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Breaking Ground for a Brighter Future

CINDY RAMSEY

Minden Public Schools broke ground for the future on May 18. MPS students, staff, school board, and community members gathered at the site of the new elementary school on the cool, drizzly morning for the groundbreaking ceremony.

East Elementary Principal Sandy Pohl and MPS School Board President Rusty Rhynalds were among the speakers at the event. Both of them spoke about the anticipation for the new building and the opportunities the facility will provide for the young learners in the district.

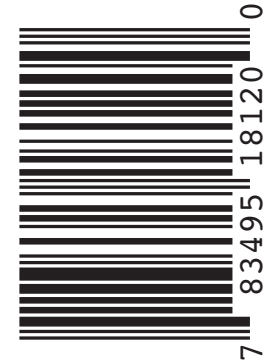
East Elementary students were provided hats and shovels to help scoop the first bits of dirt alongside school board members and project leaders. Before the short ceremony concluded, the students led the gathering in the school's fight song.

Voters approved the \$27 million facilities project last year. The district is working with CMBA Architects and BD Construction on the project. A committee of MPS staff, school board members, architects, and engineers has been hard at work creating plans for the new elementary building that will be connected to the east side of C.L. Jones Middle School.

"We've got a good group that we've worked with



Minden Public Schools broke ground for the new elementary school on May 18. Students from East Elementary joined school board members Darcie Reed, Cody Krull, Rusty Rhynalds, and Andy Craig, MPS Foundation board member Kirk Ramsey, and Superintendent Jim Widdifield in scooping the first shovels of dirt during the ceremony. (Courier photo by Ashley Bebensee)



Weather Forecast

June 5:	86/63	
June 6:	85/64	
June 7:	83/64	
June 8:	85/64	
June 9:	88/64	
June 10:	89/64	
June 11:	88/64	



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Again Nebraska has the opportunity to choose to include the preborn, in our state motto "Equality under the law."

I am pro-life because it is wrong to intentionally end the life of innocent human beings. Embryology clearly shows you were a distinct, living and whole human being from the moment the aurora of light announced the joining of egg and sperm of your parents. You were never just a part of another person. You were already a sacred, unique living member of the human family in the image of our majestic Creator. Even though you had yet to mature, you had the same intrinsic value then as now. So differences of size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency are not good reasons for saying your life could be ended then but not now.

It is heartbreaking that we keep abortion legal, deceiving women in crisis to think ending the life of her child is a viable option, not wrong. Difficult does not mean bad. It should not be lawful to take an innocent life in order to solve a problem. There is no love, no good, in affirming something God has declared to be harmful to human flourishing.

Just two more weeks remain to sign the Personhood of the Preborn initiative to get it on the ballot in November allowing citizens a vote whether to amend the NE constitution to clearly state: "A preborn child is a person at all stages of development beginning at fertilization. Whenever under NE law the term 'person' is used or implied it includes such a child."

Contact Delores Farlin 816 882 3115 if you would like to support this initiative with your signature, collecting other signatures, or most importantly prayer!

Your stand for the protection of the life of all preborn Nebraskans is greatly valued.

Delores Farlin

News Briefs

WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit signupwic.com. A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, June 8; Monday, July 13; Monday, August 17; and Monday, September 21.

Donation Drive

Minden Post Prom will host a Goodwill donation drive June 4-11. Donations can be dropped in the trailer at the MHS Outdoor Classroom. Please load from the end of the trailer farthest from the door first. This is the perfect opportunity to drop off unsold items from garage sales and support Minden Post Prom. Visit Goodwillne.org for more information.

Minden Rotary Holds 100 Year Birthday Party

The Minden Rotary Club will celebrate 100 Years of "Service-Above-Self" on Saturday, June 13 at 1pm at Chautauqua Park in Minden. The party will feature free hotdogs (while supplies last), a bouncy house, live music by The Kyle Saylor Band and the presentation of a new flagpole and flag to the City of Minden to commemorate the club's centennial. The event, sponsored by The Minden Rotary Club, is open and free to the public. The club asks that attendees bring their own lawn chairs.

KC Historical Society Hosts Speaker

Kearney County Historical Society will host speaker Dr. Amber Alexander, on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Windmill Studios, 521 North Colorado, in Minden. The event is open and free to the public. Dr. Alexander will talk about the history of The Central Nebraska Defense Council's bid for a 33,000 acre War Department defense installation in Kearney County during WWII and how the area was impacted when the bid failed.

Church Services at Harold Warp Pioneer Village

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

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
5/16/26	88	63	.07
5/17/26	91	59	.03
5/18/26	58	49	.18
5/19/26	65	42	-
5/20/26	62	45	.04
5/21/26	69	44	.22
5/22/26	68	56	.95
Total Week Precip.....			1.49

Date	High	Low	Precip.
5/23/26	75	50	.02
5/24/26	90	57	-
5/25/26	91	66	.2
5/26/26	86	62	-
5/27/26	79	62	.09
5/28/26	77	63	.17
5/29/26	74	62	.17
Total Week Precip.....			0.65

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through this process," Superintendent Jim Widdifield said. "We've been meeting at least twice a month and working on some of the details from how utilities are going to be relocated to what kind of flooring is going in classrooms and hallways."

The City of Minden has also been instrumental in planning as they work with the district to navigate what steps need to be taken and how to relocate utilities without disrupting others' services.

"It's been good with a lot of collaboration with a lot of people to help it go as smooth as we can make it. It's not going to be flawless, but I think we can minimize those bumps if we're communicating well and getting good information to and from each other so we can make good decisions. I believe we've got a great team of people," Widdifield said.

Work on the new facility will begin this month, but there won't be much to see in this early stage of dirt work and utility relocation. Meanwhile, the committee will continue to iron out details with the goal of submitting plans to subcontractors for bid by mid-July. Once the bids have been reviewed and selected by the board, momentum on the construction should pick up in the fall.

"We'll see a little movement in June and then a lot of movement in September-October," Widdifield said.

With plans for major construction to begin with the new school year, the district is already making plans for traffic flow. Park Avenue will likely be closed at the start of the school year to avoid confusion.

"There's going to be a few stressors as far as traffic and parking, but that's for a short term. What we're going to have for additional parking and logistics will be bigger and set up better [at the end of the project] than what it is right now," Widdifield explained.

The current timeline for the project has work between the new elementary school and C.L. Jones being done next summer to avoid disruptions during the school year. This will primarily be the library and kitchen/cafeteria areas. The goal is to get occupancy and have everyone moved to the new structure during the summer of 2028 in order to start the 2028-29 school year on a single campus.

"Sharing between buildings is going to be big. The little kids will be able to utilize the amenities that the big kids have been utilizing for the past ten years. This has just as much of an impact on the middle school and high school as it does on the elementary and that includes the staff," Widdifield said.

Bringing all of the schools onto one campus will allow MPS to operate with a new efficiency and connectedness. With a new facility and the opportunities it opens for students and staff of all levels, the district is excited for what is on the horizon.

"There's been a lot of input from a lot of people trying to set it up as we evolve



Minden Public Schools students, staff, and community members gathered at the future site of the new elementary school on May 18 for a groundbreaking ceremony. The project was approved by voters last year. (Courier photos by Ashley Bebensee)

with the times. We're excited to see the final drawings and how everything's going to come together," Widdifield said. "This is something we want to see through knowing whatever comes in the future for MPS, facilities will not necessarily be a big topic of discussion because we're going to be good for what I hope is a long, long time."

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Time for One Last Goodbye to MPS

ARABELLA REED

As new students wander the halls of Minden Public Schools in the forthcoming year, some faces will have moved on to better things in life. This is true for the retiring class of teachers from Minden: Michelle tenBensel, Don Hosick, Angie Oberg, Colleen Thatcher, Bob Carlson, and Barb Jacobsen. The waving of hands and the delivering of simple greetings will surely be missed come fall at Minden Public Schools from this friendly group of staff. Before we say our final goodbyes to the "graduating" teachers, let us look back at their time in the teaching community and the community of Minden.

Let us dive into the life of Michelle tenBensel for starters. Mrs. tenBensel is leaving the position of the special education teacher for the visually impaired for the seventh and eighth grade classes. She has been employed here in the community of Minden for the entirety of her time teaching, which has included 25 dedicated years to the school district. The hardest piece to leave behind as she moves forward is seeing the small steps her students make. "There are a lot of struggles in learning, but the Aha moments will be missed." She also stated how dearly she will miss the staff that has become her family over the years at CLJMS. In the time she has put towards children's steps in education, she has a special place in her heart for two special boys she taught at one point. "These two young men opened my eyes to looking at learning in a different way. They loved school, and I loved being with them. The milestones they met while in the middle school will forever make an impact on me."

Moving on to Mr. Don Hosick. Mr. Hosick has dedicated 32 years of his life to education and bettering students, including 18 special years at Minden High School as the principal. Hosick stated, "I chose Minden Public Schools because of its strong reputation, supportive community, and commitment to students. From the beginning, it felt like a place where relationships mattered and where students and staff truly cared about one another. It quickly became much more than a workplace – it became a home." Going forth into the world, Mr. Hosick will miss greatly the impact the people had on him and the friendships he has gained through his experience. He has many fulfilling memories during his time at this "home" of his, but most notably, he

will always cherish seeing the pride and joy on students' faces when accomplishing their goals. "Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the students, staff, and families of Minden Public Schools. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my career."

Now for the beloved Angie Oberg. Ms. Oberg has been in the field of teaching for 33 years, 31 of which she spent here in Minden. She greatly served the Junior English students and Sophomore Speech students with her teaching abilities and her kind heart. She ended up in Minden teaching such classes because of her connection to two of her closest friends from college who resided here in the community at the time. The piece of teaching she will miss the most is seeing students figure out who they are and who they wish to become. She deeply cherishes having students mention memories they have from her classes or the plays they did with her directing through the years.

Next to the Amazing Colleen Thatcher. Mrs. Thatcher has experience in the teaching field for 33 years, all of which she spent here in the community of Minden. She is finishing such an outstanding career with the fourth graders of CLJMS. Mrs. Thatcher has so many memories that linger around in her head, for instance, she cherishes the memory of the fun ladies she once worked with dressing up in old bridesmaid dresses for Halloween to surprise her a few weeks after she had gotten engaged. A memory that will surely be with her for the rest of her life due to the love of the family at Minden Public Schools. Along with the memories, she will miss seeing her kids every day and the lovely staff that she has been able to work with throughout the years. "I have been very blessed to teach so many students in our community...Running into 'my kids' outside of school and still getting hugs or high fives even after they're grown makes my day. I hope they understand that I had high expectations for them in hopes that they would hold themselves to their own high standards."



Wedding Anniversary!

Leroy and Roberta Lammers of Minden will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on June 14th. Their family is requesting a card shower to honor the special occasion. The couple was married on June 14th, 1963 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Axtell, NE.

Cards and well wishes may be sent to:

Leroy and Roberta Lammers
643 Minden Ave.
Minden, NE 68959

Onto another highly regarded teacher of Minden, Bob Carlson. Mr. Carlson started his career at Minden High School in the fall of 1980 and has been here ever since! He teaches classes based in the areas of curriculum of Metals and Mechanics. He will sorely miss the kids at school every day as he retires. His favorite memories include the relationships he has built with the teachers at Minden over the past three generations. "We have a top-notch school here. I don't always think people always realize just how dedicated the faculty and staff have been and continue to be to the kids. I am very proud to have been a part of that dedication."

Finally, we have to depart with a beloved middle school counselor, Barb Jacobsen. Mrs. Jacobsen has been with the school district for 42 years and has been with Minden for the entirety of her career. "I've had many cherished memories, but when former students come back to visit, it really fills my heart. The most memorable event was the school fire in 1993. The whole community came together to help to get school at the fairgrounds up and running for the 93-94 school year." She will strongly miss the amazing staff and students that she has had the privilege of seeing over the past years. "The community of Minden is so blessed to have hard-working, dedicated teachers from pre-K through grade 12. I am grateful to have worked in a top-notch school system and community. Thank you for all the support the past 42 years."



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Local Students Earn Academic Honors

PRESS RELEASE

HASTINGS, Neb. (May 27, 2026) – Hastings College has announced the Dean's List for its spring 2026 semester. For the semester, 327 students from 21 states and 8 countries were named to the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 scale and be registered for full-time coursework.

Students with an asterisk by their name earned a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Hildreth: Gus Phye*

LINCOLN, Neb. (May 28, 2026) - Nebraska Wesleyan University has announced its 2026 spring semester academic honors list recognizing undergraduate students with superior academic performance.

Students earning at least a 3.75 semester grade point average while completing a full-time course load of at least 12 credit hours of graded work are eligible for consideration.

