

# Public Support Needed to Complete Kearney County Veterans Memorial

CINDY RAMSEY

A project to honor the veterans of Kearney County that began more than a 15 years ago has been revived by Minden American Legion Post #94 and VFW Post 5537. Several pieces necessary to make this vision of a Kearney County Veterans Memorial a reality are happening now and rely on public support.

Approval has been granted by the County Commissioners to place the memorial on the east side of the courthouse. Preliminary designs include six black granite slabs featuring the names of area veterans from the end of WWI to current day, with the option to expand, bordering the sidewalk around the current WWI memorial on the courthouse lawn.

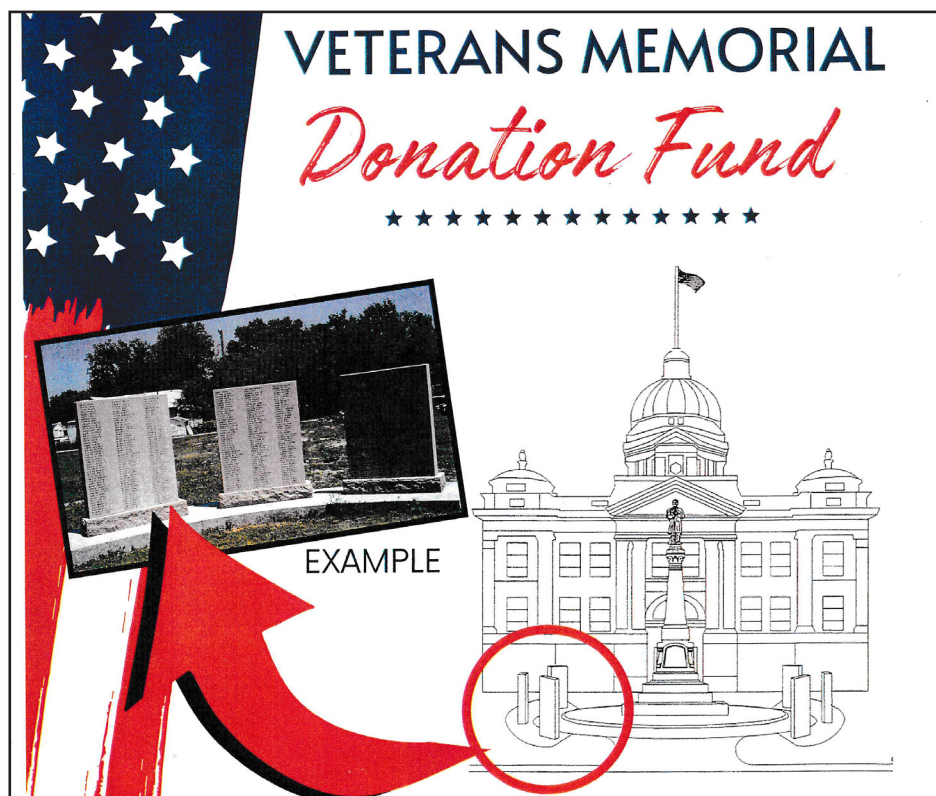
With a basic design and location determined, focus for the project is now on compiling a list of veterans to be included on the memorial and fundraising.

"The estimated cost right now is between \$150,000 and \$300,000," Kearney County Veteran Services Officer Philip Heun said. "There's a lot of things that can adjust that either way i.e. how we decide to put the names on, how big the stones really need to be, and the stone prices when we order. A lot of that stuff we can't really answer until we have at least a working list of names."

As KCVSO, Heun is overseeing the data collection portion of the project. The process is slow going at this time as he works to digitize county files that predate his appointment to the position.

"One of the first things I got told when I was hired was you need to get all those files scanned because there's a whole lot of paper files. So that's what is in process now and has been for five years," Heun explained.

Finding Kearney County draft boxes that have gone missing will aid in compiling a comprehensive list of names for the memorial. Any information that could help locate these boxes would be invaluable and great-



American Legion Post 94 and VFW Post 5537 are seeking public support to create a memorial to honor all Kearney County veterans. The conceptual design is pictured above. (Courtesy image)

## Weather Forecast

May 23:	66/52	
May 24:	69/54	
May 25:	72/53	
May 26:	72/51	
May 27:	73/52	
May 28:	75/53	
May 29:	78/55	



# News Briefs

## WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit [signupwic.com](http://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, June 9.

## Vacation Bible School

St. Paul Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School May 27-30 from 9am to noon each day. All kids who have completed one year of preschool through 6th grade are welcome to take part in this free program sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran, Westminster Presbyterian, and First Christian Churches. This year's theme is Epic Australian Adventure; An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus. Activities include crafts, Bible studies, music, snacks, games, and so much more. Register or volunteer at <https://vb-smate.com/events/mindenvbs/30371> or pick up a registration form at any of the sponsoring churches.

## Dawg Days

The Minden Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Dawg Days activities on Saturday, June 7 from 3-7pm on the square. Activities will include bounce houses, vendors, games, food, dog parade, and ping pong ball drop. The Minden Chamber of Commerce is looking for vendors and crafters to participate in Dawg Days on Saturday, June 7 from 3-7pm on the Minden square. Registration is due May 15. For more information contact Cassidy at 308.832.5031 email: [cassidy\\_lupkes@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidy_lupkes@yahoo.com) or Minden Chamber at 308.832.1811.

## KC Historical Society

Kearney County Historical Society - grand opening on June 1st, 2pm at Windmill Studios. Informative, interesting, and thrilling (murder) program featuring Dr. Nathan Tye, assistant professor of history at UNK. Kearney County residents will enjoy this speaker! Programs and refreshments are free, please come.

## Pioneer Village Kearney County Days

Kearney County residents can enjoy free admission to Harold Warp Pioneer Village during Kearney County Days on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 from 9am-4pm. Immerse yourself in a celebration of history and community spirit with artisan demonstrations, captivating historical reenactments, hands-on workshops, vintage vehicle vibes and live music that span the decades. Join the festivities for an educational and exhilarating experience that honors the roots and growth of America!

## City Wide Garage Sales

Mark your calendars, the Minden Chamber of Commerce will host the annual City Wide Garage Sales June 6-8. The Minden Courier will print garage sale maps for the event in the June 5th issue of the newspaper. To get your sale included, submit your listing to the Minden Courier along with payment of \$12. Be sure to include your name, address, and contact information in addition to the information you would like to have printed. Listings and payment must be submitted by Friday, May

30th. Listings and payment can be mailed to P.O. Box 379, Minden, NE 68959 or dropped off at our office at 520 N. Minden Avenue.

## Early Deadline

The Minden Courier office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. There will be an early deadline for the May 29th issue. All ad and content submissions must be turned in by Wednesday, May 21 at 5pm.

## Murder Mystery Show

As part of the Minden Opera House 25th Anniversary celebration, Minden Community Players will be putting on a murder mystery show! Be sure to join them on Saturday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Minden Opera House to help solve the mystery of who "Killed for the Crown"! No tickets to purchase, but free will donation appreciated.

## Whippet Sidewalk Paintings

The MHS Cheerleaders are offering sidewalk painting as a fundraiser for the Cheer Boosters. Painting options include: Paw Print \$30, Purpl M \$30, M and Whippet \$40, existing painting refresh Paw or M \$15 M and Whippet \$20. Paintings will be done on weekends during the month of May weather pending. Contact Desirae at 308-627-2916 to show your Whippet Pride!

## Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
5/10/25	85	58	-
5/11/25	83	59	-
5/12/25	83	55	-
5/13/25	87	58	-
5/14/25	83	62	.07
5/15/25	78	57	-
5/16/25	73	59	-
Total Week Precip.....			0.07

### 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.  
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### Legals are DUE on Friday at noon.

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# Letter to the Editor

## Rep. Bacon is Right to Support the End Kidney Deaths Act. Others Should Join Him.

By Sue Venteicher

Representative Don Bacon is doing something brave and urgently needed: he is standing up for kidney patients across Nebraska and the country by cosponsoring the End Kidney Deaths Act (H.R. 2687). As someone who worked in healthcare for 30 years, who became a living kidney donor, and who watched a dear friend's son die waiting for a transplant, I am profoundly grateful.

Now I am asking the rest of our congressional delegation, Representatives Flood and Smith, and Senators Fischer and Ricketts, to do the same. Please support this bill and help save lives.

The End Kidney Deaths Act is a ten-year pilot program that provides a refundable tax credit to Americans who donate a kidney to a stranger. It is designed to remove the financial burdens that keep many people from donating, including lost wages and travel costs. This is not about paying people for organs. It is about supporting those who are already willing to save a life but are unable to do so because of financial hardship.

Between 2010 and 2021, 100,000 Americans died waiting for a kidney. Every day, roughly two dozen more die. When someone receives a transplant, they do not just gain more years; they gain their life back. Transplant patients are often able to return to work, care for their families, and live without the constant exhaustion and pain of dialysis.

Representative Bacon understands this personally. His mother suffered from kidney failure. He saw the toll dialysis took on her. He also served our country for nearly 30 years in the Air Force, rising to the rank of Brigadier General. His leadership in the mili-

tary and now in Congress reflects a lifelong commitment to protecting and preserving life. Supporting this bill is an extension of that service.

When I donated my kidney, I did not know the person who would receive it. But my kidney launched an eighteen person donation chain that made it possible for 9 people in Nebraska to receive kidney transplants. The people that were part of the kidney chain lived throughout Nebraska, from Omaha, Bennett, Cozad, and Gering with other towns in between. This is important because rural kidney patients face significant barriers to accessing timely and appropriate healthcare. These challenges can lead to delayed diagnosis, less optimal treatment, and increased mortality rates.

The sad truth is that I knew another young man, Michael, who did not survive. He was on dialysis in his college dorm room every night. He was a wonderful young man full of hope and strength. He died because of kidney disease at 20 years old.

The End Kidney Deaths Act is projected to help up to 100,000 Americans receive life saving transplants and save up to \$37 billion in taxpayer money. Dialysis costs Medicare about \$100,000 per patient per year. A transplant is not only more effective; it is dramatically cheaper over time.

Living kidney donors, like me, go through rigorous screening. We live long, healthy lives, and we donate not for praise, but because we believe life is worth protecting. This legislation would help many more people step forward.

The American Medical Association supports testing donor compensation. So do the majority of transplant surgeons surveyed. And so do most voters.

Representative Bacon is leading with compassion and courage. I hope the rest of Nebraska's leaders will follow. Kidney patients do not have time to wait.

Please cosponsor the End Kidney Deaths Act.

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ly appreciated.

"We're going to talk to the Historical Society and find out what they have," Heun said. "They definitely weren't at the post office anymore although that's where the draft office was. If anybody knows where those ended up, that would be huge. That would probably bolster and add to what I already have because the files I have are solely vets that came here for benefits, it's not all inclusive. Draft selection boxes would have a lot of information and it would be focused specifically on this area. So that would be absolutely huge if somebody knew where those things were."

While Heun creates a list of veterans to be included in the memorial, the American Legion and VFW are focused on fundraising. 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 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.

Tickets are currently being sold for the raffle of a classic rifle donated by Jim Runions. Tickets are \$50 each and available at Miller Body Shop, Headquarters, Windmill Studios, and the Veteran Services office. The drawing will be held Memorial Day 2026. For more information about the raffle or where to purchase tickets, contact a Legion or VFW member.

