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Severe Weather Leaves Its Mark on County

CINDY RAMSEY

May and June are the peak months for severe weather in Nebraska and last week two storms left their mark on the state.

On the evening of June 9, sirens and alerts across Kearney County sounded to notify residents of a fast moving storm bringing high winds, rain, lightning, and the possibility of tornadoes. While residents were taking shelter from the storm, the Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department received a call that an oil well tank near the county line had been struck by lightning resulting in a fire.

The call came in at 7:05 p.m. and volunteer firefighters braved the elements to respond.

"At that time we had lost our communications with the dispatch so they were just barely enough to get the call out, but we couldn't respond back to tell them we were en route or anything like that," Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department member Mark Twohig said.

The pouring rain let up just a bit as first responders arrived on scene, but the tail end of the storm hadn't yet arrived. The original plan to monitor the fire while it burned itself out changed onsite.

"When we got there just one tank was on fire," Twohig recalled. "Then the next one to it, the wall was starting to burn and this is when we decided that we were going to try and cool it down and smother that burning tank with F-500 encapsulator agent."

Utilizing the F-500 encapsulator agent, using thermal cameras to monitor heat on surrounding tanks, and welcoming aid from the Hildreth Volunteer Fire Department, the firefighters made a valiant effort to smother the fire. Meanwhile, communication was a struggle as the department lost power to its repeater.

Contact was made with field agents at the oil company who agreed with the efforts to suppress the fire and gave precautions to the responders. Despite the efforts, the fire extinguishing agent began to run out and the plan reverted to letting the fire burn itself out.

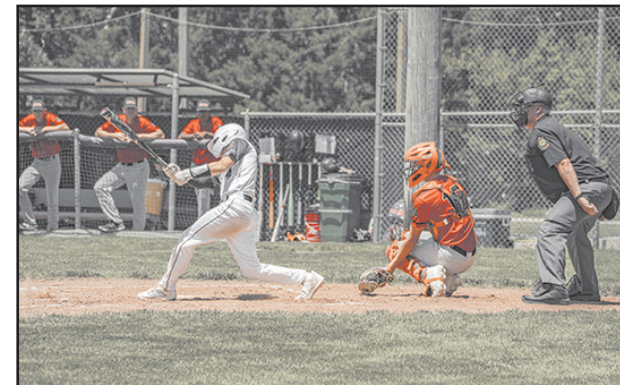
The entire tank battery system was destroyed by the



Two powerful storms struck Kearney County last week leaving destruction in their fast-moving wake. On the evening of June 9, lightning struck an oil well tank on the county line south of Wilcox. Heavy rain, strong winds, and knocked out power complicated the already dangerous call for Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department. (Courtesy photo by Kert Hansen)



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Weather Forecast

June 19:	86/64	
June 20:	85/64	
June 21:	80/58	
June 22:	75/59	
June 23:	76/59	
June 24:	78/59	
June 25:	80/62	

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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, July 13; Monday, August 17; and Monday, September 21.

Church Services at Harold Warp Pioneer Village

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

Bethany Lutheran Church-Axtell to Host Annual Midsummer Picnic June 19

PRESS RELEASE

Friday, June 19, 2026, is the date for the 143rd Midsummer Picnic at Bethany Lutheran Church, located two miles east and one mile south of Axtell. The public is invited to attend. It is a time to celebrate the summer, renew old friendships, and start new ones.

There will be a Swedish Smorgasbord from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fried chicken, Swedish meatballs, Ostakaka, and other delicious foods will be available. The meal will be served in our wheelchair accessible fellowship hall where the A/C will be on.

The evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with music by We II—Marcia Lindau and Jan Schneider.

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

Missoula Children’s Theatre

Missoula Children’s Theatre presents The Emperor’s New Clothes is coming to Minden Opera House.

Auditions will be held on Monday, June 22 at 10am with rehearsal for some parts immediately following. Approximately 50 roles are available. Students must be entering 1st-12th grade. No advance preparation is necessary. Most students rehearse approximately 4 hours and 15 minutes each day, Tuesday through Friday, but schedules vary. Parents (or other responsible adults) will need to complete a registration form at audition or in advance and send it with the child.

Performances will be held on Friday, June 26 at 6:30pm and Saturday, June 27 at 1:30pm. Tickets will be: Adult \$7, Children ages 5-13 \$5, Under 5 free.

Doc Meyer Memorial Shoot

Minden Gun Club would like to invite you to the Doc Meyer Memorial Shoot on July 4. You can presquad at scores.com. They are limiting the number of squads to a total of 12 so please get presquadded early. Presquadding will close on July 3, 2026 at 7am.

Registration begins at 8am and program starts at 8:30am. \$4 ATA daily fee. \$2 NTA daily fee per 100 targets.

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Event Four-High overall. Buckle to winner in each Class A, B, C, D

Contact Jeff Murr 308.380.3228, LaDonna Jackman 308.224.9010, or mindengunclub@gmail.com.

And mark your calendar for future shoots at Minden Gun Club on August 16, September 20, and October 18.

Dawg Days

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Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
6/6/26	84	65	.04
6/7/26	82	67	.04
6/8/26	83	65	.07
6/9/26	91	67	.02
6/10/26	88	69	-
6/11/26	78	63	.54
6/12/26	81	56	-
Total Week Precip.....			0.71

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blaze and the firefighters were back to the fire hall by 11pm.

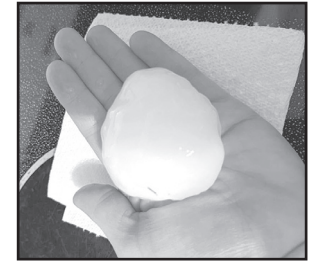
The same storm left plenty more damage in its wake as it moved quickly through area. Several buildings were damaged by falling trees, there were widespread reports of pivots flipped over, many roofs were lost, roads were blocked by debris, power was lost in areas, and a tree on 27 Road was struck by lightning. Although there were no reports of tornadoes, there was some rotation reported outside of Heartwell that never touched down.



Almost as quickly as the storm passed through, much of the aftermath was cleaned up through individual and community efforts.

In the early morning hours of June 11, Mother Nature lashed out again. This time hailstones pelted the area damaging vehicles, buildings, and property. This storm was also short lived, but it still produced up to baseball sized hail.

As clean up efforts continue and residents work to repair damages, it is important to prepare for the next potential storm. Visit BeReadyNebraska.com and follow Be Ready Nebraska on YouTube for tips, checklists, resources, and information to get prepared before severe weather strikes again.



Spring storms tore through Kearney County last week causing damage to everything in their path. The thunderstorms wreaked havoc with strong winds, heavy rains, lightning strikes, and hail on June 9 & 11. Several residents shared their photos of the damage left behind. (Courtesy photos)

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Local High School Musicians Participate in 30th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN – Two Minden High School students were among 101 high school students from across Nebraska who participated in the 30th Annual Masonic All-Star Marching Band, which performed Saturday (June 6) during Shrine Bowl festivities in Kearney.

Participating were: Kierra Antillon, daughter of Benita and Carlos Antillon of Minden; and Brooke Carr, daughter of Martha and Greg Carr of Minden.

The band members devoted four days of intense practice starting June 2, to learn the music, marching steps and field formations. The band gave their first public performance with a public concert at Harmon Park on Friday evening (June 5). The band led the Shrine Bowl Parade down Kearney's Central and 1st Avenue on Saturday morning (June 6), and it also performed the pre-game National Anthem and during half-time of the Annual Shrine Bowl football game at Ron & Carol Cope Stadium, on Foster Field,

at the University of Nebraska—Kearney.

The band members were hosted by the Masons of Nebraska, and were directed by Brad Weber, retired Band Director from Wayne High School, currently Instructor of Percussion at Wayne State College, Dr. Dave Bohnert, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at Wayne State College; and Dan Sodomka, Band Director at Aurora High School. Antillon received a scholarship from Craftsmen Lodge No. 314; and Carr received a scholarship from Albert Pike Lodge No. 333. The scholarships covered the costs of the camp.

"We demanded a lot of the students during the past week," Weber said. "They responded professionally and worked very hard, practicing between seven and eight hours per day. That was evident by the high-quality shows they performed Friday and Saturday. There's no doubt these young musicians are among the best in the state. It was an honor to see their hard work come together in their performances."

The members also enjoyed evening activities consisting of a game night under the stadium lights, a dance, and bowling at the Big Apple Fun Center. Many are looking forward to the opportunity to apply the instruction provided by the band directors when they return to their respective high school bands.

"The Masonic All-Star Marching Band continues to be an important and valued part of the Shrine Bowl tradition," said Mike Jones, Grand Master of Nebraska Masons. "The memories of new friends and performing together on various occasions is a lasting memory. They also understand the main reason for the long hours and hard work. Patients at the Shriners Hospitals for Children will benefit the most from the band's efforts this past week. We sincerely appreciate their contribution to raise awareness and funds to enable the Shriners to help even more children."

"Masonic lodges across Nebraska support local youth and community projects, humanitarian efforts including a child identification program, academic scholarships, and efforts to support our military," Jones said. "At the statewide level, the Grand



KIERRA ANTILLON

BROOKE CARR

Lodge helps to maintain two homes: The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth for Masons and their female relatives, and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. The combined philanthropic efforts of Masonic-related organizations amount to more than \$2 million a day."

