

Axtell One Act Presents 'Alienated'

CINDY RAMSEY

The Axtell One Act team is hard at work preparing for its competition season which begins on November 10 at the Falcon Play Production Festival in Wilcox. This year's show, "Alienated" by Kenneth R. Preuss, is a humorous tale of what it means to be human.

Seventeen-year old Cammie gathers 24 members of her high school senior class at school one evening to solve the mystery of a bright light that appears on this precise day once every six years. Cammie's uncle always believed that one of these students is an alien and that the light is a form of communication. Knowing the beacon will shine in just a few minutes, Cammie is bound and determined to identify the alien among them. Could it be the diva? The jock? The slacker? The clumsy band geek? As they all point fingers at one another, it seems each is both the accuser and the accused. No doubt, everyone has something weird to hide. Are these strange and unique characteristics truly alien or just part of being a teenager? The surprise ending will leave you with goosebumps in this delightful, well-written character piece.

Axtell's 37 member team is comprised of returning and new actors and crew members led by Head Coach Joy Snell and Assistant Coach Amber Meza. The cast and crew include:

Seniors: Samantha Catanese (Crew, sound effects coordinator), Ella Hardenbrook (Crew, Tasha understudy & stage coordinator), Sadie Lorenzo (Tasha, the diva), Jaqalyn Ramirez (Katie, the reporter), and Nora Sonnenfeld (Britney, the homecoming queen).

Juniors: Logan Cappel (Crew, backstage & set), Brooklyn DeJonge (Grace, the klutz), Brecklyn Delaney (Crew, sound effects assistant), Emma Hall (Darby, the news anchor), Morgan Hawkins (Crew, Rosalind understudy & timer), Warren Myers (Crew, backstage & set), Lily Nicholson (Lauren, the actress), Lizzy Pfeil (Serena, the best friend), Harley Pittz (Rosalind, the nobody), Connor Strolberg (Wallace, the nerd), Bristol Thorell (Hillary, the



The Axtell One Act team is searching for the alien among their numbers in this year's show, "Alienated". Pictured: the Wildcats perform a scene during the school performance on October 29th. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Weather Forecast

Nov. 7:	64/42	
Nov. 8:	59/32	
Nov. 9:	50/31	
Nov. 10:	56/40	
Nov. 11:	61/37	
Nov. 12:	59/40	
Nov. 13:	60/43	



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News Briefs

Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County has several upcoming events. Holiday Pet Photos will be taken on Sunday, November 9 from 1-5pm at the Lempka Home. \$25 donation suggestion for session. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier when coming and going to avoid any confrontation with other pets. Call or text Jane for your reservation time.

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

Christmas City 5K Run/Walk & Little Elf Run

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

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

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

WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit signupwic.com. A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, November 10 and Monday, December 8.

Poll the Vote

Kearney County wants your opinion! The courthouse dome needs repairs. Please follow the links below to complete a survey to tell us your feeling on the matter. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SaveChristmasCity> or scan the QR code. You do not need to create an account to take the survey. Simply click "Poll Pass" which is a temporary guest pass to PolltheVote.com.



Paper copies are also available at the courthouse, Jensen Memorial Library, Axtell Village Office, Wilcox Village Office and City Minden Office.

Poll open October 15 - November 15.

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food will be Saturday, November 8. Please have your nonperishable food items out by 9am. Place items where Scouts can see them when driving down the street. Please call or text (308) 830-2867, before noon if they missed picking up your donation. Items can also be dropped off at the Closet, 341 E. 4th Street in Minden during open hours anything you would like to make a donation.

Ladies Night Out

The Minden Chamber of Commerce will host Ladies Night Out on Friday, November 15th from 5-8pm. Stop by the square to 'Light Up the Night' with shopping, specials, food, drinks, and more.

Early Deadline

The Minden Courier will have an early printing schedule for the November 27th issue resulting in an early deadline. All news and ad submissions must be turned in by Thursday, November 20th. In addition, the Minden Courier office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

Kearney County Caring Tree

Sign up for the Kearney County Caring Tree is now open. A link to sign up is available on The Closet & Food Pantry Facebook page. The link will close promptly at 3pm on November 20th. No late applications will be accepted so sign up soon. If you need any help filling out the application, message The Closet & Food Pantry on Facebook or call Misty Kuhlman at 308-832-1083.

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

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
10/25/25	50	49	-
10/26/25	53	48	-
10/27/25	54	50	-
10/28/25	51	40	.28
10/29/25	51	36	-
10/30/25	56	32	-
10/31/25	52	32	-
Total Week Precip.....			0.28

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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preppy kid), and Aubrey Vinchattle (Abby, the snoop).

Sophomores: Kayla Abbott (Amanda, the know it all), Allison Fulmer (Crew, make-up/hair & light assistant), Sophia Havranek (Cammie, the newspaper editor), Coben Hill (Lloyd, the slacker), Levi Johnson (Crew, curtain & backstage), Mina Schilling (Melissa, the class president), Elijah Sinachack (Trevor, the loner), and Isaiah Sinachack (Brian, the reporter).

Freshmen: Krystal Fickenscher (Erika, the artist), Caleb Hall (Crew, light coordinator), Amelia Halvorsen (Crew, make-up/hair & prompter), Carter Hardenbrook (Dan, the star athlete), Madi Hays (Liz, the cynic), Micah Houchin (Tony, the smart kid), Landon Powers (Crew, spotlight & set), Solara Quigley (Crew, make-up/hair & prompter), Brylee Rabe (Ashley, the normal kid), Jerzey Ramirez (Isabel, the cool kid), Barrett Thorell (Allen, the class clown), and Samantha Vinchattle (Erin, the bookworm).

The Wildcats performed for the school and community last week and hosted a triangular with Aurora and Gothenburg on November 3. The competition season begins on November 10 at the Falcon Play Production Festival in Wilcox. On November 15, the team will compete in the Shoemaker Showcase at Kearney High. The FKC Contest will be held on November 24 at the Tassel in Holdrege. On December 1, the Cats will perform in the District D1-5 Contest at Wilcox for a chance to compete at State.

The community is welcome to attend performances. Admission is often charged during competition performances, but the cost covers performances by all participating schools.

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week Nov 17-24

PRESS RELEASE

Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, November 17-24.

Anyone interested in filling a shoebox can contact Jacque Stadler at jacque.stadler@gmail.com or 308-530-7254 for a free shoebox, or they're welcome to use their own shoebox or similar-size plastic tote. They will also need a red-and-green label for the shoebox, indicating if it's for a Boy or Girl and their age range. Jacque also has suggested shopping lists for boys and girls available. They include items that are approved for shipping, as well as items that aren't.

Dates and times the filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at Minden E Free Church, 1310 West 1st Street:

- o November 17, 19 and 21 – 3:30pm-5:30pm
- o November 18 – 3:30pm-6pm
- o November 20 – 4pm-6pm
- o November 22 – 10am-12 noon
- o November 23 – 11am-2pm
- o November 24 – 8am-10am

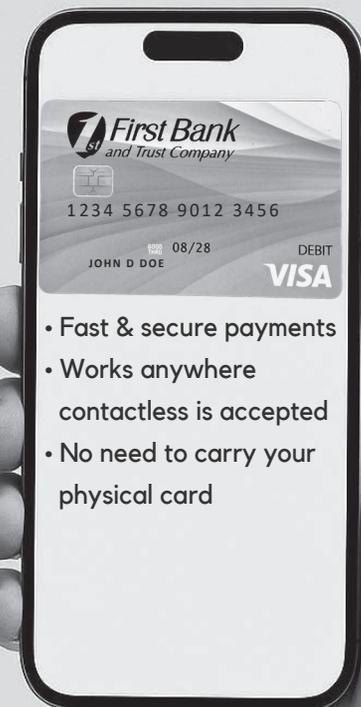
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If more than 20 shoeboxes will be dropped off at one time, please let Jacque know so that we have enough volunteers to receive and record the boxes.



The Axtell One Act team performed their play, "Alienated", for the school and community last week prior to the competition season. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

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Minden's Scare on the Square Candy Crawl



The Minden Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Scare on the Square Kiddie Candy Crawl on October 31st. Area businesses and organizations joined the festivities on the square handing out trinkets and treats to costumed youth. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)



Minden Courier Football Contest Winners Week 10

ROGER HANSEN

Week 10 of the Courier Football Contest produced four two-miss entries, therefore contestants divining the winner and total points of the tie-breaker was used to determine the contest winners and worthy mentions.

Notre Dame defeated Boston College 25-10 (35 total points) in the tie-breaker game. Corey Ziola of Minden correctly predicted Notre Dame winning and 45 total points to come the closest, so he merits 25 bucks. Jena Coil of Ralston guessed 49 points and gets \$15 for her effort.

Sharon Bruening of Minden predicted 59 points and Matilda Kell of Ft. Riley, Kansas picked Boston College to win.

Eight entries finished with three misses.

Most missed games this week were Oklahoma over Tennessee, Arizona State over Iowa State, Texas over Vanderbilt, Army over Air Force and USC over Nebraska.



KCHS To Host Lunch & Learn with Dr. Matthew Rutman

PRESS RELEASE

MINDEN, NE, October 30, 2025 — Kearney County Health Services (KCHS) invites community members to a Lunch & Learn with Dr. Matthew Rutman, urologist, on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at noon in the KCHS dining room. Lunch will be provided, and the event is open to the public.

Dr. Rutman will share information about urology care and common conditions that affect both men and women. Care includes kidney stones, urinary tract issues, prostate health, bladder control problems and more. Attendees will also learn about the specialty urology services now available locally through KCHS, providing convenient access to expert care close to home.

This event offers a relaxed opportunity to ask questions, enjoy lunch, and learn more about prevention, treatment options and when to seek care for common uro-

Cornerstone Trust and Farm Management Open House

PRESS RELEASE

Cornerstone Trust and Farm Management will host an Open House on Thursday, November 13th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Trust offices on the third floor of the Cornerstone Bank at 529 N. Lincoln Avenue in York.

As part of an ongoing commitment to provide the highest level of service and expertise, Cornerstone Bank continues to grow the Trust and Farm Management Department by welcoming talented individuals who share a dedication to excellence.

Pepper Papineau was named Vice President and Manager of Trust at Cornerstone Bank at the September Board of Directors meeting. Pepper started with Cornerstone in 2012 and served as a Trust Officer and Assistant Manager in Trust for several years before moving to the Compliance Department in 2023. As the Trust Department Manager, Pepper will oversee all operations and personnel in the Trust and Farm Management department.

The Trust Department also recently added Amy Hunt and Lynda Cruickshank to the team, working alongside long-time Trust Officer Todd Kramer to serve Trust clients. This talented team is devoted to Cornerstone's ongoing mission of providing unmatched customer service and brings decades of combined experience in trust administration, estate planning, fiduciary services, and retirement plan services.