Initial fundraising efforts for the project have yielded nearly \$20,000 which has been invested so this total grows as fundraising efforts continue. Thermometers to show fundraising progress can be found with the donation buckets and at the Veteran Services office. Organizers hope to have a larger thermometer on the square in the future so the public can more easily see how close the project is to its goal.

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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DAY**

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# MPS Excels in American Civics Inclusion

CINDY RAMSEY

An American civics hearing was opened immediately prior to the May 12 regular meeting of the Minden Public Schools Board of Education. No public comment was given during the hearing, but the board discussed how the district meets and exceeds state standards, especially in the high school.

Superintendent Jim Widdifield started by informing the board he had recently received a call from a resident who was thankful for all the things MPS does for civics. High school seniors attend school board and city council meeting, visit the courthouse to learn about County government, and take the citizenship test as part of the U.S. Government class taught by Aaron Martin.

Widdifield noted the civics piece is naturally built into the district's structure at every grade. MPS has been exceeding the state civics curriculum since before the state implemented these guidelines. Community involvement in these efforts is a large factor. Widdifield complimented the community and teachers for their great partnership in these efforts.

Board members Justin Glanzer and Darcie Reed agreed they believe MPS goes above and beyond what is required and continues to excel by providing opportunities to participate in a variety of civic centered events like the recent supreme court hearing held in Kearney. The board expressed its desire to continue providing these kinds of opportunities in the future.

After closing the hearing, the regular meeting was called to order and the board approved the excused absences of Andy Craig and Rusty Rhynalds. Pastor Tom Barnes offered public comment thanking the board and administrators for all they do to make MPS a district that teachers want to join.

The consent agenda was approved including April 14 minutes, financial reports, and expenditures and claims for payment. An amended budget may need to be approved in the near future to reflect expenses associated with the summer lunch program. There is great participation this year with 180 students ready to receive shelf stable food packages weekly. Each package includes seven days worth of breakfast and lunch, that is two more days of food than was provided last year. Widdifield noted this is a win-win for the kids. The higher expenses of the summer lunch program will be compensated with state/federal reimbursement, but it still may require an amended budget be approved.

The board approved the contract of Kylie Kubicka as high school art teacher for the 2025-26 school year pending background check. High School Principal Don Hosick told the board Kubicka is currently teaching at Kenesaw and she is excited to join the MPS staff. She was recently awarded for her own art and will be a valuable addition to the high school teaching staff not only as the art teacher, but also helping with the digital media class.

Three MHS students groups have out of state trips planned for the summer. Several girls wrestling members will be attending a wrestling camp in Colorado in June. National qualifying FBLA members will be attending the national conference in California at the end of June. National qualifying FCCLA members will be attending the national conference in Florida in July. The board noted FBLA and FCCLA members have represented the school well at nationals in the past and have done amazing at state this year. The girls wrestling team has maintained a high level of competition since it began and this camp has helped set that standard. All three trips were approved.

Several trees on school property are creating hazards and impacting functionality. Widdifield requested authorization from the board to allow him to approve bids for tree removal. Although the bids are expected to be well below the amount requiring this authorization, the request was made to ensure the board is kept well informed of

what trees are to be removed and why.

Trees bordering the parking lot west of the football field are becoming tangled in power lines. Trimming is no longer a viable option as the problem persists. Two trees at East Elementary are dead or dying which will become a hazard soon. Other trees inside the fence around the football field and near C.L. Jones Middle School will also need to be removed as they hinder functionality of the grounds and present safety concerns.

Concerned about visual indicators of the parking area's boundaries without the trees, the board discuss possible solutions. No definite plans were made, something will be put in place to define the parking lot boundaries for visitors. With that concern addressed, the board authorized the superintendent to approve the bid for tree removal.

The next regular meeting of the MPS Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 9 at 7pm in the MHS media center.



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**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025**

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# CLJMS Spring Concert

The C.L. Jones Middle School Spring Music Program & Art Show was held on May 12 at Minden High School with artwork and performances by 4th-8th grade students. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



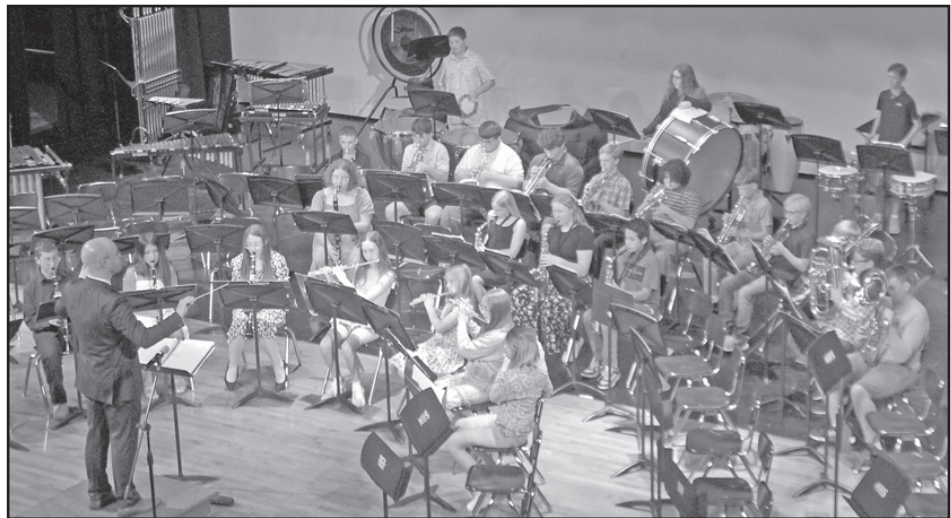
4th Grade Choir



5th Grade Band



5th Grade Choir



6th Grade Band



6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Choir



7th & 8th Grade Band



# Local Memorial Day Services and Celebrations

## AXTELL

**Saturday, May 24**

All Class Reunion - coffee & donuts, golf outing, Younes supper

**Sunday, May 25**

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — El Puerco Loco BBQ on Main Street  
2:00 p.m. — Donate Life 5k - Registration starts at 1:00 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. — Fox Fit Cornhole on Main Street \*Please bring your own bags to throw  
Evening with Cindy Boehler - South Park  
All Day — Ice Cream Truck on Main Street

**Monday, May 26**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. — Common Grounds Coffee Truck on Main Street  
10:30 a.m. — Pleasant Hills Cemetery Program with speaker Pastor Matt Snell  
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Meal at School-free will donation  
1:00 p.m. — Patriotic Kiddie Parade followed by parade - kids line up on North Main, floats on South  
Following Parade:  
Pool Opens  
Keene Kids 4H Pie  
Turtles & Toads Race  
Kids & Dreams foam machine  
FFA chalk drawing  
Bounce house at North Park  
Horseshoes at South Park

## FREDERICKSBURG

**Monday, May 26**

10:00 a.m. — The American Legion Post 94 and VFW Post 5537 Color Guard will conduct a service at the Fredericksburg Lutheran Church, 1 mile east and 5 miles south of Minden

10:30 a.m. — A service with guest speaker Pastor Don Hunzeker will follow inside the church

11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. — Lunch by the Fredericksburg Women of the ELCA featuring Danish Rolepse sandwiches also egg salad and yum yum sandwiches as well as a large variety of home baked pies

2:00 p.m. — Bazaar auction

## HEARTWELL

**Monday, May 26**

8:00 a.m. — VFW Post 5537 will conduct a service at Eaton Cemetery near Heartwell

8:30 a.m. — Following the Eaton Cemetery service, the VFW will conduct a service at Holy Family Cemetery near Heartwell

9:00 a.m. — The VFW will then conduct a service at Liberty Cemetery

## HILDRETH

**Monday, May 26**

10:00 a.m. — Coffee and donuts at the middle school followed by a program featuring Norman Westerbuhr. Westerbuhr is a Hildreth alumnus and a Navy pilot who flew

in Vietnam. Honor guard to follow outside the school. The service is hosted by Hildreth VFW 6016.

## MINDEN

**Monday, May 26**

5:45 a.m. — The Legion and VFW will be putting out large and small flags at the Minden Cemetery. The public is encouraged and invited to help put out the flags. Meet at the north end of the cemetery.

11:30 a.m. — Memorial Day Service at the Minden Cemetery with featured speaker Msgt Luke Cavanaugh, retired Airforce.

12:00 p.m. — At the conclusion of the Minden Cemetery service, the public is invited to a barbecue at Windmill Studios, 512 N. Colorado Avenue in Minden, from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is \$15 plate. There will be a drawing for raffle ticket prizes at the barbecue. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the barbecue.

4:00 p.m. — Flag pick-up and re-packing for storage will be at the cemetery. Flag folding and packing will be done at Windmill Studios. The public is invited to help.

## OSCO

**Sunday, May 25**

4:00 p.m. — A Memorial Day service will be held at the Osco Cemetery with speaker Pastor Tom Barnes and the Campbell Legion participating. Refreshments will be available following the service

## WILCOX

**Sunday, May 25**

11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Memorial Day lunch at Lions Hall served by the Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department.

**Monday, May 26**

9:30 a.m. — Coffee & rolls at Wilcox Town Hall  
10:00 a.m. — A Memorial Day program will be held at the Wilcox Town Hall

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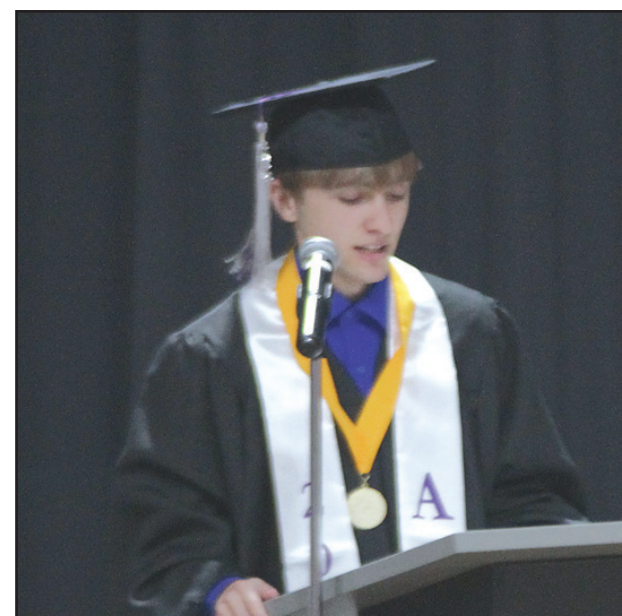
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# Minden and Axtell 2025 Commencements



Minden High School and Axtell Community School held 2025 Commencement ceremonies on May 17. MHS had 72 seniors in the graduation class. (top right) Minden Whippet senior Cade Harsin received the 2025 Honor Plaque from MHS Principal Don Hosick during the Minden High School Commencement. (above) Nathan Althouse brought attendees to both laughter and tears with his senior address during the MHS Commencement. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

Axtell Community Schools had 26 seniors in the graduation class. Salutatorian for the Wildcats was Caleigh Catanesse and Valedictorian was Noah Branstad (bottom right). (bottom left) Seniors presented flowers and embraces with those who supported them through their school years. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



# Cornerstone Bank Announces Officer Appointments

PRESS RELEASE

The Board of Directors of Cornerstone Bank announced the appointments of the following officers in Franklin and Hildreth, at their recent meeting.

