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KCHS Medical Foundation Richard McBride Healthcare Grant Supports Concussion Testing for Local Student Athletes

PRESS RELEASE

Kearney County Health Services (KCHS) is pleased to announce the first project funded through the Healthcare Grant, established through the Richard "Dick" McBride memorial fund with the Kearney County Health Services Medical Foundation. The grant has provided Sway Balance Testing, a mobile-based medical tool that supports concussion and stability evaluations.

The first grant has already made an impact on local student-athletes. Ross Oberg, Director of Physical Therapy at KCHS, worked with Minden Public Schools to ensure all 7th–12th grade athletes received baseline testing.

Sway Medical uses a smartphone or tablet's built-in motion sensors to measure balance and stability, along with assessments of cognitive function. The testing provides objective information that healthcare providers can use alongside clinical evaluations when assessing a possible concussion and monitoring recovery.

Baseline testing is especially valuable because it establishes an individual athlete's normal performance before an injury occurs. If a concussion is suspected, providers can compare post-injury results with the athlete's baseline to help identify changes and guide recovery and return-to-play decisions.

"Having baseline information for our student-athletes gives us another valuable tool when a concussion is suspected," said Ross Oberg, Director of Physical Therapy at KCHS. "Every athlete is different, and being able to compare their results to their own baseline helps us make more informed decisions as we evaluate their recovery. We're grateful to have this technology available locally and to work with Minden Public Schools to help support the health and safety of our athletes."

The Healthcare Grant was made possible through the

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Ross Oberg, Director of Physical Therapy at KCHS guides a Minden Public Schools student athlete through concussion testing using the new Sway Balance Testing tools funded through the Medical Foundation Richard McBride Healthcare Care. (Courtesy photo)

Weather Forecast

Sep. 25:	66/61
Sep. 26:	74/60
Sep. 27:	71/60
Sep. 28:	72/60
Sep. 29:	66/53
Sep. 30:	69/55
Oct. 1:	70/56



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Minden 2026 Homecoming Week

Minden Public Schools is celebrating Homecoming Week this week. The theme for 2026 is "Pound the Patriots".

The Homecoming parade will be on September 25 at 2:30 p.m. The parade will take place on the square. The crowning will take place at the Minden Opera House's balcony immediately after the parade.

Organizations or groups who want to enter a parade float are asked to line up on the streets to the east and north of the post office. Do NOT line up behind the fire department vehicles - in case of emergency and to ensure you're included as the emergency vehicles are the last entry of the parade. Your entry will be directed into the parade from 4th Street.

If there is inclement weather, the public will be notified via the district's social media, text, and phone call protocol. The coronation would then take place before the football game.

The Homecoming football game against Adams Central is on September 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Kuper Field. The dance for high school students will take place from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. right after the game.



MHS 2026 Homecoming candidates: (front row) Sophia Birkestrand, Gabbie Lee, Navi Lennemann, Sami Miller, Chloe Osborn, Myka Petersen. (back row) Jon Althouse, Cael Smith, Frank Kovacs, Sage Saunders, Caleb Schwenka, Parker Hatch. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Sweet Adelines International Annual Show Scheduled

PRESS RELEASE

Nebraska Pride Chorus of Sweet Adelines International once again presents its annual show, "From Sea to Shining Sea". It is wonderful 4-part harmony celebrating 250 years of our nation. Under the direction of Connie Witt, the barbershop sound in a cappella harmony comes to the stage to entertain audiences.

Nebraska Pride Chorus has members from five different communities in Central Nebraska.

The chorus invites women as guests to try out the chorus by learning three songs and performing on the annual show to get a taste of the wonderful sound, friendships and energy that singing brings. The chorus meets weekly at the Methodist Church in Lexington and performs throughout the year for different organizations and churches. The mission of Sweet Adelines is to promote 4-part harmonious singing through education and performance.

The show brings songs to the stage that go along with the settling of our nation. The audiences will enjoy and be familiar with the songs and will also have the opportunity to sing along with the chorus a couple of times.

Special guest artist is Jan Schiferl from Fordyce, NE who has been nominated "Female of the Year" by Academy of Western Artists.

"From Sea to Shining Sea" show times and dates are September 26 at Arapahoe High School at 2pm; The Merryman Performing Arts Center at 7:30pm in Kearney. On September 27, the show will be performed at 2:30pm at the Episcopal Church in North Platte.

Courier Weekly Deadlines:

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

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

Community supplied content needs approved by Friday at 4:00 pm.

Legals are DUE on Friday at noon.

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News Briefs

WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit signupwic.com. A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, October 19; Monday, November 9; and Monday, December 21.

JML Touch-A-Truck

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

KCHS Community Day

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

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
9/12/26	76	61	.05
9/13/26	69	59	.02
9/14/26	92	61	.45
9/15/26	72	58	.17
9/16/26	71	55	.02
9/17/26	84	64	.35
9/18/26	93	72	.08
Total Week Precip.....			.....1.14

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generosity of the McBride family and the memorial fund established in honor of Richard "Dick" McBride. The KCHS Medical Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to turn this meaningful gift into a resource that directly benefits the community.

"We are incredibly grateful to the McBride family for their generosity and for choosing to honor Dick's memory in a way that will protect our local athletes," said Kelley Ayres, KCHS Medical Foundation Chairman. "This gift allows us to invest in healthcare resources that benefit our community, and it is especially meaningful to see the first grant supporting the health and safety of local students. We are proud to help carry forward Dick's legacy through this program."

"We are excited to be able to provide Sway Balance Testing as another resource for our patients and community," said Luke Poore, Kearney County Health Services CEO. "Having access to this technology locally helps our healthcare team provide comprehensive care and supports our commitment to meeting the needs of the people we serve. We appreciate the McBride family and our Medical Foundation for making this



opportunity possible."

The Healthcare Grant will continue to provide opportunities to support healthcare initiatives that benefit Kearney County and the surrounding communities.

ABOUT KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES: Kearney County Health Services' mission is "to provide exceptional, family-centered care while strengthening the health and well-being of our community." Kearney County Health Services (KCHS) strives to achieve this by providing a 10-bed Critical Access Hospital; 24-hour Emergency Room; outpatient specialty clinics and surgical procedures; a Rural Health Clinic; a Functional Health Center for group medical appointments; and a geriatric intensive outpatient group counseling program, Senior Life Solutions.

Letter to the Editor

Does anyone else take issue with the television advertisements that are being run by the two candidates for Nebraska governor? Am I the only one who just shakes my head every time I see these ads on TV?

In the ad run by Jim Pillen, he claims that he has lowered property taxes and plans to really fight if elected for another four years. He also states that he will stop increases in property valuations. The response I had, and I am sure other viewers had as well, was, "Why the heck do we need to re-elect you to do a job you should have done in the past four years?"

I recently protested the increase in valuation on my house and was told repetitively by county representatives that the state was to blame. So my husband did the logical thing and called our state representative. He told us that the counties had control of taxation. My husband likens this to the card game, Three-Card-Monty, and I think he is correct. If you think about it, this is a clever tactic. I mean, how can you address a problem when you cannot figure out, by design, who is to blame?

Lynne Walz, on the other hand, is even worse. In her advertising she claims that she is going to focus on fraud. There isn't a word in her television advertising about property taxes, and probably for good reason. If you go to her website she ever so briefly addresses Nebraska property taxes in this statement: "Property taxes and taxes in general are too high." Property taxes barely make her list of priorities- even marijuana is higher up on the list. But she goes on to say that she wants to preserve services. So, you do the math on that one.

Nebraska taxes income, sales and property, along with a host of other fees that are just taxes in disguise. That means that you are taxed on the same money numerous times. You are taxed when you originally earn it, you are taxed again when you buy something and you are taxed again for your property. Nebraska, according to some estimates, ranks 23rd in the nation for overall tax burden. It shouldn't be that way. Other states have solved the problem. There are models out there we can study and replicate.

The advertising I want to see from a gubernatorial candidate is this: "This outrageous, complicated and crippling taxation burden needs to be fixed. If I am elected governor, I will not listen to any other legislation, have any other conversations or turn my head toward any new initiatives until we stop crushing Nebraskans with this indefensible taxation system." I will vote for that person!

Astoundingly, as I was writing this, I received notices that Kearney and Adams counties are proposing more increases to property taxes. They provided four days notice of a required public hearing, so by the time anyone reads this that meeting has already taken place. Don't let them get away with it. Write letters, go to meetings, write your own letter to the editor, and let those making these insane decisions know that we are watching and we are not going to play these unwinnable card games any longer.

Bennett Johnson
Writing Solutions



Minden's 150th Anniversary Celebration Receives Marketing Grant

PRESS RELEASE

MINDEN, Neb. — What began in 2025 as a small gathering of interested community members at Daylight Donuts has grown into a community-wide effort to celebrate Minden's 150th anniversary in 2027.

Over the past year, the Minden 150th Anniversary Committee has continued to gain momentum, bringing together representatives from local organizations, businesses and the community to plan a year of activities honoring Minden's past, celebrating the community of today and looking toward its future.

"For a century and a half, our city has stood as a growing, vibrant community, serving and evolving alongside its residents," said Dena Beck, Minden alumna and Sesquicentennial Co-Chair. "This milestone is not only a celebration of our history, but also a heartfelt tribute to the people, partnerships and shared values that have shaped our journey — and an opportunity to look ambitiously toward the future."

Plans are underway for historical exhibits, a parade, car show and a variety of other activities throughout 2027. The primary celebration weekend is scheduled for July 22–25, 2027, in conjunction with the Kearney County Fair and Minden's All-Class Reunion.

The weekend schedule is in place and some details are still being developed. Committee members recognize the importance of getting the dates in front of former residents, alumni, and potential visitors well in advance.

"People today are busier than ever," said Minden Chamber of Commerce Director Josh Jorgensen, Minden native and member of the Jorgensen Bakery family. "It is critical that we start circulating dates and information now so people can make plans to be here and celebrate Minden with us."

With a limited budget for the year-long celebration, the committee identified outside funding as an important part of its marketing efforts. Building on the Chamber's previous experience with tourism grants, an application was submitted to the Nebraska Tourism Commission. The Minden Chamber of Commerce has an account set up for this monumental activity and would greatly appreciate any donations.

The committee recently learned that the effort was awarded a $6,375 marketing grant to help promote Minden and its 150th anniversary celebration. The funding will support advertising through the Nebraska Tourism Commission as well as a half-page display advertisement in the 2027 Nebraska Travel Guide.

The Nebraska Tourism Commission works to strengthen the state's travel industry by increasing awareness of Nebraska destinations, attracting visitors and generating tourism-related economic activity in communities across the state. Marketing grants are one way the Commission reinvests tourism dollars in local destinations and events.

"Through this year's grant cycle, we are strategically reinvesting tourism dollars into communities across Nebraska, balancing statewide promotion with targeted local support to maximize economic impact," said Jenn Gjerde, Nebraska Tourism executive director.

Advertising developed through the grant will showcase some of Minden's most recognizable attractions and traditions, including Pioneer Village, the Minden Opera House and the spectacular holiday lights that have earned Minden its reputation as Nebraska's Christmas City.

The campaign will begin by promoting Minden's Christmas season while also building awareness and excitement for the community's 150th anniversary in 2027. Organizers hope the effort does more than promote a single celebration — they want it to remind people throughout Nebraska and beyond what makes Minden worth visiting, returning to and calling home.

Marcy Brandt, Director of the Minden Opera House, and Minden native states, "Minden may be a small town, but we have a great story to tell. For 150 years, this community has been shaped by people who care deeply about where they live and about one another. This anniversary is our opportunity to share that story — to welcome former residents home, introduce visitors to Minden and celebrate everything that makes this community special. We think Minden represents the very best of small-town America, and we can't wait to share it."

For additional details about Minden's 150th anniversary celebration, including events, activities and opportunities to participate, contact the Minden Chamber of Commerce at 308-832-1811, email chamberminden20@gmail.com and follow the group online at Minden's 150th on Instagram and Facebook. Updates will be announced as plans continue to develop.







FFA Students of the Month



Minden

Name: Blake Boudreau **Grade:** Freshman
Supervised Agricultural Experience: Not yet decided
Involvement in the chapter: Blake has been active in the Minden FFA Chapter as an 8th-grade member and has continued into this year. Blake has been in attendance at our BBQ for Blue Jackets event, CTSO Kickoff, and August meeting. Blake will continue to be involved this year, wanting to participate in contests, conferences, community service, and fundraising events.



Axtell

Name: Warren Myers **Grade:** Senior
Supervised Agricultural Experience: Warren's SAE is working at Kring Farms. Some of Warren's responsibilities include doing chores and maintaining equipment. His favorite part about his SAE is harvest time.
Involvement in the chapter: Warren joined FFA as a sophomore in high school. So far this year he has attended Husker Harvest Days as well as served as a teacher for Ag Safety Day. Warren plans to continue his involvement through the rest of the school year by participating in chapter meetings, leadership conferences and district contents.
Recent successes: Although we have not had any FFA contests yet this year, Warren is looking forward to competing in the welding contest this year.



Wilcox-Hildreth

Name: Jaxon Guthrie **Grade:** Senior
Supervised Agricultural Experience: I have a couple Placement Supervised Agricultural Experiences. They are both based on my family's farm where I help tend to crops and cattle.
Involvement in the chapter: I have been involved in many different events at the chapter and district levels. I enjoy competing in both the Livestock Evaluation and Livestock Management Career Development Events. Recently, I attended the Husker Harvest FFA Day with my chapter and was able to see many different agriculture industry professionals while connecting with other FFA members from other schools.

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County Creates Working Group for Data Center Regulations

CINDY RAMSEY

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners jumped right into the September 15 regular meeting with a request and call for volunteers for a data center regulations working group.

Zoning Administrator Carrie Favinger told the board Lincoln County had created a working group when they began working on creating data center regulations to bring to public hearing. The process worked well for them so she proposes doing the same in Kearney County.

The process of establishing regulations for wind and solar was very lengthy and involved which has made some planning and zoning commission members hesitant to volunteer again when their term ends. Having a working group to tackle this next big issue will take some pressure off the planning and zoning commission and should help speed up the process. Public hearings will still need to be held by both boards before they are adopted.

Favinger suggested the working group should include 2-3 commissioners, 3-4 planning and zoning members, and a staff member. Nathan Avery and Heath Hoffstetter agreed to participate in the group with Jason Sinsel holding an alternate position.

A public hearing was opened to hear comments regarding an administrative subdivision application for Riley and Lauren Stadler. Favinger explained the subdivision would separate 5.15 acres of the property for a house to be built. The proposal meets all necessary requirements. No further comment was given and the hearing was closed. Following the hearing, the board approved the administrative subdivision as presented.

