



Bringing the Village Back to Life with Friends

ARABELLA REED

"A snapshot in time." That is exactly what Jeff Spencer, one of the founders of the RV Friends, envisions every time that he pays a visit to Minden's one and only Pioneer Village. A few years ago Pioneer Village may not have been able to see the future set ahead of them. No one could have guessed that the museum would have its own hail mary this late in the game, but of course, the possibility was thrown with the help of the RV Friends.

Volunteer coordinator, Alan Farlin, has once again put together a schedule to fill the business of the RV Friends with great improvement and success. Activities to improve the museum's quality have been heavily focused on being more kid-friendly and increased quality rather than quantity. In particular, it can be seen that the beginning of church services at the historical chapel inside of Pioneer Village have since started and begin at 11:30 AM to noon until Labor Day. As soon as the prominent RV Friends arrived in mid-May, Farlin quickly organized work to put the volunteers to, including replacing the Interstate 80 sign and the renowned carousel.

The 26 RV Friends have been progressing through tasks left and right with the painting of buildings and signs, the restoration of the locomotive, and recent electrical work. The group has seemingly been in the community for some time, in total a month with the group dividing and conquering when the journey seems to divide them apart.

It all began with a simple call from some dear friends and it was safe to say that Jeff and his wife, Susan, were immediately blown away in August of 2022. "How does someplace like this even exist in the middle of Nebraska?" stated Jeff. "We have traveled all over the world, all over the country and we have never seen anything like this." Additionally, the village hosts a sort of nostalgia for those who visit. Another volunteer, Tom Cooper, had said, "I grew up on a dairy farm and Pioneer Village is like the epitome of my roots on the farm... Some of



RV Friends are back in Minden to help make improvements at Pioneer Village. The group of volunteers, 26 individuals, has been hard helping to bring the shine back to Minden's jewel during their month-long stay. One of the projects the group focused on during their visit was the restoration of the locomotive at the museum. (Courier photo by Arabella Reed)

Weather Forecast

June 6:	72/55	
June 7:	80/59	
June 8:	78/54	
June 9:	77/51	
June 10:	81/57	
June 11:	85/60	
June 12:	83/60	



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News Briefs

Pioneer Village Kearney County Days

Kearney County residents can enjoy free admission to Harold Warp Pioneer Village during Kearney County Days on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 from 9am-4pm. Immerse yourself in a celebration of history and community spirit with artisan demonstrations, captivating historical reenactments, hands-on workshops, vintage vehicle vibes and live music that span the decades. Join the festivities for an educational and exhilarating experience that honors the roots and growth of America!

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Thank you Minden for helping us make our paper great!

Legion Baseball Alumni Game

Minden First Bank Post #94 Legion Baseball will host an Alumni Game on July 4th. All members who played any type of baseball for Minden or Kearney county are invited to attend. We'd love to have a lot of alumni playing and a lot of fans and family in the stands. Cost - \$20 donation to Minden baseball to play.

This is a family event. There will be things for kids to do at the games. Between inning games/promotions and prizes hosted by our Minden Chamber of Commerce. Please join us for a fun day at the ballpark.

Players and fans feel free to bring their own beverages and snacks for the evening and enjoy the night.

Details- 5 pm - Prior to the game we are hosting a \$5 Homerun derby/hitting contest.

6 pm- Alumni baseball game starts. Coaches and current players will ump the game. Everybody plays. Game must end by 8:30pm and we hope that you all stay for the city fireworks after.

More details to come later as the event draws closer. Should be a fun event!

Please let Minden First Bank Post #94 Legion Baseball know if you plan to attend and please SPREAD THE WORD!

WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit signupwic.com. A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, June 9.

Boy Scout Fundraiser

The Minden Boy Scouts will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday, June 7 from 11am-7pm on the square during Dawg Days. Please stop by and show your support.

Dawg Days

The Minden Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Dawg Days activities on Saturday, June 7 from 3-7pm on the square. Activities will include bounce houses, vendors, games, food, dog parade, and ping pong ball drop.

Cars & Coffee

JCT 6/10 Cruzerz will host Cars & Coffee events at the Village Diner July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 4 from 8-11am. All vehicles and vehicle enthusiasts are welcome at this free event. Join the fun for cars, coffee, doughnuts, and friends.

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
5/17/25	76	46	-
5/18/25	77	54	.95
5/19/25	78	60	.89
5/20/25	65	47	-
5/21/25	73	46	-
5/22/25	71	45	-
5/23/25	63	51	.59
Total Week Precip.....			2.43

Date	High	Low	Precip.
5/24/25	64	52	.61
5/25/25	55	50	.36
5/26/25	52	46	3.35
5/27/25	56	49	.03
5/28/25	63	53	-
5/29/25	70	49	.07
5/30/25	80	57	-
Total Week Precip.....			4.42

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the equipment that's in here as a museum piece, I used as a kid." Such honors could only be said about the famed museum in Minden, Nebraska.

But the group isn't only proud of the accomplishments that they have been able to finish during their time here in Minden, but they are forever proud of the bonds that they share with those within the volunteering community. Orien Fadler, another volunteer, quite vividly stated, "We've made friendships with this group that living in a house for 40 years, you didn't have the friends that you do." Jeff Spencer then added, "I know the people we work here better than I did neighbors I had for 20 years." RV Friends isn't just a volunteer group, it is a family.

Now that such progress is being made within the museum, the progression can be seen by almost anyone who enters. As an outsider who only visits about once a year, Jeff Spencer could feel the improvements within. "I just noticed it seems cleaner, it seems brighter, it smells cleaner, better, you know just not old and tired. Now it seems like it's refreshed." The progress is overall defined by the Village's mission to improve quality over quantity.

But the reason they keep jumping back to Minden is due to the hospitality of the community of Minden. The community jumps to the idea of supporting the volunteers if it means keeping the soul of the Village alive and thriving for years to come. Community members have been seen to donate money, meals, and a helping hand to the group. RV friends are eternally grateful for everyone's support for their time being in the Christmas City and cannot wait for their next journey back to the welcoming community that is Minden.



Despite several days of rain, the RV Friends volunteers were determined to complete a number of tasks at Pioneer Village during their month-long visit. One of the Village's quonset buildings was used to work on pieces of the Pioneer Village billboard located off the interstate. Other projects included scraping and painting buildings, restoring the locomotive, completing electrical work, and work on the carousel enclosure. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)

Garage Sale Tip!

Getting ready for the big garage sale weekend? You know what that means... a quick trip to the bank!

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Minden Chamber City Wide Garage Sales

1. 353 RIDGE AVE: June 6-8, 8am-5pm Friday & Saturday, 9am-4pm Sunday. 1998 Z28 Camaro Convertible, up XXL Women's clothes, household items, and much more

2. WINDMILL STUDIOS 521 N COLORADO AVE: June 6-7 Multiple family yard sale at The Windmill. Clothes, puzzles, knick-knacks, mens items, dishes, furniture, almost anything you can think of. PRICED TO SELL!

3. 772 S. LINCOLN AVE: Huge Multi-family Moving Sale!! Women's jeans 12-20W, children & women winter coats, girls clothes 3T-14/16, loads of toys, Barbie dream house, kids & adult shoes, books, utility trailer, tools, antiques, cabinets, lamps, yard decor, knick-knacks, patio furniture, signage, old iPads (for parts only), exercise equipment, Avon bottles, Beanie Babies & Christmas decor!!

4. 234 S. MINDEN AVE: Saturday, June 7, 8am-3pm. We will have kids' clothes (youth small and medium), women's clothes (med, XL, XXL), men's clothes (large, XL), kids, women, and mens shoes, kids toys and games, miscellaneous kitchen items, miscellaneous collectables, and much MUCH MORE!!! It is worth the walk through before Dawg Days!!

5. 882 S. BLAINE AVE.: Saturday, June 7 only, 8am-1pm (if rain, cancelled). Small antiques and bottles. Wood fire pit. Lawn fertilizer spreader. Girl Lego sets, princess palace pets, Barbie items, Playmobile toys, Squishmallows. Men's track spikes. Child Amelia Earhart costume. Home/Seasonal decor. Floor lamp. Fold up moon chair. Small dog kennel, harness, outfits. Bookbags, brand-new Trapper book bag. Books (grades 2-4th). Pokémon cards, Pokémon book, and Pikachu stuffed animal. Cross stitch kits. Pool inflatables and more!

6. 896 S. NEBRASKA AVE.: Friday, June 6, 2-6pm; Saturday, June 7, 9:30am-1:30pm. Large Garage Sale—lots of kitchen items/plates, bowls, glassware. Ladies clothing, small/medium and men's XL/XXL. Christmas decorations, household decor, Tonka truck & misc. toys. Ladies bike, Bradley Electric Smoker, Coleman lantern, tailgater antenna, misc. tools, new cork tiles, king size headboard, some antiques & much more!

7. HIDDEN TREASURES GARAGE SALE!!! 330 E. 3RD ST: Friday, June 6, 8am-4pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-4pm; Sunday, June 8, 9am-3pm. We will be hosting garage sales in both the restaurant space and the garage during the city-wide garage sales!! We will have tools, home decor, antiques, kids clothes and toys, wedding supplies, fishing items and who knows what else we will find!!!

