

Mayor Urges Giving This Season

CINDY RAMSEY

The short November 17 regular meeting of the Minden City Council began with council announcements. Alyssa Schneider noted the Ladies Night Out event was a big success with perfect weather while Mayor Larry Evans wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Evans also encouraged anyone who is able to give to the food pantry to help those in need especially during the holiday season.

Getting right to business, the October 2025 treasury report was presented to the council. This was the first month in the new fiscal year for the City. Large changes for the month included payment for the new ambulance as well as payments and refunds related to changing insurance companies. The rural fire district's portion of the new ambulance cost will be submitted to the City in the near future. The council approved the October 2025 treasury report as presented.

The October 2025 budget report was positive with noted unbudgeted expenses for insurance as well as larger than normal payroll due to a third run during the month. Overall there was nothing to concern the council and the budget report was approved as presented.

With the end of the year approaching, the council approved an agreement with Olsson Associates for street superintendent and consulting services for 2026. This action is taken annually. The agreement includes \$4,000 for street superintendent services that the state will reimburse to the City the following February and \$5,000 for on-call services as requested.

The council's final action prior to adjournment was to appoint Brian J. Friedrichsen, Class A license number S-1704, as the City Street Superintendent for calendar year 2026 for the purpose of the 2026 calendar year highway incentive payment to be issued to the City by the Nebraska Department of Transportation in February 2027.

In other business the council: Approved November 3 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved cafeteria plan reimbursements.



Minden Mayor Larry Evans encouraged citizens to give to the local food pantry, especially during the holidays, to help those in need. Pictured are 12 Thanksgiving meal baskets recently donated to the Minden Food Pantry by the Westminster United Presbyterian Church youth group for the community. (Courtesy photo)

Weather Forecast

Nov. 28:	41/25	
Nov. 29:	40/19	
Nov. 30:	29/14	
Dec. 1:	26/17	
Dec. 2:	33/20	
Dec. 3:	38/19	
Dec. 4:	37/20	



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Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County will host a 'Pugtato' Bar fundraiser on Sunday, December 14 from 5-7pm at The Windmill, 521 N. Colorado Ave. before the Light of the World pageant. This event will feature a potato bar with all the fixings, desserts, and drinks (to go containers available). Free will donation, cash bar. Enjoy a hot meal and a cool pageant while supporting a great cause.

Christmas City 5K Run/Walk & Little Elf Run

The Minden Chamber of Commerce will host the 15th annual Christmas City 5K Run/Walk & Little Elf Run on Saturday, November 29. Registration begins at 8:30am, Little Elf 1/2 Mile starts at 9am, and the 5K starts at 9:30am all at Westminster United Presbyterian Church, 109 N. Colorado Avenue.

Registration is \$20 per entry for the 5K and free for the Little Elf Run. Registration forms can be found at the Chamber office and www.mindenncourier.com on the event page.

Costumes are encouraged. Celebrate the race with pancakes during the Minden Rotary Pancake Feed at the church the same morning.

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, December 8.

Kearney County Caring Tree

The Caring Tree is up at Mason's Market and will stay up until all tags have been removed. Secret Santas can select tags and purchase gifts for recipients. Gifts can be dropped off at Westminster Presbyterian Church on December 10th from 9am-noon or December 11th from 3-6pm.

The Kearney County Goodfellows will once again provide food baskets to Caring Tree recipients. Pickup date for gifts and food baskets will be December 13th 8-11am at Westminster Presbyterian Church. You must pickup on that date. If you cannot make it you must make arrangements to have someone pickup for you. There will be NO delivery of gifts and food baskets.

Letters to Santa

The Minden Courier will be publishing children's letters to Santa Claus in a December issue. Letters can be mailed to P.O. Box 379, Minden, NE 68959 or left in the dropbox at 520 N. Minden Avenue. Letters must be received by Thursday, December 10th to be printed.

Breakfast with Santa

Jensen Memorial Library will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6 at 10am. This event includes stories, food, crafts, games, and visits with Santa. Registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling the library or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/yemzwx56>.

Christmas on the Prairie

Get ready to jingle all the way to the past with Christmas on the Prairie, a festive celebration spanning the decades, at Pioneer Village Saturday, December 6 from 10am-7pm and Sunday, December 7 from 10am-4pm.

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Rotary Annual Breakfast Features Santa Claus

BENNETT JOHNSON, MINDEN ROTARY



The Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast, which will be held at Westminster United Presbyterian Church (109 N Colorado Avenue) during the 15th Annual Christmas City Run/Walk on Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, will feature a special guest: Santa Claus!

The Pancake Breakfast is a free will donation event. "100% of the funds raised are used on The Rotary Club of Minden's community projects," said Don Peterson, the event organizer. "Every year our club gives dictionaries to all of the third graders in Kearney County, and the pancake feed covers much of the expense associated with that project."

"This year the event will be particularly special. Santa will be there to greet children, thanks to support from Minden Exchange Bank," added Peterson.

The breakfast menu features sausage, beverages and, of course, pancakes hot off the griddle. "Club members donate the food and labor so that all of the raised funds can go back into our community projects," said Peterson.

The Rotary Club of Minden will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2026. The club is planning a community celebration on June 13, 2026 at which they will donate a 25-foot flagpole to the City of Minden, which will be placed at Chautauqua Park. "Everyone is invited," said Peterson, "so mark your calendars!"

The Rotary Club of Minden meets at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Minden Opera House. For more information email the club at info@mindenrotary.com.

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Axtell FBLA Chapter Fills Local Food Pantries



The Axtell FBLA Chapter recently collected food items to fill up the Axtell and Wilcox Food Pantries going into the holiday season. The students canvassed across Axtell, Minden and Holdrege to collect non-perishable food. They collected 575 items in two hours.

Pictured: Participating FBLA members Elijah Sinachack, Emily Danburg, Sophia Havranek, Nick Dahl, Solara Quigley, Isaiah Sinachack, Brooklyn DeJonge, Leah Stritt, Mina Schilling, Amelia Halvorsen, Madison Wells, Ashlynn Nelson, Stephanie Cederburg, and Brylee Rabe show all the food collected during the drive. (Courtesy photo)

Give Big Minden Returns Dec. 12 to Support Local Nonprofits

PRESS RELEASE

MINDEN, Neb. — Give Big Minden is back for a second year on Friday, December 12, 2025, bringing the community together for a 24-hour day of giving to support local nonprofits and the programs that strengthen Kearney County. Early giving opens on December 2nd at givebigminden.org.

Give Big Minden was created to celebrate generosity, highlight the incredible organizations serving our neighbors, and encourage local giving that stays right here at home. Last year's event helped nonprofits expand services, support families and meet essential community needs. Organizers hope to build on that momentum in 2025.

This year's participating nonprofits include:

Bethany Home, Faith In Action, Harold Warp Pioneer Village, Jensen Memorial Library, Kearney County Health Services Medical Fund, Kearney County Historical Society, Minden Legacy Fund, Minden Opera House, Minden Schools Foundation, Minden Senior Center, Paws Up Kearney County and The Closet Thrift Store & Food Pantry

More than a fundraising event, Give Big Minden is a collaboration among local nonprofits, community partners, and residents who want to make a difference. Participating organizations represent a wide range of missions, including health services, food assistance, senior support, education and community development.

Community members can get involved by:

- Donating at givebigminden.com starting December 2
- Following the Give Big Minden Facebook page for updates and nonprofit stories
- Sharing posts to help spread the word
- Encouraging friends and family to participate on December 12

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2025 Christmas Traditions Festivities

Holiday festivities have begun in Nebraska's Christmas City with plenty more ahead. The Minden Chamber of Commerce, its partners, and many businesses, organizations, and volunteers have a full schedule of Christmas Traditions festivities planned to share holiday cheer with residents and visitors through December 21.

All events are subject to changes or cancellation based on weather. Visit www.minden.org/signatureevents for the most up to date schedule.

Friday, November 28

Santa's mailbox will be put out between Minden Exchange Bank and the Post Office November 28-December 15. Letters will be available for children to fill out for Santa on the City's Facebook page, City Hall, Jensen Memorial Library and the City's website. All letters will receive a reply from Santa if a legible mailing address is provided.

Saturday, November 29

Small Business Saturday - Shop Local

Christmas City Festival- The theme is "Minden - The Christmas Movie"

8am-12pm — Rotary Club will host a freewill donation pancake feed at Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Enjoy a warm breakfast and be sure to say hello to Santa while you're there!

8:30am — Christmas City 5K Fun Run and Little Elves 1/2 mile run beginning at Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Registration forms can be found on the Minden Chamber website at mindenne.org. Registration for the 5K is \$20. Kids under age 12 run free in the Little Elf Run. Registration begins at 8:30am. The Little Elf Run begins at 9am with the 5K race to follow at 9:30am. Participants are encouraged to wear holiday-themed clothes or costumes for the run.

2pm-4pm — Miss Christmas City Pageant at Minden Opera House. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Adults \$10, Students K-12 \$5, Kids 4&under free.

5:15pm — Lighted Christmas Parade on the square. Illuminated parade floats and festively decorated vehicles will light up the night as local businesses, organizations, and individuals show off their most magical and captivating mobile displays. Registration for the parade is now open and can be found at <https://www.minden.org/christmas-city-parade/>

6:30pm — Light of the World Pageant on the north and west courthouse lawn November 29, December 7, and December 14. Hot chocolate and candy canes to follow.

Sunday, November 30

11am-1pm — Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed at Windmill Studio

Friday, December 5

9am-4pm — Kearney County Historical Society garage & bake sale at the Minden Exchange Bank Community Room

Saturday, December 6

9am-4pm — Kearney County Historical Society garage & bake sale at the Minden Exchange Bank Community Room

10am — Breakfast & Books with Santa at Jensen Memorial Library. No cost to attend, but registration is required. Space is limited so register early. Contact Jensen Memorial Library to register.

10am-4pm — Harold Warp Pioneer Village Christmas. A festive celebration spanning the decades at Pioneer Village. Reenactors will bring Christamses of the past alive and there will be plenty of old fashioned holiday fun for the whole family. Be sure to get your picture taken with Santa during your visit and take a hayrack ride from the Village to downtown to enjoy the Christmas lights.

Sunday, December 7

10am-7pm — Harold Warp Pioneer Village Christmas. A festive celebration spanning the decades at Pioneer Village. Reenactors will bring Christamses of the past alive and there will be plenty of old fashioned holiday fun for the whole family. Hayrack rides will be given from the Village to downtown to enjoy the pageant.

5pm-6:30pm — 'Souper Sunday' Soup Supper at Minden Community Center. Enjoy a warm meal and conversation prior to the pageant.

6:30pm — Light of the World Pageant on the north and west courthouse lawn. Hot chocolate and candy canes to follow.

Saturday, December 13

9am-12pm — Holy Family Catholic Church gift wrapping and bake sale at Minden Community Center.

Sunday, December 14

10am-2pm — Boy Scouts Soup Supper at Windmill Studio

5pm — Christmas Choir Concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church

5pm-6:30pm — Paws Up 'Pug-tato' Bar Fundraiser at Windmill Studio

5:30pm — Hayrack rides from Pioneer Village to Downtown

6:30pm — Light of the World Pageant on the north and west courthouse lawn. Hot chocolate and candy canes to follow.

Friday, December 19

7:30pm — Christmas Traditions with Lucas Hoge concert at Minden Opera House. Tickets on sale now for \$25 each.