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world that bases itself on the code of ethics of the builders of King Solomon's Temple. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is dedicated to "men putting ethics into practice". Supporting, operating, and participating in the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp is one of the ways they put those ethics into practice.

Next year's Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp will run from May 31 through June 5, 2027.

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Extension News - Horticulture

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Don't Believe Everything You Read Online About Gardening

There is no doubt that interest in gardening and landscaping has grown over the past several years. Along with that increase has come a flood of gardening advice online. Years ago, gardeners often relied on trusted books, local experts, or Extension resources for answers. Today, information spreads quickly through social media, blogs, videos, and online posts, but is it all worth listening to?

Some of that information is helpful and research-based. Other advice falls into the "too good to be true" category. As the saying goes, you can't believe everything you read on the internet.

One of the biggest challenges with online gardening information is figuring out where it came from. Sometimes advice is based on old gardening myths passed from person to person. Other times, information comes from limited personal experience rather than scientific research. In some cases, groups or individuals may even promote information to support a specific agenda.

Before trying a new gardening trend or tip, it is worth taking a little time to research the source.

Through Nebraska Extension, much of the gardening information shared with the public comes from university research. Research-based recommendations are tested repeatedly by many people under a variety of conditions. That helps ensure the information is reliable, consistent, and proven to work.

Land-grant universities are one of the best places to find trustworthy gardening information online. When searching the internet, adding "site:.edu" or "Extension" to your search can help you find research-based resources rather than opinions or internet rumors.

Every year, a few gardening myths make the rounds online. One common example is the claim that peppers or watermelons can be identified as male or female based on their shape. Despite what social media posts may claim, there are no male and female peppers. Pepper flowers are considered "complete flowers," meaning each flower contains both male and female parts. The number of lobes on the bottom of a pepper simply reflects the genetics of that variety, not the gender of the fruit.

Watermelons and cucumbers are slightly different because the plants produce separate male and female flowers. Male flowers provide pollen, while female flowers contain the ovary that develops into the fruit after pollination. However, once the fruit develops, there is no such thing as a male or female watermelon or cucumber. Fruit shape is influenced by variety and growing conditions, not gender.

Another topic making its rounds online involves giant hogweed, a large invasive plant with sap that can cause severe skin irritation and blistering. While the warnings about the plant are accurate, many reports and photos being shared online come from areas on the East or West Coast, not Nebraska. At this time, giant hogweed is not considered a widespread issue in Nebraska or much of the Midwest.

That does not mean invasive plants should be ignored, but it does highlight the importance of checking reliable sources before assuming every online post applies locally.

A little research upfront can save gardeners time, money, and unnecessary worry. It can also help separate gardening facts from internet fiction. The next time you see a gardening tip online that sounds surprising or too good to be true, take a moment to dig a little deeper before putting it into practice.

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A Lifetime of Love

By Shana Schoone

Family is Forever

At eighteen years old, Sam Hansen's father Richard, was involved in an unfortunate accident. After being run over by a tractor, he luckily survived as a paraplegic. It's no surprise that this incident brought him some limitations. However, after growing up with him as a father, Sam still describes love as limitless. Why?

Sam always knew he wanted to be a father. He sees it as a man's duty to be responsible and take care of his family. So naturally when he found his perfect woman, Jessica, he knew he was ready to take the next step. Now he is a father to Grace (18), Victoria (16), and Vincent (14). Like many men, Sam says the most surprising thing about fatherhood is that it softened him. Well not softened because that's a bad word- but matured him. It has changed the way he reacts, he has calmed down over the years. Being a girl dad is especially hard with the emotions, drama, and boy stuff. But one of the most emotional days for him was actually when he found out he was going to have a boy. He knew it would probably be his last baby and he always wanted an opportunity to carry on his last name and to have a "mini me". Vincent is certainly his son who wants to do everything with him.

Fatherhood has come with many challenges too. Being a visionary, Sam has big goals for himself, his business, and his family. He puts a lot of pressure on himself to be the best he can in all that he does for the ones he loves. Oftentimes this looks like sacrifice. He isn't afraid to do the difficult things in life though. Growing up he saw his father's strength, perseverance, and no excuses mentality. His father built many homes in his neighborhood. Richard would pull himself onto a scaffold or scoot around on the floor to do all the drywalling, framing, and painting. This wasn't the most inspiring thing to Sam though. It was his father's positivity and way of having fun in life. Even when he was recovering in the hospital after the accident, he would sneak others out and do random things like fly kites. Even though his father's situation was unfair, he didn't seem to hold contempt or anger for the person who put him in a wheelchair. This was harder for Sam though. He loved his father deeply and would watch him live life with limitations and constant pain. That which would stop him from attending many events that Sam was involved in. Because of this, Sam not only makes sure to attend all of his kids' events but cheer for the kids whose loved ones were not able to make it as well.

Certainly, all the hardships and sacrifices pay off the moment he gets to see his kids succeed. For example, when Tory made state wrestling. He will never forget when she looked up in the crowd for him after winning the heartbreak round. He put his heart hands up. It was a special moment for him because he wasn't able to make it to state wrestling himself in high school due to an injury. This was a full circle moment. He also takes great pride in seeing Grace's art work or Vinny's trap shooting.

For anyone with kids, you know that they are physical representations of time passing. Thus, making you realize how precious time really is. Because of this, it's important to Sam to have hobbies with all of his kids. If you know Sam, you know that he loves cars. He shares his love for cars with Grace and Vinny. It was an especially sad day for Sam when Tory had to have the difficult conversation with him that she just doesn't enjoy cars like he does. But they found a shared love for sports instead.

Love is limitless. It can be found in anything. It means having someone in your corner, even if that corner is in the kitchen. And even if the limit is death, love lasts far beyond it. Richard D. Hansen passed away in 2010, but his legacy lives on even into 2026. Several years ago Sam was a child singing to the golden oldies in the kitchen cooking with his father. Now Grace, Tory, and Vincent are the children learning the same recipes while listening to Mexican music in the kitchen with their father. Familia por siempre. Family is forever.

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The community gathered at Chautauqua Park on Saturday, June 13 for the Minden Rotary Club 100th anniversary celebration. The event included a presentation of commemorative flagpole and flag to the City of Minden, hot dogs, bounce house, and live music by the Kyle Saylor Band. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



Kearney County Historical Society Hosts Speaker

BENNETT JOHNSON, WRITING SOLUTIONS



"Nebraska played a big role in World War II," said Dr. Amber Alexander, as she began her presentation titled "33,000 Acres, Central Nebraska's 1941 Bid for an Ordnance Plant." Dr. Alexander went on to explain that in 1941 Nebraska was experiencing severe economic depression and extreme drought. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal turned out to be a saving grace for the state, with many work projects

constructed in the area such as the Kingsley Dam.

The Kearney County Historical Society sponsored Dr. Alexander's presentation at the Windmill Studio on Sunday, June 7, 2026, as part of their ongoing history speaker series. Dr. Alexander is an Assistant Professor of History Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and a Kearney native. Her research focuses on Nebraska's World War II home front, particularly the development of military installations and their impact on rural communities. She holds a doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Alexander explained that just prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor the United States Department of Defense was searching for places to build ordnance plants where bombs and other munitions would be assembled. Senator George W. Norris, who at the time was a very influential member of congress, had been instrumental in bringing New Deal work projects to Nebraska. He and renowned civil engineer, George E. Johnson, for whom Johnson Lake was named, established The Nebraska Defense Council for the purpose of bidding on proposed ordnance plants in the Kearney County/ Adams County area.

Johnson and Norris focused their bid on four key pillars: abundance of labor, plentiful sources of water, adequate power and easy access to transportation via multiple highways and several railway lines.

In their detailed and thorough proposal, the council identified 33,000 acres between Gibbon and Kenesaw that would serve as an ideal location for ordnance plant construction. The identified area was surrounded by established highways and multiple railways. Johnson provided engineering examples of how water could be sourced and pointed out that people were leaving the area because they were unable to find work. The council pleaded that construction of an ordnance plant could literally save their counties. They added that farmers didn't shy from hard work and knew how to keep machinery

running.

Ultimately, the Defense Department chose to construct the \$25 million plant in Grand Island, even though many Grand Island residents were opposed to the project. The new plant, which eventually employed 15,000 workers, was not without a downside. Each participating county was required to establish an emergency fund of \$10,000 each, which depleted their operating budgets. Housing shortages, wage competition and inflation occurred as new workers moved to the area, followed by an increase in crime. Pollution became a serious issue that still plagues those areas to this day.

Though The Nebraska Defense Council's bid failed, this historical story is an excellent example of civic leaders coming together and exercising their individual talents to solve a problem and serve the public and state.



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Meal Prices Up for 2026-27 School Year

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Public Schools Board of Education met June 8 for its regular monthly meeting.

A quick look at the district's financial reports revealed a positive balance higher than that of last year at the same time. With these numbers, the district is in good shape financially as work begins on the new elementary building project. Following the review the board approved the consent agenda including minutes from the May 11 meeting, financial reports, and expenditures and claims.

During committee, principal, and superintendent reports, the board learned the greenhouse project is about a week behind schedule due to rain. They are hoping to pour the foundation next week. Pallets of food for summer meal distribution have arrived at East Elementary. More than 100 families have signed up to participate in the summer food program.