Kimberly Wolles was named Loan Officer at our Franklin branch. She started with Cornerstone in November 2024 and just recently completed our Financial Services Trainee program. Kimberly graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Kimberly and her fiancé, Tyler Grams, reside near Riverton.

Jake Samuelson was named Loan Officer at our Hildreth branch. Jake started with Cornerstone Bank in August 2024 as a Financial Services Trainee. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Administration from the University of Nebraska-Kearney and also earned a Bach-

elor's Degree in Agribusiness from Fort Hays State University. Jake and his wife, Emily, reside in Minden.

Cornerstone Bank is a \$2.8 billion bank and has 48 banking locations in 39 communities along with 18 insurance agency locations. Cornerstone has branches in the following Nebraska communities: Albion, Ashton, Aurora, Bartlett, Beaver Lake, Bradshaw, Central City, Clay Center, Clearwater, Columbus, Creighton, Davenport, Edgar, Franklin, Geneva, Glenvil, Grand Island, Guide Rock, Hampton, Harvard, Henderson, Hildreth, Malmo, Marquette, McCool Junction, Monroe, Murray, North Loup, Orchard, Polk, Rising City, St. Edward, Shelton, Stromsburg, Sutton, Tilden, Waco, Wilcox and York. Cornerstone Bank is owned by First York Ban Corp. of York, Nebraska.



**KIMBERLY WOLLES,  
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**JAKE SAMUELSON,  
LOAN OFFICER  
HILDRETH BRANCH**

# Several Wayne State College Students Qualify for National Championships at SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference

PRESS RELEASE

May 14, 2025 (WAYNE, Neb.) – Twenty-six Wayne State College students earned high marks with 16 of them qualifying for the SkillsUSA National Championships during the Nebraska SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference held April 10-12 in Grand Island.

Wayne State students won nine competitions, which earned them 16 gold medals, 4 silver, and 4 bronze. Wayne State's national qualifiers will compete in SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference (NLSC) June 23-27 in Atlanta.

Local National qualifiers and their categories are:  
Crime Scene Investigation – Second Place  
Hildreth – Georgia Ramsey  
Wayne State student Hailey Hoffman, president of SkillsUSA at Wayne State, said all the hard work and preparation by students has been rewarded.

"I'm really proud of what our chapter accomplished in Grand Island, and we're looking forward to the national competition in Atlanta in June," said Hoffman.

About SkillsUSA  
SkillsUSA's National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) is the largest gathering of America's future skilled workforce and the ultimate recognition of excellence in career and technical education. Held in Atlanta each June, the NLSC is a week-long celebration of the skilled trades and the accomplishments of career-ready leaders from across the United States. The event brings together more than 16,000 attendees, including students, instruc-

tors, industry partners, government officials, administrators and more, according to the SkillsUSA website.

The highlight of the NLSC is the SkillsUSA Championships, where more than 6,000 state champions compete for national gold, silver and bronze medals in 115 skilled and leadership competitions.

The SkillsUSA organization helps students develop personal skills such as integrity, work ethic, professionalism, responsibility, adaptability, flexibility, and self-motivation. Students involved also gain communication,

decision making, teamwork, multicultural sensitivity and awareness, planning, organizing and management and leadership skills.

Wayne State College, a leading, public four-year college in Northeast Nebraska, is a proud member of the Nebraska State College System.

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US No. 1 Soybeans \$10.25-\$10.53  
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Weight Range – 906-948; Avg. Weight – 927; Price  
Range – \$284.50-\$300.25; Average Price - \$293.66  
Heifers – Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt./Actual Wt.)  
Weight Range – 551-599; Avg. Weight – 572; Price  
Range - \$329-\$378; Average Price - \$361.41



# NeRHA's Jed Hansen Testifies Before House Committee on Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

PRESS RELEASE

The Nebraska Rural Health Association (NeRHA) has been working to improve veteran healthcare access across the state through the External Provider Scheduling (EPS) program. On May 5, Executive Director Jed Hansen, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, testified before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs Subcommittee in Washington, D.C. on technology modernization to improve veteran access to care across the country.

NeRHA partnered with the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) in 2024 to launch a coordinated initiative to promote EPS adoption across the state's 72 rural hospitals and two academic medical centers. The multi-faceted strategy included newsletter updates, regional meeting presentations, webinars, and hosting technical sessions with WellHive at the annual Rural Health Conference.

Recognizing it would take years for a single vendor to individually connect with every hospital, NeRHA and NHA utilized their networks and connections to accelerate outreach and engagement exponentially.

This model is working. Nebraska's two largest academic medical centers are in active EPS implementation:

CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center - Bergan Mercy is finalizing appointment mapping and will soon launch an enterprise-wide EPS go-live across Nebraska.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center - UNMC is completing its security assessments and selected ophthalmology and dermatology clinics for phased EPS roll outs.



Additionally:

50 independent provider groups are live, including three mental health practices, Nebraska's largest private physical therapy group, and numerous optometry, nutrition, and chiropractic practices.

35 Critical Access Hospitals are engaged, with eight in active onboarding processes.

The EPS program holds great promise to bridge gaps in veterans' access to care. Nebraska's progress demonstrates that when national innovation meets local leadership and collaboration, real results follow.

# 729 Degrees Conferred at UNK Spring Graduation

PRESS RELEASE

KEARNEY - Graduate and undergraduate degrees were conferred for 729 spring graduates at University of Nebraska at Kearney commencement exercises on Friday, May 16 at UNK's Health and Sports Center.

Students graduating with honors have the honors noted after their names. Honors, along with grade-point averages necessary to earn those honors, include: summa cum laude, 3.90-4.00; magna cum laude, 3.80-3.89; cum laude, 3.70-3.79; and honorable mention, 3.50-3.69.

## Undergraduate Degrees

BA - Bachelor of Arts  
BAED - Bachelor of Arts in Education  
BS - Bachelor of Science  
BSED - Bachelor of Science in Education  
BFA - Bachelor of Fine Arts  
BGS - Bachelor of General Studies  
BM - Bachelor of Music

## Graduate Degrees

EDS - Education Specialist  
MA - Master of Arts  
MAE - Master of Arts in Education  
MBA - Master of Business Administration  
MS - Master of Science

MSE - Master of Science in Education  
MATR - Master of Athletic Training

Local students earning degrees were:

Brittney Anderson of Axtell, MSE, School Counseling  
Madelynn Loree Clausen of Axtell, BAED, Modern Languages Education

Gabriella Grace Dahl of Axtell, BS, Health Sciences

Ellie Elizabeth Petersen of Axtell, MSE, Learning, Design & Technology

Shelby Taylor Blum of Hildreth, BAED, Early Childhood Inclusive

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# Exhibit of Famous Architect's Works Showing at Pioneer Village

DAVID WENDELL, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

It's Wright in your backyard. No, that's not a misspelling. It's Frank Lloyd Wright, and he has come to Minden.

Wright is considered America's greatest architect of all time. His career spanned seventy years and he designed more than 500 of the nation's most iconic buildings, including the House on the Waterfall, the Guggenheim Art Museum, and the Sutton House in McCook.

To commemorate the 120th anniversary of Wright's first design for the unique residence on Norris Avenue in McCook, the Harold Warp Pioneer Village has opened an exhibit honoring the important role the Sutton property has played in architectural history.

With a display including mural sized photos, sketch drawings, furniture, and stained glass that showcase the colors, lines, and forms of what came to be known as the Prairie Style, it brings the genius of his architectural philosophy to Minden.

"Wright was designing buildings as early as when he was a teenager," says exhibit curator, David V. Wendell, "early on in his career, he wanted to develop a genre of architecture such as had never been seen before, replacing glimmering white columns with earthen tone colors and emphasizing the horizontal just as the countryside of the Midwest and Nebraska does."

In 1901, Wright published plans for such an innovative house in the Ladies Home Journal Magazine, and Charles Barnes and his wife contacted Wright to design a residence for them in McCook. His designs couldn't be built within their budget, so it was never erected, but the Barnes' friends, the Suttons, who were local

jewelers, saw the drawings and, in 1905, asked Wright to prepare a plan for them.

He initially created a modified version of their existing house, but this wasn't big enough, so he ultimately sketched a sizeable two story structure composed of cream colored stucco and hand crafted wood trim as a darker frame for the home's colorful art glass windows.

The symmetry of the house is remarkable," expresses Wendell, "in keeping with focusing on the horizontal, the main structure is accented by an unsupported hip pitched roof that extends out from the center of the south front and appears to float there in defiance of gravity, it's an engineering and artistic achievement."

Good art, however, does not come cheaply, and that was the case with the Sutton home. Despite compromises on building materials and decoration, what started out as a modest project, came out to cost more than twice what Wright had promised when it was finished in 1908.

The furniture and built-ins had also been custom designed, making the entire ensemble one of the best examples of his Prairie Style outside of Chicago. No other residents of Nebraska ever commissioned Wright after that, making the Sutton House the only work by the famed architect in the state.

"That makes it all the more endearing," intones Wendell, "the whole world knows the name Frank Lloyd Wright for the revolution he brought to architecture,



Historian David V. Wendell installs artifacts for a new exhibit honoring the architect Frank Lloyd Wright and his famous landmarks around the world including the Harvey Sutton House in McCook. The exhibition will remain on display through the summer season. (Courtesy photo by Will Ascarza)

that southern Nebraska should have such a masterpiece makes it all the more precious of a gem."

The exhibit, "Prairie Masterpieces: The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright" is currently on display at Pioneer Village, 138 Highway 6 in Minden.

"It's an opportunity to see other works by the architect," says Wendell, "and compare the Sutton estate to his other buildings for a better understanding of how this Nebraska landmark helped shape architecture and the arts around the country."


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# Minden Opera House to Welcome Back Husband and Wife Resident Artists After 10 Years

PRESS RELEASE

(Minden, Nebraska) Ten years ago the Minden Opera House invited John and Dodi Groesser to be the first Artists in Residence from May 10th to June 24th, 2015. The husband and wife team spent their time in Minden creating locally commissioned work, as well as giving live demonstrations of their very different painting styles. Now they return for a short show as a part of the 25th Anniversary Silver Celebration being held at the Minden Opera House May 23rd and 24th. They will not only have the show in the Gallery but will be participating with other artists in the MOH Art Show on May 24th from 11 am to 4 pm.

Often going by the moniker "2 Happy Painters," the style of the Groessers' individual artwork reveals much about their personalities. John, strongly influenced by the Impressionists, is bold, colorful and loose. Dorothy is more representative in her approach with soft edges. John loves a big canvas and big brushes while Dorothy chooses a more moderate approach. Because John's

energy won't allow him to stand still for too long, he paints with acrylic so he can paint with more abandon, make quick decisions and move on. Dorothy uses oil and is a little more deliberate in her approach. When painting the same scene, there will be two totally different expressions of that scene left on their canvas. Painting "en plein air", (painting on location outside) is their first choice, but they both are at home in their studio as well.

Both have won numerous awards in art exhibits and have paintings published in two books, *Painting North Carolina, Impressions in Plein Air* and *Painting North Carolina, A Visual Journey* both by Kimberlee Maselli of Cary, NC. They are active in their local art groups and are represented in River Walk Gallery in Washington, NC and Requisites in Virginia Beach, VA.

