

New U.S. Postal Service Standards Leads to Snail Mail Delivery Delays

CINDY RAMSEY

The headline for a news article in a 1942 issue of the Lowell Sun about slow mail delivery referred to the carrier service as 'snail mail'. Recent changes in United States Postal Service standards have many postal customers, including Minden Courier subscribers, wondering if the proverbial snail got lost en route as delivery delays become a more frequent problem.

For 250 years, the U.S. Postal Service has provided a vital service to every American community. As technology advanced, the postal service adapted in an effort to increase efficiency and improve delivery. While new forms of transportation and the implementation of automated sorting machines reduced delivery times, the invention of telephone, email, and other forms of communication have reduced the popular use of traditional mail while populations continue to grow. This trend has affected the financial stability and service of the postal service.

The 'Delivering for America' plan is the newest evolution of the U.S. Postal Service. The 10-year plan is meant to modernize postal network, restore long-term financial sustainability, improve service, and maintain organization. Service standard refinements outlined in the plan were implemented in two phases, the first on April 1 and the second on July 1.

While the changes in the Delivering for America plan are estimated to save the U.S. Postal Service at least \$36 billion during the next decade, the adjustments seem to have negatively impacted delivery times for periodicals like the Minden Courier.

Closing postal processing plants and consolidating smaller regional facilities into larger urban plants may provide the U.S. Postal Service significant savings, but these actions have also added to the distance a lot of mail travels before reaching its intended destination.



Recent changes in United States Postal Service standards have led to many delivery delays for postal customers especially with periodicals. The Minden Courier is working with local Post Offices to improve delivery of the weekly paper to Kearney County residents. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

Weather Forecast

July 11:	85/60	
July 12:	85/64	
July 13:	89/66	
July 14:	89/66	
July 15:	89/66	
July 16:	89/65	
July 17:	88/66	



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Spring 2025 President's List Honorees

PRESS RELEASE

TOPEKA, KS (07/01/2025)-- Washburn University is pleased to announce its President's List honorees for the spring 2025 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Almost 700 students qualified for the President's List. "These students have excelled in the classroom through tremendous hard work and dedication. We congratulate them for attaining this milestone, earning a place among the best and brightest at Washburn," said Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, president, Washburn University.

Local President's List Spring 2025 honorees are:
Lindsey Rehtus of Minden
Konner Verbeck of Minden

About Washburn - Founded in 1865, Washburn University is a public institution with more than 8,000 students involved in more than 200 academic programs. Washburn's programs lead to certification, associate, bachelor, master's degree or doctor of nursing practice and juris doctor degrees. The programs are offered through Washburn's six primary academic units - College of Arts & Sciences, School of Applied Studies, Gregory D. and Ronda K. Brenneman School of Business, Harmony J. Hines School of Nursing, School of Law and Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech).

News Briefs Missoula Children's Theatre at MOH

Missoula Children's Theatre presents HERCULES, an original adaptation of the classic children's story, sponsored by The Amick/Youngson Foundation, Nathan Raun Children's Theatre Fund, and Minden Community Players.

AUDITIONS - Monday, July 14th at 10:00 am (with rehearsal for some parts in the afternoon). Approximately 50 roles are available. Students must be entering 1st through 12th grade. No advance preparation is necessary. Most students rehearse approximately 4 hours and 15 minutes each day, Tuesday through Friday, but schedules may vary. PARENTS (or other responsible adults) will need to complete this form on Monday morning, or can complete it in advance and send it with the children: <http://bit.ly/4n4iMF7>.

PERFORMANCE - Saturday, July 19 2:30pm. Adults \$7 / Children ages 5-13 \$5 / Under 5 free. Get tickets at mindenoperahouse.com.

Pioneer Village Church

Each Sunday morning from 11:30am-noon from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, there will be interdenominational Christian worship services at Pioneer Village. The Chaplain and the Kearney County Ministerial members will be speakers while Glen Haselbarth and others will be providing some worship music and hymns. Those coming for the services will not be charged to enter Pioneer Village.

Cars & Coffee

JCT 6/10 Cruzerz will host Cars & Coffee events at the Village Diner July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 4 from 8-11am. All vehicles and vehicle enthusiasts are welcome at this free event. Join the fun for cars, coffee, doughnuts, and friends.

Bow Wow Brunch

Join Paws Up Kearney County for a Bow Wow Brunch on Sunday, July 13th from 5-7pm at The Windmill, 521 N. Colorado Avenue. Egg casseroles, cheesy potatoes, rolls, and fruit will be served. Free will donations accepted. All proceeds will benefit Paws Up Kearney County.

WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit signupwic.com. A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, July 14; Monday, August 11; and Monday, September 15.

MHS Class of '85 Reunion

The MHS Class of 1985 will have its 40th Class Reunion on the weekend of July 18-19. Those who would like to join are invited to a gathering at The Windmill, 521 N. Colorado Avenue on Friday, July 18 beginning at 7pm for drinks and conversation. Snacks provided, cash bar.