Sunday, December 21

Polar Express at Minden Opera House. The annual event begins with the reading of the "Polar Express" book. At the conclusion of the storytelling, cookies & hot chocolate are served (along with a special appearance by Santa Claus) with the feature film following the refreshments. The event is geared toward families with children ages 4th grade and under, but all are welcome. Children are welcome to bring their pillows and come dressed in their pajamas for this magical Christmas event, but please limit to one pillow and blanket per child. Please note that most seating is on the theater floor. Tickets are on sale now Adult \$8, Children (8&under) \$3.



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Commissioners Hold Two Public Hearings

CINDY RAMSEY

Two public hearings for special use permit applications that had been rescheduled were held during the November 18 regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Supervisors.

No public comment was given during the public hearing for a special use permit for Fort Kearny Consolidated for roller compacted concrete. After the hearing was closed the board approved the special use permit.

During the public hearing for a special use permit for Fort Kearny Consolidated to construct an anaerobic digester, Settje Construction gave a small presentation to explain what an anaerobic digester is, how it works, and where on the property it is proposed to be built. Anaerobic digesters have been in the dairy industry for some time, but new technology that can separate manure and soil has made them viable for beef cattle operations as well.

Anaerobic digesters are used to accelerate the decomposition of manure in a process that allows the harvest of methane gas. During the process, much of the odor in the manure is eliminated. Additionally, the methane produced can be sold back to the grid. After the presentation and answering a few questions, the hearing was closed with no further public comment. The board approved the special permit as presented.

Katie Mulligan from Two Rivers Public Health Department presented an update to the board. The public health department has several projects in the works to help improve public health in the counties they serve. Mulligan concluded her update by sharing the public health department has seen a decrease in state and federal funding the same as many organizations.

Highway Superintendent Joe Anderson had several road matters for the board's consideration. With plans ready for the 40 Road overlay project, the board set a bid open date of December 16 at 10:00 a.m. Anderson also reported regrading of one mile of E Road south of Keene has been completed. The board approved a resolution to change the road classification for this mile from minimum maintenance to local road as a result.

The Village of Wilcox has asked that the County move a motor grader shed located in the village as there are plans to develop that area and the property the shed is on is needed for these improvements. Anderson suggested there is a public right of way space available for the shed in Keene. Bob Swanson argued it would be best to keep the shed in Wilcox so the motor grader is more easily accessible to remove snow that often blocks parts of B Road east of town.

The board discussed the option of purchasing a foreclosed property located in Wilcox that has not been successfully sold at sheriff's sale to relocate the shed and keep it in town. There are several things to consider with this option including the possibility there may need to be a zoning change for the property to be viable for this purpose. For the proposed Keene location, the County would have an estimated \$6,800 to have power run to the shed. The shed does not need to be moved immediately, so the board opted to delay taking action until all options could be researched further.

On the topic of the foreclosed properties that have been unsuccessfully resolved at sheriff's sales, County Attorney Melodie Bellamy drafted a resolution to once again attempt to sell the four properties. She advised the Village of Axtell has taken no action to forgive the debt on one property. Bellamy told the board

there are mixed beliefs on whether the County can proceed with erasing back taxes for these properties to get them sold.

One argument against the action is the current owner could be the highest bidder with an amount below what is owed relieving them of their requirement to pay the taxes owed. She also warned the board this will set a precedence moving forward. Bellamy also conceded the board has good arguments for proceeding since the taxes on these properties haven't been paid for 10 plus years.

Sheriff Scott White told the board there has been no interest at all in the properties in question during any of the sales. Not even an interested party asking if they could purchase any of the properties for a single dollar. Conflicted and potentially interested in one of the properties for the County's own use, the board tabled any action. The matter will be brought back during the December 16 meeting.

The board recessed the meeting and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for the Clerk of the District Court position. Following the interviews the meeting was adjourned.

In other business the board: Approved November 4 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Received NIRMA dividend check of \$15,744. Reviewed correspondence for NIRMA Board of Directors vacancies and State of Nebraska judicial branch.

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Kindergarten Turkey Tales Class of 2038

Minden Kindergarten



Amelia O. - I will get my turkey from my Nana's because she is making it so it is free. It will weigh 15 pounds and I will cook it in the oven at 16 degrees for 15 minutes. I will eat grapes and pears (I don't get those a lot, I'm not allergic or anything, but I just love to eat them) with my turkey. And I hope cotton candy because I love it. I will invite my mimi and grandma, nana, papa, and tada to eat with me. I am thankful for being nice at Thanksgiving.

Lucy K. - I will get my turkey by hunting. It will weigh 200 pounds and cost \$300. I will cook it on the grill at 3 degrees for 10 hours. I will eat broccoli with ranch, spaghetti (my favorite) and carrots with my turkey. I will invite everyone in my class to eat with me. I am thankful for my mom (sometimes she lets me have candy that I like.)

Sylvia S. - I will probably get my turkey from a store. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$20. I will cook it in the oven at 14 or 15 degrees for 15 minutes. I will eat pumpkin pie with whipped cream, sushi and peas with my turkey. I will invite my family and my grandpa and grandpa to eat with me. I'm gonna do a show off thing where everyone does their favorite thing. I'm going to do gymnastics. People will get rewards for first, second and third, but I still have to make the rewards with a 1, 2, and 3 on them and then they can tape them on their shirts. I am thankful that I got to have jello with my lunch.

Phoenix L. - I will get my turkey from Grandma's house. It will weigh five pounds and cost nine dollars. I will cook it in the microwave at 19 degrees for 10 hours. I will eat ham, potatoes, jello, and chocolate cake with my turkey. I will invite grandma, grandpa, sissy, mom and dad to eat with me. I am thankful for turkey, ham, and potatoes.

Tatum C. - I will get my turkey from my dad. It will weigh 20 pounds and cost two dollars. I will cook it in the oven at seven degrees for 20 minutes. I will eat the pears I want to put around it with strawberries on the pears and dad will put raspberries on it. After we will eat cookies, ice cream and donuts. We will also eat strawberry cake with strawberries on it. I will invite grandma, my friends, my brother and sisters, Jett, mom, and dad to eat with me. I am thankful for everyone coming to eat.

Ridge B. - I will get my turkey by shooting it. It will weigh 30 pounds and cost nothing because I will take it from the hunting rally. I will cook it in the oven at 70 degrees for 7 hours. I will eat mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, mini carrots, and pumpkin pie with my turkey. I will invite my cousins, mom and dad, and my friend, Noah to eat with me. I am thankful for my turkey and sweet potatoes.

Benson D. - I will get my turkey by shooting it. It will weigh 9 pounds and cost ten bucks. I will cook it in the oven at 50 degrees for 10 minutes. I will eat mac and cheese, steak, and ice cream with my turkey. I will invite Jake and Lucas to eat with me. I am thankful for my pet cat, Max.

Lucas N. - I will get my turkey at Dollar General. It will weigh 200 million thousand pounds and cost one dollar. I will cut it up and cook it in two pans at two degrees for two hours. I will eat hot dogs, peaches, and oval cake with blue frosting with my turkey. I will invite my grandma and grandpa to eat with me. I am thankful for my grandma and grandpa.

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Jacob D. - I will get my turkey from my nana and grandpa. It will weigh two-five-three pounds and cost \$10. I will fry it and cook it in the oven at four degrees for an hour. I will eat stuffing, pumpkin pie, and beans with my turkey. (And I don't know what nana and grandpa will bring.) I will invite my whole class to eat with me. I am thankful for my chicken, for letting me cook it.

Eva B. - I will get my turkey at Walmart. It will weigh 20 pounds and cost \$11. I will cook it in the oven at ten degrees for 31 minutes. I will eat corn, french fries, steak and chocolate cake with my turkey. I will invite mom, dad, my brother, grandpa and grandma and my aunt and uncle to eat with me. I am thankful that my dad and mom and brother and my cats and dogs are here.

Dawson G. - I will get my turkey by hunting for it because my dad hunts.. It will weigh 300 pounds and cost 10 million dollars. I will cut it up and put it in a pan to cook it. I will cook it at 30 degrees for 4 hours. I will eat brownies, carrots and asparagus with my turkey. I will invite my mom and Kyle, dad and Joplin and everybody to eat with me. I am thankful for mom and Kyle and dad and Joplin.

Blake D. - I will get my turkey by hunting. It will weigh 90 pounds and cost zero dollars if we are hunting for it. I will cook it by pulling off the feathers, cutting it up, cooking it up, cutting it again and putting in a fan thing to cool it off. I will cook it at medium degrees for 10 minutes. I will eat macaroni, beans, fish, strawberry cake and oreo cake with my

turkey. I will invite my grandma, mom and dad, my cousins, and my stuffed dog, Sprinkles, to eat with me, but not my brothers. I am thankful for all my cute cats.

Edie E. - I will get my turkey at a store. It will weigh 90 pounds and cost \$100. I will cook it in the oven at 20 degrees for 10 hours. I will eat fruit, beans, salad, cucumbers, cake, cupcakes, and ice cream with my turkey. I will invite Eva and my grandma to eat with me. I am thankful for Christmas and Halloween.

Quinnley J. - I will probably get my turkey by hunting because my dad loves to hunt. It will weigh 8 pounds and cost \$10. I will cook it in the oven at 6 degrees for 7 minutes. I will eat mac and cheese and cookies with my turkey. I am thankful for eating.

Tawzi Belle S. - I will get my turkey from McDonald's. It will weigh 2 pounds and cost \$22. I will cook it in my oven at 60 degrees for about 2 minutes. I will eat fries and a drink and sour ketchup with my turkey. I will invite grandma and grandpa, mom and dad, my brother and sister, Grandma Karen, and all my friends at school to eat with me. I am thankful for mom and dad giving me stuff when I get home.

Bryson M. - I will get my turkey at Mason's. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$10. I will cook it in my oven at 10 degrees for 10 minutes. I will eat chicken and ice cream with my turkey. I will invite grandma and grandpa to eat with me. I am thankful for my cat, Ralphie.

Grace T. - I will get my turkey at Midwest Meats. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$10. I will cook it in a big microwave in the big kitchen in Grandpa's shed at 11 degrees for one hour. I will eat corn and pie with my turkey. I will invite my aunts, Noa, Sutton,



and Elise, Grandma and Grandpa, and mom and dad to eat with me. I don't know who else will be there. I am thankful for the food, mom and dad, and grandma and grandpa.

Oliver H. - I will get my turkey by hunting. It will weigh maybe 2 pounds and cost 1 cent. I will cook it by cutting it up and put it over the fire at 19 degrees for 10 hours. I will eat chicken and eggs with my turkey. I will invite Lucas, Benson, Dawson, Liam, and Thiago to eat with me. I am thankful for Liam, Mrs. Boudreau, Benson, and Tatum.

Zion B. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$1. I will cook it on the fireplace at 10 million degrees for 2 minutes. I will eat cake, I think grapes and hot noodles with my turkey. I will invite mom, dad, Collin and Nash to eat with me. I am thankful for my toys.

Naomi B. - I will get my turkey from Mason's. It will weigh 50,100 pounds and cost \$130. I will cook it on the stove at 90 degrees for 50,100 hours. I will eat strawberries, grapes, heart gummies and potatoes with my turkey. I will invite dad, cousin Jaden, mommy, and Mathew to eat with me. I am thankful for everybody coming to Thanksgiving.

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Jude S. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 180 pounds and cost 80 cents. I will cook it in the oven at 80 degrees for 180 hours. I will eat maybe sweet potatoes, and some carrots with my turkey. I will invite Lincoln, Easton, Raelynn, mom, and dad to eat with me. I am thankful for the whole family.

Emery T. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 30 hundred pounds and cost 30 hundred cents. I will cook it on the stove at 30 degrees for 70 minutes. I will eat cherry cheesecake, french fries, cake, candy, and pumpkin pie with my turkey. I will invite Raelynn, Izzy, mom, dad, Dillyn, Shelby, Savvy, Gentry, Naomi, Kai, Nash, Liam, Collin, Easton, Rawlins, Winston, Zion, Jude, Mrs. Woldt and Mrs. Werner to eat with me. I am thankful for Raelynn.