The following students were recognized with this honor for the spring semester:

Wilcox: Delaney Seyler

CHADRON, Neb. (May 28, 2026) - Lindsey Rehtus of Minden, Neb., has been named to the Chadron State College Spring 2026 Dean's List. Students met the requirements for the Dean's List by earning at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

To qualify for the list, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, pursuing their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester.

CHADRON, Neb. (May 28, 2026) - Chadron State College has announced the undergraduate students on the Spring 2026 President's List. The President's List consists of students with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

To qualify for the list, students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, pursuing their first bachelor's degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester. Cities, states, and countries listed are provided by the students.

Hildreth: Tiffany Casper
Minden: Abigail Miller,
Carmen Throckmorton

Peru State College Celebrates Graduating Class of 2026

PRESS RELEASE

(Peru, Neb.) – On May 9, 2026, Peru State College celebrated commencement for its graduating class of 2026. A large crowd attended the proceedings in the Al Wheeler Activity Center on the College's campus.

The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Robert Mock, 35th President of Peru State College, who welcomed graduates, family, friends, and distinguished guests to the event. Musical selections of "The National Anthem" and "Irish Blessing" were performed by the Peru State Combined Choirs under the direction of Dr. Jacob Bartlett.

Following introductions by Dr. Mock, greetings were provided by Ms. Connie Edmond, a 1987 PSC graduate, who is now a member of the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees.

The 2026 Peru State College Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Joyce Douglas of Lincoln. Douglas has previously served on the PSC Foundation Board and on many other banking boards. She and her late husband always felt a strong commitment to the College and have been very philanthropic, providing funds for the Oak Bowl Stadium renovation, the Performing Arts Center, the Campus Entrance project, and, most recently, Project ROAR.

Ms. Cassandra Tangen was presented with the 2026 Peru State College Teaching Excellence Award. Ms. Tangen, a 2014 PSC undergraduate, is a mathematics instructor and the director of the College's honors program. She teaches a wide range of courses and is recognized for her engaging, student-centered approach, which fosters a classroom environment that is both supportive and challenging. As chair of the honors committee, Ms. Tangen has strengthened academic opportunities for high-achieving students.

The 2026 ceremony saw 317 graduates recognized for their academic achievements and dedication to their studies. The College awarded 85 master's degrees, 240 bachelor's degrees, and 47 associate degrees to individuals from 18 states and three countries. After the formal presentation of the graduating class of 2026, Dr. Mock congratulated all graduates on their success and wished them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

After commencement, a large crowd attended a celebration reception on the campus's quad.

The following is a list of local graduates of master's, bachelor's, and associate's degrees. The list includes a graduate's major and minors, and, for undergraduates, academic honors. The honor categories include:

Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00 GPA
Magna Cum Laude	3.75-3.89 GPA
Cum Laude	3.50-3.74 GPA

Master's Degree - Curriculum and Instruction

Axtell: Ashley Nicole Benson

Minden: Trak Allen Lewis, Andrea Kay Weber, Madison Elizabeth Marker, Taylor Marie Shelton

Associate of General Studies

Axtell: Bryce Crist

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the veterans, their families, the citizens and businesses in our local area.

A special thank you to those who helped with the barbecue and put up the flags at Minden and especially those of you who helped take down, fold and store the flags until next year.

Doug Boldt, Tad Joyce, and Jane Craig were winners of \$25 Whippet Bucks sponsored by Minden Exchange Bank. Kevin Krull and Joe Straka were winners of a \$25 gift certificate to South Side Diner. Brent Harsin and Cody Krull were winners of a \$25 gift certificate to Kat's Korner in Axtell sponsored by First Bank. Brian "Bubba" Hansen won the grand prize shotgun donated by Jeff and Tami Hanson of L.T. Pedley Drug Store.

Thanks to Eric and Nickola VanHorn for the P.A. system, Dave and Carolyn Bunger for the BBQ at the Windmill, Veterans for providing the meat, Flatwater Smokers Owen Krueger for providing and cooking the meat, beans and chips, and American Legion Auxiliary for providing desserts.

Our guest speaker was Greg Smolik.

Greg Smolik

Commander American Legion Post 94

Matt Cavanaugh

Commander VFW Post 5537

MHS Honor Roll 2025-26 Spring Semester

PRESS RELEASE

Qualifications: Honor Roll with High Distinction (GPA 3.75-4.00) * DENOTES 4.00; Honor Roll (GPA 3.35-3.74). Student may not have a "D+", "D", "F", "INC", OR "NG*" in any class. Student must be enrolled in four academic classes that count in GPA

SENIORS-High Distinction

Landon Bules, Myla Emery*, Alejandra Gonzalez Cerecer, Luke Grollmes*, Elizabeth Hunt*, Alyssa Johnson*, KayLynn Jorgensen*, Rebbecca Lempka*, Isabelle Martin*, Tessa Morey, Madisen Mulrone*, Alizabeth Nielsen*, Christina Nielsen Trine*, Emory Porter, Arabella Reed*, Abigail Reith, Hallee Schoone, Brody Sexton, Samuel Tunnell, Natali Uribe*, Carson Wright*

SENIORS-Honor Roll

Benezith Alarcon Avila, Makenna Anderson, Cassandra Bernshausen, Ambrose Bloomfield, Ava Fickler, Brendan Franks, Terry Hofaker Jr., Shelby Nelson, Danica Schoone, Lauren Starkey, Izabella Tira, Brooklyn Workman

JUNIORS-High Distinction

Jonathan Althouse*, Sophia Birkestrand*, Jada Gant, Parker Hatch*, Kanin Heath, Frank Kovacs*, Naviannah Lennemann*, Evan Lutkemeier, Hope Mason, Chloe Osborn, Steven Rhodes, Victoria Riggelman, Turner Schmidt, Caleb Schwenka*, Logan Verbeck

JUNIORS-Honor Roll

Holt Aschenbrenner, Traelin Christensen, Kellan Conyers, Kassandra Fetterolf, Kierslin Franks, Zane Fuehrer, Mason Johnson, Landry Joyce, Gabrielle Lee, Luz Lopez-Yanes, Dalton Pasbrig, Myka Petersen, Sage Saunders, Trystan Sharkey

SOPHOMORES-High Distinction

Talon Beckmann*, Brielle Boudreau*, Jolie Buechler*, Alyssa Cederburg*, Luke Craig*, Riley Eden*, Cristal Gonzalez Cruz, Sawyer Grotrian*, Jocelin Iniguez Jauregui, Sydney Jenkins, Ashlyn Kernick, Zachary Klabunde*, Xander Linner, Addyson Meyer*, Hailey Petersen*, Cohen Schmidt, Drew Seiler*, Zoey Seiler, Mason Shirley*, Annika Soelberg, Jaelyn Trew*

SOPHOMORES-Honor Roll

Kaleigh Carr, Bailee Fries, James Grant, Victoria Hansen, Andrew Hasbrouck, Miles Heath, Addison Horine, Madalyn Morey, Aclynn Osterbuhr, Marlie Petersen, Dayne Porter, Nyayah Riek, Cole Schwenka, Evelyn Sharkey, Adysen Sloggett, Rhiley Smith, Jesse Werner, Zipporah Wilson

FRESHMEN-High Distinction

Stella Birkestrand*, Tirzo Borrego, Josa Ciemnoczowski*, Tatum Delira, Hallie Hartman, Morgan Johnson*, Macy Jorgensen, Lillian Labenz*, Luke Livingston*, Bo Lutkemeier*, Reed Morlang, Scarlet Rogers, McKinley Segelke, Tynlie Struss*, Ella Warburton, Marissa Wellman, Adelyn Whitten, Kyler Wilson*

FRESHMEN-Honor Roll

Olivia Armstrong, Kaden Bock, Levi Burchell, Zoey Calderon, Lucas Collins, Gisele Guthard, Jagger Guthard, Bryson Knott, Katherine Marshall, Jade Melroy, Addisyn Norris, Brinley Pohl

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NDA Announces Nebraska Ag Youth Institute Delegates

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) received a record-breaking number of applications from high school students wanting to attend this year's Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) with 252 students being selected to attend this year's event.

Coordinated by the NDA and the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC), NAYI is a week-long summer program designed to bring students from across the state together to learn more about Nebraska agriculture, network with ag leaders and explore career opportunities. NDA selects students to attend NAYI based on their leadership skills, interests and involvement in agriculture. NAYI will be held July 6-10 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

"It's wonderful to see students that are passionate about agriculture. NAYI provides young people, who are about to begin the next chapter of their life, with the resources necessary to help build their futures," said NAYC Advisor Christin Kamm. "Not only will they be making lifelong friendships and connections, but NAYI will give them insight into the many different career possibilities that a job in agriculture offers so they can follow their passion."

NAYI is in its 55th year, making it the longest running ag youth program of its kind in the nation. This year's theme "Passion Meets Purpose" represents the idea that students can turn what they care about into meaningful careers within agriculture. Through NAYI students gain the knowledge, skills and connections needed to take their passion and apply it in a way that makes a difference.

NAYI features motivational speakers, discussions on agricultural issues, career development, networking opportunities, leadership activities as well as several hands-on learning opportunities and workshops.

The NAYC, which is comprised of 21 college-aged students selected by NDA, helps plan and facilitate the event and provide valuable insight and advice about agriculture, college coursework and career-building to the NAYI delegates.

Local Delegates include: Caleb Schwenka, Heartwell; Brooke Casper, Hildreth; Lizzie Black, Hildreth; Alexander Stade, Minden; Cael Smith, Minden

To learn more about NAYC or NAYI 2026, visit nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/. Follow NAYI activities on Facebook by searching and liking the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute and on Instagram by following @the_nayc or #NAYI26.

100 Years of Service Above Self

PRESS RELEASE

The Rotary Club of Minden will turn 100 years old in 2026, and to celebrate this milestone the club is inviting Minden residents to a birthday bash in Chautauqua Park on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

The event will feature The Kyle Saylor Band, free hotdogs (while supplies last), a bouncy house and food carts. The club asks that attendees bring their own chairs to the event.

To mark the first 100 years of "Service Above Self", which is Rotary's official slogan, the Minden club will present a 25-foot flagpole to the city.

As part of Rotary International, The Rotary Club of Minden helps support worldwide, charitable initiatives such as the fight against polio, clean water projects, world peace efforts, supporting micro businesses in developing countries and improving education, health and living conditions in impoverished nations.

Closer to home, the Rotary Club of Minden grants scholarships for 4-H participants and high school students, sponsors incoming and outgoing exchange students, sends students to Rotary's leadership camp (RYLA), gifts books and dictionaries to Kearney County third graders as part of their literacy project and supports area projects and initiatives. The club has taken the lead on several international projects such as manual corn planters in Nigeria and providing medical equipment for an ophthalmology clinic in Argentina.

"I joined Rotary 25 years ago in Oregon," said outgoing president, Bennett Johnson. "As a new CEO I wanted to network with other business people in my community, and Rotary offered an excellent op-



portunity for that. It turned out to be a great place to make friends and business contacts, but I soon realized that Rotary was much, much more than a networking organization. The members were truly committed to making the world a better place, and in a big way. I mean, what club decides that it is going to eradicate a disease like polio from the planet, and then actually does just that? It's truly amazing."

Incoming club president, Cody Krull, said that "Service Above Self" is what attracted him to the club. "That core belief of Rotary is the reason that I decided to join the Minden chapter," said Krull. "As the incoming president of The Rotary Club of Minden, I look forward to continuing the success that we've had in the past. This flag project is a testament to the patrons of Minden and our members as well. Our chapter is excited for our event in June, and we hope the entire community comes out to support a great cause."

Other groups have contributed to the flagpole project and event. Southern Public Power District Area Development Fund Operation Round-Up awarded the club a \$2500 grant. Cash-Wa is providing the food, city administrator Michael Krings is donating the flag and RockIt Pros is providing the bounce-house.

The Rotary Club of Minden generally meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Minden Opera House from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Contact info@mindenrotary.com for more information about membership or visit MindenRotary.com for more information about club projects and current activities.



Kearney County Health Services and Goldfinch Health Launch Billion Pill Pledge Program and Recognize Program champion

The Billion Pill Pledge, funded by Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, supports patients through surgery and recovery by implementing advanced, opioid-minimizing surgery practices

PRESS RELEASE

MINDEN, NE, May 29, 2026 — Kearney County Health Services is proud to be the first hospital in Region 3's twenty-two county service area to participate in the Billion Pill Pledge program, launched in September in partnership with Goldfinch Health and made possible through funding from the National Opioid Settlement funds.

