

Fill-n-Chill Breaks Ground on New Convenience Store in Minden

PRESS RELEASE

Fill-n-Chill officially broke ground on March 9 on a new, expanded convenience store and fueling station in Minden, marking a significant investment in the future of the community. The new facility will replace the company's existing Minden location and will be constructed on the same site, bringing modern amenities, expanded fuel capacity, and enhanced services to residents and travelers alike.

This new project will feature a larger, state-of-the-art convenience store, additional fuel pumps, and a new dedicated diesel island designed to better serve agricultural, commercial, and highway traffic. Construction is currently underway and is expected to be completed in December 2026. By upgrading this essential service point, Fill-n-Chill is contributing not only to convenience, but to the economic resilience of the Minden community.

"This investment reflects our long-term commitment to Minden and the surrounding communities," said Brandon Hoff of Fill-n-Chill. "We're proud to modernize our location here and provide expanded services that meet the evolving needs of our customers."

Justin Hoff added, "Minden has always been an important community for our company. This new facility allows us to better serve local families, businesses, and visitors while contributing to the city's continued growth."

As a central stop for both local traffic and through-travelers, the modernized facility is expected to increase customer flow, strengthen local spending, and reinforce Minden's position as a regional hub. The investment also supports broader infrastructure improvements underway in the surrounding streets and utilities — enhancing safety, accessibility, and long-term sustainability for the corridor.



A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 9 for a new, expanded Fill-n-Chill convenience store and fueling station in Minden. The new store will be built just west of the current location. City officials and community partners joined Fill-n-Chill representatives for the groundbreaking ceremony. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)



Weather Forecast

Mar. 13:	62/36	
Mar. 14:	63/38	
Mar. 15:	41/22	
Mar. 16:	40/28	
Mar. 17:	57/32	
Mar. 18:	54/32	
Mar. 19:	55/39	



News Briefs

Candidate Filings

Filing for the upcoming Primary Election is closed. Filed candidates as of March 2, 2026:

Ron Keen, Minden City Council South Ward, Non-Incumbent

Ann M. Madsen, Minden School Board, Non-Incumbent

Husker Quilt Raffle

Paws Up Kearney County is selling tickets for a Husker quilt raffle. The Husker themed, all cotton, king sized quilt was made and donated by Marlene Detmers. Drawing for the quilt will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Paws Up Shelter Me fundraiser. You do not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased through Paws Up Kearney County board members by email at pawsupkearneycounty@gmail.com, by messaging Paws Up Kearney County on Facebook, or by texting Jane at 308-830-9870. Cash, check and venmo accepted.

Republican Convention

The Kearney County Republican Party will hold its 2026 County convention on Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm in Minden. The event will be held at the Kearney County Fairgrounds, North Highway 10, Minden. All registered Republicans are invited to attend the convention.

The 2026 Kearney County Convention serves many important functions for the Republican Party. Local party officials will be elected, and the selection of delegates and alternates to the NEGOP State Convention will occur. The voting delegates at the convention are those who registered at <https://secure.anedot.com/negop/delegate-form-2026> before the March 1 deadline.

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St. Patrick's Dinner

Join Hildreth Fire & Rescue for a St. Patrick's Dinner on Sunday, March 15 at Hildreth Fire Hall, 248 Commercial Ave, from 11am-1pm. Reubens, soups, and desserts will be served.

Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

Join Minden Lions Club for a day of joy, laughter, and the thrill of the hunt on April 4 from 11am-2pm at Jaycee Park. Their Easter Egg Hunt promises delightful surprises and memories that will last a lifetime with face-painting, food, Easter bunny, and fun. Preschool and Kindergarten hunt begins at 11am. 1st-4th grades begin at approximately 11:20am.

Manifold Studios Open House

Manifold Studios will host an open house on Wednesday, March 18 from 3-6pm. Flip on in and check out their new space at 302 E. 5th Street in Minden. Enjoy refreshments, giveaways, and facility tours. Learn more at my-manifoldstudios.com.

Wilcox-Hildreth Music Department Mattress Fundraiser

The Mattress Fundraiser is back and every purchase benefits the Wilcox-Hildreth Music Department. The event will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 10am-4pm at Wilcox-Hildreth High School. All sizes available including custom. Brand new with 1-20 year warranties. Delivery and shipping available. Free threshold delivery. Cash, check, credit card accepted. Financing available.

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Minden Legacy Fund Community Visioning Session

Minden Legacy Fund will host a Meet & Greet event and Community Visioning Session on Monday, March 16 at 52 Taphouse. Everyone is invited to these events to learn more about the Minden Legacy Fund, help share ideas for the future of Minden, and enjoy desserts made by the Minden Community Center. The Meet & Greet will begin at 6:15pm and the Community Visioning Session will begin at 7pm.

Spring Plant Sale

Minden Post Prom/7-8 Washington DC Trip Annual Spring Plant Sale is underway. The sale ends April 5th. Please contact Lisa Clapper or use the QR code to view the catalog and place your order online. 'Bonus Buys' are available for online orders

only. Online orders are encouraged. Be sure to note the student or 'post prom' as the seller. With every purchase you are supporting a great organization!

Pick up will be at Kearney County Fairgrounds on April 22. Do not wait to order as some items can run out.



Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
2/28/26	50	36	-
3/1/26	42	30	-
3/2/26	35	29	-
3/3/26	37	34	.09
3/4/26	56	38	-
3/5/26	46	33	-
3/6/26	51	32	.11
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Strategic Investment in Local Mobility and Economic Vitality

Situated at a key access point for local commuters, agricultural producers, and regional travelers, the new Fill-n-Chill location plays an important role in supporting daily mobility and economic activity in and around Minden. The expanded fuel capacity and addition of a diesel island will help reduce congestion during peak hours, improve efficiency for commercial vehicles and farm operations, and ensure reliable access to fuel for residents who commute to nearby communities for work. On Point Construction, led by Kevin Kreger, is serving as the general contractor for the project.

City officials and community partners joined Fill-n-Chill representatives for the groundbreaking ceremony, celebrating the collaboration that brought the project to fruition. The development is expected to create construction jobs during the build phase and support long-term economic activity.

The new Fill-n-Chill location aims to serve both the local community and the many visitors who travel through Minden each year.

About Fill-n-Chill

Fill-n-Chill is a locally owned and operated convenience store and fuel retailer committed to serving communities across Nebraska. With 14 locations, Fill-n-Chill offers fuel, cold beverages, and snacks to FILL customers in a CHILL environment. The company prides itself on clean facilities, friendly service, and being a dependable neighborhood partner in every market it serves. Fill up on courtesy and convenience with Fill-n-Chill!

From Rain to Tap: Learning About Nebraska's Water & Well Testing

PRESS RELEASE

KEARNEY – Two Rivers is excited to host 7 well water presentations across the district in March. These events are tailored to 5th and 6th grade students who want to learn about the water cycle across Nebraska through a fun and interactive experience. Through these exercises, students will learn how water and nitrogen move through Nebraska and the impacts of water quality on our health. A closed event at Franklin Elementary for their science students will kick off the series of events on Monday, March 9th. The other events will be open to the public and are listed below.