8. STORAGE UNITS BEHIND WHIPPET WASH - UNIT 10: Saturday, June 7, 9am-2pm; Sunday, June 8, 9am-?? Clothes, books, toys, misc. items. Priced to sell.

9. 333 W. 2ND ST.: Thursday, June 5, 4-7pm; Friday, June 6, 1-6pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-1pm. Antique Ice Cream Shop table with 3 chairs, small cream colored side table, large dresser with mirror, 4 brown/tan steel frame patio chairs, gardening items, gas powered blower/vac, electric

blower and blower/vac, countertop ice maker (new in box), brand new screen for storm door, lots of men's clothes md-XXL, lots of women's clothes sm-XXL, lots of scrubs md-XXL, kids' clothes 2T-size 6, shoes & boots, women's shoes in near new conditions, kids' toys, baby tub & other items. Lots of kitchen/bath items, jewelry, many decor items, coolers, antique sewing machine cabinet (square), much more & everything is clean!

10. 340 S. BLAINE: Thursday, June 5, 4-7pm; Friday, June 6, 9am-5pm; Saturday, June 7, 9am-2pm. Mens, women's clothing, baby boy, toddler and boy's clothing. Some baby girl and girls clothing, misc. items.

11. 243 S. KEARNEY AVE: Friday, June 6, 1-7pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-12pm. Boys clothing 8 & 10-12; men's clothing L & XL; women's clothing XL & 2XL; housewares; furniture; decor.

12. 702 S. LOGAN AVE: Saturday, June 7, 8am-3pm. Girl toddler and infant clothes, toys, golf clubs, etc.

13. 1162 W. SYCAMORE ST: Friday, June 6, 4-6pm; Saturday, June 7, 9am-? Chi machine, fold up wagon, lots of puzzles, weed eater, leaf blower, lawn mower, garden tools, canning stuff and jars, bird feeders, small TVs, 1984 Schwinn bike. Lots of miscellaneous things. No clothes.

14. 706 N. KEARNEY AVE: ONLY Saturday, June 7 8am-12pm. Girls clothes NB-6/7, boys clothes NB-4T, kids coats, shoes, 2 bassinets, playpens, kids small indoor trampoline, crib, toddler bed, jump-a-roo, strollers, walk bounce ride pony, walkers, blankets, toys, mens shirts, coats, sweat-shirts, ammo boxes, totes, small air compressor, 2 golf caddies, Ninja air fryer, crossbow, DeWalt portable stands, mead bags, handheld spot lights, pump-up jacks, picture frames, house decor, and more!

15. 248 SMITH AVE: Friday, June 6, 12-6pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-6pm; Sunday, June 8, 8am-12pm. Tools, Tent, camping stuff, tons of decor and home furnishings, toys, yard games and equipment, lots of miscellaneous!

16. PAWS UP KEARNEY COUNTY GARAGE SALE! 141 NANCE AVE: Friday, June 6, 8am-2pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-1pm. All proceeds support Paws Up Kearney County

17. AXTELL CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES: Over 20 locations. Lists available at each location. Times range from Friday, June 6, 10am-8pm Saturday, June 7, 8am-3pm.

18. 801 S. MINDEN AVE: Friday, June 6, 4-6pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-1pm. Girls clothes size 6-12, shoes, plus size women's clothes, some toys, misc. dishes, Bath & Body Works, cat tree, pet carrier, knick knacks, motorcycle helmets, stinger motorcycle trailer for Harley Tri-glide or Honda Goldwing trikes, storm windows, leather coat

19. 517 S. RIDGE: Friday, June 6, 3-7pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-1pm. Wood doors, decor, Christmas trees, microwave, stereo, books, patterns, and puzzles. Very clean. Cash Only.

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E. 4TH ST.: Friday 4:30-7pm; Saturday 8am-12pm Home décor, kitchen items, household items, women's clothes including name brand, TV, baby items (walker, bouncer, swing, Bumbo seat, etc.), baby girl clothes, boy clothes, toys and so much more.

21. 310 N. GARBER: Friday 4-8 p.m.; Saturday 8am-Noon. Toys, vintage toys and items, sports cards, adult and kids clothes, lots of items 50 cents/\$1. Lots of Miscellaneous.

22. 665 LINCOLN AVE: Friday 5-8pm; Saturday 8am-2pm. Small, medium and large girl/women's name brand clothing, XLG men's shirts, women's winter coats, misc. kitchen items, large camera bag, countertop ice maker, misc. home and wall décor, a large quantity of flagstone, odds and ends of stacking flat ledger stone, iPhone cases and many more items not listed. CASH ONLY.

23. 223 S. LOGAN AVE: Friday 8am-6pm; Saturday 8am-3pm. Antiques/collectibles – stemmed glassware, dishes, dolls, silver; children's toys, games, play kitchen with table and chairs, bouncy horse, Leap Frog riding toy. Figurines, jewelry, household, automobile/lawn care accessories.

24. BARGAIN HUNTERS GARAGE SALE 517 E. HAWTHORNE ST: Saturday, June 7am-5pm. Come fill your trunk with nice junk for pennies on the dollar! Cheap prices on toys, dishes, Pampered Chef, tumblers (Yeti & Brumate), gently used clothing, board games, books, Scentsy warmers, Scentsy Buddies, door hangers, Thirty-One bags, tools and so much more! Also featuring Cottage Baker. HOLY BAKED GOODS! Homemade sourdough goodies, bread, granola, scones, cookies, pancake mix. Come see us!

25. 776 W. BREWSTER: Garage Sale and Lemonade Stand. Friday, June 6, 4-7pm; Saturday, June 7, 8:30am-Noon. Kids clothes, toys, household items, dresser, shoes, adult clothes, lots of misc., books, Pack N Play.

26. 949 N. SMITH: Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7, 10am-4pm and Sunda, June 8, 12-3pm. Baby items, toddler toys, toddler clothes, hand tools, men and women's clothing (Small-XL), some furniture, dishes, 15" chrome wheels, lawn care items, other miscellaneous items.

27. 445 S. LOGAN AVE: Friday, June 6, 9am-5pm; Saturday, June 7, 8am-3pm. Most items 50¢ or \$1 unless marked. Brand name! Boys-men's L, women's S-3x, kitchen items, pool stairs, blankets, cedar chest, lawn chairs, hutch, kids table, 24" bathroom vanity with top, prom dresses, books, Ninja creami, and much more! Saturday 1-3pm EVERYTHING 50¢ unless marked. Saturday 4pm what's left out in the driveway is FREE! Don't forget to stop by Tucker's food booth! Fresh bread, cookies, and refreshments!

28. MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE 667 & 727 LINCOLN AVE: Friday 3-6pm, Saturday and Sunday 8am-5pm. Welder, jet ski, furniture, pond and pavers, school lockers, dining tables and chairs, scrubs, electric guitar and amp, fishing items, black powder items, snow blower, leaf vac, lots of miscellaneous.

Used Book Sale Scheduled at Jensen Memorial Library

PRESS RELEASE

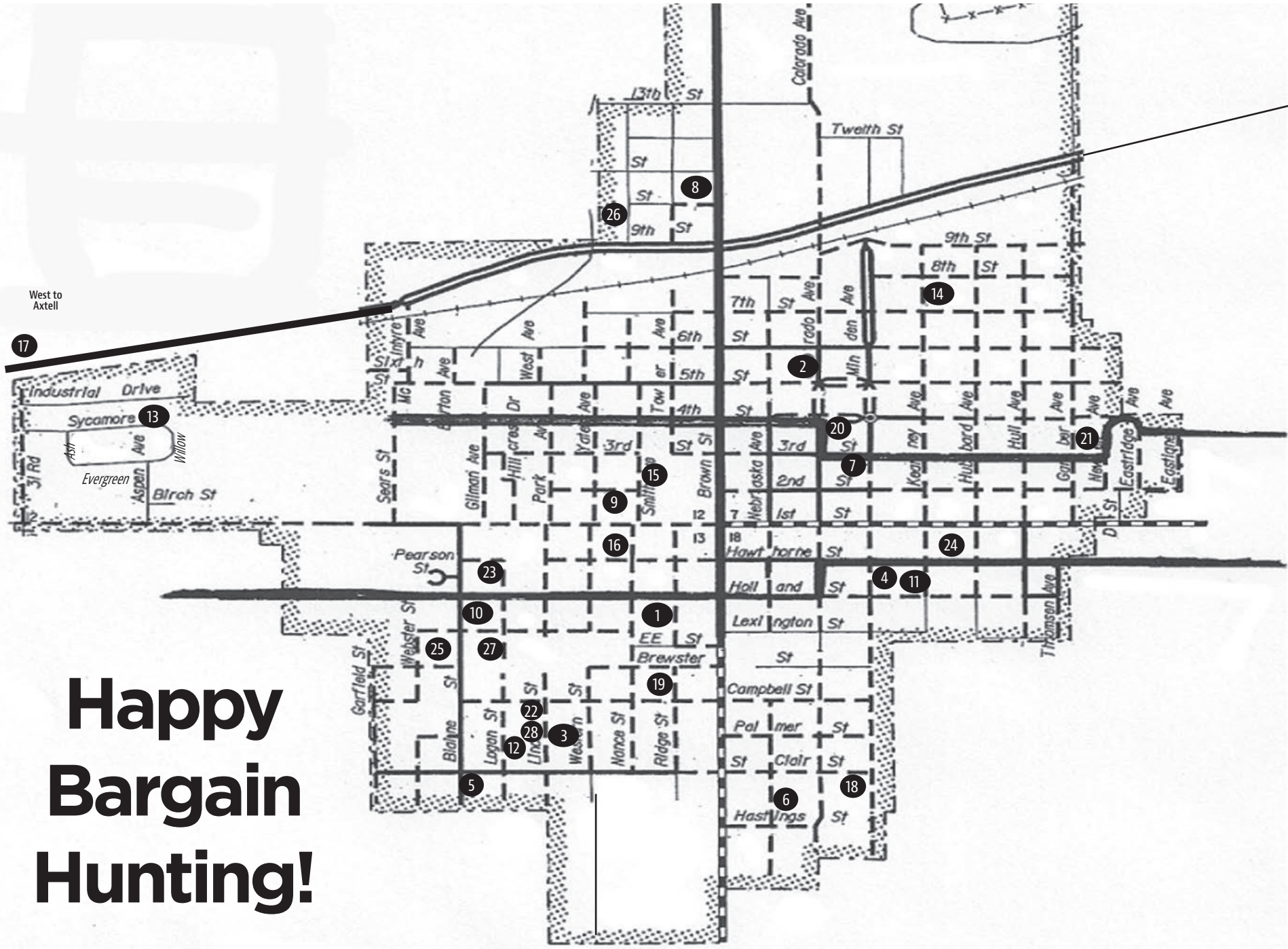
Jensen Memorial Library in Minden will hold its annual Used Book Sale June 5-7. The book sale traditionally includes items in lightly worn and nearly-new items donated to the library and items purged from the library's circulating collection. These include books for children through adults, plus some large print items, cake pans, DVDs, and a few other miscellaneous items.