Originally from Nebraska (Dodi from Minden and John from Weeping Water), the couple now lives in the country near Greenville, NC, close to their family (which includes 4 beautiful grandchildren).



**Resident Artists Dodi and John Groesser**

The Groessers' show will be on display at the Minden Opera House from May 6 to May 28. MOH Director Marcy Brandt says, "The Groessers made such an impression on the community when they were here 10 years ago that we still have people asking about them. When we were planning the 25th Anniversary Silver Celebration, it was a bit of a no-brainer to see if they might consider coming back to be a part of the festivities. We are so delighted that they are making the effort to come all the way from North Carolina to join us for this special occasion."

## NFPA Provides Top Grilling Safety Tips for Memorial Day and Beyond

PRESS RELEASE

For many of us, Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start of summer, when many people dust off their grills to celebrate the holiday and prepare for outdoor cooking in the warmer months ahead. As they do, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) offers important safety tips and guidelines to help ensure that the grilling season remains fire-safe.

"Cookouts and outdoor grilling can be a great way to spend time with friends and family, but they do present potential risks," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Over Memorial Day weekend and throughout the summer, we want everyone to be aware of where and when grilling fires tend to happen, along with steps they can take to help prevent them."

NFPA data show that between 2019 and 2023, gas grills were involved in an average of 9,287 home fires per year, including 4,682 structure fires and 4,605 outdoor fires. In roughly one-fifth (20%) of these fires, the grill had not been cleaned. In addition, an annual average of 21,682 patients went to emergency rooms because of grill-related injuries between 2020 and 2024, according to data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"By following simple safety precautions, people can

greatly reduce the risk of grilling fires and associated risks," said Carli.

Here are NFPA tips, recommendations, and resources for using outdoor grills safely:

For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks. (Watch NFPA's video on how to check for leaks.)

Keep your grill clean. Make sure to remove all grease and fat buildup from the grills and the trays below.

Place the grill far from your home, deck railings, eaves, or overhanging branches.

Before lighting your gas-powered grill, always make sure the lid is open.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.

If you use starter fluid with charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire once it's been lit. When you finish grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing them in a metal container.

Never leave your grill unattended when in use.

For additional grilling safety information, check out the NFPA podcast episode, a blog post on fire code grill requirements, or a video on some lesser-known grilling safety tips.

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# Calendars and Menus

## Minden Public Schools

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, May 23: CLJ Gym Closed until August

Tuesday, May 27: HS FB Camp, 8 a.m.

Wednesday, May 28: HS FB Camp, 8 a.m.; State Boys GO Class C @ Grand Island, 9 a.m.; MS FB Camp, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29: MS Washington DC Trip; HS FB Camp, 8 a.m.; State Boys GO Class C @ Grand Island, 9 a.m.; MS FB Camp, 12:30 p.m.

Friday, May 30: MS Washington DC Trip; HS FB Camp, 8 a.m.

## Axtell Community School

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, May 23: State TR @ Omaha

Saturday, May 24: State TR @ Omaha

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day—Band

Tuesday, May 27: State GO @ North Platte

Wednesday, May 28: State GO @ North Platte

## Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, May 23: State TR @ Omaha

Saturday, May 24: State TR @ Omaha

Wednesday, May 28: State GO @ Quail Run Golf Course

Thursday, May 29: State GO @ Quail Run Golf Course

## 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, May 26: Center Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27: Chicken and noodles over mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll and fruit

Wednesday, May 28: Baked steak, baked potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, fruit and dessert

Thursday, May 29: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, biscuit and fruit

Friday, May 30: Meatballs, cheesy mashed, corn, bread, fruit and dessert

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# Paige Lindau of Hildreth Graduates from Teacher Scholars Academy at Nebraska

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, NE - Paige Lindau of Hildreth, an elementary education major, was among 33 students graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Teacher Scholars Academy May 17 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The students were also recognized during a celebration May 15 at Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall.

The academy was established to prepare teachers who will continue to grow and develop beyond their degree. Students in the academy are engaged in a supportive, cohort-based learning community throughout their teacher-education program.

"Graduates of the UNL Teacher Scholars Academy are part of a special community," said Nick Pace, interim dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences. "Our academy members have a deep sense of mission and have been supported by generous donors and expert faculty and staff who believe in the ability of teachers to make a difference. We are excited to see these passionate new educators begin making impacts on students across Nebraska and beyond."

The May graduates bring the total graduates from the academy to 112. Nearly 75% of previous graduates are teaching in schools across Nebraska.

For the full list of new graduates from the Teacher Scholars Academy, visit <https://go.unl.edu/720a>.

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# Do You Remember

## Eighty Years Ago — 1945

The Kearney County Historical Society planned for the placing of an Oregon Trail marker on the Lowell school grounds.

The Minden City Council raised all city employees' salaries under \$125 per month to that amount and the salary of Clayton Emal to \$175 per month and Andrew Nelson to \$155 per month.

Veterans Day was quietly observed with several local business closed for the day. Some groceries and the courthouse opened at noon.

## Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Mike Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Olsen, received the honor plaque during Minden High School graduation exercises. Warren Newbold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Newbold, was valedictorian and Larry Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bauer, was salutatorian.

May 9 marked the end of the first year of operation of the Kearney County Community Hospital. During the first year the hospital served 1,352 at the hospital- 66 girls and 67 boys.

Ardelle Martin was crowned May Queen at the coronation ceremonies of the Future Homemakers of America.

## Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Teachers leaving the Minden educational system were Kathleen Kuchar, Kay Anderson, Arlin Stuhr, Vivian Bunger, Wilma Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. James Garretson, Lucy Kruger, Jeanette Robertson, Leota Wilkinson, Mary Jenkins, Joe Bayer, Larry Tillotson, Don Helzer and Carol Tickle.

Valedictorian and salutatorian at Minden High School were Gleness Marlatt and Linda Thomsen, respectively. Catherine Staley received the honor plaque.

Lemmert Ideus replaced C.L. Jones as secretary of the Minden Chamber of Commerce.

## Fifty Years Ago — 1975

A grant of \$75,100 was completed to the city of Minden by the Farmers Home Administration to be used for the purpose of assisting with the development of an in-

dustrial park at the northeast corner of Minden.

New Minden High School pep club cabinet members were Mary Thomsen, Debbie Grams, Joy Felzien, Lynn Miller, Linda Werner and Mary Beth Barr.

Cheerleaders were Sara Finkner, Tammie Fritson, Betsey Raun, Nanci Ehrlich, Jan Manchester, Sally Schwenke, Margaret Sumstine and head cheerleader Sherri Jameson.

## Forty Years Ago — 1985

Thirteen students graduated from Hildreth High School with Jill Hinrichs as valedictorian and Curtis Bauer as salutatorian.

Sixteen students graduated from Wilcox High School. Class valedictorian was Linda Schubert and class salutatorian was John Jensen.

Ten seniors graduated from Axtell Community School. Lee Lorentzen, valedictorian, and Julie Ellner, salutatorian, presented their address together during graduation ceremonies.

## Thirty Years Ago — 1995

The First National Bank and Trust Co. announced the promotion of Kelley Ayres to the position of president.

The Osco Cemetery Association planned to erect the Sgt. Reuben Olsen Veterans Memorial, commemorating the deaths of veterans buried in the cemetery.

Children, their families and staff at Minden's Head Start center joined others across the country in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the organization. Head Start was established in 1965.

## Twenty Years Ago — 2005

For the second straight year, the Hats on for Hunger food drive at Minden C.L. Jones Middle School was a success. They exceeded their quota set for 2,500 items by collecting 2,602 food items.

Intense thunderstorms saturated Kearney County

with up to nine inches of rain that contributed to extensive damage to rural roads.

The Minden Whippets boys and girls track and field team had a collection of nine members qualify for the state track meet in eight events.

## Ten Years Ago — 2015

The community of Wilcox had a heavy heart after losing one of its own. United States Marine Corps Captain Dustin Lukasiewicz, 28, was aboard the UH-1Y Huey that went missing and crashed in the mountains of Nepal the previous week. He was serving with the Light Attack Helicopter Squadron based out of Camp Pendleton, California and his unit was part of a 300-member U.S. military aid mission providing relief to the April 25 earthquake victims. Lukasiewicz was a 2003 graduate of Wilcox High School before enrolling at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduating in 2007.

Minden Whippet senior Ali Rowse received the 2015 Honor Plaque from Minden Principal Don Hosick during the Minden High School Commencement.

Axtell Community Schools had 18 seniors in the graduation class. Valedictorian was Garrett Miller and Salutatorian was Samantha Trampe.

The Minden Whippets, Wilcox-Hildreth Falcons and Axtell Wildcats prepared to represent the area well at the 2015 Nebraska Schools Activities Association State Track and Field Championships in Omaha at Burke High School. Minden qualified 14 competitors from the B-5 district meet held in Broken Bow while Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth qualified 11 and four participants from the D-7 district in Kenesaw.



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## A Dozen Whippets Qualify for State Track

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Minden's girls qualified five across four events and the Whippet boys will send seven competitors in six events out of the B5 District Meet at Aurora on May 13. The State Track and Field Meet for classes A and B will be held on May 21-22 at the usual venue, newly renovated Omaha Burke stadium. The Minden boys team was fourth while the Whippet girls tied for fifth.

**BOYS** scores: GINW 94, Central City 87.5, Aurora 66.5, Minden 58, Hastings 52, Adams Central 50, Lexington 50, Holdrege 33, Broken Bow 23, York 13

**GIRLS** scores: GINW 107, York 58, Adams Central 58,

Hastings 55, Minden 50, Holdrege 50, Aurora 48, Broken Bow 46, Central City 29, Lexington 26

Winning District gold were: **boys**- Traelin Christensen (discus), Tanner Gibb (400), boys' 4x400 relay with Logan Verbeck, Orrin Kuehn, Parker Hatch and Gibb. **Girls**-Riley Eden (400)

**Boys** state qualifiers: Christensen, soph. (shot, discus); Brett Eckhardt, sr. (110 hurdles); Gibb, sr. (400); Caden Jameson, sr. (800, additional qualifier after comparison of times in other districts); 4x400 relay (Verbeck, soph., Kuehn, sr., Hatch, soph., Gibb)

**Girls** state qualifiers: Makenna Starkey, sr. (high jump); Kinsie Land, sr. (high jump); Mattie Kamery, sr. (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles-additional qualifier); Myla Emery, jr. (110 hurdles-additional qualifier); Eden, fr. (400)



The Minden track and field team competed in Aurora at Districts where the Whippets punched several tickets to state for multiple athletes. Pictured clockwise from above: Traelin Christensen launches his final discus attempt to punch his ticket to state. Myla Emery and Mattie Kamery run side by side in the hurdle competition. Caleb Schwenka pushes himself toward the finish line. (page 15 top to bottom) Riley Eden gives her all in the running event. Cade Harsin rounds the corner in the relay competition. (front page) Lauren Starkey and Rilynn Johnson give their all in the 100m dash. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