The events will take place on the following dates and at times:

- Holdrege Area Public Library @ 2:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11th
- Elwood Public Library @ 9:30 am on Thursday, March 12th
- **Jensen Memorial Library- Minden @ 3:00 pm on Thursday, March 12th**
- Hoesch Memorial Public Library- Alma @ 10:00 am on Friday, March 13th
- Lexington Public Library @ 2:00 pm on Friday, March 13th
- Kearney Children's Museum @ 10:00 am Thursday, March 26th

If you or your child would like to attend, we ask is that you show up and bring a ½ cup sample of your water for onsite testing.

ABOUT TWO RIVERS PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Two Rivers Public Health Department engages collaborative partners, community leaders and the public to promote healthy lifestyles, provide preventative education, assure environmental quality, and create more healthy and safe communities for all who live within the district. Follow TRPHD on Facebook and Twitter @2RPHD

Nebraska Press Association Foundation Awards 2026 Journalism Scholarships

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Press Association Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2026 scholarships, recognizing Nebraska high school students who plan to pursue careers in community-based journalism or agricultural communications.

Founded in 1991, the Nebraska Press Association Foundation awards annual scholarships each year to students studying journalism or ag communications at Nebraska colleges and universities, supporting the next generation of community storytellers and communicators. Each scholarship is valued at \$2,000. The top-scoring scholarship recipient receives the Allen J. Beermann Scholarship Award, which was established in 2023 in memory of Linda Beermann.

The 2026 scholarship recipients are:

- Paige Nickless, Champion, Neb., Chase County High School (recipient of the Allen J. Beermann Scholarship Award)
- Karlene Kepler, Mills, Neb., Keya Paha County High School
- **Arabella Reed, Heartwell, Neb., Minden High School**
- Dallas Grunden, Maxwell, Neb., Maywood High School

The scholarship recipients will be honored during the 2026 NPA Foundation Scholarship Luncheon, scheduled for April 18 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln, Neb.

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Commissioners Approve No Build Easement

CINDY RAMSEY

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners revisited two topics during the March 3 regular meeting: relocating a maintainer shed and a reciprocal no-build easement.

As discussed previously, the County's maintainer shed in Wilcox is located on property the Village is working to develop and needs to be moved. The commissioners would like to keep the shed in Wilcox or nearby, but they must find a suitable location. Highway Superintendent Joe Anderson spoke with CPI in Wilcox about placing the shed on their property. CPI denied the use of its property explaining the empty lot is in the process of sale to the Village.

Anderson told the board the shed could be moved to Keene, but there will be some costs to develop the property for this purpose. The board discussed other potential properties that may be available in Wilcox. Commissioner Bob Swanson believes there may be some old railroad property that could work. He offered to speak with the property owner on behalf of the County.

Dave Arnold from Royal Engineered Composites returned to ask the board to approve a reciprocal no-build easement. He presented the requested certified survey of the area showing the 60-foot clearance needed for the Royal expansion project is several feet back from existing County Road Department buildings.

Despite the clarification, the board was torn on how to proceed. Swanson asked why the County doesn't just sell or give the land to Royal so they have maintenance liability for the property. Commissioner Nathan Avery argued that could be viewed as preferential treatment.

Arnold explained without the easement Royal would be required to build a firewall between the existing building and the planned addition. The firewall would hinder

the process within the business. The request for an easement is to eliminate the need for a firewall that would have a negative impact on production.

Chairman Brent Stewart noted the property that would be included in the easement is a drainage area. Allowing the easement wouldn't hinder the County's ability to expand their own buildings because there is plenty of space to the east. Furthermore, the area can still be used for storage containers and the like, just no permanent structures.

From here the board debated whether to create a lease for the easement or not. Some board members argued the County shouldn't give up any rights to the property without some compensation while others argued this kind of easement shouldn't require a lease. Following some heated comments, a motion to approve the easement with no payment contingent on review by the county attorney was put to a vote. The motion was approved in a split vote with Stewart, Sinsel, Hofstetter, and Miller voting in favor and Swanson, Avery, and England voting opposed.

In other business the board: Approved February 17 minutes. Approved bills and claims, payroll, and hospital taxes. Approved February 2026 County Clerk and Clerk of District Court fee reports. Approved NDA annual noxious weed program evaluation. Approved zoning overlay district floodplain management ordinance. Heard Colonial Life coverage presentation from Steven Melnick. Heard SCEDD update from Sharon Hueftle. Discussed road matters including Tallgrass hydro-testing their pipeline and reminder of the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing scheduled for March 17. Approved RYDE Transit FY 26/27 local match of \$31,050.



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Council Addresses Billboard, Welcome Sign, and More

CINDY RAMSEY

The March 2 regular meeting of the Minden City Council began with a moment of silence to pray for the first responders, schools, family, and community following the recent attempted murder suicide in rural Minden.

Turning to the agenda and business at hand, the council welcomed Boy Scout Troop #199 which was in attendance to earn their citizenship and community merit badge. The scouts learned how local government operates as the council accomplished quite a bit during the short meeting.

During council announcements, Mayor Larry Evans shared there has been a lot of discussion regarding the City's recycling program. The City will continue to provide residential recycle pick up at this time, but they will continue to evaluate and assess this service. Increased sanitation rates went into effect on February 1, but this still doesn't fully cover the recycling operation deficit. The City will be reviewing its recycling contracts going forward.

Evans also encouraged the council members to review LB1219 which puts a 2% cap on the City's tax asking. The City has almost never been below 2% in its asking in the past. Passing of this bill would require the City to drastically cut its budget and most likely the services it provides.

The City has been working with Fill N Chill to establish easements and relocate utilities to allow the conve-

nience store chain to build a new store just west of its current location. Now the company, that owns the entire block, is requesting a minor subdivision that would combine seven parcels excluding the current store. The council approved the minor subdivision for PSK LLC and issuance of \$34 payment to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees. This is the final step necessary before construction can begin.

The council approved necessary repairs to a billboard located on Highway 6/34 near Gun Club Road several months ago. Ownership of the sign was in question, but the property on which it sits belongs to the City. A lease agreement from 1995 with Pioneer Village for the use of the property was recently discovered. Harold Warp Pioneer Village Foundation is willing to sell the billboard to the City for \$1 to clear up any confusion going forward. The council approved the purchase and issuance of payment. The plan is to rotate different organizations and events on the billboard every few months with Pioneer Village having the first banner on the repaired sign.

52 Taphouse is interested in hosting a large event for St. Patrick's Day and needs more space than is currently covered under their liquor license. They have requested a temporary expansion of their liquor license to include the immediately adjacent area to the south of their space. At first, the City didn't think this was possible, but the liquor commission has verified that a statute allowing this does exist. The space must be adjacent

to the existing location making it useless to many businesses, but ideal for 52 Taphouse. The statute also limits this temporary expansion to not exceed 15 days per calendar year. With all this information, the council approved the request by 52 Taphouse for a temporary expansion of its licensed premises for March 17, 2026.

The welcome sign located on the east end of town on Highway 6/34 was blown over and destroyed due to high winds last June. The company it was originally purchased from is no longer in business, but the City has finally found a company who can make a new sign. The plan would be for the new sign to be better anchored to reduce the potential risk of the same damage happening.

Councilman Jack Yant stated he doesn't believe this is a good idea for several reasons. He explained the welcome sign on the west side of town isn't visible from the highway. He believes that sign should be moved to the east side and the sign on the north end of town should replace the west sign as the City continues to progress with the north walkway project. He further explained that all of the welcome signs need to be replaced and argued the City should save its money now for the replacement of all four signs.