The sale will be open during the library's regular business hours – Thursday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, June 9, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Items will be located inside and outside on the northeast side of the building (weather permitting). Attendees are asked to enter through the northeast entrance to access indoor sale items.

"There should be something for everyone among the hundreds of books to be available," Library Director Janene Hill said. "We make sure every item is in acceptable condition and ready for a new home."

The sale is free-will donation with posted suggested donations. Boxes and bags will be available to assist shoppers in carrying out their selections. All proceeds go toward events and classes at Jensen Memorial Library.

Additional donations for the sale will be accepted through June 3 at the library. Those with a large number of items to donate are asked to contact the library in advance to schedule a drop-off time.



Looking Back: My Life-Changing Year as an Exchange Student in Minden, Nebraska

JUAN MANUEL ROCHA GAMA, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Over four decades ago, I had the life-changing opportunity to spend a year in Minden, Nebraska, as a Rotary Exchange Student hosted by the Minden Rotary Club. It was 1983, and I was just a teenager from Mexico, full of curiosity and a desire to explore the world beyond my borders. What I didn't know at the time was how profoundly that year would shape my life.

During my stay, I was welcomed with open arms by two incredible families: the Becks and the Roberts. Their warmth, generosity, and patience made me feel at home from the very beginning. They weren't just host families—they became lifelong friends and role models. Through them, I experienced firsthand the values of kindness, community, and hard work that define so much of American culture.

Living in Minden introduced me to a different way of life. I went to high school and participated in classes and extracurricular activities that were completely new to me. I learned how the American education system worked and admired how much emphasis was placed on creativity, independence, and participation. These experiences helped broaden my perspective and planted the seeds for my personal and professional growth.

Perhaps one of the most transformative parts of that year was working on the farm. Coming from a city background, farm work was entirely unfamiliar—and challenging. But as I helped with chores, fed animals, and rose early to start the day, I began to understand the true meaning of discipline and responsibility. That phys-

ical labor, combined with the steady rhythm of rural life, was humbling and grounding. It gave me resilience, and it opened my heart to the value of honest, hard work.

Just as important was learning English. At the beginning, I could hardly hold a conversation. But little by little, through everyday experiences and with the patient support of my host families and classmates, I improved. English became more than a second language—it became an essential tool for my future. Today, it plays a key role in my work and allows me to connect with people from around the world.

And just this past April 10, 2025, I had the great joy of returning to Minden. After 41 years, I was reunited with my American families. The visit was incredibly emotional and joyful—filled with laughter, warm hugs, and memories that came flooding back as if no time had passed. Walking the streets of Minden again, seeing familiar faces, and feeling the same welcoming spirit reminded me of how much that year meant to me. It was a beautiful homecoming that reaffirmed the lifelong bonds formed through cultural exchange.

Looking back, my time in Minden was more than just a cultural experience—it was a journey of growth, understanding, and enduring connection. I will always be grateful to the Minden Rotary Club, the Beck and Roberts families, and the town of Minden for giving me this unforgettable chapter in my life. If you are a Minden Public School student interested in feeding your curiosity and gaining a sense of the world beyond your borders OR if you are a family that is interested in hosting, please reach out to the Minden Rotary Club. <http://www.mindenrotary.com/>



Juan Manuel (center) feels quite at home with host family members: Dave and Pat Beck, David, Tasha, and Kim Beck.

Juan Manuel Rocho Gama of León, Guanajuato, Mexico first visited Minden, Nebraska as a Rotary Exchange student in 1984 hosted by the Beck and Roberts families. Juan returned to Minden 41 years later in April to visit 'the wonderful people that welcomed their hearts and homes'. In addition to catching up with the Beck family, he spoke to the Minden Rotary Club about his experience. (Courtesy photos)



We invite you to join us for our annual Kearney County Days Celebration!

Sat & Sun June 14 & 15th

Celebrate community spirit with family activities including wildlife educational outreach by Wildlife Encounters on June 14, live music, artisan demonstrations, old fashioned children's games, tractor rides, and local food vendors. Visit our website and social media for further details



Admission is free to all Kearney County residents

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Local Memorial Day Celebrations



Cooler temps, clouds, and rain showers may have interfered with plans to spend time outdoors for the long Memorial Day weekend, but the weather couldn't stop celebrations scheduled throughout Kearney County. Flags were raised in cemeteries across the county in honor of fallen veterans and memorial services were held on May 26. Msgt Luke Cavanaugh, retired Airforce, (left) was the featured speaker at the service held in Minden Cemetery. Axtell's Memorial Day Celebration activities were mostly moved indoors due to the weather. Residents braved the rain however for a soggy parade. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)





55th ANNIVERSARY



Happy 55th Anniversary to Arden and Marlys!

The family of Arden and Marlys Sinsel will be hosting a card shower in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary. Please send cards to 426 N. Hubbard Ave., Minden, NE 68959. No gifts are requested.

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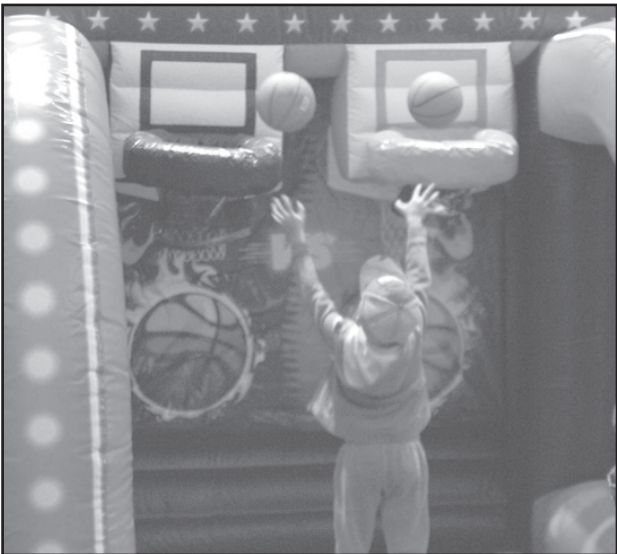
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Minden Opera House Silver Celebration



The Minden Opera House celebrated its 25th anniversary with a line up of events May 23-24. A cheers to 25 years event was held on May 23 with desserts, recognitions, wine tasting and entertainment by Joshua Routh. May 24 featured family fun day activities with sidewalk chalk, games, face painting, music, and more, an art fair, food trucks, performance by Oh My Gosh Josh!, and a murder mystery production by the Minden Community Players. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



Fort Hays State University Announces Spring 2025 Graduates

PRESS RELEASE

HAYS, Kan. (May 29, 2025) - Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,691 graduates during its Spring 2025 commencement ceremonies Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Graduates who requested privacy are included in the count but omitted from this listing.