Fallon S. - I will get my turkey from the rainforest. It will weigh 50 pounds and cost \$105. I will cook it in the grill at 91 degrees for half an hour and 1 minute. I will eat pumpkin pie, potatoes and fruit salad with lettuce with my turkey. I will invite my grandma, grandpa and cousins to eat with me. I am thankful for my family.

Rory H. - I will get my turkey from Dollar General store. It will weigh 9 pounds and cost 2 cents. I will cook it in a turkey fryer at a whole lot of hot for 10 minutes. I will eat grapes, try apple pie, and we might have a feast with my turkey. I will invite my whole entire family and 2 friends Kaylee and Cooper to eat with me. I am thankful for my birthday.

Madelyn B. - I will get my turkey from Minden. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$20. I will cook it in the oven at 20 degrees hot for 12 minutes. I will eat mac and cheese and pumpkin pie with my turkey. I will invite my cousins, my friend and my nana and papa to eat with me. I am thankful for getting Christmas

presents from Santa.

Jason G. - I will get my turkey at my grandpa's house. It will weigh 50 pounds and cost \$5. I will cook my tukey upside down at 5 degrees hot for 16 minutes. I will eat lettuce, carrots, noodles and there will be drinks with it-grape juice with my turkey. I will invite Adam, Augie, Weston and grandpa to eat with me. I am thankful for giving toys I dont like anymore.

Adam D. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 5 pounds and cost \$6. I will cook it upstairs in the oven at 5 degrees for 5 minutes. I will eat corn on the cob and rice with my turkey. I will invite Mrs. Miller to eat with me. I am thankful for my RV car-Megladon.

Arlette U. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$6. I will cook it on the pan at really hot degrees for 9 hours. I will eat bread with my turkey. I will invite my brother, Mrs. Miller, my sister and my cousins. I am thankful for my family.

Vasher S. - I will get my turkey from Sam's Club. It will weigh 6 pounds and cost \$3. I cook it by putting it in the oven at 10 degrees for 10 minutes. I will eat ice cream and pumpkin pie with my turkey. I will invite Jhett, Barry, Thiago and Elliot to eat with me. I am thankful for my cats.

Elliot S. - I will get my turkey from Washington. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$10. I will cook it in the oven at 10 degrees for 10 hours. I will eat green beans and salad with my turkey. I will invite Blakleigh, Carter, Kerri, my grandma and my B brothers. I am thankful for this world.

Barry N. - I will get my turkey from Dollar General. It will weigh 6 pounds and cost \$5. I will cook it with a pan at 20 degrees for 19 minutes. I will eat beans, carrots and green beans with my turkey. I will invite my cousins and grandma to eat with me. I am thankful for my grandma.

Alex L. - I will get my turkey at the farm. It will weigh 7 pounds and cost \$9. I will cook it by the oven at 2 degrees for 3 hours. I will eat tomatoes and carrots with my turkey. I will invite my cousin and Izzy to eat with me. I am thankful for my friends.

Thiago I.L. - I will get my turkey at the farm. It will

weigh 10 pounds and cost \$6. I will cook it by putting it in the oven at 10 degrees for 5 minutes. I will eat chicken nuggets with my turkey. I will invite Jhett, Vasher and Elliot to eat with me. I am thankful to go to my friend's house.

Quinton B. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 11 pounds and cost \$3. I will cook it just right at a little hot degrees-in between hot and cold-warm for 40 hours. I will eat mac and cheese and noodles with my turkey. I will invite my grandma and grandpa-I have a bunch of grandmas and even nana and papa. I am thankful for my grandma because she shares her pop with me.

Eliza C. - I will get my turkey from one of the turkey fields. It will weigh 1 pound and cost \$4. I will cook it in the oven at 1 million degrees for a lot of time. I will eat pumpkin pie, chicken, spaghetti and corn with my turkey. I will invite my grandma, grandpa and cousins to eat with me. I am thankful that my birthday is the day after Thanksgiving.

Paisley A.G. - I will get my turkey at Walmart. It will weigh 2 pounds and cost \$10. I will cook it in the oven at 8 degrees for 10 days. I will eat popcorn and pretzels with my turkey. I will invite my mom, dad and my cousin to eat with me. I am thankful for my cats.

Lillian G. - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 5 pounds and cost \$2. I will cook it on the fire at super hot degrees for 5 minutes. I will eat bananas and carrots with my turkey. I will invite nobody to eat with me. I am thankful for my cats.

Harlow P. - I will get my turkey from the store. It will weigh 6 pounds and cost \$7. I will cook it in the oven at 8 degrees for 9 hours. I will eat pumpkin pie and vegetables with my turkey. I will invite Gigi, Papa, Grandma Beth and my little sister since she can't stay home alone to eat with me. I am thankful for my whole family.

Jhett J. - I will get my turkey in the woods. It will weigh 50 pounds and cost \$100. I will cook it in the oven at a little bit hot for 10 minutes. I will eat rice with my turkey. I will invite Mrs. Miller, Thiago, Vasher and Quinton to eat with me. I am thankful for my monster truck toy.

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Wesley - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 2 pounds and cost \$4. I will cook it in the oven at 101 degrees for 2 hours. I will eat chicken nuggets with my turkey. I will invite my brother to eat with me. I am thankful for my food.

Dawson - I will get my turkey from Hobby Lobby. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$1. I will cook it in the oven at 20 degrees for 2 hours. I will eat Sour Patch Kids, spaghetti, and applesauce with my turkey. I will invite Griffin and Cade to eat with me. I am thankful for my mom, dad, brother, sister and my puppy.

Thea - I will get my turkey from Tractor Supply. It will weigh 2 pounds and cost \$11. I will cook it in the oven at 200 degrees for 2 hours. I will eat mashed potatoes and corn with my turkey. I will invite my grandma, grandpa, cousin, aunt and uncle to eat with me. I am thankful for my family and the people who are coming.

Cash - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 10 pounds and cost \$50. I will cook it in the oven at 300 degrees for 60 minutes. I will eat beef and corn with my turkey. I will invite my grandmas, grandpas, and my friends to eat with me. I am thankful for my parents and my grandma.

Saber - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 3 pounds and cost \$2.59. I will cook it in the oven at 800 degrees for 5 hours. I will eat broccoli with my turkey. I will invite everyone to eat with me. I am thankful for my family, friends, and Thomas the

Train.

Cade - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 50 pounds and cost \$100. I will cook it in the oven at 54 degrees for 40 minutes. I will eat gravy and cheese with my turkey. I will invite my cousins to eat with me. I am thankful for super fast turkeys.

Griffin - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 7 or 8 pounds and cost \$1. I will cook it in the oven at 10 degrees for 1 hour. I will eat peaches and pizza with my turkey. I will invite Cade and Dawson to eat with me. I am thankful for my family.

Gentry - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 40 pounds and cost \$20. I will cook it in the oven at 70 degrees for 20 hours. I will eat cake and corn dogs with my turkey. I will invite Rowan, Wesley, and my cousins to eat with me. I am thankful for my family.

Adalynn - I will get my turkey from my cousin's house. It will weigh 8 pounds and cost \$1. I will cook it in the oven at 91 degrees for 10 hundred hours. I will eat steak and chips with my turkey. I will invite Parker, grandpa, grandma, and Anna to eat with me. I am thankful for my grandma.

Cameron - I will get my turkey from California. It will weigh 2,000 pounds and cost \$3 billion. I will cook it in the oven at 50 degrees for 20 hours. I will eat Milk Duds and spinach with my turkey. I will invite Mom, Dad, Nana, Grandpa, and Grandma to eat with me. I am thankful for the turkey and Milk Duds.



Jett - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 8 pounds and cost \$15. I will cook it in the oven at 8 degrees for 3 hours. I will eat chicken and hamburgers with my turkey. I will invite Bryson and Wesley to eat with me. I am thankful for my mom and dad.

Trynitee I. - I will get my turkey from South Dakota. It will weigh 2 pounds and cost \$1. I will cook it in the oven at 60 degrees for 10 hours. I will eat mashed potatoes and peas with my turkey. I will invite Mrs. Winz, my cousins, mom and dad to eat with me. I am thankful for turkey, my parents and my cousin.

Anthony - I will get my turkey from South America. It will weigh 5 pounds and cost \$7. I will cook it in the oven at 100 degrees for 6 minutes. I will eat lettuce and root beer floats with my turkey. I will invite my mom, Bekah, Annabelle, Kyler, Kaeden, Mason, Saquoiah, and Makia. I am thankful for my mom, dad, Bekah and Annabelle.

Aurora - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 13 pounds and cost \$10. I will cook it in the oven at 30 degrees for \$1. I will eat bananas and yogurt with my turkey. I will invite Raegan, Cade, Griffin and Kennadie to eat with me. I am thankful for my mom, dad, and sisters.

Zoey - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 30 pounds and cost \$5. I will cook it in the oven at 25 degrees for 20 minutes. I will eat corn and meat with my turkey. I will invite Mrs. Brandt and Dawson to eat with me. I am thankful for cleaning up the planet.

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We would like to express our appreciation for the care and concern shown to our family at the passing of our wife, mom, and grandma. We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of love through prayers, cards, memorials, flowers and plants, a visit, phone call, text, or hug.

A special thank you to Michal and Angie Swanson and the Staff of Lockenour-Jones Mortuary for the kindness, patience, guidance, and professionalism shown to our family.

Thank you to the doctors and staff at Tri-Valley Health in Cambridge, Pastor Tim Burke, and the Trinity Community Women's ministry for a delicious lunch.

Our family is thankful for the health and therapy team at Elwood Care Center for providing care, love, and encouragement in Kathy's final years of life.

The family of Kathleen (Barrett) Miller
Richard Miller
Trisha and Bill Moore and family
Coralyn and Bill Burton and family
The family of Kurt Miller
Michelle and Dudley Scharff

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Melody - I will get my turkey from a barn. It will weigh 1 pound and cost \$1. I will cook it in the oven at 2 degrees for 1 hour. I will eat a banana and pickles with my turkey. I will invite all my family to eat with me. I am thankful for my grandma and my family, for my family loving me my whole life, and presents.

Lillith - I will get my turkey from the supermarket. It will weigh 100 pounds and cost \$100. I will cook it in the oven at 100 degrees for 30 minutes. I will eat ice cream and blueberries with my turkey. I will invite Mrs. Jensen to eat with me. I am thankful for coins.

Owen - I will get my turkey from Target. It will weigh 3 pounds and cost \$2. I will cook it in the oven at 300 degrees for 2 hours. I will eat chicken nuggets with my turkey. I will invite my family and friends to eat with me. I am thankful for mom, dad, Sawyer, and Bennett.

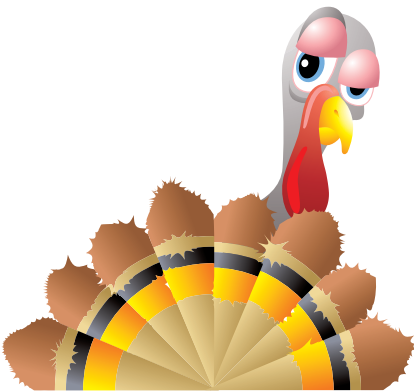
Brooks - I will get my turkey from a barn. It will weigh 5 pounds and cost \$1. I will cook it in the oven at 2 degrees for 3 hours. I will eat meat, chicken, and steak with my turkey. I will invite my friends and my cousins to eat with me. I am thankful for mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa.