Evans explained the idea to move one of the other signs had been examined, but it won't work. The council heeded Yant's advice and unanimously denied the purchase of a new welcome sign.

In other business the council: Approved February 17 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Read proclamation for Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Approved Resolution #1830 supporting Minden's Leadership Community recertification.

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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Dr. and Mrs. Willard Peck, Ann, Halcyon, Jimmy and Mary moved into their new home on Brown Avenue, formerly the F.F. Rogers home.

Troop 1 Group B of the Girl Scouts met at the home of Zinnia Christensen. Halcyon Peck joined the group. The meeting included a lesson on First Aid, using the girls as victims.

New members of the Minden National Honor Society were Richard Kosch, Ruth Jorgensen, Helen Burchell, Anita Gleason, Neva Belle Bridges, Marilyn Weidenbach, Gene Nelson, Herbert Nielsen, John Cronin, Martin Schmidt, Wendell Jensen and Tom Cavanaugh. Romaine Rasmussen presided at the initiation ceremony.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

Osee Newbold was elected president of the Minden Rotary Club; Harold Pedley was elected vice president; Clarence Stadler, secretary; and Dale Wells, Lavern Danielson, Harold Lundeen and Clarence Borgaard, directors.

Kearney debaters, coached by John Bjorklun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bjorklun of Minden, won 14 of the 15 rounds in the preliminaries and 16 of the 18 debates in the overall competition.

Jim Jacobs, Minden center and post man on the Minden basketball team, won a place on the all-area team selected by the Hastings Tribune. He was also placed on the Class B honor team.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Nebraska State Board of Education placed 47 rural high schools on one-year probation for failures to meet new minimum operation standards.

Mrs. B.H. Bracken was honored for the 50th anniversary of her membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Bracken was presented with a white feathered mum corsage.

Linda Burchell was the mistress of ceremonies at the 32nd annual athletic banquet held at the First Christian Church. The group ended the evening singing, "Good Night, Whippets," with Mrs. Bill Maxon as pianist. Mrs. Arlo Christensen wrote the lyrics to the song.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Neil Adam and Dan Lienemann, both of Wilcox, won the Kearney County Spelling Bee held at the Minden Exchange Bank Community Room.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at the Kearney County Farm Bureau Insurance office, located in the Liebers & Kenton building.

Kearney County received Bicentennial recognition and would receive a Bicentennial flag, according to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Casper of Hildreth, Kearney County Bicentennial

Co-chairmen.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

Gov. Bob Kerrey, whose mission was to deliver a proclamation to Kenneth Frerichs, president of the State Bank of Hildreth, landed in a state patrol helicopter on the Hildreth football field. Gov. Kerrey offered his blessings to the personalized license plates which read "Red Pig." The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles had informed Frerichs that they were recalling the plates because they could be misconstrued as communistic or insulting to the American Indian.

The Axtell Wildcats boys' basketball team defeated Eustis to claim a berth in the state tournament. Scoring in double figures were Brett Runge, Brad Richards, Bruce Augustin and Mike Fecht.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

Abby Thomsen tied for third place in Keyboarding 1 Speed at the annual Phi Beta Lambda's Business Competition Day at UNK.

Doug Bundy, former Heartwell resident, placed second in the classic division of the Desert Area Resources and Training bowling team, qualifying him for state competition in Fresno, Calif.

Top finishers in the Hildreth Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby were Derek Ingram, Devin Frerichs, Brett Bebensee and Alan Warnken. Placing in the Oldtimers Derby were Lydia Stuehm, Karen Frerichs and Justin Bunger.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

The Minden High School speech team took second place at the Class B-5 District Speech Meet.

The Axtell boys basketball team defeated Overton for the Class D1-5 District Championship Title. The win set them up to play Orchard at the State Tournament.

An egg decorated by Grace Adam of Wilcox won top honors in the annual White House Egg Artistry Contest. The egg was selected by the public from 11 eggs submitted by Nebraska artists to represent Nebraska in the 2006 Easter Egg Display at the White House in Washington D.C.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

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Wilcox-Hildreth students competed at the Central Science and Engineering Fair at Curtis. Students placing first were Brooke Guthrie, Sidney Gruwell, Aaron Jenkins, Garrett Ortgiesen (three special awards and \$50), Bronson Hinrichs (one special award), Abby Quadhamer (three special awards), and Jeremy Schepler (two special awards). Second place recipients were: Bridget Beisel, Lantz Grauerholz, and Rebecca Saathoff-Beck. Christopher Garza placed third.

A Tale of Two Halves is an apt description of Axtell's district D1-5 championship win over Southwest at Lexington. The Cats held on to topple the Roughriders 53-50 and securing their ticket to Lincoln with a 22-4 record and the fifth seed. This would make the Cats' 11th state tourney appearance.

CHS announced it has awarded more than \$18,000 in local safety grants. A total of 12 \$1,500 grants were awarded to local fire departments in communities where the cooperative has facilities. Funds were used by the departments to purchase new equipment, repair existing equipment and facilitate training. Area departments benefitting from the grants included Alma, Bladen, Blue Hill, Bertrand, Elm Creek, Holdrege, Loomis, Minden, Overton, and Roseland.

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Calendars and Menus

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MENUS:

Friday, Mar. 13: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Mar. 16: BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs, banana bread; LUNCH: Chicken, rice & bean bowl

Tuesday, Mar. 17: BREAKFAST: Breakfast burrito; LUNCH: Sliced ham, Mac-n-cheese

Wednesday, Mar. 18: BREAKFAST: Yogurt parfait with granola; LUNCH: Whippet burger, French fries

Thursday, Mar. 19: BREAKFAST: Pancakes, sausage; LUNCH: Loaded chicken, tortellini pasta

Friday, Mar. 20: BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza; LUNCH: Tuna noodles

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Mar. 13: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Mar. 16: District SP @ Aurora, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 17: CLJ Movie Premier, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 20: V TR @ UNK Indoor Invite, 11 a.m.

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MENUS:

Friday, Mar. 13: LUNCH: French toast casserole, sausage patty, hash browns

Monday, Mar. 16: LUNCH: Build your own sandwich,

chips, pea salad

Tuesday, Mar. 17: LUNCH: Fajita chicken rice bowl, peppers & onions OR Blueberry parfait

Wednesday, Mar. 18: NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Mar. 19: NO SCHOOL

Friday, Mar. 20: NO SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES:

Monday, Mar. 16: SP Districts @ Southwest, 9 a.m.; FKC QB @ Wilcox-Hildreth, 4 p.m.; FFA meeting, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 18: NO SCHOOL; FKC Music, 8 a.m.; JH QB @ ESU 11, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Mar. 19: NO SCHOOL

Friday, Mar. 20: NO SCHOOL

WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MENUS:

Friday, Mar. 13: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Mar. 16: BREAKFAST: Bagel; LUNCH: Bosco bostix

Tuesday, Mar. 17: BREAKFAST: Ham & egg sandwich; LUNCH: Nacho day

Wednesday, Mar. 18: BREAKFAST: Ham bar; LUNCH: BBQ chicken on a bun

Thursday, Mar. 19: BREAKFAST: Pancakes; LUNCH: Tater tot casserole

Friday, Mar. 20: BREAKFAST: Monte Cristo; LUNCH: Cheese pizza

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Mar. 13: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Mar. 16: FKC QB Wilcox-Hildreth

Tuesday, Mar. 17: Spring Sport & Activity Photos; 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Student Council meeting, 11:40 a.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 18: FKC Music Contest @ Axtell; ESU 11 JH QB @ Nebraska Prairie Museum, Holdrege, 9 a.m.; ESU 11 EL QB @ Nebraska Prairie Museum, Holdrege, 1 p.m.; Elementary QB @ ESU 11, 1 p.m.; MTSS-C, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 19: KHS Choir Treble Voices; PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; ESU 11 HS QB @ Holdrege, 9 a.m.; TR @ UNK Indoor Invite, 11 a.m.