The meeting returned briefly to data centers as the board considered extending the data center moratorium currently in place. The original moratorium was signed in April, but more time is needed to ensure regulations are in place. The board approved a resolution to extend the moratorium by six months.

A budget hearing was also held during the meeting. As discussed in previous meetings, a large portion of the budget increase is due to a larger allowance in budget growth for the Roads Department to cover road projects. This is the result of a lower carryover for the projects than in years past due to significant project costs. Highway Superintendent Joe Anderson was asked if the new baseline this increase sets will be sustainable for several years with the allotted 3% annual increase. Anderson responded that is dependent on many variables including fuel and project costs, but he doesn't foresee a need to significantly raise the budget for several years.

After closing the hearing, the board approved a resolution to set the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year. The board approved 1% restricted funds authority limit. A resolution of Adoption and Appropriations was approved. A resolution of cash transfer from General Fund to Road Fund was also approved.

In other business the board: Approved September 8 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved duplicate General Fund checks to NACEHS for $160, Randy Pracht for $30, and NE Glass Co. for $119.85. Entered executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Successful League Season Concludes at Minden Gun Club

CINDY RAMSEY

Minden Gun Club celebrated the end of a successful league season with a shooter appreciation event on September 16. The Board of Directors want to take this time to congratulate this year's league winners and express their gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the club.

Their league consists of teams of five firing at 50 targets each over the course of 10 weeks to determine the winners of each grouping. A Lewis class system is used to separate the teams into those groups. This summer marked the largest number of participating teams in the board's recollection. Sixteen teams started in April and finished the last league shoot in September.

No weekly prizes are handed out, but the team with the high score for the week is moved back 2-yards for each event. This serves as a handicap system to give everyone a fair chance at a win.

Below are the teams and their totals broken throughout the 10 week league duration. The league rules state each team's two low scores be dropped to establish a champion of each Lewis class.

A portion of the board has been involved since 1986, and they have seen exponential growth in the past few years. Minden Gun Club has a facebook page, so if you are interested in what is taking place at the club, please have a look.

Overall, the board thinks this year has been fantastic and they are looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Class A - Albers 1720, Gibbon Pack 1716, Sell 1708, Team Trap 1705

Class B - OG's 1692, Dust Busters 1687, SNAFU 1685, Florian 1683

Class C - Zane 1654, Group Therapy 1643, River Rats 1635, Young Guns 1624

Class D - Brown & Company 1617, Minden Wellness Clinic 1602, Dr Meyer Sharp Shooters 1512, Benelli Boys 1456

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Joint Public Hearing Draws Residents to Fairgrounds

CINDY RAMSEY

Residents of the county gathered at Kearney County Fairgrounds on September 16 for the annual Joint Public Hearing. Representatives from Kearney County and City of Minden were in attendance to share insights into the reason for their tax asking increases.

Chairman of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners Brent Stewart began his presentation by noting valuation protests are a separate matter handled at a different time and place. In regard to the County budget, each department was asked to stick to a 3% or less increase. Stewart provided a breakdown of the overall budget by department and explained the reason for those that exceeded the guidelines.

The Planning and Zoning budget saw significant growth as a result of making the Zoning Administrator position full-time. Stewart explained there are many new topics coming out like wind and solar power and data centers. Establishing regulations for these matters is a lot of work on top of regular duties for the administrator leading the board to determine the position should be made full-time.

The Assessor's Office is required to perform a full county assessment this year which is a special large line item above the normal budget. Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department, County Attorney, and Juvenile Services have slight overages in their budgets to allow for anticipated grants. These increases do not affect the County's tax request. The Roads Department reflects the largest department overage with allowances for road projects.

Traditionally the County has used funds from Inheritance taxes to offset the tax asking. With the uncertainty of the future of this funding source, the commissioners are looking to cut dependency now. The purpose of Inheritance tax is for capital improvements and that will continue to be its focus as long as it lasts.

As a County hospital, the County supplies Kearney County Health Services with $400,000 annually for maintenance. While the hospital was dependent on these funds in the past, it has since grown and prospered. Stewart explained he believes it is still important to maintain this contribution as it helps cover bad debt from Kearney County residents.

He continued by sharing the ground for the new hospital facility will be purchased by the County using Inheritance funds. Although there is not a definite plan for the old hospital building, there are ideas to use the space for a new jail and police department as well as an emergency shelter for the county. There will be no hospital bond. The existing hospital bond will be done in three years at which time the hope is to lighten the burden on taxpayers.

At the conclusion of the presentation, residents offered their own comments. John Kuehn of Heartwell stated the meeting is meant to open a dialogue between government representatives and the public. He said it has been frustrating because these hearings are not operating the way they are meant to be. Timing of pink card delivery and approval of budgets prior to the hearing are at the top of those frustrations. He expressed his hope that the annual meeting will be handled better in the future.

Bennett Johnson of Keene thanked the representatives for their time. She also had frustrations to share stating she received the pink card just the Friday before. She owns property in four counties and all of the hearings are taking place on the same day and time making it impossible to be at all of the hearings. Her feeling is that valuation increases result in budget increases which is not sustainable for taxpayers. Having moved from Oregon, she shared they have a law that limits valuation increases and that the state pays equal per student funding to all schools in the state. She believes this is a good idea to implement in Nebraska.

City Administrator Michael Krings presented the City of Minden budget explaining the tax request is up 8% from last year. With the increase in valuation, the City's levy is actually down from last year. Providing a highlight of the budget features, the increase is due to cost increases in every facet of keeping a community operating. For more information, he encouraged the public to visit or call City Hall and reminded everyone the City's budget hearing would be held on September 21.

Returning to public comment, Jean Hester of Minden stated she has worked on budgets and at the assessor's office and knows it is difficult work. With that said, normally when valuations go up levies go down. She stated she doesn't know how long she can keep her house with the continued property tax increases. Hester encouraged the representatives to think of those they are serving because they can't always keep tightening their belt.

One more criticism was shared by Steve Schulte of Minden. He stated a vote on budget should take place after hearing from the public, not before. With that the hearing was closed.

School Board Approves Coach Bus Purchase

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Public Schools Board of Education held public hearings for the 2026 budget and tax request on September 14. Presentations by Superintendent Jim Widdifield provided a better understanding of both for the board and the public.

The General Fund budget includes disbursements and transfers totaling $16,255,195 for general instruction and special education. Property tax requirement for the budget are up approximately 2% to generate just under $10 million. Because valuations are up 6%, the district's proposed levy of $0.537311 is down 2% from last year. Based on 2025-2026 budget numbers, Minden Public Schools is in the lower third cost per pupil in the state.

The operating budget for the Special Building Fund is just under $4 million. The proposed levy for this is up 1% at $0.116394. Widdifield shared that the operating budget in this fund is significantly higher than last year, but explained that is simply to show activity in the budget as the new elementary school is being built and not what the school is taxing.

The Bond Fund includes two bond payments which the district is required by law to maintain. The proposed levy of $0.092736 is down approximately 6% from last year. While the district has already saved $5.1 million and five years off the bond's life to date, there is a potential for the high school bonds to be done earlier than 2035.

The presentation also explained budgets for non-taxing funds including the Depreciation Fund, Employee Benefit Fund, Activity Fund, Student Fees Fund, and School Nutrition Fund.

With this budget, the proposed levy for the district is $0.746441 which is a 2% decreased from last year. Widdifield noted property tax credits for the 2025-2026 school budget applied to the General and Special Fund levies had an effective tax outcome to MPS patrons of $0.405065.

No other comments were given and the hearings were closed. The regular meeting of the school board was then called to order. The board approved the consent agenda including minutes from the August 10 and August 25 meetings, financial reports, and expenditures and claims for payment.

The board approved the 2026-2027 budget as presented at the budget hearing. The 2026-2027 property tax request resolution was also approved.

Closing out the meeting, the board considered the purchase of a coach bus. The district is in need of a bus for activity transportation. Transit buses have proven to be mechanically unreliable, so the district has been looking for a coach bus to replace one of the transits. Coach buses are more expensive than transit buses, but savings are expected as a result of less mechanical issues.

The board discussed the pros and cons of the potential purchase and what will be done with the current transit bus owned by the district. Rusty Rhynalds told his fellow board members having a second coach bus is certainly an investment, but one he believes is worth it. Andy Craig agreed he would rather put the investment in up front rather than spending the same money or more to fix a bus later. In the end, the board unanimously approved the purchase of one coach bus, authorized the superintendent to negotiate the price, and authorized payment up to a maximum of $375,000.

Kearney County Community Foundation Unveils Updated Light and Sound Systems at Minden Opera House

PRESS RELEASE

The Kearney County Community Foundation is proud to announce the updating of the Opera House Sound and Lighting systems.

The KCCF purchased the Opera House building in 1996, and began a $2.6 million renovation of the building by rebuilding it from the inside out. In May of 2000 the new Minden Opera House was ready to open, and at that time the Foundation created the Building Preservation Fund to provide for its long-term upkeep and preservation, while also creating the Minden Opera House board to manage the day to day operation.

Thus began a symbiotic relationship, where the Foundation continues to own and invest in the building, while the Opera House board manages the shows and day to day rentals.

In recent years the Foundation has completed roof replacement, new HVAC, new flooring, converted lighting to LED, and renovated the adjacent Donut Shop/Green Room building. Now replacing the sound and light systems is another natural extension of the long term commitment of the Foundation to continue investing in the building to help keep the Opera House a vibrant, active and capable venue for years to come. The KCCF hopes this continues to be a source of pride for the community, as well as an important draw, and thank you for your support.

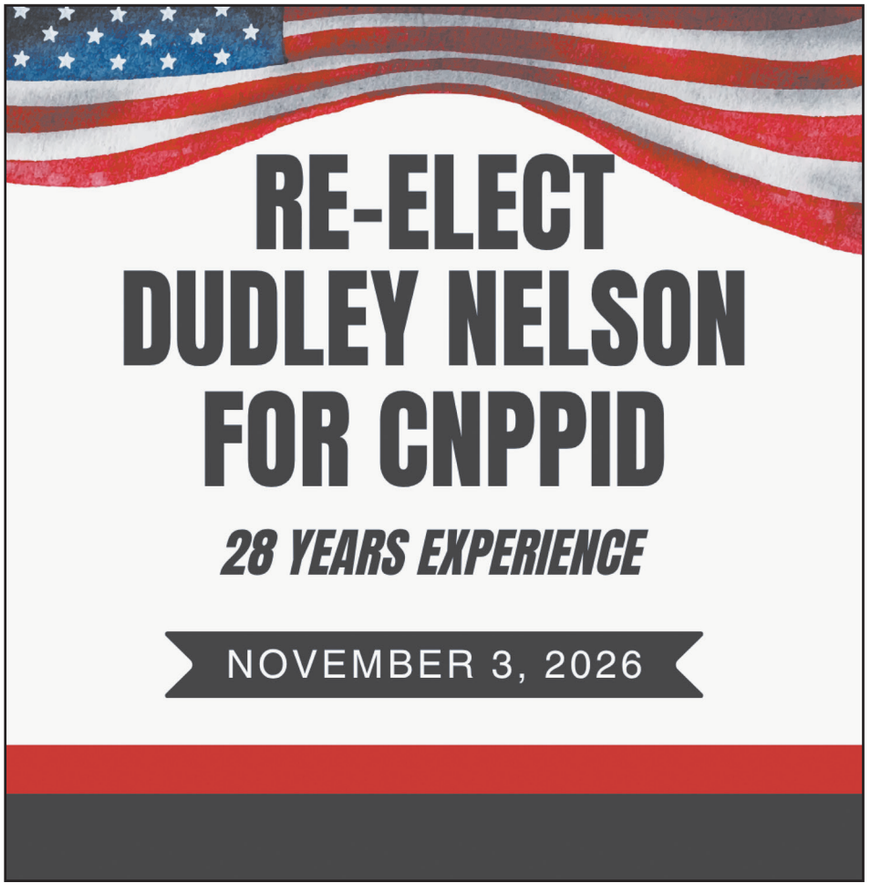
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Kearney County Community Foundation hosted an after hours event at Minden Opera House on September 18th to reveal recent updates to the sound and lighting systems. Todd Jensen (left) spoke briefly about KCCF's mission and its work to help maintain and improve the opera house. Greg Sales from Yandas (above) and his team shared demonstrations of the upgrades. The improvements include cleaning up and simplifying controls for the systems. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)





RV Friends Return to Pioneer Village











RV Friends volunteer group returned to Pioneer Village in Minden to lend a few helping hands for the past few weeks. The group brought 14 rigs holding 26 people. While they worked on several projects to help improve the museum and grounds, their big projects included painting buildings and putting LED lighting in buildings.

Another highlight of their visit included the return of Elmer and Matilda to their places in their car atop the Pioneer Village sign. After a spring wind storm required the couple and their car be removed for repairs, all three are back in their rightful place. RV Friends volunteers helped return the couple to their spots. Furthermore, Elmer is cranking up the car again. He hasn't been able to do that for many years. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner and Courtesy photos by Delores Farlin)





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Do You Remember

Ninety Years Ago — 1936

Betty Wendell of District No. 44 school placed first in the Club Fair spelling contest held at the elementary school auditorium. Treva Lange, District No. 18, placed second and Kenneth Liljegren, District No. 60, was third.

A mass meeting of all business and farmers interested in artichoke processing and artichoke growing was held at city hall on Sept. 24. Excavation work began Monday at the site of the dehydration plant just west of the Farmer's Elevator. To operate this plant at near capacity, the company would have to contract about 5,000 acres of artichokes for planting in the spring of 1937.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Temperatures were on the chilly side this week. Recorded temps never went over the 79 degree mark and low for the week was a cool 38. The rain? An inch and fifty hundredths.

The Willing Workers met at the home of Mrs. John Johannsen on Tuesday afternoon. There were 18 members and five visitors present. It was decided to have the annual bazaar and bake sale Nov. 23. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Hans Beck.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

The Minden High School band made its first appearance of the season Sept. 21 at half-time of the Minden-Geneva football game. Judie Bauer is drum majorette this year. Twirlers are Kathryn Sorensen, Sally Miller, Kay Meisenbach and Jeanie Johnson.

Football was to make its first appearance at Hildreth in 1956, at least as far as Bob Lewis, coach and superintendent, could tell. The first year was to be a trial year for the 8-man squad. Eighteen boys were out and had begun practice in early September. While Hildreth had no facilities for home games, the team would play two or three games on the road to give the boys some experience.