Bryson - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 60 pounds and cost \$5. I will cook it in the oven at 90 degrees for 5 hours. I will eat rice and beans with my turkey. I will invite Jett, Trynitee, Griffin, and Cade. I am thankful for my mom

Trinity V. - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 40 pounds and cost \$4. I will cook it in the oven at 5 degrees for 30 hours. I will eat broccoli and rice with cinnamon with my turkey. I will invite Sydney, Aurora, Anthony, Zoey, Melody, Trynitee I, and Dawson to eat with me. I am thankful for my pony,

my sister and my sheep.

Sydney - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 5 pounds and cost \$6. I will cook it in the oven at 60 degrees for 5 hours. I will eat noodles with my turkey. I will invite Aurora, Adalynn and Trynitee I to eat with me. I am thankful for mom, dad, sister, brother, and my pony.



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HEALTHCARE

High School Students of the Month

AXTELL



Name: Sophia Havranek
Grade: Sophomore
Achievements: Sophia is playing a lead role in Axtell's One Act production this year as Cammie, the newspaper editor. She has received an Outstanding Performer Award

from the judges at every contest this season. Sophia has been active in both Speech & One Act, qualifying last year for the State Speech Championship in OID and receiving Axtell's Rookie Award for her achievements.

What attributes does the student have that helped her achieve success: Sophia has demonstrated a deep investment in the One Act Team by her commitment to portray her character, Cammie, with conviction and passion. She is willing to take risks on stage as she expresses emotions and strives to improve at every single contest. Amidst her success on stage, Sophia shows a coachable and teachable attitude. She is quick to ask questions, offer helpful suggestions, and speaks up to encourage others on the team.

Future plans: In high school, Sophia plans to keep being involved in the One Act Team and the Speech Team. Her future dreams are to study psychology in college and continue competing in both play and speech in college.

Additional Comments: Sophia is a hard worker and will go above and beyond what you ask to get the job done right. She can be counted on and will do her best at every competition. Sophia is a positive and dependable team member who will continue to shine on stage!
 – Coach Joy Snell

WILCOX-HILDRETH



Name: Taylor Ingram **Grade:** Junior
Achievements: Multiple Outstanding Performance Awards; also participates in Band/Choir, Underclassmen Honor Band Spring 2025, UNK Honor Choir Spring 2025
Challenges she has overcome: Taylor has had to work very hard to maintain a high grade point average while participating in multiple activities/events at school. Taylor has overcome her natural shyness to become a "star" on the stage in one act and in band and choir. She is someone all her teachers and coaches depend on as a good leader. She is honest, hard-working, kind and responsible.
What attributes does the student have that help her achieve success: She is someone all her teachers and coaches depend on as a good leader. She is honest, hard-working, kind and responsible. She has good time management skills and always tries her best. When things don't come easy, Taylor never gives up. She keeps on trying!
Future plans: Taylor is deciding between teaching music and going into foreign language studies. – Coach Carolyn Hance

MINDEN



Name: Arabella Reed
Grade: Senior
Achievements: Arabella has been an integral part of play production all four years of high school. She has taken on memorable roles in the shows throughout her years of involvement. These include a pirate named

Morgan her sophomore year; Charlotte Purcell, a Radium Watch Company Worker her junior year; and now Tina, the mother of James in the current production of "The Amazing Angel-Man." She has earned multiple acting awards across the years at the various festivals and competitions where Minden has competed.

What attributes does the student have that helped her achieve success: Arabella has a built-in drive to be her best. She is fully invested in any activity in which she participates. She not only expects the best from herself, she finds ways to get the best from others as well. She is encouraging to her fellow teammates and leads by example.

Future plans: Arabella plans to attend the University of Kansas to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism & Mass Communications with a Political Science minor.

Additional comments: Arabella is a dedicated and talented young lady. She has a work ethic that matches her natural ability. She is a dream to coach and has a vision to succeed. – Coach Jeffrey Horner

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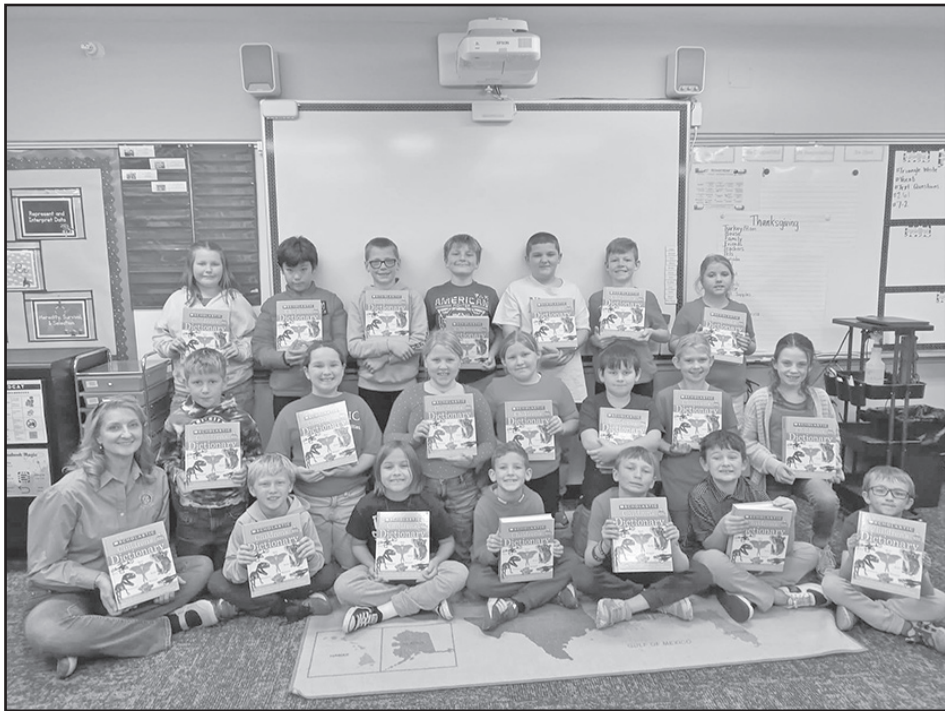
Minden Rotary Club Dictionary Project

November 11th through 14th, the Minden Rotary Club distributed hard bound dictionaries to every 3rd grader in Kearney County. These dictionaries include pictures, world maps, state and country flags, and more! The dictionaries now belong to each child to use throughout their future education years.

The club has a major fundraiser each year to help cover the expense of each book. Don't miss their annual pancake feed, Saturday November 29 at the Presbyterian Church during the Christmas City 5K Fun Run. There are also generous businesses in the community who see the importance of putting this type of resource into the hands of our youth. They include: State Farm Insurance, Craig Funeral Home, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co, Kearney County Health Services, Pedley Drug, Jones Group, Landmark Implement, First Bank

& Trust Co, McBride Realty, McCann-Carpenter Dental, Minden Opera House, Highstreet Insurance, Bethany Home, Rhynalds Auction & Realty, and Grayson Tool Co.

Thank you for helping to distribute over 90 dictionaries!! Anyone interested in contributing to the 2026 Dictionary Project can contact Minden Rotary Dictionary Chairman, Cassandra Tomsen.



Axtell Third Grade



Minden Third Grade



Wilcox-Hildreth Third Grade

Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

MENUS:

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

Friday, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 1: BREAKFAST: Breakfast burrito; LUNCH: Sweet & sour meatballs, rice

Tuesday, Dec. 2: BREAKFAST: French toast, peanut butter; LUNCH: Breaded chicken patty on a bun, French fries

Wednesday, Dec. 3: BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs, cereal; LUNCH: Holiday meal

Thursday, Dec. 4: BREAKFAST: Bagel, cream cheese; LUNCH: Chicken nuggets, Mac & cheese

Friday, Dec. 5: BREAKFAST: Long Johns, hard boiled egg; LUNCH: Crispito with cheese

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 1: 7th Girls BB vs. Centura, 4:30 p.m.; 8th Girls BB @ GINW, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2: 7/8 Boys WR @ Lexington Invite, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3: District One Act Competition

Thursday, Dec. 4: 8th Girls BB @ Adams Central, 4:15 p.m.; Girls & Boys V/JV BB vs. Southern Valley, 4:30 p.m.; 7th Girls BB vs. Adams Central, 4:30 p.m.; Tech Club Winter BBQ, 5 p.m.; Girls V/JV WR @ Grand Island, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5: Girls JV WR @ Southwest Invite, 11 a.m.; Boys V/JV Tri with Mitchell/St. Paul, 5 p.m.

Axtell Community School

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 1: PP @ D1-5 District Contest, 9 a.m.; JH QB @ Cambridge, 1 p.m.; JH WR @ Gibbon Invite, 4 p.m.; Jr Cats BB Skills Camp, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2: Winter Activity Pictures

Wednesday, Dec. 3: Ready to Stand Curriculum, 8 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4: JV Girls & Boys BB vs. Pleasanton, 4:30 p.m.; WR @ Pleasanton Duals, 5 p.m.; Girls BB vs. Pleasanton, 6 p.m.; Boys BB vs. Pleasanton, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec 5: Girls WR @ Southwest Invite, 11 a.m.; JV Boys & Girls BB @ Bertrand, 4:30 p.m.; Girls BB @ Bertrand, 6 p.m.; Boys BB @ Bertrand, 7:30 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, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 1: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Dec. 2: BREAKFAST: Stuffed hash browns; LUNCH: Meatball bowl

Wednesday, Dec. 3: BREAKFAST: Biscuits & gravy; LUNCH: Egg rolls, rice

Thursday, Dec. 4: BREAKFAST: Bagel; LUNCH: Beef stroganoff

Friday, Dec. 5: BREAKFAST: Ham & egg sandwich; LUNCH: Salisbury steak

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 1: NO SCHOOL; FBLA Dues due; District One Act, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Student Council meeting, 11:40 a.m.; JH WR @ Overton Invite, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3: 11th grade Transition Day, 8:30 a.m.; FBLA meeting, 11:40 a.m.; National Honor Society meeting, 11:40 a.m.; MTSS-A, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; FCA meeting 11:40 a.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB vs. Hi-Line, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5: Girls WR @ Southwest Invite, 11 a.m.; District Special Education meeting, 2:45 p.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB @ SEM, 4:30 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.

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Tuesday, Dec. 2: Breakfast casserole, salad & fruit
Wednesday, Dec. 3: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit & dessert
Thursday, Dec. 4: BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans & fruit
Friday, Dec. 5: Salmon patties, fried potatoes, beets, bread, fruit & dessert

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SPORTS

Whippet Football Program Announces Year End Honors

ROGER HANSEN

The 2025 Minden High School football program recently announced some year-end honors and some record-breaking performances.

Senior Luke Grollmes was named the special teams player of the year. He ended his Whippet punting career tops in single game average (54.5 yards, with one punt traveling 66 yards), season average (38.2 yds. per punt) and career average (35.9 yds. per punt).

Junior Caleb Schwenka was tabbed as the defensive player of the year and exhibited some rushing prowess with the school record for TDs in a game (6, vs. Holdrege) and points in a game (38, also vs. Holdrege). He piled up the 3rd most yards in single game rushing (254, again vs. Holdrege) and 4th in average yards per carry in a season (7.1)

Junior Evan Lutkemeier is tied for first in career pancake blocks (49--pretty good considering he was injured for half of this past season and has one year remaining).

Junior Cael Smith was picked as the offensive



LUKE GROLLMES

lineman of the year and had one more season to add to his standing at 4th in career pancake blocks (43).

Other honors: Parker Hatch (offensive player of the year), junior Kanin Heath (defensive lineman of the year) and Morgan Johnson (scout team player of the year).

Additionally, Matt Dixon and Matt Putnam won the NSAA sportsmanship award for Minden football.