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
6/28/25	94	69	-
6/29/25	81	69	.19
6/30/25	86	68	-
7/1/25	85	62	-
7/2/25	92	68	-
7/3/25	91	68	-
7/4/25	77	70	.63
Total Week Precip.....	0.82		

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Furthermore, periodical mail is not considered first class which can lead to even longer delays when mail volumes are high or there are other disruptions in processing.

Here is the basic process of getting the Minden Courier from printing to subscribers' homes each week:

1. Newspaper bundles are delivered to the Post Office in Minden every Wednesday morning where they are sorted for local and outgoing delivery. Local deliveries are made usually by Thursday.
2. Outgoing bundles are transported to the Omaha Processing and Distribution Center including those destined for nearby communities like Axtell, Wilcox, Hildreth, and Upland.
3. At the processing center, newspapers are sorted based on their destination.
4. The sorted periodicals are then transported to local post offices for further sorting for delivery by mail carriers.
5. Mail carriers deliver the newspaper to their intended destination.

This process can be delayed at any point by weather, transportation issues, labor shortage, system malfunctions, mail volumes, or natural disasters.

In an effort to try and shorten delivery time for our Kearney County subscribers, the Minden Courier recently began delivering bundles bound for Axtell and Wilcox directly to those local Post Offices. By the decrease in subscriber phone calls asking where their paper is, we assume this has helped our most local readers receive their news in a more timely fashion. We hope to add the Hildreth Post Office to this new delivery plan soon.

For those subscribers outside of Kearney County, we humbly apologize for continued delivery delays. We are currently at a loss for how to address this problem beyond county lines. That's not to say we don't care or that we've given up. We love to share news of what's happening in Kearney County with readers near and far.

If you experience frequent delivery delays outside the ordinary, please contact us at 308-832-2220 or mindencourier@gmail.com. We'll do our best to track down the errant snail and get it back on track with your paper.

While we agree it's not the same as reading the physical newspaper, the Minden Courier does include access to our e-edition with every subscription at no additional cost. If you just can't wait for your copy in the mail, visit themindencourier.com to read newspaper each week and browse our photo galleries which include pictures we couldn't fit in the print edition.

Thank you to our loyal readers for your patience and to our local postal workers who are doing the best they can to help get the Minden Courier to you.



The Minden Courier is taken to the Minden Post Office every Wednesday morning to begin its journey through the mail system to our readers. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

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Connections Create Community

By Jeff Yost

When asked what they love about their hometown, do people say, "rigidity?" What about, "no one invites me to get involved?" Or "we don't like new ideas?" None of those are likely responses to that question – thank goodness! Instead, we are more likely to answer that we love our community's tight-knit connections, our creativity, our tenacity, and, most of all, our neighbors.

The next generation of Nebraska leaders understands this deeply.

Earlier in June, I had the pleasure of being invited to the first ever Youth Connection Summit in McCook, hosted by a group of amazing, civic-minded high school students. The group, Youth Change Reaction (YCR), is the youth engagement branch of McCook Community Foundation Fund, the local Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) affiliated fund. Students approached both MCFF and NCF about hosting an event in McCook for their peers across the state.

From the beginning, YCR members led the conversation and held decision-making power. During their planning discussions, they collectively uncovered the invisible asset that brings all communities together: relationships. In recognition of the ties that bind us to our places, they decided to name their event "Connections Create Community."

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Among the vine-laden brick of Norris Alley, YCR members welcomed students from Bertrand, Columbus, Grant, Howells, O'Neill, Callaway, Spencer and Verdigre. Before a walking tour of downtown McCook, summit guests paired up with a new acquaintance and shared their names, where they were from and one thing they loved about their hometown. In these conversations, a common thread emerged. Attendees noticed that their conversation partners began their responses talking about their place in terms of physical assets, but quickly shifted the focus to the power that relationships have to charge our spaces with meaning and significance. To quote one YCR member: "connection is the reason we love our communities."

Those informal conversations informed the rest of the summit. Stories enrich our lives with meaning and purpose; our shared stories imbue our places with value. A town without stories is hardly a place at all. "Connections create community" resonates deeper than maybe even YCR considered. A building without stories is a collection of neatly stacked bricks; with stories, that same building becomes something more. It becomes a community treasure, a place where people made and continue to make memories. It's the stage for deeper connections.

When attendees were asked what they love about their hometown, they spoke about tight-knit communities, proximity to family and a feeling of unity. Many also mentioned that their hometowns are more than buildings. Community shines first because people share their gifts with one another. That's the special sauce.

It can be intimidating to share our talents with our neighbors. That's why Nebraska Community Foundation is celebrating "The Year of Invitation" in 2025. We're encouraging all Nebraskans to invite newcomers to be in community with us. Or to invite someone who left to come back to their hometown. Or invite a young person to get involved. Or invite your friends and neighbors to invest in the future.