"We are truly excited about the future of Cornerstone Trust and Farm Management Services," said Pepper Papineau, Vice President and Manager of Trust at Cornerstone Bank. "This strategic growth reaffirms our promise to deliver the relationship-driven service our clients have trusted for generations, and we hope you will join us for our Open House at the York Main Bank on November 13."

Cornerstone Bank invites individuals, businesses, and community groups to learn more about our Trust and Farm Management services at our Open House on Thursday, November 13th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Trust offices on the third floor of the Cornerstone Bank at 529 N. Lincoln Avenue in York.



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- Lunch is provided
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025
- 12:00 PM
- Kearney County Health Services, Dining Room
- RSVP to awragge@kchs.org or 308-832-3400, ext 2203

Bailey Arnold of Minden Receives Stipend for Research Project at Nebraska

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, NE (10/29/2025)-- Bailey Arnold of Minden is among 160 Husker undergraduates who have been awarded stipends by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to participate in research with a faculty mentor during the fall and spring semesters.

Arnold, a senior majoring in biochemistry, and fisheries and wildlife, will participate in the project "Differential Gene Expression and Adaptive Strategies in Arctic Ptarmigan Species" as part of Nebraska's Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experiences Program, which supports undergraduates to work with faculty mentors in research or creative activities. Students receive stipends of \$3,600 to engage in intensive research or creative activity for 10 hours per week. The students' projects span academic disciplines including engineering, chemistry, modern languages and literatures, psychology, art and art history, architecture, special education, and fisheries and wildlife.

UCARE participants will present posters on their research and creative activities during Student Research Days, April 7 and 8, at the Nebraska Union.

Applications for the 2026-27 UCARE program open Nov. 12, with a deadline of Feb. 10. For more information and to apply, visit <https://go.unl.edu/2rpt>.

For the full list of fall and spring UCARE recipients, visit <https://go.unl.edu/aoe6>.

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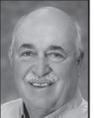
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How to Help Aging Veterans

PRESS RELEASE

According to data from the Department of Veterans Affairs, surveys from the Pew Research Center and the U.S. Census Bureau, there were more than 18 million living military veterans in the United States by the end of 2023. Seventy-two percent of those veterans are age 50 and older, and many served during wartime.

Military personnel make significant sacrifices to protect the freedoms Americans enjoy each day, and it's vital that those efforts are never forgotten, even if it's been decades since service personnel have been on active duty.

Thirty-seven percent of living veterans are age 70 and older, and these brave individuals must face the challenges of aging as well as some, including chronic injuries, that might be traced to their time in the military. That makes helping aging veterans an especially worthy endeavor, and those interested in doing just that can consider the following ideas.

- Offer your expertise free of charge. Working professionals can help aging veterans by providing advice or services free of charge or at steep discounts. For example, accountants can offer to prepare and file aging veterans' tax returns free of charge or, if the returns are complicated, at steep discounts. Financial advisors can visit a local veterans hall or home and speak to members or residents about managing money after retirement.

- Invite veterans over for special events or gatherings. The De-

partment of Veterans Affairs reports that veterans who served in the last 30 years make up the largest number of living veterans. Though there are still plenty of veterans who served prior to 1994, they may no longer have extensive social networks as more and more aging veterans pass away. Social connections are vital to long-term health, and researchers at the Center for Healthy Aging at Penn State University found that adults between the ages of 70 and 90 who reported more frequent, pleasant social interactions exhibited improved cognitive performance in the ensuing days. Individuals who want to help aging veterans can invite them over for special events, such as game watches, holiday gatherings or even weekly family meals.

- Pitch in around the house. Whether they suffered injuries during their time in the service or not, many aging veterans face the same physical limitations as others approaching or past retirement age. Offer to help aging veterans around the house. Mobility issues can make it hard to mow a lawn, tend to a garden or clean the interior of a home. Such tasks are made much easier when others pitch in, and these gestures can be a great way for families to show their appreciation to the brave individuals who protected the freedoms Americans enjoy each day.

There's no shortage of ways to help aging veterans, many of whom could use a helping hand as they navigate their golden years.

Local Veterans Day Programs

Area schools have prepared Veterans Day celebrations to honor servicemen and women. The public is invited to attend the programs scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 11.

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

7:30-8:30 a.m. — All veterans and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend breakfast provided by the Minden FCCLA chapter in the high school commons area. Veterans and guests will enter through the south doors of the high school.

9:00 a.m. — The public is invited to attend a Veterans Day assembly in the high school gym led by MHS student council members. This program will include a special guest speaker and musical performances by MHS choir and band. The Veterans Day program will be streamed live on StrivTV at 9:00 a.m. for anyone unable to attend.

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. — Veterans and community members are invited to attend a Veterans Day celebration in the school gymnasium to honor local veterans. Coffee and doughnuts will be served following the program.

WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

9:00 a.m. — Veterans and community members are invited to attend a Veterans Day program in the North Wilcox gym. Please join them for a program that will honor all veterans and include student performances.

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Rifle Raffle to Raise Funds for County Veteran Memorial

CINDY RAMSEY



Minden American Legion Post #94 and VFW Post 5537 are heading fundraising efforts for a Veterans Memorial that will be placed on the east side of the Kearney County courthouse. The Runions family has donated a 1980 Oliver F. Winchester Commemorative Model 1894 .38-55 caliber rifle to be raffled off to help raise funds for the project.

Less than 20,000 of these commemorative rifles were produced and only 1,000 tickets will be sold for a chance to win the rifle donated by the Runions family. Tickets are

available for \$50 each at Headquarters, Windmill Studios, or by talking to any member of VFW Post 5537 or American Legion Post #94. The drawing will be held after all tickets have been sold with a goal date of Memorial Day 2026.

With 93 counties in the state of Nebraska, there are currently only 31 veteran memorials, most located in county seats. Some of these memorials honor veterans of specific branches or tours. The Kearney County Veteran Memorial will honor veterans from all five branches of service from WWII up to current day with the option to expand.

The estimated cost for materials and installation of the memorial is \$150,000-200,00. Fundraising efforts and donations to this point total approximately \$40,000. The American Legion and VFW are highly focused on raising the funds as work cannot begin until the total balance is secured.

Donation buckets have been placed at First Bank & Trust, Minden Exchange Bank, and Jensen Memorial Library for in person donations. Direct donations can be made to Kearney



A 1980 Oliver F. Winchester commemorative Model 1894 .38-55 caliber rifle donated by the Runions family will be raffled off to raise funds for a Kearney County Veteran Memorial. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

County Veterans Memorial through either bank or to Dave Bunger, 521 N. Colorado Ave., Minden, NE 68959 or Jack Yant, P.O. Box 186, Minden, NE 68959.

In addition to monetary needs, the project requires the names of Kearney County veterans to be honored. Kearney County Veteran Services Officer

Philip Heun is overseeing the data collection portion of the project. All county veterans are asked to stop by or call the Veteran Services Office to be sure they are included in the list of those to be honored.

At this stage of the project there is little visual evidence of progress, but there has been a lot of movement to complete the memorial in recent years. American Legion Post #94 and VFW Post 5537 are determined to see the Kearney County Veterans Memorial installed. Public support for the project past, present, and future is appreciated.

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Royal Engineered Composites to Expand Central Nebraska Workforce by Nearly 30% to Meet Growing Aerospace Demand

PRESS RELEASE

(Minden, NE - 10/28/2025) Royal Engineered Composites, a leading provider of composite parts for the aerospace and defense industries, today announced a significant expansion of its workforce, projecting the addition of approximately 50 new positions to its existing team of 175 employee-owners.

This hiring surge, representing a nearly 30% increase, is effective immediately, with many positions open today and the remainder to be filled over the coming months.

The expansion is driven by a substantial ramp-up in production for several new and growing commercial and defense aircraft programs.

Royal's President, Dave Arnold, shared the excitement: "Over the past few years, we have been steadily adding work for new and growing aircraft programs. Now, those programs are significantly ramping up in production. These positions will allow us to continue delivering high-quality composite parts, on-time to our customers."

The newly added jobs are a blend of production and quality inspection positions, along with variety of administrative and technical support roles.

Arnold stressed that this growth presents a unique opportunity for job seekers in the region, including

those with no prior manufacturing experience.

"No experience is needed for many of the production positions we've added," Arnold added. "We have a top-notch training program that allows our employee-owners to succeed in their new career. I'd encourage everyone to visit our careers website, learn about Royal and apply today."

As an employee-owned company, Royal takes pride in offering a state-of-the-art work environment in central Nebraska.

"Our manufacturing facility is clean, air-conditioned and is not an assembly line. We are at the cutting edge of aerospace composite production," Arnold said. "Our employee-owners are not just employees; they are part

owners who take great pride in making components for aircraft flying all over the world."

Job seekers interested in a high-tech manufacturing career can visit RoyalComposites.com/Careers to learn more about available positions and to apply today.

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Royal Engineered Composites, based in Minden, NE, is a fully integrated manufacturer of advanced composite structures for the aerospace community. With customers in the commercial and defense sectors, Royal Engineered Composites offers a full line of services from design and prototyping to full scale production. For more information, visit RoyalComposites.com.

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SNAP Benefits Paused in November Due to Federal Shutdown

PRESS RELEASE

Lincoln, NE – The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), at the direction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), will pause Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits on October 29 due to the federal government shutdown. USDA has notified the state that federally funded SNAP benefits for November will be delayed if the shutdown continues into next month.

"This federal shutdown is completely avoidable, but Senate Democrats continue to refuse to pass a clean funding extension. That's why this is the Schumer Shutdown," said Governor Jim Pillen. "Because of D.C.'s political games, the SNAP benefits that many Nebraska families and kids depend on are about to be turned off. The Democrats locked Americans into this mess, and the Democrats hold the key to getting us out of it."

"DHHS has a plan in place to immediately begin working with the USDA to process payments and get benefits to recipients as soon as possible when the government shutdown ends," said CEO Steve Corsi."

Current SNAP recipients may continue to use any remaining benefits on their EBT cards. Unspent SNAP funds remain accessible for nine months from the date of last use.

"While November SNAP benefit issuances may be delayed, DHHS staff remain ready to assist Nebraskans by accepting and processing applications, recertifications, and reported changes," said Shannon Grotrian,

Director of the Office of Economic Assistance.

Nebraskans who need assistance are encouraged to contact 211, a statewide resource and referral hotline. By dialing 2-1-1 or visiting <https://uwm211.org/nebraska-programs>, individuals can be connected with food, housing, financial assistance, and other support services.

"During this difficult time for some Nebraskans, 211 is prepared and ready to help residents in need of services," said Matt Wallen, Chief Operating Officer of the United Way of the Midlands. "We encourage anyone who is struggling or unsure of where to turn to call 211."

DHHS is actively coordinating with food banks, non-profit partners, and community organizations across Nebraska during this period.

