
13. Netherlands seat of government
15. Gives to charitably
18. Lout
21. Pastas
24. Release from restrictions
26. Female sibling
27. Title of respect
30. Silver coins
32. Region in India
35. Partner to cheese
37. Dark or dusky
38. Pacific Northwest tree
39. Exaggerate
42. Toddler
43. Touch lightly
46. Fundamentals
47. Jeopardies
49. Curved structures
50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
52. Forming the bottom layer
54. Reciprocal of sine
55. Genus of Old World birds
57. New York college
59. Cloak
62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)
63. Vietnamese offensive
66. "The Great Lakes State"
68. "__, myself and I"



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Level: Intermediate



7.2.26 SOLUTIONS

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
There is nothing that you cannot handle this week, Aries. Expect to juggle a lot at the same time, but somehow you make it look easy. A calm demeanor is a big asset.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
This week will be fairly quiet for you, Taurus. You are likely to connect with a task and dig down deep until it is completed. If someone tries to persuade you to take a break, you likely won't.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Many forces are working together to provide insight, Gemini. Take a step back and consider all of the variables in play. The solution may be simpler than you can imagine.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, there is no time for daydreaming right now. You will be tasked with managing multiple projects in the days head. Remain focused.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Are you getting pummeled by obstacles, Leo? It could be that you need to set aside more time to yourself to complete the tasks expected of you. You also may need to ask for help.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, an ability to communicate clearly is among your most notable assets. If you have thoughts about explaining your ideas to others, keep reinforcing your goals.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, your projects will take some time to set up. A patient approach will pay off as results begin to materialize. Your ability to multi-task will drive you forward.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Life isn't an individual sport, Scorpio. You don't have to do everything alone. Interact with others as much as you can this week.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, when a person has found his or her path, naturally the desire is to start walking down it. You are eager to get started on something that has been on your mind.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, keep an open mind so you can discover new experiences. You don't have to completely reinvent yourself, but make a concerted effort to be open to new ideas.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
The horizon is clear and you have all of the information you need to navigate what life is throwing at you right now, Aquarius. Keep the faith that you are on the right path.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, share your experiences and feelings with someone close to you. Let your feelings out and express your gratitude to the person who lends a listening ear.



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4th of July Celebration





Hildreth hosted a full day of activities to celebrate America's 250th birthday on July 4th. Festivities included a fun run, parades, ball drop, pedal pull, swimming, bingo, cornhole, cards, horseshoes, cardboard boat races, watermelon eating contest, free throw contest, pop walk, duck dive, meals, treats, tractor pull, and of course, fireworks. (Courier photos by Ashley Bebensee)