Prescription opioids continue to fuel the rates of new addiction with one recent study finding 75% of illegal opioid use was started with prescription pills. Surgery has historically served as a leading gateway to initial opioid use and leftover pills with 6-10% of patients who weren't taking an opioid becoming persistent users following a surgical procedure.

Through the Billion Pill Pledge program, Kearney County Health Services has enhanced its surgery protocols and optimized pain management around surgery. These industry-leading approaches are designed to enhance patients' preparation for surgery, better manage any surgery-related pain, and minimize opioid use both before and after surgery.

"We are pleased with the results of this critical first dose prevention program at our hospital," said Luke Poore, Kearney County Health Services CEO "Opioid challenges are not just patient challenges. They are community challenges. The Billion Pill Pledge program has helped us to better serve our community."

As a part of this program, patients have access to a Goldfinch Nurse Navigator who are experts in surgery and recovery. Patients receive a "Prepared for Surgery" care package prior to surgery. This box includes a number of items key to optimizing a patient's surgery experience. Goldfinch Nurses also support patients during the critical period before and after surgery to help increase the use of opioid minimizing surgery protocols.

"The support provided by Goldfinch Health is critical to our success in optimizing patient care, especially when our resources are stretched," said Kelli Carey, RN, Surgery Program Manager, "This program means our patients have access to the resources they need to confidently prepare for and successfully recover from surgery."

Since relaunching the Billion Pill Pledge Program in September 2025, Kearney County Health Services has supported 33 surgical patients through enhanced recovery pathways focused on improved pain management, patient education and opioid reduction. Early results from the program have shown significant success, including a 57% reduction in average opioid prescriptions following surgery, with patients utilizing an average of just 5.7 opioid pills post-discharge. The program has also maintained a low 4% refill rate and reported no post-surgical



ER visits or readmissions related to pain management. In addition, seven patients recovered without using any opioid medication after surgery, and 43 unused opioid pills were safely disposed of through the program. Patients have responded positively to the added education and support, with completed surveys rating the experience 10 out of 10.

On May 26, 2026, Goldfinch Health and Kearney County Health Services recognized Erica Wilkins as a Billion Pill Pledge Champion. Goldfinch Health's Billion Pill Pledge award offers an opportunity to recognize the efforts of individuals within partner hospitals who have contributed significantly to implementing, supporting, and providing leadership surrounding the Billion Pill Pledge.

Erica Wilkins leads the Kearney County Health Services nursing team which plays an integral role in the success of the program by educating patients about the partnership with Goldfinch Health, providing the tool kit to patients and preparing patients for their surgery experience.

The mission of the Billion Pill Pledge is to reduce leftover opioids after surgery in the United States by 1 billion pills each year, thereby avoiding those pills being possibly diverted to unauthorized use by others.

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

ABOUT GOLDFINCH HEALTH: Goldfinch Health optimizes the surgery and recovery experience for patients, employers, and communities while reducing the risk of opioid addiction. Through its Billion Pill Pledge, the company is on a mission to eliminate one billion unnecessary leftover opioid pills following surgical procedures. By providing access to Enhanced Surgical Pathways and expert nurse guidance, Goldfinch delivers safer patient experiences, minimized opioid exposure, and significant healthcare cost savings. To learn more, visit www.goldfinchhealth.com.

To learn more about Kearney County Health Services and all our available services, browse our website, www.kchs.org or follow us on Facebook.



Axtell Honors Service & Sacrifice with Memorial Day Groundbreaking

PRESS RELEASE

Axtell, Nebraska — In a community where service runs deep and neighbors show up for one another, a long-envisioned tribute to those who served their country is now becoming a reality. The Axtell Veteran's Memorial Committee marked that milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Axtell Veteran's Memorial at 11:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026, just north of the Axtell Fire Hall.

After more than two years of planning, conversations, and strong community support, the project is now moving from vision to construction, with completion targeted for 2027. Key design elements have been finalized, and several components are already in production.

"This memorial represents more than a structure, it represents gratitude from a community that has always understood the meaning of service," said Steve Nelson, Axtell Veteran's Memorial Committee chairman. "It's our way of making sure the service and sacrifice of our veterans is never forgotten."

The memorial will honor all veterans who have served our country, with special emphasis on those who gave their lives in service, as well as the Gold Star families who carry that loss every day. It will also recognize the many veterans who returned home and continued to live with the lasting impacts of their service.

"We also want this to be a place where people slow down, reflect, and remember. In Axtell, we know these names, these families, and these stories. It's important our young people understand what was given so they can continue to enjoy the freedoms that they benefit them every day," Nelson added.

Beyond remembrance, the memorial is intended to serve as a lasting educational space for future generations, helping young people better understand service, sacrifice, and the freedoms protected by those who came before them. Community support has been at the heart of the project from the beginning. Early contributions from the Steve and Sandi Wendell Family, the Lundeen Family, the Axtell Development



Corporation and Axtell Community Fund have helped move the effort forward, with fundraising continuing as construction proceeds

For more information or to support the project, contact Steve Nelson at (402) 499-9485 or sdnelson445@gmail.com.

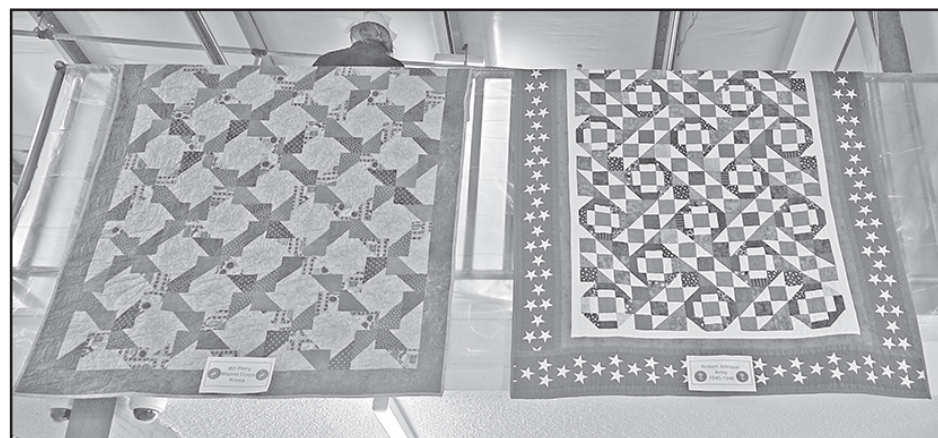
100+ Veteran Quilts of Honor on Display

PATTI SIMPSON, NEBRASKA PRAIRIE MUSEUM/PHELPS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In honor of America's 250th birthday, the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege, Nebraska is celebrating by displaying over 100 Veteran Quilts of Valor/Quilts of Honor, plus several additional quilts from the Nebraska Prairie Museum's collection. This beautiful display is in coordination with the Nebraska State Quilt Guild's America250 "Quilts Across Nebraska!" project.

Now through July 31st visitors will be able to see beautiful red, white and blue quilts individually hanging from the balconies located all around the inside of the Museum. Earlier this year, Veterans who had previously received a Quilt of Honor were asked to lend them to the Museum for this summer's America 250th display and we were pleasantly surprised by their enthusiastic responses! Each quilt has been carefully hung by our local Quilts of Honor members. The name, branch and date of service of each veteran has been carefully pinned on the front of each quilt so visitors can see who the quilt belongs to when looking up at them. After July 31st, the quilts will be taken down and returned to their owners so please make sure to come see them while they are here!

Please come out to the Nebraska Prairie Museum and enjoy our contribution



to Nebraska State Quilt Guild's America250 "Quilts Across Nebraska!" project. The Nebraska Prairie Museum is located one-half mile north of Holdrege on US Highway 183. We are open seven days a week year-round. This summer you can visit us Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm. As always, the cost of admission is by free-will donation.

Minden City Wide Garage Sales

1. 206 N. Newell: Friday, June 5, 2-5pm Saturday, June 6, 9am-3pm — Baby & kids items, glassware, tools, quilt rack, farm eggs, table & chairs, misc.

2. 702 E. 2nd St: June 5: 1 p.m.- 6 p.m./ June 6: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. — Vintage items, kitchen table & chairs, dining table & chairs, treadmill, Nordic Track, electric keyboard, piano bench, cookbooks, crochet & quilting books, many miscellaneous household items & decor. Cash only.

3. 333 W. 2nd St: June 5: 12:30 p.m.-7 p.m./ June 6: 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. — Gamer chairs, queen comforter sets, antique sewing cabinet & side table, Thomas the Train set, Hot Wheels set, toys, boy's & toddler clothes & shoes/athletic shoes, men's & women's clothes, women's shoes, Stella de Ora daylily, garden items, table lamps, kitchen items & decor, throw pillows, small-large scrubs, antique ice cream shop table with 3 chairs, solid wooden white outdoor table with bench, screen for full glass storm door, much more, smoke & pet free

4. 248 Smith Ave: June 5: 12 p.m.-?/ June 6: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. — Swing set, toys, pool accessories, home & yard decor, Razor scooter, hardware, tools & much more!

5. 1002 W. 1st St.: Saturday, June 6, 9am-3pm — Household items, decor, baby/kid toys, baby/kid clothing (boy and girl), maternity clothing, bedding/blankets.

6. 554 S. Garfield (west of Blaine): Friday, June 5, 3-8pm Saturday, June 6, 8am-12pm — Flippin Huge 2 Family Moving/Downsizing Sale, We're Back! Tons of seasonal decor-nativity collection, snowman collection, Boyds Bears, home country decor, name brand clothing-Nike, Lucky, Hollister, American Eagle, Columbia, Carhartt, men's jeans, shirts, golf apparel L-2XL, women's size 2-2XL, girl's 24mo-3T, boys size 7-8, children's books, puzzles, toys, playhouse, kitchen, kitchenware, motorcycle helmet, table saw, men's 26" bike, Chevy Colorado tonneau cover and tool box, Joovy stroller, bike trailer, so much misc.

7. 662 S. Blaine Ave: June 6: 8 a.m.- ?? — Girl's clothes size 6-7, girl's shoes size 13-1, boy's clothes various sizes, men's clothes S-XL, women's clothes S-XL, home decor (some vintage/antique), kitchen items, Amazon kid's

tablet, hedgehog cage, toys, cast iron, books, truck bed pool, baseball bag & helmet, lots of other miscellaneous items. Cash or Venmo accepted.

8. 411 S. Logan Ave: June 6: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. — Something for everyone! Men's & women's brand name clothes & shoes, like new scrubs in lots of colors, comforter sets, microwaves, queen size head/foot board, scaffolding, tools, flags, dishes, home decor & tons of miscellaneous for all ages.

9. 664 S. Lincoln Ave.: Friday, June 5, 8am-5pm Saturday, June 6, 8am-5pm — Antiques, collectables, tools, Toro snowblower.

10. 732 Ridge Ave: June 5: 1 p.m.- 6 p.m./ June 6: 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. — Children's clothes, toys, booster/car seat, baking & kitchen items & so much more.

11. 216 W. Hawthorne St: June 5: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m./ June 7: 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. — Boy's & girl's clothing sizes infant to toddler, various household items, decor, bedding, curtains, kitchen utensils, women's clothing & shoes, infant to toddler toys (both inside & outside), various garage items.

12. 135 S. Colorado Ave.: Friday, June 5, 8am-3pm Saturday, June 6, 8am-3pm — Paws Up Kearney County Garage Sale. Proceeds from the garage sale will help animals in need.

13. 313 S. Colorado Ave.: Friday, June 5, 12-5pm Saturday, June 6, 12-5pm — Bicentennial quarters and half dollars, ladies' vintage watches, foreign money, military belt, Micro Machine vehicles, vintage costume jewelry, sports cards.

14. 226 S. Colorado: June 6: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. — Antiques & collectables, general household items, garden & tools, seasonal craft items, miscellaneous items.

15. 806 S. Colorado Ave: June 5: 8 a.m.- 7 p.m./ June 6: 7 a.m.- 7 p.m./ June 7: 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. — Shirts & Giggles POP UP SHOP ALERT! We are bringing the goods & everything must go! Join us this weekend for a massive flash

sale where absolutely ALL shirts are 50% OFF!

16. 234 S. Minden Ave: We have deals on kids toys, kitchen stuff, clothes, knick knacks & so much more! Come see the great items & even better prices!

17. 510 N. Minden Ave: June 5: afternoon/ June 6: all day — Tools, new car ramps, ammunition, all new hardware, hoist. Proceeds will be donated to Veteran's Memorial.

18. 729 N. Kearney Ave.: Saturday, June 6, 9am-2pm — Free piano, loft bed with like new mattress that's been encased in plastic for 4 years, teen/woman clothes, shoes, prom dresses, large/small clocks, old dresser, woman's bicycle, miscellaneous kitchen items.