Additional food assistance resources include:

Food Bank for the Heartland: <https://foodbank-heartland.org/food-resources/find-food/>

Food Bank of Lincoln: <https://www.lincolnfoodbank.org/get-food/food-finder/>

Catholic Charities: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>

MyLNK Resource Finder: <https://mylnk.app/home> (Also available as the "MyLink" app in the App Store and Google Play)

For additional information and updates to Nebraska SNAP, visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/SNAP>.

Believers & Achievers 2025-26 Local Nominees

PRESS RELEASE

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) and Currency are proud to sponsor Believers & Achievers, a state-wide awards program that recognizes Nebraska's future leaders. Believers & Achievers was designed to reward high school students in Nebraska for their excellence in academics and participation in NSAA activities. Those students who show a commitment to citizenship, school involvement and community projects will be honored in the Believers & Achievers program.

NSAA member schools are asked to nominate individuals to be honored. From those nominees submitted, Currency and the NSAA select and honor 48 high school seniors throughout the academic year. The 48 individuals selected will be honored with an award at an NSAA Championship. All 48 Believers & Achievers will be invited to attend an end-of-the-year banquet, celebrating their achievements. During the banquet, Currency will announce individual scholarship winners.

Local Believers & Achievers nominees for the 2025-26 academic year are:

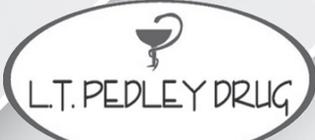
Axtell: Emily Danburg and Kali Philippi

Minden: Carson Wright, KayLynn Jorgensen, and Natali Uribe

Wilcox-Hildreth: Cheyenne Lieb, Brody Patterson, and Dinah Culp

Whippets of the Month

East Elementary



Grade	Name
Preschool	Camden Choquette
Kindergarten	Rory Holmes
1st Grade	Norah Benson
2nd Grade	Josiah Kuehn
3rd Grade	Sadie Kruger



Camden works hard on every task he's given and is always polite, kind, and a good friend to others. We love having Camden in preschool!



Rory has been a great listener, following directions, and being such a kind friend. He is always making sure his friends are happy and have others to play with. He is also becoming such a great little reader!



Norah comes to school everyday being respectful to everyone. She works hard and is always a kind student who is willing to help out when needed. Norah also loves to learn and participates everyday in class.



Joey is an all around Little Whippet of the Week. He can be found doing his best work, being a helper to his classmates, or reading his favorite series of books! He is the type of student who classmates want to work with and makes days at East Elementary better!



Sadie is rocking 3rd grade! She works SUPER hard. She is always ready to help and show kindness to her classmates!

Letter to the Editor

As concerned parents of Minden Whippet football players, we believe it's time for a change within our program. With dwindling participation numbers and continued lack of results, it's clear that what we've been doing isn't working.

Our athletes dedicate countless hours in the weight room, on the field, and in the classroom. They work too hard and care too much for us not to ask difficult questions. We owe it to them to try something different and give them the best chance to succeed.

We should be asking why our football program continues to struggle while other Whippet programs thrive. These same kids had winning records starting in fifth grade against the same schools they face today. Many find success in other sports and activities, yet that success hasn't translated to football. That disconnect deserves honest evaluation.

This is not about blame. It's about recognizing that the current approach isn't serving our student-athletes well. In any other area of life, we wouldn't accept on-going failure without making changes—we shouldn't accept it for our children either.

We also need to create an environment where open communication between coaches, players, and parents is encouraged—not feared. No athlete should worry that speaking up will lead to lost opportunities.

Wins and losses aren't everything. These kids want to learn, grow, and have fun. When that happens, success follows—on the field, in the classroom, and throughout our community. Our kids deserve better.

Sincerely,

Tom and Amanda Dixon

Dennis and Pamela Verbeck

Denni Cole

Candy and Walt Werner

Travis Oltman

First CCC Students Inducted Into Adult Ed Honor Society

PRESS RELEASE

Central Community College had its first students inducted into the Adult Education Honor Society in an Oct. 5 ceremony at College Park.

"2025 is our first year as a chapter (in the honor society) and the first time we're inducting students," said Becky Fausett, CCC adult education director.

Each inductee was nominated by an instructor in the adult education program. The students were selected for their dependable attendance, cooperative attitude and work ethic.

Fausett said that the inductees were very honored to be a part of this process. She added that this is a credential they'll be able to use when applying for a position, whether in the workplace or at a college.

The 19 students represented CCC's GED or English as a second language programs and attended classes at one of CCC's campuses or centers.

The local inductees were:

MINDEN: Hayden Steele.

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NOV. 20 - HARLAN COUNTY

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DEC. 1 - BUFFALO COUNTY

4 Tracts - 694.6 acres - Well located grassland north of Highway 30 west of Kearney and also next to Highway 183 between Miller and Elm Creek. Jerry & Randy McKean

DEC. 9 - BUFFALO COUNTY

2 Tracts - 148 acres and 77 acres. Pivot irrigated cropland located at the corner of Pawnee Rd. and 265 Rd. - southeast of Ravenna and 12 miles north of Gibbon. Nancy Hervert Trust

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Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

MENUS:

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

Friday, Nov. 7: BREAKFAST: Muffins, hard boiled egg; LUNCH: Chili, cinnamon roll

Monday, Nov. 10: BREAKFAST: Cheese omelet, muffin; LUNCH: Goulash, garlic bread

Tuesday, Nov. 11: BREAKFAST: Mini waffles, boiled egg; LUNCH: Chicken, rice & bean bowl

Wednesday, Nov. 12: BREAKFAST: Breakfast boat; LUNCH: Beef & noodles

Thursday, Nov. 13: BREAKFAST: Apple turnover; LUNCH: Popcorn chicken, smiley fries

Friday, Nov. 14: BREAKFAST: Blueberry donut; LUNCH: Bos-co stick with marinara

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 7: ACT Registration Deadline for December test; FFA Pathway to Careers Conference

Monday, Nov. 10: Board of Education meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Program; FCCLA Veterans Day Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.; 8th Girls BB vs. Ravenna, 4:30 p.m.; One Act Play Performance, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: FFA Fall CDE Contests @ Buffalo County Fairgrounds; MS PAC meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13: 7/8 Boys WR @ Horizon Invite, 4 p.m.; 7/8 Girls BB vs. Holdrege, 4:30 p.m.

Axtell Community School

MENUS:

Friday, Nov. 7: LUNCH: French toast casserole, sausage patty, hash browns OR PBJ

Monday, Nov. 10: LUNCH: Sweet & sour/spicy chicken, rice, oriental veggies

Tuesday, Nov. 11: LUNCH: Quesadilla, refried beans OR chicken caesar salad

Wednesday, Nov. 12: LUNCH: Hot roast beef on a bun, corn

Thursday, Nov. 13: LUNCH: Cooks Choice

Friday, Nov. 14: LUNCH: BBQ chicken or buffalo chicken pizza (flatbread), corn/peppers/onions

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 7: Pathways to Careers Conference

Monday, Nov. 10: One Act Play Performance @ Wilcox-Hildreth festival, 9 a.m.; Jr. Cats BB Skills Camp, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Program, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: FFA Fall CDEs; FKC Quarterly meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13: Math Day

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

MENUS:

Milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh fruit and vegetable bar and yogurt served daily plus many more new breakfast and lunch items.

Friday, Nov. 7: BREAKFAST: Breakfast bagel; LUNCH: Fried chicken legs

Monday, Nov. 10: BREAKFAST: Egg bites; LUNCH: Chicken patty

Tuesday, Nov. 11: BREAKFAST: Tornadoes; LUNCH: Tater tot casserole

Wednesday, Nov. 12: BREAKFAST: Breakfast on a stick; LUNCH: Hot ham & cheese

Thursday, Nov. 13: BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza; LUNCH: Meatball sub

Friday, Nov. 14: BREAKFAST: Pop Tart; LUNCH: Italian dunkers

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 7: FFA P2C & AG ED Symposium; Veterans Day Program practice, 8:30 a.m.; FBLA Officer meeting, 12 p.m.; District Special Education meeting, 2:45 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 10: Falcon Play Production festival, 9 a.m.; Mentor/Mentee luncheon (BYOL), 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Veterans Day Program, 9 a.m.; FBLA meeting, 11:40 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: FFA Fall CDEs, 8 a.m.; MTSS-B, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; FCA meeting, 11:40 a.m.

Community Services

Dinner Menus

Meals served at Minden Community/Senior Center (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska), 403 N. Colorado Avenue, at noon. Please call 308-832-2139 the day before the dinner with your reservations. All meals are

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Weight Range – 501-548; Avg. Weight – 524; Price Range – \$371-\$475; Average Price – \$412.36

served with coffee, water, and milk. Menu are subject to change. Join us.

Monday, Nov. 10: Creamed chicken over biscuits, green beans, fruit and dessert

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Center Closed for Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit and dessert

Thursday, Nov. 13: Hot roast beef sandwich over mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and fruit

Friday, Nov. 14: Taco salad, rice, beans, fruit and dessert

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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

Judy Bauer entertained ten of her little playmates at a Halloween dinner at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bauer. Traditional Halloween horns served as favors.

The Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church sponsored a Halloween party for the junior choir, junior missionary and junior department at the John Markussen home. Mrs. Alfred Stenson was in charge of the party, assisted by Willa Reye Christensen and Mrs. Roy Bang.

Officers elected to the Kearney County Historical Society were Mrs. J.S. Canaday, C.E. Frank, L.F. Newbold, B.F. Darnell and Mary D. Anderson.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

J.R. McBride was named to the State Highway Advisory Board by Governor Anderson. McBride was mayor of Minden from 1946-1948 and served on the board of education from 1942-1945.

All Minden stores closed at 5:30 p.m. in order that employers and employees could attend the Minden-Cozad game at Cozad.

Ritta Damgaard from Denmark came to Minden and made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jensen. Damgaard said she had been seasick for two days but enjoyed the remainder of the ocean trip to the United States.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Wesley K. Anderson was named acting superintendent of Bethany Home. New board members elected were Anderson and Ernest Westberg. Reelected to the board were Arnold Simonson and Harold Paulsen. Other board members were Emerald Nielsen, Martin Christensen, Pastor Henry G. Stolz, Paul Nelson and Carl Hansen.

Charles J. Lehmkuhl was elected orator of the Sir Galahad Freemasons at a state conclave of the chapter in Lincoln.

Members of the RAEC, a business women's friendship club, celebrated the club's 60th anniversary at the home of Mrs. August Berndt. Maude Tidvall was the only charter member present. Other attendees were Edith Petersen, Kathryn Schaper, Mrs. L.B. Glantz, Mrs. Elmer Anderson and Mrs. D.R. Nichol.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Bell's Garage, owned by Charlie Bell, was leased by Bud Rogers and renamed Bud's Repair. Bell had operated the garage for 30 years.