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Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Larry Eugene Albers, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin W. Albers, was presented Sept. 25 with the highest award a Boy Scout can receive in recognition of services rendered and requirements fulfilled in the program of his church. This award, "For God and Country," was presented to him by Bill Larson at the morning service at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Newly elected FHA officers were president Karen Nielsen, vice president Pam Jorgensen, secretary Mary Ann Steen, treasurer Paula Warp, degree chairman Gina Paul, song leader Julianne Larsen, parliamentarian Pat Cronin, honor chapter Diane Petersen, worship chairman Linda Jorgensen, yearbook chairman Dorothy Paulsen, bulletin board chairman Gigi Garrett and historian and publicity chair Karen McBride.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Sheree Wells, daughter of Morgan Wells of Axtell, was crowned Co-Homecoming Queen at Kearney State College; the other queen crowned was Connie Maska of Franklin. Wells was a junior majoring in business administration, she was sponsored by Alpha Phi sorority and Beta Sigma Psi fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hunt were hosts of the Kaiser-Frazer Owners Club over the weekend. According to Vern, this was the first time the club members have ever met in Minden. Members especially wanted to visit Pioneer Village, which many had never seen.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

The Hildreth High School music department held auditions for the 1986-87 Swing Choir. Members chosen were Bob Alberts, Amy DeJonge, Carol Hogeland, Shelly Hogeland, Leann Johnson, Janel Kruse, Brent Nelson, Troy Space, Russel Largent, Becky Casper, Tina DeJonge and Jerel Sanders.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

Restoration of the Hostetler Opera House was under consideration. The Kearney County Community Foundation had received a $25,000 Kellogg Foundation grant to prepare plans for the building which was erected in 1891. The foundation was looking for suggestions for utilizing the space.

The Minden Senior Center was recognized for its efforts in providing healthful, well-balanced meals which are low in fat. The center was presented with a certificate from the "Everyone Wins! Low-Fat Award Program."



2016 — The C.L. Jones Middle School Journalism and 8th grade Computers classes learned about drones and their many uses. Wade Gibson from ESU 11 and Minden graduate and drone hobbyist Miles Steen shared their knowledge. The students were also able to test out mini drones.

Anthony Martin of Wilcox became the newest Eagle Scout of Troop 216 of Holdrege. Martin's Eagle project included painting and repairing the windows of the First United Methodist Church of Wilcox.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Michaela Shurman of Wilcox-Hildreth was the lone Falcon girl competitor at the Minden Invitational cross country meet. She placed 20th with a time of 17:33.

Axtell native Cindy Boehler had a lifelong dream come true when the Jordanaires recorded with her on her newly signed gospel CD. A concert featuring Boehler and the Jordanaires was set in Holdrege to help with the release of the CD.

The Quilt Series by Larry Schulte was on display at the Minden Opera House Art Gallery. Schulte's work is based on a mathematical sequence known as the Fibonacci Sequence as well as Moire patterns and concepts of chaos theory.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

Minden became the home of another rising star when Bailey Rogers and her family relocated last year. The young vocalist has dazzled crowds at church, sporting events, and most recently, the State Fair where she won first place in the Galaxy of Stars Talent Search Comets 12 and under age division.

Local martial artist Larissa Labenz participated in the Cozad Karate Tournament. She placed second in the sparring competition and third in the forms competition. She is the daughter of Brian and Karen Labenz of Minden. She is a karate student of Kevin Benson.

The Wilcox-Hildreth Falcons rushed for over 500 yards and won decisively over Red Cloud 58-0 at home. The homecoming victory evened the Falcons' season mark at 2-2.

Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

MENUS:

Friday, Sept. 25: BREAKFAST: Long John, yogurt cup; LUNCH: Bosco stick, marinara sauce

Monday, Sept. 28: BREAKFAST: Breakfast sandwich; LUNCH: Baked potato bar, pulled pork

Tuesday, Sept. 29: BREAKFAST: Oatmeal bars, boiled egg; LUNCH: Orange chicken, rice

Wednesday, Sept. 30: BREAKFAST: Fruit & yogurt parfait, granola; LUNCH: Hot ham & cheese sandwich

Thursday, Oct. 1: BREAKFAST: Mini waffles, sausage; LUNCH: Chicken tetrazzini, dinner roll

Friday, Oct. 2: BREAKFAST: Cheese omelet; LUNCH: Cheeseburger, chips

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Sept. 25: Homecoming Parade, 2:30 p.m.; V FB vs. Adams Central, 6 p.m.; Homecoming Dance, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26: V SB @ Tekamah-Herman Tournament, 9 a.m.; 7th & 8th grade VB @ Broken Bow, 9 a.m.; V VB @ Tiger Invite Hastings, 10 a.m.

Monday, Sept.28: V Girls G @ Cozad, 9 a.m.; V Girls XC @ UNK HS XC Invite, 12:30 p.m.; V Boys XC @ UNK HS XC Invite, 1: 30 p.m.; Reserve VB vs. Kenesaw @ Kenesaw, 4 p.m.; Reserve VB vs. Silver Lake @ Kenesaw, 5 p.m.; SB Triangular @ Augie Nelson, 5:45 p.m.; JV FB vs. Gothenburg, 6 p.m.; C Team VB @ Kenesaw, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29: V Girls G @ Cozad, 10 a.m.; V SB @ Holdrege Triangular, 4 p.m.; 8th grade FB @ Adams Central, 4:15 p.m.; Reserve VB vs. Kearney Catholic, 5 p.m.; JV VB vs. Kearney Catholic, 6 p.m.; V VB vs. Kearney Catholic, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1: MS/JV/V Boys & Girls XC @ Gothenburg Invite, 4 p.m.; 8th grade VB vs. Hastings, 4:15 p.m.; 7th grade VB vs. Hastings, 4:30 p.m.; JV/V VB @ Sandy Creek Triangular, 5 p.m.; JV SB vs. North Platte @ Holdrege, 5 p.m.; V SB vs. North Platte @ Holdrege, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2: V FB @ Broken Bow, 7 p.m.



Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

MENUS:

Friday, Sept. 25: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 28: BREAKFAST: Muffins; LUNCH: FKC bowl

Tuesday, Sept. 29: BREAKFAST: Breakfast sandwich; LUNCH: Soft tacos

Wednesday, Sept. 30: BREAKFAST: Breakfast nuggets; LUNCH: Cavatini

Thursday, Oct. 1: BREAKFAST: Ham bar; LUNCH: Beef stroganoff

Friday, Oct.2: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: Pulled pork on a bun

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Sept. 25: NO SCHOOL; PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; FB vs. Loomis, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26: VB @ Ansley @ Spartan Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 28: ACT John Baylor Holdrege Tassel (Juniors), 8:15 a.m.; XC @ UNK HS XC Invite, 12 p.m.; College Fair, 1 p.m.; JH VB @ Southwest HS, 2 p.m.; JH FB @ Southwest HS, 3 p.m.; JV FB vs. Hi-Line, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29: FFA Connecting Chapters, 9 a.m.; VB @ Elba Quad, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 30: FBLA Butter Braid Delivery; FFA Officer meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Animals Inside & Out Field Day, 8:45 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1: FBLA/FFA Food Drive Begins; 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; JH FFA meeting, 11:40 a.m.; VB Wilcox-Hildreth Triangular Pink-Out!, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2: Flu Shots; PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; XC FKC @ Overton (TBD), 10 a.m.; FB @ Franklin, 3 p.m.; VB @ Franklin, 5 p.m.

Axtell Community School

MENUS:

Friday, Sept. 25: BREAKFAST: Pancakes; LUNCH: Grilled burger

Monday, Sept. 28: BREAKFAST: Cereal, string cheese; LUNCH: Hot pepperoni sub OR Chef salad

Tuesday, Sept. 29: BREAKFAST: Waffles; LUNCH: Nachos OR Ham sub

Wednesday, Sept. 30: BREAKFAST: French toast bake; LUNCH: Chicken Alfredo, garlic bread

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Sept. 25: Homecoming Pep Rally, 1:45 p.m.; FB vs. Southern Valley, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 28: FFA meeting, 6:30 a.m.; XC @ UNK Invite, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29: JH VB vs. Bertrand, 3 p.m.; JV VB vs. Bertrand, 5 p.m.; V VB vs. Bertrand, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1: NO SCHOOL; 7th grade VB vs. Holdrege, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2: NO SCHOOL; XC @ FKC Invite @ Overton, 10 a.m.; FB @ Overton, 7 p.m.

Community Services

Dinner Menus

Meals served at Minden Community/Senior Center (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska), 403 N. Colorado Avenue, at noon. Please call 308-832-2139 the day before the dinner with your reservations. All meals are served with coffee, water, and milk. Menu are subject to change. Join us.

Monday, Sept. 28: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Beef & noodles, coleslaw, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Taco salad, beans, rice, fruit & dessert

Thursday, Oct. 1: Meatloaf, cheesy mashed, beets, fruit & bread

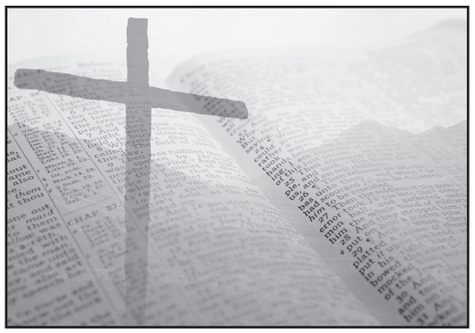
Friday, Oct. 2: BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, salad, fruit & dessert

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The Good Word

By Pastor Doodle Harris

I remember being in middle school when my parents would drive me somewhere in one of their cars. According to my parents, it was the only time I'd talk to them. My family couldn't agree on a radio station or a cassette to play (yes - it was cassettes back then), so we turned off the music. The drives often began in silence (or my mom asking me if I'd done my homework, finished my chores, called my grandmother, etc.), but eventually car rides are where I had the best talk with my parents. I think it had something to do with us looking in the same direction (not at each other) and neither of us having to make eye contact.

Now, fast forward a gazillion years. I'm still trying ways to connect with folks who are older than I am.

I had one gentleman welcome me into his home a few weeks ago with the words "I want to tell you a few things about me since you're probably doing my funeral." That was jarring. Good News: He is not close to requiring a funeral. Bad News: Not everyone greets me with the same eagerness to share about their lives.

I am still relatively new and still learning a lot about this part of the world (I moved to Nebraska from Kentucky and from Pennsylvania before that). Folks in Kentucky and Pennsylvania were a lot more willing to share details about their lives. Around here, we take it a lot slower. We have to decide if we like someone before sharing too much of our stories with them. We have to determine if that other person will hold our stories with the delicacies and tenderness that some of them require. I often feel like my new congregations want to make sure I am "one of them" before they'll share their past with me.

So, after a few trials and errors, I started carrying puzzles in my car - anywhere from 300 pieces to 1500 pieces. If there's quiet in a conversation, I'll ask "Can we do a puzzle together? Often the answer is "yes" and we begin. Oddly, it's just like being in middle school in my parents car all over again. When we are both looking in the same direction (at the puzzle pieces), but not necessarily at each other, the puzzle comes together. The stories are shared. We find a more comfortable peace through the puzzle pieces.

I wonder if it is the same silence that eventually morphs into peace that Elijah finds in 1 Kings 19. Elijah is standing at the top of the mountain and looking for God. God does not show up in the noise. God does not show up when Elijah demands that God speaks. God shows up in the silence of the mountain. From the silence comes God's wisdom for Elijah. My prayers are that we are all like Elijah - that we can be comfortable with the silence. And - as long as we are looking in the same direction (ideally, towards God), we can find a peace with one another that comes from appreciating the pieces of God's creation around us.

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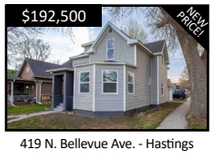
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Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.
Worship will be recorded and posted on our website at BethanyAxtell.org.

First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue
Pastor Doodle Harris
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Keene Evangelical Free
662 F Road
308-743-2611
Matthew Snell, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.
Craig Richardson, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Sunday School/Juice & Donuts, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
360 So. Stewart
(402) 756-8552
Greg Volsky, Vacancy Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster Presbyterian
Broad and Main Street
Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran
401 Lake Street
Daren Popple, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
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Heartwell

God's Lighthouse, Full Gospel
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish
287 Jefferson Street
Father Evan Winter
Sunday, Sept. 27: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran
502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

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Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran
437 E. Fourth St.
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Thursday, Sept. 24: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 26: Walking, 8 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27:Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Healing services at both services
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Church Club, 5 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.
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616 33 Road
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.
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Saint John The Baptist Catholic
628 N. Garber
Father Evan Winter
Saturday, Sept 26: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass
Sunday, Sept. 27: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran
206 N. Colorado
Rev. William Zwick
Friday, Sept. 25: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.; Homecoming Parade, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27 Church Council Chat, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Fellowship, Coffee & Cookies, 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Choir practice, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 30 JYM Basic, 3:45 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM Advanced, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.
Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 24 Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27: Sunday School,9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Prayer Time, 1 :30 p.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian
109 N. Colorado
Gary Smith, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; Communion 1st Sunday
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran
102 S. Stockton St.
Kenton Birtell, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist
203 S. Sapp St.
Candance Miller, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 27: Worship, 9 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community
106 W. Detroit St.
Craig Cedar, Pastor
Affiliated with Evangelical Free Church of America
Sunday, Sept. 27: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesdays: Awana & Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
Bible Studies during the week. Check our Facebook page

"Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is Your faithfulness." - Lamentations 3:22-23

Obituaries

Emory "Bob" R. Roberts, 93 - Kearney Resident, former Axtell Resident



Emory "Bob" R. Roberts, 93, of Kearney, formerly of Axtell, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden with Fr. Evan Winter officiating. Interment was held later that day at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Axtell with military honors. Visitation with family present was held on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden, with Rosary service. Memorials in Bob's honor are kindly suggested to the Axtell Volunteer Fire Department or to the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home in Kearney. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Kearney.

Emory (Bob) Robert Roberts was born on August 19, 1933 in Tarkio, MO to E.V. and Margaret Viana (Anderson) Roberts. He grew up on a farm near Skidmore, MO and attended country school and then Skidmore Public School, graduating in 1951.

On December 27, 1954, Bob married Jean Ann Ryan of Axtell at St. John's Catholic Church in Minden, NE. They lived in Cozad and Kearney before moving to Axtell in 1959 where he established Roberts Construction Company and they made their home. To this marriage, they welcomed 7 children into the world. Bob and Jean were married for 67 years until Jean passed away in 2022. In 2023, Bob moved to the Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney, NE which is where he spent the remainder of his life.

During his time as a contractor, he built over 100 homes in the area. He built his last home at the age of 87. Although he did sublease portions of his final job out to others, he was swinging a hammer, drawing up house plans and deeply involved in the whole project. Along with his excellent craftsmanship in building homes, he was also known for his beautiful woodworking skills when creating other items but especially his China hutches, quilt racks, banks and grandfather clocks.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, the Axtell Chamber of Commerce and served on the Axtell Fire Department for 31 years. He served on the boards for the Axtell Housing Authority and Windmill Manor. He served in the US Army from 1953 to 1955.