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**BOYS RESULTS****200-METERS** — Kuehn, 5th, 23.15**400-METERS** — Gibb, 1st, 50.38 (Q)**800-METERS** — Jameson, 4th, 2:01.09 (AQ)**3,200-METERS** — Gage Thull, 6th, 11:07.69**110-METER HURDLES** — Eckhardt, 3rd, 15.44 (Q)**300-METER HURDLES** — Hatch, 4th, 41.52; Luke Grollmes, 5th, 43.11; Eckhardt, 6th, 43.44**4x400 RELAY** — 1st, Verbeck, Kuehn, Hatch, Gibb, 3:27.7 (Q)**4x100 RELAY** — 6th, Kuehn, Hatch, Verbeck, Gibb, 44.72**SHOT PUT** — Christensen, 3rd, 49'3 (Q); Cael Smith, 6th, 44'2**DISCUS** — Christensen, 1st, 144'4 (Q)**GIRLS RESULTS****400-METERS** — Eden, 1st, 1:00.01 (Q)**3,200-METERS** — Alexa Warner, 5th, 12:29.51**100-METER HURDLES** — Kamery, 3rd, 15.43 (Q); Emery, 4th, 15.83 (AQ)**300-METER HURDLES** — Kamery, 4th, 48.77 (AQ); Emery, 5th, 49.63**4x800 RELAY** — 4th, Brielle Boudreau, Madi Morey, Luz Lopez, Aclynn Osterbuhr, 10:28.29**4x400 RELAY** — 6th, Eden, Kamery, Modery, Starkey, 4:21.9**4x100 RELAY** — 5th, Eden, Starkey, Kamery, Makenna Betty, 51.9**HIGH JUMP** — Starkey, 2nd, 5'5 (Q); Land, 3rd, 5'3 (Q); Aly Cederburg, 6th, 4'11

Years at state for this year's qualifiers:

**Boys-** Gibb (3), Eckhardt (2); Jameson (1), Christensen (1), Verbeck (1), Hatch (1), Kuehn (1)**Girls-** Starkey (4), Kamery (3), Land (3), Emery (3), Eden (1)

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# Cats Qualify Seven, Falcons Six to State Track

ROGER HANSEN

State Track and Field Meet qualifiers were aplenty for Wilcox-Hildreth and Axtell coming out of the D6 District at Sandy Creek on May 14. 11 schools participated.

**BOYS** scores: Kenesaw 108, Axtell 102, Deshler 67, Wil-Hil 63, Giltner 52, Silver Lake 34, Red Cloud 30, Franklin 30, Blue Hill 23, Lawrence-Nelson 11, Harvard 6

**GIRLS** scores: Silver Lake 125, Giltner 90, Kenesaw 72, Axtell 50, Wil-Hil 49, Deshler 37, Blue Hill 33, Franklin 32, Lawrence-Nelson 19, Red Cloud 16, Harvard 1

Axtell's boys' run of eight consecutive district championships came to an end, but not by much, as the Cats were edged by six points by Kenesaw.

Following are the area qualifiers, grade, number of events each qualified in and the number of years each has qualified for State--**Axtell boys**: Jake Halvorsen, sr. (4, 4 years), Caysen Havranek, jr. (4, 3 yrs.), Luc Lopez, sr. (3, 4 yrs.), Brandt Modlin, sr. (2, 2 yrs.), Elijah Bergstrom, sr. (2, 3 yrs.), Fletcher Clausen, sr. (1, 1 yr.); **Axtell girls**: Emily Danburg, jr. (1, 2 yrs.);

**Wilcox-Hildreth boys**: Graiden Ritner, sr. (2, 2 yrs.), Thomas Donley, jr. (2, 2 yrs.); Grant Henery, sr. (1, 1 yr.); **Wilcox-Hildreth girls**: Camryn Bunker, fr. (3, 1 yr.); Madison Bunker, sr. (1, 2 yrs.); Katelyn Bunker, sr. (1, 1 yr.)

Area District champions included--**Axtell**: Lopez (400,800), Halvorsen (110 hurdles, 300 hurdles), 4x100 relay (Bergstrom, Halvorsen, Modlin, Havranek), 4x400 relay (Bergstrom, Halvorsen, Lopez, Havranek); **Wilcox-Hildreth**: Ritner (100), Donley (pole vault), Camryn Bunker (high jump, 300 hurdles)

A 'Q' after a result indicates an automatic qualification; An 'AQ' indicates an additional qualifier

## BOYS RESULTS

**100-METERS** — Ritner, WH, 1st, 11.22 (Q); Donley, WH, 4th, 11.51

**200-METERS** — Ritner, WH, 2nd, 22.59 (Q) (**school record**—breaks Ritner's record set twice earlier this season)

**400-METERS** — L. Lopez, AX, 1st, 50.61 (Q); Donley, WH, 3rd, 52.69 (AQ)

**800-METERS** — L. Lopez, AX, 1st, 2:02.72 (Q); **1,600-METERS** — Henery, WH, 3rd, 5:01.95 (AQ); Isaiah Springer, AX, 4th, 5:06.84

**3,200-METERS** — Clausen, AX, 3rd, 11:00.37 (AQ); Alex Klatt-Treabelian, WH, 6th, 11:50.71

**110-METER HURDLES** — Halvorsen, AX, 1st, 15.78 (Q); Drew Blank, WH, 3rd, 17.98

**300-METER HURDLES** — Halvorsen, 1st, 42.47, (Q)

**4x800 RELAY** — Axtell, 5th, Aydan Houchin, Isaiah Sinachack, Kolton Lavicky, Felix Lopez, 9:39.27

**4x400 RELAY** — Axtell, 1st, Bergstrom, Halvorsen, L. Lopez,

Havranek, 3:33.23 (Q); Wil-Hil, 3rd, Kaden Schriener, Donley, Henery, Ritner, 3:39.15 (**school record**—former record 3:39.2 in 2005 by Alex Lush, Blake Keiser, Matt Schepler, Dillon Blank)

**4x100 RELAY** — Axtell, 1st, Bergstrom, Halvorsen, Modlin, Havranek, 44.59 (Q)

**POLE VAULT** — Donley, WH, 1st, 12'4 (Q)

**HIGH JUMP** — Modlin, AX, 2nd, 5'10(Q)

**LONG JUMP** — Havranek, AX, 2nd, 20'3 1/2 (Q); Ritner, WH, 3rd, 20'1

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Havranek, AX, 2nd, 40'5 (Q)

**DISCUS** — Caleb Kindschuh, SX, 4th, 128'0; Alec DeBord, AX, 5th, 122'10

## GIRLS RESULTS

**800-METERS** — Avery Stritt, AX, 3rd, 2:39.83; Emma Hall, AX, 5th, 2:45.9

**3,200-METERS** — Cara Bunker, WH, 4th, 14:34.83

**100-METER HURDLES** — Cam Bunker, WH, 2nd, 15.85 (Q); Katelyn Bunker, WH, 4th, 17.23 (AQ); Kali Philippi, AX, 5th, 17.88

**300-METER HURDLES** — Cam Bunker, WH, 1st, 49.58 (Q)

**4x800 RELAY** — Axtell, 4th, Hall, Maddie Wells, A. Stritt, Danburg, 10:55.83

**4x400 RELAY** — Axtell, 5th, Leah Stritt, Hall, A. Stritt, Ella Lorenz, 4:48.67

**4x100 RELAY** — Axtell, 2nd, Mina Schilling, L. Stritt, Ashlynn Nelson, Danburg, 53.8

**POLE VAULT** — Danburg, AX, 3rd, 8'2

**HIGH JUMP** — Cam Bunker, WH, 1st, 4'11(Q); Hall, AX, 4th, 4'7

**LONG JUMP** — Ashlynn Nelson, AX, 4th, 15'1 1/2; Philippi, AX, 5th, 14'9

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Danburg, AX, 2nd, 32'4 (Q); Dinah Culp, WH, 3rd, 32'0

**SHOT PUT** — Morgan Hawkins, AX, 5th, 32'4; Madison, WH, 6th, 32'2 1/2

**DISCUS** — M. Bunker, WH, 3rd, 114'8 (AQ)

The State Meet for classes D and C is May 23-24 at Omaha Burke



Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth competed at Districts held at Sandy Creek High School on May 12. Multiple athletes from both schools punched their ticket to the state competition. Pictured clockwise from above: Kali Philippi (AX) gives her all in the triple jump competition. Madison Bunker (WH) launches her shotput attempt. Thomas Donley (WH) prepares for takeoff in the pole vault. Caysen Havranek (AX) lands in the sand after his triple jump attempt. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson)





# Whippets End Golf Regular Season at Awarii Dunes Classic

PHIL SERRONE

Whippet golf season has officially reached its conclusion with their final regular season invite taking place at the Awarii Dunes Classic on Wednesday, May 14. This is a giant-sized invitational with 16 different teams in attendance.

As a team, Whippets placed 11th overall with a team stroke score of 340. No golfer earned an individual medal for Minden but the team showed their resilience throughout the 18-hole course battling strong windy conditions.

Turner Schmidt had the best finish at the Awarri Classic with an individual stroke score of 80. Will Runions was the next man up with a stroke score of 84 followed by Carter Frecks' stroke score of 87. Andrew Runions 89 and Brody Sexton 95 made up the remaining Minden team score.

Minden JV was also in attendance at the meet and the team put together a team stroke score of 359. Travler Pearson led the way with a stroke score of 87. Zach Klabunde 88, Luke Craig 88, Jack Scheibel 96 and Aiden Sinsel 114 were the remaining JV scores.

Districts will have taken place two days ago in Grand Island and the Courier will have a full recap from the big event in next week's issue.



Minden golf ended their regular season at the crowded Awarii Dunes Classic on Wednesday, May 14. Pictured: Travler Pearson lines up his putt attempt. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

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Will Runions	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	Will Runions	7	3	6	3	6	4	3	5	8	84
Brody Sexton	5	6	6	5	4	5	5	6	7	Brody Sexton	4	3	5	4	9	4	4	6	7	85
Carter Frecks	6	3	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	Carter Frecks	4	3	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	87
Andrew Runions	7	3	6	4	2	8	4	5	7	Andrew Runions	5	2	6	4	5	4	5	7	5	89
Turner Schmidt	6	3	4	4	4	5	3	6	5	Turner Schmidt	4	2	6	3	6	4	5	5	5	80

## Kearney County Athletes 2025 State Track Schedule

Following are the approximate times for the events for each of the area's state track and field qualifiers. May 21-22 is Minden (class B), May 23-24 is Wilcox-Hildreth and Axtell (class D)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21:

11:30- shot put, Traelin Christensen  
2:25-100 hurdles prelims, Mattie Kamery, Myla Emery  
2:45- 110 hurdles prelims, Brett Christensen  
4:05- 400 dash finals, Riley Eden (F), Tanner Gibb (M)

### THURSDAY, MAY 22:

9:30- high jump, Kinsie Land, Makenna Starkey  
12:00 noon- discus, Traelin Christensen  
1:30- 800, Caden Jameson

3:10- 100 hurdles finals (F, if any qualifiers)  
3:20- 110 hurdles finals (M, if any qualifiers)  
4:40- 300 hurdles finals, Mattie Kamery  
5:55- 1600 relay, Logan Verbeck, Parker Hatch, Orrin Kuehn, Tanner Gibb

### FRIDAY, MAY 23:

9:00- discus, Madison Bunker (WH)  
9:30- triple jump, Caysen Havranek (AX)  
11:30- high jump, Brandt Modlin (AX)  
2:25- 100 hurdles prelims, Camryn Bunker, Katelyn Bunker (WH)  
2:45- 110 hurdles prelims, Jake Halvorsen (AX)  
3:05- 100 dash prelims, Graiden Ritner (WH)  
4:05- 400 dash finals, Luc Lopez (AX), Thomas Donley (WH)  
4:45- 3200 run, Fletcher Clausen (AX)  
6:00- 200 dash prelims, Graiden Ritner (WH)

### SATURDAY, MAY 24:

9:30- high jump, Camryn Bunker (WH)  
9:30- long jump, Caysen Havranek (AX)  
11:30- triple jump, Emily Danburg (AX)  
Noon- pole vault, Thomas Donley (WH)  
1:30- 800 run, Luc Lopez (AX)  
2:10- 400 relay, AX, Elijah Bergstrom, Jake Halvorsen, Brandt Modlin, Caysen Havranek  
3:10- 100 hurdles finals (F, if any qualifiers)  
3:20- 110 hurdles finals (M, if any qualifiers)  
3:30- 100 dash finals (M, if any qualifiers)  
4:05- 1600 run, Grant Henery (WH)  
4:40- 300 hurdles finals, Camryn Bunker (WH)  
5:00- 300 hurdles finals, Jake Halvorsen (AX)  
5:20- 200 dash finals (if any qualifiers)  
5:55- 1600 relay, AX, Elijah Bergstrom, Jake Halvorsen, Luc Lopez, Caysen Havranek



# Wildcat Golf Ends Regular Season at Bertrand Invite

PHIL SERRONE

While the Axtell golf team has not had as many golfers go out for the sport as in years past, the Wildcats have maintained a strong effort throughout the season at all their meets. This was no different at the team's final regular season meet held in Bertrand on May 15.