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Lady Whippets Earn SWC for Volleyball

PHIL SERRONE

Honors for the All-SWC were announced recently with a trio of Lady Whippets earning spots on each team. Here are the teams:

First Team All-SWC:
Myla Emery - Minden
Carson Sundquist- Holdrege
Laney Caskey- Ogallala
Lindly Anderson- Gothenburg
Addison Slama- Ogallala
Alex Ervin- Ogallala
Gracie Johnson- Holdrege

Second Team All-SWC:
Aly Cederburg- Minden
Olivia Neely- Broken Bow
Addy Stutzman- Holdrege
Emersyn Propp- Cozad
Zoe Beveridge- Gothenburg
Hayden Shaw- McCook
Bailee Foster- McCook

Honorable Mention:
Rebecca Lempka- Minden
Grace Evert- Gothenburg
Halsey Thomalla- Gothenburg
Cali Crawford- McCook
Halle Quinn- Broken Bow
Emily Stutzman- Holdrege
Elle Pelster- Holdrege
Izabella Tibbs- Broken Bow
Shaydn Rasby- Ogallala
Whitney Regelin- Cozad

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Team Standings:

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Aurora Coop-Keene	30	26
Dobish Dumpsters	29.5	26.5
Upland Bar & Grill	29	27
Pony Express Ford	27.5	28.5
Larson Bros Construction	25	31
Skye's The Limit Salon	24	32
Platte River BBQ	23	33
High Individual Game: Deb Cavanaugh-Dorn, 200; Joyce Bestol, 176; Kasey Welch & Taylor Sikes, 174		
High Individual Series: Kasey Welch, 493; Deb Cavanaugh-Dorn, 491; Taylor Sikes, 467		
High Team Game: Upland Bar & Grill, 422; Larson Bros Construction, 416; Dobish Dumpsters, 406		
High Team Series: Upland Bar & Grill, 1204; Larson Bros Construction, 1176; Dobish Dumpsters, 1159		

Sunday Mixed 11-16-25

Team Standings:

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3 Chicks & A Stick	15	5
Flinstones	14	6
Lucky Dogs	10	10
Bowling Stones	9	11
Travelers	9	11
High Individual Game, Men: Randy Durand, 220; Cody Wyatt, 210; Marty Misek, 192		
High Individual Game, Women: Amber Misek, 185; Sheila Schoone, 167; Krissy Simon-ton, 161		
High Individual Series, Men: Randy Durand, 632; Cody Wyatt, 553; Will Wyatt, 507		
High Individual Series, Women: Amber Misek, 470; Haley Deyo, 448; Krissy Simonton, 437		
High Team Game: Flinstones, 656; Lucky Dogs, 580; 3 Chicks & A Stick, 580		
High Team Series: Flinstones, 1839; Lucky Dogs, 1722; 3 Chicks & A Stick, 1664		



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2025 Miss Christmas City Contestants

The 2025 Miss Christmas City Pageant will be held on Saturday, November 29th at 2:00 p.m. at the Minden Opera House. This is the fifth year for the Minden Community Players to put on this pageant production.

Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students K-12, and free for kids 4 years and under. Pageant Director is Erica Morey and Assistant Director is Dotti Gramke. Contestants will participate and be judged in three categories: interview, talent and evening gown.

The pageant event, open to the community, will consist of an opening dance number including the contestants' Little Snowflakes, talent competition, evening gown competition with the Little Snowflake serving as the contestant's escort, and crowning of the new Miss Christmas City. Contestant pictures are courtesy of Dotti Gramke Photography. This year's contestants are:

AMELIA TIRA



Amelia is the daughter of Jason and Desirae Tira. Amelia's Little Snowflake is Sophia Frank. Sophia is the daughter of Gary and Jordan Frank. Amelia has been involved in dance for 14 years where she has been a part of a competitive dance

team for five years. She has participated in band for six years where she started out playing the flute, but switched to the trumpet. She played volleyball when she was younger and did that for five years. She has participated in soccer, softball, track and field, play production, and cheerleading for three years. She has

served as co-captain of her cheer squad for one year. She has also been involved in FCCLA for two years and currently serves as Vice President. Through FCCLA, she has volunteered in Trick or Treating for canned goods and other volunteer opportunities. At her church, she volunteers in the nursery and has done that for several years. Through dance, she provided dance entertainment to residents of local nursing homes. This year, she volunteered at Salon Tira and handed out candy during the Chamber's Candy Crawl event. What Amelia enjoys most about living in Minden is all of the history and traditions that the community has.

BAILEY ALKIRE



Bailey is the daughter of Trevor and April Alkire. Her Little Snowflake is Harper Reeh, Daughter of Brandon and Kassie Reeh. Bailey has been involved in band for seven years, where she has been a section leader for two years. She has participated

in jazz band, speech, and play production for three years. She has been involved in FBLA for three years where she has served as a local officer for two years. She has been the girls wrestling student manager for two years. She has also been involved in FCCLA, choir, jazz choir, show choir, book club, MW club, and student council for one year. Bailey has been a volunteer actor for many Minden Community Players productions as well as been an actor in the Missoula Children's Theater productions. She has helped coach and manage the middle school girls wrestling team, and has been a part of the Minden Community Choir. What Bailey enjoys about living in Minden is how small the community is. She loves knowing all of the wonderful people in the town.

The family of John Maxon would like to say "Thank You"

to everyone who touched John's life during these difficult past 20 months. John's cancer treatment was blessed by the care of wonderful people at Kearney County Health Services, Mary Lanning Hospital, University of NE Medical Center, Morrison Cancer Center, and Tabitha Hospice. We extend a special thanks to the staff of Craig Funeral Home.

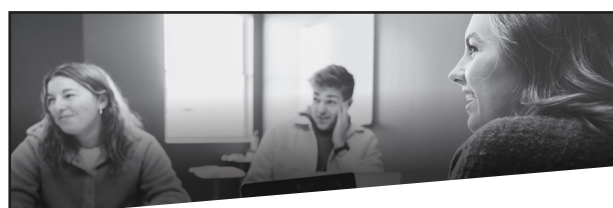
A special thank you goes out to all of his coworkers and customers at Boogaarts in Kearney. Everyone respected, cared for, and looked out for John when he was not able to fulfill his work schedule but did his best to be there. We would also like to thank all of our customers at our family business, Auto Way Bowl.



You all continually asked, cared, and prayed for him and we so appreciate you all. And last, we would like to thank all our family and friends and everyone who brought food or sent a memorial. We are so grateful to be blessed by so many people.

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KASSANDRA FETTEROLF



Kassandra is the daughter of Bryan Fetterolf and Brittany Everett. Kassandra's Little Snowflake is Aubree Murphy, Daughter of Kylie Murphy. Kassandra has participated in dance for one year. She has been in band for five years and plans on

continuing being in band into her senior year. Kassandra has been a member of the FFA for two years and has been on the Lady Whippet wrestling team for three years. Kassandra is currently a dance assistant for the Dance Works dance company in Kearney. She really enjoys helping the little dancers learn their routines. One thing that Kassandra enjoys about living in Minden is how small it is and all of the friends she has made in this community.

ASHLYN ZERR



Ashlyn is the daughter of Jeff and Kayla Zerr. Ashlyn's Little Snowflake is her sister Hal-lynn. Ashlyn has been involved in Girl Scouts for 12 years. She has participated in girls wrestling for seven years, where she has been a part of club wrestling, middle school

wrestling, and high school wrestling. She has also been a part of the Quiz Bowl team for five years. Through Girl Scouts, Ashlyn has been able to give back to her community and others. She donated cookies to military service members, has sent Christmas presents to those in need, helped freshen up the local disc golf course, and helped create a fun painted activity path on the sidewalk for all to enjoy at the local library. She also completed an INTERACT project where she re-painted the free little pantry. What she enjoys about being a part of the Minden community is how friendly the people are and the opportunities she gets to experience in Minden.

AUTUMN JOHNSON



Autumn is the daughter of Robert and Crystal Johnson. Autumn's Little Snowflake is Stella Reeh, Daughter of Brandon and Kassie Reeh. Autumn has been involved in girls wrestling for three years. She has also been a part of FBLA and play production

for three years. She has participated in show choir, jazz choir, jazz band, community choir, book club, and FCCLA for one year. Autumn has been a volunteer actor for a few Minden Community Players productions. She has helped coach in club wrestling for a few years. She has also volunteered for the Light of the World Christmas pageant, and has provided dance entertainment for residents of local nursing homes. This year, Autumn enjoyed volunteering and passing out candy to the kids at the Chamber's Candy Crawl event. What Autumn enjoys about living in Minden is how friendly the community is. She is also deeply connected to Minden as her grandpa, mom

and uncle were born and raised in this wonderful town.

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Country Music Star and TV Host Lucas Hoge and Annual Family “Polar Express” Event Returns to the Minden Opera House

PRESS RELEASE

(Minden, Nebraska) No. 1 Billboard-charting artist Lucas Hoge first came to the Minden Opera House nearly 10 years ago, performing just a few miles down the road from his hometown of Hubbell, Nebraska. He returns for his third performance at MOH on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are just \$25. The event is sponsored by Y102 and Exmark.

Hoge can craft a song, cast a line, or call in a turkey in front of a film crew - all while holding an audience's attention on stage when performing. As a warm, engaging television host on hit Sportsman Channel, Heartland Network, and American Country Network show Hoge Wild, Hoge finds himself in over 155 million households annually, taking viewers across the globe as he travels to places like New Zealand, Bolivia, South Africa, and uncharted territory in North America. Season 5 began airing in June 2024 and, in the first four months, was already

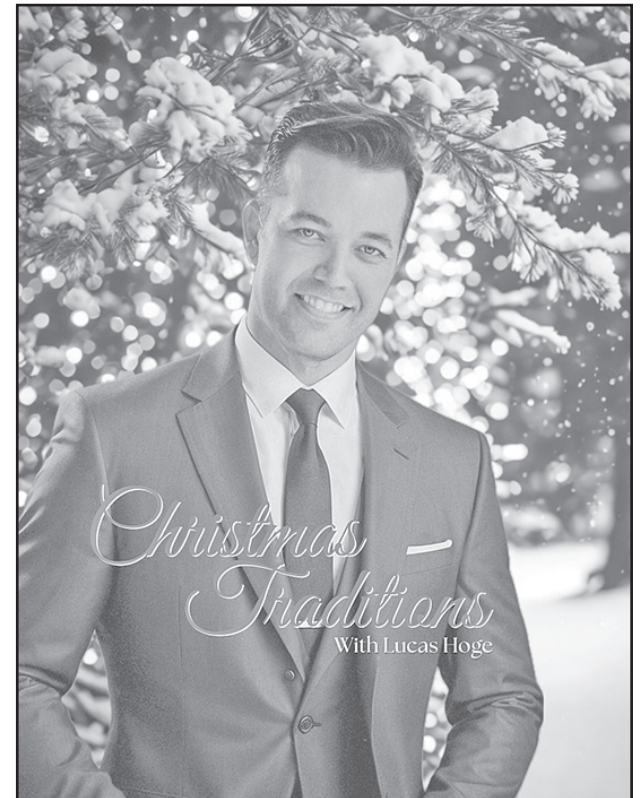
seen over 10 million minutes viewed.

While COVID pandemic provided an unprecedented struggle for most, Hoge dominated the world of live streaming, while simultaneously growing and engaging his fan base with weekly virtual concerts. He consistently amassed audience numbers in the Top Ten on Pollstar's Weekly Livestream Chart alongside hit artists like DMX, Snoop Dogg, Luke Combs, BTS and more. In 2020, Hoge pulled in over 2.5M views on Facebook alone - only besting that number in 2021 with over 3M views.