Those left to cherish his memory include his five sons, Brad Roberts of Heartwell, NE, Greg (Rhonda) Roberts of rural Funk, NE, Jeff Roberts of rural Axtell, NE, Joe (Leisha) Roberts of Axtell, NE, Dennis Roberts (fiancée Sara) of Axtell, NE, two daughters Kathy Roberts of Kearney, NE and Teresa (Mark) Aten of rural Elm Creek, NE, nine grandchildren (Jeremy, Shane, Cody, Justin, Nate, Brett, Madison, Andrea and Matt), 15 great-grandchildren (Brooks, Colgan, Maelyn, Charlie, Riley, James, Emery, John, Eli, Jensen, Pierce, Nixon, Ellie, Evangeline, Felicie), sisters-in-law, Joan Johnson of Mason City, NE, Sharon Roberts of Council Grove, KS and Cleta Roberts of New Cambria, KS along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents, two brothers, Maurice (Pete) Roberts of New Cambria, KS and Vernon of Council Grove, KS, and a sister, Emma Jean Mcntyre of Maitland, MO.

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

Linda L. Ridenour



Linda L. Ridenour, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and dedicated educator, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, September 12, 2026.

Linda was born on June 17, 1949, in Campbell, NE, to Wallace and Betty Koch and baptized at the Presbyterian Church of Campbell. She married the love of her life, Ross Ridenour, on December 23, 1972, in her hometown of Campbell. Together, they built a beautiful life over nearly 54 years of marriage, raising two daughters, Darcee Miller (partner Todd Manley) of North Platte, NE, and Marissa LaRochelle (husband Matt) of Redondo Beach, CA. Linda's devotion to her family was further expressed through her cherished role as a grandmother to Dillon Miller (fiancé Kate Stienike) and Payton Miller of Brady, NE, a sister to Dennis Koch of Minden, NE and as a dog mom to Gizmo.

A lifelong learner, Linda graduated from Kearney State College with a degree in Business Education and later earned a master's degree from Oklahoma State University. Her passion for education led her to a fulfilling 35-year career in teaching. She taught at David City Aquinas, Exeter, Vail CO and Broken Bow. Linda's dedication to her students and her profession was recognized through numerous accolades, including being named Teacher of the Year at Battle Mountain High School and Teacher of the Month by KOLN-KGIN. She was a committed FBLA advisor, inspiring countless young minds to pursue their potential. She previously also held the position of church treasurer of the United Methodist Church in Brady.

Linda is proceeded in death by her parents Wallace and Betty, in-laws Charles and Thelma Ridenour and brothers-in-law Tom Ridenour and Kevin Carfield.

Memorial Services were held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the United Methodist Church in Broken Bow. A reception followed the services at the church. Your presence and support mean the most. In lieu of flowers, the family will be designating a charity at a later date for any donations. Govier Brothers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. An online register book may be signed at www.govierbrothers.com

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Lady Whippets Pack Lead at Home Meet

ROGER HANSEN

Minden's cross country teams ran in a pair of races last week, the first at the Minden Classic on September 15 and the other at McCook on September 17.

At the Classic, all runners, high school and jr. high, ran 3K (approx. 1.8 miles). Five high schools and eight middle schools were in the field.

The Minden senior high girls dominated, finishing first through seventh plus tenth individually, and many ran PRs for the course. Alexa Warner won at 11:24 followed by Gemma Fritson (2nd, 11:41), Aclynn Osterbuhr (3rd, 11:41), Adelyn Whitten (4th, 11:45), Evie Sharkey (5th, 11:47), Regan Johnson (6th, 11:54), Emerson Kuehn (7th, 12:03) and Kinsey Morey (10th, 13:00). Minden had a perfect score of 10 with Kearney Catholic coming in second with 34. 15 girls ran.

The Whippet boys team was second (27) behind Kearney Catholic (19) and ahead of Shelton (47) and Blue Hill (60).

Individual winner was Christian Jacobs of K. Cath. at 9:47. For Minden, three boys medalled in the top 10--Gage Thull (3rd, 10:02), Trystan Sharkey (6th, 10:17) and Isaac Reed (9th, 10:22). Additionally for the Whippets: Holt Aschenbrenner (12th, 10:37), Blake Boudreau (13th, 10:53), Seth Jacobitz (15th, 11:06), Landon Grollmes (16th, 11:42), Brantley Wright (21st, 11:52), Eli Warner (23rd, 12:05), Frank Kovacs (25th, 12:07), Lucas Baughman (31st, 13:07), Luke Werner (34th, 13:25) and Jonathan Althouse (35th, 13:40). 36 boys ran.

The top 20 in the middle school races were awarded medals and for the girls Josie Graham was 13th at 13:30. 62 girls ran.

The boys were fifth as a team behind Kearney Horizon, Kearney Sunrise, Hastings and Kearney Catholic.

Gideon Warner earned the 6th place medal at 11:08. He was trailed by Logan Grollmes (19th, 12:05), Jax Aschenbrenner (24th, 12:23), Liam Collins (25th, 12:25), Dominic Cervantes (28th, 12:28) and Zander Sinsel (33rd, 12:43). 98 boys ran.

At McCook, which had runners from 14 schools, Minden's girls were second (45) behind North Platte (32). Next in line was last year's 'C' state champion Chase County.

Individual winner was Rinlee Blomstedt of McCook at 20:02. Medalling for the Whippets were Alexa (4th, 20:34), Gemma (12th, 22:00) and Regan (15th, 22:13). Not too far behind were Aclynn (17th, 22:38), Adelyn (18th, 22:45) and Evie (19th, 23:05).

Running as JVs and earning high-place medals were Emerson (1st, 22:52) and Kinsey (6th, 25:22). 49 girls ran varsity and 20 ran JV.



Minden's boys were third (67) behing strong teams from North Platte (17) and Lexington (20).

Erick Grijalva of Lex won at 17:20. Gage placed 12th at 18:51. Nearly medalling were Isaac (17th, 19:14) and Trystan (18th, 19:19). Seth was 29th at 20:47.

JV runners were Blake (5th place medal, 20:48), Brantley (12th, 22:11), Frank (17th, 22:37), Landon (29th, 23:59), Eli (31st, 24:23), Lucas B. (41st, 26:54) and Luke W. (48th, 29:32). 61 boys ran varsity and 53 ran JV.

The middle schoolers ran 2K (approx. 1.2 miles). The boys' winner timed 7:01 and the girls' winner 8:55.

Josie was 6th at 9:45 for the girls. 26 girls ran.

Gideon (4th, 7:39) and Liam (9th, 8:24) medalled. also running: Zander (15th, 8:50), Jax (17th, 8:51), Logan (18th, 8:59) and Dominic (19th, 9:03). 52 boys ran.

The varsity next competes at the annual UNK Invite on Monday, September 28.









Wildcats Finish on Top at Alma Meet

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth rode their buses to the Alma Cross Country Invite on September 14 competing in a group of 10 schools.

The Cats' boys and girls both came away with first place trophies.

Boys' top three: Axtell 13, Alma 18, Elm Creek 27

Micah Houchin of Axtell was the winning individual at 18:45. Kyler Kolbo (5th, 19:49), Felix Lopez (7th, 20:29) and Oscar Clausen (8th, 20:40) also medalled. Three other Cats running were Chase Nickel (20th, 22:33), Isaiah Sinachack (21st, 22:42) and Eli Sinachack (33rd, 25:55).

Jacob Jezbera medalled for Wil-Hil (9th, 20:55). Craig Bunger for the Falcons was 37th at 30:14. 42 boys ran.

Girls' top three: Axtell 11, Alma 12, Overton 23.

Aysha Neal of Alma won at 21:10. For Axtell: Emma Hall (3rd, 23:53), Jalena Lorenzo (10th, 28:12), Ella Lorenz (11th, 29:27), Kayla Abbott (21st, 43:03). For Wil-Hil, Chloe Johnson was 6th at 25:43 and Allegra Johnson 8th at 26:24. 22 girls ran.

The middle schoolers covered 1600 meters. On the boys' side, Axtell's Rush Sinachack's 8:54 was good enough for 14th. 14 boys ran.

All three young Cat girls took home a medal. Haley Haupt (5th, 10:04), Clara Hall (7th, 12:59), Angelina Fecht (9th, 13:46) as did both of the middle school Falcons: Faith Johnson (5th, 10:56), Audrina Henery (10th, 13:10). 11 girls ran.





The Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth cross country teams hit the road to compete in the Alma Cross Country Invite on September 14. The Cats boys and and girls both earned first place. (left) Axtell runners Felix Lopez and Kyler Kolbo keep pace side by side with Oscar Clausen close behind. (far left) Allegra Johnson of Wilcox-Hildreth follows the course in the girls race. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson)







Four Losses Sandwiched by Two Wins for Lady Whippets

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The Lady Whippets started off strong but lost their footing until the last match of the Gothenburg Invite Sept. 18-19 in Gothenburg.

Minden kicked off the long weekend of volleyball by defeating Chadron but then fell to Ogallala and Kearney Catholic on Sept. 18. The losses kept coming on Sept. 19 to Aurora and St. Paul. The Whippets rallied to defeat Gothenburg in their final match of the tournament.

Minden came out fighting against Chadron to claim the first set 25-15 but faltered in the second set, losing 18-25. The Whippets clinched the third set 25-21.

Junior Aly Cederburg had the most kills for the Whippets with nine. Freshmen Malayna Emery and Reagan Carey worked well defensively, with 15 and 14 digs, respectively. Junior Victoria Hansen placed 14 set assists successfully.

Individual stats for Minden v. Chadron

Kills: Aly Cederburg 9, Reagan Carey 5, Kaleigh Carr 4, Malayna Emery 2, Victoria Hansen 2, Josa Ciemnoczolowski 2, Olivia Armstrong 1

Aces: Armstrong 3, Carr 3, Sophia Birkestrand 2, Emery 1, Rhynalds 1

Blocks: Cederburg 4, Rilynn Johnson 4, Emery 2, Carey 1

Digs: Emery 15, Carey 14, Carr 10, Armstrong 8, Hansen 5, Johnson 3, Birkestrand 2, Cederburg 2, Ciemnoczolowski 1

Assists: Hansen 14, Armstrong 8, Emery 3, Carr 2, Carey 1

The Whippets had a valiant start to their match with the Ogallala Indians, winning the first set 25-19. However, Ogallala snagged the next two sets 25-22 and 25-19.

Cederburg led in attacks with 12. Hansen and sophomore Olivia Armstrong worked together on assists with 16 for Hansen and 11 for Armstrong.

Individual stats for Minden vs. Ogallala

Kills: Cederburg 12, Carey 6, Ciemnoczolowski 5, Emery 4, Carr 3, Johnson 1

Aces: Hansen 2, Carr 2, Armstrong 2, Birkestrand 1, Rhynalds 1, Tatum Delira 1

Blocks: Johnson 4, Emery 3, Cederburg 1, Ciemnoczolowski 1

Digs: Carr 10, Emery 8, Hansen 4, Carey 3, Cederburg 2, Armstrong 1

Assists: Hansen 16, Armstrong 11, Carr 2

The Whippets were toppled by the Kearney Catholic Stars in a quick two sets 25-15 and 25-19. There were no individual stats available at the time of publication.

Day two of the tournament found the Whippets facing off against the Aurora Huskies. Aurora dropped the Whippets in the first set 25-19, but the Whippets rallied to win set two 25-22. But it wasn't quite enough, as the Huskies tugged away the win 25-18.

Cederburg showed her dominance at the net with 11 kills and four blocks. Junior Kaleigh Carr had 13 digs, and Armstrong put up 11 set assists.

Individual stats for Minden vs. Aurora

Kills: Cederburg 11, Emery 4, Carey 4, Carr 3, Ciemnoczolowski 2

Assists: Armstrong 11, Hansen 10

Aces: Armstrong 3, Carr 3, Emery 1, Hansen 1

Digs: Carr 13, Cederburg 7, Carey 6, Emery 5, Armstrong 4, Hansen 4, Birkestrand 2, Johnson 1, Ciemnoczolowski 1

Blocks: Cederburg 4, Johnson 3, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Carey 1, Carr 1

St. Paul gave Minden their fourth loss of the tournament in two sets 27-25 and 25-19.

Nine was the magic number for the leaders on the Whippet squad with nine kills for Cederburg, nine digs for Emery, and nine assists for Armstrong.

Individual stats for Minden vs. St. Paul

Kills: Cederburg 9, Carr 5, Carey 2, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Emery 1, Johnson 1, Hansen 1

Assists: Armstrong 9, Hansen 6, Carr 1

Aces: Carr 2, Hansen 1

Digs: Emery 9, Carr 7, Armstrong 6, Cederburg 6, Carey 3, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Johnson 2, Hansen 2, Rhynalds 1

Blocks: Johnson 3, Cederburg 2, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Emery 2, Carr 1

The Whippets ended the tournament on a high with a win over the Gothenburg Swedes. The teams kept the scores close, and Minden took the win in three sets 26-24, 20-25 and 25-22.

Hansen led in set assists with 17, and Cederburg had 13 kills. Ciemnoczolowski was busy on her feet with seven blocks, and Emery strongarmed five aces.

Individual stats for Minden vs. Gothenburg

Kills: Cederburg 13, Carey 7, Carr 5, Ciemnoczolowski 4, Emery 3, Johnson 1, Hansen 1

Assists: Hansen 17, Armstrong 11, Cederburg 1, Carr 1

Aces: Emery 5, Birkestrand 2, Carr 1

Digs: Carr 15, Cederburg 13, Emery 9, Carey 6, Hansen 3, Armstrong 2, Birkestrand 2, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Johnson 1, Rhynalds 1

Blocks: Ciemnoczolowski 7, Carr 6, Johnson 2, Emery 2, Cederburg 1

Jorgensen Sinks Hole in One

ROGER HANSEN



Macy Jorgensen, in addition to her proclivity for first place finishes in MHS golf meets this season, sank a hole-in-one on Sunday, September 19 at the Minden Country Club playing with some friends. She aced the par 4 8th hole using a 5-wood from the tee box ,approximately 220 yards to the hole.The witnesses were Ceirra Riley, Olivia Armstrong, Garrett Hartman and Lance Monter.

The ace was Macy's first. Sister KayLynn had one at Pinehurst, North Carolina this past summer. Mom Katie said that she had never one in spite of all the golf she has played.

Minden Courier Football Contest Week 3 Winners

ROGER HANSEN

Week 3 of the Courier Football Contest yielded one perfect entry. Jena Coil of Ralston submitted that entry and wins the $25 weekly prize and has her name thrown into the bin with previous no-miss entries.

Three contestants had one miss. Karl Detmers of Minden had the closest tie-breaker guess for the NU vs. N. Dakota game (NU 34, ND 7=41). Detmers guessed 57. He wins $15.