Connor Strolberg led the way for the Wildcats with a stroke score of 100. Warren Myers shot a stroke score of 119 followed by Logan Cappel's score of 153. Due to low numbers, Axtell was not placed on the overall team leaderboard.

Axtell will have competed at Districts in Elwood at Lakeside Golf Club earlier this past Monday. We will have a full recap of District golf for Axtell, Wilcox-Hildreth and Minden in next week's paper!



Axtell golf ended their regular season with an invitational held in Bertrand on May 15. Pictured: Logan Cappel drives the ball. (Courtesy photo by Coach Donnie Miller)

## Minden Summer Ball Schedules

<b>MAY 27</b> 8U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30pm 10U Baseball - Jaycee Park 6:30pm 12U Baseball - Jaycee Park 8pm	10U Softball - Augie Nelson 7:15pm 12U Softball - Augie Nelson 8:30pm
<b>MAY 28</b> 8U Softball - Augie Nelson 6pm 12 U Softball - Augie Nelson 7:15pm	<b>JUNE 10</b> 8U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30 & 8pm 12U Baseball - Jaycee Park 6:30pm
<b>MAY 29</b> 8U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30 & 8pm 12 U Baseball - Jaycee Park 6:30 & 8pm	<b>JUNE 11</b> 8U Softball - Augie Nelson 6pm 12U Softball - Augie Nelson 7:15pm
<b>JUNE 2</b> 8U Softball - Augie Nelson 6pm 10U Softball - Augie Nelson 7:15pm 12U Softball - Augie Nelson 8:30pm	<b>JUNE 12</b> 8U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30pm 10U Baseball - Jaycee Park 6:30pm 14U Baseball - Legion Field 6:30pm
<b>JUNE 3</b> 8U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30 & 8pm 10U Baseball - Jaycee Park 6:30 & 8pm	<b>JUNE 16</b> 8U Softball - Augie Nelson 6pm 10U Softball - Augie Nelson 7:15pm
<b>JUNE 4</b> 8U Softball - Augie Nelson 6pm 12U Softball - Augie Nelson 7:15pm	<b>JUNE 17</b> 8U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30 & 8pm 10U Baseball - Jaycee Park 6:30 & 8pm
<b>JUNE 5</b> 12U Baseball - Jaycee 6:30 & 8pm 10U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30 & 8pm	<b>JUNE 18</b> 8U Softball - Augie Nelson 6pm 12U Softball - Augie Nelson 7:15pm
<b>JUNE 9</b> 14U Baseball - Legion Field 6:30pm 8U Softball - Augie Nelson 6pm	<b>JUNE 19</b> 14U Baseball - Legion Field 6:30pm 8U Baseball - Augie Nelson 6:30 & 8pm 12U Baseball - Jaycee Park 6:30 & 8pm

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### GRANT HENERY - TRACK

**School** - Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

**Grade** - Senior

**Achievements in past seasons and this season:** Grant is a three-time state qualifier in cross country. He is also a FKC all conference cross country runner.

**Challenges he has overcome:** He has missed out on state track from a stress fracture his sophomore year and sinus infection his junior year.

**Attributes that have led to his success:** Grant has been a hard worker for his entire high school and junior high career. He has done everything that he has been asked to do. - Coach Dustin Johnson



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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### CONNOR STROLBERG - GOLF

**School** - Axtell Community School  
**Grade** - Sophomore

**Achievements** - Connor Strolberg has made the transition to playing full-time on the varsity level this season.

**Challenges** - At times he tends to put too much pressure on himself, instead of trusting his game.

**Attributes** - Connor is committed toward improving each aspect of his game. Connor is a pleasure to coach; he has a positive attitude and strives to improve each day. He will be a solid player in the next two seasons! - Coach Miller



  
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# Falcons End Regular Season with Two Meets

PHIL SERRONE

Wilcox-Hildreth's golf regular season has reached its end in a year that saw each golfer consistently improve with routine top-15 finishes at multiple events for the Falcons. Concluding their regular season was a trip to Franklin on May 13 followed by a dual against Silver Lake on May 15.

In their last invite of the season, the Falcons showed out with a third place team finish with a stroke score 368. Alma and Overton were the only two schools to outperform Wilcox-Hildreth.

The Falcons strong placement on the team leaderboard was anchored by two golfers placing in the top 10 overall. Eli Pistulka ended a strong regular season with another top five finish after placing fourth overall with a stroke score of 84. Gavin Patterson trailed four strokes behind his teammate with a stroke score of 88 earning himself a medal at ninth place.

Brody Patterson and Alex Casper tied with one another with a stroke score of 98. Aubree Overholser ended the event with a stroke score of 107.

Ending the week, the Falcons traveled to Silver Lake for a dual that was put together by the two head coaches as a fun event in preparation for districts. Golfers were paired with teammates at the nine-hole scrambled event.

Brothers Gavin Patterson and Brody Patterson took home first place honors after shooting a stroke score 36. Pairings for Wilcox-Hildreth were Alex Casper and Micah Johnson and Eli Pistulka paired with Aubree Overholser. One trio group was put together consisting of Cody Schriener, Mason Johnson and Jadon Harrold. No other scores were provided.

Districts took place this past Monday in Elwood at Lakeside Golf Club. Eli Pistulka and Gavin Patterson performances over the last couple weeks bolsters their chance at punching their ticket to state. The Courier will have a full recap of golf districts in next week's issue!

Here is the individual score breakdown from Franklin:

Eli Pistulka: 84

Gavin Patterson: 88

Brody Patterson: 98

Alex Casper: 98

Aubree Overholser: 107



The Wilcox-Hildreth golf team completed their regular season in a dual with Silver Lake on May 15 at Hastings Elk's Golf Club. Falcon pairings at the event: (above) brothers Gavin and Brody Patterson (left) Micah Johnson and Alex Casper (far left) Micah Eiley and Sutton Strong. (Courier photos by Stacie Pistulka)



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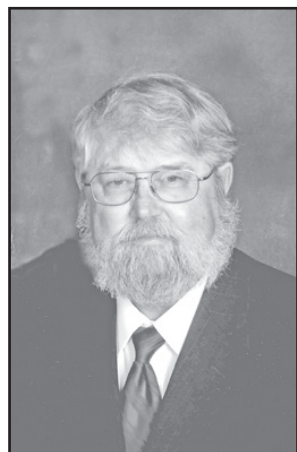






# Obituaries

## Leonard L. Ginder, 75 - Minden Resident



Leonard L. Ginder, 75, of Minden, passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney. Memorial services were held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Minden with Rev. William Zwick officiating. The family requested casual attire. The service was streamed to the church's YouTube page. Private family burial will be held at a later date. There was no visitation. Memorials in Leonard's honor are kindly suggested to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Sanctuary Renovation Fund, St. Croix Hospice in Grand Island, or the Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney.

Leonard Lawrence Ginder was born on December 30, 1949 in Kearney to Bernard and Shirley (Fielding) Erpelding. He entered the United States Marines where he faithfully served from May 31, 1968 to May 24, 1972. Leonard was united in marriage to JoLayne Carter on July 9, 1971 in Minden and to this union four children were born: Lenny, Angie, Tara, Cassie, and bonus son, Chris Morris. The family made their home in Minden, where he owned L & L Construction with his son Lenny. Leonard spent the last three years living at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney, which he greatly enjoyed.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Leonard took pride in being able to operate heavy equipment of many types and loved watching others operating them after he was diagnosed with IBM. Monday night poker was very important, and he treated all the "boys like gold". He often went to horse races at Fonner Park and loved playing pitch with his family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, JoLayne Ginder of Minden; son, Lenny Ginder (Tonya Nickel) of Minden; daughters, Angie Ginder, Tara Ginder (Paul Wellman), and Cassie Ginder Wright (Mike Wright) all of Minden; bonus son, Chris Morris (Dena Maguire) of Minden; grandchildren, Devon Ginder, Regan Ginder and Marissa Wellman all of Minden; brother, Richard Ginder (Jennifer) of Meridian, ID; sister, Geraldine Delozier of Post Falls, ID; in-laws, Jan Carter (Lori) of Minden, Jim Carter (Ruth) of Abbyville, KS, and Jerry Morris of Cowley, WY; as well as a host of extended relatives and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Randy and Lad; sister, Ginger Morris, parents, Bernard and Shirley Erpelding; and stepfather, George Ginder.

Tributes and memories can be shared with the family at [www.craigfunerals.com](http://www.craigfunerals.com).

