

MPS School Board Focuses on the Future

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Public Schools Board of Education looked to the future of the district as they took action on the 2025-26 budget, resolution to call a special election for a bond, and more during the September 8 regular meeting.

Budget and tax request hearings were held directly prior to the meeting with Superintendent Jim Widdifield presenting on both topics. Maintaining fiscal responsibility, there isn't much change in the budget except totals reflecting cost of living increases and inflation.

An influx of state funds and a 13% increase in valuations for the district helped offset the necessary increases in the district's General Fund and reduce the levy. The proposed levy of 54¢ is down 5.3% as a result of the valuation increase, and additional state aid. Due to the state front loading state aid and having it as a tax credit, the property credit is up 300% for the 23-24 school year.

Proposed levy for the Special Building Fund of 11.5¢ is down 1.5% from last year. The change in additional state aid and valuation helped reduce the levy. Again, due to state changes this resulted in a 402.5% increase in property tax credits for 23-24. The proposed levy for the Bond Fund of 9¢ is down by 1.3%. While the district has saved \$5.1 million and five years off the bond's life through the last four refinances, Widdifield shared the district is looking good for paying off the bond even earlier than expected.

Non-taxing funds including Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Activity, Student Fees, and School Nutrition were touched on. Transportation and curriculum costs continue to rise which is reflected in the Depreciation Fund. Accounting for the cash flow problems the district faced due to changes in reimbursements, a larger transfer from the General Fund to the School Nutrition Fund was built into the budget. This change should alleviate the cash flow concern and keep the district from the need to approve an amended budget.



Minden Public Schools district taxpayers will be asked to vote on a \$27 million bond issue for district improvements including the construction of a new elementary school building in a November 4 special election. The needs of the district have outgrown the current building which was originally constructed 100 years ago. (Courier file photo)

Weather Forecast

Sept. 19:	71/52	
Sept. 20:	74/55	
Sept. 21:	75/57	
Sept. 22:	77/56	
Sept. 23:	79/55	
Sept. 24:	80/57	
Sept. 25:	80/57	



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News Briefs

Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County has two events coming up for the community to participate in. Join Paws Up Kearney County on Saturday, September 20 for a Husker "Paw"ty at the Windmill, 521 N. Colorado Ave. The Huskers v. Michigan football game will be on and Paws Up Kearney County will be serving up game day snacks including nachos, wings, smokies, veggie trays, and more. Free will donation. Cash bar. Doors open at 1:30pm, game starts at 2:30pm.

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

One Book One Nebraska Author Visit

Nebraska author Tosca Lee is scheduled to appear at Jensen Memorial Library on Thursday, September 25 at 2pm. Lee is co-author of the 2025 One Book One Nebraska selection The Long March Home. All are welcome. There is no cost and no registration required for the event.

4th Annual Touch A Truck

Kids of all ages can interact with and learn about the vehicles and equipment that help their community thrive at the 4th annual Touch A Truck in Minden hosted by Jensen Memorial Library. This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 27 from 10am to noon in downtown Minden. More information about the event is available at the library, on the library's social media channels (@jensenmemoriallibrary) or on the library's website (libraries.ne.gov/jensen).

Library Fall Crawl

Central Nebraska's 1st Library Fall Crawl is happening now through November 30th. Pick up a passport at your local participating library and get your stamped card started. Once you have 5 stamps from 5 different participating libraries, turn in your card to the 5th library you visit or to your home library. Stamped cards will be entered to win a \$250 prize basket guaranteed to warm your heart. Participating libraries include: Ainsworth Public Library, Hoesch Memorial Public Library, Arapahoe Public Library, Arcadia Township Library, Axtell Public Library, Rock County Library, Broken Bow Public Library, Wilson Public Library, Franklin Public Library, Gibbon Public Library, CCC - GI Campus, Grand Island Public Library, CCC - Hastings Campus, Hastings Public Library, Holdrege Area Public Library, Lexington Public Library, McCook City Library, North Platt Public Library, Ord Township Library, Ravenna Public Library, Auld Public Library, Sargent Township Library, Maxine White Public Library, and Maltman Memorial Public Library.

Minden Courier Football Contest Winners Week 3

ROGER HANSEN

No tie breaker was needed for Week Three of the Courier Football Contest.

Sharon Bruening of Minden missed just one (the only contestant to do so) and therefore wins the \$25 first prize money.

Also, there was only one entry with two misses, that being turned in by Tony Lunberry of Axtell. He receives the \$15 second prize.

Eight contestants had three misses for honorable mention. They were Frank Kovacs, Jim Bruening, Lisa Fries, Corey Ziola, Pat Duntz and Cray Stubbs all of Minden, Kyle Rutt of Campbell and Ed Alderman of Royal.

Most missed games were Texas A&M over Notre Dame, Georgia Tech over Clemson and California over Minnesota.

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Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
9/6/25	69	45	-
9/7/25	76	50	-
9/8/25	68	60	-
9/9/25	79	59	-
9/10/25	84	62	-
9/11/25	84	64	-
9/12/25	95	64	-
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For the total tax request this year, the district has an overall levy of 76¢ equaling \$13,334,308 in taxes revenue. This is an overall increase of 2.01%.

Following the conclusion of the budget and final tax request hearings, the regular meeting was called to order. The board approved the consent agenda including minutes from the August 11 and 21 meetings, financial reports, and expenditures and claims for payment. Widdifield noted the district has seen significant savings in energy costs as a result of the improvements completed in the high school and middle school in the past year.

First reading of amendments to Policy 4221 Leaves of Absence and Policy 3132 Internal Controls were reviewed. Amendments to Policy 4221 streamlined the leaves of absence policy for all non-certified staff making the policy more consistent among all categories. Changes to Policy 3132 included the addition of federal law changes relating to travel and how it is defined.

The first action item on the agenda was to take action on the 2025-26 budget. The board had studied the numbers during a budget retreat in August. Widdifield's presentation during the budget hearing aligned with those figures. The board approved the 2025-26 budget as presented. A resolution to adopt a property tax rate request of 76¢ was also approved.

The National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana October 28-31. A request was submitted to the board for the Minden FFA officers and advisor to attend. The board approved the out of state trip.

Minden High School Language Arts teacher Angie Oberg submitted her letter of resignation effective the end of the 2025-26 school year. MHS Principal Don Hosick told the board Oberg has been a special part of MPS since 1994 and she's 'one in a million'. He spoke of her passions for Duke basketball, literature, family, faith, and especially kids. She plans to move back to her hometown of Hooper to spend time with her parents.

Hosick said, "It's going to be hard to see her go, but we're also very happy for her. I can't say enough great things about Angie." Andy Craig agreed she is an educator that has certainly left a legacy. The board approved with regret the resignation of Angie Oberg at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

The board approved the purchase of a student transportation van and a wheelchair accessible van and authorized Widdifield to negotiate the price and authorize payment for both vehicles and related expenses. The 2012 van currently owned by the district is unable to be appropriately configured for student transport and the district's handicap accessible van is not adequate and hasn't been for some time.

Closing out the meeting the board considered a resolution calling for a special election of qualified electors of the district to vote on the issuance of up to \$27,285,000 in general obligation bonds to provide funds to pay for a new elementary school building, site and public infrastructure improvements, modifications to existing buildings and facilities, and providing furniture, equipment, and apparatus. The proposed election date will be November 4, 2025.

When a bond election was proposed in 2023 for a new elementary school, the proposed bond was \$29 million. Since then, the district has utilized special building funds to tackle parts of the project including high school parking and updates to the C.L. Jones Middle school en-

trance. A new elementary school building was included in the failed bond proposal and costs have gone up 15% since that time.

A redesign of the proposed new elementary building and discussions with a financial advisor have given the district hope it can successfully take on this project. The district has a plan to share plenty of information regarding the project and financial obligations with the public through community meetings, tours, and more.

The board members shared their feelings on the project prior to a vote on the resolution. Kevin Raun stated the building they will be replacing is 100 years old. He said the board will have to make a decision sometime and with building costs going up every year, it is time to make the decision now to proceed.

Widdifield said the district has done all it can in the existing building. Additionally, there is always a waiting list for preschool that MPS can't currently serve with its existing classroom space, nor can any other preschool in town. He stated early childhood education is vital. The building project will take approximately two years, so this decision is about kids that haven't even been born yet as the population continues to grow in Minden. "We've done our due diligence and tackled everything we could," Widdifield said. "We've gotten to the point we have to look at something."

Justin Glanzer agreed there is a need for sure, but he shared he is nervous about a November election. He stated there are a lot of people out there still with a bad taste in their mouth.

Darcy Reed argued there will never be a perfect time and Cody Krull agreed sharing the quote, "You'll never feel ready because ready isn't a feeling, it's a decision." Rusty Rhynalds finished the discussion stating the board would be nervous in two years and nervous still in 20 years, the nerves will never go away.

The resolution to call for a special bond election was approved 5-1 with Glanzer voting opposed.



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ACE Scholarship Program Announces 2025 Winners

PRESS RELEASE

Sioux Falls, SD – As the new school year gets underway, the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) congratulates the 2025 scholarship recipients Sam Cederburg, Julia Trygstad, and Hailey Vandenbosch. Each student receives a \$1,000 scholarship through ACE's Scholarship Program to help further their collegiate education.

"As these promising young individuals from ACE member families continue their educational journey, ACE celebrates their potential and drive," said ACE CEO Brian Jennings. "The future of our industry depends on fresh perspectives and new energy, and we're committed to cheering on the leaders who will shape what comes next."

Sam Cederburg is from Minden, Nebraska, and is pursuing pre-law with a major in agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sam was a member and officer of his local FFA chapter, and was involved in speech, cross-country, and National Honor Society in high school. Sam is the son of Matt Cederburg. Sam's father is affiliated with ACE ethanol producer member, KAAPA Ethanol, in Minden, Nebraska.

Julia Trygstad is from Nunda, South Dakota, and is attending South Dakota State University, in Brookings,

South Dakota, where she studies nursing. Julia played multiple sports, was a member of National Honor Society, and was a Class President in high school. She is the daughter of Karen Trygstad. Her mother is affiliated with ACE associate member East River Electric Coop in Madison, South Dakota.

Hailey Vandenbosch is from Fulda, Minnesota, and is attending North Dakota State University, in Fargo, North Dakota, where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. Hailey is involved with the Student Nurse Association at NDSU and was active in many social and academic groups in high school. Hailey is the daughter of Ted Vandenbosch. Her father is affiliated with ACE ethanol producer member Heron Lake BioEnergy in Fulda, Minnesota.

The ACE Scholarship Program was initiated in 2004, and ACE has since awarded \$74,000. Scholarships are made available to employees and dependents of employees and shareholders of ACE Ethanol Producer, Voting and Associate member companies and organizations. Applications for 2026 scholarships will open next spring. For those interested in making a financial contribution to the program, contact Anna Carpenter at acarpenter@ethanol.org or 605-306-6142.

SNHU Announces Summer 2025 President's List

PRESS RELEASE

MANCHESTER, NH (09/09/2025)-- It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2025 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Kearney County 4-Hers Shine at the 2025 Nebraska State Fair

PRESS RELEASE

Thirty-seven Kearney County 4-H'ers exhibited 115 projects at the 2025 Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island. Through livestock shows, fashion shows, contests, and 4-H Static exhibits, 4-H'ers showcased their talents and accomplishments.

Evan Lutkemeier took home top honors in the 2025 Nebraska State Fair 4-H Feed Lot Steer Challenge. Evan also placed 1st in the Industry Interview, 2nd place in the Growth and Performance Division, and 2nd place in the Record Book Division.

Kenzo Carlson showed the Reserve Champion 4-H Chianina Steer.

Solara Quigley Placed 6th in the Nebraska State Fair Horticulture Division.

Colten Johnson and Kenandie Ketelsen photographs were chosen to be on display at the UNL East Campus Visitor Center.

4-H'ers and their areas of participation were:

Solara Quigley--4H Fashion Show - Beyond the Needle-Embellished Garmet with an Original Design, Purple; Horticulture Contest, 6th Place; Tree ID Contest, Purple; Weed and Grass ID Contest, White; Photography, Purple; Accessory 2D, Blue; Accessory 3D, Blue; Scones, Purple; White Bread, Red; Jar Jellies, Purple; 1 Jar Pickled, Purple, 3 Jar Jellies, Purple; 3 Jar Pickled, Purple, Corn, Blue; Bachelor Buttons, Purple; Hydrangea, Blue; Marigold, Blue; Black-eye Susan, Blue; Snapdragon, Blue; Sunflower, Blue; Carrots, White; Garden Poster, Blue; Wax Beans, Blue.

Kenandie Ketelsen--Culinary Challenge, Purple; Photography, Purple.

Marley Thorell--Culinary Challenge, Purple; Fashion Accessory, Purple.

Kennedy Eckhardt--Embellished Garment, Blue; Ethnic Food Exhibit, Blue.

Tatum Eckhardt--Heritage, Purple; Accessory, Purple, Embellished Garment, Purple, Acrylic Painting, Blue.

Mckenzie Reith--Embellished Garment, Purple.

Bristol Thorell--Steam 3 Clothing, Purple; Pie, Blue; Family Food Tradition, Purple.

McCoy Thorell--Embellished Garment, Purple.

Waysee Lange--Breeding Heifer, Purple; Crossbred Steers, Purple; Beef Showmanship, Blue.

Jerzee Smidt-Crossbred Steer, Purple.

Knox Smidt--Crossbred Steer, Purple.

Kenzo Carlson-Chianina Steer, Purple; Simmental Breeding Heifer, Blue; Beef Showmanship, Blue; Reserve Champion Chianina Steer.