Accolades aside, what makes Hoge truly unique is his drive to connect with people from all walks of life, which permeates everything he does. A tireless humanitarian, Hoge loves animals and is a passionate supporter of the U.S. military, performing for troops throughout the Middle East and beyond for more than 13 years as a part of the Wrangler National Patriot Tour.

His relentless creative spirit, abundance of Midwestern charm, and unmatched work ethic set the stage for a successful 2025 as Hoge prepares for the release of Book About Me - his first, full-length album since his ascent to No. 1 on Billboard. The project highlights different aspects of Hoge's upbringing in a small farm town. The stripped, pedal steel-laced lead single from Book About Me, "When A Cowboy Prays," features actor Forrie Smith from hit Paramount show Yellowstone and pairs Hoge's famous baritone vocals and Smith's husky narration to dig into the throughline of faith in the cowboy culture. Co-written by Hoge with Justin Lantz and produced by Forest Glen Whitehead, "When A Cowboy Prays" was inspired by Hoge's small-town beliefs and his faith.

On Sunday, December 21, The Opera House will bring back its annual "Polar Express" Storytelling and Movie Family Event. The storytelling will begin



at 6:00 pm. Adult tickets are \$8, and children 8 and under are just \$3. The annual event begins with the reading of the "Polar Express" book. At the conclusion of the storytelling, cookies & hot chocolate are served (along with a special appearance by Santa Claus) with the feature film following the refreshments. The event is geared toward families with children ages 4th grade and under, but all are welcome. Children are welcome to bring their pillows and come dressed in their pajamas for this magical Christmas event. Please note that most seating is on the theater floor. This event is sponsored by the Alma Lux Family.

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

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Eighty Years Ago — 1945

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One of the largest crowds to ever attend an Armistice Day celebration surrounded the square as well as lined the streets from the Farmers' Union store to the Nichol Hotel.

Information was being sent to senior citizens concerning the new Medicare program. Cost of participation in the medical insurance program was scheduled to be \$3 per month.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Dedication services were held for the new educational unit of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Axtell. The dedication service was led by the Rev. Lauren Youngdale and the Rev. Sabin Swensen, president of the Nebraska Conference.

Senator Carl Curtis was one of the 11-man delegation from the United States who spent a week in London as guests of the British Parliament.

Work started on a basement under the sanctuary of the First Christian Church building. Plans were for a 25 by 55 foot room with a stage at the east end.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

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Mrs. C.R. Logelin was the October winner from Molly McKay for her prize-winning entry, "Pumpkin Chiffon Dessert." Molly McKay was sponsored by Don Thomsen, owner of Tommy's Gas and Electric Store.

Clinton Peterson was among 54 Nebraska breeders of Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn who were awarded a 50-year plaque at a banquet held in Columbus.

Fifth graders at the C.L. Jones School commemorated the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving by reading original poetry and performing an original play depicting the life of the Pilgrims from religious persecution in England to the first Thanksgiving feast.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Heavy snow accompanied by strong gusty winds crushed and splintered the four Christmas-pageant stables on the four sides of the courthouse. The stables, built and painted in the 1950s, had stood up under many other adverse weather conditions, but this year it appeared replacements would be necessary.

Donald Gardner reported that volleyball letter winners were Mary Beth Johnson, Lynn Miller, Tammy DeLaet, Tammy Kuehn, Janelle Choquette and Lanette Gardner.

Sales of E and H Savings Bonds during the first nine months in Kearney County totaled \$305,912.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

Kearney County Attorney Douglas Kristensen announced the formation of the Kearney County Juvenile Diversion Program.

Elected to the board of directors of the Minden Chamber of Commerce were John Albers, Mike Casey, Jim Glenn and Marvin Mangers. Retiring board members were Tim Beck, Harold Christ, LeRoy Etzelmiller and Dr. Bob Etzelmiller.

A ribbon cutting was held at the Beauty Gallery with Marjorie Lehmkuhl as owner.

Mary Lou Kristensen was recognized for 25 years of service to the Minden Public Schools.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

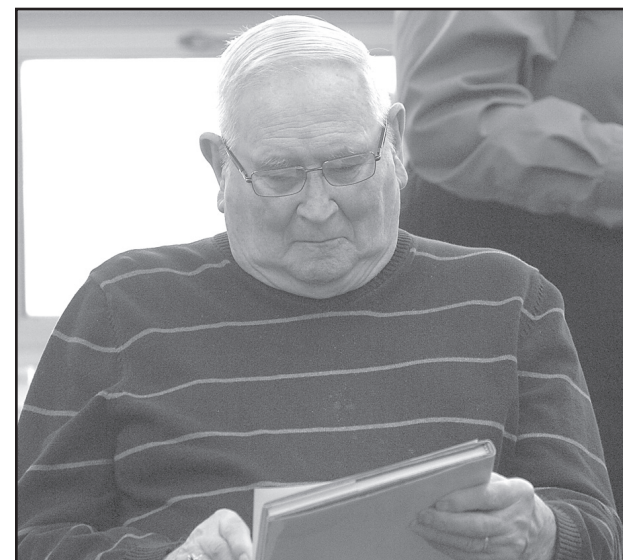
The city of Minden was chosen as a Lied Main Street Community. The program provided Minden with an opportunity to revitalize its main street districts through economic development and historic preservation.

The Kearney County Board of Supervisors approved purchasing a recorder which would record all conversations between callers and the dispatchers and a call check device would allow instant replay of 911 calls.

Continuing construction of a new fellowship hall at the Bethany Lutheran Church near Axtell caused the church to cancel the annual Santa Lucia Festival.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

Members of Minden High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) sold concessions during the November methamphetamine awareness forum to raise funds to donate toward the purchase of a new drug



2015 — Long Term Care held a Veteran's Day celebration on November 11 to honor their resident servicemen. Dick Remington was presented with "Korea Reborn" for his time in the Korean War during a Veterans Day celebration at Long Term Care. Joe Luz explained the book's significance before presenting it to Remington.

dog for the Minden Police Department.

Members of the Minden High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) participated in the 42nd annual Arc of Buffalo County's Honey Sunday drive. Volunteers went door to door seeking donations in exchange for a 12 ounce honey bear, with those purchasing the honey having the option to donate the honey to the local food bank.

Wilcox-Hildreth Elementary School celebrated National Young Readers Day by inviting two local guest readers into each classroom. Readers entertained students with a favorite storybook and then related how reading is important in their own lives.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

A ground breaking ceremony was held in Wilcox for the new Agriculture Education and FFA building. Getting to the ground breaking stage took years of fundraising, hard work, and a close working relationship between the school board, building committee, and students.

Minden High School sent eight high school students to the Hispanic/Latino Education Summit in Kearney. The purpose of the summit is to bring tomorrow's leaders together to learn about higher education. Minden students attending the summit included Miguel Aranda, Cesar Gonzalez, Maria Gonzalez, Rodrigo Jauregui, Valeria Uribe, Leobardo Iniguez, Alexis Ciprian, and Lizeth Gonzalez.

Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson visited with Minden High School students in the morning before having a noon luncheon with the Minden Optimist Club and community members at El Agave. Peterson spoke to the MHS seniors about his job responsibilities, certain scenarios regarding position, and about the constitution of the United States.



Kearney County Extension News

By Jason Tuller

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Associate
Extension Educator — RPN

Let's make a law! We need a new city ordinance! More than likely, you commit a crime every day. There are so many federal, state, and local laws on the books that we probably all break a law every day. We are lucky that they aren't enforced.

Instead of making a new law or ordinance every time that a government wants change, why don't they look for more creative ways to get people to comply. If the change the government wants is so compelling, why not make the case and let the people decide. A new law or ordinance is a lazy but quick way to get compliance.

Instead of making a law, why doesn't a government work on something such as education. They could work with the schools to educate children in the new change, or they could work with Nebraska Extension for some adult education. Over the long term, perhaps education is a better plan. As these people move to different communities that education and change of behavior could be grown into a bigger movement.

The city of Imperial decided to follow the hard path several decades ago and became a leader in community recycling. The city government wanted people to increase their recycling. They didn't pass a law that said people must recycle. They developed a brand-new system to encourage recycling. They developed a 24/7 recycling center and invested city staff time into finding a market for the recyclables. Then they provided an incentive for the citizens to recycle. Instead of requiring everyone to pay for trash pickup every week, they implemented a sticker system. If your garbage can was full, you go to the city office and buy a sticker. Then you place that sticker on your garbage can to have the garbage picked up. Thus, if you recycle and only have one can of garbage per month, you pay for one sticker. If you choose not to recycle then you pay for 4-5 stickers per month to have your garbage taken care of. It is a simple system developed to encourage and encourage recycling. Trust me, it was weird and took some getting used to, but the whole family got involved and enjoyed recycling.

What are some things in your community that could be improved without needing new ordinances. It takes some creative thinking. Perhaps your community wants to have nuisances cleaned up. What is a creative way to have them cleaned up without a nuisance program. (Full disclosure, I am an advocate of nuisance programs, especially those run by organizations that are outside your community, they are much less politically driven.) Or maybe your issue is water usage. Is there a way to encourage people to use less water? What about encouraging rain barrels? Perhaps it is time for the city to invest in water meters or change rates that provide lower water rates for those who use less water, and then increasing rates as people use more water. This would incentivize customers to use water sparingly on their lawns and gardens.

Making new laws and ordinances should only be one tool that a government uses to enact behavior change in their communities. There should be many other tools used by government to enact the changes that they desire. One other tool is to get the community involved. It is easy to sit in the proverbial white tower and decide what everyone else should be doing. It is much more difficult to work with community members to see what they desire and to find out how they would like to make those changes. That's why Rural Prosperity Nebraska has a couple of programs that help with community engagement. Marketing Hometown America is a program in which Extension trains community members in the program and then lets the community run with the program. Entrepreneurial Community Activation Process or ECAP, focuses on a community survey and then Extension Educators lead the community

through a process to figure out what items to tackle and develop teams to tackle the selected issues.

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.

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Sunday, Nov. 30: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship after worship services; Sunday School, 11 a.m.

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616 33 Road
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 30: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.

Communion served 2nd Monday each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic

628 N. Garber
Father Evan Winter

Saturday, Nov. 29: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Nov. 30: 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, Nov. 28: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29: Christmas Parade, 5 p.m.; Light of the World Pageant, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30: Bible

Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee & Cookies, 11:15 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 5: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.
Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 30: Worship, 10 a.m.; Confirmation, 11:15 a.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian
109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Saturday, Nov. 29: Rotary Pancake Feed, 8 a.m.; 5K Elf Run, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30: Worship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; Community Choir Practice, 4 p.m.; Communion 1st Sundays

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran

102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 30: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist
203 S. Sapp St.
Candance Miller, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 30: 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, Nov. 30: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays: Awana & Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

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For the Record

Kearney County District Court

State vs. Desiray L. Skrdlant, Minden; felony-bind over, possess controlled substance; 11-14-25

State vs. Desiray L. Skrdlant, Minden; felony-bind over, COUNT I: burglary; COUNT II: possess burglar's tools; 11-14-25

State vs. Desiray L. Skrdlant, Minden; felony-bind over, COUNT I: possess deadly weapon while commit felony; COUNT II: possess controlled substance; 11-14-25

Kearney County County Court

Gerald S. Uhrich, Holdrege, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 9-24-25

Dwayne W. Johnson, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 10-9-25

Mark McKinnon, Maricopa, Arizona, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State

Patrol Officer Margritz, 10-25-25

Michael S. Ortiz, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 10-17-25

Jasmine Palacios, Aurora, Colorado, no operator's license/waiverable, fine \$75, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 11-8-25

Gerardo Serrano Torres, Heartwell, DUI-15+, fine \$500, 12 months probation, 1 year revoked license, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 3-1-25

Minden Fire & Rescue

11-14-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home for someone who had difficulty breathing.