Minden:

Brooke Greving, Master of Science in Education

Jenna Stubbs, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Online Auction 620 Grant St. - Holdrege 4 Bed, 1 Bath, 6 Car Det. Garage	Online Auction 702 17th Ave. - Franklin 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	\$175,000 201 Pine St. - Kenesaw 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	\$299,500 733 Blaine St. - Minden 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage

Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, June 6: ACT Registration deadline for July test; CLJ Gym Closed until August
Monday, June 9: Board of Education meeting
Wednesday, June 11: Kidney Foundation VB All Star Games
Thursday, June 12: Kidney Foundation BKB All Star Games

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

ACTIVITIES: Saturday, June 7: Wilcox Alumni Banquet in New Gym
Sunday, June 8-Friday, June 20: ESU 11 Summer Honors, 8 a.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, June 9: Creamed chicken over biscuit, beets, fruit and dessert
Tuesday, June 10: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll and fruit
Wednesday, June 11: Sandwich, salad bar and dessert
Thursday, June 12: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, dinner roll and fruit
Friday, June 13: Hamburger noodle casserole, green beans, bread, fruit and 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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Kearney County County Court

Tannon M. Moreno, Minden, attempt of a class 1 misdemeanor, fine 12 month probation, Minden Police Officer Shrader, 12-6-24

Eli G. Hernandez, North Platte, COUNT I: reckless driving-1st offense, fine 7 days jail, 1 day credit time served; COUNT II: minor in possession-ages 19/20, fine 3 days jail, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 12-7-24

Samantha J. Fricke, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Evans, 3-11-25

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George Hall, Minden Theatre owner, arranged for an afternoon of pictures and entertainment by a Navy unit traveling throughout the state.

Roy Kimple resigned as bus driver for the Minden Public Schools. The boys and girls on his route arranged for a picnic on the school grounds of District 27.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Alden Johnson and Loren Kuper, co-managers of the Minden Swimming Pool, reported 50 swimmers enjoyed the pool on opening day and 100 swimmers tested the water the following day.

Don Helzer was elected commander of Minden American Legion Post 94, succeeding Dennis Osterbuhr.

Musician and composer H.W. Wendland, former Minden Public Schools superintendent, was given special honors at the Doane College commencement exercises. Wendland wrote "Reunion March" especially for the event.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Nineteen 4-H leaders and parents erected a cable fence on the north side of the fairgrounds to replace the old barbed wire fence.

Margaret Erickson was valedictorian and Ardyce Oline was salutatorian of the 1965 Axtell High School graduating class.

Minden eighth graders making the honor roll were Rikki Bienhoff, David Borg, Mike Cronin, Pam Danker, Georgette Garrett, Holly Jacobsen, Victoria Johnson, Teresa Olsen, Carol Olsen, Gretchen Olsen and James Stadler.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

East View Court residents were the recipients of a new bingo set, presented by Gerry Stirtz and Lee Ramsey from the Minden Garden Club.

The 4-H Wranglers attended the horse show in Hastings. Steve Roberts placed fourth in the potato race, fifth in the keyhole and sixth in pole bending. Norrie Madsen placed fourth in pleasure, fifth in horsemanship, fifth in barrels and fourth in the potato race.

Rose Genereux honored Rosa Klahn on her 91st birthday.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

Axtell's centennial celebration got into full swing with a lamplighting ceremony and introductions by master of ceremonies Bob Turnquist. Dr. Robert Manley presented an address on the history of Axtell.

A community-wide fundraising campaign to establish a new Minden Community Center was announced by the board of directors of Minden Community Services.

Friends and relatives were invited to celebrate the 100th birthday of Agnes Schmidt.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

The Reuben Olson Veterans Memorial was dedicated at the Osco Cemetery. The seven foot monument remembers all the veterans buried in the cemetery, but specifically remembers Sgt. Reuben Olson, the only Osco native killed in the line of duty.

Even though the weather had wreaked havoc in the area delaying spring planting, the majority of farmers had managed to get their corn in.

The Kearney County Supervisors, acting as the County Board of Equalization, approved a 9 percent decrease in all 1995 residential valuations.

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2015 — These students had perfect attendance at East Elementary for the 2014-2015 school year. Back row: Olivia Arnold, Aden Jonak, Cassie Arnold and Titus Sheldon. Front row: Kellan Conyers, Madisen Mulrone, Gracey Knajdl and Maddi Emery.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

A letter from a Virginia National Guardsman started a drive at Minden Public Schools to collect shoes for men in Afghanistan.

Axtell sophomore Mitch Anderson of Axtell picked up the 11th place state medal in the C-2 state golf tournament.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

Teachers retiring from the Axtell School district included Gara Hansen, K-4 Resource, 35 years of service; Barb Oberg, Guidance and Family Consumer Science, 26 years of service; and Anita Spencer, 7-12 Spanish, 17 years of service. Teachers leaving the Axtell School District were industrial technology teacher Colby Eymann, 2 years; and business teacher Andy Klepper, 9 1/2 years.

The Class D girls' team title came down to one of the final events. Had that event (shot put) turned out just a bit differently the Axtell girls could have had a share of the championship. But Giltner, in sixth place before the event, had their shot putter come through with a gold medal and the ten points vaulted the Lady Hornets past co-leaders Axtell and Wynot and allowed them to claim the top spot. The final team standings in a very close race among the top eight had Giltner at 38, Axtell 36, Wynot 36, North Central 35, Riverside 32, South Loup 32, Lawrence-Nelson 31 and BDS 30.

The Minden Whippets came away with four medals from the 2015 Nebraska State Track and Field Class B Championships. Senior Addison Woodward closed out her high school career with three more state medals. Woodward earned the silver medal in the 200-meters while also taking third in the 100-meters and eighth in the 400-meters. Rounding out the Whippet girls competitors was junior Rebecca Stewart who placed 11th overall in B girls shot put with an effort of 36-6.25.

Church Directory

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, June 8: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

Sunday, June 8: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

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662 F Road
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Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, June 8: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 11: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, June 8: Donuts & Juice, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 9: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

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a.m.

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Greg Volsky,

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Saturday, June 7: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, June 8: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, June 10: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Communion served 2nd Sunday of each month

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Sunday, June 8: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Sunday, June 8: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, June 10: LWML Bible Study Quilt Tying, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11: Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

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Cats and Falcons Give Their All at State Track

ROGER HANSEN

A year after a co-state track and field championship, Axtell's boys again performed very well at Omaha Burke at the State Meet on May 23-24. But the 2025 Wildcats had to settle for being the Class D runners-up to Dundy County-Stratton. Axtell scored 62 points to trail DC-S's 87. Ironically, the Cats' points were six more than they scored last year in sharing the top team spot with McCool Junction, but DC-S was just too strong. Second place at state is an exemplary accomplishment and this is the third straight top two finish for Axtell as the 2023 team was a tri-runner up.

The top six team scores: DC-S 87, Axtell 62, Nebraska Christian 34, Riverside 30, Amherst 27, Medicine Valley 25.5. Wilcox-Hildreth scored two points thanks to senior Graiden Ritner's seventh place finish in the 100 meters.

The Cats' medal haul included two golds, three silvers and three bronzes. Senior Luc Lopez repeated as the 'D' 800 meter champ and senior Jake Halvorsen earned gold in the 110 hurdles.

Placing second were Lopez (400 meters), junior Cayson Havranek (long jump), and the 1600 relay with Havranek, Halvorsen, senior Brandt Modlin and Lopez. Only a meet and class record by Central Valley (Greeley, North Loup-Scotia) bettered the Cats' time and place in the 1600 relay.

The third place medalists were Modlin (high jump), Halvorsen (300 hurdles) and the 400 relay with senior Elijah Bergstrom, Halvorsen, Modlin and Havranek.

Three Axtell school records were set at the meet. Lopez's 1:58.28 800 bettered Matt Huffman's 1:58.83 from 2004; The 1600 relay crew's 3:28.73 surpassed the 3:29.7 set by Eric Gustafson, Warren Carmoney, Eric Hinze and Huffman in 2005; and the 400 relay foursome's 43.79 went lower than the 43.8 time run by Drew Sayer, Dustin Schuster, Andrew Olson and Jared Jacobs in 2002.

As previously mentioned, W-H's Ritner scored for the Falcons in the 100 (7th) for his first state medal, concluding a fine multi-sport athletic career for him.

Other Wil-Hil state competitors were junior Thomas Donley in the pole vault and 400 and senior Grant Henery in the 1600.

Senior Fletcher Clausen in the 3200 was an additional Axtell state meet athlete.

BOYS RESULTS

100-METERS — Ritner, 7th, 11.68 (11.2 in the prelims)

200-METERS — Ritner, 13th, 23.16

400-METERS — Lopez, 2nd, 49.81; Donley, 14th, 52.13

800-METERS — Lopez, state champ, 1:58.28 (school record)

1,600-METERS — Henery, 20th, 5:00.5

3,200-METERS — Clausen, 12th, 10:42.19

110-METER HURDLES — Halvorsen, state champ, 15.34

300-METER HURDLES — Halvorsen, 3rd, 40.47

4x400 RELAY — Axtell, 2nd, Havranek, Halvorsen, Modlin, Lopez, 3:28.73 (school record)

4x100 RELAY — Axtell, 3rd, Bergstrom, Halvorsen, Modlin, Havranek, 43.79 (school record)

POLE VAULT — Donley, tie-13th, 12'0

HIGH JUMP — Modlin, 3rd, 6'4

LONG JUMP — Havranek, 2nd, 21'8 1/4

TRIPLE JUMP — Havranek, 12th, 41'8 3/4

Wilcox-Hildreth's girls scored in two events at State including a silver medal in the high jump for freshman Camryn Bunger. Senior Madison Bunger placed eighth in the discus for her first state medal and the third state medal for past and present Falcon discus throwers.