Remember, however, that invitation and action should never venture far from one another. Without action, an invitation risks losing meaning. And when an invitation loses its meaning, the invitee loses trust. But when an invitation is fully realized, doors are opened to stronger bonds and bolder ideas. The high school students in YCR were not just invited to sit at a table; they were called to unleash their ideas for their

community. The invitation was not performative, and neither is YCR's work. It's joyful, hopeful, and fueled by a love for their hometowns.

Jeff Yost is president and CEO of Nebraska Community Foundation. Learn more about NCF's work at NebraskaHometown.org.

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Willis A. Wochner, Sutton, overweight on axle or group of axles, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 5-29-25

Marcus A. Davis, Axtell, careless driving, fine \$100, Minden Police Officer Shrader, 6-12-25

Alexander J. Damratowski, Minden, following too close, fine \$50, Minden Police Officer Arner, 6-17-25

Elizabeth Thu Laing, Des Moines, Iowa, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Buhlke, 6-8-25

Maddux W. Peterson, Lebanon, Kansas, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Kavan, 5-14-25

Javier Sanchez Auilar, Kearney, no operator's license/waiverable, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Kavan, 6-17-25

Audrey B. Barber, Ravenna, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 4-9-25

Calvin S. Frerichs, Holdrege, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 5-17-25

Mark Joshua Crow, Columbia, North Carolina, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State

Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 5-22-25

Tanya M Scott, McCook, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 6-7-25

Landon J. Ritter, Colby, Kansas, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 6-20-25

Minden Fire & Rescue

6-26-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched.

6-28-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched twice.

6-30-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Minden Avenue for a personal injury.

7-1-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Highway 6 & 27 Road for a 2 vehicle accident.

7-1-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Brown for a lift assist.

7-1-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Highway 6 & 40 Road for a 2 vehicle accident.

7-2-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to W. 11th Street for a personal illness.

7-2-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Pioneer Village Motel for an automatic alarm.

7-2-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home for a fall.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

6-26-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic to transport a patient to Phelps Memorial in Holdrege.

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Kearney County

Open Class

Entry Day

Wednesday,

July 16, 2024

8:00-11:00 a.m

Kearney County Fair Grounds
If you made it this year, grew it this year, bring it! We will find a place for it!
Premium books available at the Extension Office. Please follow directions in the book.
We look forward to seeing you this year!

Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

ACTIVITIES:

Saturday, July 12: ACT Test Date

Monday, July 14: Board of Education meeting

Axtell Community School

ACTIVITIES:

Monday, July 14: VB Summer League, 4 p.m.

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

ACTIVITIES:

Monday, July 14: Youth Sports: Hoelck Skills Academy FB Camp 3rd-8th grade, 9 a.m.; Youth Sports: VB Camp 3rd-6th grade, 9 a.m.

Community Services

Dinner Menus

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

Monday, July 14: Creamed chicken over biscuit, beets, fruit and dessert

Tuesday, July 15: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dinner roll and fruit

Wednesday, July 16: Sandwiches, salad bar and dessert

Thursday, July 17: Loaded baked potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower and fruit

Friday, July 18: Casserole, peas, bread, fruit and dessert

RYDE Transportation For All Ages

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

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Eighty Years Ago — 1945

Fourteen more teachers were needed to fill the vacancies in the school districts of Kearney County. Sixteen districts were planning to contract with Minden, 12 with Axtell, one with Hildreth, two with Wilcox, one with Heartwell and one with Kearney.

Seth Rasmussen had 15 strikeouts and fellow teammates had 12 hits as the Minden baseball team beat Campbell 12-3.

Employees of the Farmers' Union Store held a picnic supper in honor of Bob Swanson who was leaving for the Army.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Joe Wheeler and Company "woke 'em up" on the Fourth of July. Wheeler, Charles Green and Robert Ayres manned the drums, Glen Sinnen and Ray Slack manned the fireworks cannon; and Ray Bjorklund provided transportation as the contingent visited all parts of town, waking residents up with drum and cannon salutes.

Axtell young people attending the International Youth Conference of Augustana Lutheran Church in Calgary, Alberta Canada were Rosalie Nielsen, Karen Rodine, James Nelson, Joan Ibsen and Jane Wells.

Meteorologist Jim Jensen reported that the month of June was the coolest June recorded in 41 years.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Marcella Richter and Barbara Bachman began their work as Home Extension agents in four area counties including Kearney and Franklin counties.

A 4-H Junior Leader Club was organized in Kearney County. Officers elected were Brenda Cronin, president; Bobby Thompson, vice president; Nancy Nickel, secretary; Dana Wright, treasurer; and Linda Burchell, news reporter.

Major Willis C. Tomsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Tomsen, who had served his second tour of duty in Germany, was named the new Rock Island, Ill., District Deputy Engineer, succeeding Major F.M. Galloway.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

A new department to accommodate the pre-school group of children ages 3 to 5 years, was added to the Jensen Memorial Library.

Robert A. Turnquist was named the sixth director in Bethphage Mission's 62 year old history.

Nebraska's first dove season in more than 20 years was scheduled to run during the month of September, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

About 65 Minden citizens attended a meeting of the city council to request that the council take action to improve the present pool or build a new one.