Sharon Bruening of Minden and Jason Bruening of Upland were the other two with one miss. Sharon speculated 58 and Jason 65.

Most missed gamed this week were Clemson over N. Carolina, Ole Miss over LSU and Louisville over SMU.

Minden Whippets Trample Milford Eagles

ROGER HANSEN

Minden emphatically justified its inclusion at number eight in the World-Herald's weekly ratings by overwhelming Milford 52-10 at Milford on September 18.

The Whippets were up 28-0 at halftime on four rushing TDs--two by Parker Hatch and two by Bo Lutkemeier--plus four Aaron Banuelos PAT kicks.

Milford got a safety for its first points of the game in the third quarter but Minden responded with two more TDs--a pass from Hatch to Cohen Schmidt and a 47-yard sprint by Hatch--two more Banuelos conversion kicks and a safety.

In the fourth period, the Eagles got a short passing TD and a two-point conversion pass followed by another Whippet TD, this one by Ryker Foutch. Kyler Wilson ran in the two-point conversion to complete the night's scoring.

Minden ran for 270 yards and passed for 57 to total 327 while Milford passed for 101 but was held to -5 rushing by the swarming Dawg defense for a total offense of 96.

RUSHING: Hatch 18-164, 3 TDs; Lutkemeier 5-31, 2 TDs; Foutch 7-62, one TD; Logan Verbeck 5-28; Kanin Heath 1-0; Cole Schwenka 2-(-9)

PASSING: Hatch 4-6, 57, one TD; Schwenka 0-1

RECEIVING: Cohen Schmidt 2-22, one TD; Schwenka 1-20; Turner Schmidt 1-15

TACKLES (solos-assts): Heath 6-3, Andrew 6-1, Banuelos 4-3, Cohen Schmidt 5-12, Cael Smith 3-1, Foutch 3-1, Turner Schmidt 1-2, Schwenka 1-2, Lutkemeier 3-0, Drew Seiler 0-2, Sorensen 1-1, Wilson 2-0,Verbeck 2-0, Hatch 1-0, Isaak Van Pool 1-0, Lukas Labenz 1-0

TACKLES FOR LOSS: Smith 3, Heath 2, Turner Schmidt 1, Foutch 1, Cohen Schmidt 1, Banuelos 1, Labenz 1, Seiler 1

SACKS: Smith 2, Heath 1, Seiler 1

INTERCEPTIONS: Turner Schmidt 1-48 return

PUNTING: Lutkemeier 3-36.0 ave.

PUNT RETURNS: Hatch 3-38.7 ave.

KICKOFF RETURNS: Runions 1-6

Minden	7	21	16	8-	52 (4-0)
Milford	0	0	2	8-	10 (1-3)

MIN- Hatch, 10 run (Banuelos kick)
MIN- Lutkemeier, 5 run (Banuelos kick)
MIN- Hatch, 25 run (Banuelos kick)
MIN- Lutkemeier, 7 run (Banuelos kick)
MIL- Safety
MIN- Co. Schmidt, 6 pass from Hatch (Banuelos kick)
MIN- Hatch, 47 run (Banuelos kick)
MIN- Safety
MIL- 3 pass (pass)
MIN- Foutch, 4 run (Wilson run)

Minden's Homecoming game will match the Whippets against Adams Central (3-1) on September 25. Note that the game GAME TIME is 6:00. The Patriots lost at Sidney 20-0 last week.

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Wildcats Lose Ground to Warriors

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell went down to defeat at Arapahoe 66-14 on September 18.

The Cats got two fourth-quarter touchdowns from Luke Abbott, who led the team with 68 yards rushing on just 6 carries.

Axtell ran for 116 and passed for 35 for a 151 total.

OTHER RUSHING: Landon Powers 14-49, Mick Pfeil 7-0, Carter Hardenbrook 2-(-1)

PASSING: Powers 4-16, 35 yards, 4 int.

RECEIVING: Nolan Wells 2-17, Luke Samuelson 1-14, Abbott 1-4

TACKLES (solos-assts): Sam Kindschuh 5-3, Hardenbrook 5-3, Abbott 5-2, Samuelson 5-2, Barrett Thorell 3-3, Pfeil 1-4, Powers 2-3, Grayson Bray 0-3, Maddex Ristau 1-1, Brogan Pittz 1-0, Wells 0-1

TACKLES FOR LOSS: Kindschuh 3, Hardenbrook 2, Thorell 1, Samuelson 1

PUNTING: Powers 5- 27.8 ave.

KICKOFF RETURNS: Abbott 7-12. ave.; Pfeil 1-5; Powers 2-4.0 ave.

CONVERSION RUNS: Powers 1

Axtell	0	0	0	14-	14 (0-4)
Arap.	32	20	8	6-	66 (2-2)

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The Cats entertain Southern Valley (3-1) on September 25. The Eagles beat Maxwell 66-30 last week.

Falcons Defeated by Dragons in Homecoming Showdown

ROGER HANSEN

Deshler defeated Wilcox-Hildreth 24-8 on September 18 at Hildreth dropping the Falcons to 2-2. The contest, with a 3:00 pm kickoff, was Wil-Hil's Homecoming game.

Much the same as the Falcons began the game against NPSP a few weeks ago, they scored on their first possession, getting to the end zone in three plays after the opening kickoff. Kaden Schriner went 31 yards for a TD and Kyler Masters ran for the two-point conversion putting Wil-Hil up 8-0 at 10:33.

Masters recovered a Deshler fumble on the Dragons' first possession but the Falcons could not move the ball and were forced to punt. Deshler then took seven plays to score on a 17-yard pass and added a two-point conversion run to knot the game at 8-8 with 1:30 to go in the opening quarter.

About three minutes into the second period, the Dragons went ahead with a 16-yard TD run and the conversion run. At 9:06 of the second Deshler led 16-8. Neither team scored the remainder of the first half.

The final points of the game came on the Falcons' kickoff to begin the third quarter as the Dragons returned the kick 74 yards for a TD. Another conversion run jacked the lead to 24-8 at 11:51 of the third.

A potential big play for the Falcons, when Landon Lienemann connected with Masters on a 59-yard score, was nullified by an inadvertent whistle by a member of the officiating crew. Wil-Hil got credit for a 34-yard gain to the Deshler 25 and in a few plays moved the ball to the Dragons' nine. But a penalty and eventually an interception thwarted their last, best chance to trim Deshler's margin.

Individual stats for the Falcons were unavailable at press time.

Deshler	8	8	8	0-	24 (3-1)
Wil-Hil	8	0	0	0-	8 (2-2)

WH- Schriner, 31 run (K. Masters run)
D- 17 pass (run)
D- 16 run (run)
D- 72 Kick off return (run)

The Falcons are again home this week as high-scoring Loomis (4-0) comes to Hildreth on September 25.

Dragons Sack Falcons

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

After winning nine straight games, the Deshler Dragons extinguished the Wilcox-Hildreth Falcon's hot streak Sept. 18 in Wilcox.

The Falcons claimed the first set 25-23, but the Dragons claimed the next three sets 25-21, 25-22 and 25-22. Wil-Hil's record moved to 9-2 after the loss.

Freshman Georgia Guthrie continued to show her prowess in setting her teammates up for success with 27 assists. Junior Camryn Bunger was powerful at the net with 13 kills, and senior Madison Sheen dug deep for 14 digs.

After a very busy week, the Falcons will have a bit of a reprieve until Sept. 26 when they travel to Ansley for the Spartan Invitational.

Individual stats for Wil-Hil vs. Deshler

Kills: Camryn Bunger 13, Ellie Blank 6, Kinley Hansen 3, Elsie Donley 2, Madison Sheen 2, Georgia Guthrie 2

Aces: Sheen 2, Blank 2, Donley 1, Guthrie 1, Bunger 1

Blocks: No stats available

Digs: Sheen 14, Blank 13, Donley 10, Bunger 10, Guthrie 8, Elin Patterson 6, Hansen 4

Assists: Guthrie 27, Sheen 1

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Falcons Fly Past Eagles, Buffaloes

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

Wilcox-Hildreth swept their second tournament of the week, defeating Overton and Elm Creek on Sept. 17 at the Overton triangular.

The Falcons breezed past the Eagles in two sets, 25-15 and 25-23.

Freshman Georgia Guthrie set up her teammates for success with 21 assists. Junior Camryn Bunger and freshman Ellie Blank both attacked the ball for six kills. Senior Madison Sheen was the defensive specialist for 10 digs.

Individual stats for Wil-Hil vs. Overton

Kills: Camryn Bunger 6, Ellie Blank 6, Elsie Donley 5, Madison Sheen 3, Georgia Guthrie 1, Kinley Hansen 1

Aces: Guthrie 2, Bunger 1

Blocks: Guthrie 3, Donley 3, Blank 2, Bunger 2

Digs: Sheen 10, Blank 8, Guthrie 8, Bunger 6, Elin Patterson 3, Donley 3, Hansen 1

Assists: Guthrie 21, Bunger 1

The Buffaloes volleyed back and forth with the Falcons until the third set, but ultimately Wil-Hil took the win. They defeated Elm Creek 25-20, 22-25 and 25-20.

Wil-Hil was hot on the defensive end with 75 digs, 18 attributed to Guthrie and 10 blocks by Donley. Guthrie also was the assist leader with 25 successful sets. Bunger racked up nine kills.

Individual stats for Wil-Hil vs. Elm Creek

Kills: Bunger 9, Sheen 7, Blank 5, Donley 3, Guthrie 1, Hansen 1

Aces: Blank 2, Sheen 2, Bunger 1, Guthrie 1

Blocks: Donley 10, Bunger 5, Guthrie 3, Blank 3, Sheen 1

Digs: Guthrie 18, Sheen 16, Bunger 14, Donley 10, Patterson 8, Blank 5, Hansen 4

Assists: Guthrie 25, Donley 1

Blazers Keep Win Streak Burning

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The HWY 6 Trailblazers unbeaten run continued throughout last week with victories over McCook, Ord and Gothenburg.

On Sept. 14, the Blazers took on McCook at home, winning 19-10 in six innings. The Bison jumped to an early lead in the top of the first inning with five runs batted in. But HWY 6 kept it steady, tying up the game in the bottom of the third with a ground out by Neveah Browitt and Breckynn Edgren, a double by Lillian Labenz and a single by Katherine Marshall.

The Blazers pulled ahead with five runs in the bottom of the fourth. The hot bats continued in the bottom of the fifth with six runs on six hits including a single from Stella Birkestrand, Browitt, Marshall and Kaleah Boulware.

Addisyn Norris was a vital asset in the game with a home run in the bottom of the sixth that drove in two runs and three walks off the home plate. On the pitcher's mound, Norris struck out eight and walked six. She allowed five hits and five runs (two earned).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MCCK	5	1	0	2	2	0	X	10	6	4
HWY6	2	0	4	5	6	2	X	19	20	5

The Trailblazers traveled to Ord on Sept. 15 and took their second lead of the week with a score of 11-4.

Norris was the first to score with a solo home run. The final inning of the night was the biggest one for the Blazers with five runs on five hits. Norris drew a walk to score one run, Boulware tripled to score three runs and McKinley Jauken doubled for one run.

Labenz earned the win for HWY 6, giving up zero hits and two runs (one earned). She struck out four and walked three.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
HWY6	0	1	3	0	1	1	5	11	10	2
ORDC	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	4	8

For the third time this season, the Trailblazers grabbed an easy win 15-2 over the Gothenburg Swedes on Sept. 17 in Gothenburg.

HWY 6 grabbed the lead at the top of the first inning with four runs and never gave it back. The Blazers continued to dominate at the plate when Boulware hit a solo home run.

Jauken and Birkestrand were the top hitters for HWY 6, each driving in three runs. Norris commanded the pitcher's mound to earn the win for the Blazers. She struck out nine and walked one. She surrendered one hit and two runs (one earned).

The team has had a bit of a break but will pick up their bats Sept. 24 against Southern Valley/Alma at Augie Nelson Park in Minden.

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



The Hwy 6 Trailblazers kept their winning streak alive through three contests last week decisively defeating McCook, Ord, and Gothenburg. Pictured: Austin Johnson races the ball to safety. (Courtesy photo by Sophia Birkestrand, MHS Yearbook)

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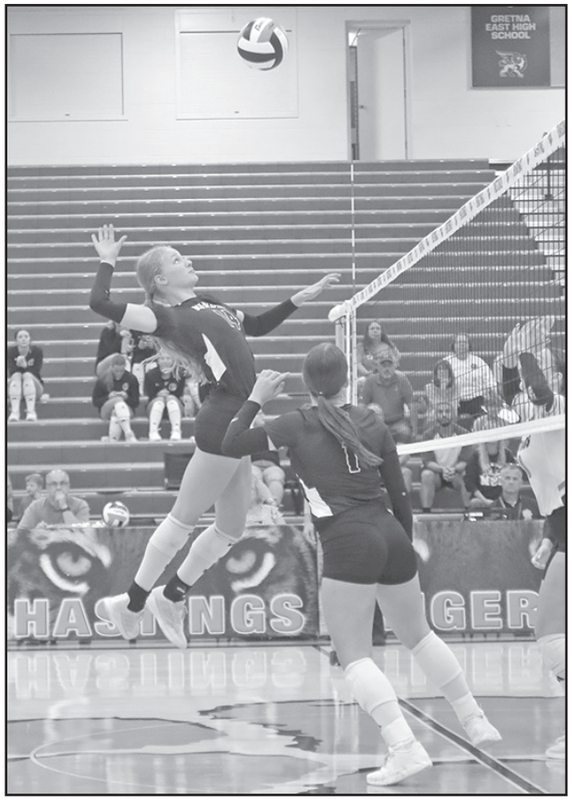
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Minden Slashes Tigers, Overcome by Vikings

ASHLEY BEBENSEE



The Minden volleyball team split games at the Hastings triangular on September 15 in Hastings. (above) Josa Ciemnoczolowski gets air in preparation of a powerful kill. (right) Malayna Emery aims a shot past a block attempt. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

After easily dropping the Hastings Tigers, Minden battled but ultimately lost to Grand Island Northwest on Sept. 15 at the Hastings triangular.

The Whippets conquered the Tigers in two sets 25-22 and 25-23.

Junior Aly Cederburg put up the most kills and blocks with six and three, respectively. Junior Kaleigh Carr and freshman Malayna Emery both slammed down five kills and dug eight digs. Junior Victoria Hansen had 10 successful set assists.

Individual stats for Minden vs. Hastings

Kills: Aly Cederburg 6, Malayna Emery 5, Kaleigh Carr 5, Rilynn Johnson 2, Josa Ciemnoczolowski 1

Assists: Victoria Hansen 10, Olivia Armstrong 7, Carr 1

Aces: Emery 2

Digs: Emery 8, Carr 8, Hansen 5, Armstrong 3, Reagan Carey 3, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Lexie Anderson 1, Cederburg 1, Rilynn Johnson 1, Ruby Rhynalds 1

Blocks: Cederburg 3, Johnson 3, Ciemnoczolowski 2

In round two, the Whippets faced the Vikings, who have only one loss to their name this season. Minden came out strong, claiming the first set 25-22. But the Vikings found their footing and defeated the Whippets in the final two sets 14-25 and 14-25.