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<p><b>\$139,000</b> <b>2616 6th St. - Hastings</b> 2 Bed, 1 Bath, recently updated</p>	<p><b>702 17th Ave. - Franklin</b> 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage</p>	<p><b>\$1,250,000</b> <b>1130 J St. - Hastings, Commercial</b> Building - 1.7 acres, 9,600 sq. ft.</p>	<p><b>\$189,500</b> <b>201 Pine St. - Kenesaw</b> 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage</p>
<p><b>PENDING</b> <b>620 Grant St. - Holdrege</b> 4 Bed, 1 Bath, 6 Car Det. Garage</p>	<p><b>PENDING</b> <b>733 Blaine St. - Minden</b> 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage</p>	<p><b>\$265,000</b> <b>3411 7th St. - Hastings</b> 5 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage</p>	<p><b>\$185,000</b> <b>1006 Williams Ave. - Hastings</b> 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Newly Remodeled</p>



# Legal Notices

## NOTICE

### AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 7:00 PM LIBRARY

The board reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. AGENDA 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. Motion to approve absent board member. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Absent, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 2. Open meetings law is posted and recognized. 3. Recognition of guests and public comment. 4. Approval of minutes of April 14, 2025 board meeting and the April 14, 2025 LB 399 Public Hearing. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Matt Strolberg. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Absent, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 5. Presentation: FBLA, Tara Smith & Isaiah Sinachack. 6. Discussion and action of district financial reports. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Matt Strolberg. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 7. Discussion and action of district claims. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and

a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 8. Administrative Reports. a. Jenn DeBord, Principal. 1. Field Day. 2. Testing. 3. \$500 award received. 4. Field Trips. b. Craig Lorenz, Principal. 1. Multicultural Report. 2. State Track. 3. Final Exams. 4. Bus Evacuation Drill. c. Rob Gregory, Superintendent. 1. Summer School: June 2-6 & July 21-25. H.S. credit recovery: May 27 - June 9. 9. Discussion Items. a. Salary Advancement Application: Alexas Kuehn. b. Staff Resignation: Jessica Hill. c. Elementary Rover Teacher Contract: Shelby Blum. d. Superintendent Authorization: for federal applications, grants, receive federal funds including Title funds, IDEA, & REAP. e. District Visa Credit Cards: 1st National Bank of Omaha used by Principal, Staff, and Superintendent. Limits are set at \$10,000 for Sup card, Administration is \$5,000 & Principal \$1,000, Wildcat Business Card \$2,500. f. Dug's Shop. g. HSA: Health Savings Accounts thru 1st State Bank of Holdrege. h. Building Update: flooring, key, keyless, door hardware, beams, mop sink. i. Village owned parking lot. 10. Action Items. a. Approval of salary advancement and graduate course of study for Alexas Kuehn. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda

Almquist Yes. b. Regretfully accept the resignation of Jessica Hill as the K-12 Art teacher. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. c. Approval of 2025-26 teaching contract for Shelby Blum as elementary roving teacher. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. d. Approval of 1st State Bank of Axtell as our Bank Depository for the 2025-26 school year. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. e. Approval of Dug's Shop for mechanic and bus inspections for the 2025-26 school year. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Kurt Behrhorst and a second by Linda Almquist. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. f. Approval of Mr. Gregory to apply for and receive federal grant funds for the 2025-26 school year. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen

en Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. g. Approval of Visa Credit Cards titled Superintendent, Administration, Principal, and Wildcat Business for district use in the amounts of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$2,500. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. h. Approval of 1st State Bank of Holdrege for the district Health Savings Accounts (HSA) for the 2025-26 school year. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Matt Strolberg. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. i. Approval of flooring and paint change order to the new addition in the amount of \$34,886.25. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. j. Approval of door hardware including keys, & locks to remain the same as the original accepted quote. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. k. Approval of rock for village owned parking lot from Broadfoot for \$5,400.

Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. 5 Yeas- 1 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen No, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. 11. Informational Item. a. May calendar. b. Next board meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 7:00 PM. 12. Motion to adjourn. Motion Passed: Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. 6 Yeas- 0 Nays. Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Linda Almquist Yes. Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 8,029.64; APPLE INC 658.00; ARCHWAY, THE 167.00; BIG APPLE FUN CENTER 780.15; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 1,948.91; BLICK ART MATERIALS 1,604.57; CAPITAL ONE - WALMART 180.13; CLEAR LIVE LLC 97.54; COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC 2,808.71; DANA F COLE & COMPANY, LLP 150.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS 1,627.00; ESU #10 923.35; ESU #11 1,694.70; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER 3,389.35; GROOTHUIS & SONS PLUMBING LLC 1,943.00; HAMILTON LONG DISTANCE 1,492.85; HOBBY LOBBY STORES INC 33.91; INSECT LORE 48.95; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 62.16; JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. 47.60; JUICE PLUS+ COMPANY LLC, THE 138.00; JUMP-A-ROO 1,025.00; KAT'S KORNER MARKET 412.68; KEARNEY AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM 280.00; KINDSCHUH CONSTRUCTION, CO 70.00; KULLY PIPE & STEEL SUPPLY 136.51; LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS 38.96; LANDMARK IMPLEMENT CAR-

QUEST 94.40; LUNCH FUND 637.98; MENARDS-KEARNEY 1,297.20; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC 2,304.00; MISKO SPORTS, LLC 960.55; NEBRASKA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION 100.00; NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS 180.00; NEBRASKA FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING PROGRAM 704.00; NEBRASKA U.C. FUND 2,654.00; NELSON, AMY 26.00; NETA 1,374.00; PERMA-BOUND 181.50; PERRY GUTHRY HAASE & GESSFORD, PC, LLO 612.00; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC 339.00; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC 354.00; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC 68.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT 2,536.14; RIMOL GREENHOUSE SYSTEMS, INC 1,587.00; SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC 168.47; SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT 6,192.92; SWANSON SEPTIC SERVICES LLC 600.00; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING 130.23; TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC 75.25; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 1,640.00; VERIZON WIRELESS 23.24; VILLAGE OF AXTELL 982.93; VISA 723.82; WARD'S SCIENCE 143.92; Vendors Listed: 55; Total: 56,479.22; May Payroll: 386,818.05; Total: 443,297.27. Fund: 08 SPECIAL BUILDING FUND: BD CONSTRUCTION, INC 318,497.75; GSI ENGINEERING, LLC 5,106.20; Vendors Listed: 2; Total: 323,603.95. Fund: 10 COOPERATIVE FUND: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 114.99; ESU #10 407.24; ESU #11 16.23; HOMETOWN LEASING 99.81; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC 55.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT 1.00; Vendors Listed: 6; Total: 694.27; May Payroll: 21,518.93; Total: 22,213.20. May 22, 2025 (345) znez



## NOTICE VILLAGE OF WILCOX MINUTES MAY 13, 2025

The Village of Wilcox Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 13 2025. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Post Office and High Street Insurance. Agendas and meeting packets were hand delivered to each member of the Village Board. Chm. Gardels called the meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson and Adam. Others in attendance were D. Walker, R. Gellermann and D. Fecht. The minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Nash with second by Adam to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The following claims were presented for payment: Syn-

dicare 55.30; Great Plains Com. 241.70; Cornerstone Insurance 50.00; DWS&D 135.00; CPI 395.31; NE Public Env. Health Lab 169.25; Wilcox Utilities 800.56; Black Hills 166.33; SPPD 396.06; Central Dist. Health Lab 78.00; NPPD 13,056.92; SPPD 2242.20; Dutton-Lainson 459.89; Power Plan 111.46; R. Fletcher 27.38; Town & Country 175.71; Visa 232.74; SCS 4253.00; Vestis 117.50; Newman Tree Service 6500.00; NE Dept of Rev 1147.23; Salaries 5719.70; EFTPS 1567.64; NYLife 1023.76; Council 175.00; Transfers 1492.77. Motion by Adam with second by Nash to approve all claims for payment. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. All delinquent utility bills were reviewed. Nuisance properties were discussed. Letters will be sent to property owners by the attorney. The property of 107 S. Stockton St. will be added. The Planning Commission presented the following applications to

the board with their recommendations. #408 – R. Gellermann – garage. Approved by the Planning Commission. #409 – Z. Rehtus – fence. On hold for more information on property lines. #410 – E. Wilson Construction for B&R Rentals – three sided fence to hide trash dumpsters. Approved by Planning Commission. #411 – D. Vairy – Addition to house. On hold by Planning Commission. #412 – S. Woollen – Addition to shop. Approved by the Planning Commission. Motion by Adam to approve building permit applications #408, #410, #412. Second by Nash. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Johnson with second by Norman to table permit applications #409 and #411. Motion carried. Applications tabled until further information is received. The Board discussed legal action regarding 305 & 309 E. Franklin St. Our attorney will schedule a court hearing to establish amount of lien. Attorney

was authorized to make offer to purchase property. A vicious dog case has been filed in court with service to owner on May 14, 2025. Discussion was tabled regarding assessing fees on abandoned property. Discussed the hiring of summer help. Motion by Nash to hire G. Henery for the summer. Second given by Adam. Motion carried unanimously. Discussed asking the County to move the County shed located on Evertt St. to the truck parking area. B. Johnson will talk with the County Road Dept. Discussed living in R. V.'s in town. Letter will be sent to resident to have R.V.'s moved within seven days of school being out. The board discussed starting a CDA bank account. This will be tabled until the budget work night in July. Resolution #679 – Authorizing and adopting a program for the expedited review of certain tax increment financing projects pursuant to Section 18-2155 of the Nebraska

Community Development Law. Motion by Adam to approve Res. #679. Second was given by Johnson. Motion carried. Res. #679 was approved. Other information on Workforce Housing was reviewed. The board reviewed the proposals from Figgins Construction on the streets to be repaired this summer. The total proposal cost of all work is \$46,437.15. Motion by Nash to accept Figgins Construction's proposals. Second given by Norman. Motion carried. Proposals were signed by Chairman. In other discussion, the board discussed what price the Village would sell

one of the Noxon St. lots for the construction of a home. We will have this lot appraised by the June 10th meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: Melinda Ferree  
Village Clerk

APPROVED: Brad Gardels,  
Chairman  
Wilcox Village  
Board of Trustees

May 22, 2025  
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**MICHAEL S. BORDERS,  
#20955 BORDERS LAW  
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BROKEN BOW, NE 68822**  
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION  
OF: J&T Graber Farms, LLC  
REGISTERED OFFICE: 535 S  
10th Ave; PO Box 133; Bro-  
ken Bow, NE 68822  
REGISTERED AGENT: Mi-  
chael S. Borders  
DESIGNATED OFFICE AD-  
DRESS: 727 E 2nd Street,  
Minden, NE 68959  
Company shall engage in  
any lawful business for  
which a company may be  
formed under the Nebraska  
Uniform Limited Liability  
Company Act. Perpetual  
existence commenced on  
April 28, 2025, when the  
Certificate of Organization  
was filed with the Secre-  
tary of State. Affairs are to  
be conducted by the Mem-  
bers of the Company as  
set forth in the Operating  
Agreement.  
Michael S. Borders  
Borders Law Office  
535 S. 10th Avenue  
PO Box 133  
Broken Bow, NE 68822  
May 8, 2025  
May 15, 2025  
May 22, 2025  
(35) znez

NOTICE

**NOTICE OF  
ORGANIZATION OF  
LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that there has been orga-  
nized under the Nebraska  
Uniform Limited Liability  
Company Act, the follow-  
ing-named limited liability  
company: Fifth & Second,  
LLC. The street and mailing  
address of the initial desig-  
nated office is 881 S Blaine  
Ave., Minden, NE 68959. Ca-  
leb Hoyt is the initial agent

at such address for purpos-  
es of service of process.  
Dated: May 9, 2025.  
Fifth & Second, LLC,  
A Nebraska Limited  
Liability Company.  
By/s/ Andrew S. Olson  
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Bar No. 26841  
Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C.,  
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Holdrege, NE 68949-0586  
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aolson@doclaw.net  
May 15, 2025  
May 22, 2025  
May 29, 2025  
(34) znez

NOTICE

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that,  
on Tuesday, May 27, 2025,  
at 9:00 am, a meeting con-  
ducted by Wilcox-Hildreth  
Public Schools will take  
place in the Wilcox Confer-  
ence Room. The purpose of  
the meeting will be to pro-  
vide an opportunity for par-  
ents and representatives of  
nonpublic schools to partic-  
ipate in the development of  
a plan for providing special  
education services to chil-  
dren with disabilities who  
attend nonpublic schools  
and home schools within  
the Wilcox-Hildreth Public  
School District for the 2025-  
2026 school year. Parents of  
a home-schooled child or a  
child attending a nonpub-  
lic school who have been  
or may be identified with  
a disability and attend a  
nonpublic school within the  
boundaries of Wilcox-Hil-  
dreth Public Schools, are  
urged to attend. If you have  
further questions pertain-  
ing to this meeting, please  
call 308-478-5265.  
May 22, 2025  
(33) znez