The board also reviewed changes for staff and student handbooks for the 2026-27 school year. Updates include making sure links match appropriately, adding a note about the use of AI, and activity eligibility requirements for part-time students. The review spurred a conversation amongst the board regarding AI. The district will take part in upcoming trainings on how to effectively use AI in the classroom while maintaining integrity and upholding the importance of students thinking for themselves.

Amendments to several policies were approved. The

process of keeping policies up to date has been streamlined with the help of Perry Law Firm. The amendments all reflected updates to current policies.

The board approved a 25¢ increase to all meal prices for the 2026-27 school year. The new prices will be: K-12 breakfast \$1.50, adult breakfast \$3.00, K-3 lunch \$3.50, 4-8 lunch \$3.75, 9-12 lunch \$4.00, and adult lunch \$4.50.

Wrapping up the meeting, the board took action on two matters that appear on the agenda annually. First the board designated James Widdifield as the district's federal programs representative for the 2026-27 school year. This was followed authorization for the superintendent or his designee to dispose of obsolete furniture, books, materials, and equipment for the district. Widdifield noted this task will become more daunting in the coming years as the district determines what to keep and move from East Elementary and what to dispose of.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the school board will be held on Monday, July 13 at 7pm in the MHS Media Center.

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Do You Remember

Ninety Years Ago — 1936

A mass meeting was called in the assembly room of the courthouse for the purpose of circulating petitions in Kearney County to name George W. Norris as independent candidate for election to the United States senate.

Applications for irrigation water for over 200,000 acres of land were received at the Tri-County office. Farmers were urged to apply immediately, especially in the territory south of Funk, Axtell and Minden.

More than 1,800 persons attended the funeral services for Chief State Probation Officer Renus Kargo at the United Presbyterian Church in Minden.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

The Minden courthouse dome was painted by John Barrow of Wichita, Kan.

Vying for a record, Glennie A. Newbold reported that in a 40-year span, there were only two years that she didn't have children in school.

Another unconfirmed record indicated that Niels L. Olesen had been a subscriber of The Minden Courier for 63 years.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

The Minden Courier was presented a superior coverage award for news coverage of the local Heart Fund Drive and the problem of heart diseases. The local paper was one of 50 chosen for recognition among the 276 weekly papers in the state.

James Petersen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Petersen, and

Marsha Cronin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cronin, were Minden students selected for Cornhusker Girls' and Boys' State.

Shirts for Father's Day were advertised for \$2.50 at McDonald's.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Paula Warp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warp, was installed as honor queen of Bethel No. 74 at the Masonic Temple. Warp's elective officers were Sheryl Olson, Jody Manchester, Meredith Slack and Karen McBride.

Kindergarten students having perfect attendance for the year were Randy Burchell and Paula Hubert.

Carrie Hove was honored by the county board of supervisors, county officials and other employees of the courthouse for her 23 years of service as secretary to the clerk of the district court.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at the Minden fairgrounds for the new 4-H flagpoles. A dedication would be held and a time capsule would be buried at the base of the flagpoles.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Casper of Hildreth presented the Certificate of Official Bicentennial Recognition to the Kearney County Board of Supervisors.

A surprise 80th birthday party was held for Fred W. Carlson of Norman.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

In less than three weeks, Dorothy Davidson quilted a 16-block Nebraska windmill quilt for the Chautauqua. The quilt was on display at Jensen Memorial Library.

Winners of the Wilcox Centennial beard contest were Walt Davis, best full beard; Lloyd Schubert, best mustache; Bob Potter Jr., longest beard; and Harold Yearka, best goatee.

Rodney Wendell of Axtell was named Axtell's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The Minden City Council approved a contractor for the removal of the tire pile that existed at the Minden landfill site. The pile needed to be removed or reduced to under 5,000 tires to avoid having to permit the site as a tire receiving station.

The 60th anniversary of Em and Miriam Lindgren was observed in Lindsborg, Kan.

Melissa Putnam of Norman was the first runner-up in the 25th annual 1996 Miss Nebraska National Teenager Scholarship Program. She was also first runner-up in the talent competition.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Cyclists from BRAN spent the night in Minden during



2016 — The Kearney County Historical Society held their open house with speaker Corrine Howe giving a presentation about the impact of the Ford Model A on her life and the lives of many who lived through the Great Depression.

their week long bicycle tour from Broken Bow to Springfield. A camp for the 600 cyclists was set up around the football field.

The Minden Fire Department received a pediatric equipment kit from the Holdrege Kiwanis Club. The donation was made as part of the Young Children, Priority Once Children's Project.

Minden residents participated in the 2006 Nebraska Cornhusker Games Torch Run. Participants ran from outside Minden to inside the Adams County line enduring hot conditions.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

Celebrating 50 years as a club, the Domesticated Debs gathered at the First Presbyterian Church in Axtell, with all 11 current members and two former members present. Invitations were sent to 19 women who were members at various times during the years. Letters and pictures were received from Ohio, Idaho, South Carolina, and Kansas as well as Diller, Neb. The afternoon was spent reminiscing and looking at scrapbooks containing pictures and memorabilia of the last 50 years.

Phase I of the expansion and renovation of Bethany Home was underway. This part of the work focused on building the addition that would feature a new memory care unit specially designed to best fulfill the needs of the increasing number of Alzheimers and Dementia residents.

Kyle and Kelly Jensen started JCT 6/10 Cruzerz car club with a simple Facebook invitation. The mission of the family friendly organization is to create an appreciation for collector and special interest vehicles, encourage auto enthusiasts, work with other organizations with similar interests, and be part of the community.

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

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

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

First Presbyterian

406 A Avenue

Pastor Doodle Harris

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

Keene Evangelical

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662 F Road

308-743-2611

Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, June 21: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran,

LCMC

104 E. Fifth St.

Craig Richardson,

Pastor

Sunday, June 21: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 12 p.m.

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Father Adam Sparling,

Pastor

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

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360 So. Stewart

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

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Mark A. Diehl, Pastor

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

Funk

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401 Lake Street

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Sunday, June 21: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

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287 Jefferson Street

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

Hildreth

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Pastor

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Holdrege

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437 E. Fourth St.

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Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

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

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

Tuesday, June 23: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m. Stay connected with our

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Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Sunday, June 21: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, June 21: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions

before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Friday, June 19: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, June 21: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Coffee & Cookies, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, June 24: Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 25: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 26: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich,

Pastor

Thursday, June 18 Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 25: Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

Westminster United

Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

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

Wednesday, June 24:

Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.; Youth Club, 3:45 p.m.; Dinner & Devotions, 6 p.m.

Wilcox

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102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor

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

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist

203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller,

Pastor

Sunday, June 21: Worship, 9 a.m.

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Obituaries

Robert E. Wilbur, 58 - Holdrege Resident



A celebration of life service for Robert E. Wilbur was held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Holdrege, Nebraska, with Pastor Murray Jones officiating. A private inurnment will be held at the Alma Cemetery at a later date.

Robert Eugene "Root" Wilbur, 58 years of age, of Holdrege, Nebraska, died on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Phelps Memorial Health Center, surrounded by his family. Robert was born on November 30, 1967, in Cambridge, Nebraska, the twelfth of thirteen children born to Lester Lee and Norma Jean (Linner) Wilbur. He received his education from Wilcox Public Schools, graduating with the class of 1987.

While in high school, Robert worked for Hanson's elevator.

In 1988, Robert was united in marriage to Donna Serr, and to this union, one daughter was born, Brittney. They later divorced. He worked at Allmand Brothers from 1997 to 2024 and was a cook at Speakeasy from 1996 to 2011. Robert was currently employed by the City of Minden as a groundskeeper.

Robert was an avid sports fan who faithfully followed the Chicago Cubs, Nebraska Cornhuskers, Pittsburgh Steelers, and Tri-City Storm. He enjoyed fishing, playing Skat, and spending time with family and friends. His greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren, and he treasured every opportunity to support them at their activities and events. Robert never hesitated to help others and will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and willingness to lend a hand whenever it was needed.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Rodney Wilbur; Tom Wilbur; sister, Bonnie White; two sisters-in-law, Deb Wilbur; and Karen Wilbur; and two nieces: Kindra Wilbur; and Bridgette Wilbur.

Robert leaves to celebrate his life, his daughter, Brittney Wilbur (Dylan Grachek); three grandchildren: Lillian, Judah, and Delilah; six brothers: Steve Wilbur (Jodi) of Lincoln; Gary Wilbur of Lubbock, Texas; Kenneth Wilbur (Debbie) of Harvard, Nebraska; Mark Wilbur (Peggie) of Wilcox, Nebraska; Michael Wilbur (Jill) of Wilcox; and Brad

Wilbur (Trish) of Olathe, Kansas; three sisters: Sandra Whetstine (John) of Holdrege; Roxanne Penner (Dave) of Denver City, Texas; and Janis Hartwell (Dell) of Holdrege; sister-in-law, Leighann Wilbur of Topeka and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

A memorial book signing was held on Friday, June 12, 2026, with family greeting friends at Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Holdrege.

Memorials in Robert's memory are kindly suggested to the family.

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

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

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First Bank Srs Finish Three Game Week Strong

ROGER HANSEN

The First Bank Seniors had a June 9 contest rained out but the next night hosted McCook and lost to the visitors 8-15.

First Bank was unable to hold onto an early 7-0 lead, giving up multiple runs in the third, fourth, sixth and seventh innings while scoring just one run in their final five at-bats.