Friday, Mar. 20: FFA Chapter meeting, 7:30 a.m.; HAL: Hildreth, 9:10 a.m.; FCA meeting, 12 p.m.; HAL: Wilcox, 12:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dinner Menus

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

Monday, Mar. 16: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit and dessert

Tuesday, Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Wednesday, Mar. 18: Soup, sandwich, fruit and dessert

Thursday, Mar. 19: Scalloped potatoes with ham, beets, biscuit and fruit

Friday, Mar. 20: Taco salad, beans, rice, fruit and dessert

RYDE Transportation For All Ages

RYDE Transit offers public transportation for all residents of Minden and Kearney County, Monday thru Friday - 8:00am to 5:00pm. Service is available to Minden and all of Kearney County, and out of town trips to Kearney, Holdrege, Hastings, and Grand Island. Please call at least 24 hours in advance for a ride.

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Bowling Standings

Monday Maniacs 3-2-26

Team Standings:	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	19	13
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	17	15
Children First Daycare	14	18
Budget Heating & Air	14	18
High Individual Game: Deb Dorn, 217; Rendy France, 200; Angela Segelke, 164		
High Individual Series: Rendy France, 483; Deb Dorn, 471; Emily Wagner, 461		
High Team Game: Children First Daycare, 475; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 442; Children First Daycare, 392		
High Team Series: Children First Daycare, 1244; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1194; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, 1024		

Minden Unified Association 3-5-26

Team Standings:	W	L
First Bank	120.5	79.5
Joyce Farms	106	94
Miller Body	82	118
APEX	80.5	103.5
High Individual Game: Carson Blum, 209; Travis Kuhl-		

mann, 201; Scott Boudreau, 200
 High Individual Series: Scott Boudreau, 551; Carson Blum, 551; Travis Kuhlmann, 545
 High Team Game: Miller Body, 642; Joyce Farms, 637; First Bank, 613
 High Team Series: Miller Body, 1831; Joyce Farms, 1794; First Bank, 1772

Classey Lassies 2-26-26

Team Standings:	W	L
Upland Bar & Grill	26	14
Aurora Coop-Keene	25.5	14.5
Skye's The Limit Salon	23	17
Split Happens	18.5	21.5
Pony Express Ford	18	22
Dobish Dumpsters	18	22
Platte River BBQ	17	23
Larson Bros Construction	14	26
High Individual Game: Betty Smith, 192; Kasey Welch, 181; Mary Goebel, 170		
High Individual Series: Betty Smith, 542; Kasey Welch, 472; Mandy Dobish, 450		
High Team Game: Split Happens, 429; Pony Express Ford,		

419; Skye's The Limit Salon, 419
 High Team Series: Dobish Dumpsters, 1181; Upland Bar & Grill, 1179; Split Happens, 1177

Sunday Mixed 3-1-26

Team Standings:	W	L
Flinstones	44	24
3 Chicks & A Stick	40	28
Bowling Stones	39	29
Travelers	36.5	31.5
Lucky Dogs	36.5	31.5
High Individual Game, Men: Will Wyatt, 215; Randy Durand, 215; Marty Misk, 189		
High Individual Game, Women: Teresa Durand, 172; Krissy Simonton, 160; Sheri Wyatt, 157		
High Individual Series, Men: Randy Durand, 590; Will Wyatt, 561; Calvin Durand, 516		
High Individual Series, Women: Krissy Simonton, 448; Betty Smith, 427; Teresa Durand, 413		
High Team Game: Flinstones, 616; Bowling Stones, 605; Travelers, 573		
High Team Series: Flinstones, 1757; Bowling Stones, 1717; Lucky Dogs, 1650		

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CARTER LORENZ - BASKETBALL

School - Axtell Community School

Grade - Freshman

Achievements this season -

Carter is one of our better shooters especially at the free-throw line. He helped secure our first sub-district win this year by securing much needed points late at the line. He was among several younger players that saw significant varsity minutes this year as a freshman. He has a passion for the game, and I am excited to see his and the team's future growth. - Coach Craig Lorenz



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ELIN PATTERSON & CAMRYN BUNGER

School - Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

I am proud to recognize two outstanding student-athletes, Elin Patterson (9th grade) and Camryn Bunger (10th grade), for their tremendous accomplishments and contributions to our girls wrestling program this season.

Both Elin and Camryn completed their first year of high school wrestling and made an immediate impact. In an impressive debut season, both qualified for the state tournament in Omaha becoming the first Lady Falcons to make the trip. Elin not only recorded the first state tournament win in program history, but Camryn also earned the first state medal for the Lady Falcons, marking significant milestones for our team.

Elin finished her freshman season with a 30-16 record. After dropping to 115 pounds following Christmas break, she recorded only six losses the remainder of the season, showing tremendous growth and adjustment. She also set multiple school records in a single season, including takedowns, wins, tech falls, and escapes. Beyond her statistics, Elin took on a great deal of responsibility as a freshman. She quietly emerged as a leader through her actions consistently demonstrating one of the strongest work ethics in the practice room. She often stayed late for extra repetitions and additional conditioning, setting the tone for her teammates. Camryn's journey this season was equally impressive. She was unable to compete prior to Christmas due to injury, which limited her early mat time and experience. Despite having very little previous knowledge of the sport, she proved to be an incredibly fast learner and fierce competitor. Once she returned to competition, she quickly found success and set school records for season pins, near falls, and fastest pin (10 seconds). Her determination and competitive drive were evident every time she stepped on the mat. She finished the season with a 27-8 record.

Elin and Camryn are laying the foundation for the future of Lady Falcon Wrestling. With several years still ahead of them, their potential is incredibly exciting. I am confident they will continue to achieve great things both on and off the mat. - Coach Mitchell Sloggett





FFA Students of the Month



MINDEN

Name: Dayne Porter **Grade:** Sophomore

Involvement in the chapter: Dayne is a member who is willing to help in a variety of ways. He steps up to volunteer where needed and is always looking for ways to get involved. This year, he has served on the Scholarship Committee, where he helped implement the Minden FFA Book Barn at East Elementary. Dayne has also been very involved in National FFA Week this week, attending Trivia Night, helping with the 7th Grade Ag Olympics, and serving food at the Ag Appreciation Breakfast.

Recent successes: In January, Dayne participated in Leadership Development Events where he served as a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team and wrote a speech for Natural Resources Public Speaking on AI in Natural Resources. Coming up, Dayne will compete in Farm Business Management and Natural Resources.