Dennis Osterbuhr was the winner of the Minden American Legion drawing held at the football field prior to the fireworks display. His prize was a billy goat. Second place winner was R.K. Armstrong who won a pair of kids.

Physicians Resources bought the Minden Clinic building and assets.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

Ron Schafer retired a coach and organizer of the Lions



2015 — Hildreth had tons of Fourth of July festivities starting at 8 a.m. and concluding with fireworks in the evening. The photo is from the kids parade in the morning down main street in Hildreth.

Club T-Ball tea. Schafer first started a coach in 1975 and later became organizer of the group.

The crop outlook for the area varied widely according to Kearney County Extension Educator Alan Corr. "The crop conditions vary from very poor to very good," stated Corr.

Approximately 25 hospice volunteers in the Kearney and Franklin county area worked with patients and families assisting them to achieve the quality of life they want given their circumstances.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

Minden West Estates sold its first lot to a Minden couple at a CRA meeting. West Estates had 37 lots that had been unoccupied.

Kearney County received storm repair funding around \$130,000 from the May 11-12, 2005 storms. The money would be eligible for those affected through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Matthew Favinger of Minden has been named a United States National Academy winner in science.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

A pair of wins pushed the First Bank Seniors' record over the .500 mark for the first time this season as they knocked off Central City 10-8 on July 2 in Minden and then topped Holdrege 11-0 in Holdrege on July 3. First Bank's win-loss mark rose to 10-9.

Nashville artist, Daniel Christian, performed for Minden residents on the courthouse lawn. The free show was provided by the Minden Chamber of Commerce.

Boyd Jones Construction Manager At-Risk for Minden Public Schools worked on the utility relocation of the water and sewer lines near the former site of the bus barn. With all the rains in early June the process had moved a little slower than expected, but once the relocation is done then the site work will begin.

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

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First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

Sunday, July 13: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

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Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, July 13: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 16: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, July 13: Donuts & Juice, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 14: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Campbell

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Father Adam Sparling,
Pastor

Saturday, July 12: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 13: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
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Greg Volsky,
Vacancy Pastor

Sunday, July 13: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow
United Westminster Presbyterian
Broad and Main Street
Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, July 13: Worship, 10 a.m.

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Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran
502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk,
Pastor

Sunday, July 13: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

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Sunday, July 13: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.

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Visitors welcome

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, July 13: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran
437 E. Fourth St.
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Thursday, July 10: Miriam Circle, 9 a.m.

Saturday, July 12: Walking, 8 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Gathering, 9 a.m.

Sunday, July 13: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 14: Church

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SPORTS



First Bank Seniors Prevail in Tough Contests

PHIL SERRONE

With 4th of July right around the corner, Minden First Bank Seniors offense acted as a firework exploding for 13 runs against Broken Bow to pull out a nail biter 13-12 victory. While not as big of an explosion as the day before, the team secured their third straight victory over Ogallala by a score of 4-1.

The game against Broken Bow was originally slated for June 26 but due to poor weather the game was rescheduled for July 1. Minden survived a back and forth

game between a talented Broken Bow squad after RF Jake Halvorsen connected on a ground ball that plated a run in the bottom of the 8th inning to break a 12-12 tie.

Minden's bats were a force to be reckoned with, connecting for an outstanding 15 hits in total. First Bank got out the gate fast with an early 5-2 lead in the first two innings but two runs scored each in the second, third and fourth inning for Broken Bow gave them the lead briefly before a run in the bottom of the fourth evened it up between the two ball clubs.

As the game progressed, it was evident that pitching was not going to make much of a difference in the game as both offenses kept scoring runs. Minden outpaced Broken Bow from the fifth inning with seven runs scored compared to six for the opposition. This was a big victory for the seniors over a talented Broken Bow team with a record of 15-4 this season.

1B Jose Cuellar was seeing pitches perfectly at the plate as he finished 4-5 with four singles, two RBIs and one run scored. C Luke Grollmes did not trail too far behind his teammate as he had a 3-4 performance with a double, one walk and two RBIs. P Logan Clark, SS Beau Bonifas and LF/RP Kade Dorszynski each had multi-hit performances combining for four RBIs. Clark had the biggest swing of the contest securing a triple in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Clark began the game on the bump for First Bank and he lasted five innings total. He allowed eight hits, six runs (4 ER), three walks and struck out eight. RP/2B Cade Harsin relieved Clark for two innings of work. He allowed five hits, five runs (1 ER) and struck out one. Dorszynski earned the victory in the bottom of the 12th inning after a short stint on the mound. He struck out two batters to shut the door on Broken Bow's chances at victory.