Jada Jenkins--Shorthorn Steer, Blue; Beef Showmanship, Blue; Heritage, Purple.

Sydney Jenkins-Shorthorn Breeding Heifer, Blue; Beef Showmanship, Blue; Dried Fruit, Blue; Welding, Blue.

Rylinn Johnson--Market Lamb, Blue; Sheep Showmanship, Blue; Swine Showmanship, Blue; Market Barrow, Blue; Market Gilt, Blue; Accessory, Red; Quilt, Purple; Fashion Accessory, Purple; Biscuits, Red.

Landon Johnson--Swine Showmanship, Blue; Breeding Gilt, Purple; Market Barrow, Blue; Photography, Blue; Pencil Drawing, Blue.

Jenna Petersen--Swine Showmanship, Blue; Market Barrow, Blue; Market Gilt, Blue

Kristen Petersen--Swine Showmanship, Blue; Market Barrow, Purple.

Kennedy Erickson--Heritage, Purple; Creative Mix, Blue; Quick Bread, Purple.

Andrew Meyer--Heritage, Purple.

Zander Sinsel--Heritage, Purple.

Taya Tomsen--Heritage, Purple; Accessory, Red.

Thayer Tomsen--Heritage, Purple; Embellished Garment, Purple.



EVAN LUTKEMEIER

Audrina Henery--Heritage, Blue; Accessory, Purple; Recycled Furniture, Blue; Embellished Garment, Purple; Quick Bread, Purple.

Colten Johnson--Photography, Blue; Photography, Purple.

Brynn Smith-- Accessory, 3D, Purple; Quilt, Purple; Quilt, Purple; Ceramic Pottery, Purple and Special Recognition. Original Sculpture, Purple and Special Recognition.

Cozette Sinsel--Accessory, Purple; Fashion Accessory, Red.

Hali Knott--Knitting, Blue; Healthy Baked Product, Purple; Fiber Art, Blue.

Clifford Behrhorst- Barn Quilt, Purple; Quilt, Red; Cucumbers, Blue; Onions, Red; Woodworking, Blue; Acrylic Painting, Purple and Special Recognition.

Jazmyn Ramirez--Fashion Accessory, Purple.

Kyren Jorgensen--Shooting Aid, Blue.

Natalie Jorgensen--Shooting Aid, Blue.

Emily Danburg--Healthy Baked Product, Red.

Kenzi Knott, Blue.

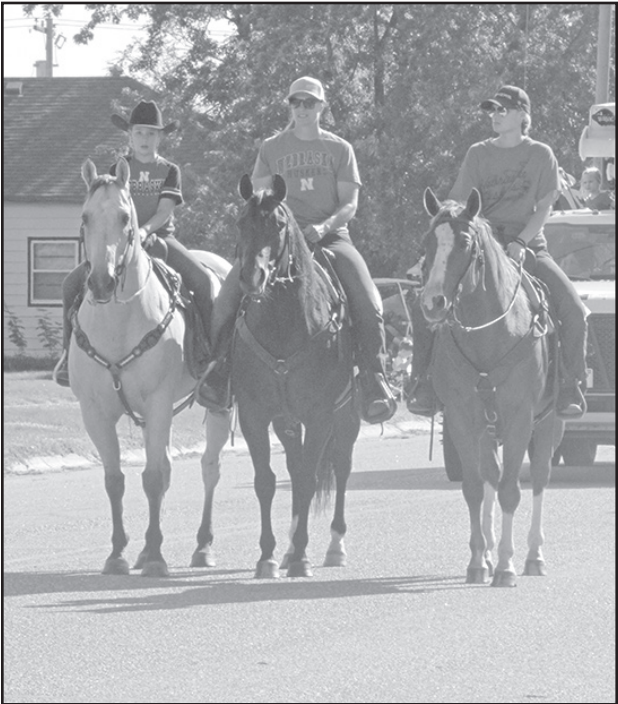
Laura Behrhorst--Pumpkins, Blue; Cucumber, Blue; Acrylic Painting, Purple and Special Recognition.

Krystal Fickenscher--Landscape Art, Blue.



Wilcox Fall Festival

The annual Wilcox Fall Festival was held on September 13. Festivities included a 5k/2 mile run/walk, pancake feed, crafts, exhibits, and bake sale, 'Go Big Red' parade, bingo, trivia, meals, and lots of festivities in the park. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)



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Eighty Years Ago — 1945

Fire broke out in the Wilcox elevator and destroyed the building and 10,000 bushels of stored grain. The fire was caused by a slipping belt on a wooden pulley at the top of the elevator.

Returns from the 1945 agricultural census showed that Kearney County had 1,027 farms compared to the 1,222 in 1935.

Jack Etzelmler, president of the Minden Chamber of Commerce, announced that a recent census showed the population of Minden at 2,100.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the shop and garage buildings at the Andrew E. Madsen farm north of Minden.

Cheerleaders at Minden High School were Mary Ann Lundeen, Nancy Spilker, Sherrill Jensen, Ruth Wieting, and Marcia Olsen.

Ray Bjorklund was re-elected chief of the Minden Volunteer Fire Department. Other officers were George Piester, Bob Madsen, and William Ahrens.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

The 25th birthday anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was observed by the Methodist Church. A skit by Clara Brainard, Mrs. Carl Holmes, Mrs. Paul Musgrave, and Mrs. Cort Muller took the women back to 1940 when the society was being organized.

Arlin Stuhr, the new Wilcox football coach, had a pleasing opener when his squad defeated Elm Creek 22-6.

Lexington suffered an unexpected loss when the Whippets beat them 19-0. Offensively, the Whippets were led by quarterback Elwood Johnson. Defensive standouts were Fred Schwartz, Dick Chappell, and Tom Granger.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Mr. and Mrs. John Best celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house in the Axtell Community Hall, hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Skiles, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reiter, and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Anderson.

The Minden Rotary Club hosted a group of Australian businessmen who came to visit Minden's industrial plants.

Elected as president of their class at Axtell Community School were Ron Eckloff, senior; Joe Roberts, junior; Alison Vikman, sophomore; and Doug Kring, freshman.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

A resolution passed by the Minden City Council dedicated the fairgrounds ballpark as the Ollie Bjorklund Memorial Ballpark.

Debbie Fiddelke and Penny Shearer were honored as outstanding 4H members of Kearney County.

The Wilcox football team scored with 23 seconds left to win its opener against Elm Creek.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

Ron Ross, president of Rural Health Development, began work as the interim administrator of Kearney County Health Services.

Cora Burchell celebrated her 101st birthday. Burchell was born at Norman and spent most of her life in the area.

Junior high track uniforms discarded from Minden found a new home in a school in a remote area of Haiti. According to Chuck Larson, the school was located in a primitive village with the nearest telephone three hours away.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005



2015 — Shawn Lupkes of the Minden Fire Department teaches students the proper way to use a fire extinguisher during Safety Day.

Doris Wilcox of Minden was the winner of the homemade quilt that was raffled off at the Minden Senior Center. The center raised approximately \$1,560 through the sale of tickets for the quilt.

The Axtell Wildcats volleyball team kept its perfect record intact when they hosted the Arapahoe Warriors in a non-conference contest in Axtell.

"William Jennings Bryan: A Nebraska Enigma," was presented by longtime actor Donald B. Fiedler at the Minden Opera House. Nearly 80 people attended the show which was sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the Opera House as part of the NHC Speakers Bureau.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

Kearney County middle school students attended the 20th annual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day at the Kearney County Fairgrounds. The one day workshop uses presentations and hands on activities to teach and encourage children to stay safe on the farm and at home.

Wilcox-Hildreth moved to 2-0 with a thrilling 43-40 win at Walthill. Triston Farley had a huge game in the rushing, receiving, return and defensive departments. He accounted for six touchdowns and led the team in tackles.

Minden's boys brought home the championship plaque and the girls finished sixth after competing at the ten-team Broken Bow Invitational. McCook had the top two finishers in the boys' race but Minden's superior depth (four in the top ten and all six designated varsity runners won medals) seized the day for the Whippet harriers. Aidan Wheelock and Tyler Stangl earned the third and fourth place medals respectively in times of 17:29 and 17:46.

SPORTS



Lady Wildcats Get Back Into Win Column

PHIL SERRONE

It had been a rough stretch of games for the Lady Wildcats with a losing streak spanning seven contests but that skid was ended at the Hitchcock County Invite on Sept.13. Axtell took down the hosting Falcons in two sets by scores of 25-17 and 25-22.

Leading up to the victory saw the Lady Wildcats defeated in two matchups against Arapahoe and Wauneta-Palisade. Both games needed overtime but unfortunately the results did not favor Axtell.

Axtell lost to Arapahoe in three sets by scores of 15-25, 25-13 and 21-25. In the matchup with Wauneta-Palisade, the first two sets ended with a score of 16-25 and 25-9. Both teams delivered a highly competitive third set with the Broncos getting the better of the encounter by scores of 23-25.

The Lady Wildcats record on the season now stands at 3-7. Later on today, the team will travel to Hi-Line for a triangular with Loomis. Earlier this week on Sept.16, the team hosted Wilcox-Hildreth and Shelton for a triangular. We will have a full recap from these games in next week's paper!



Axtell Lady Wildcats ended their losing skid with a two set victory over Hitchcock County. The team competed at Overton, Ansley-Litchfield and Hitchcock County throughout last week. Pictured: Addyson Skaggs gives full effort as she dives to save the ball. (front page) Ashlynn Nelson meets a defender at the net fighting for ball position. (Courier photos by Rachel Hawkins)

No individual stats were provided for either game by the time of publication.

Axtell Defeated in Three Sets

PHIL SERRONE

Looking to snap a losing skid, the Axtell Lady Wildcats traveled to Ansley-Litchfield on Sept.11. The matchup was decided in three sets in favor of the Spartans by a score of 18-25,16-25 and 15-25.

Despite the outcome, Emily Danburg had a strong outing with a final stat line of 12 kills, 22 digs and one assist. Morgan Hawkins earned two aces as well as five kills and one dig. Leah Stritt had one of her better showings attacking the ball as the sophomore finished with five kills.

Madison Wells pinpointed her passes throughout the three sets earning a team-high 25 assists. She

also had one ace and eight digs. As a unit, the Lady Wildcats showed great teamwork on defense finishing with 62 digs.

Here are the following stats from Axtell vs Ansley-Litchfield:

Kills: Emily Danburg 12, Leah Stritt 5, Morgan Hawkins 5, Bristol Thorell 3, Madison Wells 2, Ashlynn Nelson 2; Aces: Hawkins 2, Mina Schilling 1, Wells 1; Digs: Danburg 22, Addyson Skaggs 12, Leah Stritt 9, Wells 8, Schilling 7, Nelson 2, Thorell 1, Hawkins 1; Assists: Wells 25, Skaggs 2, Danburg 1, Stritt 1

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Falcons Struggle to Stop Raiders

PHIL SERRONE



It was a tough outing for the Wilcox-Hildreth Falcons football team, dropping their second contest in a row, this time by a score of 74-20 against Lawrence-Nelson. The Raiders had a stingy defense throughout the contest, consistently applying pressure to the Quarterback.

Wilcox-Hildreth (1-2) will look to break their recent two-game skid with a matchup against FKC rival Axtell. The matchup will be held in Axtell on Sept. 19 with kick-off set for 7:00 p.m.

No box score or individual stats were provided by the time of publication. Keep an eye out for our website for any updated article missing stats.



Wilcox-Hildreth hosted and was defeated by Lawrence-Nelson on Sept.12 by a score of 20-74. Its record on the season is now 1-2. Pictured: (above) Kyler Masters flies in for the tackle. (top) Brody Patterson braces for impact. (front page) Drew Blank stands in the pocket going through his progressions. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



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Whippet Girls Chase Down Milford Invite Title

ROGER HANSEN



The Minden girls cross country team finished first at the Milford Invite on September 11. The Minden boys finished second. Contributing to the girls' success were: Cristal Gonzalez, Adelyn Whitten, Evie Sharkey, Alexa Warner, Aclynn Osterbuhr, Adaire Crane, and Zipporah Wilson. (Courtesy photo)

Minden's girls were first and the boys second at the Milford Invitational cross country meet on September 11. Nine schools had runners contending. High school ran 5K while middle school ran 3K

Girls' team scores: Minden 23, Milford 35, Palmyra 57, Malcolm 65, Louisville 83, Centennial 86

Boys' team scores: Palmyra 27, Minden 35, Milford 49, Wilbur-Clatonia 56, Malcolm 102, Exeter-Milligan/Friend 109, Louisville 110, Centennial 115

Individual girls' winner was Hailey Hentgen of Palmyra at 20:17. Minden medalled five in the top 15: Alexa Warner, 3rd, 20:46; Adelyn Whitten, 4th, 21:14; Aclynn Osterbuhr, 6th, 22:39; Evie Sharkey, 10th, 23:35; Adaire Crane, 13th, 24:12.

Cristal Gonzalez was 21st at 25:51 and Zipporah Wilson 28th at 27:06. 47 girls ran.

Individual boys' winner was Gannon Hubbard of Palmyra at 17:15. Three Whippets earned medals, those being Gage Thull, 2nd at 17:51; Javi Perales, 5th at 18:29 and Isaac Reed, 10th at 18:45. The other 11 Minden runners: Trystan Sharkey, 19:29, 19th; Steve Rhodes, 20:20, 23rd; Holt Aschenbrenner, 20:48, 31st; Seth Jacobitz, 20:51, 34th; Eli Warner, 21:05, 37th; Frank Kovacs, 22:12, 47th; Byron Kring, 23:09, 54th; Landon Grollmes, 23:24, 56th; Jack Widdifield, 23:58, 59th; Lucas Collins, 23:43, 64th; Grayson Heggemeyer, 26:32, 67th. 70 boys ran.