The Minden Board of Education approved a new school policy which offered senior citizens a free pass to all school activities.

Lillian Cronin presented a program on painting holly, pine cones and wipe-out scenes on bells at a meeting of the Rural Wives China Painters Club in Axtell.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

The Minden schools were the target of vandalism as several windows were broken at the C.L. Jones building, windows were broken at the football field press box and several watering hoses were stolen from the school grounds.

Wilcox was the Fort Kearny Conference football champion after defeating Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 15-12.

The Minden boys' and girls' Cross Country teams both qualified for the state meet. The girls were district champions and the boys earned state by a third place district finish.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

Dr. Jan Kakolewski resigned from Kearney County Health Services, leaving one full-time doctor and a certified nurse practitioner on staff at the clinic.

Rachelle Spors, an eighth grade student, was inducted into the Accelerated Reader International Reading Honor



2015 — The Kearney County Chapter of Pheasant Forever held its annual Youth Mentor Hunt. Volunteers from the chapter and community helped the youth learn about various aspects of hunting after completing the hunters safety course. The students got to shoot trap, hunt behind a dog, learn gun safety such as crossing the fence and even cleaning the pheasant they shot.

Roll. Spors won the award by earning 303 reading points.

Minden Whippet Paul Heath kicked a 35 yard field goal with only eight seconds left to play giving Minden a 17-14 win over Wood River.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

The Axtell Community School cheerleading squad took first place in the Class D division of the first state high school cheerleading competition held in Omaha.

Axtell Cub Scout Pack 151 collected nearly 600 pounds of food going door to door. The donations went to the Kearney County Food Bank.

Craig Space, owner of Mason's Market in Minden, gave \$500 to police chief Jim Huff to be used for the purchase of a drug dog for the police department. Space challenged other Minden businesses to donate as well. The Kearney County Sheriff's Department drug dog, Don, was recently retired.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

The Axtell Wildcat football team returned to the state playoffs for the 13th time in school history traveling to Elgin to take on the Elgin Public/Pope John Wolfpack in the first round of Class D-1. Axtell lost a 52-28 decision to EPPJ to ends its year at 4-5.

Two Quilts of Valor were presented to World War II veterans Leonard Anderson and Willard Olson. A Quilt of Service was presented to Vietnam veteran Joe Luz at the same time. The quilts were made by the Heartwell quilt club known as 'Common Threads' as their yearly project.

For the second year in a row Wilcox-Hildreth ended a fine season at 7-2 with a loss in the quarterfinals of the six-man playoffs. The Falcons travelled to St. Edward and the host Beavers proved to be the better team in a 47-18 win.

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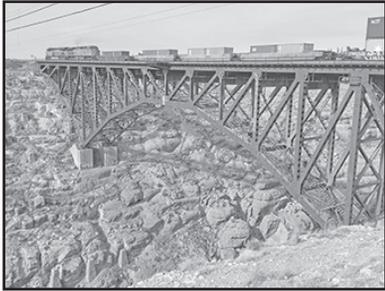
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American Confetti

CELEBRATING RAIL HISTORY: BNSF RAILWAY'S LEGACY AND BALDWIN #967 AT HAROLD WARP PIONEER VILLAGE

WILLIAM ASCARZA, PIONEER VILLAGE DIRECTOR



Bridge at Canyon Diablo, in Northern Arizona, as it stands in 2016 with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad westbound engine passing stone pylons belonging to former bridges. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

The creation of BNSF Railway marked a pivotal moment in the history of American railroads. This significant merger took place on September 22, 1995, bringing together two of the most storied rail networks in the United States: the Burlington Northern Railroad (BN) and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (ATSF).

Burlington Northern was formed in 1970 from the merger of four major railroads: the Great Northern Railway, Northern Pacific Railway, Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway, and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. This amalgamation created one of the largest rail networks in the country, stretching across the northern United States from Chicago to the Pacific Northwest. Burlington Northern was known for its extensive freight operations and played a crucial role in transporting goods across the continent.

Founded in 1859, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway was one of the most iconic railroads in American history. Known for its famous passenger trains and its role in opening the American Southwest to settlement and commerce, the ATSF operated an extensive network that spanned from Chicago to Los Angeles and down to the Gulf of Mexico. The Santa Fe line was celebrated for its innovation, including the introduction of streamlined passenger services and its contribution to the famed "Super Chief" luxury train.

The merger between BN and ATSF was driven by a need to create a more competitive and efficient rail system in the face of changing economic conditions and increased competition from other modes of transportation. By combining resources and networks, the new Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation (BNSF) was able to offer improved service capabilities, enhanced route options, and increased efficiency for its customers.

The formation of BNSF made it one of the largest rail networks in North America, effectively covering nearly the entire United States with its freight services. This merger not only strengthened the railroad industry but also contributed significantly to the economy by providing reliable and expansive transportation solutions for various industries. The BNSF Railway continues to be a vital player in the transportation sector, known for its commitment to safety, innovation, and sustainability.

The Harold Warp Pioneer Village is currently featuring among its rotating exhibit up front in the main museum building, a train exhibit commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. While visiting don't forget to check out Baldwin Locomotive #967 prominently displayed on the westside of the Village Green.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works was one of the most significant locomotive manufacturers in the United States during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Founded in 1831 by Matthias W. Baldwin, the company became renowned for its quality and innovation in steam locomotive design. Baldwin locomotives were integral



Arrival of Baldwin Locomotive #967 at Pioneer Village in 1955. (Courtesy of Harold Warp Pioneer Village Foundation)



The Omaha Boy scouts visit the Baldwin Locomotive circa 1959. (Courtesy of Harold Warp Pioneer Village Foundation)

exemplified the technological advancements of the period, featuring durable construction and powerful steam engines capable of traversing diverse terrains.

Today, steam locomotives such as Baldwin #967 are celebrated for their historical significance and engineering marvels. The preservation of these locomotives, like that seen at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village, serves as a tribute to the ingenuity of the past and provides a tangible link to the history of rail transportation. These preserved locomotives offer insights into the transformative impact of the railway industry on society and the economy during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The locomotive and tender on display weigh 196,000 pounds empty, measure 59 feet in length, and are 15 ½ feet high.

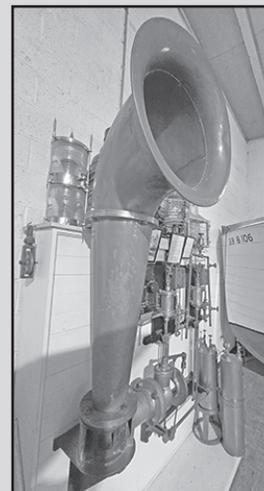
in the expansion of the railroads, which played a crucial role in the industrialization of America.

By the late 19th century, steam locomotives were the backbone of the American transportation system. The year 1889, when Baldwin #967 was built, was a period marked by rapid growth and expansion of the railway networks. This era was characterized by the development of transcontinental railroads, which connected the eastern and western United States, facilitating commerce, migration, and the exchange of ideas.

Constructed in 1889, Baldwin Locomotive #967 represents the engineering prowess of its time. Locomotives like these were designed to handle the rigorous demands of freight and passenger services. They



Train exhibit commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)



Name this item displayed at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village for a prize. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

We are delighted to share an interactive feature in the American Confetti column.

How to Get Involved:

Visit the Exhibits at Pioneer Village! Spot an Item featured in this month's American Confetti column. While exploring the exhibits, keep an eye out for a specific item highlighted in the article. It's a fun way to challenge your observational skills and enhance your appreciation of the museum's collections.

Share Your Discoveries! After identifying the item stop by our museum gift shop during regular business hours (which is always free for everyone). Share your findings with our friendly staff by telling us where the item is located or snap a quick photo. We'd love to hear what you learned about it!

Enter the Drawing! Correctly identifying the item.

Last month's article featured a rocket booster developed in Germany during World War II instrumental in assisting aircraft takeoffs.

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Lady Wildcats End Season at Subdistricts

PHIL SERRONE



It was a second round semi-final exit at subdistricts for the Axtell Lady Wildcats as the team played their final games of the season on Oct.27. Axtell traveled to one-seed Amherst High School for a matchup against Southern Valley with the winner earning the right to face the Lady Broncos.

Despite being shorthanded, Axtell kicked off subdistricts with a dominant victory over Southern Valley that saw the Lady Wildcats sweep all three sets. Emily Danburg was sidelined for the tournament which was a big blow for overall production. Axtell overcame that setback winning the three sets by a score of 25-18, 25-19 and 25-14.

Axtell attempted to score an upset against one-seed Amherst (25-5) but with one of their main offensive contributors on the sideline it was a tough task to overcome. The Wildcats were overwhelmed in three sets losing by scores of 11-25, 6-25 and 10-25. No individual stats were provided for either game.

Overall on the season, the Lady Wildcats gave their all in every single game and were always competitive. The

team finishes the year with a record of 13-17 bolstered by an impressive home record of 8-3. Congratulations to Addyson Skaggs, Emily Danburg and Madison Wells on all their contributions to the program over the years.

No individual stats were provided for either game. Keep an eye on themindencourier.com for any stats additions past publication.



Axtell's (13-17) volleyball season came to an end at subdistrict semi-finals held at Amherst High School on Oct.27. The team defeated Southern Valley in the first round but fell in the second round to host Amherst. Pictured: (above) Addyson Skaggs prepares her serve. (left) Madison Wells prepares to set the ball for an offensive attack. (front page) Bristol Thorell goes up for a spike. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



Rose Marie Taylor
of Minden will celebrate her
95th birthday
on Friday, November 14th.

Her family invites the community to help commemorate this special milestone with a card shower. Birthday greetings may be sent to her at 967 32 Rd., Minden.

Happy Birthday!

The family of Fran Lange would like to honor her with a card shower for her birthday on Nov. 8.

Please send cards and well wishes to
630 W 11th St., Minden, NE 68959.



Lady Falcons Conclude Season Against Cambridge

PHIL SERRONE



Wilcox-Hildreth's (2-27) volleyball season reached its end this past week with a first round subdistrict loss to one-seed Cambridge High School. Pictured: Camryn Bunger delivers a spike over the net. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Wilcox-Hildreth volleyball had their season ended in the first round of subdistricts against one-seed Cambridge High School. The matchup was held at Cambridge on Oct. 27.

This was a tough task for the Lady Falcons as Cambridge's record on the season stands at 26-7. The Lady Trojans' impressive 15-2 record at home did not help the Lady Falcons' chances at an upset.

Cambridge was never really challenged in the matchup, securing the win in all three sets by scores of 9-25, 5-25 and 4-25. No individual stats were provided for the contest.