Beau Bonifas banged out three hits and Parker Hatch had two, including a double. Luke Grollmes contributed a first-inning grand slam and Cael Smith doubled.

Grollmes' four RBI led the way with Bonifas adding two RBI. Hatch and Keaton Heikkinen scored two runs apiece.

Jake Halvorsen pitched five innings in taking the loss. His line--9 hits, 10 runs (4 earned), 5 walks and 2 strikeouts. Heikkinen relieved for the final two innings and relinquished 2 hits, 5 runs (2 earned) and 4 walks and fanned two.

McCook 0 0 2 6 0 4 3- 15
First Bank 6 1 0 0 0 0 1- 8 (3-2)
Loser-Halvorsen

At home again on June 12, the Seniors upended Hi-Line 11-0.

First Bank led 5-0 after four innings and put the game away in the fifth with six runs for a run-rule win.

Getting 8 hits, First Bank had two players with two each-- Hatch (two doubles) and Grollmes. Halvorsen collected 4 RBI due to a bases juiced inside-the-park grand slam that he hit to deep right field and he and Heikkinen and Morgan Johnson each scored two runs.

Bonifas hurled the first four innings and did not give up much. His line: 2 hits, 0 runs, 3 walks and 6 Ks. Smith then relieved for one inning and allowed one hit with 2 strikeouts.

Hi-Line 0 0 0 0 0- 0
First Bank 1 2 2 0 6- 11 (4-2)
Winner-Bonifas



After losing to Imperial on June 6, First Bank reversed the decision in a 10-1 win at Bjorklund Field on June 14.

A big six-run fourth inning broke the game open in Minden's favor.

Grollmes and Bonifas stroked two hits apiece in the team's eight hit attack. Cohen Schmidt ripped a double and totaled three RBI.

Hatch, Heikkinen and Grollmes circled the bases for runs twice each.

Schmidt had three of the Seniors seven steals.

Grollmes pitched very effectively for five innings, giving up 2 hits, 1 run (earned), and four walks and recorded 4 strikeouts.

Imperial 0 1 0 0 0- 1
First Bank 1 1 2 6 x- 10 (5-2)
Winner-Grollmes

Four road games are on the immediate slate for the Seniors. They play at Kearney (6/15), McCook (6/17), Ravenna (6/22) and Broken Bow (6/23).

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The Minden First Bank Seniors earned more victories than losses during three games at home last week. Pictured top to bottom: Keaton Heikkinen looks for a safe call. Cael Smith and Heikkinen make their way in from the outfield for a new inning. Luke Grollmes fires a pitch from the mound. Pictured on page 12: Mason Bolin makes contact with a swing at the plate. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



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First Bank Juniors Celebrate Big Week of Victories

ROGER HANSEN

The start of a busy week for the First Bank Juniors found First Bank picking up three more wins and one win in a scrimmage game, all at the friendly confines of Bjorklund Field. The record rises to 7-2.

On June 9 the Juniors overwhelmed Broken Bow 13-1 by scoring in every inning and limiting Bow to a single run in the first inning.

First Bank amassed all those runs with just one hit, but were bequeathed eight walks and four hit batsmen plus six Bow errors.

Cohen Schmidt had that lone hit while Bo Lutkemeier was credited with three RBI. Lutkemeier and Morgan Johnson scored three times each and Jake Bolin and Landon Powers twice apiece. The team had but one strikeout at the plate. Powers stole two bases.

Kyler Wilson went the four-inning distance and faced only 16 batters. He gave up one hit, one run (unearned) and three walks and struck out six.

Broken Bow 1 0 0 0- 1

First Bank 3 5 4 1- 13 (5-2)

Winner-Wilson

The next day on June 10 vs. McCook, the Juniors again won decisively 10-1. This time First Bank pounded out 10 hits while taking advantage of four walks and four errors.

Johnson, Bolin and Wilson each had three hits. Schmidt had a double for the only extra-base hit. Wilson and Luke Samuelson scored twice each and Johnson and Schmidt each drove in two runs. Once again, strikeouts were low with just two.

Powers went five innings for a complete game win. He yielded two hits and one run (unearned) with three walks and 10 Ks.

McCook 0 0 1 0

0- 1

First Bank 0 6 2 2
x- 10 (6-2)

Winner-Powers

Back home again on Friday, June 12, First Bank defeated Cozad in a scrimmage game 8-3.

Bolin, Wilson and Powers had singles for First Bank's three hits but seven walks, two hit batsmen, four errors and five stolen bases presented Minden with numerous scoring opportunities. Lutkemeier and Micah Houchin had an RBI each while Bolin and Wilson scored twice



The Minden First Bank Juniors picked up win after win last week at home. Pictured: Morgan Johnson races to beat the ball to the base. (Courier photo by Arabella Reed)

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apiece. Bolin was hit by a pitch two times and Wilson swiped two bases. Lutkemeier pitched all four innings of the contest and he allowed four hits, three runs (one earned) and two walks and he struck out six.

Cozad 1 0 2 0- 3

F. Bank 1 2 5 0- 8

Winner-Lutkemeier

The final game of the four-game homestand found First Bank down Imperial for the second time in eight days, this time 12-4.

First Bank jumped out to an 11-0 lead after two innings. Four Juniors accounted for all eight of the team's hits, each getting two apiece, those being Schmidt, Wilson (one double), Samuelson and Bockstadter (one double). Bockstadter and Samuelson each had three RBI and Wilson drove in two.

Five First Bankers crossed home plate twice each--Bolin, Zach Klabunde, Samuelson, Houchin and Kyler Kolbo.

Splitting the mound duties were Wilson (2.2 IP, 3 hits, 4 runs, one earned run, 3 walks, 4 strikeouts) and Houchin (2.1 IP, 2 hits, 0 runs, one walk and 3 strikeouts).

Imperial 0 0 4 0 0- 4

First Bank 5 6 1 0 x- 12 (7-2)

Winner-Wilson

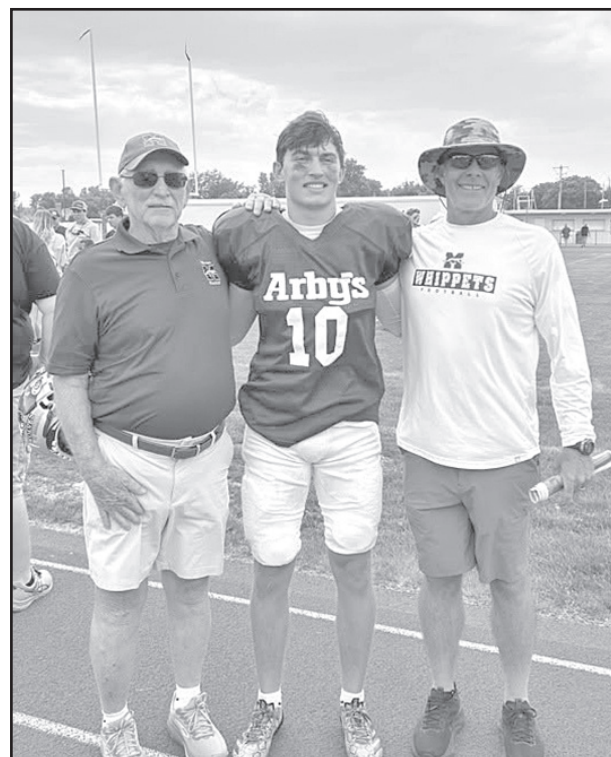
The next four games, all on the road, are @ McCook (6/17), @ Gothenburg (6/19), @ Ravenna (6/22) and @ Broken Bow (6/23).



The Minden First Bank Juniors ran the bases at home during an undefeated week of baseball. Pictured: (top) Jake Bolin takes a big lead in anticipation of his teammate connecting with the ball. (right) Micah Houchin rounds the bases. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



Western Nebraska All-Star Football Game



Recent Minden High School graduate Landon Bules was selected to play in the Western Nebraska All-Star football game on Saturday, June 13 in Scottsbluff. Landon played on the East team and helped in the 16 to 7 victory with several tackles, one being a touchdown saving tackle in the 4th quarter to help preserve the win.



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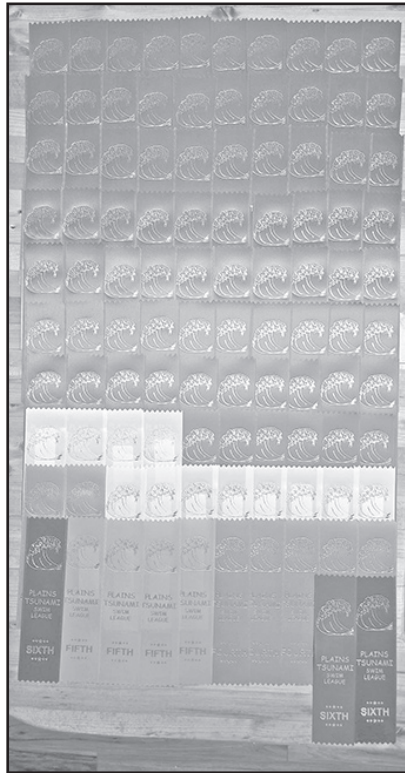
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Minden Swim Team Heats Up at Cambridge

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Swim Team lapped the competition in Cambridge on June 13. Minden faced off against swimmers from Arapahoe, Cambridge, Frontier Co., and Oxford at the meet. Over 100 ribbons came home with the Minden team with most of them representing top three finishes. Once again several Minden swimmers stayed ahead of their competitors in multiple events.