The Minden middle school girls were team champs as well. The top three: Minden 14, Palmyra 35, Milford 38

Four girls medalled inside the top ten: Gemma Fritson, 2nd, 12:03; Regan Johnson, 3rd, 12:07; Emerson Kuehn, 5th, 12:30; Kinsey Morey, 7th, 13:09. The other two young Whippet girls were not far from medalling: Taya Tomsen, 12th, 14:11 and Kennedy Eckhardt, 13th, 14:25. 27 girls ran.

The top four middle school boys' teams: Palmyra 14, Wilbur-Clatonia 47, Milford 55, Minden 73

Two middle school boys brought home top ten medals: Blake Boudreau, 7th, 11:39 and Brantley Wright, 10th, 11:52.

The remaining three Minden runners: Zander Sinsel, 29th, 13:34; Liam Collins, 42nd, 14:23; Brody Casper, 43rd, 14:34. 70 boys ran.

Upcoming meets for Minden: Minden Classic (held on 9/16), McCook Invite (9/18), Adams Central (middle school only, 9/23), Ogallala Invite (high school only, 9/25).

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Minden Whippets Outmaneuvered by Bison

ROGER HANSEN

Central City's quick strike ability and speed causes problems for its opponents and that was the case at Kuper Field on September 12 in the Bisons' 42-0 win over Minden. The Whippets fell to 1-2 and the spate of strong, highly-ranked opponents continues this Friday with Kearney Catholic (rated #2 in Class C2) coming to Minden. The Stars are 3-0 with wins over St. Paul, Ord and St. Cecilia.

Just ten seconds into the game Central City was up 8-0, having returned the opening kickoff 79 yards for a TD and tacking on the two-point conversion run.

After a nice kickoff by Turner Schmidt, the Whippets moved the ball on their initial drive. The Whippets picked up three first downs before ceding the ball on downs. Then BOOM! The Bison scored from long-range on their first play with a 75-yard TD pass. The conversion kick made it 15-0 at 6:07.

Schmidt had another decent return again setting up the Whippets with good field position, but after one first down, Minden was forced to punt.

The Dawg defense forced a three-and-out and the Whippet offense again moved the ball well on their possession that spanned the end of the first period and the first few minutes of the second quarter. The drive bogged down mandating a punt.

The Dawgs yet again forced a three-and-out but, after a punt on the Whippets' ensuing possession, the Bison scored on a 20-yard pass. The kick failed but C. City led 21-0 at 4:22. Less than two minutes later the Bison came up with a 22-yard pick six and kicked the conversion to further lead 28-0, which was the halftime score.

The first three possessions of the third quarter had two Minden punts sandwiched around a Bison punt. But lightning struck again in the form of a Central City 80-yard TD pass play. The XPK had CC on top 35-0 at 3:46.

Minden put together its best drive and deepest penetration into Bison territory to end the third quarter and stretching into the fourth but a fumble on a first-and-goal from the CC seven halted the Whippets best chance to break through for points.

The Bison knocked in one final TD on a ten-yard run at 1:24 of the fourth and added the XPK for the game's final scoring.

The Minden offense could often move the ball in this contest (245 total yards--159 rushing, 86 passing--but turnovers or penalties would stifle drives. Meanwhile, the



Whippets' defense forced four punts and had a handful of tackles for loss/sacks, but Central City's penchant for quick scores in a variety of ways was the difference.

Minden rushing: Logan Verbeck 18 carries-65 yards, Parker Hatch 15-44, Caleb Schwenka 4-23, Morgan Johnson 4-16, Turner Schmidt 2-11

Passing: Hatch 6-15, 86 yards, 1 int.

Receiving: Verbeck 3-40, Caleb Schwenka 1-20, Cole Schwenka 1-15, Andrew Runions 1-11

Tackles (solos & assists): Cael Smith 4-1 (3 for loss), Caleb Schwenka 3-1, Cohen Schmidt 3-0, Bo Lutkemeier 2-0, Kyler Wilson 1-1, Turner Schmidt 1-1, Kanin Heath 2-0 (1 sack), Luke Grollmes 1-1, Cole Schwenka 1-0, Johnson 1-0, Hatch 0-1 (1 for loss), Verbeck 0-1, Evan Lutkemeier 1-0

Punting: Grollmes 5-29.0 ave.

Kickoff returns: Turner Schmidt 3-18.7 ave., Bo Lutkemeier 1-12

Score by quarters

C. City	15	13	7	7-	42
(3-0)					
Minden	0	0	0	0-	0
(1-2)					

Scoring summary:
CC- 80 KO return (run)
CC- 75 pass (kick)
CC- 20 pass (kick failed)
CC- 22 int. ret. (kick)
CC- 80 pass (kick)
CC- 10 run (kick)



The Whippets football team was shutout by Central City 0-42 on Sept.12. Its record on the season now stands at 1-2. Pictured: (above) Parker Hatch turns the corner for a big gain on a QB keeper. (right) Caleb Schwenka fights for extra yardage to pick up first down. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



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Triple Triumph Week for Minden Girls Golf

ROGER HANSEN

Minden’s girls started their assiduous week winning a triangular at Cozad on September 9. The team scores: Minden 175, Holdrege 208, Cozad 222.

KayLynn and Macy Jorgensen each fired 36s to tie for the top spot. Shelby Nelson was third at 47 and Isabelle Martin was ninth at 56. Lauren Starkey also played varsity and shot a 61.

Playing as JVs were Brooklyn Workman (58), Hallie Hartman (65), Bella Reed (68) and Sydney Jenkins (72).

Meet number two on the week was at the Awarii Dunes Invitational (south of Kearney) on September 11 with eight schools represented.

The Whippets took care of business winning by 32 strokes over runner-up Adams Central.

The team scores: Minden 354, Adams Central 386, GICC 395, Ravenna 433, Broken Bow 433, Kearney Catholic 449, Gibbon 530, Cambridge (no team score).

In a career full of highlights, KayLynn manufactured another, two actually, as she broke the MHS girls’ golf 18-hole record with a 68 and a nine-hole record 33 on the back nine.

Macy carded an 80 for second place and Shelby came in at 93, good for seventh. Playing varsity as well were Isabelle (113) and Lauren (115).

The third meet of the week, at Lexington (Johnson Lake) on September 12, ended with yet another Minden triumph. The 12-team meet had the Whippets at the top with 335 followed by Scottsbluff 349, North Platte 364, Gering 387, York 393, Holdrege 400, McCook 404, Cozad 406, Hastings 408, Lexington 411, Hi-Line 445 and Gothenburg 447.

KayLynn shot a 72 to earn top medalist and Macy toured the course in 78 for second place. Shelby’s 88 placed her 12th. Isabelle (97-fourth counted score) and Lauren (103) also were varsity golfers.

The girls will have journeyed to Gothenburg on September 16 and then host the Minden Invite on September 18.



The Minden girls golf team dominated in three competitions last week taking first as a team at the Cozad Triangular, Awarii Dunes Invitational, and Lexington Invite. Pictured: (above) The team of KayLynn Jorgensen, Isabelle Martin, Shelby Nelson, Lauren Starkey, and Macy Jorgensen show off the hardware they earned at the Awarii Dunes Invitational on Sept. 11. (bottom left to right) Senior KayLynn Jorgensen broke the MHS Girls Golf 18-hole record with a 68 and the 9-hole record with a 33 on the back nine at Awarii Dunes. Isabelle Martin contemplates her putt. Lauren Starkey watches her drive. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone and Courtesy photos)



Falcons Medal Three at Lexington Invite

ROGER HANSEN



Three members of the Wilcox-Hildreth cross country team brought home medals from the Lexington Invitational on September 9. Falcon medal winners were Chloe Johnson 11th, Jacob Jezbera 11th, and Allegra Johnson 10th. (Courtesy photo)

Wilcox-Hildreth competed at the Lexington Invitational cross country meet on September 9. There were five high school teams and nine junior high schools represented. No team scores were kept. High schoolers ran 5K and the junior high competed at 3K.

High school girls: 1st) Aysha Neal, Alma, 21:14; 10th) Allegra Johnson, 25:41; 11th) Chloe Johnson, 25:46; 18th) Kaylan Ogier, 27:59; 20th) Ayva Bendorf, 30:08

High school boys: 1st) Isac Portillo-Munoz, Lexington, 17:02; 11th) Jacob Jezbera, 20:28; 22nd) Alex Klatt-Terabelian, 22:13; 30th) Brett Woollen, 25:32; 32nd) Cooper Woollen, 26:59; 33rd) Craig Bunger, 27:56

Junior high girls: Audrina Henery, 44th, 21:29

Junior high boys: Henry Lush, 42nd, 15:30

The Falcons will have had a meet on September 15 at Alma and then travel to Arapahoe on September 18.

Wildcats Keep Pace at Chase County Inv.

ROGER HANSEN

20 schools entered competitors in the Chase County (Imperial) cross country Invitational on September 11. Axtell was among those and the Cat boys finished fifth while the girls were a runner short of a complete team. High school ran 5K and middle school 3K

Top five boys' team scores: Perkins County 39, Ogallala 54, Chase County 57, North Platte St. Pats 67, Axtell 84

Top five girls' team scores: Chase County 29, Perkins County 40, Wray, CO 44, Cambridge 70, Maywood-Hayes Center 94.

Boys' winner: Elijah Goodall, Perkins County, 15:53. For Axtell, Micah Houchin earned a seventh place medal at 18:01. There were eight other Cats: Felix Lopez, 24th, 19:02; Aydan Houchin, 7th, 18:01; Isaiah Sinachack, 32nd, 19:35; Tyler Kolbo, 45th, 20:24; Chase Nickel, 54th, 21:15; Eli Sinachack, 60th, 21:32; David Sonnenfeld, 90th, 25:29; Caleb Hall, 92nd, 26:45. 98 boys ran.

Girls' winner: Addison Hauxwell, Chase County, 20:12. Emma Hall was 10th for Axtell at 22:16.

Two other Cats: Kali Philippi, 32nd, 24:43; Sadie Lorenzo, 47th, 26:28. 72 girls ran.

The junior high Cats' boys had two in the top five: Oscar Claussen, 3rd, 11:57; Ivan Hammond, 5th, 12:09. Rush Sinachack was 35th at 14:50. 39 boys ran.

For the Axtell girls, Adelinn Nickel, 20th, 15:05; Willow Philippi, 25th, 16:01; Riley Hill, 30th, 16:42.



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Lady Wildcats Bested at Overton Triangular

PHIL SERRONE

It was a busy week of volleyball action for the Lady Wildcats of Axtell as the team started the week on Sept. 9 with a road trip to Overton for a triangular with Sumner-Eddyville-Miller also in attendance. Axtell was bested by both teams but did manage to secure a set victory over SEM.

Leading off the triangular was a matchup against the hosting Eagles in which the Lady Wildcats lost both sets by scores of 14-25 and 21-25. Both the offensive and defensive sides of the game was paced by Emily Danburg who finished with nine kills and eight digs.

Madison Wells facilitated the offense with a team-high 14 assists. She also contributed six digs on defense. Leah Stritt tied with Danburg for a team-high eight digs. Morgan Hawkins earned the lone ace in the contest.

Following the Overton matchup, the Lady Wildcats were defeated in a close three set matchup against SEM. Axtell came within five points of securing the first set but lost by a score of 20-25. It was a bounce back second set for Axtell as the team won by a score of 25-15. In the tie-breaker set, SEM overwhelmed Axtell for match point with a set score of 11-25.

Danburg improved upon her earlier totals with a final stat line of 15 kills, two aces, 11 digs and one assist. Wells settled into her role of setting up the offense for the second straight contest as she led the team with 22 assists. Serves proved difficult for SEM to figure out on the defensive end as the Lady Wildcats finished with five aces as a unit.

Hawkins paced the defensive end with a team-high 12 digs. As a team, the Lady Wildcats earned 41 digs.

Overton set scores: 14-25, 21-25

SEM set scores: 20-25, 25-15, 11-25

Here are the following stats for Axtell vs Overton:

Kills: Emily Danburg 9, Ashlynn Nelson 2, Leah Stritt 2, Morgan Hawkins 2, Bristol Thorell 2; Aces: Hawkins 1; Digs: Danburg 8, Stritt 8, Hawkins 6, Madison Wells 6, Addyson Skaggs 4, Mina Schilling 4, Nelson 3, Thorell 1; Assists: Wells 14, Schilling 2, Skaggs 1

Here are the following stats for Axtell vs SEM:

Kills: Danburg 15, Nelson 4, Hawkins 4, Stritt 3, Thorell 1; Aces: Danburg 2, Wells 2, Nelson 1; Digs: Hawkins 12, Danburg 11, Schilling 6, Nelson 4, Stritt 4, Wells 2, Skaggs 1, Thorell 1; Assists: Wells 22, Danburg 1



Morgan Hawkins places the ball with accuracy over the net. (Courier photo by Rachel Hawkins)



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Lady Whippets Suffer First Season Loss

PHIL SERRONE

The Lady Whippets suffered their first loss of the season on Sept. 9 with a result that one could consider an upset by Shelton High School. It took five sets to take down the Lady Whippets with the Bulldogs eventually overwhelming Minden for three straight sets.

For the first two sets, Minden was in firm control of the game winning those sets by scores of 25-21 and 25-23. Shelton did make a late run in the second set that might have provided some strategy for the Bulldogs in the remaining sets.