Camryn had been the 'D' high jump leader for most of the season after a school-record jump of 5'4 1/4 in an earlier meet. She actually tied for the top cleared height at State but a Palmer girl got the gold in a tie-breaker over Camryn. Both went over the bar at 5'3.

One other competitor for the Falcon girls was senior Katelyn Bunger in the 100 hurdles.

Competing for the Axtell girls was junior Emily Danburg in the triple jump.

The top six girls' team scores: Dundy County-Stratton 86 (for a sweep of the boys' and girls' team titles), Nebraska Christian 42, Elm Creek 40, Maywood-Hayes Center 33, Central Valley 29, Bertrand 25. Wil-Hil was 26th scoring 9.

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METER HURDLES — Katelyn Bunger, 19th, 17.58; Camryn Bunger, 23rd, 18.94

300-METER HURDLES — Kamryn Bunger, 11th, 48.3

HIGH JUMP — Camryn Bunger, 2nd, 5'3

TRIPLE JUMP — Emily Danburg, 20th, 31'7 3/4

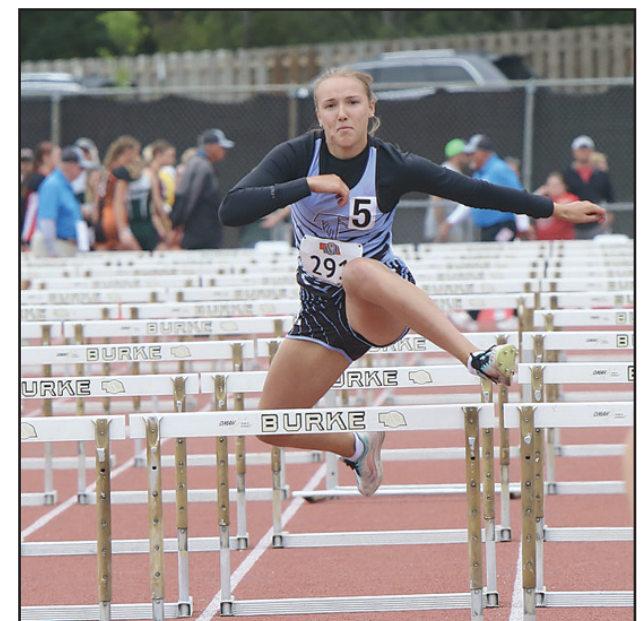
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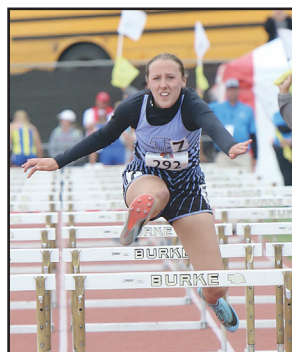
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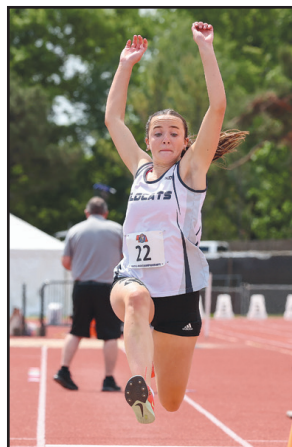
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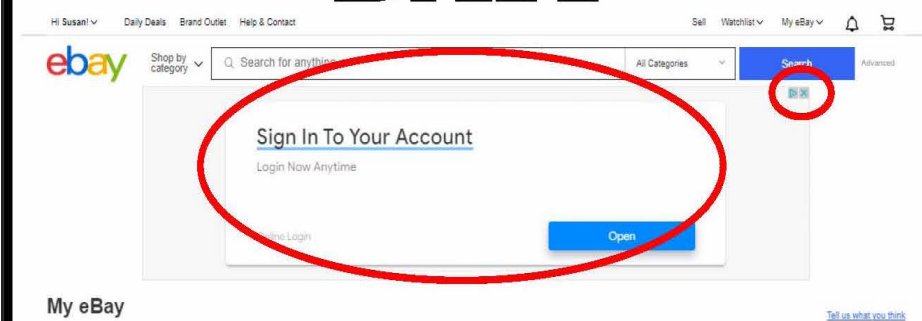


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Will Runions Ends Whippet Golf Career at State

PHIL SERRONE

Senior Will Runions had his Whippet golf career come to an end at the NSAA Class C Boys Golf Tournament that took place through two days on May 28-29. 101 golfers across the state of Nebraska were present at the event held at Jackrabbit Run Golf Course in Grand Island.

Runions battled through cloudy, windy and sometimes rainy conditions to finish 24th overall with a stroke score of 156. Scores were combined through two days with Runions finishing the first day with a stroke score of 76 followed by a stroke score of 80 on the final day.

Some notable stats from the event saw Runions finish the two days sinking 22 pars and 2 birdies.

Congrats to Will on a fantastic Whippet career that saw two consecutive state tournament appearances, medals earned at districts and consistent top finishes at meets throughout his tenure.

Here is an 18-hole breakdown from Wednesday, May 28:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Will Runions		5	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Will Runions	3	4	5	4	3	4	5	6	5	76



Here is an 18-hole breakdown from Thursday, May 29:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Will Runions		4	5	5	3	5	5	3	5	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Will Runions	5	5	5	5	3	4	5	4	5	80



Whippet Will Runions ended his golf career at the Class B State Golf Tournament held in Grand Island on May 28-29. He placed 24th overall out of 101 golfers across the state. Congrats Will! Pictured: (above) Runions hits the ball with power on his drive attempt. (left) Runions lines up his putt attempt. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Names: Logan Verbeck, soph; Parker Hatch, soph; Orrin Kuehn, senior; Tanner Gibb, senior.

Achievements: They broke the 29-year-old school record at Broken Bow Invite! Logan Verbeck, Orrin Kuehn, Parker Hatch & Tanner Gibb ran 3:25.77. They broke it again at the Grand Island Northwest - Dave Gee Invitational in 3:25.07. Then at the state meet in Omaha they came out of the slow heat in lane 8 (15th of 16 teams) and place 2nd in the heat and earned 5th overall in 3:23.36. This was easily the fastest 4x400m relay field in the history of the state class B meet where 5 teams are among the fastest 26 ever.

Challenges: This was a special group from the start, but it took a lot for it all to come together. Orrin Kuehn and Tanner Gibb were on the 8th place 4x400m state



team as freshmen. Orrin did not come out as a sophomore or junior as he was pursuing his goals in wrestling. Tanner Gibb was plagued with injuries his sophomore season and could not compete at all his junior season due to his knee injury. Sophomores, Logan Verbeck and Parker Hatch were on the teams that broke the 4x100m and 4x400m freshmen school records. So, we knew from the start that this group was going to be pretty special.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MADISON BUNGER - TRACK

School - Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Grade - Senior

Achievements in past seasons and this season: Placed top 8 in each shot put and discus in 10 of 11 regular-season meets, including two golds. Placed 8th in Class D girls Discus at State.

Attributes that have led to his success: Madison worked hard everyday to improve. Her coachability and willingness to make changes allowed her to get better and achieve success throughout the season. -
Coach Dustin Johnson



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First Bank Seniors Explode for 35 Runs in First Three Games of Season

PHIL SERRONE

While it might only be the first week of the season, the Minden First Bank Post #94 Legion Seniors wasted no time providing fireworks on offense with 35 total runs plated in their first three games. Minden hosted a home opener earlier in the week followed by two road trips to Imperial and Ogallala to close out the weekend stretch.

First Bank's home opener took place on May 27 against Wood River that resulted in a dominant shut-out victory by a score of 10-0. Minden wasted no time getting to work on the scoreboard after P Logan Clark delivered a run across home plate after a double.

After two innings, Minden had already taken a 6-0 lead. The team did not let their foot off of the gas and added another four runs in the fourth inning to solidify their first victory of the season. LF Kade Dorszynski and SS Beau Bonifas each finished the contest with multiple hits and one RBI.

2B Cade Harsin proved to be a difficult outing for Wood River once got on base as the second baseman finished with three stolen bases. Dorszynski also contributed two stolen bases as Minden racked up eight total.

P Logan Clark earned the victory on the mound for the seniors after two innings that did not see a single hit recorded for Wood River. Clark ended the evening with four strikeouts and three walks. CF/RP Jake Halvorsen relieved teammate Clark for three innings of sol-

id pitching. Halvorsen allowed three walks and struck out two while not surrendering a run.

Minden's second contest of the season was much more competitive compared to their season opener as the team traveled to Imperial on May 31. First Bank was led by a four run fourth inning to catapult the team to a 6-1 victory. As a team, Minden did not record a single error and out-hit Imperial 8-5.

2B/RP Cade Harsin had a multi-hit game that plated two runs across home plate. 3B Logan Clark went 2-4 with a triple. 1B Cael Smith had the biggest swing of the contest when he launched a solo home run to right field. LF Kade Dorszynski, SS Beau Bonifas and RF Jose Ramirez each had a base hit.

P Jose Cuellar earned his first victory of the season after four strong innings bolstered by eight strikeouts. Cuellar allowed one hit, no runs and three walks. Harsin got the relief call for the final three innings of the ball-game to secure a save. He struck out four while allowing four hits, one run (1 ER) and one walk.