First place winners were: Noah Casper, 100 Long Free, 50 Freestyle; Blakeleigh Harsin, 200 Long Free, 100 Freestyle, 100 Individual Medley; Pat Philippi, 100 Long Free, 50 Freestyle; Amelia Collins, 50 Butterfly, 50 Short Free; Easton Dornhoff, 50 Butterfly; Brody Casper, 50 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 50 Short Free; Aria Munoz, 50 Freestyle, 25 Short Free; Payzla Stahla, 50 Freestyle, 25 Backstroke, 25 Short Free; Lucas Collins, 50 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke, 50 Short Free; Stephanie Strong, 25 Backstroke, 25 Short Free; Hendryx Ogier, 50 Breaststroke, 100 Individual Medley; Liam Collins, 50 Breaststroke; Logan Brown, 25 Short Free; Kinley Strong, 50 Short Free; Minden Boys 18U, 100 Medley Relay, 100 Free



Relay; Minden Girls 14U, 200 Free Relay; Minden Girls 12U, 100 Free Medley; Minden Boys 12U, 100 Free Relay; Minden Girls, 100 Free Relay.

Second place winners were: Logan Brown, 50 Freestyle, 25 Breaststroke; Cozette Sinsel, 100 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke, 50 Short Free; Hendryx Ogier, 100 Freestyle; Riley Strong, 100 Freestyle; Liam Collins, 100 Freestyle; Corbin Dornhoff, 50 Backstroke; Zander Sinsel, 50 Breaststroke; Minden Girls 12U, 100 Medley Relay; Minden Girls 14U, 100 Medley Relay; Minden Co-Ed, 100 Medley Relay; Minden Girls 14U White, 100 Free Relay.

Third place winners were: Willow Philippi, 200 Long Free; Tatum Eckhardt, 50 Butterfly; Riley Strong, 50 Backstroke; Willow Philippi, 50 Breaststroke; Corbin Dornhoff, 50 Breaststroke; Zander Sinsel, 50 Short Free; Minden Boys 12U, 100 Medley Relay

For a full listing of results visit plaintsunami.com. The Minden Swim team will take their place on

the starting block in Kensington, Kansas on June 20.

Jorgensen Second at NE Girls' Amateur Golf Championship

ROGER HANSEN



KayLynn Jorgensen finished in a tie for second at the Nebraska Girls' Amateur Championship On June 8-10 at the Oakland Golf Club.

Brooke Thiele of Wahoo was the champion shooting a 210, followed by KayLynn and Naryn Kim of Lincoln, who both fired 215s.

Jorgensen's second round was masterful as she went bogey free with three birdies for a 69.

Macy Jorgensen played the first two days and missed the cut for the top 15 by just three strokes.

Hippos Stay a Stroke Ahead

CINDY RAMSEY

Cooler weather may have affected the Wilcox-Hildreth Hippos' heats at the Cozad swim meet on June 13. Wilcox-Hildreth joined Cozad, Elwood, and Gothenburg in making ripples at the competition. The Hippos managed to stay a stroke ahead of the others in several events with nearly 40 top 10 finishes of which 21 were top three.

First place winners were: Makynna Ortiz, 50 Butterfly; Rush Rahmann, 100 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke; Dexter Casper, 25 Breaststroke; Asa Burki, 50 Short Free, 100 Individual Medley; Lane Behemoth Medley, 100 Medley Relay, 100 Free Relay.



Second place winners were: Jordan Burki, 200 Long Free; Audrina Henery, 50 Breaststroke, 50 Short Free; Hunter Casper, 50 Breaststroke; Rush Rahmann, 50 Short Free.

Third place winners were: Makynna Ortiz, 200 Long Free, 100 Individual Medley; Dexter Casper, 50 Freestyle; Audrina Henery, 100 Freestyle; Hunter Casper, 100 Freestyle; Jordan Burki, 50 Backstroke; Mighty Mud Skippers, 100 Medley Relay; Puddle Jumpers, 100 Free Relay.

For a full listing of the results visit plaintsunami.com. The Hippos will take to the water once again on June 20 in Kensington, Kansas.



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NEST 529 Launches '25 Days of Giveaways'

Sweepstakes honors 25th anniversary of Nebraska Education Savings Plan

PRESS RELEASE

(LINCOLN, Neb.) — NEST 529 Education Savings is celebrating 25 years of helping families prepare for future education expenses. To mark the milestone, a "25 Days of Giveaways" sweepstakes has been launched – and beginning June 15, one winner will be selected daily from a pool of eligible entries.

"Reaching 25 years is an incredible milestone, and it's all thanks to the families who have made education a priority," said Rachel Biar, Nebraska State Deputy Treasurer of Savings Programs. "The '25 Days of Giveaways' is a way to celebrate them and say thank you, while also encouraging more families to take that first step toward saving for education."

Since its inception in 2001, NEST 529 has offered a simple and flexible way to save for tuition, books, and other education-related expenses. The Plan also provides tax advantages^{1,2} and a range of investment options to fit different goals. Nebraska's 529 Education Savings Plans now have more than 306,000 accounts nationwide with total assets exceeding \$8 billion as of April 2026 – and more than 109,000 NEST 529 accounts are owned by Nebraska residents.

To celebrate, NEST 529 is sponsoring the "25 Days of Giveaways" sweepstakes. Each day, a new prize will be featured on NEST 529's social media channels, and beginning June 15, one winner will be selected daily from a pool of eligible entries. Prizes include:

- An Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo membership;
- Husker football tickets;
- Gift cards; and
- Contributions to a NEST 529 account.

Participants can enter by completing an entry form during the entry period. All eligible entries will be included in daily drawings, giving participants multiple chances to win throughout the 25 days.

The "25 Days of Giveaways" aims to both honor account holders and encourage new families to explore the benefits of saving early for education. With many families still unaware of college savings options, NEST 529 continues to focus on education, accessibility, and building confidence around planning for the future.

Families can learn more about the "25 Days of Giveaways" sweepstakes and enter for a chance to win at: NEST529.com/25Days or NEST529advisor.com/25Days.

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ited. Enter the sweepstakes by completing an entry webform available at NEST529.com/25Days or NEST529advisor.com/25Days, or by submitting a written 3x5 card with entry information in a stamped #10 envelope to: (NEST 529 College Savings Plan, P.O. Box 83529, Lincoln, NE 68501), during the sweepstakes period (May 29, 2026 – June 29, 2026). The drawing period begins June 15 and late-arriving entries may not be eligible for all prizes. You must complete all required fields on the entry form. You must be 19 years of age or older and be a legal resident of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, excluding residents of Florida, New York, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico, or a U.S. territory. You may submit one entry per intended beneficiary per sweepstakes period. Up to 25 prize winners will be selected. You need not be present to win. The prize winner will receive a prize identified in the official rules. Total prize value is approximately \$4,165. Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received. Official rules are available at NEST529.com/25Days or NEST529advisor.com/25Days. The sponsor of this sweepstakes is the NEST Direct College Savings Plan and the NEST Advisor College Savings Plan.

Wayne State Releases Dean's List for Spring 2026 Semester

PRESS RELEASE

June 8, 2026 (WAYNE, Neb.) – Wayne State College included almost 1,200 students on the dean's list for exemplary academic achievement during the Spring 2026 semester. Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An asterisk (*) denotes a 4.0 GPA for the term.

Axtell: Ellie Johnson
 Funk: Aubrie Erickson*
 Hildreth: Georgia Ramsey
 Minden: Adalle Banzhaf-Diaz, Jasper Birkestrand, Aiyanna Frizane, Mattie Kamery, Lige Reed

Visit NEST529.com to learn more about the benefits of a NEST 529 Education Savings Plan.

About NEST 529 Plans

A NEST 529 Plan is a tax-advantaged savings account for higher education expenses. Tax-advantaged savings include a Nebraska state tax deduction, tax-deferred growth, and tax-free qualified withdrawals.¹ Account owners in Nebraska are eligible for an annual state income tax deduction of up to \$10,000 for NEST 529 Plan contributions or \$5,000 if married filing separately.²

NEST 529 College Savings Plans can be used for everything from four-year universities to two-year technical schools. Opening a NEST 529 Plan account doesn't require a minimum deposit to get started, and contributions can be managed online. NEST 529 Plans give families the ability to start investing in their loved ones' future, so they can soar to their goals and become who they want to be as adults.