Unfortunately, that was the final two sets that favored the Lady Whippets as Shelton won the next two sets to force overtime by scores of 19-25 and 21-25. The final set saw the Bulldogs pull off the upset with a set score of 10-15.

Despite the loss, the Lady Whippets left it all out on the court with strong performances throughout the five sets. Myla Emery left her mark on the contest with 33 kills, three aces, 15 digs and 13 assists. Victoria Hansen

played a strong role in setting up the offense with a team-high 28 assists. Overall as a team, the Lady Whippets' teamwork shined bright with 51 assists.

Defensively, the Lady Whippets finished with 70 digs behind Rebbeca Lempka's team-high 21 digs. Kaleigh Carr and Makenna Anderson were not too far behind their teammate as both ended the game with 20 digs.

Final set scores: 25-21, 25-23, 19-25, 21-25, 10-15

Here are the stats from Minden vs Shelton:

Kills: Myla Emery 33, Rebbeca Lempka 6, Myka Petersen 6, Kaleigh Carr 6, Aly Cederburg 2; Assists: Victoria Hansen 28, Myla Emery 13, Makenna Anderson 8, Carr 2; Aces: Emery 3, Lempka 3, Hansen 2, Carr 2, Grace Hansen 1; Digs: Lempka 21, Carr 20, Anderson 20, Emery 15, Cederburg 4, V. Hansen 2, Carr 2, G. Hansen 1; Blocks: Emery 1, Cederburg 1, Carr 1



The Lady Whippets lost their first game of the season against Shelton but managed to bounce back with a five set victory over Beloit. Their record on the season is now 8-1. Pictured: (above) Aly Cederburg spikes the ball on the defense. (right) Victoria Hansen prepares her serve. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



Lady Whippets Back on Track

PHIL SERRONE

Picking up their first loss of the season, the Lady Whippets traveled to Beloit (Kansas) High School on Sept. 11 with the intention of bouncing back into the win column. Minden prevailed in a back and forth contest that needed five sets to decide a victor.

Minden and Beloit split the first two sets with the Trojans securing the first set by a score of 19-25 followed by a 28-26 nailbiter in favor of the Lady Whippets. Beloit took home the third set in a close exchange by a score of 22-25. In the fourth set, it saw the biggest blowout of the contest with Minden outpointing the Trojans by a score of 25-14.

Ultimately, it came down to a fifth and final set to decide a winner with the Lady Whippets standing victorious by a set score of 15-10. This was Minden's second contest in a row that needed five sets to declare a winner.

Myla Emery led the team in multiple stat categories finishing with an impressive 19 kills, 14 assists, six aces, 23 digs and two digs. Rebbeca Lempka had a strong presence on the offensive end with 12 kills. Victoria Hansen ended the contest with a team-high 21 assists. As a team, Minden totaled 48 kills.

Kaleigh Carr finished second behind Emery on the defensive side of the stat sheet with 18 digs. Makenna

Anderson provided a boost as well on that end with 12 digs. Aly Cederburg limited Beloit's spike attempts with a team-high six blocks. The Trojans had a tough time overall with kill attempts as Minden blocked 19 shots.

The Lady Whippets will next be in action this Saturday when the team travels to Gothenburg for an invitation-al. Earlier this week, the team traveled to Northwest High School for a triangular with GINW and Hastings High School. We will have a full recap from those matchups in next week's Courier!

Final set scores: 19-25, 28-26, 22-25, 25-14, 15-10

Here are the stats for Minden vs Beloit:

Kills: Myla Emery 19, Rebbeca Lempka 12, Aly Cederburg 9, Kaleigh Carr 6, Rilynn Johnson 1, Myka Petersen 1; Assists: Victoria Hansen 21, Emery 14, Makenna Anderson 4, Carr 2, Petersen 1, Cederburg 1, Johnson 1; Aces: Emery 6, Hansen 1; Digs: Emery 23, Carr 18, Anderson 12, Hansen 9, Lempka 8, Sophia Birkestrand 1, Cederburg 1; Blocks: Cederburg 6, Johnson 5, Petersen 4, Emery 2, Carr 2

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Hwy 6 Finds Groove with 2-1 Showing at Cozad Tri

PHIL SERRONE

Concluding the week for HWY 6 softball was a road trip to Cozad on Sept.13 for a triangular against host Cozad, Hershey and Kearney Catholic. The Trail Blazers went 2-1 at the event with victories over Cozad and Hershey.

Starting off the morning was a quick matchup against Hershey that only lasted one inning due to an offensive explosion of seven runs for the Trail Blazers. Only the box score was provided for this game with no individual stats. Final score 7-0 in favor of HWY 6.

In the team's lone loss of the day, the offense was shutout by Kearney Catholic by a score of 0-11. Hwy 6's only base hit came from CP/SS Addisyn Norris' single in the bottom of the first inning.

Earning the loss on the mound was P Lillian Labenz, she tossed four innings of work throwing 88 pitches with 44 accounting for strikes. She allowed nine hits, seven run (7 ER) and walked six. Norris came in to relieve Labenz for 0.2 innings on the mound. She allowed one hit, four runs (4 ER) and walked two. RP Jade Melroy ended the game on the bump, tossing 13 pitches in her short stint. She didn't allow a hit or run but did walk two batters.

The Trail Blazers were able to avenge a 7-23 loss from earlier in the month when HWY 6 outgunned Cozad by a score of 12-10. Through two games, both teams have provided fireworks offensively combining for 52 runs.

Timely hitting and flashes of power bolstered the Hwy 6 offense totaling 16 base hits in the contest. Every single batter on the depth chart earned one or more base hits. Norris earned her third home run of the week when she hit a two run home run in the first inning. Overall, she was a tough out for the opposing pitching staff as she went 3-4 with four RBIs, three runs and one walk.

Katherine Marshall joined Hale and Norris in the home run club this season as she blasted a two-run shot in the top of the third inning. She finished 2-3 with two RBIs and one run scored. 2B Naveah Browitt, P Labenz and F10 Kaleah Boulware each had multiple hits in the contest.

Labenz earned the victory on the mound for Hwy 6 after she lasted five innings on 123 total pitches. She allowed 10 hits, 10 runs (10 ER), five walks and struck out three.

You can come out tonight (Sept. 18) and show support to the Trail Blazers as they face off against Gothenburg. The game will be held in Holdrege with first pitch slated for 5:30 p.m. If you missed a chance for that game, the team will have a home matchup in Holdrege against Lexington tomorrow. First pitch for that game is slated for 4:30 p.m.



Earlier in the week, the team traveled to McCook (Sept. 15) and hosted Ord (Sept. 16). We will have a full recap from the Trail Blazers' busy week in next week's paper!

Here is the box score for the game against Hershey:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
HWY 6	7	X	X	X	X	X	7	0	0
HRSH	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0



Hwy 6 Trail Blazers got back on track with victories over Hershey and Cozad. Addisyn Norris had three homers on the week. Pictured: (above) The Trail Blazers gather at home to celebrate Norris' home run shot. McKinley Jauken fires a throw to first base to record an out. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

Here is the box score for the game against Kearney Catholic:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
KRNY	1	0	4	2	4	X	11	10	1
HWY6	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	1	2

Here is the box score for the game against Cozad:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
HWY6	2	0	5	2	3	X	12	16	2
CZDV	0	0	3	3	4	X	10	10	1

Norris Homers Twice

PHIL SERRONE

It's not everyday that you get to hit a home run, let alone two home runs in the same contest but that is exactly what P Addisyn Norris accomplished against Polk County on Sept.8. Despite the flash of power, Hwy 6 was overwhelmed by Polk County's offense dropping the contest by a score of 5-17.

Through the first three innings, the game was evenly matched with a score of 5-5. Norris' first home run of the game was a game-tying solo shot in the bottom of the third inning. She had another solo home run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Polk County pulled away with 12 runs in the final two innings to secure the victory.

C Alexa Hale had a strong swing of the bat with a double and finished 1-2 with

one RBI and one run scored. 3B Neveah Browitt, F10 Kaleah Boulware and 1B Katherine Marshall each had a single in the game. Hwy 6 showed strong discipline within the batter's box striking out only three times.

Norris earned the loss on the mound after tossing 109 pitches in 4.1 innings of work. She allowed 12 hits, 15 runs (15 ER), six walks and struck out three. 2B/ RP Lillian Labenz relieved Norris for the final inning of the game. She allowed one hit, two runs (2 ER), two walks and struck out one.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
PLKC	2	0	3	6	6	0	17	13	1
HWY6	2	1	1	0	1	X	5	7	1

Lady Falcons Suffer Setback in Trio of Games

PHIL SERRONE

Last week's stretch of games did not go the way the Lady Falcons of Wilcox-Hildreth would have liked with three losses accumulated. The first two losses were earned at the Northern Valley triangular on Sept. 9 followed by another loss on Aug. 11 against Red Cloud. All three setbacks were road battles.

Traveling quite the distance, Wilcox-Hildreth faced off against host Northern Valley first at the triangular. The Lady Falcons nearly pulled off a first set victory but were defeated by set score of 22-25. Northern Valley overwhelmed Wil-Hil in the second set securing the win by a double digit point differential at 15-25.

Camryn Bunger led the offensive end for the Lady Falcons as she totaled six kills, one ace and eight digs on the defensive end. Madison Sheen paced the defensive side of the game with a team-high 11 digs. She also contributed three kills on the offensive end. Dinah Culp was not too far behind her teammate finishing with 10 digs as well as neutralizing five kill attempts with four blocks.

In the second matchup of the triangular, Wilcox-Hildreth was defeated by Alma in a competitive three-set battle. The Lady Falcons struck first with a 25-19 first set victory but dropped the final two by set scores of 8-25 and 16-25.

Bunger asserted herself on the opposing offense and defense with a team-high 10 kills and 19 digs. On the defensive end, the Lady Falcons had four players who earned double digits in the digs category. Madison Sheen's 18, Dinah Culp's 17 and Ona Wilsey's 14 digs followed Bunger's team high total.

Closing out the week was a trip to Red Cloud in which the Lady Falcons were defeated in three sets by a score of 17-25, 11-25 and 8-25. No individual stats were provided for this game.

On Sept. 18, the Lady Falcons (1-7) will travel to Elm Creek High School for a trian-

gular with the Buffalos and Overton. The first game is slated for 5:00 p.m. Earlier in the week, Wil-Hil traveled to Axtell on Sept. 16 for a triangular with the Lady Wildcats and Shelton. We will have a full breakdown from these games in next week's paper!

Here are the following stats for Wilcox-Hildreth vs Northern Valley:

Kills: Camryn Bunger 6, Madison Sheen 3, Cheyenne Lieb 1, Dinah Culp 1; Aces: Culp 2, Bunger 1; Digs: Sheen 11, Culp 10, Bunger 8, Elin Patterson 6, Ona Wilsey 5, Aubree Overholser 2; Blocks: Culp 4

Here are the following stats for Wilcox-Hildreth vs Alma:

Kills: Bunger 10, Culp 4; Aces: Patterson 2; Digs: Bunger 19, Sheen 18, Culp 17, Wilsey 14, Patterson 7, Lieb 3; Blocks: Culp 2, Bunger 2

No Individual stats were provided for the Red Cloud game.

Cats Fall to Cambridge

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell's football team was defeated at Cambridge 68-0 on September 12.

The Cats will entertain Wilcox-Hildreth on September 19. The Falcons are 1-2, defeating Maywood-Hayes Center and losing to Deshler and Lawrence-Nelson.

Score by quarters

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New Railroad Exhibit at Pioneer Village Started with Childhood Smashed Penny on Burlington Line

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David V. Wendell is on track at Pioneer Village. The historian, whose family hails from Minden and Holdrege, recently allowed the public a glimpse of his collection of beautiful decorative arts from Frank Lloyd Wright through a colorful exhibit at the museum, and now he is chronicling the railroad history of the state of Nebraska with an exhibition of his assembly of model trains and railroad memorabilia.

The exclusive collection is being debuted at the Village to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the creation of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and the 160th anniversary of the first track laid west of Omaha by the Union Pacific.

"I love history," says Wendell, who first began learning it at Pioneer Village as a child, "Nothing brought more history to Nebraska than the railroads... I put my first penny as a little kid to have it squished on the train tracks across the street," he laughs. He has continued to accrue many more pleasant memories of railroads since.

In his penny smashing days, the trains, or at least the locomotives, were green. That was during the era of the Burlington Northern Railroad. In 1995, the rail giant merged with another staple, the Santa Fe, to become the Burlington Northern Santa Fe, and now the rolling coin

smashers come through Minden with a bright orange patina and the BNSF name in large black letters painted across the engine.

"I guess it's kind of like farm tractors," he says of his preference on the locomotives' paint scheme, "I like the green, it's what I grew up with." He acknowledges, though, that the bright orange does stand out more distinctly, "Almost like an Allis Chalmers," he observes.

The exhibit he put together (in all colors) is composed of vintage photographs, full color murals of railroad scenes, and exquisitely detailed models of locomotives and rolling stock that have plied the rails of the Cornhusker State over the last century and a half. They represent both the Union Pacific and the various incarnations of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

Largest among the models is a three foot long replica of the biggest steam locomotive ever built. The original #4014 Big Boy steam locomotive weighed more than a million pounds. This one looks like it could weigh at least fifty.

Everything is reproduced to scale, including the sixteen massive drive wheels and the tiny, ringable, bell at the front. Wendell spent some time chasing the real thing as it passed through Nebraska and Iowa five years ago and came back through again last year. "Yah, I brought my model with me the last time," he muses, "I don't know what got more attention, the actual pufferbelly or my replica of it."