Closing out the week before 4th of July, was a home matchup against Ogallala that First Bank prevailed by a score of 4-1. The matchup lacked fireworks compared to

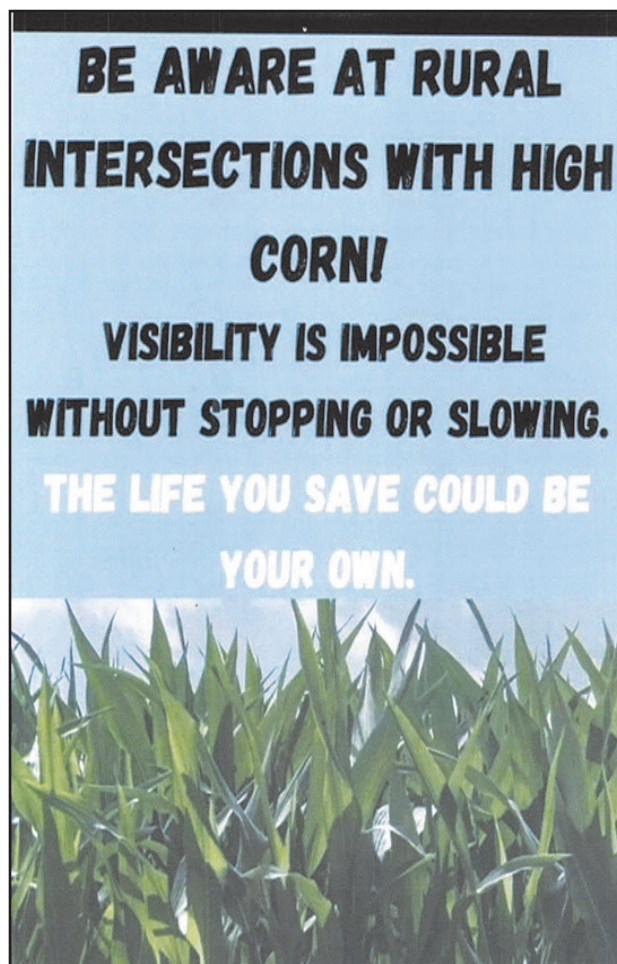


Minden First Bank Seniors went into the 4th of July break with a three game winning streak. The team was victorious over Broken Bow 13-12 and another victory over Ogallala 4-1. Pictured: (above) Luke Grollmes makes a great catch on a foul ball by the fence. (top) Kade Dorszynski gathers himself after sliding into third base. (page 9) Logan Clark fires a pitch off the mound. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

the Broken Bow game but pitching got back on track for Minden only allowing three hits through seven innings.

First Bank started the game perfectly with four runs in the first two innings. After the early runs from Minden, both teams struggled to bring a runner across home plate for the duration of the game. Ogallala scored a run in the top of the seventh inning to prevent the potential shutout.

3B Logan Clark continued his strong display within the batter's box with another multi-hit performance. He went 2-3 with two singles and two RBIs. CF Jake Hal-





vorsen had the biggest swing of the game with a double in the bottom of the second inning. RF Ma-son Bolin, LF/RP Kade Dorszynski, DH Cael Smith and SS/RP Beau Bonifas each had a single in the contest.

P Luke Grollmes was dominant on the mound as he pitched six strong innings with three hits and no runs allowed. He walked four and sat down five batters on three strikes. In the final in-

ning, Minden used two pitchers beginning with Dorszynski on the bump in relief of Grollmes for 0.1 innings of work. He allowed one run (1 ER), one walk and struck out one. Bonifas earned the save on the mound as he pitched 0.2 innings with no runs, walks or hits and struck out two.

Minden (9-6) returned to the field after a brief holiday break on Monday against Ravenna. Following that matchup, the team faced off against Grand Island yesterday. The Courier will have a full recap of these two matchups in next week's paper!

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Suchsland Adds Another Champion Title to Her List

ROGER HANSEN

Kara Suchsland added yet another tournament title to her summer's body of work winning the Nebraska Junior Golf--2025 Summit Series on June 30 and July 1. Competition the first day was at the Norfolk Country Club and the second day moved to the Wayne Country Club.

Her rounds of 85 and 76 for a 161 total put her two strokes ahead of Molly Goc of Columbus (88,75-163). Third place finisher was Daleni Knust of Atkinson (85,81-166) while fourth was Ellen Bode of Omaha (89,78-167).



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First Bank Jrs Split 4th of July Week of Games

PHIL SERRONE



Minden First Bank Juniors pushed their record to 10-6 on the season with a loss to Broken Bow (9-10) and a victory over Ogallala (8-2) on the week. Pictured: Cael Smith grabs a pick off attempt from the Pitcher. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Minden First Bank Juniors had two games before the 4th of July break with a make-up game against Broken Bow and a matchup with Ogallala. The team's record on the year now stands at 10-6 after a tough loss to Broken Bow and victory over Ogallala.

Starting off the week, was Minden's make-up game against Broken Bow on July 1. The original game was slated for June 25 but due to rain, the game was called off in the middle of the fourth inning with a score of 3-8 in favor of Broken Bow.

First Bank showed their resilience starting a game in an early deficit as the team brought across three runs each in the fifth and sixth inning to take a 9-8 lead. Broken Bow's offense woke up in the seventh inning after scoring two runs to regain the lead 9-10. Minden's offense was shut down in the seventh inning to close any chance at a comeback.