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Minden Police Report

Calls for Service

June 4

0554 — 4th St. and Colorado Ave., Dog at Large
0810 — 1st St. and Sears Ave., Dogs at Large
1618 — Hwy 6 and Minden Ave., Parking Complaint
2037 — 900 Block of N. Garber Ave., Disturbance

June 5

0130 — 300 Block N. Colorado Ave., Open door
1004 — Funeral Escort
1129 — 600 Block S. Brown Ave., Subject Resting
1220 — 400 Block N. Hull Ave., Possible Lost Property,
Eventually Found

1618 — Threats on Social Media
1920 — West Estates, Juveniles Racing
2018 — 300 Block E. 4th St., Traffic Stop
2148 — 600 Block S. Brown Ave., Traffic Stop, Arrest for
Driving Under Revocation

2337 — Hwy 6 and Tower Ave., Motorist Assist
2348 — Hwy 6 and 10, Suspicious Activity

June 6

0648 — 5th St. and Kearney Ave., Two Fawns in Yard

0958 — 5th St. and Brown Ave., Dog at Large
1819 — 700 Block N. Nebraska Ave., License Pickup, Un-
able to Locate

2248 — 11th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop
2246 — Hwy 6 and Piester Ave., Traffic Stop

June 7

0739 — Check Welfare, Passed onto Other Agency
1103 — 1500 Block N. Brown Ave., Motorist Assist
2035 — 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Traffic Stop
2042 — Ongoing Investigation
2235 — South City Limits, Unknown Situation

June 8

0023 — 16th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop
1009 — 100 Block E. 5th St., Unit Call
1109 — 100 Block Hillcrest Dr., Dog at Large
2238 — Hwy 6 and McIntyre Ave., Traffic Stop

June 9

1141 — 400 Block E. Holland St., Lost Prescription from
Delivery
0956 — 1st St. and Minden Ave., Hit and Run Accident
15326 — Officer Information



1724 — 1300 Block N. Brown Ave., Traffic Stop
2324 — 600 Block Nance Ave., Disturbance

June 10

0113 — 700 Block E. 1st St., Animal Complaint
0916 — 100 Block N. Hull Ave., Animal Complaint
1813 — 200 Block N. Hubbard Ave., Check Welfare
1907 — HHS Intake
2200 — 100 Block E. Hwy 6, Open gate
2247 — HHS Intake
2249 — 3rd St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop
2302 — 700 Block E. Hawthorne St., Disturbance

For the Record

Marriage License

Markus D. Ramsey, 23, Hildreth & Megan E. Cawley, 22,
Hildreth; 6-10-26

Kearney County County Court

John Dembowki, Axtell, COUNT I: fail to use seatbelt,
fine \$25; COUNT II: possess/consume open alcohol con-
tainer, fine \$50, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada,
1-4-26

James M. Deveny, Hastings, speeding 6-10 MPH Coun-
ty/State, fine \$75, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Her-
rada, 4-29-26

Henry Pena Urrutia, Norfolk, sexual assault/forc-
ible-1st degree, 7-1-23

Robert A. Valentine, Hastings, speeding 11-15 MPH
County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer
Clark, 5-4-26

Kayla M. Brown, Omaha, COUNT I: license vehicle w/o
liability, fine \$100; COUNT II: speeding 6-10 MPH Coun-
ty/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonza-
lez, 4-25-26

Nuemi Memije Avila, Minden, COUNT I: no operator's
license/non-waiverable, fine \$125; COUNT II: speeding
11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol
Officer Gonzalez, 4-29-26

Minden Fire & Rescue

6-7-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched
to W. 1st Street for a fall.

6-8-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched
to E. 5th Street for difficulty breathing.

6-8-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched
to E. 1st Street for a transfer from KCHS to KRMC.

6-9-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched for
storm spotting.

6-9-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched for
tree clean up.

6-9-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to
O Road to P Road for a tree struck by lightning.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

6-5-26—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to
Mosaic for a personal illness & transport to Kearney Re-
gional.

Kearney County Sheriff

5-31-26, A vehicle driven by Brendan Matthew Franks,
Minden, was traveling eastbound on Highway 74 when
it struck a deer. Estimated damage: \$1,500.

6-5-26, A vehicle driven by Braden W. Fleischman,
Overton, was traveling eastbound on 50A Link when a
deer ran from the south ditch colliding with the vehicle.
Estimated damage: \$2,000.



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska. The agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska, and (877) 995-6688. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the meeting.
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NOTICE

VILLAGE OF WILCOX MINUTES JUNE 9, 2026

The Wilcox Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 9, 2026. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Post Office and High Street Insurance. Agendas were mailed to each member of the village board. Chairman Gardels called the meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson. Absent: Adam. Others in attendance were: L. Booth, R. Carey, H. Goddard, D. Muench, D. Walker, K. Norman. The minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion

by Johnson with second by Norman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The following claims were presented for payment: Minden Courier 60.53, Verizon 157.51, Great Plains Com. 450.00, DW&S 1520.00, Hometown Leasing 101.61, Cornerstone Ins. Group 50.00, Dana F. Cole 4375.00, Wilcox Utilities Dept. 828.68, Black Hills 131.72, Chemsearch FE 1539.95, Larsens ACE 48.14, NPPD 14,401.45, SPPD 676.38, Dutton-Lainson 288.02, SCS 4318.70, Vestis 129.74, Visa 31.91, Town & Country 2.12, CPI 422.49, NE Dept. Rev. sales tax 656.06, EFTPS 1700.00, NYLife 1103.31, Council 175.00, Salaries 6602.64, Wil-Hil School 150.00, Transfer 1642.02. Motion to pay all claims was made by Nash with second by Johnson. Motion carried. The board reviewed all delinquent utility bills. Nuisance properties were discussed. A letter from our attorney was sent to owners of 203 N. Briggs property. The purchase of 305 E Franklin property is delayed as representative for that estate is now deceased. The board reviewed an estimate for Food Pantry repairs. As repairs will be over \$30,000.00, we must advertise for bids. The Wilcox Community Foundation, Kearney Co. Foundation and SPPD are possibilities for grant money to help defray repair costs. The board discussed canvas covered metal frame structures. Our codebook doesn't totally prohibit them, but we will require a building permit application. Building Permit Application #426 that was

tabled at a prior meeting will be reviewed again at the July 14th meeting. The board reviewed the bid/estimate from Samuelson Land Leveling to build two streets and install culverts at West Addition. Total cost is \$25,322.00. Motion by Nash with second by Johnson to approve Samuelson's bid for this work. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. The Wilcox Planning Commission submitted the following building permit application for final board approval. #427-Z. Rehtus of 203 E Sapp, installing a chain-link fence. Nash made the motion to approve building permit #427. Second given by Johnson. Motion carried. D. Muench was appointed to the Wilcox Planning Commission by the Village Board. Hiring summer help was not discussed. Clerk informed the board that the first utility billing implementation will be on Wednesday, June 17th at 9:45. L. Booth was present to voice concerns of the conditions at 202 E. Detroit St. In other discussion, Trustee Nash reported that new heating/air unit will be installed soon at the Town Hall office through Durable Services. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: Melinda Ferree
Village Clerk

APPROVED: Brad Gardels,
Chairman
Wilcox Village Board of
Trustees

June 18, 2026
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been orga-

nized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: H&T LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 1150 33 Road Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959. Harold P. Colby, Jr. is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on June 5th, 2026 and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: June 6, 2026

H&T LLC,
A Nebraska Limited
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: ROUGH DIAMOND STOCK LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 444 26 Road, Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska 68924. Timothy J. Christensen is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The

limited liability company commenced on June 9th, 2026, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: June 9, 2026

ROUGH DIAMOND STOCK,
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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF NANCY A. TOMSEN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR26-19

Notice is hereby given that on June 9th, 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 Molly A. Anderson, whose address is 667 S. Logan Avenue, Minden, Nebraska 68959, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 10, 2026, or be forever barred.

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

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ABSOLUTE PEST & WILDLIFE SOLUTIONS, LLC A Nebraska Limited Liability Company

Notice is hereby given that Absolute Pest & Wildlife Solutions, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The address of its designated office is 525 E. 5th Street, Minden, NE 68959. The name and address of the initial registered agent is Joseph Meyers, 525 E. 5th Street, Minden, NE 68959. The mailing address of the registered agent is 525 E. 5th Street, Minden, NE 68959. Absolute Pest & Wildlife Solutions, LLC commenced business on June 9, 2026, and the general nature of its business is to engage in any lawful business not prohibited by the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

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Attorneys at Law
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NOTICE

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026 7:00 PM LIBRARY

The board reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. 2. Open meeting law is posted and recognized. 3. Recognition of guests and request for public comment. 4. Approval of minutes of May 11, 2026 board meeting. Motion Passed: Motion to approve minutes of May 11, 2026 board meeting. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays- Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 5. Discussion and action of district financial reports. Motion Passed: Motion to approve financial reports as presented. Proposal passed with a motion Ty Fickenscher and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays- Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 6. Discussion and action of district claims. Motion Passed: Motion to approve district claims as presented. Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Matt Strolberg. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays- Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 7. Administrative Reports. a. Dr. Chelsea Feusner, Incoming Superintendent. 1. Thank you. 2. Met with all staff and teaching staff over the past few months.