Equally as entrancing as the Big Boy, is a model of a similarly sized shiny chrome series of three railcars. Each is attached together, and with a smoothly rounded locomotive at the head, looks almost like a long silver bullet.

It's actually an intricate scale reproduction of the radically different Pioneer Zephyr, a history changing streamlined diesel led train that made its first run through Holdrege and Minden on a record breaking run to the Chicago World's Fair from Denver in 1934.

"They called it the Silver Streak," says Wendell, "and it streaked through Nebraska at unheard of speeds of 100 miles per hour as a luxurious passenger liner during the 1930s and into the 1960s, there was even one called the Nebraska Zephyr which is now available for excursions at a museum in Illinois."

Wendell has been collecting railroadiana since before the BNSF became the merged conglomerate it is today. His father had a Marx O scale train he had saved from his childhood and set it up under the Christmas tree. It was nothing fancy and simply chugged around in a circle, but it was always exciting for both father and son to set it



Historian David V. Wendell installs a locomotive in a new exhibit honoring Nebraska's railroad legacy at Pioneer Village in Minden. The display includes model trains, large murals of legendary trains in the state's history, and vintage photographs of long lost (and a few remaining) depots from rail lines that crossed Southcentral Nebraska over the last century and a half. (Courtesy photo)

up together.

"My family didn't have a lot of money, but Marx trains were just affordable enough," he remembers, "and besides, it ran forward and backward and sparked, that's all I needed it to do."

Today, of course, some models recreate the chuffing sounds of the engine or blow smoke or even yell "All aboard," but, fundamentally, they move forward or backward, and, as they did for he and his father, fascinate all who see them in their artistic glory.

They don't even need to move forward or back to show that. "These models are impressive standing still or in motion," says Wendell, "add in the Nebraska heritage, and it makes them all the more impressive."

"Gaining Traction: The Expansion of Railroads in Nebraska" is showing at Pioneer Village, the corner of Highway 10 and Highway 6 in Minden, through January. The exhibit is free with admission to the museum. "Come see it," smiles Wendell, "if you join membership with the Village, I'll even throw in a free train hat."

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Kearney County District Court

State vs. Wallace W. Dodson, Minden; fail to report every 12 months; 9-4-25

State vs. Brandon M. Pendergast, Minden; 2COUNTS: terroristic threats; 9-9-25

Kearney County County Court

Oscar N. Mendoza Diaz, Garden City, Kansas, disobey stop lights, fine \$75, Minden Police Officer Kring, 8-8-25

Larry L. Lempka, Minden, leave accident-fail to furnish info-1st, fine \$300, Minden Police Officer Hansen, 6-11-25

Jenny M. George, Minden, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 7-23-25

Juan M. Robles Perez, Harvard, Illinois, speeding

6-10 Municipal, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 8-16-25

Duniesky Benitez Torres, Jacksonville, Florida, motor vehicle homicide, fine 180 days jail, 1 day credit for time served, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Singh, 11-5-24

Gavin T. McKillip, Kearney, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 8-7-25

Hernan Vasquez-Carreno, Kearney, COUNT I: speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75; COUNT II: no operator's license/non-waiverable, fine \$150, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Evans, 7-21-25

Anthony J. Bourland, Hastings, no operator's license/non-waiverable, fine \$50, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Evans, 7-21-25

Tucker Stubbs, Riverdale, minor in possession-ages 19/20, fine \$250, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Larsen, 7-15-25

Foster L. Meier, Axtell, disturbing the peace, fine 12 moths probation, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 10-21-24

Biemann R. McCrae, Hampton, Virginia, careless driving, fine \$100, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Eshleman,

5-8-25

Melissa Andrade-Lopez, Lincoln, COUNT I: possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st offense, fine \$300; COUNT II: possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st offense, fine \$100, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 4-27-25

Bella S. Molina, Kearney, disobey stop lights, fine \$75, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 8-2-25

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Letter to the Editor

On Saturday, August 30, 2025, friends, neighbors, and volunteers with the Axtell, Minden, and Wilcox fire departments interrupted their Labor Day weekend plans to provide assistance during a very rainy day.

Our developmentally delayed 7-year-old grandson, who was visiting from Minnesota, had wandered off through a cornfield. He was found uninjured a few hours later a half mile east of our home.

The Kearney County Sheriff's office responded immediately and coordinated a search involving at least 50 individuals. Hard to know the exact number since we were spread out around the adjoining roads near our rural home. Many showed up with their ATVs to patrol county roads, ditches, and canal roads. The 3.5" of rain we received made for very miserable search conditions, especially for those who walked corn rows.

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Tom Sandberg, Axtell

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Minden Unified Association 8-14-25			
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Miller Body	W	L	
Joyce Farms	18	2	
First Bank	16	4	
APEX	3	16	
	2	18	
High Individual Game: Kevin Reed, 247; Dustin Schwenka, 215; Jeff Miller, 193			
High Individual Series: Dustin Schwenka, 605; Kevin Reed, 586; Jeff Miller, 552			
High Team Game: Miller Body, 725; Joyce Farms, 723; APEX, 584			
High Team Series: Miller Body, 2087; Joyce Farms, 1988; APEX, 1538			

Minden Unified Association 8-21-25			
Team Standings:			
Miller Body	W	L	
Joyce Farms	29	11	
First Bank	25	15	
APEX	15	24	
	10	30	
High Individual Game: Aaron Kile, 204; Zach Grams, 203; Tyson Sloggett & Carson Blum, 193			
High Individual Series: Zach Grams, 552; Spencer Mills, 539; Kevin Reed, 527			
High Team Game: Miller Body, 672; First Bank, 658; APEX, 654			
High Team Series: Miller Body, 1863; APEX, 1846; First Bank, 1824			

Minden Unified Association 8-28-25			
Team Standings:			
Miller Body	W	L	
Joyce Farms	40	20	
First Bank	36	24	
APEX	24	35	
	10	34	
High Individual Game: Carson Blum, 192; Tim Schmidt, 191; Kevin Reed, 188			
High Individual Series: Kevin Reed, 529; Carson Blum, 519; Conner Peterson, 491			
High Team Game: Miller Body, 683; Joyce Farms, 662; First Bank, 596			
High Team Series: Miller Body, 1905; Joyce Farms, 1859; First Bank, 1679			

Minden Unified Association 9-4-25			
Team Standings:			
Miller Body	W	L	
Joyce Farms	49	31	
First Bank	48	32	
APEX	24	39	
	21	43	
High Individual Game: Shaun Johnson, 237; Dustin			

Schwenka, 204; Kevin Reed, 196
High Individual Series: Shaun Johnson, 592; Kevin Reed, 532; Dustin Schwenka, 490
High Team Game: Miller Body, 735; Joyce Farms, 655; APEX, 651
High Team Series: Miller Body, 1918; APEX, 1909; Joyce Farms, 1779

Minden Unified Association 9-11-25			
Team Standings:			
Miller Body	W	L	
Joyce Farms	63	37	
First Bank	54	46	
APEX	36	47	
	29	55	
High Individual Game: Kevin Reed, 230; James Miller, 211; Mark Klabunde & Dusty Galusha, 207			
High Individual Series: Kevin Reed, 530; Dusty Galusha, 516; James Miller, 511			
High Team Game: Joyce Farms, 680; Miller Body, 667; First Bank, 626			
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	4	12	
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High Team Game: Larson Bros Construction, 483; Upland Bar & Grill, 451; Split Happens, 446			
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Monday, Sept. 22: BREAKFAST: Bagel with cream cheese, yogurt cup; LUNCH: Chicken, rice, bean bowl, tortilla chips & cheese
Tuesday, Sept. 23: BREAKFAST: French toast; LUNCH: Spaghetti, garlic bread
Wednesday, Sept. 24: BREAKFAST: Breakfast boat; LUNCH: Popcorn chicken, Mac & cheese
Thursday, Sept. 25: BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza; LUNCH: Cheeseburgers, sweet potato tots
Friday, Sept. 26: BREAKFAST: Donut holes, yogurt; LUNCH: Stuffed crust cheese pizza

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ACTIVITIES:
Friday, Sept. 19: NO SCHOOL; V VB @ Gothenburg Invite, 1 p.m.; V/JV SB vs. Lexington, 3 p.m.; CC Parent Night, 6:40 p.m.; V FB vs. Kearney Catholic, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20: V VB @ Gothenburg Invite, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 22: 7th/8th VB vs. Broken Bow, 4:30 p.m.; JV VB @ Central City Tri with GICC, 5 p.m.; JV FB @ Kearney Catholic, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23: FBLA Fall Leadership Conference, 9 a.m.; MS CC @ Adams Central Invite, 10 a.m.; GO @ Hastings Tri with Aurora, 4 p.m.; 7th FB @ Broken Bow, 5 p.m.; 8th FB @ Broken Bow, 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, Sept. 24: FFA Young Member Workshop (8th grade), 9 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25: GO @ Holdrege Invite, 9 a.m.; V CC @ Ogallala, 4:30 p.m.; V/JV SB @ Southern Valley, 5 p.m.; 9/JV VB vs. Gothenburg, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26: V FB @ Holdrege, 6 p.m.

Axtell Community School

MENUS:
Friday, Sept. 19: LUNCH: Baked potato bar, broccoli or PBJ
Monday, Sept. 22: LUNCH: Chicken Alfredo, breadstick, peas
Tuesday, Sept. 23: LUNCH: Quesadilla, refried beans or apple cinnamon parfait
Wednesday, Sept. 24: LUNCH: Pizza burger, green beans or PBJ
Thursday, Sept. 25: LUNCH: Cooks Choice
Friday, Sept. 26: LUNCH: Pizza, corn or turkey sub

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ACTIVITIES:
Friday, Sept. 19: FB vs Wilcox-Hildreth, 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 22: JH & JV FB @ Elm Creek, 4 p.m.; V/JV VB @ Heartland Lutheran, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23: XC @ Franklin Invite, 4:15 p.m.; V/JV VB @ Giltner Triangular, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24: Ignite Conference 7th-9th grades; JH VB vs. Alma, 1 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25: V/JV VB Axtell Triangular, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26: FB @ Kenesaw, 7 p.m.

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

MENUS:
Milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh fruit and vegetable bar and yogurt served daily plus many more new breakfast and lunch items.
Friday, Sept. 19: BREAKFAST: Funnel cakes; LUNCH: Salisbury steak
Monday, Sept. 22: BREAKFAST: Breakfast nuggets; LUNCH: Pizza pocket
Tuesday, Sept. 23: BREAKFAST: Banana bread; LUNCH: Spaghetti bar

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Wednesday, Sept. 24: BREAKFAST: Breakfast round; LUNCH: FKC bowl
Thursday, Sept. 25: BREAKFAST: Breakfast bagel; LUNCH: Meatball bowl
Friday, Sept. 26: NO SCHOOL

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ACTIVITIES:
Friday, Sept. 19: FB @ Axtell, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20: UNK Band Day, 10 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 22: JH FB & VB @ Red Cloud
Tuesday, Sept. 23: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Early dismissal for P/T Conference, 1 p.m.; P/T Conference, 2 p.m.; HS & JH XC @ Franklin Invite, 4:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; VB @ Axtell Triangular, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26: NO SCHOOL; FB @ Blue Hill, 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. 22: Chicken & noodle over mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, fruit & dessert
Tuesday, Sept. 23: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, winter blend, dinner roll & dessert
Wednesday, Sept. 24: Pancakes, sausage, salad, fruit & dessert
Thursday, Sept. 25: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread & fruit
Friday, Sept. 26: Hot roast beef sandwich over mashed potatoes & gravy, beets, fruit & 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.
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Church Directory

Axtell

Bethany Lutheran

903 25 Road

BethanyAxtell.org

(308) 743-2597

Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian

406 A Avenue

Sunday, Sept. 21: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

Keene Evangelical

Free

662 F Road

308-743-2611

Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC

104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, Sept. 21: Donuts & Coffee, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 22: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: High School Youth Supper/Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic

Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Saturday, Sept. 20: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran

360 So. Stewart

(402) 756-8552

Greg Volsky,

Vacancy Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster

Presbyterian

Broad and Main Street

Mark A. Diehl, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran

401 Lake Street

Daren Popple,

Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: 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. 21: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic

Mission Parish

287 Jefferson Street

Father Evan Winter

Sunday, Sept. 21: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran

502 Sanders Avenue

Caroline Schenk,

Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: 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

402-208-7277

Sunday, Sept. 21: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.

To schedule an appointment with the missionaries for either a gospel lesson and/or for any other service call or text (402) 452-1992

Visitors welcome

Macon

Zion Lutheran

Located 1 mile west of

Macon, 1503 31st Road,

(Franklin)

Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran

437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

Thursday, Sept. 18: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion at both services

Tuesday, Sept. 23: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: Church Club, 5 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Stay connected with our website, Bethanyminden.org

Evangelical Free

1310 W. First St.

Tom Barnes, Lige Reed,

Pastors

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.

First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

444 N. Brown Ave.

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Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship after worship services

Ladies' Bible Study Tuesdays @ Bloomfield Home, 9 a.m.

Fredericksburg

Lutheran

616 33 Road

Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Combined Service with Bethany Lutheran/Potluck Following, 10:30 a.m.

Communion served 2nd Sunday of each month

Saint John The

Baptist Catholic

628 N. Garber

Father Evan Winter

Saturday, Sept. 20: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Sept. 21: 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. 19: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21: Bible Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.; High School Youth Lunch, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: JYM 5th, 5 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th, 7

p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.; Game Night, 7 p.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich,

Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 18: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Westminster United

Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship/Choir/Children of Change/Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Communion 1st Sundays; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24: PW Circle, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran

102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist

203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller,

Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 21: 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. 21: 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.