Closing out the weekend, First Bank saved their biggest fireworks for Ogallala as the offense exploded for 19 total runs. Ogallala took a two run lead in the first but that was short lived as Minden powered 12 runs onto the scoreboard. Another seven runs in the third inning was enough for the mercy rule to come into play as First Bank earned their third victory by a score of 19-2.

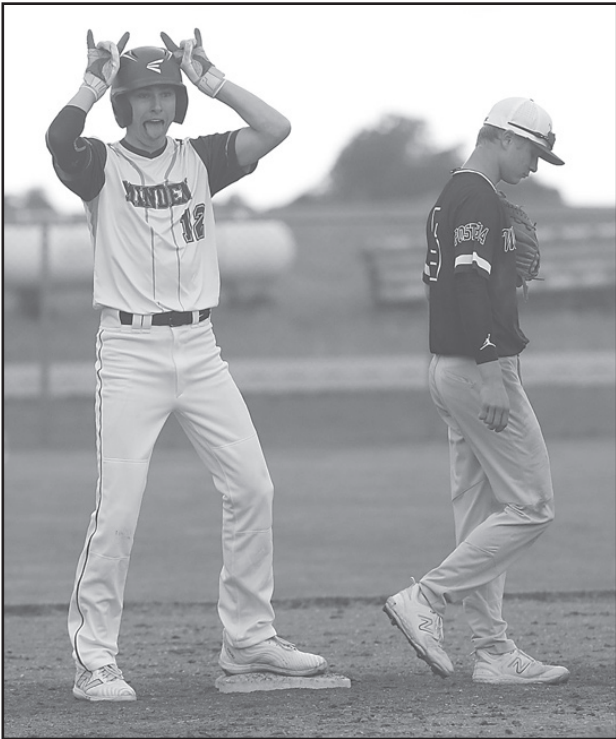
RF Mason Bolin, C Luke Grollmes and LF Cael Smith led the offense with multi-hit performances. CF Parker Hatch, Bolin and Grollmes each finished the contest with a trio of RBIs. Minden took advantage of runners in scoring position (RISP) with 13 RBIs as a team. P Kade Dorszynski and Hatch each picked up a pair of stolen bases.

On the mound, Dorszynski was dominant for three innings and did not surrender a single hit while striking out nine. He allowed two runs (0 ER) and walked four. Clark, Dorszynski and Cuellar are each 1-0 to begin the season.

Later tonight, First Bank (3-0) will hit the road to travel against Jersey's Seniors at 5:00 p.m. This will be the team's second and final matchup of the week as Minden will have faced off against Doniphan-Trumbull this past Tuesday. We will have a full recap of both games in next week's issue!

Here is a breakdown of Minden vs Wood River:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
WDRV	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0	2	4
MNDN	4	2	0	4	X	X	X	10	8	2



The Minden First Bank Post Legion 94 Senior baseball team kicked off their season with three victories against Wood River (home), Imperial (away) and Ogallala (away). Pictured: (above) Logan Clark celebrates on second base after a double. (below) Luke Grollmes behind the plate as catcher. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



Here is a breakdown of Minden vs Imperial:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MNDN	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	6	8	0
IMPR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	4

Here is a breakdown of Minden vs Ogallala:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MNDN	0	12	7	X	X	X	X	19	11	1
OGLL	2	0	0	X	X	X	X	2	0	8

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First Bank Juniors Sweep Opening Week 3-0

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It was a fantastic start to the season for the Minden First Bank Post #94 Legion baseball team as the juniors finished their opening weekend of play 3-0. The team supplied an abundance of runs in their matchups against Wood River, Imperial and Ogallala with 36 base-runners touching home plate.

Kicking off the season was a home matchup against Wood River on May 27 that resulted in a dominant 14-0 victory. It took an inning but First Bank delivered fireworks in the second inning. 1B Cael Smith had himself a day at the plate with five RBIs including an inside the park grand slam in the bottom of the second.

RF Owen Janda plated two RBIs in the contest while P Mason Bolin, 3B Zach Klabunde, 2B Kyler Wilson and C Parker Hatch each plated a run. First Bank showed great patience at the plate earning six walks in the game. Minden did not commit a single error in the contest.

Bolin picked up the victory on the mound for First Bank after a strong three innings that featured nine strikeouts. He ended the game with one hit and one walk allowed.

Following their season opener, First Bank hit the road to travel to Imperial in a game that saw the juniors find their bats when it mattered most, plating nine runs in



the fifth inning. CF Jose Aguilar came through in the final inning with a single that plated three runs. He finished the contest 1-3 with four RBIs.

2B Wilson went 2-2 with two RBIs while SS Beau Bonifas, P Cael Smith and C Parker Hatch each brought a run across home plate. First Bank continued their strong discipline at the plate with eight walks earned. Five stolen bases were accumulated in the contest led by Hatch's two.

Smith pitched five strong innings on the mound led by six strikeouts. Despite giving up six hits, Smith was able to limit the damage with two runs allowed (one earned). The final score of the match up was 10-2 in favor of Minden.

Closing out the weekend, the First Bank juniors took a road trip to Ogallala in a matchup that turned into a shutout for the Legion squad. Minden's offense was firing on all cylinders scoring runs in all five innings leading to a 12-0 victory.

First Bank took advantage of poor pitching from Ogallala as the team earned 13 walks. C Parker Hatch finished the contest 2-3 with a triple, one walk and one RBI. P Mason Bolin scored two runs in the contest and made solid contact on a swing with a double. 1B Cael Smith finished with two RBIs.

P Bolin was tremendous on the mound as the flame-thrower posted a five inning no-hitter capped off with 10 strikeouts. Through two games this season, the pitcher has 19 strikeouts with no runs allowed.

First Bank (3-0) faced off against Doniphan-Trumbull this past Tuesday. Following that match-up, the juniors will host Gothenburg tomorrow with first pitch slated for 7:00 p.m. We will have a full recap of those two games in next week's issue!

Here is a breakdown of Minden vs Wood River:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
WDRV	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0	2	5
MNDN	0	9	3	2	0	X	X	14	10	0

Here is a breakdown of Minden vs Imperial:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MNDN	0	0	1	0	9	X	X	10	5	3
IMPR	0	0	1	0	1	X	X	2	6	3

Here is a breakdown of Minden vs Ogallala:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MNDN	1	3	1	3	4	X	X	12	6	2
OGLL	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0	0	2



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Kearney County Extension News

By Jason Tuller

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Have you heard of the “butterfly effect”? It is an idea from chaos theory that suggests that a tiny change can lead to large consequences. For example, a butterfly’s wing beats cause a hurricane on the other side of the world. That is quite unlikely and probably impossible, but it gives you the idea.

Is there a butterfly effect in community development? I believe that there is and I can give you an example. This is a real-life example but I am keeping the participants in the story anonymous. Ten to fifteen years ago a woman and her husband received a \$50,000 loan to purchase some screen printing and embroidery equipment. It was just to be a side job and make some extra funds. There was no large press release, in reality I’m not even sure if the local economic development organization even knew this small business purchase took place. Over the years the owners of this business have reinvested in their community and have really made a difference.

After successfully starting and expanding the screen-printing business they obtained a bicycle shop. They moved locations and bought a building. They improved the empty lot next to their building. One owner joined the downtown association and eventually became president. The downtown association worked to improve the downtown and through both local government and local business owner investment have remodeled and reinvigorated the downtown area.

Eventually these business owners who started with a \$50,000 investment now own 5 downtown businesses and a handful of buildings including a strip mall worth over \$9 million. They have over 70 employees in the businesses. Imagine someone like that coming into your community. Many communities would fall all over themselves for a multimillion-dollar investment with 70 employees, but this happened with a little \$50,000 loan and no fanfare.

So what’s the point? The point is that we never know what investment or what business owner is going to be the catalyst for huge change in our communities. Each time someone wants to invest in even a small business, help them to assess the risk, learn about their industry and encourage them to take the chance if possibilities exist.

I have seen communities where the banks and the local economic development people do not support small businesses. Getting a startup business in those communities is nearly impossible. Those communities rarely grow, and if a business does start up in them, they have no loyalty to the community because they didn’t receive any support or encouragement. I have also seen communities where entrepreneurs are supported and encouraged. Small business startups abound, and they are loyal to the community when expansion opportunities come. Most communities fall somewhere in between where sometimes entrepreneurs are supported and sometimes, they are not.

It is important for communities to support small businesses whether they are small or large. Support can be shown in many ways. Maybe it is through providing space, financial backing through loans or grants, financial support through shopping at the business, or simply through encouragement of the business owner. Any of these things can be what an entrepreneur needs. You never know when that coffee shop...or screen-printing shop is the catalyst for a multimillion-dollar busi-

ness and the revitalization of your entire downtown. The community development butterfly effect may already be starting in your community. Show your support to those small business owners, you never know where they will be in 10 years.

If your community could benefit from any of the Rural Prosperity Nebraska ideas that I’ve discussed in this column, please reach out to me. I’d love to speak to your community about these topics. You can reach me at jason.tuller@unl.edu or at the Thayer County office at 402-768-7212.

Jason Tuller is an Extension Educator for the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. He works in the Rural Prosperity Nebraska program and covers ten-county area including Kearney, Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Saline, Franklin, Webster, Nuckolls, Thayer, and Jefferson Counties.