The Lady Falcons conclude a tough season with a record of 2-27. Despite the record, Wilcox-Hildreth's effort on the court never wavered with the Lady Falcons always giving every game their all. Congratulations to seniors Cheyenne Lieb, Dinah Culp and Aubree Overholser for all their accomplishments and contributions to the program.

No individual stats were provided. Keep an eye on our website theminden-courier.com for any stat additions past publication.

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Lady Whippets Fall Short of State Qualification

PHIL SERRONE

The Lady Whippets volleyball team fell short of making another run at their third straight state championship as the team was defeated in the district finals. Adams Central was the team to end Minden's quest, the matchup taking place in Minden on Nov. 1.

Minden made it to the district finals after securing victories over Raymond Central and Fairbury High School. First round of subdistricts was held on Oct. 27. Minden had a first round bye as the one-seed. The semi-final round was held on Oct. 28 followed by the subdistrict finals on Oct. 29.

Starting off was a dominant win for Minden over Raymond Central which saw the Lady Whippets clean sweep the Mustangs in three sets. Set scores were: 25-17, 25-14 and 25-15.

Senior Myla Emery led the team with a tremendous performance across multiple stat categories finishing with 15 kills, 10 assists, four aces, four digs and one block. Aly Cederburg and Kaleigh Carr combined for 11 kills. Victoria Hansen placed the ball with precision with a team-high 18 assists. Raymond Central had difficulty figuring out Minden's attack on the serve as the team combined

for 12 aces.

On the defensive side, Minden was led by a full-team effort with Carr collecting a team high 11 digs. Rebbecca Lempka was not too far behind her teammate as she finished with 10 digs. As a unit, the Lady Whippets limited the Mustangs' attack on offense with 10 blocks behind Cederburg's four.

With the chance at a district final on the line, the Lady Whippets clashed with Fairbury Fairbury High School. The Jeffs of Fairbury came out the gates looking to make a statement securing a 18-25 first set win. There were eight ties in the first set with Fairbury riding an 1-8 momentum shift to secure the win.

In the second set, Minden got back on track with a 25-19 victory. The Lady Whippets stayed resilient, overcoming seven ties in the contest. Minden closed out the set on a 5-1 run.

Heading into the third set, Minden once again took Fairbury's best shot but it was not enough as the Lady Whippets stood tall 26-24. This was a highly competitive set featuring multiple lead changes and both teams having to overcome multiple point deficits. Minden's largest



The Lady Whippets' (25-9) quest for a third state championship was ended this past week in a district finals matchup against Adams Central. The team defeated Raymond Central and Fairbury High School before the loss on Nov. 1. Pictured: (above) Kaleigh Carr gets low to the ground to dig the ball into the air. (page 17) The Lady Whippets celebrate with freshman Ruby Rhynalds as she picks up her first career ace. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

EMMA HALL - CROSS COUNTRY

School - Axtell Community School

Grade - Junior

Achievements in past seasons and this season - Emma has been the leader of this season's girls team. With her performance at the state meet, she moves into second all time at Axtell. She was All-Conference and Academic All-State.

Attributes that have led to her success: Emma has an analytical approach to running. She understands how to push herself and never holds back. This season, she worked out mostly with the boys team during their long runs. - *Coach Joe Philippi*



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ALEX KLATT-TERABELIAN - XC

School - Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

Grade - Sophomore

Achievements in past seasons and this season: Alex played football last year. Halfway through the track season, he started running the 3200 and had success. He started bringing home medals and running some good times. Alex has qualified for state and has ran the 8th fastest time in Falcon History. With Alex changing his mindset and his love for the sport growing, I do not think he is close to being done.

Challenges he has overcome: Being new to cross country, Alex had to learn how to run with pace. Alex took a few meets but then started getting a hold of how to run the 5k.

Attributes that have led to his success: Alex has continued to work hard and is continuing to improve. - *Coach Dustin Johnson*



deficit was five points but the team closed out the third set on a 9-2 run.

Fairbury was reeling heading into the fourth set after dropping the prior sets, and the Lady Whippets did not waste their opportunity to put the Jeffs away securing a district final berth with the largest win of the day 25-15. It was a tied contest at 10-10 but Minden pulled away with a 6-1 run to end the game,

Emery stuffed the stat sheet with a final line of 18 kills, 19 assists, two aces, 10 digs and three blocks. Cederburg and Carr continued their strong depth role on offense, combining for 22 kills. V.Hansen trailed Emery by one assist once the game concluded, finishing with 18 total.

Defensively, Minden had contributions across the entire depth chart with four players finished with double digits in the digs column. Carr and Lempka tied for the team-high with 16 digs while Makenna Anderson backed the defense with 15 digs. The Lady Whippets formed a wall at the net to limit Fairbury's offensive attack totaling 20 blocks.

After taking care of business at subdistricts, the Lady Whippets found themselves one game away from a state tournament berth. Looking to stop Minden's quest for greatness was Adams Central High School, a team that was looking for a measure of revenge from a loss earlier in the season on Aug.30.

Unfortunately for Minden, it was Adams Central who earned the right to play at the state tournament after securing a 1-3 win. Final set scores were: 20-25, 22-25, 25-19 and 21-25.

Emery laid it all out on the line in what wound up being her final game as a Lady Whippet. She finished with 17 kills, 13 digs, 15 assists and two blocks. Lempka also played in her final game as a Lady Whippets as she collected 11 kills and 12 digs.

Carr led the team on the defensive side with a team-high 15 digs. Makenna Anderson contributed 12 digs. Cederburg limited multiple kill attempts from Adams Central totaling five blocks.

Despite the loss, the Lady Whippets had a tremendous year with a final record of 25-9. Congratulations to seniors Makenna Anderson, Myla Emery, Grace Hansen and Rebecca Lempka on all their contributions to the program over the years and all that they achieved.

Here are the following stats from Minden vs Raymond Central:

Kills: Myla Emery 15, Aly Cederburg 6, Kaleigh Carr 5, Rebecca Lempka 4, Rilynn Johnson 1, Myka Petersen 1; Assists: Victoria Hansen 18, Emery 10, Cederburg 1, Petersen 1; Aces: Emery 4, Carr 3, Olivia Armstrong 3, Grace Hansen 1, Ruby Rhynolds 1; Digs: Carr 11, Lempka 10, Makenna Anderson 7, Emery 4, Armstrong 3, V.Hansen 3, Aly Cederburg 2, G.Hansen 1, Sophia Birkestrand 1; Blocks: Cederburg 4, Bailee Fries 2, Lempka 2, Emery 1, Johnson 1



Here are the following stats from Minden vs Fairbury:

Kills: Emery 18, Cederburg 12, Carr 10, Lempka 7, Johnson 1, Petersen 1, Armstrong 1; Assists: Emery 19, V.Hansen 18, Anderson 3, Carr 2, Johnson 1, Lempka 1, Petersen 1; Aces: Carr 3, V.Hansen 3, Emery 2, Lempka 2, Armstrong 1; Digs: Carr 16, Lempka 16, Anderson 15, Emery 10, V.Hansen 6, Armstrong 3, Fries 2, G.Hansen 1; Blocks: Cederburg 6, Johnson 5, Emery 3, Fries 3, Lempka 2, Carr 1

Here are the following stats from Minden vs Adams Central:

Kills: Emery 17, Lempka 11, Cederburg 8, Carr 2, Fries 1, Johnson 1; Aces: Carr 2, Armstrong 1; Digs: Carr 15, Emery 13, Anderson 12, Cederburg 4, V.Hansen 3, Armstrong 2, Johnson 1; Assists: V.Hansen 16, Emery 15, Johnson 2, Anderson 1, Carr 1; Blocks: Cederburg 5, Emery 2, Fries 2

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Minden Unified Association 10-23-25

Team Standings:

	W	L
Joyce Farms	119.5	100.5
Miller Body	113	108
First Bank	102	117
APEX	95.5	109.5

High Individual Game: Travis Kuhlmann, 200; Shawn Nelson, 189; Nolan Reed, 176
 High Individual Series: Paul Jensen, 507; Shawn Nelson, 506; Travis Kuhlmann, 497
 High Team Game: First Bank, 648; Joyce Farms, 645; APEX, 611
 High Team Series: First Bank, 1829; APEX, 1813; Joyce Farms, 1799

Sunday Mixed 10-26-25

Team Standings:

	W	L
Flinstones	7	1
3 Chicks & A Stick	7	1
Bowling Stones	3	5
Travelers	3	5
Lucky Dogs	2	6

High Individual Game, Men: Calvin Durand, 224; Randy Durand, 182; Marty Misek, 164
 High Individual Game, Women: Sheila Schoone, 197; Kasey Welch, 161; Amber Misek, 160
 High Individual Series, Men: Calvin Durand, 552; Marty Misek, 474; Cody Wyatt, 452
 High Individual Series, Women: Sheila Schoone, 483; Kasey Welch, 472; Amber Misek, 443
 High Team Game: Flinstones, 646; Bowling Stones, 597; 3 Chicks & A Stick, 572
 High Team Series: Flinstones, 1716; Bowling Stones, 1676; 3 Chicks & A Stick, 1591

Classey Lassies 10-23-25

Team Standings:

	W	L
Split Happens	32	12
Pony Express Ford	25.5	18.5
Dobish Dumpsters	23.5	20.5
Aurora Coop-Keene	21	23
Larson Bros Construction	19	25
Skye's The Limit Salon	19	25
Upland Bar & Grill	19	25
Platte River BBQ	17	27

High Individual Game: Betty Smith, 178; Kristi Carlson, 174; Deb Cavanaugh-Dorn, 173
 High Individual Series: Betty Smith, 466; Mary Goebel, 443; Cindy Cederburg, 435
 High Team Game: Larson Bros Construction, 435; Split Happens, 415; Upland Bar & Grill, 409
 High Team Series: Larson Bros Construction, 1179; Upland Bar & Grill, 1159; Skye's The Limit Salon, 1113

Monday Maniacs 10-27-25

Team Standings:

	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	23	13
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	21	15
Children First Daycare	16	20
Budget Heating & Air	12	24

High Individual Game: Ashley Osterbuhr, 209; Deb Dorn, 174; Melody Antholz, 173
 High Individual Series: Ashley Osterbuhr, 524; Denise Smith, 439; Deb Dorn, 433
 High Team Game: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 473; Children First Daycare, 441; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 430
 High Team Series: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1311; Children First Daycare, 1207; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, 1103

Jorgensen Sisters Named to NCA Super-State Team

ROGER HANSEN



The Nebraska Coaches Association announced the Girls Golf Super-State Teams for the Fall 2025 season. 17 girls were honored, two of them from Minden's recent Class C state championship team.