19. 902 S. Nebraska Ave. #17: Saturday, June 6, 10am-5pm — Free hot tub, 2 air fryers, 4 memory foam mattresses 2" 4" 6" thick, full size mattress, 2 hanging beer stands, climbing stix, lawn chairs, water jugs, air compressor, Craftsman 10" table saw, shovels, garden tools, and many more items.

20. 511 W. Campbell St.: Saturday, June 6, 8am-8pm, Sunday, June 7, 8am-8pm — Multi family sale. Men's and women's clothes, house hold items, hunting and fishing gear, TVs.

21. 554 Webster St: Friday, June 5, 4pm-6pm, Saturday, June 6, 8am-2pm — Multi-Family Sale. Small Kitchen Appliances, Clothes, Toys, Books.

22. 776 W. Brewster: Friday, June 5, 3pm-7pm, Saturday, June 6, 8:30am-12pm — Garage Sale and Lemonade Stand. Couch, dresser, kids toys, books, adult clothes, twin bed frame, girls clothes and shoes, household items, misc. and more!

23. 207 N. Colorado Ave.: Friday, June 5, 12pm-5pm, Saturday, June 6, 8am-4pm — Unopened small TV, home decor, sound system, Pokemon cards.

24. AXTELL CITY WIDE YARD SALES — Over 10 locations. Times range from Friday, June 5 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. & Saturday, June 6 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Used Book Sale Scheduled at Jensen Memorial Library

PRESS RELEASE

Jensen Memorial Library in Minden will hold its annual Used Book Sale June 4-6.

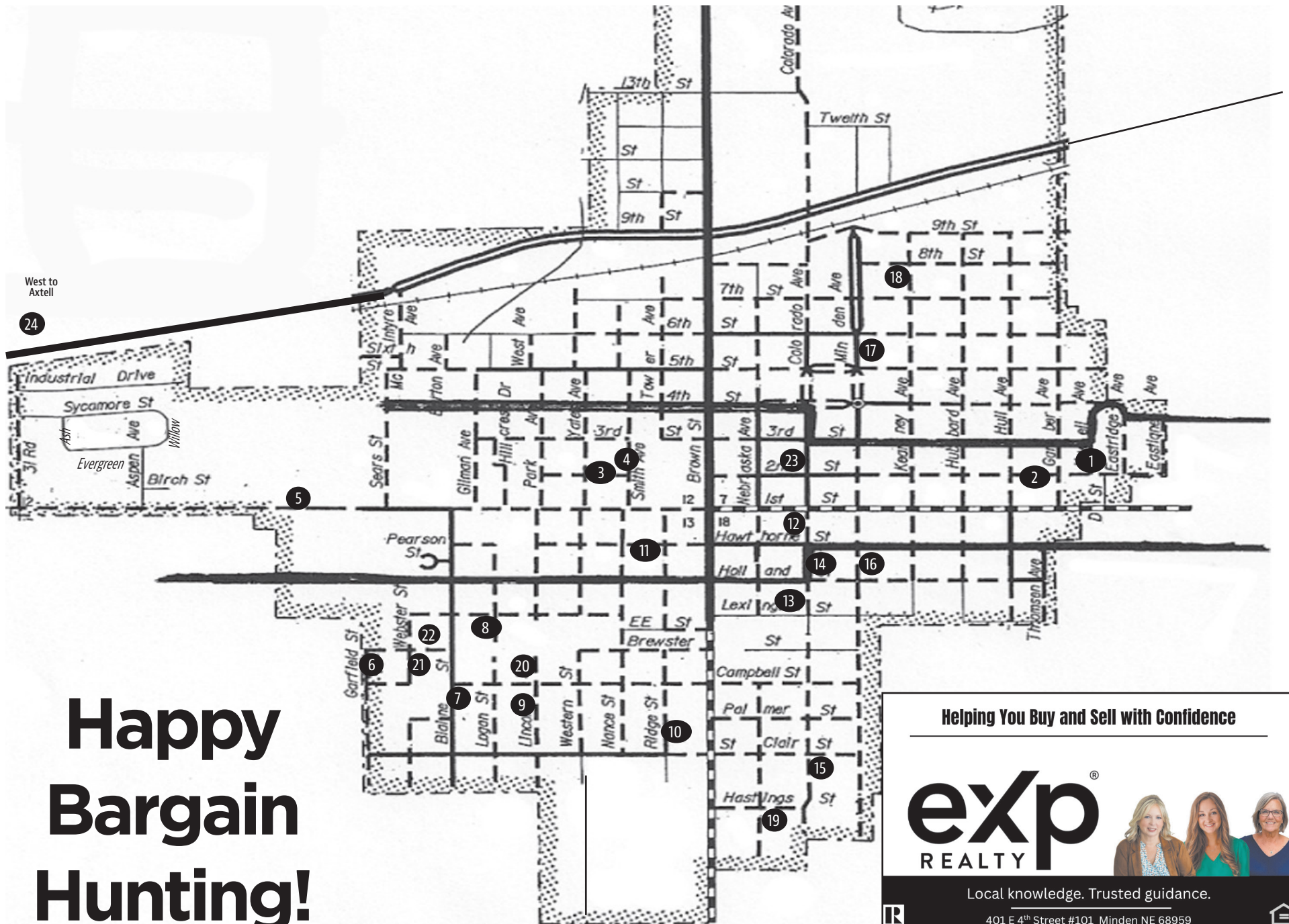
The book sale traditionally includes items in lightly worn and nearly-new items donated to the library and items purged from the library's circulating collection. These include books for children through adults, plus some large print items, cake pans, DVDs, and a few other miscellaneous items.

The sale will be open during the library's regular business hours - Thursday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, June 5, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Items will be located inside and outside on the northeast side of the building (weather permitting). Attendees are asked to enter through the northeast entrance to access indoor sale items.

"There should be something for everyone among the hundreds of books to be available," Library Director Janene Hill said. "We make sure every item is in acceptable condition and ready for a new home."

The sale is free-will donation with posted suggested donations. Boxes and bags will be available to assist shoppers in carrying out their selections. All proceeds go toward events and classes at Jensen Memorial Library.

Additional donations for the sale will be accepted through June 2 at the library. Those with a large number of items to donate are asked to contact the library in advance to schedule a drop-off time.



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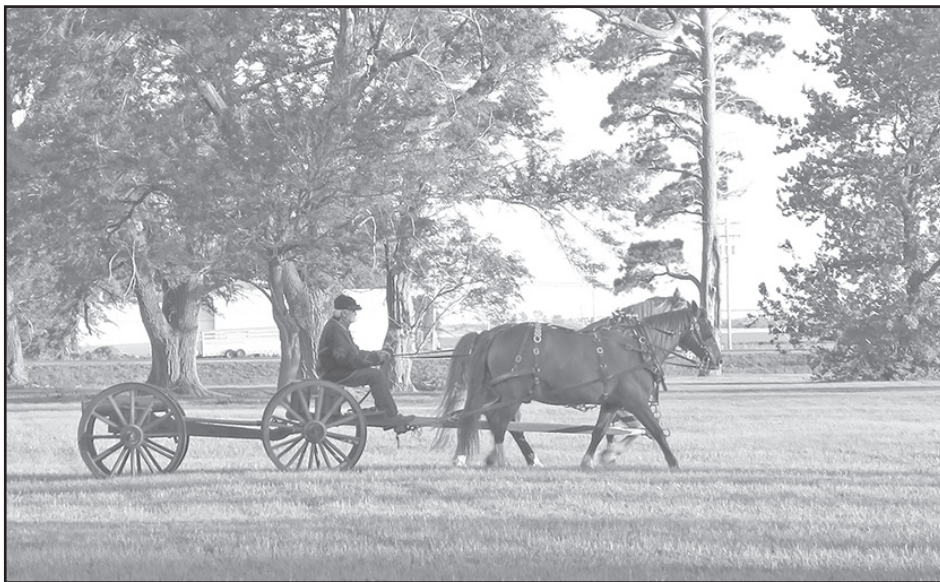
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Fort Kearny Cannon Night Firing



Pictured clockwise from above: Keith Klatt of Campbell and his pair of 12-year-old horses, half-Belgian and half-Quarter Horse, added a new feature to Memorial Day weekend's Sunday night firing of replica Civil War era cannons at Fort Kearny Historical Park by transporting two of the cannons to the firing site.

Sunset gives smoke from cannons at Fort Kearny State Historical Park an orange glow. Re-enactors explained details about prepping and firing the cannons, and also demonstrated formal ceremonies to raise and lower the American flag.

Visitors at Fort Kearny State Historical Park watched re-enactors with C Battery 3rd U.S. Artillery fire replica Civil War era cannons as part of Memorial Day weekend events. Usually, the night firings are only done on Labor Day weekend.

(Courier photos by Lori Potter)



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Weight Range – 800-846; Avg. Weight – 821; Price

Range – \$331-\$364.25; Average Price – \$349.10

Thank You!

I have enjoyed the challenge of serving on the Harold Warp Pioneer Village Foundation Board for nineteen years. A lot of joy has come from watching and visiting with our many visitors to the Museum. I can say that I have spent my time wisely.

No matter if it is at work, a member of an organization, or just being involved with other people, it is important to surround yourself with good dependable people. I feel that is the road to success and that is why the Harold Warp Pioneer Village Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers have rejuvenated the Museum.

You have heard the saying "it has been such a roller coaster ride." I would say it has been "a great carousel ride." We have brought the Pioneer Village and the Community closer together and working together for the betterment of Minden and Kearney County.

Big Thank You goes out to the Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers for putting on the retirement reception. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the Pioneer Village atmosphere.

Again, Thank You
Larry Wilcox

Calendars and Menus

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, June 8: Creamed chicken over biscuit, beets, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, June 9: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, June 10: Sandwich, salad bar & dessert

Thursday, June 11: Hot roast beef sandwich over mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw & fruit

Friday, June 12: Hamburger stroganoff, green beans, bread, fruit & dessert

RYDE Transportation For All Ages

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

RYDE Transit provides transportation for medical care, therapy, education, jobs, and shopping for individuals of all ages.

Call 308.832.2139 to schedule your ride. Public Transportation is easy to ride, and open to everyone.

Do You Remember

Ninety Years Ago — 1936

The Burlington Ak-Sar-Ben, Aristocrat and Overland Express trains added a sound motion picture show as a regular feature of the entertainment.

Nash's coffee sold for 30 cents per pound; Calumet baking powder 20 cents; and raisins 19 cents for two pounds.

The appointment of Harry Burden as postmaster at Axtell by President Roosevelt was approved by the U.S. Senate.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Passengers of school bus No. 4, driven by John Johannesen, planned a picnic near Fredericksburg Church. The children and John enjoyed a kitten ball game, sandwiches, pop and ice cream.

The youngest model present at the home economics dress revue was Jackie Stadler. Sixty-five girls appeared in the dress revue. Anna June Lynn was the instructor.

For the second time in many years, members of the senior class were given permission to sneak away for one day. The class and their sponsors, Ruth Thompson and Willa Reye Tidvall, spent a day in Hastings.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

Five sets of twins attended the Minden elementary school: Boyd and Bruce Petersen, Ronald and Robert Porter, Sandra and Linda Jacobsen, Mary and Tommy Madsen and David and Judith Mathiasen.

Stanley Sass took over the duties of news editor of The Minden Courier. Sass had been a correspondent for the Omaha World Herald.

Judge Fred S. Martin was elected district governor of Lions clubs. Alvin Christiansen was elected secretary.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Kay Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradley, was valedictorian of the Axtell Community School. Janice Rapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rapp, was salutatorian.

Harold Warp, founder of the Warp Pioneer Village, was honored for his tourist promotion folder by the Nebraska affiliate of the American Automobile Association, sponsor of the contest to promote Nebraska tourism.

Lloyd E. Nelson was promoted to the position of assistant postmaster in the Minden Post Office. Nelson had over 25 years of service in the postal department.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Speakers for the Wilcox High School commencement program were valedictorian Ellen Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewaine Erickson, and salutatorian Linda Lienemann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lienemann.

Julie Ryan was crowned 1976 FHA May Queen. Attendants were Jacqueline Jackson, Jay Nielsen, Jeremy Griess and Brandi Nelson.

The scholastic top ten Minden High School seniors were Matt Finkner, Mary Thomsen, Kevin Raun, Steve Koch, Mary Beth Barr, Brad Stirtz, Sandra Choquette, Greg Olsen, Karen Christensen and Kathy Hove.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

Dr. Blake Butler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E Butler, joined the consulting staff of Kearney County Community Hospital and formed a partnership with Dr. Doak Doolittle of Holdrege.