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Obituaries

LaVon J. Tobiassen, 74 - Hildreth Resident



LaVon J. Tobiassen, 74, of Hildreth, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church, west of Macon with Rev. Marcia Dorn officiating. Interment will be held following the

service at the Hildreth Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at Craig Funeral Home – Jelden Chapel in Hildreth. Memorials in LaVon's honor are kindly suggested to Zion Lutheran

Church in Macon or the Hildreth Volunteer Fire Department. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

LaVon Jack Tobiassen was born on October 16, 1950 in Franklin to Albert H. and LaVonda J. (Schnuerle) Tobiassen. He grew up in the Franklin area and graduated from Franklin Public School, before attending Hastings Central Community College.

He was united in marriage to Marla Lindau, and to this union two children were born: Kelli and Casey. The couple later divorced. The family made their home in Hildreth, where he was employed by Lindau Farms and farmed on his family farm for many years. LaVon was later married to Laura Ludeke, and the couple later divorced.

LaVon was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Macon. He enjoyed driving around Hildreth and waving at everyone, as he didn't know a stranger. LaVon loved spending time with his family and attending all the grandchildren's ball games, he never missed a game.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Casey Tobiassen (Mary Johnson) of Hildreth; daughter, Kelli (Jamie) Nickel of Axtell; grandchildren, Nathan (Jesse) Nickel, Cody Nickel (Bobbi Barnes), Bryce Tobiassen (Carlie Rupe), Emmett Kassing and Haven Tobiassen; great-grandchildren, Tobiassen Nickel, and one on the way; as well as a host of extended relatives and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John Tobiassen.

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

Linda Sue (Larson) Sampy, 69



Linda Sue (Larson) Sampy, 69, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones the morning of May 28, 2025.

Linda was born on September 14, 1955 in Newman Grove, NE to Dale and Cora Larson and graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1973. After several moves and career

changes, she settled back in Newman Grove where she met Steve Sampy, a teacher at Newman Grove, at the post office while she was getting the mail for her job. The two were united in marriage on March 1, 1986 at Shell Creek Lutheran Church. In June of 1989, they welcomed their daughter, Brittany.

Linda was a huge supporter of Steve's teaching, coaching, and administrative career, and, later, Brittany's participation in golf and public speaking. She worked for many years in various capacities in Axtell, Minden and Eustis where Steve was employed and especially loved working in the library at Eustis-Farnam Public Schools. As much as she was devoted to her family, Linda loved being a grandmother most of all. She adored her granddaughter Iris and spoiled her every chance she got. Linda enjoyed reading and was a huge lover of all animals, enjoying her time taking care of the dogs and cats she lovingly adopted.

The family left behind to cherish her memory are husband, Steve Sampy and daughter Brittany Sampy of Eustis, NE; granddaughter Iris Quiroz of Eustis and Lincoln, NE; siblings Larry (Joyce) Larson of Edmonds, WA, Terry Larson of Sun Prairie, WI, and Connie (Tom) Keel of Coralville, IA; sister-in-law Teresa (Jeff) Messersmith of Laurel, NE; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by infant daughter Cecile Mae Sampy, parents Dale and Cora Larson, and mother-in-law Pat Sampy.

Memorials will be dedicated to the Eustis-Farnam Public School library. Online condolences may be shared at berrymanfuneralhome.com. Following cremation, Linda's ashes will be laid to rest with Cecile Sampy in Axtell, Dale and Cora Larson in Newman Grove, and Pat Sampy in Ansley. Berryman Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

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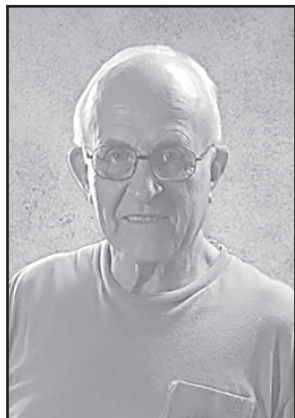
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Lamoine G. Harms, 81 - Excelsior Springs MO

Lamoine G. Harms, 81, formerly of Excelsior Springs MO, passed away on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Wel-Life Assisted Living in Kearney NE. Graveside services were held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, south of Hildreth NE with Rev. Caroline Schenk officiating. Military honors were presented by the Hildreth Veterans of For-

oreign Wars in conjunction with the United States Army Funeral Honors Team. There was no visitation. Memorials in Lamoine's honor are kindly suggested to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden NE.

Lamoine Gerald Harms was born on May 9, 1944, in Minden NE to Albert and Minnie (Osterbuhr) Harms. He grew up in the Hildreth area and received his education from Hildreth Public School. Lamoine faithfully served his country in the United States Army from 1967 until honorably discharged in 1971. He resided in Missouri for over 50 years before moving back to Nebraska due to his declining health. He was employed by the Ford Motor Corporation for 44 years before retiring.

Lamoine was a member of the Excelsior Springs V.F.W., and the United Auto Workers. He loved Harley Davidson motorcycles, restoring engines, cars and pickups. Lamoine also enjoyed making homemade potato chips and peanut brittle and sharing them with family and friends. His favorite pastime was hanging out with his friends in his garage frying up Rocky Mountain oysters and fish and also having cream can suppers. He also enjoyed playing the game "Tonk" for quarters.

Those left to cherish his memory include his nieces, Diana (Larry) Hill, North Platte NE; Deanna Neighbors, Longmont CO; Devri (Mark) Walker, Columbia TN; Debbie (Brent) Harms, Wilcox NE; Lori (Craig) Tripe Alma NE; Kari (David) Kelley, Bloomington IL; Juli (Dennis) Byrne, Gibbon NE. Nephews, Mike Johnson, Wilcox NE; Jammie (Shawni) Wright, Elm Creek NE and Jeffrey Wright; as well as many great nieces and nephews and sister-in-law Dorothy Harms of North Platte NE.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Delbert Harms; sisters, Lorraine Johnson and husband Eugene, Diane Albright and husband Dale; niece Denine Harms; and nephews, Donny Harms and Stan Neighbors.

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

Carole Jane (Browne) Beck, 87

Carole Jane (Browne) Beck, age 87, passed away on May 27, 2025 at St. Luke's Good Samaritan Society in Kearney, NE.

Carole was born in Hol-drege, NE, on Sept. 8, 1937, to Lorraine and Myrtle (Cunningham) Browne. Though an only child, she had a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, grand-parents, and in-laws that supported her and included her in their lives. As a

child, she attended school in Axtell, NE, eventually moving to Minden, NE where she graduated with the Class of 1955. That summer, she met Marshall Beck, who had recently returned from the army. They married on Jan. 1, 1956, in the United Methodist Church in Minden.

Following their marriage, the couple lived in Geneva and Gibbon, where Marshall taught school and coached. In 1967, they returned to Minden where they raised their three children: Lorraine, Audrey, and Tom. Wanting to be closer to family, Marsh and Carole moved to Lexington in 1995. Marsh passed away in 2006, after 50 years of marriage.

Carole enjoyed gardening and canning the fruits of her labor. Her pies were delicious! She loved decorating her home and tending to the needs of her faithful pets. Throughout her lifetime, she was a bus driver, bank employee and fervent prayer warrior, as well as a wife, daughter, mother, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, aunt, grandma, and great-grandma. Family meant the world to her.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandson, Jay Racek, in-laws, Harry and Mabel Beck, brothers-in-laws and sisters-in-law Archie and Lois Beck, Richard and Betty Beck, and Donald and Marion Beck.

She is survived by her children, Lorraine (Cornell) Loschen of Worland, WY, Audrey (Tom) Downey of Lexing-

ton, NE, and Tom (Laura) Beck of Wichita, KS; grandchildren Erin (Scott) Schultz, Jill (Kyle) Starostka, Schuyler Racek, Betsy (Jayce) Dueland, Harrison (Alyson) Racek, Christian Beck, Alex (Lauren) Beck, Alyssa Beck, Nicole Beck, Madelyn Beck, and Jessica Beck; great-grandchildren Brynn and Heath Schultz, Anna, Gunnar, and Ziggy Starostka, Harper Racek, Lennyn Dueland, and Eastyn Green and Wells Racek. She is also survived by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Hilly and Nadine Beck of Springfield, MO.

Visitation was held on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden, Nebraska. A memorial service was held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden, Nebraska. Private family interment was held prior to services at the Minden Cemetery. Memorials in Carole's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

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

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American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State



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American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each boy learns how gov-

ernment subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, take part in band and chorus, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program. They will set up their own state government and draft bills.

Special lectures and addresses will be delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders throughout Nebraska. Invitations have been sent to the Governor and Secretary of State offices for special appearances at this year's program. National acclaimed motivational speakers are also scheduled to address the entire group.

Minden High School Honor Roll 2024-25 Spring Semester

To qualify for Honor Roll with High Distinction, students must have a GPA of 3.75-4.00 (* denotes 4.00). Students qualifying for Honor Roll must have a GPA of 3.35-3.74. Students may not have a "D+", "D", "F", "INC", or "NG*" in any class. Students must be enrolled in four academic classes that count in GPA.

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UNK Announces Dean's List for 2025 Spring Semester

PRESS RELEASE

KEARNEY – The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced students who earned a place on the dean's list for the spring 2025 semester.