3. Sparq training with Mrs. Bergstrom set for June 11. 4. Budget Workshop June 24: handout. 5. COP's grant resubmission end of June. 6. July 1, start date! b. Jenn DeBord, Principal. 1. Staff Professional Development. c. Craig Lorenz, Principal. 1. Dual Credit. 2. Transportation Update. d. Rob Gregory, Superintendent. 1. Outside Painting: 2nd floor windows, facia, under canopy. 2. 2 Inside Doors Update. 8. Discussion Items. a. Mrs. DeBord: Elementary S.S. curriculum. b. Axtell North (Mosaic) Lease. c. Dr. Feusner: 2nd & Final Reading of Policy Update from Perry Law Firm. 9. Action Items. a. Approval of elementary Social Studies curriculum in the amount of \$8,372.64. Motion Passed: Motion for approval of elementary Social Studies curriculum in the amount of \$8,372.64. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Ty Fickenscher. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays- Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. b. Approval of Axtell North (Mosaic) Lease to run from June 2026 through June of 2029. Motion Passed: Motion for approval of Axtell North (Mosaic) Lease to run from June 2026 through June of 2029. Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays- Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. c. Approval of the 2026-27 Policy update bundle from Perry Law Firm consisting of: #1110 Bulletin Boards, #3560 Record Management and Disposition, #5004 Full-time and Part-

time Enrollment, #5005 Student Residence, Admission and Contracting or Educational Services, 5006 Option Enrollment including appendix for Option Resolution, #5008 Attendance, #5101 Student Discipline, #5205 Graduation, #8130 Annual Organizational Meeting, #8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meeting. Motion Passed: Motion for approval of the 2026-27 Policy update bundle from Perry Law Firm consisting of: #1110 Bulletin Boards, #3560 Record Management and Disposition, #5004 Full-time and Part-time Enrollment, #5005 Student Residence, Admission and Contracting or Educational Services, 5006 Option Enrollment including appendix for Option Resolution, #5008 Attendance, #5101 Student Discipline, #5205 Graduation, #8130 Annual Organizational Meeting, #8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meeting. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Linda Almquist. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays- Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 10. Informational Items. a. Next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 15, 2026 @ 7:00 PM. 11. Motion to adjourn. Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays- Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND: ACCESS ELEVATOR & LIFTS, INC, 435.00; ACCO BRANDS USA LLC, 336.33; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 726.88;

BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS, 31.48; BUILDERS WAREHOUSE INC, 6,209.14; CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY, 471.75; DANA F COLE & COMPANY, LLP, 165.00; DUG'S SHOP, 4,911.79; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 13,279.05; EGAN SUPPLY CO, 782.81; ESU #10, 1,093.14; ESU #11, 7,179.16; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER, 5,659.00; FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC, 456.16; FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC, 72.96; GUMDROP BOOKS STORE, 1,908.77; HAMILTON LONG DISTANCE, 1,544.55; HEARTLAND SEATING INC, 605.35; HIRERIGHT LLC, 233.35; HOMETOWN LEASING, 2,866.38; INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTIONS, 784.00; JIMENEZ, TRISTA, 210.00; KAT'S KORNER MARKET, 136.06; KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, 70.00; KESLER SCIENCE, LLC, 579.00; KINDSCHUH CONSTRUCTION, CO, 100.00; LUNCH FUND, 282.45; MENARDS-KEARNEY, 1,639.97; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC, 9,296.00; MINDEN COURIER, THE, 120.74; MISSION PLUMBING LLC, 349.00; NASB, 1,750.00; NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, 125.00; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 1,260.00; NEBRASKA LITERACY ASSOCIATION, 300.00; NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER, 125.00; ONE SOURCE, 53.50; PERRY GUTHERY HAASE & GESSFORD, PC, LLO, 3,225.00; PHELPS COUNTY CLERK, 100.00; PLANBOOK INC, 576.00; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, 303.81; POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC, 6,636.14; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC, 299.26; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 68.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 3,901.14; SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC, 499.02; SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, THE, 257.32; SNELL SERVICES,

INC, 4,280.50; SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT, 7,887.95; SPARQ DATA SOLUTIONS, 2,975.00; STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE, 646.78; STATE OF NEBRASKA, 317.87; SUNBELT RENTALS, 1,234.35; SWANSON SEPTIC SERVICES LLC, 300.00; TCI, 5,033.10; TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC, 529.92; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, 186.00; TREVIPAY-WALMART, 9.12; TURNER BODY SHOP, 180.00; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-KEARNEY, 200.00; VILLAGES OF AXTELL, 1,081.93; VISA, 3,707.87; WEST MUSIC, 203.28; YANDAS MUSIC & PRO AUDIO, 293.40; YELLOW VAN CLEANING SERVICES, 2,336.50; Vendors Listed: 65; Total: 113,418.03; June Payroll: 387,310.10; Total: 500,728.13. Fund: 10 COOPERATIVE FUND: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, 114.99; ESU #10, 628.75; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER, 994.00; HOMETOWN LEASING, 99.81; KAT'S KORNER MARKET, 119.92; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 55.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 1.00; RIPP, EMILY, 37.35; Vendors Listed: 8; Total: 2,050.82; June Payroll: 17,331.13; Total: 19,381.95. Jun 18, 2026 (274) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: LOGAN KELLER

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

Nebraska Revised Statute Section 45-103.01.

The petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 25th day of July 2026 at the Kearney County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
308 N Locust St Ste 306
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 381-1423
Jun 11, 2026
Jun 18, 2026
Jun 25, 2026
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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF BRENT S. SHERWOOD, DECEASED CASE NO. 26-18

Notice is hereby given that on June 2, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Austin Sherwood, whose address is 221 S. 21st, Ord, Nebraska 68862, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before August 11, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen
Clerk of the County Court
Kearney County Court
Kearney County
Courthouse
Minden, NE 68959

Remington S. Slama #27389
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Jun 11, 2026
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Jun 25, 2026
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NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Public notice is hereby given that the Kearney County Health Services Board of Trustees of Minden, Nebraska is soliciting proposals for Construction Manager at Risk services for an a replacement hospital project for Kearney County Health Services. Interested applicants must have a minimum of 5 years experience in hospital construction work, which includes significant hospital renovation, expansion, and replacement projects and CM-at-Risk type contracts and have the ability to bond up to 49 million dollars of construction. More detailed information on the project, the qualification requirements & proposal submittal requirements are available upon request in writing by email to (Kearney County Health Services/CM RFP, c/o Devon Brogan, Project Manager, Health Facilities Group, LLC, email: devonb@hfgarchitecture.com, and please copy matc@hfgarchitecture.com). Emails should contain "Kearney County Health Services CM RFP" in the subject header.

Confirmation of your company's intention to participate in the RFP selection process is requested to be sent by email no later than Thursday, June 25, 2026. The hospital board will be employing a three-step qualifications-based selection process to select Construction Manager's for this project. Phase I includes soliciting qualifications from qualified Construction Manager's and for the hospital to review the submitted

qualifications to determine a short list of candidates to proceed to Phase II. Phase I qualifications statement/brochures shall be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, July 06, 2026, and shall be in a sealed envelope or package and delivered to the office of Kearney County Health Services 727 E 1st St, Minden, NE 68959 and shall conform to the requirements listed in the project RFP for Phase I. Requests for information for Phase I shall be made no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2026. An announcement of the short list of CM firms to be interviewed will be issued on Thursday, July 09, 2026. Phase II includes the solicitation of a formal proposal from the short-listed firms that shall conform to the requirements in the RFP packet. The Phase II proposal materials shall be submitted to the office of Health Facilities Group, LLC no later than 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 23, 2026. Phase III interviews of the short-listed firms are scheduled to be conducted on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Responses will be returned to the "contact" name and the "email/phone" number indicated in your proposal materials within three business days of the interview date.

See tabulated schedule below to supplement information in the solicitation narrative.

RFP Schedule:

Phase I

June 11 & 18, 2026: Publish Solicitation/RFP

June 25, 2026: Prospective CMaR firms to email indicating interest in participating

June 30, 2026: Phase I RFI's due
July 06, 2026: Phase I Qualifications Statements due

Phase II

July 09, 2026: Phase II CMaR list announced

July 23, 2026: Phase II Proposals due

Phase III

July 29, 2026: CMaR Interviews

August 3, 2026: Announcement of prospective award sent out to all Phase II firms
Dated June 11, 2026

Luke Poore, CEO
Kearney County Health Services
Minden, NE

CHARITABLE GIVING TO KCHS FOUNDATION

Should the public have a philanthropic interest in learning more to donate to Kearney County Health Services, and this project, Kearney County Health Services has an affiliate fund setup through the Nebraska Community Foundation known as the "Kearney County Medical Fund." The Nebraska Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Further information on how to donate can be found at kchs.org, or you can contact Luke Poore at (308) 832 - 3400 x 2800.

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NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Agendas for the June 8, 2026 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 meeting was published in the paper. Approved by the board were the minutes from the meeting held May 11, financial reports, claims against the General Fund, and meal prices for 2026-27 school year. The board authorized

James Widdifield as the representative of Minden Public Schools to sign claims and forms for all federal programs for the 2026-27 school year and authorized the Superintendent or his designee to dispose of all obsolete furniture, books, materials, and equipment in the most favorable manner to the District in accordance with all laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to such disposition. The board approved amendments to Policy 1110 Bulletin Boards, Policy 3130 Purchasing Policies, Policy 3560 Records Management & Disposition, Policy 5004 Full-Time & Part-Time Enrollment, Policy 5005 Student Residence, Admission and Contracting for Services, Policy 5008 Student Attendance, Policy 5101 Student Discipline, Policy 5205 Graduation, Policy 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting, and Policy 8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.