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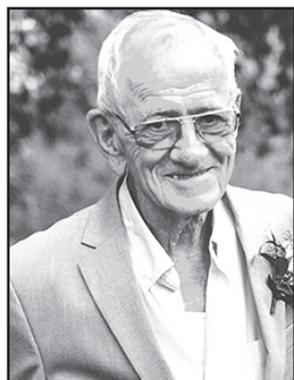
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Obituaries

Robert "Bob" M. Walsh, 85 - Minden Resident



Robert "Bob" M. Walsh, 85, of Minden, passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family. A memorial book signing with family present will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden, with Rosary and Prayer Service at 6:00

p.m. with Fr. Evan Winter officiating. There will be a Celebration of Life open house at the Windmill Studios in Minden, following the Rosary. Mass and burial will be held at a later date in Kimball, SD. Memorials in Bob's honor are kindly suggested to AseraCare Hospice in Kearney. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Robert "Bob" Michael Walsh was born on September 2, 1940, in Kimball, SD to Philip and Francis (Blasius) Walsh. He grew up in Kimball; graduating from Kimball High School, before attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, where he earned his degree in Animal Husbandry.

He was united in marriage to Janice "Jan" Toupal on June 2, 1962, in Kimball, SD and to this union four children were born: Mike, Marty, Missy and Mindy. Bob worked as a cattle buyer his entire career, beginning in 1962 with Hormel in Austin, MN then transferring to Huron, SD. The family moved to Kearney, NE and finally ended up calling Minden home. Through the years he also worked for IBP, Gibbon Pack and Monfort/Swift. Bob and Jan also owned and operated BJ's Red Lounge and Steakhouse in Minden. After retirement, his hobbies included refinishing old furniture, the annual South Dakota pheasant hunt, watching Nebraska football and volleyball and never passing up a trip to Vegas. Bob could often be found in Mindy's garage enjoying patio therapy and always announcing to all "just one more sleeping pill".

Bob was a member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Kimball, SD and St. John's Catholic Church in Minden, NE.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jan Walsh of Minden, sons; Mike (Karen) Walsh of Garden Plain, KS; children, Jordyn and Cale. Marty (Georgette) Walsh of Omaha, NE; children, Brayden and Allison. Daughters; Missy (Ed) Korth of Schuyler, NE; children,

Brandon, Garrett, Brittney and Haylee; Mindy Walsh of Minden, NE; child, Macy; 12 great-grandchildren; Sister-in-law, Pat Walsh of Sioux City, IA; Brother-in-law, Huck Toupal of Desert Air, WA, Sister-in-law, Sharon (Kent) Mosher of Salem, OR; Special friends, Aaron Stec and Nate Bishop; as well as a host of extended relatives and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Philip Michael Walsh; mother, Francis Marie Walsh; sister, Vivian Goepfert; brothers, Dale Walsh and Butch Walsh; great-grandson, Jacob Gurnsey; father-in-law, Boob Toupal; mother-in-law, Irene Toupal; brother-in-law, Lenny Toupal; and sister-in-law, Rose Toupal.

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

Donald E. Egenberger - Former Minden Resident



Donald (Don) Egenberger was born on June 14, 1939, in Long Beach, California to Charles and Maurine (McCullough) Egenberger. Don grew up on a ranch south of Brady Nebraska. He married Janice S. Craig on November 19, 1959, in Kearney, Nebraska. Don and Jan have two children, Robert (Bob) and Dawn. Don

spent most of his life working in retail store management throughout the Midwest and was co-owner with Jan of a Ben Franklin Store in Minden Nebraska 1975 – 1985. Don served a term on the Minden School Board. He was then elected to the Kearney County Board of Supervisors and served for 20 years.

Don is survived by his wife of nearly 66 years, Jan, his son Robert (Gina), daughter Dawn Rockey (Brian), grandchildren Ian Egenberger, Chelsea Egenberger and Gus Rockey, his sister Mary Ann Sullivan, sisters-in-law Patty Egenberger and Sheila Egenberger and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws Robert and Hazel Craig, sister-in-law LaVae Fattig, brother and sister-in-law Jim and Char, and brothers Terry, Bill, and Jerry Egenberger.

Don was a great dad and grandfather. Don (Papa) enjoyed the time he was able to spend with his grandchildren. He loved his family, and we will miss him greatly.

A memorial service will be held on November 10, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Christ United Methodist Church, 4530 A Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. Interment to be held later in Gaslin Cemetery, Brady NE. Memorials suggested to the Food Bank of Lincoln <https://www.lincolnfoodbank.org/donate/> or to the family for further designation.

Leelsla M. Wommer, 93 - Minden Resident

Leelsla M. Wommer, 93, of Minden, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at Accura HealthCare in Franklin. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at the First Christian Church in Minden with Kay Tira officiating. Interment was held following the service at Liberty Cemetery. Visitation was held on Monday, November 3, 2025 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Memorials in Leelsla's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Leelsla Mae (Bremer) Wommer was born on July 1, 1932, on a farm northwest of Boelus, Nebraska to Emil and Clara (Becker) Bremer. She was baptized as a baby and later confirmed at Ebenezer Methodist Church of Boelus.

She attended District 66, and then attended Boelus High School, graduating in May 1949. After graduation, she worked at the Lutheran Hospital and Bell Toll Telephone, both located in Grand Island, Nebraska. She later worked at Kearney County Community Hospital in the dietary department until the passing of her husband.

Leelsla met the love of her life, Virgil R. Wommer, and they were married on October 17, 1954, at the United Methodist Church in Grand Island. To this union, three children were born: Anna Lillian, Esther Karen, and William Karl.

They made their home on the farm northeast of Minden. They lived on the farm until Virgil's retirement and moved to Minden in 1993. Leelsla remained in their home until her health didn't allow her to stay there.

Leelsla was active in the Methodist Church, and a charter member of the Liberty Belles Extension Club. She enjoyed life on the farm, helping Virgil with the farming and the animals. Her hobbies included gardening, embroidery, and reading. She enjoyed the little things like helping her children as time allowed. She loved the time she spent at family dinners, and the holidays. She loved Husker Football and Volleyball, along with her Christian Church family, and volunteering.

Leelsla is survived by daughter, Esther (Wayne) Reimers of Boelus; son, William Wommer of Minden; son-in-law, Ruben Wehnes of Inland; grandchildren, Stephanie (Heath) Cutler of Omaha, John (Alyssa) Kahle of Minden, and Alexis Wommer of Gaylord, Kansas; great-grandchildren, Rylan, Liliana, Katherine, Keegan, Scarlett, Evelyn, and Paxton; sister, Clarice (Darrel) Bailey of Lincoln; brother, Bernard (Mary) Bremer of Hastings; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil; daughter, Anna; infant sister; parents, Emil and Clara Bremer; in-laws, Edward and Carrie Wommer; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Donald and Jean Wommer, Quintin and Edna Brumbaugh, and Irvin and Elaine Haws.

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

Kathleen (Barrett) Miller, 91

A. Kathleen (Barrett) Miller, 91, completed her earthly journey and began her heavenly one, on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. She was a precious and beloved wife, mother, grandma, sister, aunt, and friend, who believed in her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Cherished daughter of Truman and Ruth (Heater) Barrett, she was born on September 17, 1934, in Frontier County, Nebraska. She was the oldest of four siblings: brother, Bruce and sisters, Rosalie and Gwen.

Kathleen grew up on the family farm and attended the Rich and Kester country schools. She rode her horse, Beauty, to and from school with her brother. While in high school she enjoyed band, chorus, pep club, and

class plays; was also a member of the 4-H Beef and Sewing clubs, and took piano lessons. She worked on the family farm and detasseled corn in the Cozad area. She graduated from Eustis High School in 1952 furthering her education at Central College McPherson, Kansas, and McCook Junior College, McCook, Nebraska, majoring in Elementary Education. During her college years, she was a waitress at Moffit's Café in McCook and worked at the Co-op grocery store in Eustis.

Kathleen began teaching at Homerville Country School south of Elwood, also taught students at Earl and Bailey, and ended her teaching years at Orafino Country School. At an Orafino School Christmas program is where she first met her love of almost seventy years.

In July of 1956, Kathleen was engaged to Richard Lee Miller. On December 30, 1956, they were married at the Methodist Church in Cambridge, Nebraska.

They farmed twenty miles north of Cambridge for thirty-five years. She was a supporting farm wife and embraced her role helping with the many chores and harvests while raising her family. She also drove the school bus part time. After moving to Cambridge, Kathleen was a Customer Service Representative at Home Federal Savings and Loan for six years. She was a very dedicated and devoted mother to her four children: Trisha, Coralyn, Kurt and Michelle.

Kathleen had a steadfast faith journey that started in the Barrett Family home. She attended Sunday School and church at Mt. Gilead Free Methodist Church while growing up. Kathleen was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Farnam, Nebraska, and after moving from the farm to Cambridge, she worshiped at the Calvary Baptist Church. She was a part of the Nazarene Church Mission Circle and the Baptist Church Ladies Bible Study and Ministry Outreach.

Kathleen took time to enjoy friends and hobbies. She was a part of the Federated Women's Club - Cambridge; Central Community Extension Club - Orafino; Town & Country Coffee Club and Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. She was a wonderful cook and expressed her love through baking, trying new recipes, and sharing with others. She liked needlework, sewing and tending to her garden and flowers; she especially thought "four o'clocks" were beautiful. Kathleen loved to read and enjoyed trips to the library. She was also an encourager to others with her note writing and sending cards. She showed concern for her grandchildren and did remarkably well at remembering their special occasions and events.

Kathleen was a geography whiz. She could remember towns, locations, and highway numbers. You might find her studying an atlas. She took trips in her youth that were business related to her dad's Hereford cattle, also enjoyed Colorado and South Dakota as a family. She treasured bus trips across the country with her grandmother Heater, college and teacher friends. She talked often about her trips to Niagara Falls, the West Coast and Canada.

She was a fan of Nebraska Cornhusker Football, car and horse racing. She especially

enjoyed country music with George Strait being her favorite.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Truman and Ruth Barrett; son, Kurt Richard Miller; granddaughters, Kily Camille Miller and Brittany Lee Burton; brother, Bruce Barrett; brothers-in-laws, Wayne Joy and Loren Carlisle; grandson-in-law, Mark Flanders; nephew, Barry Barrett.

In addition to her husband, survivors include children, Trisha (Bill) Moore, Cambridge, Nebraska; Coralyn (Bill) Burton, Elkhorn, Nebraska; Michelle (Dudley) Scharff, Minden, Nebraska. Daughter-in-law, Sherrelle Miller, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Nine grandchildren: Lindsey Jurey, Ashley (Al) Bredthauer, Grant (Becky) Moore, Brett (Candice) Burton, Brooke (Marshall) Egermier, Breanne Burton, Jamie Flanders Shelley, Andrea Miller and Tomi Winston. Twenty-one great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson. Sisters, Rosalie Joy, Eustis, Nebraska; Gwen Carlisle, Colon, Michigan. Sisters-in-law, Loretta Barrett, Eustis, Nebraska; Eunice Miller, Cambridge, Nebraska, as well as a host of extended relatives and friends.