The Minden squad was busy on the defensive end with 37 digs led by Carr with 10 and freshman Reagan Carey with nine. Cederburg had nine kills, and Hansen had eight set assists.

Individual stats for Minden vs. Grand Island Northwest

Kills: Cederburg 9, Ciemnoczolowski 4, Carr 3, Emery 2

Assists: Hansen 8, Armstrong 7, Carr 1

Aces: Armstrong 4, Emery 3, Hansen 1, Carr 1,

Digs: Carr 10, Carey 9, Emery 7, Hansen 4, Armstrong 2, Johnson 2, Tatum Delira 1, Cederburg 1, Rhynalds 1

Blocks: Cederburg 3, Ciemnoczolowski 2, Carey 1

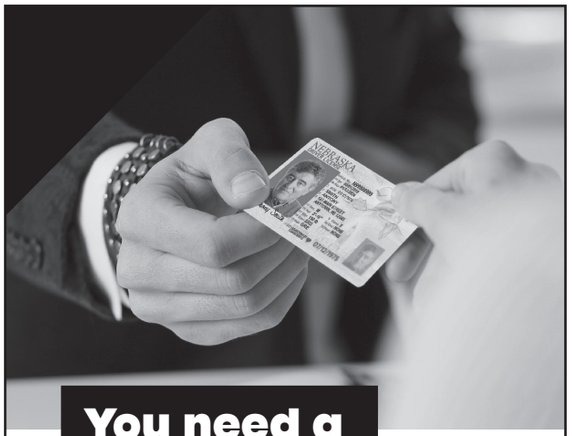


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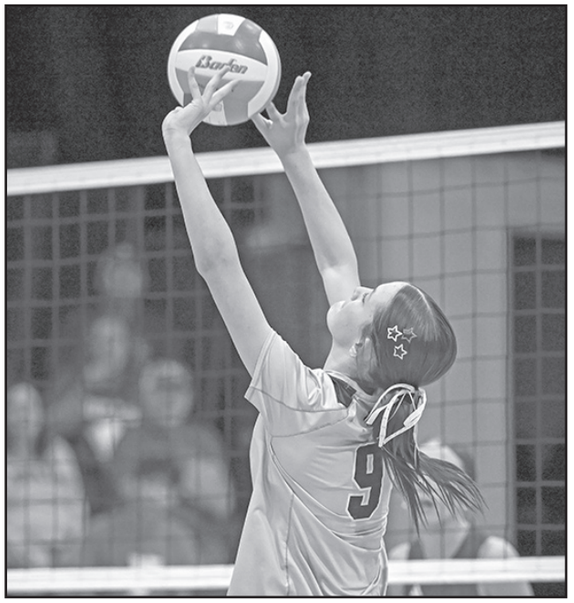
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Lady Wildcats Fall to Hi-Line, Loomis

ASHLEY BEBENSEE



The Axtell volleyball team dropped games to Hi-Line and Loomis during their home triangular on September 17. Hadley Most sets the ball. (Courier photo by Rachel Hawkins)

The Axtell Lady Wildcats were dealt two tough blows Sept. 17 during their home invitational with Hi-Line (Eustis-Farnam/Elwood) and Loomis.

In round one, Axtell lost in two sets to Hi-Line 25-20 and 25-23. The team was busy on the defensive end with 30 digs led by junior Mina Schilling with 10. Junior Leah Stritt put down the most kills with nine, and she also tallied three aces for the Cats. Sophomore Solara Quigley and freshman Hadley Most continued to work together on set assists with four and five, respectively.

Individual stats for Axtell vs. Hi-Line

Kills: Ashlynn Nelson 5, Amelia Halvorsen 4, Leah Stritt 3, Adelyn Wells 3, Hadley Most 1,

Aces: Stritt 3, Nelson 1

Assists: Most 5, Solara Quigley 4, Mina Schilling 3, Wells 2, Stritt 1, Hawkins 1

Blocks: Thorell 1, Hawkins 1, Halvorsen 1, Nelson 1, Wells 1

Digs: Schilling 10, Stritt 6, Wells 4, Nelson 3, Most 3, Quigley 2, Hawkins 1

The Loomis Wolves proved to be a bit too much for the Wildcats and dropped them in two sets 25-22 and 25-19.

The Wildcats continued to work together defensively with 40 digs spread amongst eight players. Schilling racked up the most with eight. Quigley placed the ball for her teammates six times, and Stritt attacked the ball for six kills.

Axtell had another busy week with a home game Sept. 21 against Grand Island Lutheran. They traveled to Harvard Sept. 22 for a triangular with Harvard and Giltner, and will play at the Southern Valley Triangular on Sept. 24.

Individual stats for Axtell vs. Loomis

Kills: Stritt 6, Hawkins 2, Halvorsen 2, Nelson 1, Thorell 1

Aces: Most 2, Nelson 1

Assists: Quigley 6, Most 4, Wells 1

Blocks: Thorell 3, Hawkins 1, Halvorsen 1

Digs: Schilling 8, Stritt 7, Nelson 6, Wells 6, Quigley 6, Most 3, Hawkins 2, Thorell 2

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

EMMA HALL - CROSS COUNTRY

School - Axtell Community School
Grade - Senior
Achievements & Attributes - Axtell senior Emma Hall has been a two-year state cross country qualifier. So far this season, her finishes have been:
Axtell Invite - 1st
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ELSIE DONLEY - VOLLEYBALL

Grade: Freshman
Achievements: 8 aces, 61 kills, 11 solo blocks, 91 digs
Attributes: Elsie is the kind of athlete who lets her actions speak for her. She works hard, grinds quietly, and never needs recognition for the work she puts in. She does her job and does it well, especially when it matters the most. She leads by example rather than commanding attention, and she takes responsibility without looking for someone else to blame. Most importantly, she is the kind of teammate every team needs: selfless, encouraging, and willing to do whatever is best for her team. She may not always be the loudest voice in our gym, but her consistency, work ethic, and character speak volumes.
Other: Elsie has made an impressive transition from junior high to varsity volleyball this season. While many freshmen are still adjusting to the pace and demands of the varsity level, Elsie has stepped in and earned a significant role on the court. She has become a reliable six-rotation player while also ranking among our team leaders in several stat categories. Her ability to contribute consistently on both sides of the ball has made a big impact for our team. - *Coach Haley Marsh*



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Lady Falcons Claim Victory at Home Tri.

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

Wilcox-Hildreth's hot streak continues as they claimed the top spot at their home triangular Sept. 15 against Axtell and Shelton.

Wil-Hil took down Axtell in three sets. The Falcons took set one 25-18, but the Wildcats came back to claim set two 25-23. In the end, Wil-Hil overcame Axtell in the final set 25-19.

The Falcons surpassed the Wildcats in kills and blocks. Junior Camryn Bunger and freshman Ellie Blank finished with seven kills apiece, and Bunger put up three blocks. Blank was the defensive specialist of the match for Wil-Hil with 14 digs, and freshman Georgia Guthrie had 10 set assists

For the Wildcats, Adelyn Wells had a strong serving arm for six aces. Senior Bristol Thorell had five kills. Senior Ashlynn Nelson was busy in the back row with 14 digs. Sophomore Solara Quigley and freshman Hadley Most combined for seven assists apiece.

Individual stats for Wil-Hil vs. Axtell

Axtell

Kills: Bristol Thorell 5, Adelyn Wells 4, Morgan Hawkins 4, Leah Stritt 3, Ashlynn Nelson 1, Amelia Halvorsen 1

Aces: Wells 6, Stritt 1, Hawkins 1, Mina Schilling 1

Blocks: Nelson 2, Hawkins 2, Halvorsen 2, Wells 1, Thorell 1

Digs: Nelson 14, Schilling 13, Wells 7, Hadley Most 7, Stritt 5, Hawkins 3, Halvorsen 3, Quigley 2, Thorell 1

Assists: Quigley 7, Most 7, Wells 3, Nelson 1

Wil-Hil

Kills: Ellie Blank 7, Camryn Bunger 7, Madison Sheen 5, Elsie Donley 3, Georgia Guthrie 1

Aces: Blank 3, Guthrie 2, Bunger 1

Blocks: Bunger 3, Kinley Hansen 2, Blank 2, Donley 2, Guthrie 1

Digs: Blank 14, Sheen 10, Guthrie 8, Donley 7, Hansen 6, Elin Patterson 5, Bunger 1

Assists: Guthrie 10, Bunger 1

The Wildcats clawed out a win against Shelton in three sets. The Bulldogs squeaked by the Cats in set one 26-24, but the Wildcats were able to take the final two sets 25-21 and 25-23.

Junior Leah Stritt led the team defensively with 19 digs, and she was one of the top attackers with five kills. Senior Morgan Hawkins etched six kills. Freshman Hadley Most set the team up for success with 10 assists.

Individual stats for Axtell vs. Shelton

Kills: Hawkins 6, Stritt 5, Halvorsen 3, Thorell 3, Wells 2, Most 2, Nelson 1, Schilling 1

Aces: Wells 1, Nelson 1, Schilling 1

Digs: Stritt 19, Schilling 12, Wells 9, Most 8, Nelson 7, Hawkins 6, Halvorsen 1, Quigley 1, Ari Nickel 1, Thorell 1

Assists: Most 10, Quigley 8, Wells 2, Stritt 2, Schilling 2, Halvorsen 1

The Shelton Bulldogs took the first match against the Wil-Hil Falcons 25-19, but the Falcons powered back to take the last two sets 25-15 and 25-17.

Freshman Georgia Guthrie was vital getting the ball where it needed to be for her teammates with 19 digs and 11 set assists. She also had three aces. Senior Madison Sheen was the leader in attacks with seven kills.

Individual stats for Wil-Hil vs. Shelton

Kills: Sheen 7, Blank 5, Donley 3, Guthrie 3, Bunger 2, Hansen 2

Aces: Guthrie 3, Donley 3, Blank 2, Sheen 2, Patterson 1

Blocks: Bunger 2, Donley 2

Digs: Guthrie 19, Blank 14, Donley 9, Bunger 8, Sheen 7, Patterson 5, Hansen 4, Ona Wilsey 1

Assists: Guthrie 11



The Wilcox-Hildreth volleyball team hosted Axtell and Shelton at a home triangular on September 15. The Falcons defeated both teams and the Wildcats split their games. Pictured: Ellie Blank of Wil-Hil tips the ball over the net while Morgan Hawkins and Adelynn Wells of Axtell go up to block. (Courier photo by Rachel Hawkins)

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School Record Broken on Home Course

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The Minden girls' linksters played in two invitationals last week--on September 15 at Gothenburg and September 17 at home.

At Gothenburg Macy Jorgensen kept her unbeaten streak intact as she shot a 79 for top honors, four strokes ahead of a Valentine golfer.

The other varsity players were Laynee Joyce (120), Hallie Hartman (129) and Ceirra Riley (136).

Team scores (top 5): Valentine 392, Cozad 394, McCook 401, GICC 406, Broken Bow 437. Minden was 8th at 464. 51 girls competed.





Macy Jorgensen (top right) continued to dominate on the golf course last week taking top honors at the Gothenburg and home invites. Jorgensen also broke a school record during the Minden meet on September 17. (above) Arihanna Johnson watches her drive during the damp home competition. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

At the Whippets home meet, Macy outdid herself and all others before her by firing a school-record 31 on the front nine and a 71 on the day. She had shared the 9-hole record of 32 with her sister KayLynn.

Ceirra carded a PR of 102, Laynee had a 113 and Hallie a 126.

Minden was 7th as a team but posted their best score of the season with a 411.

The other team scores: GINW 355, Sutton 372, GICC 379, Adams Central 389, Holdrege 393, Hastings 394

Arihanna Johnson and Hartleigh Bienhoff both shot 73 for 9 holes competing as JVs.

Bowling Standings

Classey Lassies **9-10-26**

Team Standings:	**W**	**L**
Platte River BBQ	7.5	4.5
Upland Bar & Grill	7	5
Split Happens	7	5
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Larson Bros Construction	6	6
Pony Express Ford	5.5	6.5
Dobish Dumpsters	2	10

High Individual Game: Betty Smith, 191; Joyce Bestol, 186; Krissy Simonton, 175

High Individual Series: Sheila Schoone, 481; Betty Smith, 466; Amber Misek, 452

High Team Game: Split Happens, 462; Pony Express Ford, 422; Upland Bar & Grill, 401

High Team Series: Split Happens, 1212; Upland Bar & Grill, 1140; Larson Bros Construction, 1104

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Team Standings:	**W**	**L**
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High Individual Game: Denise Smith, 214; Rendy France, 178; Rendy France, 169

High Individual Series: Rendy France, 476; Denise Smith, 475; Ashley Osterbuhr, 453

High Team Game: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 454; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 426; Children First Daycare & Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, 382

High Team Series: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1221; Children First Daycare, 1130; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, 1073

Sports Calendar

Wilcox-Hildreth

Friday, September 25
FB v. Loomis
Monday, September 28
XC @ UNK Invite
Tuesday, September 29
VB @ Elba Quad
Thursday, October 1
VB WH Tri. - Pink Out

Axtell

Friday, September 25
FB v. Southern Valley
Monday, September 28
XC @ UNK Invite
Tuesday, September 29
VB v. Bertrand
XC @ Franklin Invite

Minden

Friday, September 25
FB v. Adams Central
Saturday, September 26
SB @ Tekamah-Herman Tourney
VB @ Hastings Invite
Monday, September 28
GO @ Cozad Invite
XC @ UNK Invite
SB - Minden Tri.
Tuesday, September 29
GO @ SWC Invite (Cozad)
SB - Holdrege Tri
VB v. Kearney Catholic
Thursday, October 1
XC @ Gothenburg Invite
VB @ Sandy Creek Tri.
SB v. North Platte

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: **S5 Enterprises, LLC**. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 967 W 1st St. Minden, NE 68959. Shane Schmidt is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on April 7th, 2025, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: September 9, 2026

S5 Enterprises, LLC,
A Nebraska Limited Liability Company.
By/s/ Andrew S. Olson
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Sep 17, 2026
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NOTICE

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

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

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

Remington S. Slama #27389
KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT & MESSERSMITH
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308-832-2150
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Sep 10, 2026
Sep 17, 2026
Sep 24, 2026
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NOTICE

ETC NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, Glenwood Telecommunications and Glenwood Network Services provide voice and broadband telecommunications services throughout its service territory. Glenwood is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) and as such, receives support from the Federal Universal Service Fund.