Students who are on the dean's list must have completed 12 credit hours or more of classes with a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale. Students earn a 4.0 for an "A," 3.0 for a "B" and 2.0 for a "C."

Courses taken on a credit/no credit basis – such as internships and student teaching – aren't included among the necessary 12 credits.

Local students who earned a place on the dean's list are listed by hometown.

Axtell: Cassidy Autumn Halvorsen, Taeylor Renae Samuelson, Grace Lorenz, Jacob Fox

Minden: Bronson Paul Glanzer, Luke Robert Johnson, Ryan Scott Johnson, Maylee Lynn Kamery, Bria Faye Rogers, Jessica Grace Tunnell, Abby Fiske, Bailey Eckhardt, Bailey Rogers, Brooks Glanzer, Carter Harsin, Dawson Joseph Lockhorn, Eddie Gonzalez, Emma Rowan, Kenan Horner, Lauren Labenz, Liz Tolen, Maddi Emery, Rozie Nelson, Sayge Grotrian, Sylvia Schmidt, Zac Lee

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NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE- ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA CASE NUMBER: CI-25-30 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF FOSTER RYAN CHRISTENSEN

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of May, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of the petitioner's name from Foster Ryan Christensen to Foster Ryan Shada. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Timothy E. Hoeft in District Courtroom, 424 North Colorado Avenue, Minden Nebraska 68959 where on the 18th day of June, 2025, hearing will be held at 11:00 am or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Foster Ryan Christensen, to Foster Ryan Shada.
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Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Renee M. Landstrom was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative

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NOTICE WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Wilcox-Hildreth Public School, a.k.a Kearney County School District No. 50-0001 of Kearney County, Nebraska will be held on the 16th day of June, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. in the Wilcox-Hildreth Conference Room in Wilcox. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.
By: Board of Education
Wilcox-Hildreth
Public School
June 5, 2025
(25) znez

NOTICE NOTICE OF MEETING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 50-0501 of Kearney County, Nebraska, a.k.a. Axtell Community School, will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the Axtell Community School Library, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent. Please email Rob Gregory, superintendent, with questions: rob.gregory@axtellwildcats.org.
Linda Almquist,
Secretary
June 5, 2025
(25) znez

NOTICE MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given on June 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm, prior to the regular board meeting, a hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving support, opposition, criticism, and/or suggestions for the reaffirmation of Policy 5415 Anti-Bullying, 5416 Student Fees, and 6410 Title I Parental and Family Engagement. The regular meeting of the Minden Public Schools Board of Education will begin immediately after the hearing.
Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Minden Public Schools, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0503, will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.
June 5, 2025
(35) znez

NOTICE CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name of the limited liability company: Luke 10 Processing, LLC
Street and mailing address of the initial designated office: 624 37 Rd Minden, NE 68959
Name of the initial agent for service of process: Molly E. Burchell
Street, mailing address and post office box (if any) of the initial agent for service of process: 624 37 Rd Minden, NE 68959
/s/ Molly Burchell
Molly Burchell

May 22, 2025
May 29, 2025
June 5, 2025
(21) znez

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2025, at Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege, NE. The agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska, and (877) 995-6688. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the meeting.
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NOTICE**IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF KEARNEY COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF
CLAYTON E. MYERS,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR25-19**

Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent, and that Micheal E. Myers, whose address is 5608 Turkey Road, Pensacola, Florida 32526, 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 August 6, 2025, or be forever barred.

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

Remington S. Slama #27389
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June 5, 2025
June 12, 2025
June 19, 2025
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NOTICE**NOTICE OF FILING OF
ASSESSMENT ROLL
(AUTH. 77-1315, 77-1502 AS
AMENDED 1984 SESSION)
CERTIFICATE**

State of Nebraska)
County of Kearney)
I, Jennifer J. Pittner, in and
for Kearney County, Ne-
braska, do hereby certify
that the revision of the as-
sessment rolls of Kearney
County has been complet-
ed.

The Kearney County Board
of Equalization will con-
vene on June 1, 2025 and
end July 25, 2025.
Protest forms must be filed
with the Kearney County
Clerk on or before June 30,
2025.

Jennifer J. Pittner
Kearney County Assessor
In witness whereof, I have
hereunto set my hand and
affixed the Official Seal
of said County, at Minden,
Kearney County, Nebraska
this 1st day of June, 2025.

Myra Johnson,
County Clerk
Kearney County, Nebraska
June 5, 2025
(33) znez

NOTICE**NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT
COURT OF KEARNEY
COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

TO: All persons having or
claiming any interest in the
real estate described as the
Southwest Quarter (SW1/4)
of Section Thirteen (13),
Township Five (5) North,
Range Fourteen (14) West
of the 6th P.M., Kearney
County, Nebraska, real
names unknown.

You are hereby notified
that the Plaintiffs, David G.
Nelson & DLB Farms, LLC, a
Nebraska Limited Liability
Company, filed a Complaint
against you in the District
Court of Kearney County,
Nebraska, at Case No. CI25-
33, the object and prayer of
which is to quiet title to the
above-referenced property
in the Plaintiffs, remove
any persons keeping Plain-
tiffs from full possession of
such property, and award
judgment for damages
caused by wrongful deten-
tion of the property.

You are required to answer
said Complaint on or before
July 24, 2025, or the Com-
plaint will be taken as true
and judgment rendered
against you.

By: Carson K. Messersmith,
#27365
Klein, Brewster, Brandt &
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May 29, 2025
June 5, 2025
June 12, 2025
(47) znez

NOTICE**NOTICE OF MEETING
KEARNEY COUNTY
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
MINDEN, NE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a Meeting of the Kear-
ney County Board of Equal-
ization will be held on Tues-
day, June 17, 2025, at 9:25
a.m. in the Commissioners'
Room of the Kearney Coun-
ty Courthouse, Minden, NE.
An agenda for said meeting
is kept continuously current
at the office of the Kearney
County Clerk.
Said meeting is open to the
public.

/s/ Myra Johnson
Kearney County Clerk
June 5, 2025
(20) znez

NOTICE

To all landowners and operators. It is illegal to water a public road with a center pivot irrigation system per Nebraska State Statute §39-301. If such center pivot irrigation system is capable of diverting water on a public road, it must be equipped with a device to automatically shut off the end gun, pursuant to Nebraska State Statute §39-302. It is the responsibility of all landowners and operators to ensure the end guns on their center pivots are shutting off before they reach public roads. Any damage to the public road could result in criminal liabilities, fines and/or civil liability for the damages that occur. Center pivot owners/operators may also incur liability in claims brought by the traveling public for creating a driving hazard on a public road.

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The position is responsible for the administrative and financial aspects of the Village. Strong verbal and written communication skills are required. Applicant must have working experience with computers and Quick Books. This position requires the ability to work independently and reports to the Village Board.

Responsibilities would include a wide variety of clerical tasks; working with the public in many aspects; attending monthly meetings and preparing agenda, minutes and claims; use the utility billing system including meter reading, computing, sending bills and making deposits; payroll; making Federal and State tax payments; general ledger, accounts payable and perform various office procedures and operations. Additional duties would include grant administering, working on an annual budget, assisting yearly audits and record keeping. Good communication skills and work ethic are required. Wage will be based on experience. Training after hiring. MUST be able to be bonded. Please contact Belinda Tolle, Clerk at 402-756-0112 or email Villageofupland@gmail.com for an application and or information. You make an appointment for more details.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Marsh plant
6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")
10. Fogginess
14. Home to Fools' Day
15. Absence of the sense of pain
17. Popular November holiday
19. Consume food
20. Buddy
21. Long-haired goat-antelope
22. Japanese honorific
23. Actor Malek
24. One point south of southeast
26. Illegal acts
29. As fast as can be done
31. Prevents harm to young
32. Exclamation of satisfaction
34. African nation
35. Slow-moving animal
37. Oh, goodness!
38. A team's best pitcher
39. Cleanser
40. Radioactivity units
41. Expectorated matter
43. Cover a wide range
45. The central area of a church
46. California capital (abbr.)
47. Dutch painter Klaver
49. 007's creator
50. Impression of dishonesty
53. Northeastern sports rivalry
57. Cloths
58. Stalin's police chief
59. Hostelrys
60. Bitterly regret
61. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

CLUES DOWN

1. Satisfy
2. European health advocate
3. Expression of annoyance
4. Strong liquor
5. Large red deer
6. Holder of less common religious beliefs
7. West Indian shrub
8. Family of proteins
9. Wealthy, influential business leader

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10. Low spirits
11. Approves food
12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman
13. Mary __, cosmetics
16. Expressed in pithy maxims
18. Relaxing spaces
22. The NFL's big game
23. Proof of payment (abbr.)
24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
25. Indicates near
27. Minneapolis suburb

28. Herring-like fish
29. Doctors' group
30. Pouches
31. Bread dipping in sauce
33. Commercials
35. A reminder of past events
36. Affected by injury
37. Geological time
39. Stationary part of a motor
42. Brings together
43. Of sound mind
44. Personal computer
46. Without (French)
47. A bank might give you

- one
48. Agricultural testing organization
49. A small island
50. Type of gene
51. Murres
52. Card game
53. A measure of human health
54. Australian airline (abbr.)
55. One point south of due west
56. Affirmative

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