An Iowa farmer donated a detailed scale model of a 1915 grain threshing outfit to Pioneer Village.

The Cinnamon Bear, owned by Jane Martin, held an open house. The store featured many fashions and styles for children.



2016 — Morton Buildings of Kearney works on framing the new building at Jaycee Park that will house a concession stand, restrooms and storage for the park.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The Minden City Council approved raising lot and labor fees at the Minden Cemetery. The fees had not been raised since 1992 and many of the fees were doubled.

The 1996-1997 Wilcox cheerleaders were Brittney Potter, Liz Fichter, Chelsea Eschen, Kylee Holstee, Jennifer Schriener, Kasey Twohig, Stacey DeCent and Sheila Potter.

Christina Yant and Dallas Schwenka captured top honors in the Optimist Junior World Golf Tournament. Yant fired a 51 to place second and Schwenka carded a 47 to place first.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Roeder Construction of Kearney worked to pave two blocks in the West Minden Estates. The project was budgeted through the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Wilcox-Hildreth students Josh Jones and Joe Melton attended the International Science Fair in Indianapolis, Ind. Jones received first place from the Patent and Trademark Office Society and a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance/ The Lemelson Foundation. Melton received an all expense paid trip to New York to appear on the Fox and Friends TV show.

Brett Bebensee of Wilcox-Hildreth and Mitch Anderson of Axtell competed at the Nebraska Class C-2 State Golf Championships. Anderson shot a two day total of 161 while Bebensee was just two strokes out of medal contention with 14th place shooting a 158 total.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

Former Minden resident Kristi Starmer began a blog in March about making the switch from life on two feet to life in a wheelchair. After 19 years of walking, her battle with Muscular Dystrophy forced her to accept being wheelchair bound. Her blog is informative and inspirational, but it also offers an outlet for her frustrations.

Andrew Hultquist of Heartwell passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review marking him an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scout program. He led a group in building custom tables for the small animal area at Kearney County Fairgrounds for his community service project.

Girl Scout Troop 657 planted flowers at the Jensen Memorial Library as part of their Bronze Award. Participants included Aubree Bules, Mollie Runions, Bailey Eckhardt and Brenna Bules.

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Whippets Make Their Mark on State Track

ROGER HANSEN

Minden had six athletes competing at the State Track and Field Meet at Omaha Burke High School on May 20-21.

The Whippets had no medalists nor scored any points in the Class B portion of the meet but two boys were just one place away from being in the top eight, which is what it takes to medal and score.

Parker Hatch had the ninth best time in the 400 meters while Traelin Christensen had the ninth longest heave in the shot put.

Four of the six Minden competitors are underclassmen-- Hatch (jr.), Christensen (jr.), Logan Verbeck (jr.) and Victoria Hansen (soph.).

Myla Emery and Luke Grollmes are seniors.

BOYS RESULTS

400-METERS — Hatch, 9th, 50.65; Verbeck, 23rd, 52.98

110-METER HURDLES — Grollmes, 16th, 15.7

300-METER HURDLES — Grollmes, 22nd, 42.51; Hatch, 23rd, 42.79

SHOT PUT — Christensen, 9th, 53-10.5 (personal best)

DISCUS — Christensen, 15th, 151-8

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METER HURDLES — Emery, 15th, 15.93

DISCUS — Hansen, 12th, 114-9



Six Whippets competed at the Class B State Track & Field Meet in Omaha May 20-21. Pictured clockwise from above: Traelin Christensen, Logan Verbeck, and Victoria Hansen. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



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Six Whippets competed at the Class B State Track & Field Meet in Omaha May 20-21. Pictured clockwise from right: Parker Hatch, Luke Grollmes, Myla Emery, and Coach Shawn Wheelock. (Courier photos by Arabela Reed)




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Bunger, Havranek State Champs

ROGER HANSEN

Gold medals, silver medals, other medals and school records were all outcomes earned by the Wilcox-Hildreth and Axtell athletes at the Nebraska State Track and Field Meet at Omaha Burke on May 22-23. The Classes C and D meets were contested on Friday and Saturday following the previous two days when Classes A and B held court.

Competing in the Class D portion of the event, both of the Falcons' teams and the Axtell boys came away with top ten finishes.

Top ten boys' team scores: Dundy County-Stratton 75, Anselmo-Merna 52, North Central (Bassett et al.) 38, Pleasanton 35, Medicine Valley 25, Wilcox-Hildreth 21, East Butler 21, Axtell 18, Diller-Odell 18, Kenesaw 17

Top ten girls' team scores: Dundy County-Stratton 70, Wausa 49, McCool Junction 47, Burwell 42, Central Valley (Greeley et al.) 41, Ainsworth 30, Nebraska Lutheran 24.5, North Central 23, Wilcox-Hildreth 22, Cambridge 21. Axtell tied for 38th scoring 3.

Injuries derailed the vast majority of Axtell's Cayson Havranek's senior season, but when healthy again late in the spring he jumped his way to class gold in the long jump and sprinted to a silver in the 100 meters. He scored all of the Cats' points at Omaha.

Wil-Hil sophomore Camryn Bunger completed a fantastic 2026 by winning the high jump and finishing third in both the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles. She is the first Wil-Hil girl to claim state gold and was the sole point scorer for the Falcon girls at State. Bunger ran the 400 meters as well, finishing 22nd. She is



the school record holder in the high jump and 100 hurdles.

Wil-Hil's Thomas Donley's senior campaign was consistently admirable from start to finish. The school record holder in the 200 and 400, he placed fourth in the 200 and silvered in the 400. To top it off, he and his 1600 relay mates senior Cody Schriener, soph. Luke Lush and soph. Kaden Schriener were the 'D' runners-up and broke the school record for the third time this season.

Axtell junior Emma Hall put her name on the school record board in both of her State events. She placed seventh in the 1600 to bump Jennifer Victor from the top spot that she was perched atop since 2000. In the 3200, Hall got the eighth place medal with a time fast enough to move ahead of previous record holder Stephanie Schneider from 1999.

Additionally for the Falcon boys, sophomore Alex Klatt-Terabelian was 12th in the 3200, Donley 13th in the pole vault, Cody Schriener 19th in the 400, Kaden Schriener 21st in the 400 and soph. Drew Blank had finishes of 20th in the 300 hurdles and 22nd in the 110 hurdles.

Senior Dinah Culp represented the Wil-Hil girls and placed 21st in the triple jump.

Other Cat boys at Burke, both freshman distance runners, were Kyler Kolbo (18th 1600) and Micah Houchin (19th 3200).

Besides Hall, five of her Axtell teammates competed. Senior Kali Philippi was listed in the State program in three events--16th long jump, 16th triple jump, 20th 300 hurdles. Senior Emily Danburg was 10th in the triple jump and ran with sophomore Mina Schilling, sophomore Leah Stritt and junior Ashlynn Nelson in the 400 relay, which finished 13th.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CAYSON HAVRANEK - TRACK & FIELD

School - Axtell Community School

Grade - Senior

Achievements & Attributes - Cayson Havranek finished his Axtell Track & Field career competing on 2 District Championship teams, 3 FKC Championship teams, 2 Runner-Up State teams, and on the 2024 Class D State Championship team. He is a multiple time FKC individual champion and an 8-time individual District champion. Cayson is also on the Axtell school record board in 2 events. He is a 4-time state qualifier who competed in 12 total events at the state meet throughout his career. Cayson earned a total of 8 state track medals in 5 different events, including the Long Jump, 100m, 200m, 4x100m and 4x400m relays. This year, Cayson was only able to compete at state in two events, due to a hamstring injury. He wrapped up his career with a 2nd place finish in the 100m and is the 2026 Class D State Champion in the Long Jump. - Coach Eric Havranek



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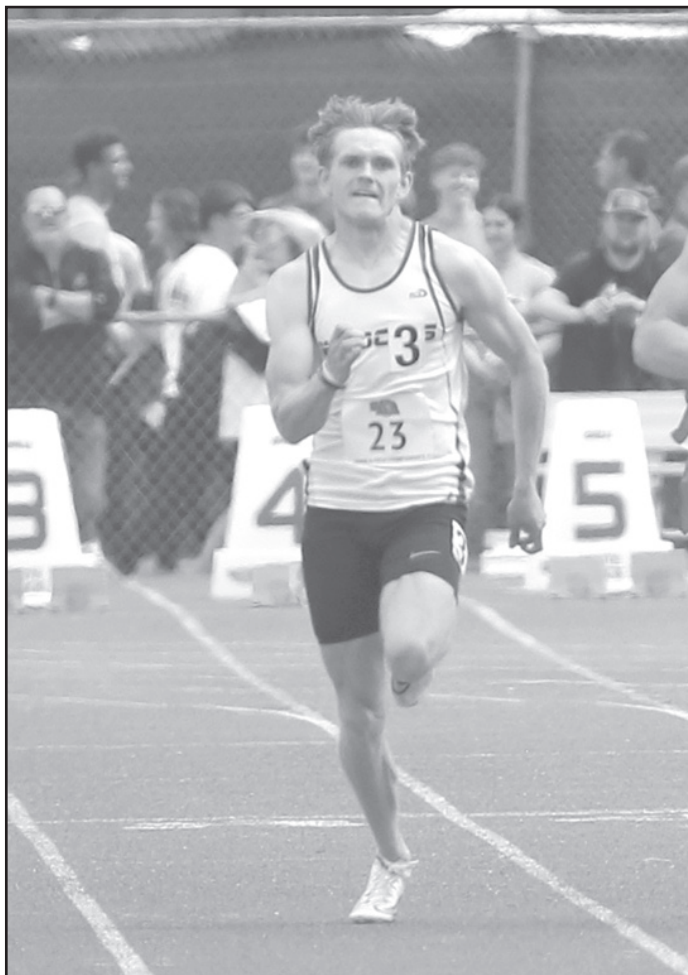


BOYS RESULTS

100-METERS — Havranek, AX, 2nd, 10.99 (personal best)
200-METERS — Donley, WH, 4th, 23.12 (22.88 in prelims)
400-METERS — Donley, WH, 2nd, 50.14; C. Schriener, WH, 19th, 53.22; K. Schriener, WH, 21st, 54.18
1,600-METERS — Kolbo, AX, 18th, 4:55.61 (PB)
3,200-METERS — Klatt-Terabelian, WH, 12th, 10:33.74; Houchin, AX, 19th, 10:59.9
110-METER HURDLES — Blank, WH, 22nd, 17.32
300-METER HURDLES — Blank, WH, 20th, 43.90
4x400 RELAY — Wilcox-Hildreth (C. Schriener, Lush, K. Schriener, Donley), 2nd, 3:29.22 (school record--old record 3:31.65 in '26 by the same four boys)
POLE VAULT — Donley, WH, 13th, 12-6
LONG JUMP — Havranek, AX, 1st, 21-6.75 (State Champ)

GIRLS RESULTS

400-METERS — Bunger, WH, 22nd, 1:03.59
1,600-METERS — Hall, AX, 7th, 5:27.26 (school record--old record 5:31.2 by Jennifer Victor in 2000)
3,200-METERS — Hall, AX, 8th, 12:02.55 (school record--old record 12:11 by Stephanie Schneider in 1999)
100-METER HURDLES — Bunger, WH, 3rd, 15.58; Philippi, AX, 20th, 17.7
300-METER HURDLES — Bunger, WH, 3rd, 47.28 (PB)
4x100 RELAY — Axtell (Schilling, Danburg, Stritt, Nelson), 13th, 52.51
HIGH JUMP — Bunger, WH, 1st, 5-5 (State Champ)
LONG JUMP — Philippi, AX, 16th, 15-5.75
TRIPLE JUMP — Danburg, AX, 10th, 34-0 (PB); Philippi, AX, 16th, 33-2.25; Culp, WH, 21st, 32-6.75



17 Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth athletes competed at the NSAA Class D State Track & Field Meet at Omaha Burke May 22-23. Representing Axtell was Cayson Havranek, Emma Hall, Kyler Kolbo, Micah Houchin, Mina Schilling, Ashlynn Nelson, Kali Philippi, Leah Stritt, and Emily Danburg. Representing Wilcox-Hildreth was Alex Klatt-Terabelian, Drew Blank, Thomas Donley, Luke Lush, Dinah Culp, Cody Schriener, Kaden Schriener, and Camryn Bunger. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner and Courtesy photos)



First Bank Seniors Start Season Strong

ROGER HANSEN

Minden's First Bank Seniors had an emphatic opening to the season with a run-rule shortened 15-0 skunking of Doniphan-Trumbull-Giltner on May 26 at Bjorklund Field.