11-18-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 2nd Street for someone who had difficulty breathing.

11-18-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to W. Sycamore for someone who had

difficulty breathing.

11-19-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home for an unresponsive but breathing patient.

Kearney County Sheriff

11-13-25, A vehicle driven by Shani R. Bundy-Hoffman, Minden, was northbound on Highway 44 when it collided with a deer. Estimated damage: \$3,000.

11-14-25, A vehicle driven by Andrew Burke, Kearney, was heading south on Highway 44 when it struck a deer. Estimated damage: \$9,000.

11-15-25, A vehicle driven by Abigail A. Hull, Minden, was going south on Highway 10 when it struck a deer. Estimated damage: \$6,000.

11-15-25, A vehicle driven by James T. Rose, Agra, Kansas, was heading south on Highway 44 when it struck a deer. Estimated damage: \$3,000.

MINDEN – THE CHRISTMAS CITY
Nov. 29th – Saturday
–Christmas City Festival –

- Christmas City 5K–
(8:30am register) – Presbyterian Church
- Rotary Club Pancake Feed–
(8am–Noon) – Presbyterian Church
- Meet Santa–
(8am– 10am) – Presbyterian Church
- Small Business Saturday–
- Miss Christmas City Pageant–
(2pm–4pm) – Minden Opera House
- Lighted Christmas Parade–
(5:15pm) – Downtown Square
- Light of the World Pageant–
(6:30pm) – Downtown Square
- Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes –
After the pageant at Cozy Corner Christmas Store

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

**WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC
SCHOOL BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 17,
2025 - 7:00 PM**

**POSTING LOCATIONS:
MINDEN COURIER
POSTING DATE: 11/6/2025
FRANKLIN CHRONICLE
POSTING DATE: 11/5/2025
CONFERENCE ROOM-
WILCOX 404 SAPP STREET
WILCOX, NE 68982-0190**

1. Call to Order. Roll Call. 2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act. 2.A. Pledge. 3. Consent Agenda. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Absent. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. 3.A. Approval of Agenda. 3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular October 20, 2025 Board Meeting. 3.C. Approval of Claims. 3.D. Financial Report. 4. Visitors and communication from the public. No members of the public were present. 5. Action Items. 5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve a \$25,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Special Building Fund. Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve a \$25,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Special Building Fund. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Absent. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. 5.B. Approve the bid from Thomas to purchase a new route bus.

Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Kirk Nelson, to approve the bid from Thomas to purchase a new route bus. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Abstain (Without Conflict), Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Absent. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1. 5.C. Approve the Superintendent Evaluation Summary. Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Summary. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 6. Discussion Items. 6.A. Franklin Covey- Executive Coaching Sessions for the Administration Team. 6.B. Schedule a Board retreat with the NASB and review possible topics. 6.C. Negotiation Committee- schedule a meeting with WHEA. 6.D. Review the findings of the 2024-2025 financial audit. 6.E. Strategic Plan Update. 7. Administrator Report. 7.A.

Superintendent Report. Superintendent Patterson Reported on: 1. School Finance Updates. 2. Water Intrusion Project. 3. Negotiations Update. 4. Scheduling a board retreat in the spring and subjects to discuss. 7.B. Principal Report. Principal Glenn Reported: Attendance Bashes. Updated Device Numbers. One Act Performance, And Upcoming District Competition. Veterans Day Program. 8. Next Board Meeting: 8:00am Monday, December 15, 2025 in the Wilcox Conference Room. 9. Adjourn. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to adjourn meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND: Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 491.71; Apptegy, 6,136.00; Axtell Community School, 75.00; Benjamin's Landscaping, 275.00; Black Hills Energy, 2,367.79; BTS Communications, Phone Vendor, 54.00; Central Nebraska Truck and Trailer Repair LLC, 3,057.10; Classic Spa & Tub Co., Pool Repair & Supplies, 2,465.68;

Clearly, 97.25; Cooperative Producers Inc, 5,205.84; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, E-Rate/Charter, 3,885.90; Demco, 61.92; Eakes Office Solutions, 471.10; Esu #10, 100.00; Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C., 98.00; Franklin County Chronicle, 187.87; Fritz's Market, 76.03; Furby's Plumbing, 780.00; Great Plains Communications, 302.20; Hance, Carolyn, 338.26; HD Supply, 742.07; Hometown Leasing, Copy Machine Lease Com-

pany, 894.00; J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc., 36.00; Kat's Korner Market, 95.99; Kidwell, Inc, 10,000.00; KSB School Law, 1,172.00; Larsen's Ace Hardware, 157.11; Masters True Value, 135.95; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 107.89; Mid-America Concrete Surfacing LLC, 1,409.15; NCS Pearson, Inc, 220.00; Nebraska FFA Association, 40.00; OVER-HEAD DOORS OF KEARNEY, 243.00; Protex Central, Inc., 170.00; Quadient Leasing, USA, Inc., 474.37; S & W Auto Parts, 224.99; Syndicate

Publishing, Newspaper, 96.53; Time Management Systems, 2,169.00; Village Of Hildreth, 2,123.80; Village Of Wilcox, 2,916.18; VISA, 1,009.61; Wage Works, 144.50; Walmart, 156.33; Weides Water LLC, 18,700.00; White Auto Glass Inc, 175.00; Woodward's Disposal Service, 55.00; Yanda's Music And Pro Audio, 73.00; Fund Number 01: 70,268.12; Checking Account ID 1: 70,268.12. Nov 27, 2025 (181) nnez

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids for one (1) new 2025 or newer, tandem axle dump truck with 1,000 miles or less with snowplow and hydraulic tailspin sander. Bids will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025, in the Commissioners Room of the Kearney County Courthouse.

All bids must be Sealed and clearly marked DUMP TRUCK BID - 2025

All bids must be received by December 2nd, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Kearney County Clerk's Office

Kearney County Courthouse

PO Box 339

424 N Colorado Ave

Minden, NE 68959

Kearney County will offer for trade:

• 1999 Kenworth T800 Dump Truck SN # INKD-LA9X8XR821110

Interested bidders may contact Joseph Anderson, Kearney County Road Superintendent, in person or by phone at the Kearney County Road Department Office, 1124 East 9th Minden, NE or at (308) 832-2854. The Kearney County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By Order of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners

Nov 13, 2025

Nov 20, 2025

Nov 27, 2025

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NOTICE

CITY OF MINDEN

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of the City

of Minden, Nebraska, met on November 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chambers, pursuant to advance notice of said meeting simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Council and to the public as shown by the copy thereof posted in the Minden City Hall, Outside the Minden City Hall, First Bank & Trust Co., Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., and the Post Office. A copy of the notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Council Members Present: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. City Officials Present: Olson, Evans, Krings, and Jordan. Approved Bills and Claims: 7aa Investments--Supplies \$192.95, Axon Enterprise Inc--Vehicle \$8,728.96, Baylor Evnen Wolfe, & Tannehill, Llp--Legal \$552.50, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$138.01, Capital One--Supplies \$5,285.68, C. Bryant--Infrastructure Repair \$180.00, Core & Main Lp--Supplies \$1,572.44, D. Vitito--Uniforms \$302.79, Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$1,000.00, Dowhy Towing & Recovery Llc--Fees \$265.76, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$74.77, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs \$3,523.00, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr--Fees \$1,309.25, Ke Co Treasurer--Fees \$6,033.33, Kearney County Clerk--Fees \$10.00, League Association Of Risk Management--Insurance \$304.51, Menards Of Kearney--Supplies \$396.29, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C--Financing \$6,050.40, Minden Utility Dept.--Utilities \$2,634.17, Ne Law Enforcement Training Ct--Training \$175.00, Nphe--Fees \$988.00, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering \$1,374.99, Platte Valley

Laboratories, Inc--Chemical \$235.00, Pony Express Ford--Repairs \$762.15, Presto X Co--Maintenance \$170.28, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$13,650.00, Sign Center Inc--Infrastructure Repair \$6,371.63, S. Plank--Fuel \$29.40, S. Campbell--Cleaning \$288.90, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C.--Fees \$13.91, The Lockmobile Inc--Supplies \$31.79, United States Postal Service--Fees \$689.08, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet \$839.48, Village Cleaners Inc--Uniforms \$50.12, Woodward Disposal--Fees \$32.50, 10-31-25 Payroll \$71,126.51. Items Approved: Consent Agenda--Schneider motioned to approve the consent agenda. Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the year-end certification of the City Street Superintendent-- Yant motioned to approve Resolution 1827 Authorizing the Mayor & Street Superintendent to Sign the 2025 Year-End Certification of Street Superintendent and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Setting a hearing for possible condemnation of the property at the SW corner of Colorado Avenue and Highway 6/34, Minden, NE-- Schneider motioned to set a condemnation hearing on December 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for the property located on the SW Corner of Colorado Avenue and Highways 6/34 owned by Uptown Grain, L.L.C. and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Ordinance for the creation of a Clean Energy Assessment District and repealing Ordinance No. 1305. Schneider intro-

duced Ordinance No. 1311 which repeals Ordinance No. 1305 for its first reading. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Bunger motioned to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 1311 and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Yant motioned to Repeal Ordinance 1305 and adopt Ordinance No. 1311 by title and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Selling/Vending per Minden Municipal Code Sec. 58-1 on Friday, November 14, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the 300 block of E 5th Street eastbound and westbound-- Schneider motioned to Approve the Selling/Vending per Minden Municipal Code Sec. 58-1 on Friday, November 14, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on the 300 block of E 5th Street eastbound and westbound and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Non-Action Items: Council Announcements. Public Forum. Report from Development Services Director regarding the Vacant Property Registry. Discussion on sanitation rates. Discussion on potential street improvements. Discussion on ATV's, UTV's, Golf Carts and E-Bikes on City Streets. Public Hearing to establish a Clean Energy Assessment District for owners of qualifying property to access Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing for energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy improvements to property located within the PACE district boundaries. Discussion on police officer compensation for the recruiting new police officers. Bunger

motioned to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider.

Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
A complete transcript of the council minutes is available at the City Clerk's office and online at minden-nebraska.org.