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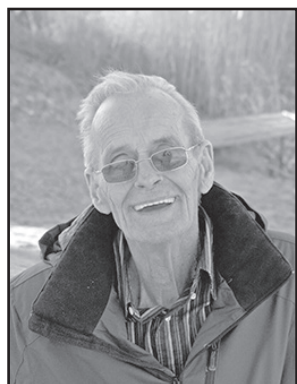
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Obituaries

Marvin O. Vorderstrasse, 81 - Minden Resident



Marvin Owen Vorderstrasse, age 81, of Minden, Nebraska, passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings. A celebration of life with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden, NE with Rev. Donald Hunzeker and PMA Julie Schmidt officiating. Private family burial will be held at Oregon Trail Memorial Cemetery in Bridgeport, NE at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for future designation, or contributed to Pioneer Village or Bethany Home in Minden, or to Perkins Pavilion in Hastings, in honor of Marvin's legacy. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Marvin Owen Vorderstrasse was born on December 18, 1943, in rural Hebron, Nebraska. Marvin was the son of Clara Meta (Robohm) and Fredrich Wilhelm Vorderstrasse. His early years were spent in various small towns across southern Nebraska before his family settled in Glenvil, where Marvin graduated from Glenvil High School.

Following graduation, Marvin proudly served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, spending most of his service stationed in Germany. He forged lifelong friendships with his fellow servicemen—bonds that remained strong throughout his life.

In 1967, Marvin returned to Nebraska and married Patricia Jane Barber. Together, they raised three children: Melanie, Michael, and Michelle. Marvin earned his bachelor's degree from Kearney State College and began his career teaching industrial arts at Lawrence Public School. Later, he managed the Pioneer Village Motel in Minden and eventually became the maintenance manager at the Pioneer Village Museum—a role that perfectly suited his knack for fixing just about anything.

In 2000, Marvin married Jacquelyn Hayden. The two shared a love of dancing, antiquing, and adventuring across Nebraska, especially during the annual Nebraska Junk Jant.

Marvin was a natural tinkerer and a mechanical wizard. Whether it was a complex machine or a flickering light fixture, he could fix it. He often joked that he was "5'17½" tall," and despite his towering frame, he had a lifelong love affair with Volkswagens. His children fondly recall bleeding brakes while Marvin wriggled under the chassis of yet another VW project.

He was a joyful spirit who delighted in making others laugh. Marvin was known for riding bicycles backward on the handlebars, wearing a propeller beanie to embarrass his kids, and attempting to teach every grandchild how to do a headstand. His humor was infectious, and his heart was generous.

Marvin loved camping and exploring the backroads of Nebraska, Colorado, Minnesota, and South Dakota. The Rocky Mountains held a special place in his heart.

He is survived by his children: Melanie (Dean) Thompson of Pilger, NE, Michelle Bible of Kearney, NE, Michael (Nancy) Vorderstrasse of Naples, FL, and Deanne (Mike Green) Guthard of Ogallala, NE; grandchildren: Michaela Wright (Kearney, NE), Nicholas Bible (Hildreth, NE), Dana (Jeff) Moeller (Wisner, NE), Megan Thompson (Menasha, WI), Rebecca Thompson (Lincoln, NE), Samuel Thompson (Vermillion, SD), Brooks Vorderstrasse (Naples, FL), Jessica Vorderstrasse (Naples, FL), Benjamin (Jaycee Schlueter) Guthard (Overton, NE), Hannah (Reece) Peden (Cozad, NE), Hayden Guthard (Cozad, NE), Jessica Guthard (Cozad, NE); great-grandchildren: Aiden McMichael, Kollyns Guthard, Layton Guthard; sisters, Sandra and Dianne Vorderstrasse of Hastings, NE; brother-in-law, Alex Eckert of Juniata, NE; sister-in-law, Donna Vorderstrasse of Glenvil, NE; and many nieces,

nephews, extended family members, and cherished friends.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Fredrich and Clara; his wife, Jackie; his brothers Ronald and Allen; and his sister Karen Eckert.

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

Caryn J. Petersen, 65 - Rural Minden Resident



Caryn J. Petersen, 65, of rural Minden, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away on Saturday, September 6, 2025 surrounded by family at Kearney Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025 at Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Minden with Rev. Sharon Rees officiating. The family requests casual attire be worn. The service will be streamed to the church's YouTube page. Private family inurnment will be held at the White Hill Cemetery, north of Minden. Memorials in Caryn's honor are kindly suggested to the family for disbursement to Kearney County 4-H and FFA programs, as well as to the church. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Caryn Jean Petersen was born on February 18, 1960, in Minden, Nebraska, to Otto Max Schmidt Jr. and Patricia JoAnn (Patrick) Schmidt. She attended Minden Public Schools and graduated from Minden High School with the class of 1978. On February 7, 1981, Caryn married the love of her life, Boyd Lee Petersen. Together they built a life rooted in family and hard work. To this union they welcomed their son, Jeffrey Lee Petersen (Lauren). Caryn also lovingly raised her niece, Erica Jensen (Kyle), and treated her niece, Patricia Schmidt, like a daughter.

Family was Caryn's greatest joy. She adored her five granddaughters—Hailey, Jenna, Kristen, Sydney, and Jada—and cherished her four step-grandsons—Jordan, Riley, Cody, and Carson. She never missed an opportunity to support them, whether cheering from the bleachers, encouraging them in 4-H, or proudly watching them show animals.

Caryn was a supporter of the Presbyterian Church in Minden, faithfully watching services online. She was active in 4-H for many years and always found fulfillment in supporting youth. She was happiest on the farm, whether driving to check cows, being on her Kubota tractor shredding or spraying, being the official parts runner and farm uber, or lending a hand wherever needed. She also enjoyed following the Whippets and Huskers sports. Caryn loved celebrating and decorating for all holidays, especially the 4th of July and Christmas. She spent decades helping with firework sales.

Known by many for her kindness, humor, and strong opinions, Caryn never met a stranger. She always had advice to share—whether asked for or not—and gave it with love. Caryn was a committed and dedicated "backseat driver" even when riding in the front passenger seat. Her warmth, generosity, and unwavering devotion to her family and community will be remembered by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Boyd; her son Jeffrey (Lauren); her niece Erica (Kyle), her niece Patricia, her granddaughters and step-grandsons; her brothers Larry Schmidt (Elena) and Chris Schmidt (Christine); her sisters Nancy Pfannenstien and Susie Schmidt; and many other nieces, nephews, and extended family who loved her dearly.

Caryn is preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Patricia Schmidt, her sister, Terri Oliver, and her brother-in-law, Arnie Pfannenstien.

Caryn's legacy is one of love, laughter, and hard work. She will be forever loved and deeply missed.

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

Scott T. Maline, 73 and Kathy L. Maline, 71 - Kearney Residents



Scott T. Maline, age 73, and Kathy L. Maline, age 71, both of Kearney, NE, passed away Friday, September 5, 2025, as a result of an automobile accident near Darr, NE. The Celebration of life was held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at the Kearney E-Free Church. The family requested that those in attendance wear something colorful. Kathy loved a pop of color. There was no visitation or burial. A livestream can be viewed by visiting www.kearneyefree.com/live

prior to the start of the service on Monday. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a memorial fund addressed to Heidi Wigley, Brooke Cooper, or Brett Maline. Alternative method for giving: <https://gofund.me/1526756b9>

Kathy Lynn Ross was born on January 8, 1954 in Cozad, Nebraska to Milton and Marge (Gaudreault) Ross. She graduated from Cozad High school in 1972, receiving her bachelor's degree in Education from Kearney State College. Starting her career in social work, she went on to serve children and families across the state as a teacher, para, and caregiver for 43 years. In her youth she could be seen twirling the baton, water skiing at Midway Lake, and participating in Job's Daughters.

Scott Taylor Maline was born on December 18, 1951 in Cozad, Nebraska to Donald and Isabel (Taylor) Maline. He graduated from Cozad High school in 1970 and received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Kearney State College. Starting his teaching and coaching journey in Gibbon, Nebraska, Scott went on to receive his Master's degree in Education Administration and completed his Doctorate of Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was a lifelong educator who served children and the Nebraska communities of Gibbon, Geneva, Elkhorn, Minden, and Litchfield. He also went on to teach at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Scott was a lifelong athlete with numerous accolades at Cozad and Kearney State College; he loved any and all sports and his sense of humor earned him the beloved nickname "Scooter."

Kathy met her high school sweetheart, Scott, in the halls of Cozad High. They married on August 23, 1974 in Cozad, Nebraska and were devoted to each other for 51 years. The couple was blessed with three children: Heidi, and twins Brooke and Brett. Some of their recent favorite pastimes were pickleball, Friday night couples golf league, theater shows, and walks with their dog Rosco out at Yanney Park. Kathy was proud to be an active member of Chapter EG PEO in Kearney and loved volunteering for the Kearney Literacy Council. Scott was a member of Rotary International and volunteered for CASA and Teammates. Their children and extended family will cherish memories of special holidays and vacations and their unconditional love and support. Their legacy will live on through the many lives they've touched.

Kathy and Scott were devoted grandparents to Isabel, Evie, Abigail, and Lillian. They took many trips to New Zealand to see Heidi's family and were a constant presence in

Brooke's girls' lives in Kearney.

Surviving relatives include Kathy's mother, Marge Ballard of Gothenburg, NE; children, Heidi (Dan) Wigley of Christchurch, NZ, Brooke (Doug) Cooper of Kearney, NE, Brett Maline of Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren, Isabel, Evie, Abigail, Lillian; several sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and other extended family and friends.

They were preceded in death by Scott's parents, Donald and Isabel Maline; Kathy's father, Milton Ross; Scott's sister, Jane Maline and sister-in-law, Vicki Maline.

Katherine "Kathy" Chamberlain, 66 - Oxford Resident



A Funeral Service for Katherine "Kathy" Chamberlain was held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at the Evangelical Free Church in Oxford, Nebraska, with Pastor Wes Holen and Pastor Kirk Einspahr officiating. A graveside service was held at the Glenvil Cemetery, Glenvil, Nebraska.

Katherine LuElla (Rask) Chamberlain, 66 years of age, of Oxford, formerly of Glenvil Nebraska, passed away peacefully at her home with her family on September 5, 2025 after a brief illness. Kathy was born in Minden, Nebraska on August 17, 1959, the youngest of five children, born to Milton and Rosella (Wagnitz) Rask. She received her education from Oxford Public Schools and

later completed her GED. She pursued higher education from Hastings Community College with a degree in Automotive Technology.

In April 1975, she was united in marriage to Scott Miller Sr, residing on the family farm with Jarvis & Maxine Miller. To this union, on January 19, 1976, they were blessed with a son, Scott Lee Miller Jr. and on August 9, 1977, Chad Allen Miller was born. Scott Sr and Kathy later divorced, but Kathy remained in Oxford for a few years.

Kathy married the true love of her life, Jerry Chamberlain on December 28, 1988, and welcomed a step daughter and step son, Tasha Miller and Mike Follett. The couple made their home in Glenvil, Nebraska where they raised emu for several years, and had a passion for camping. Kathy made her career after college as an auto parts professional. She made many friends and customers over the years, until just recently retired from her love of working for Scott Good at Auto Value in Hastings. Kathy is fondly remembered for her love of slo gin.

Kathy is survived by her son Scott Miller and wife Shawna of Oxford, step daughter Tasha Miller and Tobey of Grand Island, Mike Follett of Columbus, Kathy's boyfriend George Thomas of Axtell; grandchildren: Logan (Kirsten), Kasey, and Garrett Miller, Jacob and Ethan Smith, and Ashlynn Follett; her brothers: Rick (LaRayne) Rask, and Bruce Rask; sisters-in-law and brothers in law: Ardyce (DeWayne) Kattenburg, Darrell (Mary) Chamberlain, Lori Paine, Roy (Deb) Chamberlain, and Janette Chamberlain. Many other nieces, nephews, family members, friends, and of course Rosie the dog.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry; her parents Milton and Rosella Rask, her son Chad Miller, a grandson Matthew Miller, her brother Dave Rask, a sister-in-law Elaine Rask, and an infant sister Rask.

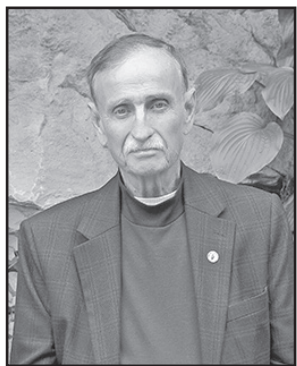
A Visitation was held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, with family greeting friends at the Mitchell-Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Oxford.

A memorial has been established in Kathy's honor to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Expressions of caring and kindness can be sent to the family at www.nelsonbauer-fh.com

The Mitchell-Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Oxford is in charge of the arrangements.

Gale E. Lush, 73 - Rural Wilcox Resident



Gale E. Lush, 73, of rural Wilcox, passed peacefully in his home on September 13th, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hildreth with Rev. Caroline Schenk officiating. The service will be streamed to the church's YouTube page. Private family interment will be

held at Moline Cemetery. Visitation with family present will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hildreth. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Gale's honor are kindly suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hildreth or to the Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Gale Edward Lush was born on March 13, 1952, in Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Nebraska. He was the first born of eight to Verlie and Phyllis (Caspers) Lush. He grew up on the family farm seven miles south and two miles east of Wilcox, Nebraska. Gale took Angus cattle to the Franklin County Fair for two years in 4-H and another two years as a member of FFA. He received purple and blue ribbons for showmanship and for his Angus breeding heifer and cow & calf entries. Gale and his brother Ron bought their first piece of farmland in 1972 just before President Nixon devalued the dollar twice to get reelected. President Nixon was impeached, land prices soared.