Jake Halvorsen tossed a three-inning no hitter against DTG, striking out six and yielding a lone walk.

While First Bank had but six hits, they were gifted three walks and six hit batsmen. Stealing eight bases also put a lot of runners in scoring position and First Bank came through at the plate in those situations.

Cael Smith introduced a baseball to Highway 10 as he stroked a grand slam way over the right field fence. Keaton Heikkinen (double) and Halvorsen (triple) also had extra base knocks.



No one had more than one hit but multiple players had multiple RBI. Smith (4), Halvorsen (2), Heikkinen (2) and Cohen Schmidt (2) led the run-producing and six First Bankers scored two or more runs, those being Luke Grollmes (3), Halvorsen (2), Parker Hatch (2), Mason Bolin (2), Heikkinen (2) and Smith (2).

Schmidt and Heikkinen both had a pair of swipes while Grollmes was plunked three times and Bolin twice.

DTG 0 0 0- 0

First Bank 5 1 9-15

Winning Pitcher- Halvorsen

Playing at Loomis on May 31, First Bank came out on top of a 7-4 contest.

Neither team scored for the first three innings, but then First Bank got one in the fourth, four in the fifth and two more in the seventh to hold off Loomis.

Johnson, Heikkinen and Smith belted two hits each in a 9-hit attack with Johnson and Bolin each doubling. Tyler Wilson had a pair of RBI and Heikkinen scored two runs. Grollmes pilfered two bases.

Bolin was very effective in five innings as the starter, giving up just one hit and no runs. He walked five and fanned 11. Smith relieved for 1 2/3 innings and yielded 3 hits, 4 runs (none earned), three walks. Heikkinen went the last 1/3 inning with a walk and a strikeout.

First Bank 0 0 0 1 4 0
2- 7(2-0)

Loomis 0 0 0 0 0 2
2- 4

Winning Pitcher-Bolin

The Seniors hosted Wood River on June 2 and then traveled for games at Imperial on June 6 and at Ogallala on June 7.



The Minden First Bank Seniors Legion Baseball team had a phenomenal first week going 2-0. Pictured: (above) Owen Janda puts his glove up in the outfield. (below) Parker Hatch runs the bases. (left) Luke Grollmes takes a break in the dugout. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Names: Cody Schriener (12th), Luke Lush (10th), Kaden Schriener (10th), Thomas Donley (12th)

School: Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

Achievements in past seasons and this season:

Thomas Donley was a three-time returning state qualifier. Thomas, Kaden, and Cody all qualified in the open 400m for NSAA Class D State, Luke Lush was just out of a wildcard spot to qualify in the 800m.

This season these boys went on a mission to break the school 4x400m record, and to be a top relay-team in the state. They accomplished that mission several times.

Early in the season the boys broke the school record at the Hi-Line Invite, they later performed well again and were champions of the Fort Kearny Conference.

At the D-6 Districts in Kenesaw, with the team title on the line, they broke the record again, running a 3:31.65a and were district champions. At NSAA State the boys once again broke the school-record, running a personal best 3:29.22a and placing as silver medalists in a very fast competitive race."

Challenges they have overcome: Mid-season Cody Schriener dealt with a leg injury that limited his reps and the relay teams opportunities to run.

We battled poor weather for the first half of the season.

Attributes that have led to their success: Thomas Donley led this team by example. He is a tremendous athlete, with an outstanding work ethic.

All of the young men worked with a determined focus to improve and perform in this relay. Relay members are often the last athletes at practice, as they must put extra work in following their training for individual events.

"It was a tremendous honor and pleasure to coach these young men this season. Their success comes from their athletic abilities and work-ethic combined with their buy-in to the program and training." ~ Coach Wade Brashear and Dustin Johnson



First Bank Jrs Face Full Schedule in First Week

ROGER HANSEN

The Minden First Bank Juniors' baseball team had a successful season opener on May 26 when hosting Doniphan-Trumbull-Giltner at Bjorklund Field.

The Juniors run-ruled DTG 12-3 in a contest lasting just 4.5 innings. DTG scored some runs early but First Bank's offense was consistent for the first three innings as they led 12-3 after the third. From that point on, over the final inning and a half, no more runners crossed home plate for either squad.

The First Bankers pounded out ten hits, led by two-hit performances from Morgan Johnson, Jake Bolin, Cohen Schmidt and Kyler Wilson. Bo Lutkemeier had the only extra-base hit --a double--and he and Wilson and Schmidt each drove in two runs. Johnson, Lutkemeier and Schmidt scored three runs apiece.

The pitching was handled by starter Zach Klabunde with relief from Wilson. Klabunde was roughed up a bit early but he settled in to finish with a line of 3 innings pitched, 3 hits, 2 earned runs, one walk and two Ks. In Wilson's two relief innings, he was pretty dominant, allowing no hits, runs or walks and fanning four.

DTG 2 1 0 0- 3
 First Bank 4 4 4 0 X- 12
 Winning pitcher-Klabunde

On May 29 the Juniors played a double dip at Lexington (Heartland Chevrolet), winning the opener 7-2 in a two-inning preliminary and then dropping the nightcap 11-13.

In the first game First Bank scored six runs in the first inning and over the two innings were gifted six walks and benefited from some errors. Bolin and Levi Bockstadter each had singles and one RBI apiece. Klabunde and Micah Houchin also plated one run each while Morgan Johnson scored two runs. Johnson stole two bases.

Luke Powers pitched the first inning and gave up one run, one hit, two walks and struck out three. Lutkemeier was on the mound in the second and yielded no hits, one run, one walk and also had three Ks.

First Bank 6 1- 7 (2-0)
 Lexington 1 1- 1
 Winner-Lutkemeier

In game two, the juniors had an 11-0 lead after two and a half innings but saw Lex score four in the third and nine in the fourth.

First Bank rapped out nine hits, all singles save for a double by Luke Samuelson. Samuelson and Klabunde both had two hits and two RBI. Bolin also had two RBI and Schmidt and Klabunde each scored twice.



Bolin and Johnson had two steals apiece.

Schmidt went 2.2 innings as the starter with a line of 2 hits, 4 runs, (one earned), 3 walks and 2 strikeouts. Johnson relieved for 1/3 inning and was victimized by one hit, 6 runs (5 earned) and 4 walks. Bolin finished up going 2/3 inning and ceding one hit, 3 runs (2 earned), 3 walks while striking out one.

First Bank 2 0 9 0- 11 (2-1)
 Lex 0 0 4 9- 13
 Loser- Bolin

First Bank finished the week at Loomis on May 31 and were

dealt a 6-14 loss.

Bolin (3 hits, 2 RBI) and Samuelson (2 hits, 2 RBI) and Johnson (2 runs) led the First Bank offense that totaled 8 hits. One of Bolin's hits was a triple.

Klabunde took to the mound first and went 3 innings, surrendering 11 hits, 13 runs (7 earned) with no walks and 7 Ks. Houchin relieved for one inning and yielded 2 hits, one run (earned), no walks with one strikeout.

First Bank 0 0 1 2
 3- 6 (2-2)

Loomis 2 4 7 1 X- 14
 Loser- Klabunde

After a June 2 game at home vs. Wood River, First Bank goes to the Mountain time zone to take on Imperial on June 6 and Ogallala on June 7.



The Minden First Bank Juniors baseball team began the season running with games on May 26, 29, and 31. Pictured: (above) Bo Lutkemeier slides into base. (left) Zach Klabunde prepares to launch a pitch from the mound. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

TRAE LIN CHRISTENSEN - TRACK & FIELD

School - Minden High School

Grade - Junior

Achievements: Whippet junior Traelin Christensen made big jumps in his discus and shot put marks from a year ago.

This season, as in 2025, he qualified for the state meet in both events, placing ninth in the shot and 15th in the discus. His personal bests in 2026 were 165-0 in the discus and 53-10.5 in the shot.



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Sunday, June 7: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

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206 N. Colorado
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Friday, June 5: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m. Sunday, June 7: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee & Cookies, 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 10: Communion, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 12: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

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Donna (Leibhart) Tubbs



Donna (Leibhart) Tubbs passed away peacefully on May 28, 2026, at Kearney Prairie View Gardens with her family by her side. Donna was born April 17, 1943, in Callaway, Nebraska, to Percy and Mabel (Adams) Leibhart. She graduated from Broken Bow High School in 1961. Donna married the love of her life, Jack Tubbs, in Broken Bow, Nebraska, on June 15, 1962. They were blessed with two children, Jackie and Greg. Jack's career led them to move to several Nebraska communities and spend five years

in Chicago, Illinois, before retiring to North Platte, Nebraska. Donna worked as a Special Education Para-Educator in North Platte. They moved to Kearney in 2007.

When her children were growing up, Donna was a Girl Scout leader and church youth leader for many years. After raising her children, she graduated from Elmhurst College near Chicago, Illinois with her degree in Special Education. During their retirement, Jack and Donna spent winters in their camper in Arkansas, Texas and Arizona where they made many friends and attended numerous bluegrass festivals.

Donna enjoyed studying the Bible, reading, and music, especially Jack's singing and watching him play in various bands over the years. On several occasions she joined him on stage to sing a duet or two. She was a woman of strong Christian faith. A prayer warrior who prayed unceasingly for her family and friends. Her greatest life joys were marrying Jack and becoming a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She and Jack took their grand-

children on many camping trips and adventures. She made special photo albums for her grandchildren and planned many wonderful celebrations with them. Donna was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kearney.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jack; her daughter, Jackie (Terry) Sorensen of Minden; her son, Greg (Wrona Carpenter) Tubbs of Gibbon; granddaughters, Jennifer (Hayden) Rucker and Jianna (Marcus) Arens; grandson, Trevor (Tess) Sorensen; four great-grandchildren; sister, Molly Mott of Grand Island; brother-in-law, Charley (Reita) Lloyd of Callaway in addition to many other extended family members and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents Percy Leibhart and Mabel (Leibhart) Berry, brother Jerry Leibhart, and in-laws Clarence and Nora Tubbs.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Burial will follow at the Minden Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Memorials in Donna's honor are kindly suggested to the Minden Opera House or the Jensen Memorial Library in Minden. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

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Robert S. Pringle, Kearney, assault-cause bodily injury, fine jail 120 days, 28 days credit for time served, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Abbott, 11-13-25

Robert H. Rosser, Overton, leave accident-fail to furnish info-1st, fine \$200, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 1-7-26

Malia J. Prather, Colorado Springs, Colorado, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 4-29-26

Kelly E. Koch, Kearney, DUI-alcohol-1st offense, fine \$500, 4 months probation, 60 days revoked license, \$2,780.18 restitution, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Bauer, 2-28-26

Angel A. Nunez, Minden, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$200, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Whestine, 4-19-26

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5-22-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to KCHS to transfer to Kearney Regional.

5-23-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Q Road for a fall.

5-23-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 5th Street for trouble breathing.

5-25-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 5th Street for a personal illness & trouble breathing.

5-25-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Hull Avenue for low blood sugar.

5-26-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to C Road for a no burn permit.

5-27-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched for a vehicle fire.

5-28-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Thomsen Avenue for back pain.

5-28-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 1st Street to transfer to GSH BLS.

5-28-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to W. 1st Street.

Kearney County Sheriff

5-23-26, A vehicle driven by Pablo Tomas Sicajau, Grand Island, was southbound on Highway 44 when it struck a deer crossing the highway. Sicajau slid off to the east side of the highway into the ditch & corrected back onto the highway coming to a rest on the west shoulder. Estimated damage: \$7,500

5-17-26, A vehicle driven by Mitchell Devin Flaming, Hildreth, was southbound on 26 Road, where powerful winds had caused a utility pole to be moved & split into pieces, causing the pole to be suspended by power lines. Flaming collided with the pole, declined medical attention. Estimated damage: \$10,000.

5-24-26, A vehicle driven by Monica E. Lange, Central City, was southbound on Highway 44 when it struck a deer crossing the road. Estimated damage: \$8,000.