For the exchanges of Blue Hill, Funk, Keystone and Lemoyne, the following voice rates apply:

Single Party Residential Service $19.95

Single Party Business Service $29.95

Broadband residential services available are:

300 Mbps	$49.95
500 Mbps	$59.95
700 Mbps	$69.95
1 Gig	$89.95

Note: Additional federal, state, and local taxes, fees and/or surcharges may apply such as subscriber line and 911 charges.

Glenwood's voice service provides access to the public switched network, minutes of use for local service at no additional charge and access to emergency 911 services. Toll blocking at no charge is provided for low-income subscribers. For additional information regarding available broadband internet access speeds and pricing go to: www.gtmc.net.

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NOTICE

LIFELINE SERVICES

Low-income individuals may be eligible for the Lifeline telephone assistance program, which provides discounts from the basic local service and broadband charges through specified governmental programs. Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet services. Eligible customers will get up to $9.25 toward their bill.

Lifeline is a government assistance program. The service is non-transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. The program is limited to one discount per household.

Toll blocking is also available at no charge for low-income customers that qualify.

If you have any questions regarding this program or you want to apply for low-income telephone assistance, application forms can be obtained from one of the following options:

Online at www.lifelinesupport.org or by calling Glenwood at (866) 756-4746.

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NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING

Minden Housing Agency is holding a public meeting on November 10, 2026 at 12:00pm in the Minden Housing Agncy Community Room located at, 849 East 2nd St, Minden, NE. This meeting is to review the updated Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan, lease, community handbook and maintenance charges.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY EEO Equal Opportunity Employer

Sep 24, 2024
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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

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

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

DATED this 31 day of August, 2026.

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

STATE OF NEBRASKA
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

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

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

/s/ Katelyn Kerans
Notary Public

Sep 10, 2026
Sep 17, 2026
Sep 24, 2026
Oct 1, 2026
Oct 8, 2026
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NOTICE

VILLAGE OF WILCOX, NE - NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Wilcox, Nebraska, by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees, has directed a sale of the following real property owned by it:

Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Eight (8), B & M Addition to the Village of Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska (Parcel ID 0008148.00)

Any person desiring to submit a responsive bid, together with supporting documentation described in the below, shall do so, under seal, to the office of the Wilcox Village Clerk located at 107 W Sapp Street, Wilcox, Nebraska 68982, so it is received in the Clerk's office no later than November 10, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Any bid received after such date and time shall not be considered. Bids shall be opened and may be awarded at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 10, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

1. The Village intends to sell the Property to the highest bidder. Bidders shall include with the bid proof of ability to pay or obtain financing (which, at minimum, shall be in the form of a letter of preapproval from a lender).
2. The Property is being sold subject to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Purchase Agreement approved by the Village Board and attached to Resolution No. 697 ("Purchase Agreement"). Any person desiring to submit a bid should first review the Purchase Agreement. A copy of the Purchase Agreement is available for review or to copy at the office of the Village Clerk.
3. Any person submitting a bid agrees that such bid shall be subject to the terms of the Purchase Agreement. Any bid that purports to modify any terms of the Purchase Agreement shall not be a valid bid and shall not be accepted by the Village.
4. A minimum bid amount of $10,000 is required. No bid will be accepted below this minimum bid amount.
5. The Property is being sold "as is," without warranty of any kind as to the condition of any improvements thereon, and subject to any and all restrictions and encumbrances of record and subject to compliance with any and all Nebraska laws governing the procedure of the sale of real property by a Nebraska municipality classified as a village.
6. The Village will consider all reasonable bids, but reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right to request additional information and supporting documentation from any bidder prior to the award of any bid.
7. Sale shall be confirmed by ordinance that will identify the purchaser and purchase price, in addition to the terms of sale set forth in the Purchase Agreement.
8. Following the passage of the ordinance described above, the sale be conducted in strict accordance with the Purchase Agreement.

Melinda Ferree, Village Clerk
Sep 17, 2026
Sep 24, 2026
Oct 1, 2026
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NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 9:30 A.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held September 15, 2026 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 Jason Sinsel, James Miller, Nathan Avery, Robert Swanson and Heath Hofstetter. Absent was Jeff England. Also present were Co. Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Scott White Sheriff, Craig Lupkes Emerg. Mgmt. Dir., Melodie Bellamy Co. Atty, Carrie Favinger 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 September 8, 2026. Approved Bills and Claims. Held a Public Comment. No comments were made. Held a Public Hearing from 9:40am to 9:41am on an Administrative Subdivision for L & V Stadler on a tract of land in SW1/4 32-6-15. The permit was approved. Approved Resolution for a 6-month Data Center Moratorium. Discussed Data Center Regulations working group, Commissioners Nathan Avery and Heath Hofstetter volunteered as members of the group with Jason Sinsel aiding when schedules provide. Approved duplicate General Fund Check 26060157 to NACEHS issued 6/16/26 for $160.00 and General Fund Check 26060089 to Randy Pracht issued 6/2/26 for $30.00 and General Fund Check 26060158 to NE Glass Co. issued 6/16/26 for $119.85. Reviewed correspondence from NDWEE regarding KCC Feeding. Held a Closed Session from 10:00 a.m. to 10:49 a.m. to discuss possible litigation. Held a Budget Hearing at 10:52 a.m. Markus Ramsey presented the budget and there was no public comment. Adopted a resolution to set final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Approved 1% restricted funds authority limit. Adopted a resolution of Adoption and Appropriations. Adopted a resolution of Cash Transfer from General Fund to the Road Fund. Adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman
Kearney County
Board of Commissioners
ATTEST:
/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk

GENERAL FUND: A T & T, Sv, $82.02; Adams Co Shf, Sv, 18.50; Adams Co Treas, Sv, 139.09; BC Publish, Sv, 238.08; Craig Bros Mow, Sv, 550.00; Donkey Towing & Transfer, Sv, 215.20; Eakes Ofc, Su, 349.55; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 2,375.31; Philip Heun, VSO, Mile, 310.57; Craig Lupkes, B & G Supv, Su, 85.99; Jenni Lupkes, Co Clerk, Mile, 29.94; Mason's, Su, 89.88; Minden Hrdwr, Su, 296.46; NACO, Reg, 165.00; Northeast Ne JV Svc, Sv, 4,603.50; Precision Roller, Su, 694.85; State of Ne= DAS- Central Fin, Sv, 150.00; Thomas Reuters- West Publishing, Pub, 132.00; TOTAL $10,525.94. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt, Su, $1,600.00; Auto Glass Experts, Sv, 200.00; Carquest/Landmark, Pts, 177.38; Eakes Ofc, Su, 267.89; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 144.94; Jim's OK Tire, Su, 549.50; KT Diesel & Equip, Su/Sv, 930.37; Lawson Products, Su, 27.28; NAPA, Pts, 484.92; NCK Quarries, Gravel, 3,853.72; NMC, Su, 1,428.04; Road Builders Mach & Su, Su, 782.06; Yant Equip Co, Su, 2,335.75; TOTAL $12,781.85. STOP PROGRAM FUND: BC Publish, Sv, $8.51; Lynn Peavy Co, Sv, 275.85; TOTAL $284.36. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Dry Creek Arsenal, Su, $2,307.41; TOTAL $2,307.41. JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND: Healthy Horizons Counseling, Sv, $300.00; Morgan Kenton, JV Svc Aid, Mile, 89.24; Verizon, Sv, 39.93; TOTAL $429.17.

Sep 24, 2026
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- Bulk Oil & DEF Delivery

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Upland, NE

NOTICE

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 6:30 BUDGET HEARING 6:45 TAX HEARING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY

The board reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. Present: Linda Almquist, Kurt Behrhorst, Bette Dimon, Ty Fickenscher, Jeff Halvorsen, Matt Strolberg. 2. Open meeting law is posted and recognized. 3. Publication of meeting and notice was published in the Minden Courier. 4. Budget Hearing. 4.a. Open 26-27 Budget Hearing. Motion to open budget hearing at 6:30 pm. This motion, made by Jeff Halvorsen and seconded by Bette Dimon, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 4.b. Hearing of 26-27 Budget. 4.c. Close Hearing on 26-27 Budget. Motion to close budget hearing at 6:35 pm. This motion, made by Linda Almquist and seconded by Kurt Behrhorst, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5. Tax Request Hearing. 5.a. Open 26-27 Tax Request Hearing. Motion to open Tax Request hearing at 6:45 pm. This motion, made by Jeff Halvorsen and seconded by Ty Fickenscher, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.b. Tax Request Hearing. 5.c. Close 26-27 Tax Request Hearing. Motion to close Tax Request hearing at 6:47 pm. This motion, made by Linda Almquist and seconded by Bette Dimon, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Axtell Community School Board of Education Meeting Wednesday, September 16, 2026 Immediately Following Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing Axtell Community School Library

The board reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. Present: Linda Almquist, Kurt Behrhorst, Bette Dimon, Ty Fickenscher, Jeff Halvorsen, Matt Strolberg. Meeting was called to order immediately following the budget hearing and tax request hearing at 6:48pm. 2. Open meeting law is posted and recognized. 3. Publication of Meeting-notice was published in the Minden Courier. 4. Recognition of guests and request for public comment. 5. Approval of minutes of the August board meeting, August claims meeting, and Budget Workshop. Motion to approve minutes of 8/10 meeting, 8/26 meeting, and 9/9 workshop. This motion, made by Ty Fickenscher and seconded by Matt Strolberg, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 6. Discussion and action of district financial reports. Motion to approve financial reports as presented. This motion, made by Jeff Halvorsen and seconded by Linda Almquist, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 7. Discussion and action of district claims. Motion to approve district claims as presented. This motion, made by Ty Fickenscher and seconded by Kurt Behrhorst, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 8. Administrative Reports. 8.a. Craig Lorenz, Principal Dual Credit/NMRP Homecoming Parent Teacher Conferences. 8.b. Dr. Chelsea Feusner, Superintendent ALCIAP Safety Audit UNK and Mosaic Partnerships Facility Updates EL Report, State Reporting Audit. 9. Action Items. 9.a. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as presented by the superintendent. General Budget of $7,011,893 Depreciation of $754,715 Activities $450,000 School Nutrition $350,000 Bond $747,548 Special Building $1,750,000 Cooperative $600,597 Total $11,664,753. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as presented by the superintendent. General Budget $7,011,893; Depreciation $754,715; Activities $450,000; School Nutrition $350,000; Bond $747,548; Special Building $1,750,000; Cooperative $600,597 for a Total of $11,664,753. This motion, made by Jeff Halvorsen and seconded by Bette Dimon, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 9.b. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve to adopt and affirm the Property Tax Request Resolution for the 2026-2027 school year as presented to the school board by the superintendent. General Fund Tax Request $4,828,535 Tax Rate of .594274 Bond Fund Tax Request $454,545 Tax Rate of .073533 Special Building Tax Request $404,040 Tax Rate of .049727 Total Property Tax Requestion $5,687,120 Tax Rate of .717534. Motion to adopt the Property Tax Request Resolution for the 2026-2027 school year as presented to the school board by the superintendent. General Fund Tax Request $4,828,535 with Tax Rate of .594274; Bond Fund Tax Request $454,545 with Tax Rate of .073533; Special Building Tax Request $404,040 with Tax Rate of .049727 for a Total Property Tax Requestion $5,687,120 with Tax Rate of .717534. This motion, made by Ty Fickenscher and seconded by Linda Almquist, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 9.c. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve hours for salary advancement for Alexas Kuehn and Chloe Bertrand. Motion to approve hours for salary advancement for Alexas Kuehn and Chloe Bertrand. This motion, made by Kurt Behrhorst and seconded by Matt Strolberg, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 9.d. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Facility Advocates maximum budget proposal of $167,850 (with potential deduction for east closet window), exterior weight room door for $11,875. (Wait on exterior weight room door operator for $5,950). Motion to approve approve the Facility Advocates maximum budget proposal of $167,850 (with potential deduction for east closet window) and exterior weight room door for $11,875. This motion, made by Ty Fickenscher and seconded by Jeff Halvorsen, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 9.e. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve Ziemba Roofing and Company quote for the 2nd floor option #1 and option #2 totaling $8,238. Motion to approve Ziemba Roofing and Company quote for the 2nd floor option #1 and option #2 totaling $8,238. This motion, made by Jeff Halvorsen and seconded by Matt Strolberg, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 9.f. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the bid of $49,000 for the second floor plaster removal and furring project, and consider $4,5000 for exterior window removal & infill. Motion to approve the bid of $49,000 for the second floor plaster removal and furring project and $4,500 exterior window removal and infill. This motion, made by Ty Fickenscher and seconded by Jeff Halvorsen, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 10. Discussion Items. 10.a. Superintendent Goal Setting. 10.b. Committee Reports Share out and establish future meeting dates. 10.c. Review of policies discussed at August board meeting for review or update. 10.d. Review and discuss first reading of policy #2420 and #5011. 10.e. Discussion of Policy 4112 and criteria for horizontal advancement. 11. Information Items. 11.a. The next board meeting will be the October 12th LB399 meeting @ 7:00pm and the Regular Board Meeting immediately following. Meeting changed due to schedule conflict to Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00pm. 12. Closed Session Motion to enter closed session for the protection of the public interest. Motion to enter closed session at 7:39 pm. This motion, made by Bette Dimon and seconded by Linda Almquist, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Closed session ended at 7:51 pm. This motion, made by Ty Fickenscher and seconded by Linda Almquist, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 13. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm. This motion, made by Linda Almquist and seconded by Bette Dimon, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND: A&M AG PARTNERS, INC 55.00; ACTIVITY FUND 1,697.50; AED SUPERSTORE