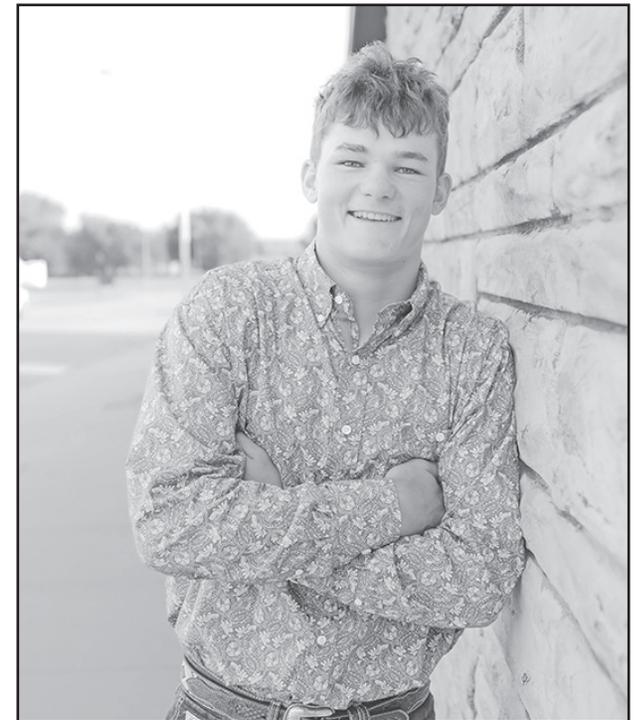
AXTELL

Name: Lillian Dobish **Grade:** Senior

SAE: Lillian has a placement SAE where she works at Thunderhead Brewery in Axtell. She is the pizza cook - some of her daily tasks include making food orders and serving customers.

Involvement in the chapter: Lillian currently serves as the Vice President in our chapter. She has been an active member since joining FFA in 7th grade. This year, Lillian has competed in poultry evaluation, employment skills, and will be competing in nursery/landscape at our next contest. Additionally, she has been involved in chapter fundraisers, community service, and other leadership opportunities. Lillian is always willing to help members and is a positive leader.

Recent successes: At our LDE contest in January, Lillian received a blue ribbon in employment skills. Additionally, Lillian will receive her State Degree at the State FFA Convention at the end of March.



WILCOX-HILDRETH

Name: Thomas Donley **Grade:** Senior

SAE: Placement SAE at Nitchie Farm/Ranch

Involvement in the chapter: I have participated in multiple competitions each year including CDEs and LDEs. I also attended many different events with our chapter including Husker Harvest Days, FFA Day at the State Fair, and FFA Day at the Cattlemen's Classic. I have also participated in many different fundraisers for our chapter.

Recent successes: Some of my recent successes in FFA include receiving my Chapter and State Degrees. I have also had success in some of the competitions I competed in, including winning first place in our District CDE Welding Contest in Oxy-Acetylene Welding last year, and qualifying for State as a team in the CDE Welding Contest this year.



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Potter's Wheel

By Lori Potter

I've been a fan of the Olympics since the days of black-and-white TV coverage. Women were limited mostly to figure skating and downhill skiing in winter, and to short running and swimming events in summer.

There were no snowboards, halfpipes or women's hockey and basketball teams.

Today's fans have many ways to watch Olympic events from start to finish almost 24 hours a day.

I spent too much time last month watching some events live during the day and then the highlights in prime time. Even curling, which was more watchable after I researched the scoring rules and the U.S. women's team reached the semi-finals.

I never dreamed of being an Olympian.

I was an average volleyball player on some really good Wilcox High School teams in the early 1970s, but girls' basketball didn't start in Nebraska until the year after I graduated. Because I couldn't run fast or far, jump long or high, or throw a discus or shot put far, I wasn't on a track team past junior high.

I admired winter Olympians' skills more after Mom and Dad bought ice skates for my twin sister Lisa and me. We had spent many winter Saturday nights roller skating at the Wilcox auditorium, which made the transition to skating on blades a little easier.

There were no south-central Nebraska indoor rinks in the 1960s and early 1970s, so ice skating required really cold weather and places with frozen water. One was our pasture pond near our Franklin County farm about halfway between Wilcox and Naponee.

I recently reminded Lisa that we skated on the pond only after Dad checked the ice by slowly walking out on it. "How dangerous was that?" I said, to which Lisa replied, "That pond was never very deep." I pointed out that even if he was only waist deep in freezing water, we could not have pulled him out, lifted him into the pickup and driven home.

Lisa remembered that when we skated a time or two on wetlands at the Sacramento WPA - called the game farm then - it was a challenge to dodge frozen vegetation.

Winter activities make my cold feet and hands much worse. After ice skating, I'd sit in the passenger seat with my sock-covered feet on the vehicle's dashboard heating vents and hope the painful warming process would be completed by the time we got home.

My two best ice skating experiences were in other states.

When my brother Glen was in National Guard training at Huntsville, Alabama, in the

late 1960s, our parents decided to take his 1967 red GTO to Alabama so he could drive home at the end of training. Mom, Dad, Lisa and I took our first airplane rides home.

We went to an indoor rink in Huntsville on a night it was reserved for members of an older skaters club. A nice man said Lisa and I could grab skates and be his guests.

While working at the York News-Times in the early 1980s, I went on a Kearney State College spring break bus tour to New York City and Washington, D.C. In NYC, people were ice skating at Rockefeller Center's outdoor rink. I rented skates, joined the fun and kept whispering, "Please don't let me fall. Please don't let me fall."

A year or two later, I decided - probably after watching biathlons and similar Winter Olympics events dominated by Nordic athletes - to try cross-country skiing. Family and friends went to Colorado resorts for downhill skiing, but that didn't interest me.

I signed up for a community education cross-country skiing class that started with a classroom session. We were supposed to meet a second time to ski on a bike-hike trail along a creek on the south side of York, but it didn't snow the rest of the winter. Or at least not nearly enough for skiing.

I live a block west of northwest Kearney's Fountain Hills Park, which has a paved trail I walk daily most of the year, a wetland and several huge cottonwood trees. Between 1992 when my house was built and around 2011 when park development started, the site was a pasture adjacent to my back yard.

A section of sidewalk along the north side of my property now links a farther north-west hike-bike trail to Fountain Hills Park.

Even if I wanted to try cross-country skiing on those trails after being impressed by 2026 Olympians who have mastered the sport, it won't happen. Among the reasons are my 70th birthday was earlier this week and even after a light snow, city employees quickly remove it to make the paved trails safer for hikers and bikers.

Lori Potter of Kearney is a Wilcox area native and co-owner of her family's farm. She has been a Nebraska newspaper journalist for 48 years, including as a freelancer since March 2021.

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Minden Community Players performed for a near-full house opening weekend of their presentation of 'Clue' at Minden Opera House. Tickets are still available for the next two weekends of performances. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

Speech Teams Compete

CINDY RAMSEY



Kierra Antillon, Grace Hansen, Anila Cortez, and Brooke Carr perform their OI, 'Four Little Words' during the Minden Speech public performance evening on March 3. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

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The Wilcox-Hildreth Speech Team traveled to Maxwell on March 7th for the Maxwell Wildcat High School Tournament. Two Falcon events earned medals at the competition. Brett Woollen and Kaden Woollen placed sixth in Duet Acting and Brett Woollen placed seventh in Serious Prose.

The Axtell Speech Team traveled to Cedar Rapids on March 9th for the Riverside Invitational. Results will be published in the next issue of the Courier.

The Minden Speech Team traveled to McCook on March 9th to compete in the SWC tournament. Results will be published in the next issue of the Courier.