Minden Police Report

Calls for Service

May 21

0127 - Chautauqua Park, Suspicious Vehicles

0441 - 400 Block E. 3rd St., Tagged Vehicle

1456 - 1st St. and Brown Ave., Juveniles Playing in Street

1524 - 600 Block N. Colorado Ave., Parking Complaint

1823 - Southbound Hwy 10, Traffic Complaint

May 22

2327 - Hwy 10 and K Road, Agency Assist-DUI Investigation

0011 - Fairgrounds, Suspicious Vehicle

1348 - Ridge Ave. and Hawthorne St., Juvenile Complaint

May 23

0018 - 600 Block N. Brown Ave., Alarm

0250 - 500 Block N. Garber Ave., Motorist Assist

0947 - Chautauqua Park, Vandalism

0947 - MPD, Ongoing Investigation

1010 - 500 Block W. 1st St., Death Investigation

2027 - 300 Block E. 4th St., Debris in Roadway

May 24

0154 - 600 Block W. 1st St., Open Door

0335 - 100 Block E. Brewster St., Debris in Roadway

1139 - JayCee Park, Animal Complaint

1745 - 800 Block E. 2nd St., Animal Complaint

2148 - Hwy 6 and Smith Ave., Traffic Stop

2239 - 6th St. and Tower Ave., Traffic Stop

May 25

1507 - 200 Block S. Brown Ave., Animal Complaint

1634 - 600 Block N. Brown Ave., Suspicious Subject

2356 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Suspicious Vehicle

May 26

0014 - 100 Block E. Hawthorne St., 4-wheeler racing up and down alley

0022 - 900 Block S. Nebraska Ave., Loud Music Complaint

1745 - 500 Block W. 1st St., Death Investigation

1933 - 600 Block N. Colorado Ave., Distur-

bance

May 27

1045 - 500 Block Western Ave., Neighbor Dispute

1220 - Chautauqua Park, Found Dog, Returned to Owner

1232 - 6th St. and Minden Ave., Tagged Vehicle Blocking Mailbox

1309 - Hwy 6 and 10, Unknown Subject on Top of Passing Through Train

1712 - Softball Field, Disruptive Subject

1727 - 900 Block S. Nebraska Ave., Check Welfare

1847 - 600 Block N. Hull Ave., Dispute

2001 - 1st St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

2312 - Fairgrounds, Suspicious Vehicle

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NOTICE

CITY OF MINDEN

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on May 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chambers, pursuant to advance notice of said meeting simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Council and to the public as shown by the copy thereof posted in the Minden City Hall, Outside the Minden City Hall, First Bank & Trust Co., Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., and the Post Office. A copy of the notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Council Members Present: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. City Officials Present: Evans, Krings, Olson and Jordan. Approved Bills and Claims: Accent Wire-Tie--Supplies \$1,685.99, B. Norgaard--Repairs \$107.06, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$264.34, Capital One--Supplies \$3,200.64, Central District Health Department--Fees \$243.00, City Of Hastings--Fees \$260.10, C. Bryant--Repairs \$140.00, D. Jensen--Personnel \$125.00, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$198.30, E. And T. Hemenway--Supplies \$360.00, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$1,202.38, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$100.78, Grindestone Enterprises, Inc--New Infrastructure \$25,483.88, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical \$5,923.49, Integrated Security Solutions, Llc--Tech/Engineering \$787.98, Iworq Systems Inc--Tech/Engineering \$1,166.67, J. L. Carter--Repairs \$3,205.25, Ke Co Treasurer--Fees

\$6,033.33, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies \$54.52, L. L. P. McGee--Chemical \$8,588.50, Midwest Connect--Supplies \$298.00, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C--Financing \$5,065.41, Minden Utility Dept.--Utilities \$3,474.66, Nebraska Rural Water Assoc.--Fees \$450.00, Nphe--Fees \$18.00, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering \$26,513.00, Pony Express Ford--Repairs \$1,081.39, Powertech--Repairs \$2,718.18, Presto X Co.--Maintenance \$185.61, Reece Construction Co., Inc.--Rental \$893.50, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$2,525.00, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$8,950.00, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees \$2,000.00, S. Egenberger--Energy Rebate \$219.80, Sos Portable Toilets Inc--Rental \$137.00, Steinbrink Landscaping--Supplies \$280.86, The Minden Courier--Printing \$64.15, T. Cowden--Personnel \$125.00, Two Weeks Inc--Supplies \$2,214.95, Ul Llc--Repairs \$4,745.00, United Parcel Service, Inc--Fees \$17.06, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet \$809.33, Woodward Disposal--Fees \$32.50, 5-1-26 Payroll \$81,756.52. Items Approved: Consent Agenda— Schneider motioned to approve the consent agenda removing the \$100 claims to Dan Schoone, removing the \$100 claim to Tom Brown, and removing the Special Designated Liquor License for Windmill Studios from the consent agenda. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Abstain: Bungler. Special designated liquor

license for Windmill Studios at the Kearney County Fairgrounds for a reception on 5-23-26 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.-- Yant motioned to approve the special designated liquor license for Windmill Studios at the Kearney County Fairgrounds for a reception on 5-23-26 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Voted aye: Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Abstain: Bungler. Contract with South Central Development District, Inc. for grant administration services not to exceed \$10,000 for the grant CDBG #25-ED-003 and authorize the mayor to execute the contract— Schneider motioned to approve a contract with South Central Development District, Inc. for grant administration services not to exceed \$10,000 for the grant CDBG #25-ED-003 and authorize the mayor to execute the contract. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Letter agreement for professional services with Olsson, Inc. for engineering services for the 3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment project not to exceed \$17,800— Bungler motioned to approve the letter agreement for professional services with Olsson, Inc. for engineering services for the 3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment project not to exceed \$17,800. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Permanent easement with PSK, LLC for a 10 feet wide utility easement located in Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and the vacated alley, Block 14, Railroad Addition to the City of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska AND issuance of \$22 payment to the Kearney County

Clerk for filing fees— Yant motioned to approve the permanent easement with PSK, LLC for a 10 feet wide utility easement located in Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and the vacated alley, Block 14, Railroad Addition to the City of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska AND issuance of \$22 payment to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees. Bungler seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Permanent easement with Hoff Brothers Inc. for a 10 feet wide utility easement located in Lot 1 and the East half of the vacated alley, Block 14, Railroad Addition to the City of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska AND issuance of \$22 payment to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees— Bungler motioned to approve the permanent easement with Hoff Brothers Inc. for a 10 feet wide utility easement located in Lot 1 and the East half of the vacated alley, Block 14, Railroad Addition to the City of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska AND issuance of \$22 payment to the Kearney County Clerk for filing fees. Schneider seconded. Krings stated this is the same project, but a different property owner. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Resolution 1833 amending the wastewater rates— Yant motioned to approve Resolution 1833 amending the wastewater rates. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Resolution 1834 adding fees for the collection, transportation, and disposal of recyclable materials for commercial customers without City sanitation services— Schneider motioned to approve Resolution 1834 adding fees for

the collection, transportation, and disposal of recyclable materials for commercial customers without City sanitation services and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for a water system preliminary engineering report not to exceed \$60,000 for the CDBG planning grant #25-PP-009— Schneider motioned to approve the contract with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for a water system preliminary engineering report not to exceed \$60,000 for the CDBG planning grant #25-PP-009. Bungler seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Employment of immediate family members disclosure statement submitted by Ann Madsen—Schneider motioned to approve the employment of immediate family members disclosure statement submitted by Ann Madsen and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Employment of immediate family members disclosure statement submitted by Camille Collins-- Bungler motioned to approve the employment of immediate family members disclosure statement submitted by Camille Collins and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. Non-Action Items: Council Announcements. Public Forum. Mayoral National day

of Prayer Proclamation. Bungler motioned to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider.

Abbey Jordan, City Clerk A complete transcript of the council minutes is available at the City Clerk's office and online at minden-nebraska.org.

Jun 4, 2026
(290) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 16th day of June 2026; 10:30 am. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska to hear public comments on:

Special Use Application – 5.14 Permitted special uses, #4 Broadcast towers and stations and wind generation systems, by The Grinnell Group to construct a 300' telecommunication tower on a tract of land in the SE ¼ of Section -30 T-7 R13W of Keaney County. Questions or comments may be directed to the County Zoning Administrator Office at 308/832-2795.

Carrie Favinger
Zoning Administrator
May 29, 2026

Jun4, 2026
Jun 11, 2026
(29) znez

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NOTICE**NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR MAJOR MODIFICATION**

Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment

Livestock and Agriculture Section

Lincoln, Nebraska

Pursuant to the Neb. Rev. Stat. 54-2425 (4) as amended, the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (Department) is issuing notice to provide an opportunity for any interested person to submit written comments on the proposed decision for the

following concentrated animal feeding operation.

This public comment period will be from June 4, 2026 through July 6, 2026. Comments made should pertain to issues for which the Department has authority under the Livestock Waste Management Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 54-2416 through 54-2435).

Brian Kissinger
Fort Kearny Consolidated (Facility ID: 27615)
1818 32nd Road Minden, NE 68959

The operation's existing and proposed livestock waste control facilities (LWCFs) are located in the S ½, N ½, & S ½, Section 6, & W ½, Section

05, Township 07 N, Range 14 W, Kearney County, Nebraska. The existing LWCFs include one holding pond, thirteen debris basins, and seven lifting stations. The application proposes the construction of two lifting stations, and the removal of four debris basins.

The application indicates an existing maximum of 58,000 head of Feeder Cattle, and proposes a new one-time maximum capacity of 85,000 head of Feeder Cattle.

The Department has reviewed the application to ensure compliance with the Livestock Waste Management Act and Title 130 – Livestock Waste Control Regulations. Currently, the Department intends to approve the application for a major modification to the previously issued Construction and Operating Permit. Upon completion of review of any written comments received, the Department will make a final decision on the permit application and respond to any comments.

The application and other public information is available for review and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CT), weekdays at the Department's Office, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Ste 100, Lincoln, Nebraska, telephone (402) 471-2186. Individuals requiring special accommodation or alternate formats of materials should notify the Department by calling (402) 471-2186. TDD users should call (800) 833-7352 and ask the relay operator to call the Department at

(402) 471-2186. Please include the above name and legal description of the animal feeding operation.

All comments should be sent to: Livestock and Agriculture Section, Nebraska Department of Water, Environment, and Energy, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Ste 100, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521.

The Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, or sex in administration of its programs or activities, and DWEE does not intimidate or retaliate against any individual or group because they have exercised their rights to participate in or oppose action protected/prohibited by 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7, or for the purpose of interfering with such rights.

Jun 4, 2026
(122) znez

NOTICE**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Minden Public Schools, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0503, will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.

Jun 4, 2026
(17) znez

NOTICE**NOTICE OF MEETING AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 50-0501 of Kearney County, Nebraska, a.k.a. Axtell Community School, will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in the Axtell Community School Library, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent. Please email Rob Gregory, superintendent, with questions: rob.gregory@axtellwildcats.org.

Linda Almquist,
Secretary

Jun 4, 2026
(25) znez

NOTICE**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME**

Trade Name: Hometown Wellness

Name of Applicant: Minden Wellness, LLC

Address: 110 East Hawthorne Street, Minden, NE 68959

Applicant is: Limited Liability Company

If other than an Individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Nebraska
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: Upon Filing
General nature of business: aesthetic services

Sarah Sexton, Manager of Minden Wellness, LLC, Applicant

Jun 4, 2026
(22) znez

NOTICE**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 11 will hold a regular board meeting at the service unit office located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The public may attend the meeting in person at ESU 11 for said meeting. A current agenda of items to be brought before the Board at this meeting is available for public inspection in the office of ESU 11. Reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs who want to attend the meeting will be provided on request if sufficient advance notice is given. Accommodations for special needs can be requested by calling the ESU 11 office, 995-6585.

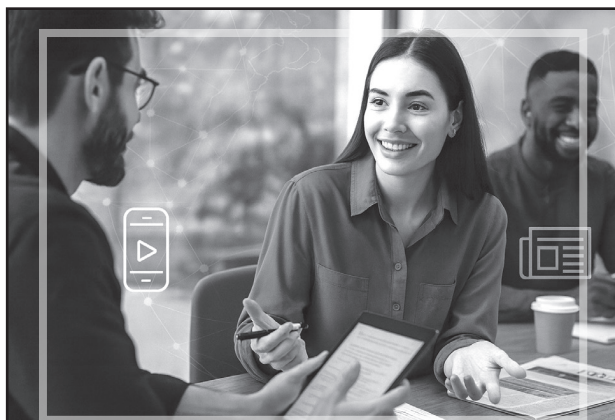
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(27) znez

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

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Wilcox-Hildreth Public School, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0001 of Kearney County, Nebraska will be held on the 15th day of June, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. in the Wilcox-Hildreth Conference Room in Wilcox. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.

By: Board of Education
Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

Jun 4, 2026
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NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be accepting sealed bids for one (1) new 2026 or newer Articulated Motor grader with 250 hours or less at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026. Sealed bids must be received at the Kearney County Clerk's office by 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday June 16th, 2026, at the following address:

Kearney County Clerk's Office
Kearney County Courthouse
P.O. Box 339
424 N Colorado Ave.
Minden, NE 68959

All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "MOTOR GRADER BID-2026".