Despite the end result, Minden outpaced the Broken Bow offense 10 hits to 9 hits. 3B Mason Bolin proved to be a difficult out for the Broken Bow pitching staff as he finished 3-5 with three singles and three runs scored. SS Cohen Schimdt and 2B Kyler Wilson each had multiple hits in the contest combining for three RBIs. 1B Zach Klabunde's single in the bottom of the sixth pushed Minden ahead briefly after plating two runs.

P Cael Smith was the starting pitcher on June 25 before the rainout. He tossed 3.1 innings and allowed six hits, eight runs (5 ER), two walks and struck out four. 3B/RP Mason Bolin was tasked with beginning the make-up game. He earned the loss after 3.2 innings pitched. He allowed three hits, two runs (2 ER), one walk and struck out seven.

Before heading into a small break for 4th of July, Minden hosted Ogallala on July 2. After a stalemate between the two teams, Minden's offense lit a firework of their own with a six run fourth inning. Another two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning put Minden comfortably in the lead for the rest of the game securing the victory by a score of 8-2.

Minden's bats made solid contact throughout the contest as the team racked up 10 total hits. Eight different batters managed base hits in the matchup. SS Cohen Schmidt and 2B/RP Kyler Wilson finished the game with multi-hit performances along with one RBI each. LF Morgan Johnson and PH Luke Craig led the team in RBIs with two. Craig finished the game with the lone stolen base for First Bank.

P Zach Klabunde provided stability on the mound for five strong innings of work. He allowed five hits, two runs (2 ER), two walks and struck out five. Wilson was tasked with relieving Klabunde for 2.1 innings. He earned the save after allowing one hit with no runs, walks or strikeouts.

First Bank competed at Ravenna this past Monday and a home contest against

Tom Dinsdale Automotive yesterday. We will have a full recap of those games in next week's paper!

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Obituaries

Janice Ilene Coon, 75 - Minden Resident



Janice Ilene Coon, of Minden, passed away unexpectedly at home, on Wednesday June 25, 2025, at the age of 75. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday July 14, 2025, at Minden United Methodist Church with Rev. Kayla Mangrich officiating. The service will be streamed to the

church's YouTube page. Private family inurnment will be held prior to services at the Minden Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials in Janice's honor are kindly suggested to Paws Up Kearney County and may be sent to 141 Nance Ave. Minden, NE 68959. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Janice was born at the Sealy Memorial Hospital in Minden on February 15, 1950. She was the first of four daughters born to Glenn Coon Jr. and Joyce Ann Coon (Johansen). Janice attended the Heartwell School from K-8 and then Minden High School, graduating in 1968. She then attended Grand Island Business School to receive a secretarial degree. After completing her degree, Janice moved to Arlington, Virginia to work in the Civil Service section of the United States Navy. After the death of her mother, Janice cut short her career to help care for her younger sisters in 1970. During her time at home, she worked at the Gibbon Bank, Heartwell Steakhouse, and Heartwell Co-op.

Janice had a zest for travel and in 1972 she reconnected with girlfriends she had met while working with the Navy. They went on a backpacking trip to Europe, visiting 10 different countries. Later she moved to Colorado Springs and worked for the Ampex Corporation. While living there, Janice developed a love for the fall colors in Colorado. Janice ultimately moved back to Nebraska and attended Kearney State College. In 1982, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Educational Media. Upon completion, she worked at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney as an Employment Specialist and later in the hospital library. Janice worked at Good Sam for over 30 years. Once she "retired", she worked part-time at the Minden Library as a Records Specialist. Janice enjoyed working at the Minden Library. She loved books and she loved socializing with the library patrons. Additionally, she managed the partnership for the family farm for the last 24 years.

Janice retired a year and a half ago and was enjoying her free time. Janice loved to cook and bake. She was always looking for a reason to try out a new recipe that she recently found.

Volunteering was important to Janice. She served on the United Way Board of Directors for many years. She was also involved with the Goldenrod Girl Scout Council, Heartwell Alumni Association, Buffalo County Citizen Advocacy Group, and Paws Up Kearney County.

Those left to cherish her memory include sisters Marilyn Coon of Heartwell, Nancy Coon of Gladstone, Missouri, and Betty Hernandez (Pedro) of Denver; nephew, Cole DeShazer (Joslynn) of Denver; great-niece, Tegan DeShazer; great-nephew, Maddux DeShazer; and many friends and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Lloy Dean C. Rush, 91 - Axtell Resident



Lloy Dean C. Rush, 91, of Axtell, passed away on Monday, June 30, 2025, at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 7, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church in Axtell with Rev. Sharon Rees officiating. Private family interment was held prior to services at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Axtell

with military honors presented by the Minden American Legion and Heartwell Veterans of Foreign Wars, in conjunction with the United States Army Funeral Honors Team. Visitation, with the family present, was held on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church in Axtell. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Lloy Dean's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Lloy Dean Christian Rush was born on January 14, 1934, in Upland, Nebraska, to Lloyd and Peral (Jameson) Rush. At age 7, his family moved to a farm north of Axtell, where he attended Axtell Community School.