Kathleen's family wishes to thank the staff and administrators of Elwood Care Center, Elwood, Nebraska, the staff and administrators of Tri-Valley Clinic and Hospital, Cambridge, Nebraska, and Dr. Shiuvaun Jaeger - all of whom provided love and care for Kathleen in her final years of life.

Memorials may be given in her name to Butler Memorial Library, Trinity Community Church, and Calvary Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Trinity Community Church with Pastor Tim Burke officiating. Burial was held in the Fairview Cemetery, Cambridge, Nebraska. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the Lockenour-Jones Funeral Home.

Friends may visit the funeral home or send condolences online at www.lockenour.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lockenour-Jones mortuary of Cambridge.

You are invited to the

Ribbon Cutting and Open House

November 13, 2025

3:00PM - 6:00PM

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The Ribbon Cutting will be at 3:00 with the North Platte Chamber of Commerce attending. Following the ceremony, we will have refreshments. Mitchell Inman and his staff are looking forward to meeting each one of you.

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Church Directory

Axtell

Bethany Lutheran
903 25 Road
BethanyAxtell.org
(308) 743-2597

Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 9: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

Worship will be recorded and posted on our website at BethanyAxtell.org.
First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

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

Keene Evangelical Free

662 F Road
308-743-2611

Matthew Snell, Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 9: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Craig Richardson, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 9: Donuts/Juice & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 10: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: High School Supper/Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling,
Pastor

Saturday, Nov. 8: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9: Mass, 8

a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
360 So. Stewart
(402) 756-8552
Greg Volsky,
Vacancy Pastor

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

United Westminster Presbyterian
Broad and Main Street

Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, Nov. 9: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran
401 Lake Street
Daren Pople,
Pastor

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

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

God's Lighthouse, Full Gospel

Sunday, Nov. 9: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish
287 Jefferson Street
Father Evan Winter

Sunday, Nov. 9: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran
502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk,
Pastor

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

Holdrege

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

112 W 11th Ave
402-208-7277

Sunday, Nov. 9: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.

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

Visitors welcome

Macon

Zion Lutheran
Located 1 mile west of Macon, 1503 31st Road, (Franklin)

Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 9: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran
437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Thursday, Nov. 6: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8: Walking, 8 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Gathering, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 10: Church Council, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Ruth Circle, 4:30 p.m.; Christmas Program Practice, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Night Supper, 6 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; WELCA General meeting, 9 a.m.

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Evangelical Free
1310 W. First St.

Tom Barnes, Lige Reed, Pastors

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

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ
444 N. Brown Ave.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 12: DWM, 1:30 p.m.

Fredericksburg Lutheran

616 33 Road

Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

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

Communion served 2nd Monday each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic
628 N. Garber

Father Evan Winter

Saturday, Nov. 8: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Nov. 9: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran
206 N. Colorado
Rev. William Zwick

Friday, Nov. 7: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9: Bible Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: JYM 5th, 5 p.m.; Communion,

6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th, 7 p.m.;

Thursday, Nov. 13: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 14: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 9: Worship, 10 a.m.; Confirmation, 11:15 a.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

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

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran
102 S. Stockton St.

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

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist
203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 9: Worship, 9 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community
106 W. Detroit St.

Craig Cedar, Pastor
Affiliated with

Evangelical Free Church of America

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

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Awana & Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

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Kearney County Court

Jake Roper, Minden, criminal mischief-\$501-1,499, fine \$500 restitution, jail 14 days, Minden Police Officer Shrader, 11-23-24

Brett M. Springer, Kearney, COUNT I: drive under suspension/before reinstated-state, fine \$100; COUNT II: possess or use drug paraphernalia, fine \$100, Minden Police Officer Graham, 7-1-25

Spencer C. Jacobsen, Minden, reckless driving-1st offense, fine \$250, 4 months probation, \$250 restitution, Minden Police Officer Hansen, 8-18-25

Blaine C. Scherbarth, Hastings, no federal or state waterfowl stamp, fine \$50, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Officer Teter, 9-6-25

Randy C. Ommert, Axtell, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 5-21-25

Tyler G. Ross, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Office Clark, 9-21-25

Tyler A. Torres, Hildreth, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 9-30-25

Timothy L. Maciejewski, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 10-15-25

Shakti G. Dart, Colorado Springs, Colorado, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Bauer, 10-16-25

Tyler F. Haney, Kensington, Kansas, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 10-18-25

Matthew W. Martin, St. Charles, Missouri, speeding 1-5 MPH County/State, fine \$50, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 9-5-25

Rhonda L. Schafer, York, speeding 1-5 MPH County/State, fine \$50, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 9-6-25

Gannon R. Limbach, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 9-12-25

Billy Seabolt, Colorado Springs, Colorado, speeding 6-10

MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 10-18-25

Vanessa J. Muff, Omaha, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 8-8-25

Jackson D. Volpp, Lincoln, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 9-10-25

Brandy Boudreau, Upland, careless driving, fine \$100, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Larsen, 10-3-25

Michael Aguilar, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Larsen, 8-7-25

Jake Roper, Minden, DUI-.15+, fine \$500, jail 14 days, driver's license revoked 1 year, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 10-18-24

Jarred W. Gearing, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, DUI-.08-1st offense, fine \$500, 4 months probation, driver's license revoked 60 days, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herra-da, 9-13-25

Minden Fire & Rescue

10-23-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to 34 Road & Highway 6 for a semi vs. train.

10-24-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched for a possible stroke.

10-24-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was on standby for the football game.

10-24-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to the Sheriff's Office for a panic attack.

10-24-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home.

10-26-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to E. 2nd Street for fire-smoke, electrical smell from stove.

10-28-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Highway 6 & Garber Avenue for a 2 vehicle accident.

10-28-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to N. Hubbard Avenue for a CO alarm.

10-29-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 16th Street for a 2 vehicle accident.

10-29-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Tower Avenue for a diabetic.

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Axtell Fire & Rescue

10-27-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Windmill Manor for a fall with lift assist.

10-23-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to transport patient to Kearney Regional Hospital.

10-24-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 5th Street to transport patient to Phelps Memorial.

Kearney County Sheriff

10-16-25, A vehicle driven by Mark R. Garrett, Kearney, was heading east on K Road and entered the intersection on 27 Road where he collided with a pickup truck heading south on 27 Road. The pickup left the scene, but was later identified as Jeremy L. Johnson, Upland. Estimated Damage, Garrett: \$1,000. Estimated Damage, Johnson: \$1,000.

10-23-25, A vehicle driven by Keith J. Cook, Minden, was eastbound on Highway 6 and turning south on 34 Road in front of the train. The cab of the vehicle crossed the tracks, but the grain trailer it was hauling was struck by the train. Estimated Damage, Cook: tractor unit undamaged, semi-trailer was destroyed. Estimated Damage, train: several dents & scrapes down the driver's side of 1st 2 engines.

10-24-25, A vehicle driven by Kevin Michael Jameson, Kenesaw, was eastbound on G Road and did not make a complete stop at the stop sign. Jameson proceeded to drive through and struck a vehicle with a trailer driven by David Eugene Blankenship, Kearney, as they were driving north on Highway 10. Estimated Damage, Jameson: \$20,000. Estimated Damage, Blankenship: \$20,000.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 11 will hold a regular board meeting at the service unit office located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. The public may attend the meeting in person at ESU 11 for said meeting. A current agenda of items to be brought before the Board at this meeting is available for public inspection in the office of ESU 11. Reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs who want to attend the meeting will be provided on request if sufficient advance notice is given. Accommodations for special needs can be requested by calling the ESU 11 office, 995-6585.

Nov 6, 2025
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NOTICE

The Axtell Village Board met Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 in the Axtell meeting room for their regular monthly meeting. Upon roll call the following were present: Marcus Anderson, Ryan Bucher, Linda Soderquist, Landon Walz and Utility Supt. Jason Stoddard. Marcus Anderson opened the meeting under the open meetings act and read the public forum statement. Motion by Bucher, second by Walz to approve September 8, 2025 budget hearing minutes. Passed unanimously. Motion by Soderquist, sec-

ond by Bucher to approve September 8, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Passed unanimously. Motion by Bucher, second Walz to approve September 30, 2025 treasurers report. Passed unanimously. Chairman Gustafson arrived at 7:06 and recognized Kevin Krull of Jones Group to present annual insurance renewal and go over policy. Mosaic land agreement prepared by attorney was reviewed. Item tabled until Chairman and Clerk obtain more information. The Clerk presented a new floodplain Ordinance to replace the previous one from 2004 to meet updated requirements. The board gave their preliminary approval and draft will be forwarded to FEMA for final approval and passage at upcoming meeting. Steve Nelson was present to give the board an update on the Veterans Memorial and discuss land options. No action. Eric discussed the assist community design groups Axtell project. He will update as the project continues. Linda brought up the request to have Kearney County once again provide police protection within the Village. The board will do further research and discuss in the future. Motion by Anderson, second Bucher to approve Renee Landstrom building permit. Passed unanimously. Motion by Walz, second Soderquist to approve Corey Ellis building permit. Passed unanimously. Motion by Anderson, second Bucher to approve Jeff Collison building per-

mit. Passed unanimously. Motion by Anderson, second Walz to approve Stan Huffman building permit. Passed unanimously. Jason then gave his monthly maintenance report. Motion by Soderquist, second Bucher to approve monthly claims. Passed unanimously. Motion by Anderson, second Walz to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2025. Bills approved: Salaries 11,362.76, CPI 1,189.24, CNPID 1,271.94, CSL 1,038.78, NE Dept of Health Lab 15.00, South Central Sanitation 6,884.88, Winnelson 123.28, Chase 1,756.62, Dana Cole 900.00, Eakes 42.99, Jones Group 14,288.75, Menards 114.74, Minden Hardware 7.98, Miracle Play 276.01, NT&T 305.51, One Call 13.33, Railroad Management 458.76, SPPD 4,006.00, Spectrum 50.00 & 66.19, Syndicate 43.19, TSC 534.94, Van Diest 500.50.

Nov 6, 2025
(106) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF RUSTIC BEAUTY SALON & GIFTS, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the dissolution of Rustic Beauty Salon & Gifts, LLC, under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Com-

pany Act. Any person with a valid claim against the company shall submit their written claim and proof thereof to the attorney of the LLC named below. Unless a creditor had received written notice of an earlier deadline, any claim against the company shall be barred unless a proceeding to enforce said claim is commenced within five years after the publication of this notice.

Rustic Beauty Salon & Gifts, LLC
Zachary K. Gray #27047
Gray Law Firm, LLC
P.O. Box 855
Holdrege, NE 68949
P: (308) 995-0522
Email: office@graylawnebraska.com
Its Attorneys

Nov 6, 2025
Nov 13, 2025
Nov 20, 2025
(34) znez

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: LAUREN'S SOCIAL CO. LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 867 H Road, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959.