All bids will be considered in the Kearney County Board of Commissioners Room during their regularly scheduled meeting in the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, Nebraska.

Kearney County will offer for trade:

One (1) 2017 Caterpillar Motor grader 12M3 SN#N9F00655 (3-40)

Interested bidders may contact Joseph Anderson, Kearney County Road Superintendent, in person or by phone at the Kearney County Road Department Office, 1124 East 9th Minden, NE or 308-832-2854.

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

May 28, 2026

Jun 4, 2026

Jun 11, 2026

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NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

subject to criminal citation or civil penalties for such violations.

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

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

jcline@mindennebraska.org
Jun 4, 2026
Jun 11, 2026
Jun 18, 2026
(92) znez

NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment West 3rd Street & Park Ave. to West 4th Street & Yates Ave.

Minden, Nebraska
City of Minden, Nebraska (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
**3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment
West 3rd Street & Park Ave. to West 4th Street & Yates Ave.
Minden, NE - 2026
026-02906**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the City of Minden, City Hall, Attn: Abbey Jordan, City Clerk/Treasurer, located at 325 N. Colorado Ave., Minden, NE, 68959, until Monday, June 15th at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time, the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

This project consists of constructing approximately 459 SY of 6" of roadway concrete, 506 LF of 8" Sanitary Sewer main including fittings, 3 concrete manholes, site removals, clearing and grubbing, excavation, erosion control, traffic control, and all other associated work as indicated on the drawings and within the specifications.

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents, and proposal form MUST be obtained from www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$22 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 10219602, Minden, NE, 3rd Street Sanitary Sewer Alignment, West 3rd Street & Park Ave. to West 4th Street & Yates Ave., Minden, NE - 2026.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Olsson
2204 University Drive, Ste. 210
Kearney, NE 68845

Questions regarding Bids shall be directed to Nate Jensen, PE, at njensen@olsson.com or 308.529.1660.

There is no pre-bid conference for this project.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to Owner as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s)

are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the Owner, and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of sixty days after the bids are open. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Minden, Nebraska

By: Michael Krings

Title: City Administrator

Date: June 4th & June 11, 2026, Advertised in the Minden Courier.

Jun 4, 2026

Jun 11, 2026

(107) znez

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF CATHERINE MAY KNITTLE, DECEASED

CASE NO. PR 26-16 NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that, on the 20th day of May, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, James J. Jezbera, 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 the 28th day of July, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen

Clerk Magistrate

Prepared & Submitted by:
James V. Duncan, #19799
SENNETT, DUNCAN, JENKINS & WICKHAM, P.C., L.L.O.
425 So. 7th Avenue, P.O. Box 326 Broken Bow, NE 68822
(308) 872-6868 ~
(308) 872-2191
May 28, 2026
Jun 4, 2026
Jun 11, 2026
(32) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: LITTLE DIAMONDS DAYCARE, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 444 26 Road, Axtell, Nebraska 68924. Dana A. Christensen is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on May 11, 2026, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: May 11, 2026

LITTLE DIAMONDS DAYCARE, LLC,

A Nebraska Limited Liability Company.

By/s/ Rodney A. Osborn
Rodney A. Osborn, Bar No.

13161

Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C.,
L.L.O.

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419 East Avenue,

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PART-TIME LIBRARY CLERK: Jensen Memorial Library in Minden is seeking a part-time Library Clerk. Preference is to fill the position as a Technology OR Teen and Adult Services specialist. Excellent interpersonal, communication skills are a must along with knowledge of current technology. Duties include staffing the circulation desk, shelving materials, assisting patrons, readers' advisory, office tasks, assisting with programs for teens and adults, and other duties as assigned. Up to 20 hours per week. Work schedule may include day and evening hours along with occasional Saturdays. Must be at least 18 years old with high school diploma or equivalent. Full job description and application available at the library or libraries.ne.gov/jensen. To apply, send application along with resume and cover letter via email to library@mindennebraska.org or to 443 N. Kearney Avenue, Minden, NE 68959. Review of applications begins immediately.

DATA ENTRY CLERK: Tri-Basin NRD seeks candidates for the position of Data Entry Clerk at the Holdrege NRD office. Full-time job with generous benefits package. Typing, filing, general office skills needed. Ag, legal, or real estate background helpful. Send resumes by June 19 to tribasin@tribasinrd.org or Tri-Basin NRD, 1723 Burlington St., Holdrege NE 68949 EOE/ADA.

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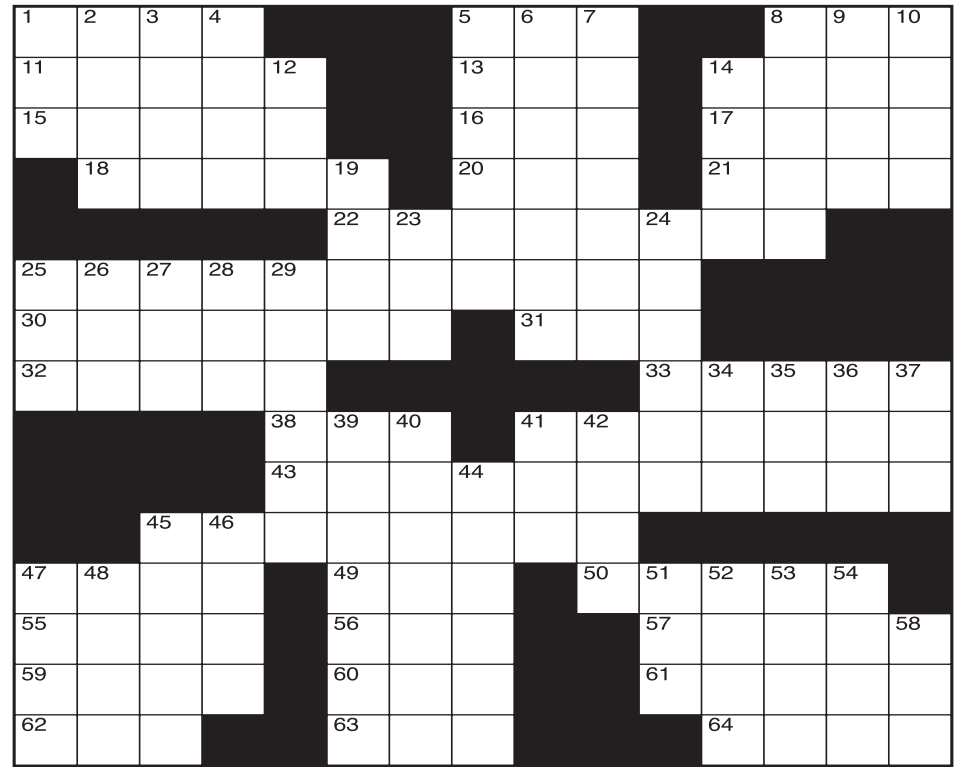
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. A young canine
- 8. Cologne
- 11. Fictional British P.I.
- 13. Midway between north-east and east
- 14. A place to shop
- 15. Minneapolis suburb
- 16. Single lens reflex
- 17. NY Mets great Tommie
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Habitual twitching
- 21. Holm oak
- 22. Willing to consent or submit
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Made possible
- 31. Language in Ghana
- 32. Relating to one's birth
- 33. Deep-bodied fishes

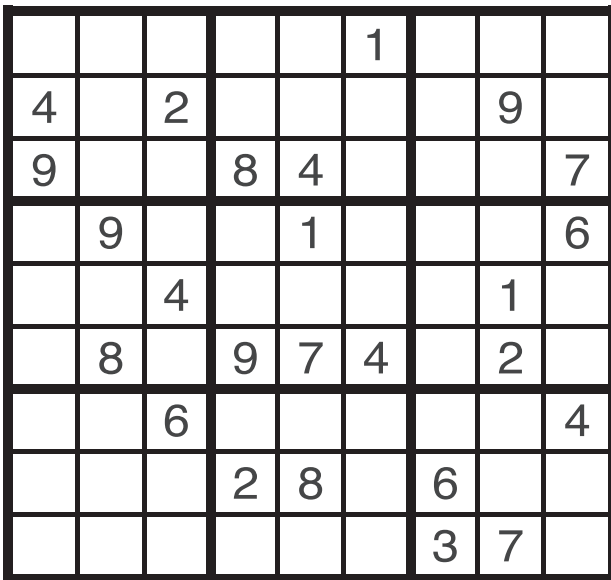
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- 41. Small American song-bird
- 43. One from L.A.
- 45. After tenth
- 47. Hillside
- 49. Red deer
- 50. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Indian musical pattern
- 56. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 57. Golden peas plant
- 59. Breezed through
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Frameworks
- 62. Danish krone
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Influential Korean leader

CLUES DOWN

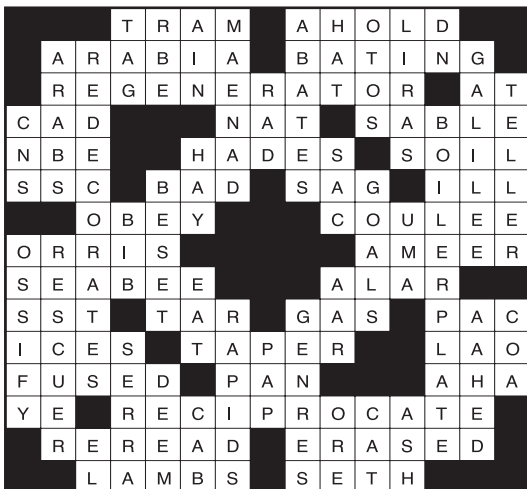
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- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Turkish leader title
- 5. Nag
- 6. Blank fabric
- 7. Closely woven cotton fabric
- 8. A nice shot in golf
- 9. Away from wind
- 10. Evergreen shrub genus
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Something you receive
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Wet dirt
- 24. No longer here
- 25. Writing utensil
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Licensed for Wall Street
- 29. Alternative forms of a gene
- 34. Buddy
- 35. We all do it
- 36. Chicken
- 37. No seats available
- 39. Yearned to possess
- 40. Ineffectual
- 41. Explosive
- 42. Turkish title
- 44. Worn near the foot
- 45. Impatient
- 46. Set an example for others
- 47. Actor Pitt
- 48. Instrument of torture
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. A way to print
- 54. Storied college hoops program
- 58. Midway between south and southeast



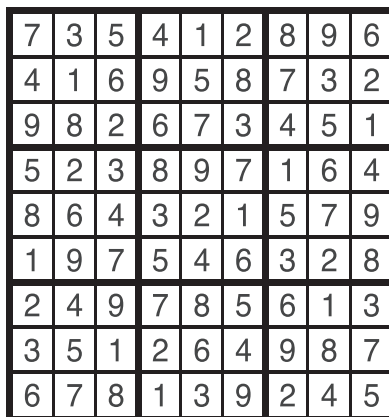
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5.28.26 SOLUTIONS



HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Your energy is infectious this week, Aries. This is the perfect time to launch a passion project. Expect a surprise compliment from someone you admire.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, treat yourself to a little luxury. You have earned a slow morning of coffee and a crossword puzzle. A cozy discovery brings you a smile.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Your social calendar is buzzing with exciting new connections. Use your natural wit to spur the conversation and you'll be the star of every chat you have with others.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Creative inspiration hits you mid-week, Cancer. Be sure to keep a notebook handy. Your intuition is very sharp right now, leading you to a special breakthrough.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Whether you are looking

for it or not, the spotlight is finding you, Leo. Shine bright and share your ideas. The world is ready to applaud your vision.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Organization will be your superpower this week, Virgo. Everything finally clicks into place. Examine the small details around you. You will find peace in them and productivity.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, balance will come easily as you blend work and recreation in perfect ways. An invitation to a local event adds some sparkle to your weekend.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Your magnetism is at an all-time high, Scorpio. Exciting opportunities are being drawn toward you, so you will need to trust your gut on a new venture.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Adventure is calling your

name this week, Sagittarius. An optimistic outlook can turn a minor detour into a grand adventure. Get ready for some exciting days ahead.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Take a moment to celebrate your wins with a favorite treat or a good book, Capricorn. You have been hitting your stride and smashing goals with impressive ease.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Your big ideas are drawing some attention, Aquarius. Many people are ready to help you build on them. Stay curious and open to a clever suggestion from a friend.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Your imagination is taking the driver's seat this week, Pisces. A heartwarming moment with a loved one reminds you how much others care.



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Honoring Those Who Served

Area residents participated in a variety of Memorial Day celebrations May 24-25. Right: Many residents attended the Memorial Day service held by American Legion Post 94 and VFW Post 5537 at Minden Cemetery. Below: Axtell's Memorial Day celebration included a parade and foam machine among many other events. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey and Carrie Conner)