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Obituaries

Jamie M. Kruger, 40 - Rural Minden Resident



Jamie M. Kruger, 40, of rural Minden, passed away on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Private family services were held. A memorial fund in Jamie's honor has been established for her children's education and contributions can be sent to: Kruger College Fund, in care of Bruning Bank,

P.O. Box 2407, Kearney, NE 68848. Arrangements were under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Jamie Marie (Borg) Kruger was born in Omaha, Nebraska on May 11, 1985. In 1986, her family moved to Stuart, where she attended St. Boniface Elementary School and later graduated as Salutatorian from Stuart Public School in 2003. Jamie went on to graduate with honors from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

While in Kearney, Jamie met Owen Kruger and stood faithfully beside him during his military deployments. After Owen returned from his service, they were married in 2012. Together they built a life centered on family, travel, and shared adventures. In 2014, they welcomed their son Nolan, followed by Sadie and Kolter. Jamie cherished raising her children and chose to step away from her role in the PCU at a Kearney Hospital to focus on her family. During this time, she also completed her Master's Degree in Nursing, graduating in 2021.

Jamie loved family time and the memories they created together. She enjoyed trips with her family, pontoon and Pioneer rides, and the annual Borg-apalooza gatherings at the lake in Stuart. She was a devoted Husker volleyball fan and loved trips to Omaha with her best friend Jordan, often bringing their kids along for the fun.

In recent years, Jamie dedicated herself fully to supporting Nolan, Sadie, and Kolter—helping with nightly homework, managing busy schedules, encouraging their academic success, and getting them to and from their many activities.

On February 28, 2026, we tragically lost a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. Jamie

will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Please keep Jamie and her family in your prayers.

Jamie will be remembered for her brilliant mind, compassionate heart, and the deep love she had for her family, friends, and the life she built around them.

Raymond D. Axtell, 91 - Axtell Resident



Raymond D. Axtell, age 91, of Axtell, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2026 at his home. Private family services will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Axtell Fire Department. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation

Services is in charge of arrangements.

Ray was born on August 6, 1934, in Amherst, Nebraska, to Frank and Mina (Harmony) Axtell. He attended and later graduated from Kearney High School. Ray proudly served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge from the service, Ray married Karen Kegley on April 8, 1956 in Kearney. Ray was a kind hardworking man with an amazing memory who spent the majority of his life as a heavy equipment operator. He retired at the age of 89.

Surviving relatives include his sons and daughter, Rodney Axtell of Axtell, Darry and Karla Axtell of Funk, Bradley Axtell of Kearney and LaRae Axtell of Holdrege; sisters, Vivian Edwards, Waunita DeLaet, Ruby (Fred) Kersting, all of Kearney, Ann Aycok of Wills Point, TX; brother, Don (Ginger) Axtell of Kearney; grandchildren, Baron (Kerri) Axtell, Erick (Danielle) Axtell, Adam (Sara) Axtell, Haley (Tyler) Pieper, Sydney (Lance) Taylor, Brennan (Hilary) Axtell, Jordan Axtell and Madi (Hayden) Frost and 19 great grandchildren.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife, Karen; brothers, Duane "Butch" and Bob and sister, Charlotte Krotz.

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Matthew Snell, Pastor
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Wednesday, Mar. 18: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC

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Craig Richardson, Pastor

Sunday, Mar. 15: Donuts & Juice, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Messiah Practice, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 18: Ladies Fun & Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.; Lent Supper, 6 p.m.; Worship, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 19: Council meeting, 8 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling,
Pastor

Sunday, Mar. 15: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran

360 So. Stewart
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Greg Volsky,
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Sunday, Mar. 15: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

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Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, Mar. 15: Worship, 10 a.m.

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Heartwell

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Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

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Father Evan Winter

Sunday, Mar. 15: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran
502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk,
Pastor

Sunday, Mar. 15: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Thursday, Mar. 12: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Miriam Circle, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Mar. 14: Walking, 8 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Gathering, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Mar. 15: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion at both services

Tuesday, Mar. 17: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 18: Spring Gathering Planning meeting, 9 a.m.; Church Club, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Night Supper, 6 p.m.; Congregational meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Lenten Service, 6:45 p.m. with Confirmation following

Thursday, Mar. 19: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Stay connected with our website, Bethanyminden.org

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Wednesday, Mar. 18: DWM, 1:30 p.m.; Church Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study Tuesdays @ Bloomfield Home, 9 a.m.

Fredericksburg Lutheran
616 33 Road

Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Sunday, Mar. 15: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.

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Saturday, Mar. 14: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Mar. 15: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran
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Rev. William Zwick

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

Sunday, Mar. 15: Bible Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; High School Youth, 9:15 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.; LLL Dartball-Zion Hastings, 5 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 16: Quilt Tie Group, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 17: Choir Practice, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 18: JYM 5th, 5 p.m.; Lent Supper, 5:30 p.m.; Lent Service, 6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 19: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 20: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Red Cross @ Minden High School, 8:15 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Thursday, Mar. 12: Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Mar. 18: Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 19: Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian
109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, Mar. 15: Worship/Sunday School/Choir/Children of Change, 9:30 a.m.;

Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sundays

Wednesday, Mar. 18: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.; Youth Club, 3:45 p.m.; Dinner & Devotions, 6 p.m.

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

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109 N. Colorado

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Marriage License

Shaun K. Johnson, 42, Minden & Amanda M. Rupe, 39, Minden; 2-27-26

Kearney County District Court

Stanley Hansen, Minden vs. Sylvia Hansen, Diamondhead, Mississippi; dissolution of marriage; 2-26-26

Kearney County County Court

Natalya R. Sartin, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 12-15-25

Laura M. Garcia, Upland, no operator's license/waiverable, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Johnson, 1-19-26

Robert L. Bryan, McCook, overweight on axle or group of axles, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 1-5-26

Police Report

February 26

0932 - 300 Block W. 3rd St., Harassment
1126 - 200 Block Gilman Ave., Traffic Stop
1327 - HHS Intake

1520 - Piester Ave., Traffic Complaint
1744 - 200 Block Gilman Ave., Officer Information

2031 - 12th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

1855 - Ongoing Investigation
1900 - Hwy. 6 & Kearney Ave., Remove Debris from Roadway

February 27

1129 - 200 Block Gilman Ave., Traffic Stop
1130 - 5th St. and Burk Ave., Traffic Stop
1357 - HHS Intake

2150 - North Hwy. 10, Traffic Incident
2249 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Suspicious Activity

February 28

1952 - 6th St. and Nebraska Ave., Traffic Stop
2127 - Hwy. 6 & 31 Rd., Motorist Assist
2201 - 12th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

2232 - 700 Block E. 1st St., Dog Bite
2307 - 1st St. & Colorado Ave., Traffic Incident

2346 - Hwy. 6 & Tower Ave., Traffic Stop

Alyssa L. Woolworth, Shelton, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Scott, 12-18-25

Michael D. Louis, Red Cloud, DUI-.15 OR refusal(3 prior conviction), Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 2-14-26

Minden Fire & Rescue

2-27-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched for a transfer.

2-28-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched for a personal injury.

3-1-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Tower Avenue for a pain on the left side.

3-1-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 1st Street for a transfer to Good Sam.

3-4-26—The Minden Emergency Unit

was dispatched to N. Garber Avenue for a personal illness.

3-4-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. Hastings Street for a personal illness.

3-4-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Colorado for a meeting.

3-5-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to W. 1st Street for a fall.

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3-2-26—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 5th Street for a fall.