Gale graduated from Wilcox High School in May of 1970 as the class Salutatorian. He then went to the University of Nebraska on a Regents Scholarship and majored in Agricultural Economics. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1974. In his freshman year, he saw President Richard Nixon give Bob Devaney the trophy for Nebraska being National Football Champions in 1970-71. Gale missed out on the SDS marching on the Military and Naval Science Building after the massacre of the students at Kent State in 1969. He did participate in a giant snowball fight on 16th Street that is talked about even to this day. Gale was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon during his last two years as an undergraduate. He kept his clothes on during the streaking fad that swept through the nation during the Spring of 1974.

In 1974 Gale applied to Law School at the University of Nebraska. Out of 1200 applicants, 180 were accepted. In 1977 he graduated from Law School with a Juris Doctor degree. He passed the bar in April of 1978 and was admitted to practice before the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Federal District Court. Gale did not hang out his shingle. He went back to Wilcox and the farm, where he works "just for the family" to this day.

In 1982 Gale was selected to be one of 30 Fellows in the Leadership Education Action Development LEAD II group. The program consisted of attending 14 three-day seminars about various state, national and international issues over a two-year period. Two weeks of domestic travel and study and three weeks of international travel and study were involved. Gale was able to travel in Latin America and enjoyed all the people and countries he traveled in. He nearly bought a soybean farm in Paraguay.

In 1991 Governor Nelson appointed Gale to the Nebraska Corn Board where he represented the economic interests of all those Nebraska corn farmers that paid the corn check-off. He also served in 1996 as the Governor appointee on the Interstate Grain Commission, a 5-state entity. The Commission worked to successfully improve federal grain standards and export high quality, identity-preserved grain to quality conscious buyers in Europe.

In 1995 Gale was elected to the Board of the Nebraska Farmers Union. He enjoyed flying to Washington D.C. and lobbying on various farm issues of the day. He was in Washington on September 11, 2001, when the Pentagon was hit by Osama Bin Laden. In 1995 he became Chairman of the American Corn Growers Foundation. As Chairman Gale enjoyed initiating programs promoting renewal energy such as ethanol and wind energy development in Nebraska and surrounding states. Gale was very proud of helping pass L.B. 629 the Community Based Energy Development law that enabled Nebraskans to develop wind farms in a 100% Public Power State.

Gale and Laurie met in 1985, were married in 1986 and started their family. Son Alexander Edward was born on October 14th, 1986. The arrival of Sarah Jane on September 1, 1988, made their family complete.

Gale was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hildreth, having served in leadership roles and on committees in the church.

Gale enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities and bragging about their achievements. After six grandsons, Gale was delighted to welcome a granddaughter to the family in December 2024.

In March 2024 Gale was diagnosed with end stage liver failure due to primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC). He made the most of his time left by visiting old friends, attending musicals and concerts, spending time with family, and driving countless miles around his farm ground.

Gale is survived by his wife, Laurie Lush; son, Alexander (Elise) Lush; daughter, Sarah Lush (Thomas Wanek); grandchildren, Luke Lush, Rylan Lush, Henry Lush, Jasper Lush, Everett Lush, Isaac Wanek and Audrey Wanek; brother, John (Roxanne) Lush; sisters, Linda Brummer, Rhonda (Greg) Roberts, Ramona (Mark) Wilder, Trish (Galen) Krohnofman, and Shirley (Bruce) Steinkruger; sisters-in-law, Shirley A. Lush and Gwen Hoylman; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ronald Lush; parents-in-law, James (Faye) Hill; grandmother, Margaret Casper; brothers-in-law, Wayne Brummer and

Allen Hoylman.

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

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Signed,
Colten Venteicher,
Owner
9/11/2025

Sep 18, 2025
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NOTICE

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2025-26 Budget Hearing 6:30 PM. President Behrhorst opened the meeting at 6:30 and closed it at 6:40 with no public comment. 2025-26 Tax Request Hearing 6:45 PM. President Behrhorst opened the meeting at 6:45 and closed it at 6:55 with no public comment.

Monday,

September 8, 2025

Axtell Community Schools Board of Education Meeting
Location: Library

7:00 PM

Board members reserve the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. AGENDA. 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. 2. Open Meetings Law is posted and recognized. 3. Recognition of guests and request for public comment. 4. Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2025 school board meeting, the August 27, 2025 end of fiscal year meeting, and the September 3, 2025 budget workshop. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2025 school board meeting, the August 27, 2025 end of fiscal year meeting, and the September 3, 2025 budget workshop. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Matt Strolberg. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. 5. Presentation: ACS Cheer Team: Chloe Bertrand & Laurel Thorell. 6. Discussion and action on financial reports. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second

by Linda Almquist. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. 7. Discussion and action of district claims. Motion Passed: Motion to approve district claims as presented. Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. 8. Administrative Reports. a. Jenn DeBord, Elementary Principal. 1. Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences, September 29. 2. Teacher/Paraeducator Professional Development. 3. Paraeducator meetings. b. Craig Lorenz, Secondary Principal. 1. CSI Lab. 2. ESU Fall Conference: October 6. c. Rob Gregory, Superintendent. 1. Outside Basketball Hoops: Jr. Cats Basketball Program. 2. OAC Mtg: Ty-Matt-Jeff. Tuesday, Oct. 7: Kurt-Linda-Bette. 9. Discussion Items. a. Discussion: 2025-26 Budget & Tax Request. b. ACS Cheer Team. c. Staff Salary Advancement Apps: Katrina Noel, Ashley Benson, Chloe Bertrand. d. Transportation: Vans & Suburbans. 10. Action Items. a. Approval of the 2025-26 Axtell Community School budget as presented by the superintendent. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the 2025-26 Axtell Community School budget as presented by the superintendent. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Matt Strolberg. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. b. Approval to adopt and affirm the Property Tax Request

Resolution for the 2025-26 school year as presented to the school board by the superintendent and read aloud during the meeting. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the adoption and affirmation of the Property Tax Request Resolution for the 2025-26 school year as presented to the school board by the superintendent and read aloud during the meeting. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Bette Dimon. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. c. Approval to allow the ACS Cheer Team to follow Tier II of the Nebraska Coaches Association Handbook and allow Tier II level stunts. Motion Passed: Motion for approval to allow the ACS Cheer Team to follow Tier II of the Nebraska Coaches Association Handbook and allow Tier II level stunts. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Ty Fickenscher. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. d. Approval of the continued salary advancement for Katrina Noel for the 2025-26 school year. Motion Passed: Motion for the approval of the continued salary advancement for Katrina Noel for the 2025-26 school year. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Linda Almquist. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. e. Approval of the continued salary advancement for Ashley Benson for the 2025-26 school year. Mo-

tion Passed: Motion for the approval of the salary advancement for Ashley Benson for the 2025-26 school year. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. f. Approval of the continued salary advancement for Chloe Bertrand for the 2025-26 school year. Motion Passed: Motion for the approval of the continued salary advancement for Chloe Bertrand for the 2025-26 school year. Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Linda Almquist. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. g. Approval of policy #3132 Internal Controls as directed by the school attorney. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Matt Strolberg. 11. Informational Items. a. Calendars. b. LB 399: Americanism Committee: Jeff-Matt-Bette 8:00 am mtg. October 13, 2025. c. Next Board Mtg: Monday, October 13, 2025 8:15 am. Round 1 of FKC Volleyball. d. Stage Curtain Update. e. School Board Fall Retreat? f. State School Board Education Conference: November 19-21. Who is attending??? 12. Motion to adjourn. Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn at 8:19. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND: A&M AG PARTNERS, INC, 110.00; AMAZON CAPI-

TAL SERVICES, 2,080.93; CAPITAL ONE - WALMART, 96.00; CLEAR LIVE LLC, 97.37; DECKER EQUIPMENT, 79.95; DUG'S SHOP, 6,439.52; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 3,616.17; ECHO GROUP, INC, 1,185.46; ESU #10, 5,700.60; ESU #11, 2,885.20; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER, 1,064.00; FIRST CARE MEDICAL, P.C. (KEARNEY), 370.00; HAMILTON LONG DISTANCE, 1,506.75; HEARTLAND REFRIGERATION LLC, 669.16; HMH EDUCATION COMPANY, 438.36; HOLDREGE DAILY CITIZEN, INC, 40.91; KAT'S KORNER MARKET, 260.38; KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, 140.00; KINDSCHUH CONSTRUCTION, CO, 70.00; LUNCH FUND, 181.42; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC, 7,555.00; NASB, 65.00; NEBRASKA. GOV, 900.00; ONE SOURCE, 173.00; PERRY GUTHERY HAASE & GESSFORD, PC, LLO, 1,892.80; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC, 600.00; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 68.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 486.75; SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, THE, 40.33; SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT, 9,853.14; STEP 'N WASH LLC, 1,464.12; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING, 112.23; TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC, 317.79; TEACHERS DESERVE IT, 99.00; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, 162.00; VILLAGE OF AXTELL, 982.93; VISA, 1,044.00; YANDAS MUSIC & PRO AUDIO, 241.55; Vendors Listed: 38; Total: 53,089.82; September Payroll: 395,199.35; Total: 448,289.17. Fund: 02 DEPRECIATION: PRO TRACK AND TENNIS INC, 19,200.00; Vendors Listed: 1; Total: 19,200.00. Fund: 08 SPECIAL BUILDING FUND: BD CONSTRUCTION, INC, 548,746.26; Vendors Listed: 1; Total: 548,746.26. Fund: 10 COOPERATIVE FUND: AMAZON CAPITAL

SERVICES, 65.78; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, 114.99; HOMETOWN LEASING, 99.81; KAT'S KORNER MARKET, 10.68; LIVE LOVE SPEECH LLC, 85.00; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 55.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 1.00; Vendors Listed: 7; Total: 432.26; September Payroll: 16,823.63; Total: 17,255.89.

Sep 18, 2025

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Public Notice is hereby given that the governing Board of the Axtell Community School District 50-0501, located at 500 Main Street, Axtell, of Kearney County, Nebraska, will hold a special board meeting to discuss the superintendent search with Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA). Such meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Axtell Community School library, and will be open to the public. There will be no action taken at this meeting, discussion only. An agenda is not available as this discussion is being led by NRCSA.

Linda Almquist,
Secretary

Sep 18, 2025

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Rosa Hardin, dated April 14, 2008, and recorded on April 15, 2008, in Book No. 200, at Page 453 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Kearney County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on October 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the assembly room of the Kearney County, Courthouse, Minden, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE (AS DEFINED IN NEB REV. STATE. 76- 201) LOTS TEN (10), ELEVEN (11), AND TWELVE (12) IN BLOCK NINE (9) ORIGINAL TOWN OF AXTELL, EXCEPT THAT PART OF LOT TWELVE (12) CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF NEBRASKA IN A CERTAIN DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 58 OF DEEDS AT PAGE 323 IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA., commonly known as 202 W 3rd, Axtell, NE, 68924

subject to all prior ease-

ments, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Liliana E. Shannon,
Successor Trustee
First Publication: September 11, 2025

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 245057). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Sep 11, 2025
Sep 18, 2025
Sep 25, 2025
Oct 2, 2025
Oct 9, 2025
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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

TERRELL MARLATT, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 25-27

Notice is hereby given that on September 2, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Gleness R. Knauer, 27 Calle Ancla, Santa Fe, NM 87508 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 3, 2025 or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiasen
Clerk-Magistrate of the County Court

Donald A. Garrell, #27865
Jacobsen, Orr, Lindstrom & Holbrook, P.C., L.L.O.
P.O. Box 1060
Kearney NE 68847
(308) 234-5579
dgarrell@jacobsenorr.com
Sep 11, 2025
Sep 18, 2025
Sep 25, 2025
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

VILLAGE OF FUNK, NEBRASKA

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Funk, Nebraska of its intent to sell certain personal property owned by the Village of Funk, Nebraska as follows:

1. A resolution was passed by the Village of Funk Board of Trustees on September 8, 2025, directing the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Funk, Nebraska after notice of the sale has been given as required by Nebraska law.
2. The personal property to be sold is the Village of Funk's Magnaplas 70kw generator with a 4-cylinder

diesel engine, located north of US Highway 6 & 34 on the East Half (1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of 30-6-17 DIVIDE.

3. The personal property must be removed by the purchaser within sixty (60) days of purchase. Purchase price must be paid in cash. Said personal property to be sold without any warranty or any expressed warranty.

4. Bids shall be submitted under seal to the Office of the Village Clerk, 123 Main Street, P.O. Box 146, Funk, NE 68940 no later than October 9, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. Any bid received after such date and time shall not be considered. Any bid shall be conspicuously marked

or otherwise identified to be submitted in response to this notice. Any bid submitted in any other manner shall not be considered.

5. Bids shall be considered at the Village of Funk regular meeting on October 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Village of Funk, Nebraska
Leann Sobieszyk,
Clerk/Treasurer

Sep 18, 2025
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Broker/Realtor
402.469.3271

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Realtor
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Stephanie Harms
Office Manager/
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3506 13th Ave. - Kearney
4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 car det. garage
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207 Kelsey Ave. - Gibbon
4 Bed, 3 Bath, 2 car det. garage
NEW LISTING!

Online Auction
11491 729 Road - Holdrege
2 Bed, 2 Bath, 2.044 acres
NEW LISTING!

Online Auction
708 Maple St. - Cozad
4 Bed, 2 Bath, 1 acre
NEW LISTING!