NOTICE

**CERTIFICATE OF  
ORGANIZATION OF  
LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY**

Name of the limited liabil-  
ity company: Luke 10 Pro-  
cessing, LLC  
Street and mailing address  
of the initial designated of-  
fice: 624 37 Rd Minden, NE  
68959  
Name of the initial agent  
for service of process: Mol-  
ley E. Burchell  
Street, mailing address and  
post office box (if any) of  
the initial agent for service  
of process: 624 37 Rd Mind-  
en, NE 68959  
/s/ Molly Burchell  
Molly Burchell  
May 22, 2025  
May 29, 2025  
June 5, 2025  
(21) znez

NOTICE

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON CHANGE OF ZONING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that both hearings will

be held in the City Council  
Chambers, to change the  
zoning of the following  
described real estate, to  
wit: The North Twenty feet  
(N20') of Lot Eight (8), all  
of Lot Nine (9) and Ten (10),  
and the South Fourteen  
feet (S14') of Lot Eleven (11),  
all in Block Nine (9), Pear-  
son's Addition to Minden,  
Kearney County, Nebraska.  
· Planning & Zoning Com-  
mission— 5:00 PM on Mon-  
day, June 9, 2025, to Con-  
sider a Recommendation to  
the City Council to change  
the zoning.  
· City Council--6:00 PM on  
Monday, June 16, 2025, to  
change the zoning.  
The parcel is presently  
zoned "Residential one (R-  
1)", and the request as filed,  
proposes that said parcel  
be changed to a zoning des-  
ignation of "Outlying Com-  
mercial (C2)."  
Planning and Zoning  
Commission  
City Council  
City of Minden, Nebraska  
May 22, 2025  
(36) znez

NOTICE

**IN THE COUNTY COURT  
OF KEARNEY COUNTY,  
NEBRASKA**

**LINDA L. JOHNSON,  
DECEASED NO. PR25-16**

Notice is hereby given  
that on April 28, 2025, in  
the County Court of Kear-  
ney County, Nebraska, the  
Registrar issued a written  
Statement of Informal  
Probate of the Will of said  
Decedent, and that Timo-  
thy J. Johnson, whose ad-  
dress is 215 38 Road, Upland,  
NE 68981, 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 July 9, 2025, or be  
forever barred.  
/s/Laura B. Tobiassen  
Clerk of the County Court  
Kearney County  
Courthouse  
P.O. Box 377  
Minden, NE 68959  
Michael E. Sullivan #14103  
Sullivan Shoemaker P.C.,  
L.L.O.  
747 North Burlington Ave.,  
Ste. 305  
P.O. Box 309  
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## NOTICE

### IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF DONALD G. NORMAN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR25-17

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of May, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Aaron J. Dahlgren, whose address is 612 E. 5th St., Axtell, NE 68924 was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of this Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 9th day of July, 2025, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiasen  
Clerk of the County Court  
Malcom, Nelsen & Windrum, LLC  
Attorney for Applicant  
809 Meridian, PO Box 174  
Cozad, NE 69130  
308-784-2048  
May 8, 2025  
May 15, 2025  
May 22, 2025  
(29) znez

## NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE- ADULT NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA CASE NUMBER: CI-25-30 IN RE NAME CHANGE OF FOSTER RYAN CHRISTENSEN

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of May, 2025, a petition was filed in the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of the petitioner's name from Foster Ryan Christensen to Foster Ryan Shada. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Timothy E. Hoeft in District Courtroom, 424 North Colorado

Avenue, Minden Nebraska 68959 where on the 18th day of June, 2025, hearing will be held at 11:00 am or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Foster Ryan Christensen, to Foster Ryan Shada.

May 15, 2025  
May 22, 2025  
May 29, 2025  
June 5, 2025  
(36) znez

## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF JP&N RENTALS, L.L.C.

Notice is hereby given that JP&N RENTALS, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The street and mailing address of the Company's initial designated office is 1948 36 Road, Minden, NE 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is John P. Holl, 1948 36 Road, Minden, NE 68959.

May 8, 2025  
May 15, 2025  
May 22, 2025  
(17) znez

## NOTICE

### MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Agendas for the May 12, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education were posted locally. Included in the notification were the time, place, date, and items on the agenda. Notice of meeting was published in the paper. Approved by the board were the absence of Rhynalds, minutes from the meeting held April 14, financial reports, claims against the General Fund, contract of Kylie Kubicka,

out of state trips for FBLA, FCCLA, and Girls Wrestling, and authorized the Superintendent to approve a bid for tree removal. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.

MAY 2025 – GENERAL FUND CLAIMS – Minden Exchange Bank, \$35.05; Wright Express Fleet Services, \$1,319.00; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, \$751.52; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$1,559.28; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$182,972.03; Horace Mann Life Insurance Company, \$1,275.00; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$2,109.79; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., \$5,663.84; Minden Public Schools, \$130,731.48; Mps Payroll, \$141,360.15; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$19,701.25; ADA Sports and Rackets, LLC, \$597.80; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$6,150.24; Anderson Jewelry, \$210.00; Aurora Cooperative, \$6,862.49; Bill's Plumbing, \$727.46; Black Hills Energy, \$4,056.61; Blick Art Materials, \$139.98; CenturyLink, \$457.49; City Of Minden, \$17,771.68; Clearly, \$823.46; Committee for Children, \$2,778.00; Computer Hardware, Inc., \$8,352.00; Cummins Sales and Service, \$1,671.18; Curriculum Associates, LLC, \$800.00; DocuSign, Inc., \$1,457.44; Eakes Office Solutions, \$2,612.90; Educational Service Unit #10, \$285.50; Educational Service Unit #11, \$1,527.30; Elan Financial Services, \$671.76; Electronic Systems, Inc., \$264.40; Embassy Suites, \$268.00; Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C., \$5,143.50; Fifth Street Printing, \$222.00; Firework Media Studio, LLC, \$2,000.00; Franklin County Treasurer, \$100.00; Gopher,

\$216.38; Grizzly Industrial, Inc., \$762.84; Heartland Refrigeration, LLC, \$700.10; Hometown Leasing, \$3,855.49; Jensen, Chelsey J, \$96.52; JW Pepper & Son, Inc., \$406.99; Kearney County Health Services, \$70.00; Kearney Winnelson Co., \$340.00; Landmark Implement Carquest, \$107.49; Learning Without Tears, \$445.50; Library Store (The), \$387.94; Mason's Market, \$601.50; Menards – Kearney, \$145.81; Mhs Activities Fund, \$1,700.00; Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc., \$5,904.00; Minden Chamber Of Commerce, \$1,300.00; Minden Hardware, \$355.30; Minden Machine Shop, Inc., \$868.00; MSC Industrial Supply Co., \$110.40; Napa Auto Parts, \$215.37; Nasco Education, \$212.87; NCSA, \$2,419.00; Nebraska Central Equipment, \$251.98; Nebraska Future Problem Solving, \$877.00; Nebraska Safety Center, \$125.00; Omnify Benefits, \$140.40; One Source, \$203.50; Paxton/Patterson, LLC, \$370.60; Pearson Clinical Assessment, \$70.20; Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O, \$5,967.68; PowerSchool Group, LLC, \$5,060.69; Presto-X Company, \$186.60; Pro-Ed, Inc., \$183.70; Renaissance Learning, \$2,662.30; Richard Widfield, \$1,232.31; Riverside Insights, \$182.22; School Bus Sales Co., \$1,672.41; School Mate, \$1,075.75; School Specialty, LLC, \$2,849.00; Syndicate Publishing, LLC, \$63.15; SysCloud, Inc., \$1,260.00; Teacher Direct, \$99.66;

Teachers' Curriculum Institute, \$578.00; The Owl's Nest for Ag Ed, LLC, \$100.00; Turf Tank, \$3,100.00; University of Missouri, \$4,120.00; Verizon Wireless, \$160.04; Village Uniform, \$596.19; Virco, \$240.76; Ward's Science, \$170.79; West Music, \$1,176.11; Widfield, James T, \$135.32; Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc., \$62.50; WorkMed Midwest PA, \$80.00; Yanda's Music, \$198.00; May Net Payroll – \$446,721.24; Subtotal – \$1,056,624.27; LUNCH FUND CLAIMS – Sysco, \$553.44; US Foods, \$5,506.33; Village Uniform, \$495.52; Tech Masters, Inc., \$799.98; Cash-wa Distrib-

uting Co., \$11,391.88; Lin-PepCo Partnership, \$928.75; Pan-O-Gold Baking Company, \$75.92; Hiland Dairy, \$2,935.82; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$52.12; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$5,572.16; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$38.06; Minden Public Schools, \$3,296.34; Mps Payroll, \$2,771.23; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$325.55; May Net Payroll – \$12,008.11; Subtotal – \$46,751.21; BUILDING FUND CLAIMS – CMBA Architects, \$3,788.26; Cornerstone Electric, \$7,965.00; Subtotal – \$11,753.26; TOTAL CLAIMS – \$1,115,128.74  
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**CLERICAL STAFF POSITION:** Kearney County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Election Office will be accepting applications for a full-time Clerical Position. Applicant should be very detail oriented, able to prioritize work to meet deadlines, have legible handwriting and understand legal descriptions. Should have extensive computer skills and knowledge of different types of office equipment. Benefits include insurance, retirement, vacation, holiday and sick leave. Application and job description can be picked up at the Kearney County Clerk's office on the second floor of the Courthouse, 424 N. Colorado, Minden, NE, or on the County's website. Call 308-832-2723 for further information. Position is open until filled. The County gives preference to Veterans in employment decisions and is an EOE and reserves the right to refuse any or all applications.

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** is accepting applications for the following positions:

### Elementary Administrative Assistant

This person is the first point of contact for students, parents, staff, and visitors. The preferred candidate must be personable and have good organizational and communication skills. Confidentiality and regular attendance are required. This is a 40 hour-per-week, August thru May position with competitive salary and excellent benefits.

**Business Manager Assistant** Approx. 20 hours per week August thru May, with minimal summer hours. Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office and data entry skills preferred, but will train the right candidate. Confidentiality is a must.

Applications are available at [mindenwhippets.org](http://mindenwhippets.org). Call 308-832-2440 for more information. Positions are open until filled. Minden Public Schools is an EOE.

**SEASONAL FIELD HELP:** Tri-Basin NRD seeks a seasonal technician. Full-time employment from May to September, M-F, 8-5. Duties include mowing, weed spraying, water sampling, minor vehicle and structure maintenance. \$16.50/hour. Send email indicating background or stop at the NRD office at 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege NE 68949.

## SERVICES

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## GARAGE SALES

**333 W. 2nd St, Minden** Friday, May 23-Monday, May 26 8am-6pm

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## CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my family for the beautiful 90th birthday party they had for me. The decorations were so pretty and the food was delicious. It was such a nice evening. I also want to thank the friends and relatives that came to help me celebrate. I have received so many cards in the mail. It was just great and so appreciated.

My love to all.

Carolyn Olsen











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