JUNE 2026 - GENERAL FUND CLAIMS - CenturyLink, \$457.84; Minden Exchange Bank, \$59.45; Wright Express Fleet Services, \$757.10; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, \$126.30; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$1,236.68; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$195,925.44; Fiduciary Trust Company, \$500.00; Horace Mann Life Insurance Company, \$1,275.00; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$2,561.15; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., \$7,897.41; Minden Public Schools, \$104,849.94; Mps Payroll, \$141,759.21; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$18,436.25; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$9,810.18; Apple Computer, \$19,740.00; Aurora Cooperative, \$4,429.67; Axios Work-

force & Development, Inc., \$3,300.00; Bill's Plumbing, \$80.00; BIO Corporation, \$500.34; Black Hills Energy, \$6,050.56; Blick Art Materials, \$1,232.62; City Of Minden, \$20,657.05; Clearly, \$823.93; Computer Hardware, Inc., \$3,372.00; Eakes Office Solutions, \$1,352.79; Educational Service Unit #10, \$370.28; Educational Service Unit #11, \$8,198.46; Elan Financial Services, \$1,679.67; Ellis, Erin A, \$29.96; Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C., \$5,968.25; Fifth Street Printing, \$823.00; Grizzly Industrial, Inc., \$968.10; Gumdrop Books, \$1,042.59; Heartland Refrigeration, LLC, \$663.67; Hometown Leasing, \$3,855.49; JW Pepper & Son, Inc., \$17.99; Kearney County Health Services, \$35.00; Kearney Winnelson Co., \$553.40; Learning Ally, Inc., \$1,993.95; Mackin Book Company, \$3,651.49; Mason's Market, \$330.98; Menards - Kearney, \$433.65; Mhs Activities Fund, \$1,139.69; Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc., \$13,658.00; Midwest Floor Specialists, \$6,120.00; Minden Courier, \$80.17; Minden Hardware, \$379.29; Mps Petty Cash, \$75.35; Napa Auto Parts, \$132.96; NCSA, \$1,070.00; Nebraska Safety Center, \$225.00; Omnify Benefits, \$140.80; Paper 101, \$479.30; Pearson Clinical Assessment, \$136.60; Perma-Bound, \$574.20; Per-

ry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O., \$798.00; Pony Express Ford, \$82.95; PowerSchool Group, LLC, \$13,876.56; Presto-X Company, \$221.70; Really Good Stuff, \$105.86; School Health Corporation, \$203.92; School Specialty, LLC, \$6,133.81; Staples, \$644.59; SysCloud, Inc., \$1,260.00; Tri-County Glass, Inc., \$1,090.73; U.S. Post Office, \$2,396.20; University of Missouri, \$4,120.00; Verizon, \$173.85; Verizon Wireless, \$160.04; Village Uniform, \$366.15; West Music, \$225.10; Widdifield, James T, \$30.00; Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc., \$62.50; Yanda's Music, \$2,815.80; Zaner-Bloser, Inc., \$901.45; June Net Payroll - \$461,844.43; Subtotal - \$1,099,531.84; LUNCH FUND CLAIMS - Sysco - EFT, \$11,410.98; Mason's Market, \$55.62; LinPepCo Partnership, \$1,544.17; Village Uniform, \$397.04; Cash-wa Distributing Co., \$15,743.38; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$52.12; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$4,991.47; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$48.63; Minden Public Schools, \$2,067.76; Mps Payroll, \$2,409.69; Mps Payroll, \$253.57; June Net Payroll - \$10,782.18, Subtotal - \$49,756.61; BOND FUND CLAIMS - BOK Financial Corporation - \$155,548.75; TOTAL CLAIMS - \$1,304,837.20.
Jun 18, 2026
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NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for furnishing all equipment, transportation, tools, materials, labor and skills necessary and incidental to perform all work described in the proposed contract documents entitled: Kearney County Courthouse – Attic Renovation, Minden, Nebraska, dated May 27, 2026 will be received by Kearney County, Nebraska, at the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse, 424 N Colorado Avenue, Minden, Nebraska on July 7, 2026 until 10:00 AM local time. The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the adjacent Commissioners' hearing room.

The Pre-Bid Walk-Through will be held at the site at the Kearney County Courthouse, 424 N Colorado Avenue, Minden, NE 68959 in the east entrance lobby on July 23, 2026, at 10 AM.

All bids shall be made on the printed forms attached to and made a part of the contract documents. The said documents have been prepared by Berggren Architects P.C. (402) 475-0597 and digital copies may be obtained from A&D Technical Supply, at 4320 S 89th St. Omaha, NE (402) 592-4950.

Project Contact: Aly Ramage, ar@berggrenarchitects.com

Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked: **"Bid Proposal – Kearney County Courthouse – Attic Renovation"** NOTICE: Bids submitted by facsimile transmission are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Each bidder must submit with the bid a certified cashier's check or bid bond equal to five percent (5%) of the bid.

The character and amount

of security to be submitted by the contractor for the performance of the contract are stated in the proposed contract documents. Bidders may not withdraw their bids for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of the bids.

Kearney County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and re-advertise for bids; and further reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity.

Jun 11, 2026

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 30-28(7) AND 30-53(1) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, NEBRASKA

TO ALEX J. BECKMANN AND LACEY T. BECKMANN, owners of 625 N Hubbard Ave., Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959:

Notice is hereby given that you are in violation of the following Ordinances of the Code of the City of Minden, Nebraska for your property located at 625 N Hubbard Ave., Minden, which is hereby declared a Public Nuisance:

§ 30-28(7): failure to keep the lot or piece of ground and the adjoining street and alleys free of any growth of 9" or more of weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation; AND

§ 30-53(1): a motor vehicle nuisance for the keeping of a motor vehicle which is not currently registered; or which is parked in violation of city ordinance; or which is incapable of moving under its own power; or which is in a junked, wrecked, or inoperable condition.

To become compliant with

§ 30-28(7), please trim your lawn to a height that is compliant with such Code. You have the right to appeal this declaration within five (5) days of the final date of publication of this Notice. Appeals must be made directly to the City of Minden, Nebraska by telephone or written notice. If you fail or refuse to request an appeal or bring the property into compliance within five (5) days of the final date of publication of this Notice, the City shall hire the work to be done with costs assessed back to your property, and you may also be subject to criminal citation or civil penalties for such violations.

To become compliant with § 30-53(1), please register or remove your motor vehicle which is presently and unlawfully parked upon the property within ten (10) days of the final date of publication of this Notice. You have the right to appeal this declaration within ten (10) days of the final date of publication of this Notice. Appeals must be made directly to the City of Minden, Nebraska by telephone or written notice. If you fail or refuse to request an appeal or abate the nuisance condition within ten (10) days of the final date of publication of this Notice, the City shall hire the work to be done with costs assessed back to your property, and you may also be subject to criminal citation or civil penalties for such violations.

City of Minden, Nebraska
Justin Cline, Development
Services Director
(308) 832-1820

jcline@mindennebraska.org

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- 4. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
- 10. No (Scottish)
- 11. ___ Aires, city
- 12. Morning
- 14. Senior's son (abbr.)
- 15. A notable achievement
- 16. European nation
- 18. Endings
- 22. Puts into place
- 23. Former
- 24. Grenadier
- 26. Sea patrol
- 27. Algerian port
- 28. Norwegian river
- 30. Precipitation
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. New York is one
- 36. Patti Hearst's captors

- 37. Soft mineral with greasy feel
- 39. Retired Brazilian footballer
- 40. An Indian nursemaid
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Immobile
- 48. Insignia of royalty
- 50. Seeds from which chocolate is made
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Round root
- 53. Beginning to end (alt. sp.)
- 54. What newlyweds just said
- 55. Empire State
- 56. Give back
- 58. College hoops tournament
- 59. Unstable situations

- 60. Young women's association

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Administer a drug
- 2. Holy places
- 3. Contrary opinions
- 4. Blood type
- 5. Gags
- 6. Micturating
- 7. Silly
- 8. A type of "cuff"
- 9. Spanish be
- 12. Austrian river
- 13. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 17. Consume food
- 19. California supermarket
- 20. Electronic communication
- 21. Cassia tree
- 25. Written works
- 29. Cool!
- 31. Noteworthy 90s lawyer Kenneth
- 32. One who was compensated
- 33. National symbols
- 35. Raising
- 38. A type of talk
- 41. Cloud
- 43. Middle Eastern peoples
- 44. Pouches
- 45. 007's creator
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- 56. Relief organization (abbr.)
- 57. Canadian province (abbr.)

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Management opportunities are coming your way, Aries. It is time to step up and take the lead. Your confidence has long been a strong character trait, so push forward.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, patience will pay off big time when a long-awaited piece of news finally arrives. The weekend is a perfect time for walking in nature or tending to the garden.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Your curiosity is leading you down a fascinating path right now, Gemini. This could spark a new interest. Stay flexible, as a last-minute change of plans might be in the cards.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, emotional clarity might help you address a minor concern with grace and ease. You often project a gentle strength that helps to draw people closer to you.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

It's time for your inner child to come out to play, Leo. Say yes to a game night or a creative pursuit. Joy will be the primary focus this week, leading you to have more fun.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a breakthrough in your wellness routine may be on the horizon, leaving you feeling energized and refreshed. People might notice the glow and ask for your secret.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, artistic inspiration might just be everywhere you look this week. Whether gazing at the clouds or the buildings around you, you might be inspired to create something.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Transformation is in the air, Scorpio. You might be shedding an old habit for a better one. You may be stepping into a more powerful version of yourself soon enough.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, it's time to share your knowledge with others, which can bring you a sense of fulfillment that you might not have seen coming.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Career goals are moving forward at a steady, satisfying pace, Capricorn. Keep your eyes on the future and trust the process. You're doing amazing work.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Social activism or community work may give you a sense of purpose that is much-needed right now, Aquarius. Your ability to think creatively will help immensely.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Your kindness this week will create a ripple of positivity that flows right back to you, Pisces. Reach out to a friend in need when you have a moment.

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