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NOTICE REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA MARCH 3, 2026 9:30 A.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held March 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Heath Hofstetter, James Miller, Robert Swanson, Jason Sinsel, Jeff England and Nathan Avery. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Craig Lupkes EM Director, Scott White Co. Sheriff, Joe Anderson Hwy Supt. and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. The Board of Commissioners took the

following action: Approved minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 17, 2026. Approved Bills and Claims, February payroll and Hospital Taxes. Held a Public comment from 9:30 to 9:35 a.m. Approved the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court Fee Reports for February 2026. Approved Chairman Brent Stewart to sign the 2025 NDA Annual Noxious Weed Program Evaluation. Discussed the maintainer shed in Wilcox, still looking for a new location. Met with Steven Melnick from Colonial Life for a Coverage Presentation, no action taken. Met with Dave Arnold - Royal Engineered Composites and approved the Reciprocal No-Build Easement following County Attorney legal review. Met with Craig Lupkes EM Director to approve signing Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance Resolution. Met with Sharon

Hueftle from South Central Economic Development Co. to hear an update on their activities. Met with Joe Anderson Hwy Supt concerning road matters. Adopted a resolution presented by Charles McGraw, Transportation Director for RYDE Transit for funding from Kearney County for FY 26/27 for \$31,050.00. Adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:50 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman
Kearney County
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk

GENERAL FUND: KC Payroll Acct, Feb 2026, \$279,330.78; Amazon Capital Scvs, Su, 19.62; Black Hills, Ut, 410.48; Business World, Su, 390.07; City of Minden, Ut, 1,241.03; Co Veterans Svc Assoc, Registration, 60.00; Dewald, Deaver, L'Heureux, Sv, 184.00; Eakes, Su, 244.30; FGH Law, Sv, 1,623.16; First Con Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 960.17; First Con Ben Grp, Cafeteria, 120.00; Great

Plains Comm, Sv, 703.10; Great Plains Uniforms, Su, 313.85; Rhonda Herrick, Extension Ed, Mile, 531.40; Hometown Leasing, Copier Lease, 348.50; Jim's OK Tire, Sv, 27.50; KC Court, Sv, 207.75; KC Health Svcs, Sv, 204.00; KC Road & Bridge Fund, Transfer, 54,000.00; KC Sheriff's Fund, Sv, 558.00; Lieske Lieske & Ensz, Sv, 1,729.30; Madison Natl Life, Ins, 1,050.48; Mason's, Su, 7.49; Mid-American Research Chem, Su, 257.44; Mid-States Organized Crime, Dues, 100.00; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, Sv, 20.35; Minden Hrdwr, Su, 27.48; MIPS, Sv, 3,140.93; NAPA, Su, 65.31; Ne Assoc of Co Extension, Dues, 50.00; LT Pedley, Su, 16.88; Phelps Co Sheriff's Ofc, Sv, 18.00; Presto-X, Exterm, 95.50; Quill Corp, Su, 550.94; Raynor Garage Door Central NE, Sv, 697.99; Soarin, Sv, 2,229.00; Syndicate, Publ, 518.07; Thomson Reuters, Su, 353.00; Wilson Woodward's Disposal Svc, Sv, 71.10; 911 Custom, Su, 3,575.60;

TOTAL, \$361,694.10. ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: KC Payroll Acct, Feb 2026, \$108,219.94; Joe Anderson, Hwy Suprt, Phone, 30.00; Black Hills, Ut, 772.48; Carquest/Landmark, Su, 1,321.64; CHS, Su, 2,712.00; City of Minden, Ut, 259.80; Filtercare of Ne, Sv, 154.10; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 136.58; Hydro Tech, Su, 988.90; J & A Traffic, Su, 1,566.25; Med Enterprises, Su, 77.00; Michael Todd Indust Sup, Su, 204.52; Minden Hrdwr, Su, 15.99; MIPS, Hwy App, 124.16; NCK Quarrier, Su, 4,930.32; Newman Signs, Su, 4,211.18; NMC Exchange, Su, 1,249.72; Norfolk Lodge & Suites, Lodging, 260.00; Randy Pracht, Road Mech, Phone, 30.00; Presto-X, Exterm, 77.62; Quality Sound & Comm, Wtr Rent, 79.00; Southern Public Power, Ut, 829.04; Wilcox Ut Dept, Ut, 46.04; Yant Equpt, Sv, 35,624.00; TOTAL, \$163,920.28. 911 WIRELESS SVC FUND: CenturyLink, Sv, \$758.01; TOTAL, \$758.01. JV SVCS AID FUND: KC Payroll Acct, Feb 2026, \$5,958.73; Morgan Kenton, JV Svcs Aid, Su, 64.19; Morgan Kenton, JV Svcs Aid, Mile, 130.27; TOTAL, \$6,153.19. CENTRAL COMM: KC Payroll Acct, Feb 2026, \$26,269.27; City of Minden, Sv, 151.47; Eakes, Su, 372.03; First Con Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 375.56; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 73.92; Square Deal Lumber & Hrdwr, Su, 54.60; State of Ne DAS-Cent Fin, Teletype, 537.60; TOTAL, \$27,834.45. Mar 12, 2026 (178) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINDEN, NE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Equalization will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 9:25 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk
Mar 12, 2026
(20) znez

NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner's Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes
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Mar 12, 2026
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a limited liability company under the Nebraska Limited Liability Company Act:

1. The name of the limited liability company is DOUBLE DART HOLSTEINS, L.L.C.

2. Its initial designated office and principal place of business is 495 L Rd., Axtell, NE 68924; and the name, street, and mailing address of the limited liability company's registered agent for service of process of the Company is David R. Anderbery, 495 L Rd., Axtell, NE 68924.

3. This company is organized to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska including but not limited to the business of farming; and to do and transact all other lawful business incident to, necessary or suitable or advisable for, or in any way connected with, such business.

4. The company commenced on November 26, 2025, and shall have perpetual existence.

5. The company is to be managed by one or more managers who shall be elected by members.

David R. Anderbery,
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Mar 12, 2026

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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, March 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. In the event the board members are unable to meet due to inclement weather, board meeting will be offered via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/my/esu11b>. The public may attend the meeting in person or via Zoom. 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.

Mar 12, 2026

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NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION CHANGE OF 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, March 16, 2026 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.

Mar 12, 2026

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska. The agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska, and (877) 995-6688. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the meeting.

Mar 12, 2026

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NOTICE

REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: 52 County Grains & Milling
Name of Applicant: Anson Nielsen
Address: 837 33 Road, Minden, NE 68959

Applicant is: Individual
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: 2/20/2026
General nature of business: Selling Grain and Milled Products

/s/ Anson Nielsen

Anson Nielsen

Mar 12, 2026

(16) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Kearney County Board of Zoning Adjustment on the 26th day of March 2026; 7:00 pm. at the

Courthouse in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska to hear public comments on:

An application for Variance from Zoning Regulation 5.27
· Location: 16 6 14 TRACT S 1/2 E 1/2 NE 1/4 16-6-14 LINCOLN 31.22 AC.

· Approximately 1/3 mile south of HWY 74 and 35 Road on the West side.

Questions or comments may be directed to County Zoning Administrator Office at 308-832-2795. An agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Zoning Administrator. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

Carrie Favinger

Zoning Administrator

308-832-2795

Mar 12, 2026

Mar 19, 2026

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Work Session meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska. The agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska, and (877) 995-6688. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the meeting.