550.70; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 1,835.98; BEHRHORST, KURT 620.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 475.67; BUILDERS WAREHOUSE INC 14,267.01; CARE NAVIGATION SOLUTIONS LLC 320.00; CENGAGE LEARNING 247.50; COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC 3,558.12; CORNERSTONE ELECTRIC 1,240.50; DANA F COLE & COMPANY, LLP 165.00; DANCEWEAR SOLUTIONS 419.70; DECKER EQUIPMENT 496.25; DRONE STRIKE LLC 600.00; DUG'S SHOP 5,971.29; EAKES OFFICE PLUS 11,751.96; ESU #11 3,133.00; FIRST CARE MEDICAL, P.C. (KEARNEY) 185.00; GO PHYSICAL THERAPY 9,619.48; GRAPHIC ARTS SHOP INC 2,655.61; HAMILTON LONG DISTANCE 1,545.42; HENRY SCHEIN INC 32.40; HOLDREGE DAILY CITIZEN, INC 12.68; HOMETOWN LEASING 2,866.38; JW PEPPER & SON,INC 83.99; KAT'S KORNER MARKET 92.75; KEARNEY WINNELSON CO 261.16; KINDSCHUH CONSTRUCTION, CO 100.00; KSB SCHOOL LAW 500.00; LANDMARK IMPLEMENT CARQUEST 21.78; LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE 97.48; LUNCH FUND 769.12; MENARDS-KEARNEY 275.46; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC 6,734.50; MINDEN COURIER, THE 492.56; MISSION PLUMBING LLC 1,575.00; MUSICSPOKE INC 40.00; NASB 65.00; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION 143.00; NCSA REGION IV 20.00; NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER 1,620.00; NEVCO SPORTS, LLC 7,498.25; ONE SOURCE 136.50; OTC BRANDS 247.73; OVERHEAD DOOR OF KEARNEY 221.53; OWL'S NEST FOR AG ED, LLC, THE 730.00; PERRY GUTHERY HAASE & GESSFORD,PC,LLO 2,750.00; Persson, Brock 658.88; PERSSON, KALINDA 658.88; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS 2,543.40; PRAIRIE HILL LANDFILL 20.00; PRO-ED, INC 250.00; PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY 1,464.95; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC 600.00; REK ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. 286.63; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC 136.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT 20.00; RUSH, NICOLE 50.00; SCENARIO LEARNING, LLC 1,045.16; SCHOLASTIC INC 179.89; SCHOLASTIC 274.73; SET ME FREE PROJECT, THE 500.00; SOUTH CENTRAL SANITATION 543.45; SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT 10,721.71; SPRACKLIN CHIROPRACTIC 100.00; STATE OF NEBRASKA 321.20; STUDIES WEEKLY 2,250.45; TCI 640.00; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 168.00; TPRS BOOKS 61.00; TREVIPAY-WALMART 330.83; ULINE 1,282.87; VILLAGE OF AXTELL 1,081.93; VISA 2,728.34; YANDAS MUSIC & PRO AUDIO 135.00; Vendors Listed: 77; Total: 117,626.26; September Payroll: 433,894.80; Total: 551,521.06. Fund: 10 COOPERATIVE FUND: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 899.96; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 114.99; KAT'S KORNER MARKET 72.08; LUNCH FUND 468.01; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC 110.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT 215.80; Vendors Listed: 6; Total: 1,880.84; September Payroll: 20,879.86; Total: 22,760.70.
Sep 24, 2026
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NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Agendas for the September 14, 2026 public hearings and meeting of the Board of Education were posted locally. Included in the notification were the time, place, date, and items on the agenda. Notice of the meeting was published in the paper. At 7:01 pm the board heard support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, and observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2026-2027 budget. At 7:16 pm the board heard support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, and observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. The hearing was closed at 7:21 pm. The board approved minutes from the meetings held August 10 and August 25, financial reports, and claims against the General Fund. The board approved the 2026-2027 budget and purchase of coach bus. The board approved the property tax levy of $0.746441 and the following resolution: Now be it therefore resolved that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at $9,964,701.71 for the 2026-2027 school fiscal year; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at $1,719,835.50 for the 2026-2027 school fiscal year; and (3) the Tax Request for the Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at $2,158,586.00 for the 2026-2027 school fiscal year. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.
SEPTEMBER 2026 - GENERAL FUND CLAIMS – CenturyLink, $462.59; Minden Exchange Bank, $33.85; Wright Express Fleet Services, $670.51; Blue Cross Blue Shield, $201,591.11; Credit Management Services, Inc., $442.81; Fiduciary Trust Company ,$2,000.00; Horace Mann Life Insurance Company, $1,450.00; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., $2,633.77; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., $8,491.78; Minden Public Schools, $107,016.34; Mps Payroll, $142,534.75; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, $18,706.98; Principal Life Insurance Company, $1,220.06; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., $3,508.43; American Recycling, $100.00; Apptegy, Inc., $6,090.00; Aurora Cooperative, $3,552.25; Black Hills Energy, $3,191.31; CCS Presentation Systems, $59.00; Cengage Learning, $472.78; City Of Minden, $31,089.13; Clearfly, $919.72; Companion, $3,431.00; Computer Hardware, Inc., $6,196.00; Eakes Office Solutions, $998.85; Educational Service Unit #10, $1,840.00; Educational Service Unit #11, $4,477.75; Elan Financial Services, $536.29; Engineered Controls, Inc., $988.00; ESU Coordinating Council, $7,509.65; Fifth Street Printing, $47.00; Gopher, $291.58; Henry Schein, Inc., $19.44; Hometown Leasing, $3,855.49; Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC, $114.50; John Deere Financial, $242.89; Johnson Hardware Company, LLC, $86.00; JW Pepper & Son, Inc., $410.74; Landmark Implement Carquest, $26.95; Mason's Market, $1,395.77; Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc., $489.43; Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc., $19,727.00; Minden Courier, $246.53; Minden Hardware, $398.32; Mission Plumbing and Heating, LLC, $824.73; Mosyle Corporation, $277.20; Napa Auto Parts, $114.48; NASB ALICAP, $204,803.00; National Association for Music Education, $286.00; Ne Association School Boards, $441.00; Nebraska Department of Education, $560.00; Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corp, $1,155.00; Nippon Sanso Matheson, $159.28; Omnify Benefits, $140.80; One Source, $458.00; Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O, $670.00; Presto-X Company, $221.70; Renaissance Learning, $5,336.82; S & S Worldwide, Inc., $34.23; Scholastic Magazines, $3,383.62; School Specialty, LLC, $24.37; Spracklin Chiropractic, $100.00; University of Nebraska - Lincoln (IANR), $100.00; Verizon, $173.85; Verizon Wireless, $160.04; Village Uniform, $1,085.45; Widdifield, James T, $118.40; Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc., $62.50; September Net Payroll - $470,114.41; Subtotal - $1,280,371.23; LUNCH FUND CLAIMS – Jacobsen, Barbara J, $212.25; Cash-wa Distributing Co., $670.90; Lurinda Clark, $70.20; Cash-wa Distributing Co., $3,898.13; Blue Cross Blue Shield, $4,463.52; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., $49.06; Minden Public Schools, $2,016.23; Mps Payroll, $2,850.78; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, $334.90; Principal Life Insurance Company, $49.32; September Net Payroll – $13,244.26; Subtotal - $27,859.55; TOTAL CLAIMS - $1,308,279.84
Sep 24, 2026
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NOTICE

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 7:00 PM AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY

The board reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. Present: Linda Almquist, Kurt Behrhorst, Bette Dimon, Ty Fickenscher, Jeff Halvorsen, Matt Strolberg. The special meeting of the Axtell Community School Board of Education is called to order on Septmber 9th, 2026 at 7:00pm, in the Axtell Community School Library. 2. Open meeting law is posted and recognized. Publication of Meeting-notice was provided according to policy. 3. Recognition of guests and request for public comment. 4. Discussion Items. 4.a. 2026-2027 Budget Booklet and Tax Request Presentation. 4.b. Discussion and Q&A. 5. Motion to Adjourn. motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. This motion, made by Linda Almquist and seconded by Bette Dimon, Passed. Linda Almquist: Yea, Kurt Behrhorst: Yea, Bette Dimon: Yea, Ty Fickenscher: Yea, Jeff Halvorsen: Yea, Matt Strolberg: Yea; Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 6. Next Board Meeting: Budget/Tax Hearing: Wednesday, September 16th @ 6:30PM September School Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 16th Immediately After Budget and Tax Request Hearings.
Sep 24, 2026
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APPROVED BUDGET SUMMARY

Two Rivers Public Health Department

The Board approved the 2026-2027 budget on August 11, 2026. The approved budget includes revisions to the proposed budget presented at the public hearing. The amounts shown below reflect the final Board-approved budget and supersede previously published budget summary figures.

2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	3,229,224.76
2025-2026 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	3,009,147.51
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	6,354,361.59
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	482,138.09
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	$	6,836,499.68
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	263,292.46

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NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE CONTROLLED

You are required to control noxious weeds on your property.

The noxious weeds are: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar, Phragmites, Knotweed (Japanese and Giant) and Sericea Lespedeza. Notice is hereby given this 23rd day of September, 2026, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2-955, subsection 1(a), to every person who owns or controls land in Kearney County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown, or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

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

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

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

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A place for worship
7. Referee declaration
10. Torsos
12. Used to introduce something
13. Healing method
14. Takes to the sea
15. Make law
16. French coastal city
17. Hawaiian dish
18. Young of domestic cattle
19. Women's undergarments
21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
22. One after another
27. It's a hot topic these days
28. Folk band frontman
33. They precede C
34. Heavenly
36. Fiddler crabs
37. Major Hindu deity
38. Hebrew given name
39. Cost per mile
40. __ Romeo, car
41. Rural municipality in Manitoba
44. Narratives
45. "A tragedy had __ him"
48. Iranian city
49. Praises publicly
50. Founding Father Franklin
51. Herbal teA

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass
2. "Tears in Heaven" singer Clapton
3. Part of a sailing vessel
4. Part of (abbr.)
5. Polynesian garland of flowers
6. Keyboard key
7. One who steals
8. Large oven
9. Former CIA
10. Idea
11. Solomon Islands capital
12. Afrikaans
14. Remove thatch
17. Television network
18. Jalen Brunson is one
20. Title of respect
23. Flowering trees
24. Occurring in a tube
25. Exists
26. Woman (French)
29. Expression of doubt
30. NHL legend Bobby
31. Accomplished
32. Makes slightly wet
35. National Assn. of Manufacturers
36. Not sated
38. Poe's middle name
40. Swiss river
41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music
42. "Shane" actor Ladd
43. Popular whodunit board game
44. Bar bill
45. Ballplayer's tool
46. Indicates near
47. Feet per second

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, it is time to be on the lookout for fresh financial opportunities. Set new goals for yourself, and put your finances at the top of your priority list.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, don't bother attracting people through false advertising. Instead, be authentic and you will find you garner much more attention and adoration.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, the universe is trying to send you cues this week. But you will only receive these cues if you keep your eyes and ears open. Things may not be what they seem.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, if you want others to open up, you have to start the conversation by sharing something from your heart as well. Make an effort to be more open in the days ahead.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, this week you have the strength and motivation to accomplish your goals. You will sigh with relief when everything gets accomplished on time and in order.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
You have a green light to spoil yourself this week, Virgo. It isn't something you do often, so let loose a little bit and splurge on some luxuries.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, a dear friend or relative could use your support right now. Offer a helping hand or even a shoulder to cry on so this special person knows you're there to help.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Make an effort to be a social butterfly in the week ahead, Scorpio. This will quench your thirst to be around others. Don't be afraid to reconnect with old friends.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, this is a great week to establish a financial strategy that fits into your lifestyle. If this involves revisiting your professional ambitions, then so be it.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, don't be afraid to shake things up a bit this week. You may not have time to mince words, so don't hesitate to get to the point. Others will appreciate your candor.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
It is time to be your own teacher and become an expert in any subject you desire, Aquarius. Start doing your research and you may be surprised at the discoveries.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, this week you might start seeing a platonic pal in a more amorous way. The affinity you share may be the foundation for a great relationship.



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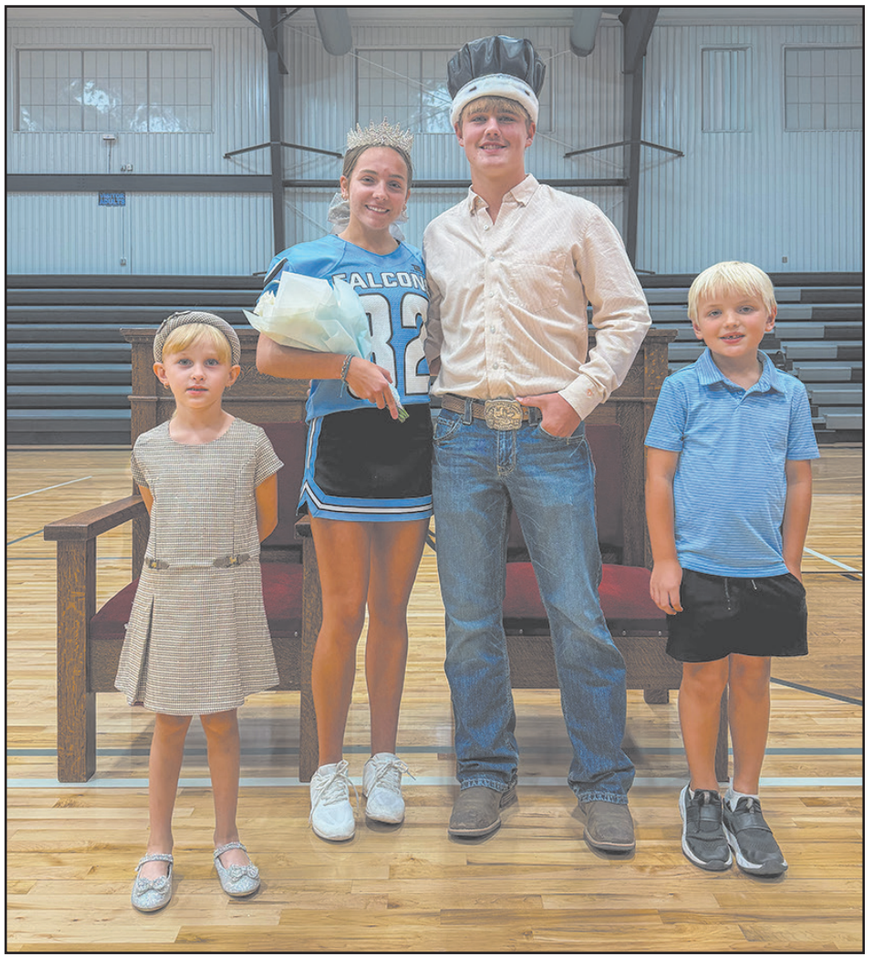
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Wilcox-Hildreth Homecoming Royalty



Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools held its 2026 Homecoming festivities on September 18. Queen candidates were: Taylor Ingram, daughter of Eric and Megan Ingram; Chloe Johnson, daughter of Dustin and Autumn Johnson; and Madison Sheen, daughter of Todd and Kelly Bienhoff and Chris Sheen. King candidates were: Jaxon Guthrie, son of Vince and Desiree Guthrie; Gavin Ironshell, son of Jeff and Sondra Ironshell and Jaime and Ross Johnson; and Kaleb Johnson, son of Mary Johnson. Crown bearers were Sydney Volk, daughter of Roger and Julie Volk, and Dawson Aubushon, son of Austin and McKenzie Aubushon. Jaxson and Chloe were crowned 2026 Homecoming King and Queen. Group photo left to right: Taylor, Madison, Sydney, Kamryn Russell (2025 Queen), Chloe, Jaxson, Brett Woollen (filling in for 2025 King Brody Patterson), Dawson, Kaleb, and Gavin. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson)