After high school, Lloy Dean met Jean Harms of Hildreth, Nebraska. They were married on April 19, 1957, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, before Lloy Dean was deployed to serve in Korea. After his time in the service, Lloy Dean and Jean lived in Minden then moved to the family farm near Axtell. Together, they raised three children: Kym, Kelly, and Kari Beth and were active grand-

parents to eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Lloy Dean was active in the Axtell community throughout his life, serving on the Axtell Township Board, the Axtell Library Board, and the Axtell Elevator Board. He was also a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church, where he served on its session for many years.

An avid collector, he began restoring toy tractors, trucks, and pedal tractors—a hobby he enjoyed to the very end. One of his longtime goals was to have a 1952 Chevy pickup truck restored, a project that was completed just recently.

Lloy Dean cared deeply about his family, his church, and his many friends in Axtell and the surrounding area. He will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, LaDonna (Milfred) Lammers and Carolyn Keen-Lea; sister-in-law, Mary (Jim) Mason; brother-in-law, Paul (Barb) Harms; and great-granddaughter, Oaklynn Anne Fishell.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Jean Rush; children, Kym Rush, Kelly Rush, Kari Beth (Kevin) Fishell; grandchildren, Kassie (Brandon) Ristau, Karter (Nichole) Rush, Kameren Rush, Bobbie (Daine) Rahmann, Jackie Johnson, August (Kierstyn) Fishell, Austin (Emily) Fishell, and Camille Fishell (fiancé Layton Dockweiler); great-grandchildren, Maddex Ristau, Rush Rahmann, Hattie Rahmann, Winne Rahmann, Kayton Rush, Karsyn Rush, Callum Fishell, and Emersyn Fishell; as well as many extended family members and friends.

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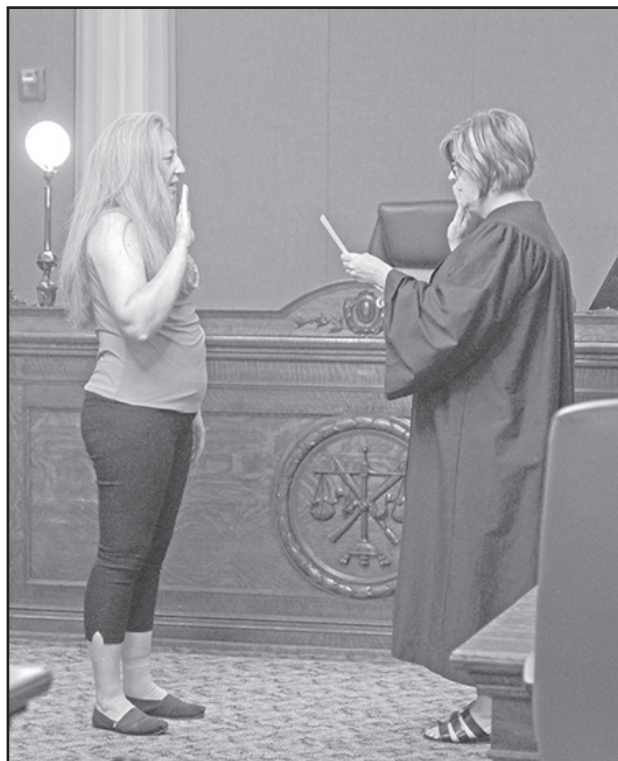
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Changing of the Guard



An open house event was held at the Kearney County courthouse on June 30 to celebrate the retirement of County Clerk Myra Johnson (above) after 38 years with Kearney County. On July 1, Jenni Lupkes (left) was sworn in as Kearney County Clerk by Clerk Magistrate Laura Tobiasen. Lupkes will serve as County Clerk for the remainder of the current term. (Courtesy photos)

Maloley Earns National Honor



Sergeant Shane Maloley, a 15-year veteran officer with the Beatrice Police Department, has been named the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the American Legion. The award will be presented at an American Legion event in Florida in late August.

In January, Maloley was named the Nebraska American Legion's State Officer of the Year and then Regional Officer of the Year which led to his consideration for the national honor. He was nominated by fellow officer Zack Smith.

In addition to his duties on the Beatrice Police Department, Maloley has provided weapons training classes in Minden.

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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, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the Axtell Community School Library, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent. Please email Rob Gregory, superintendent, with questions: rob.gregory@axtellwildcats.org.

Linda Almquist,
Secretary

July 10, 2025
(25) 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 21st day of July, 2025 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

July 10, 2025
(24) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

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/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk
Minden, NE 68959

(SEAL)
July 10, 2025
(34) znez

NOTICE

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following-described property will be sold by GREGORY L. GALLES, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder in the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, 424 North Colorado, Minden, Nebraska, on August 19, 2025, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.:

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/s/ Andrea R. Huey
Notary Public

July 3, 2025

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July 24, 2025
July 31, 2025
(75) znez

NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes
Kearney County Clerk

July 10, 2025
(21) znez

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF BARBARA L. BONHAM, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR25-1

Notice is hereby given that a final account and report of administration and a Petition for complete settlement have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, located on the Third Floor of the Kearney County Courthouse, 424 N. Colorado Avenue, Minden, Nebraska, on August 21, 2025 at or after 1:00 o'clock p.m.