Nov 27, 2025

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF LEE ISLA MAE WOMMER, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR25-36

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 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 William K. Wommer, whose address is 1714 R Road, Minden, Nebraska 68959, 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 January 28, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiasen

Registrar

Kearney County Court
Kearney County Courthouse
Minden, Nebraska 68959
Carson K. Messersmith
#27365

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Nov 27, 2025

Dec 4, 2025

Dec 11, 2025

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NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes

Kearney County Clerk

Nov 27, 2025

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Kearney County Joint Planning Commission will be held the 1st day of December 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska. Questions or comments may be directed to the County Zoning Administrator's Office at 308-830-0589. An agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Zoning Administrator. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

Craig Lupkes

Zoning Administrator

11/20/2025

Nov 27, 2025

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NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
KEARNEY COUNTY,
NEBRASKA NOVEMBER 18,
2025 - 9:30AM

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held November 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jeff England, James Miller, Robert Swanson, Nathan Avery and Heath Hofstetter. Absent was Jason Sinsel. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy Superintendent., Scott White Co. Sheriff, Melodie Bellamy Co Attorney, Craig Lupkes Planning and Zoning Admin. and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. The Board of Commissioners took the following action: Approved minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting on November 4, 2025. Approved Bills and Claims. Held a Public Comment. No one spoke. Held a Public Hearing from 9:35 am to 9:45 am on a Special use Permit for Fort Kearny Consolidated for roller compacted concrete at N ½ 5-7-14, 1818 32 Rd. The permit was approved. Held a Public Hearing from 9:45 am to 10:00 am on a Special use Permit for Fort Kearny Consolidated to construct an anaerobic digester at NW ¼ 7-7-14 ex tract 138.8 ac from the corner of 33 Rd and S Rd 1/8 mile east on the south side. The permit was approved. Met with Katie Mulligan from Two Rivers Health department

for an Update. Met with Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt. to set date for bid openings. 40 Rd overlay project. At 10:00 a.m. December 16, 2025. Approved Resolution to change Road Classification from Min. Maint. to Local Rd at E Rd located between 26 Rd and 27 Rd. Met with Joe Anderson Hwy Supt. to discuss moving the motor grader shed in Wilcox, the matter was tabled until future meeting. Postponed Resolution for Sale of Property presented by Melodie Bellamy Co. Attorney to be addressed at a future meeting, to allow for research into the properties involved. The Board recessed at 11:20 am. Reconvened at 1:00 pm for Clerk of the District Court interviews. Adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.
/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman
Kearney County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST:
/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk
GENERAL FUND: AT & T, Sv, \$429.64; Anderson Ford of Lincoln, Vehicle, 45,662.00; Bethany Home, Sv, 1,695.00; Buffalo Co Sheriff, Sv, 65.12; Comm Action Ptnrshp of Mid-Ne, Bus, 1,413.55; Dier, Osborn, Cox, Sv, 162.00; Digital-Ally, Sv, 795.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Su, 488.23; Logan Ellis, Elec, 288.75; Fifth Street Printing, Su, 207.54; First Concord Ben Grp, Deduct, 153.00; Google, Sv, 920.59; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 138.35; Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease, 210.51; Kearney Co Court, Sv, 83.00; Kearney Co Public Defender, Nov Expenses, 646.87; Kearney Co Rd & Bridge Fund, Cash Trans, 54,000.00; Kearney Co Rd Dept, Fuel, 1,753.10; Kearney Co Sheriff's Fund, Sv, 19.50; Kearney Towing & Repair Center, Sv, 249.00; Klein,

Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith, Sv, 2,461.00; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz, Sv, 2,040.50; Mason's Market, Su, 71.22; Midwest Meat Co, Emp Apprec, 9,600.00; Minden Hrdwr, Su, 94.26; Minden Lawn & Sprinkler, Sv, 625.00; MIPS, Sv, 3,151.94; Ne Assoc of Co Ofc, Reg, 160.00; Nelson Law, Sv, 3,380.72; NE Ne Juvenile Sv, Sv, 6,328.75; Nancy Osterbuhr, Elec, 288.75; Phelps Co Sheriff's Ofc, Sv, 18.50; Physicians Laboratory, Sv, 2,875.00; Quality Sound & Comm, Cont Renew, 378.00; Quill Corp, Su, 791.39; Gregory F. Smolik, Elec, 288.75; Soarin Grp, Sv, 1,989.00; State of Ne, Sv, 150.00; Brent Stewart, Sv, 500.87; Mary M. Stewart, Elec, 288.75; Thomas Stewart, Attny at Law, Sv, 1,389.81; Syndicate Publish, Pub, 188.42; Thomas Reuters-West Publish, Sv, 1,392.00; Tri County Glass, Sv, 627.50; Verizon, Sv, 102.02; Scott K. White, Co Sheriff, Fuel, 47.00; TOTAL \$148,609.90. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: American Textile Mills, Su, 486.45; Bosselman Energy, Diesel, 23,026.44; Carquest/Landmark Implement, Parts, 236.95; Construction Rental, Su, 180.00; Filtercare of Ne, Su, 170.80; Jim's OK Tire, Su, 510.00; Kearney Co Health Svcs, Sv, 35.00; Lawson Products, Su, 330.00; Mason's Market, Su, 6.99; Minden Hrdwr, Su, 53.93; MIPS, Sv, 124.16; NAPA Auto Parts, Parts, 128.00; Spracklin Chiropractic, Sv, 45.00; Syndicate Publish, Pub, 126.30; Van Diest Supply, Sv, 500.00; TOTAL 25,960.02. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Berggren Architects, Sv, 15,304.25; TOTAL 15,304.25. JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND: Healthy Horizons Counseling, Sv, 400.00; Verizon, Phone, 39.94; Morgan Wicht, Mile, 168.48; TOTAL 608.42. CEN-

TRAL COMMUNICATIONS FUND: First Concord Ben Grp, Deduct, 495.32; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 197.53; Nebraska Tech & Telecomm, Sv, 671.78; Platte Valley Comm, Su, 325.00; TOTAL \$1,689.63.
Nov 27, 2025
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NOTICE
AXTELL COMMUNITY
SCHOOL BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD
MEETING SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2025
LIBRARY

The Axtell Community School Board of Education met on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 8:30 AM for a special board meeting. The agenda was posted in the Minden Courier. The meeting started with roll call and request for public comment. The board met with NRCSA and selected committee members to interview the candidates for the vacant superintendent position for the 2026-27 school year. Candidates selected to be interviewed were, Dr. Jason Sutton, Mr. Ben Jones, Dr. Chelsea Feusner, and Mr. Mark Jolliffe. The candidates went through a series of interviews with the committees. The school board then met with the committees to discuss the candidates. Guided by NRCSA, the school board decided to extend an offer to Dr. Chelsea Feusner as Axtell Community Schools superintendent for the 2026-27 school year. Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Almquist and seconded by Bette Dimon at 4:48 PM. Next school board meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM.
Nov 27, 2025
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NOTICE
The Axtell Village Board met Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 in the Axtell meeting room for their regular monthly meeting. Upon roll call the following were present: Eric Gustafson, Marcus Anderson, Linda Soderquist, Landon Walz and Utility Supt. Jason Stoddard. Ryan Bucher was absent. Chairman Gustafson opened the meeting under the open meetings act and read the public forum statement. Motion by Anderson, second by Walz to approve October 6, 2025 minutes. Passed unanimously. Motion by Walz, second Soderquist to approve October 31, 2025 treasurers report. Passed unanimously. The board discussed the possibility of someone adding a garage with apartment above to their current lot. The board agreed that since it was a double lot, that maybe a lot split could be done to avoid having two single homes on one lot. Item tabled. The clerk informed the board that a request had been made by the County Attorney to forgive the lien placed on 508 W. 4th in the amount of \$10,975.00. The board had some questions on partial release and who gets the proceeds from the sale. No action at this time. Motion by Anderson, second Walz to approve Shannon Sis building permit. Passed unanimously. Motion by Anderson, second Soderquist to approve Chase Wright building permit. Passed unanimously. Motion by Soderquist, second Walz to approve Julie Stepanek building permit. Passed unanimously. Motion by Walz, second Soderquist to approve Jimmy

Huffman building permit. Passed unanimously. Jason then gave his monthly maintenance report. Motion by Soderquist, second Anderson to approve monthly claims. Passed unanimously. Motion by Walz, second Anderson to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2025. Bills approved: Salaries 9,270.13, Groothuis Services 300.00, Cal Johnson 30.00, CSL 1,074.06, Municipal Supply 58.80, South Central Sanitation 6,884.88, Black Hills 48.27, BOKF 96,702.50, Chase 52.43, Dana Cole 900.00, Grand Kubota 3,696.15, Masters True Value 10,020.99, Menards 2,281.96, Minden Courier 65.00, Minden Hardware 16.99, NE DWEE 115.00, NE municipal clerks 50.00, NT&T 305.23, One Call 43.29, Quill 193.95, SPPD 2,994.00, Spectrum 180.00, 50.00 & 57.24.
Nov 27, 2025
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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Two Rivers Public Health Department will be holding its regular bimonthly meeting beginning at 6:00 pm December 2, 2025. The meeting will be held virtually with the option of being in person at 516 W 11th Street Kearney, NE. Access trphd.ne.gov to find the meeting link. The agenda for this meeting is kept current and available for public inspection at Two Rivers Public Health Department; the agenda may be modified at this meeting.
-s- Jeremy Eschliman
Health Director
888-669-7154
Nov 27, 2025
(22) znez

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF RACHEL JOSEPHINE ADAMS, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 25-35

Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 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 Jana Renee Adams, whose address is 524 E. 8th Street, Cozad, Nebraska 69130, was informally appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 13, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen
Registrar of the County
Court
P.O. Box 377

Minden, Nebraska 68959

Nov 13, 2025
Nov 20, 2025
Nov 27, 2025
(29) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 2nd day of December 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Minden of Kearney County Nebraska, located at 424 N. Colorado Ave. The purpose of hearing public comments regarding the following application for an Administrative Subdivision:

Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative

Subdivision application made by Warren Eckloff, an administrative subdivision further described as: A tract of land being part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4) of Section Five (5), Township Six (6) North, Range Sixteen (16) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Kearney County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Referring to the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 5 and assuming the East line of said Northeast 1/4 as bearing S 00°34'45" W and all bearings contained herein are relative thereto; thence S 00°34'45" W on the aforesaid East line a distance of 1,107.15 feet to the ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S 00°34'45" W on the afore described course a distance of 435.87 feet; thence N 81°21'16" W a distance of 661.98 feet; thence N 03°13'19" W a distance of 159.03 feet; thence N 59°25'05" E a distance of 128.72 feet; thence N 17°40'24" E a distance of 90.85 feet; thence N 40°47'15" E a distance of 29.79 feet; thence N 80°06'29" E a distance of 55.81 feet; thence S 89°09'54" E a distance of 455.02 feet to the place of beginning to divide off a parcel of land to sell.

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

may be directed to the Zoning Administrator Office at (308)830-0589.

Craig Lupkes
Zoning Administrator
November 10, 2025

Nov 20, 2025
Nov 27, 2025
(87) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: SARAH CHAPIN

You are hereby notified that on September 24th, 2025, the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C125-265 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$6,705.80 plus court costs, sheriff fees and pre-judgment interest pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 45-103.01.

The petition prays that judgement be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 4th day of January 2026 at the Kearney County Court of Nebraska.

/s/ James H. Truell
By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
(308) 381-1423
Nov 20, 2025
Nov 27, 2025
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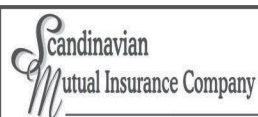
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular wine ___ Spumante
5. Greatly impressed
11. ___ and that
12. Uttered with passion
16. Boats
17. Veteran actor Harris
18. Casserole with game
19. Reprehensible acts
24. They precede C
25. Says under one's breath
26. Taxis
27. It transfers genetic info
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students sleep
30. Major European river
31. Taco condiment
33. -frutti
34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit
39. Khoikhoi peoples
40. Bears QB Williams
43. Scrambled, fried, boiled

44. Price indicators
45. One-time world power
49. When you hope to get somewhere
50. Farm building
51. Choose carefully
53. Magnum was one
54. One who combines
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to Pa
59. Notable river
60. Officially honors
63. Colorless compound
64. A fancy chair
65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. The central area in a building
2. Religion of Japan
3. Leggings
4. Officially distributes
5. Arabian Sea seaport
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Currency of Poland
9. Slowly moves into
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Unit of volume

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14. Emit
15. With two replaceable hydrogens
20. Title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. One-time tech titan
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy

33. The bill in a restaurant
34. Football equipment
35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Cosmetics giant Mary
38. Gym class
40. Automobiles
41. Roman honorific
42. Losses in sports
44. Skin tone in summer
45. Distant planet
46. Critical humor

47. Illegally obtained
48. Go back over
50. Home appliance brand
51. Unit of radioactivity
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
61. Most common noble gas (abbr.)
62. Toward

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