Mar 12, 2026

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF ROBERT E. CHRISTENSEN, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR26-8

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of February, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Kent E. Christensen and Kelly J. Trausch were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representative of this Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their

claims with this Court on or before May 13, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/Laura B. Tobiassen

Clerk of the County Court

By: /s/ Jeffrey P. Ensz

Jeffrey P. Ensz (#23917)

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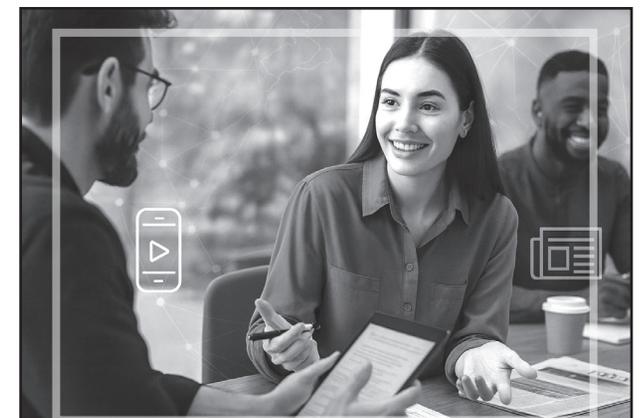
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CITY OF MINDEN

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chambers, pursuant to advance notice of said meeting simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Council and to the public as shown by the copy thereof posted in the Minden City Hall, Outside the Minden City Hall, First Bank & Trust Co., Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., and the Post Office. A copy of the notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Council Members Present: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. City Officials Present: Evans, Olson, Krings and Jordan. Absent: Schneider. Approved Bills and Claims: 3n's Inc--Repairs \$84.08, 7aa Investments--Supplies \$89.79, All Roads Barricades, Inc--Rental \$1,600.00, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies \$1,051.05, American Express--Supplies \$643.69, Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company--Fuel \$40.73, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$357.30, Business World Products Of Hastings, Inc--Supplies \$84.99, Cengage Learning, Inc--Supplies \$98.37, Charter Communications Holdings, Llc--Phone/Internet \$339.51, City Of Holdrege--Fees \$6,534.58, Consolidated Concrete Co--Repairs \$686.13, Cooperative Producers, Inc--Fuel \$613.91, Dana F Cole & Company, Llp--Fees \$50.00, Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$2,002.50, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$46.02, E. Cline--Training \$374.00, Five Points Bank--Fees \$249.68, Fyr-Tek Inc.--Supplies \$655.28, Great Plains

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-Repairs \$487.85, Presto X Co.--Maintenance \$111.53, Quadient Leasing--Fees \$845.39, Reece Construction Co., Inc.--Repairs \$254.00, Rek Enterprises Llc--Repairs \$629.28, Rembolt Ludtke Llp--Legal \$4,408.50, R. Hurst--Tech/Engineering \$750.00, Southern Power District--Utilities \$37.28, Southern Power District--Utilities \$50.37, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C.--Fees \$404.42, Town And Country Farm And Home Inc--Supplies \$2,636.30, United Parcel Service, Inc--Fees \$76.84, Vermeer High Plains--Rental \$500.00, Village Cleaners Inc--Uniforms \$52.13, Wex Bank--Fuel \$5,006.49, Woodward Disposal--Fees \$32.50, 2-6-26 Payroll \$72,556.68. Items Approved: Consent Agenda--Yant motioned to approve the consent agenda and Bungler seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Treasury Report, Jan 2026--Bungler motioned to approve the January 2026 Treasury Report and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Budget Report, Jan 2026--Yant motioned to approve the January 2026 Budget Report and Bungler seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$4,408.50 for legal services--Bungler motioned to approve the payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$4,408.50 for legal services and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bungler and Yant. Abstain: Sumstine. Adoption of procurement standards and code of conduct for CDBG Grant #25-ED-003--Bungler motioned to approve procurement standards and code of conduct for CDBG Grant

#25-ED-003 and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Adoption of proposed fair housing action for CDBG Grant #25-ED-003--Bungler motioned to approve the adoption of proposed fair housing action for CDBG Grant #25-ED-003 and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Approval of Advanced Life Support Transfer Services Agreement with Kearney County Health Services--Yant motioned to approve the Advanced Life Support Transfer Services Agreement with Kearney County Health Services and Bungler seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Approval of the certificate of payment # 2 for the K Road Public Paving Improvements and issuance of payment in the amount of \$18,411.00 to Nielsen Contracting LLC--Bungler motioned to approve the Certificate of Payment No. 2 for the K Road Public Paving Improvements and issuance of payment in the amount of \$18,411.00 to Nielsen Contracting LLC and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Non-Action Items: Council Announcements. Public Forum. Bungler motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
A complete transcript of the council minutes is available at the City Clerk's office and online at minden-nebraska.org.
Mar 12, 2026
(229) znez

Keep Informed.

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF ERMA JEAN SCHARFF, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-9

Notice is hereby given that on March 6th, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Sheila J. Bauer, whose address is 17324 Poppleton Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68130, 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 May 13, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen
Registrar
Kearney County Court
Kearney County
Courthouse
Minden, NE 68959
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Mar 12, 2026
Mar 19, 2026
Mar 26, 2026
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that BC Publishing LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 240 Nance Avenue, Minden, NE 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the company is Cynthia Ramsey, 240 Nance Avenue, Minden, NE 68959.
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Dated: February 4, 2026.

Darcy W. Huffman,
Organizer

Dillon M. Noel, Organizer
Parker, Grossart &
Bahensky, L.L.P.,

Attorney for the Company

Feb 26, 2026

Mar 5, 2026

Mar 12, 2026

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: CHB LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 601 Ave. B, Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska 68924. Colby L. L'Heureux is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on February 24, 2026, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: February 24, 2026

CHB LLC,

A Nebraska Limited

Liability Company.

By/s/ Andrew S. Olson

Andrew S. Olson, Bar No.

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Latter Repair & Irrigation, Inc., a Nebraska Corporation (the "Corporation") has voluntarily dissolved pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat. §21-201 et seq. and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the Nebraska Secretary of State. The dissolution was duly approved by the shareholders in the manner required by the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act and the Articles of Incorporation. The name and title of the person who is winding up, managing the Corporation's affairs and distributing the assets and liabilities of the Corporation is Monica L. Latter, Director. Any creditor of the Corporation must submit written claims to Monica L. Latter at the following address: P.O. Box 40, Wilcox, NE 68982. Such claim shall include the claimant's name and address and a basis for the claim against the corporation. Any claim against the Corporation is barred unless an action to enforce the claim is commenced within three (3)

years from March 12, 2026.

Taylor A. L'Heureux

DeWald Deaver L'Heureux,

P.C. L.L.O.

Mar 12, 2026

Mar 19, 2026

Mar 26, 2026

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF

KEARNEY COUNTY,

NEBRASKA ESTATE OF

BARBARA K. LYNN,

DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR 26-7

Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Denise K. Rich, whose address is 1102 P Rd., Minden, NE 68959, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 26, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/Laura B. Tobiassen

Clerk of the County Court

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Read Across America



Kearney County schools wrapped up Read Across America on March 6 with reading buddies. Minden elementary students found places throughout the school to share a story with a family member. Axtell K-12 students gathered in the gym to read together and enjoy some popcorn. Wilcox-Hildreth 3rd-5th grade students made the trip to team up and buddy read with PK-2nd grade students. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner and Courtesy photos)