\$1,250,000

\$449,000
850 Burlington Ave. - Hastings
4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car det. garage

Online Auction
727 N Williams - Hastings
2 Bed, 1 Bath, 1 car garage
PENDING

Online Auction
419 Sherman St. - Holdrege
2 Bed, 1 Bath, 2 car det. garage
SOLD

NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE CONTROLLED

You are required to control noxious weeds on your property.

The noxious weeds are: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar, Phragmites, Knotweed (Japanese and Giant) and Sericea Lespedeza. Notice is hereby given this 18th day of September, 2025, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2955, subsection 1(a), to every person who owns or controls land in Kearney County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown, or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed superintendent is required to:

1. Proceed pursuant to the law and issue legal notice to the landowner of property infested with noxious weeds and giving such landowner 15 days to control the noxious weed infestation. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a \$100 per day fine to the landowner, with a maximum fine of \$1,500; or

2. Should more immediate control be required, proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds controlled by such method as he/she finds necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means, as provided by law.

Also, the public is notified that noxious weed seed and propagative parts may be disseminated through the movement of machinery and equipment, trucks, grain and seed, hay, straw, nursery stock, fencing materials, sod, manure, and soil as well as articles of similar nature. Methods of treatment have been prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and may be obtained from the county weed control authority.

By Order of Kearney County Weed Control Authority.
1124 E. 9th Street, Minden, NE 68959

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NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
OF HARDENBROOK
CONSTRUCTION, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Hardenbrook Construction, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska on August 27, 2025. The designated office of the company is located at 1151 27 Road, Minden, NE 68959, and the name of the initial registered agent and their address is Nathan Hardenbrook, 1151 27 Road, Minden, NE 68959. The company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska other than banking or insurance. The company will have perpetual existence unless terminated sooner. Affairs of the company are to be conducted by its members.

/s/ Nathan Hardenbrook
Nathan Hardenbrook
Sep 11, 2025
Sep 18, 2025
Sep 25, 2025
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NOTICE
MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Agendas for the September 8, 2025 public hearings and meeting of the Board of Education were posted locally. Included in the notification were the time, place, date, and items on the agenda. Notice of the meeting was published in the paper. At 7:00 pm the board heard support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, and observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2025-2026 budget. At 7:12 pm the board heard support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, and observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final

tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. The hearing was closed at 7:14 pm. The board approved minutes from the meetings held August 11 and August 21, financial reports, and claims against the General Fund. The board approved the 2025-2026 budget, resignation of Angie Oberg at the end of the 2025-26 school year, FFA trip to Indiana, and purchase of student vans. The board approved the property tax levy of \$0.763249 and the following resolution: Now be it therefore resolved that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$9,594,820.54 for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$1,718,275.50 for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year; and (3) the Tax Request for the Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$2,021,212.00 for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year. The board approved resolution to call a special election of the District on November 4, 2025, for the question of authorizing the issuance of \$27,285,000 in general obligation bonds of the District to pay the costs of construction and acquisition of a new elementary school building, site and public infrastructure improvements, modifications to the District's existing buildings and facilities, and providing for the necessary furniture,

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equipment and apparatus for such buildings and facilities of the District; authorizing the levy of taxes to pay the same; and related matters. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.
2024-25 EOY GENERAL FUNDS CLAIMS - Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$999.27; Blick Art Materials, \$223.85; Coach Masters, Inc., \$13,187.64; Cornerstone Electric, \$8,706.09; Heine-mann, \$741.48; John Deere Financial, \$42.53; Learning Ally, Inc., \$1,899.00; Mackin Book Company, \$185.41; Medtox Laboratories, \$40.93; Menards - Kearney, \$607.35; Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc., \$758.80; Minden Floral & Gifts, \$100.00; Mps Depreciation Fund, \$140,000.00; Novus Windshield Repair, \$75.00; Overhead Door Co. Of Kearney, \$233.00; Protex Central, Inc., \$740.47; Rasmussen Mechanical Service, \$6,937.17; REK Enterprises, \$83.55; Staples, \$4,144.80; Syndicate Publishing, LLC, \$24.87; Travis Dassinger, \$282.50; ESU Coordinating Council, \$7,164.35; TOTAL 2024-25 EOY GENERAL FUND CLAIMS - \$187,178.06
SEPTEMBER 2025 - GENERAL FUND CLAIMS - Minden Exchange Bank, \$33.85; Wright Express Fleet Services, \$215.76; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.,

\$1,227.68; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$196,423.06; Credit Management Services, Inc., \$462.37; Horace Mann Life Insurance Company, \$1,275.00; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$2,599.45; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., \$7,048.04; Minden Public Schools, \$111,734.05; Mps Payroll, \$142,947.75; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$20,482.53; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$2,136.86; Apptegy, Inc., \$12,520.00; Aurora Cooperative, \$3,304.11; Black Hills Energy, \$1,820.03; Cash-wa Distributing Co., \$653.40; CenturyLink, \$457.50; City Of Minden, \$28,215.93; Clearfly, \$823.20; Colorado/West Equipment, Inc., \$153.25; Communications Engineering, Inc., \$3,080.10; Companion, \$2,474.00; Cornerstone Electric, \$2,600.00; Eakes Office Solutions, \$1,929.76; Educational Service Unit #10, \$6,082.10; Educational Service Unit #11, \$5,906.00; Elan Financial Services, \$286.54; Gopher, \$159.48; Hometown Leasing, \$3,855.49; Kajeet, Inc., \$6,160.00; Landmark Implement Carquest, \$6.99; Mason's Market, \$57.58; Mechanical Sales, Inc., \$448.50; Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc., \$14,733.50; Minden Hardware, \$456.54; Minden Lumber, \$33.04; Napa Auto Parts, \$83.22; NASB ALICAP, \$207,825.00;

National Art & School Supplies, Inc., \$301.73; National Association for Music Education, \$143.00; Ne Association School Boards, \$510.00; One Source, \$370.00; Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O, \$1,426.00; PPG Architectural Finishes, \$792.84; Presto-X Company, \$203.40; Rasmussen Mechanical Service, \$605.29; Renaissance Learning, \$5,672.22; Richard Widdifield, \$1,447.65; Scholastic Magazines, \$3,187.26; Syndicate Publishing, LLC, \$206.66; Teachers Pay Teachers, \$251.82; Value Up, Inc., \$5,000.00; Verizon Wireless, \$160.04; Village Uniform, \$992.15; Widdifield, James T, \$99.21; Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc., \$62.50; September Net Payroll - \$454,672.72; Subtotal - \$1,266,816.15; LUNCH FUND CLAIMS - Highland Dairy, \$3,362.88; Innovative Office Solutions, \$1,087.82; MPS General Fund, \$100,000.00; Hiland Dairy, \$3,222.45; Village Uniform, \$192.96; Amer-

itas Life Insurance Corp., \$52.12; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$4,991.47; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$48.63; Minden Public Schools, \$2,308.43; Mps Payroll, \$2,504.59; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$285.91; September Net Payroll - \$11,426.00; Subtotal - \$129,483.26; BUILDING FUND CLAIMS - Engineering Technologies, Inc., \$3,210.00; TOTAL CLAIMS - \$1,399,509.41.
Sep 18, 2025
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NOTICE
REGISTRATION OF
TRADE NAME
Trade Name: Shana Schoone Speaks LLC
Initial designated office address: 145 S Hull Ave Minden, NE 68959
Registered agent name and address: Shana Schoone at 145 S Hull Ave Minden, NE 68959
Sep 18, 2025
(11) znez

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Fire Protection District - Wilcox #3
IN
Harlan 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 24th day of September 2025, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. at the Wilcox Fire Hall 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.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 83,500.00
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 290,600.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 760,000.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 24,000.00
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	\$ 784,000.00
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 74,410.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 91.59

Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 74,410.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ -

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Scandinavian
Mutual Insurance Company

Erin Pittz, Agent

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NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF MINDEN MINDEN, NEBRASKA K ROAD PUBLIC PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS 2025

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

K Road Public Pavement Improvements
Minden, Nebraska – 2025
025-04659

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at Minden City Hall located at 325 North Colorado, Minden, Nebraska 68959, until Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Removing approximately 130 SY of pavement, removal of approximately 100 LF of storm sewer pipe, placing approximately 4,000 SY of 10" & 6" doweled concrete pavement with 8" of crushed concrete subbase, installing approximately 55 LF of 15" storm sewer pipe with flared end sections, erosion control items including seeding, street striping, earthwork, and all other appurtenances.

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract

documents and proposal form MUST be obtained from either: 1) www.quest-cdn.com for a fee of \$22 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 9857958 City of Minden, K Road Public Pavement Improvements - 2025; OR 2) Olsson at 201 E. 2nd Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801 for a fee of \$100.00 (nonrefundable).

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Olsson

201 E. 2nd Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

There is no pre-bid conference for this project.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to Owner as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s) are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the Owner, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of sixty (60) days after the bids are open.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures,

and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Minden

By: Michael Krings

Title: City Administrator

Date: September 4th, 11th and 18th, 2025

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: WILCOX HOLDINGS, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 888 S Western Ave, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959. Larry R. Wilcox is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on August 26, 2025, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: August 26, 2025

WILCOX HOLDINGS, LLC,

A Nebraska Limited

Liability Company

By /s/ Andrew S. Olson

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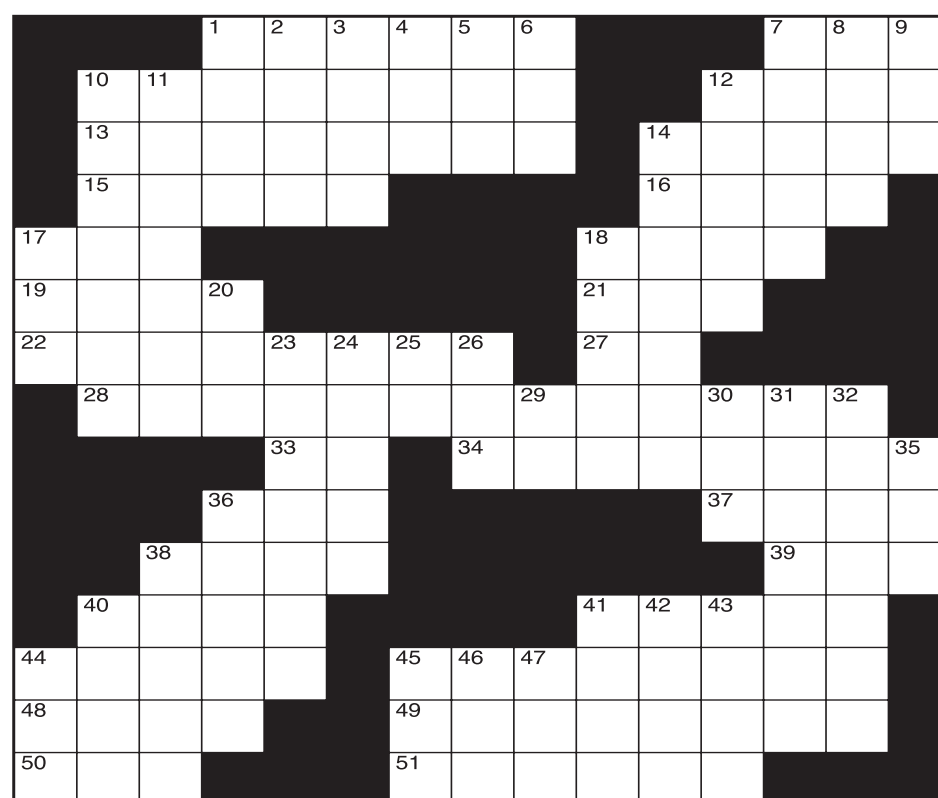
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16. Musician Clapton
17. Small Eurasian deer
18. Invests in little enterprises
19. Perimeter
21. Chicago ballplayer
22. Animal body part
27. It's everywhere these days
28. Fictional ad exec
33. Mr. T character
- Baracus
34. Against the current
36. Subway rodent
37. Armor plate
38. Hair on the head
39. Strong insect
40. Swollen lymph node
41. A way to lessen
44. Walter White poison
45. Sleeveless garment
48. Long accompanied song
49. Without features
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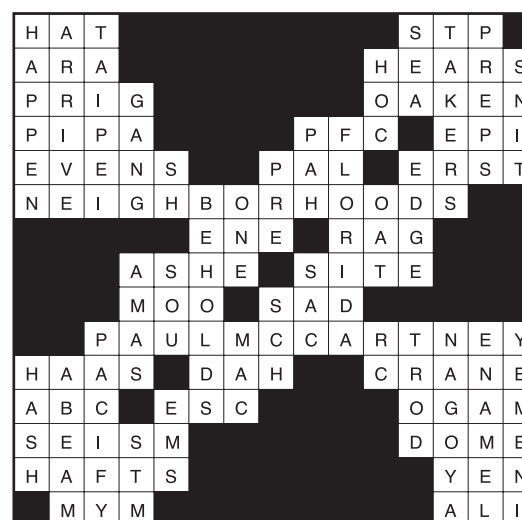
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9. Affirmative
10. Foul smell
11. Brisk tempo
12. S. American indigenous person
14. Restored
17. Official
18. Skin lesions

20. Electroencephalograph

23. Middle Eastern country
24. Extremely angry
25. Title used before a woman's name
26. British thermal unit
29. By the way (abbr.)
30. Anger
31. Nullifies
32. Ones who acquire
35. Time zone
36. Arabic name

38. Protein in mucus

40. Ballpoint pen
41. Mimics
42. Humans have a lot of it
43. Expressions of good wishes
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