Lauren R. Stadler is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on October 29, 2025, and shall have perpetual existence. Dated: October 29, 2025

LAUREN'S SOCIAL CO. LLC,
A Nebraska Limited Liability Company.
By/s/ Andrew S. Olson
Andrew S. Olson, Bar No. 26841
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Nov 13, 2025
Nov 20, 2025
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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF JORDAN J. LARSON, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR25-34

Notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Wendy L. Larson was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative

of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 7, 2026 or be forever barred.

/s/Laura B. Tobiassen
Clerk of County Court
Kearney County Court
424 N Colorado Avenue
Minden, NE 68959

Luke T. Deaver - NSBA #23532
For: DEWALD, DEEVER, L'HEUREUX, P.C., L.L.O.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
Nov 6, 2025
Nov 13, 2025
Nov 20, 2025
(30) znez

NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Minden Public Schools, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0503, will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.

Nov 6, 2025
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NOTICE ELECTION VACANCY NOTICE

The Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors has a vacancy for a Sub-District 6 Director effective October 22, 2025. The vacancy exists for the remainder of the term, starting November 19, 2025, and ending December 31, 2026.

Sub-District #6 Boundary: All of May (6N-13W), Eaton (7N-13W), Lowell (8N-13W and 8N-14W), Lincoln (6N-14W), Liberty (7N-14W), Newark (8N-14W and 8N-15W), Logan (7N-15W) and Blaine (7N-16W and 8N-16W) Townships in Kearney County and the North election ward of the City of Minden in Kearney County, as it exists on December 14, 2021, as well as all of Anderson (7N-17W) and Cottonwood (8N-17W and 8N-18W) Townships in Phelps County. Anyone who resides in these counties and is interested in applying for this vacancy should submit a written request to the Tri-Basin NRD office at 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege, NE 68949 or call (308) 995-6688 by the close of business on November 7, 2025. Interested parties can visit the NRD office or call (308) 995-6688 for more information.

Oct 30, 2025
Nov 6, 2025
(44) znez

NOTICE IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF MARCELE D. SCHMIDT, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR25-29

Notice is hereby given that

on October 24, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Company, whose address is P.O. Box 179, Minden, Nebraska 68959, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 24, 2025, 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
KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT
& MESSERSMITH
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 272
Minden, NE 68959
308-832-2150
minden@kleinbrewster.com
Oct 30, 2025
Nov 6, 2025
Nov 13, 2025
(36) znez

NOTICE NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF TIRARE CONNECT LLC

Notice is hereby given that TIRARE CONNECT LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

- The name of the limited liability company is TIRARE CONNECT LLC.
- The address of the designated office is 200 S 21st ST STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510.
- The name and street and mailing address of the initial agent for process is Northwest Registered Agent Service Inc, 200 S 21st ST STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Oct 23, 2025
Oct 30, 2025
Nov 6, 2025
(21) znez

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

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Wilcox-Hildreth Public School, a.k.a Kearney County School District No. 50-0001 of Kearney County, Nebraska will be held on the 17th day of November, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilcox-Hildreth Conference Room in Wilcox. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.

By: Board of Education
Wilcox-Hildreth
Public School
Nov 6, 2025
(24) znez

NOTICE NOTICE OF MEETING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 50-0501 of Kearney County, Nebraska, a.k.a. Axtell Community School, will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the Axtell Community School Library, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent. Please email Rob Gregory, superintendent, with questions: rob.gregory@axtellwildcats.org.

Linda Almquist,
Secretary
Nov 6, 2025
(25) znez

NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Public Notice is hereby given that the governing Board of the Axtell Community School District 50-0501, located at 500 Main Street, Axtell, of Kearney County, Nebraska, will hold a special board meeting to interview the superintendent candidates with Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA). Such meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the Axtell Community School library, and will be open to the public. There will be no action taken at this meeting, interviews only. An agenda/interview schedule will be available upon request.

Linda Almquist,
Secretary
Nov 6, 2025
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NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Fort Kearny Consolidated has applied for a special use permit for remodeling pens at 6-7-14 SW 1/4 & SE 1/4 6-7-14 Liberty 303.4 AC or 1818 32 RD increasing head count to 85,000 while staying in existing feedlot footprint. Questions or comments may be directed to the County Zoning Administrator Office at 308/830-0589. An agenda for this meeting,

kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Kearney County Clerk, located in the Courthouse at 424 N. Colorado Ave. in Minden Nebraska. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

Craig Lupkes
Zoning Administrator
October 23, 2025
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Notice is hereby given that Millwright Mechanical LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 9735 S West Ave, Holstein NE, 68950. The initial agent for service of process of the company is David Lewis, 1106 N Juniata Ave, Juniata NE 68955.
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data entry; knowledge of basic bookkeeping procedures; strong customer service and good phone etiquette. Experience in legal work a plus, but not required. Application form and detailed job description can be picked up and returned to the Kearney County Clerk's office, 2nd Floor, Kearney County Courthouse, 424 N. Colorado, Minden, NE 68959 or mailed to P.O. Box 339, Minden, NE 68959. Please include a resume with your application. EOE/Veterans Preference

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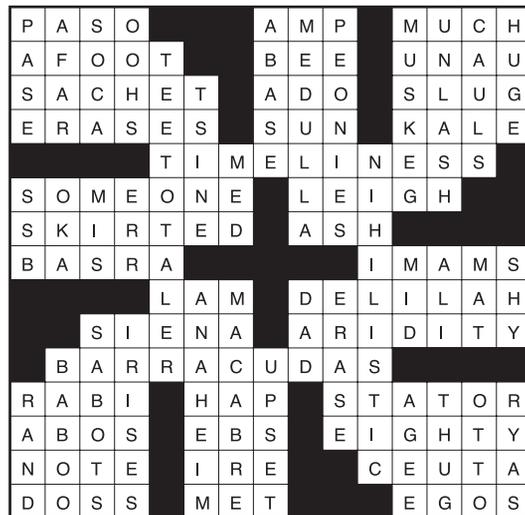
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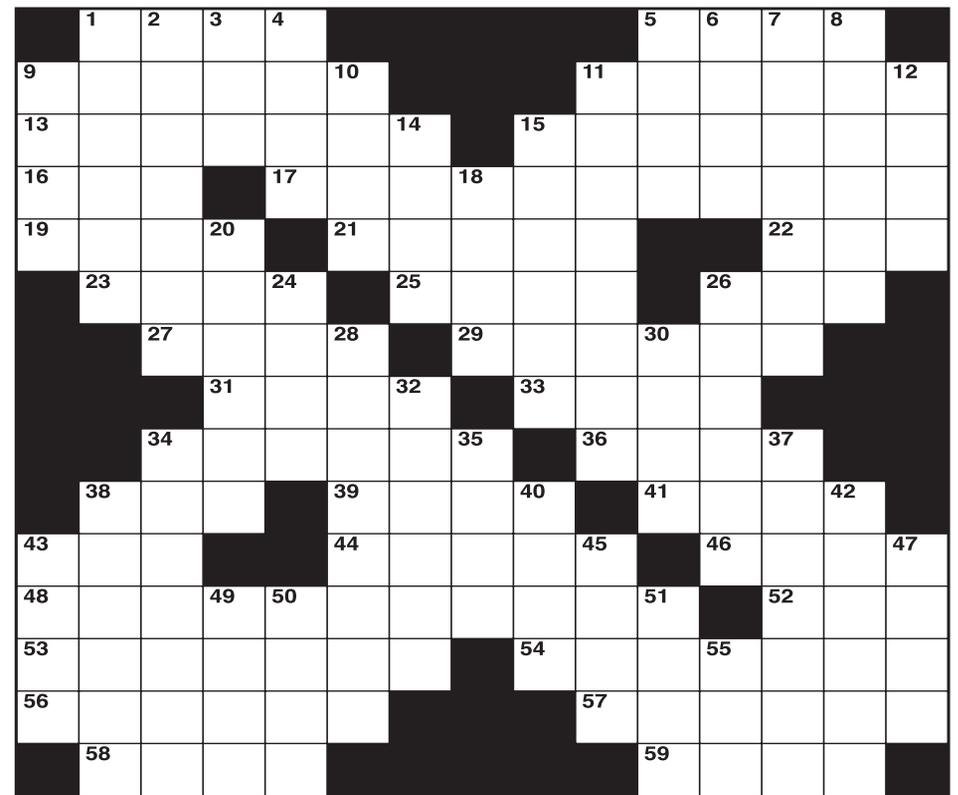




10.30.25 SOLUTIONS

6	4	1	7	9	8	5	2	3
3	5	9	6	2	1	7	4	8
7	2	8	3	4	5	6	1	9
4	1	7	2	8	3	9	6	5
8	9	5	1	6	4	2	3	7
2	6	3	5	7	9	4	8	1
1	8	2	9	5	6	3	7	4
5	7	4	8	3	2	1	9	6
9	3	6	4	1	7	8	5	2

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Difficult
- 5. Coarsely ground corn
- 9. There's one for the "world"
- 11. Loved Romeo
- 13. Sticky situation
- 15. Pelvic areas
- 16. An informal debt instrument
- 17. Cannot be repaired surgically
- 19. A device attached to a workbench
- 21. Related on the mother's side
- 22. Sound unit
- 23. ___ Sagan, astronomer
- 25. Utah city
- 26. A disappointing effort
- 27. Steal goods during a riot
- 29. Wakes up
- 31. Hair salon service
- 33. Serenaded

- 34. Looked intensely
- 36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
- 38. A type of cast
- 39. One's duty
- 41. Where golfers begin
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Semitic sun god
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 48. Having had the head cut off
- 52. A place to stay
- 53. Unwise
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. Dennis is a notable one
- 57. Ointments
- 58. Students' exam
- 59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brave
- 2. Act of awakening
- 3. Jest at

- 4. Sandwich store
- 5. Chapter of the Koran
- 6. Dismounted
- 7. Small vehicle
- 8. Irked
- 9. One who earns by disreputable dealings
- 10. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 11. Long, mournful lamentation
- 12. Weight unit
- 14. Alone, single
- 15. Decreases
- 18. Indicates beside
- 20. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 24. A body of traditions
- 26. College students' ultimate goal
- 28. Amino acid
- 30. Nasal mucus
- 32. US government entity
- 34. Swinish

- 35. Legislative body in Russia
- 37. Grant an exemption to
- 38. Put in advance
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Felt
- 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 45. Witnesses
- 47. Picnic invaders
- 49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

- 50. Ancient person of Scotland

- 51. Cheerless
- 55. Unwell

SUDOKU

					6	5	7	8
					9			
8			5			1		4
	1			6			4	
6			8		7			9
			2		4	6	1	
						9		
1	2							
		7					6	5

Level: Intermediate

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