/s/ Debbi Jo Blank
Debbi Jo Blank, Co-Personal Representative
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July 3, 2025
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July 17, 2025
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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, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ROGERS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rogers Property Management, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska on June 10, 2025. The designated office of the company is located at 816 20 Road, Axtell, NE 68924, and the name of the initial registered agent and their address is Zachary K. Gray, Attorney at Law, 700 Railroad Street, Suite 112, P.O. Box 855, Holdrege, NE 68949. The company shall engage in any lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska other than banking or insurance. The company will have perpetual existence unless terminated sooner. Affairs of the company are to be conducted by its members.

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Its Attorneys

June 26, 2025
July 3, 2025
July 10, 2025
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THIS IS AN ACTION TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder immediately in-

side the main East Door on the Lower Level of the Kearney County Courthouse, in Minden, Nebraska, on August 19, 2025, at 1:30 o'clock, p.m., Central Time, pursuant to the power of sale granted in the Deed of Trust executed by Jennifer M Lennemann, an unmarried individual, as Trustor, in which Exchange Bank is named as Beneficiary and Exchange Bank is named as Trustee, and filed for record on March 3, 2022, and recorded in Book 272 of Microfilm on Page 34-41, records of the Kearney County Clerk/Register of Deeds, affecting the real property described as follows:

The West 70 feet of the East 133 Feet of Lot 2, Block 1, Broman's Addition to Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska Bidders other than the Beneficiary of the Trust Deed will need to bring a cashier's check for \$10,000 payable to Michael R. Snyder, Trustee, in order to be eligible to bid at the sale, and for the earnest deposit to be paid by the highest bidder at the time of the sale. Earnest deposit checks will be returned to unsuccessful bidders when the public auction is closed following acceptance of the highest bid. Closing of the purchase and sale of the property will be held at the place of the sale, at 1:45 o'clock p.m. Central Time, on the date of the sale, at which time the successful bidder will be required to pay the balance of the purchase price in cash, cashier's check, bank money order, or certified funds in exchange for the Trustee's deed to the property. The time and place of the closing of the purchase and sale may be adjourned to a different time or place

on notice announced by the Trustee immediately following the acceptance of the highest bid that closes the public auction sale.

A Trustee's Deed will be delivered to the successful bidder upon payment of the balance of the purchase price. If the successful bidder fails to pay the balance of the purchase price at the time and place aforesaid, the lot(s) or parcels affected by such failure will be resold to the highest bidder at another time, and such party will be liable for the loss occasioned by the resale of the property and the amount paid by such party will be held by the Trustee for the payment of such loss. No warranties, representations or assurance of marketable title or possession of the property will be made in connection with this sale. The Trustee's sale of all or any portion of the above property may be postponed from time to time until it is completed, without notice other than an announcement made by the Trustee at the time and place last appointed for the sale.

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1	5			3	9			

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CLUES ACROSS

1. 50 percent
5. Records electric currents
8. Charlize Theron flick "___ Flux"
12. More frosty
14. Disfigure
15. Sky color
16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
18. Actress de Armas
19. Spend time in a relaxed way
20. California peak
21. Lodging option
22. Small amount of a thing
23. Expresses sorrow
26. Keeps an ear warm
30. Babies (Spanish)
31. A conceited and self-centered person
32. No seats available
33. Pouches
34. Hip joints
39. A place to bathe
42. Evading
44. Minute, one-celled unit
46. Losing one's hair
47. A country in W Africa
49. One point north of north-east
50. Pointed end of a pen
51. Extreme
56. Norse personification of old age
57. Doctors' group
58. Member of U.S. Navy
59. Mens' fashion accessories
60. A way to allow
61. Gloomy
62. Grads wear one
63. Between south and southeast
64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

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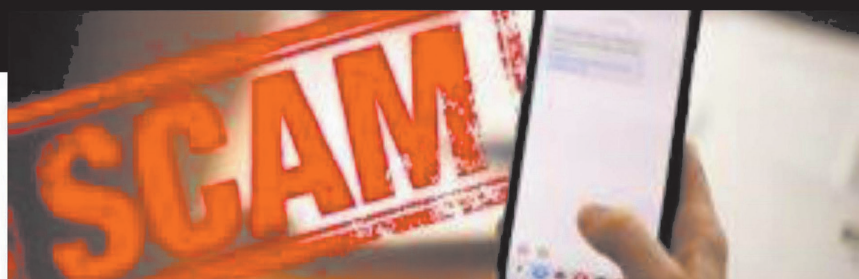
3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
4. Fixed charges
5. Electronic communication
6. Artilleries
7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
8. Burning
9. Makes ecstatically happy
10. Greek liqueurs
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. Someone who takes vengeance

17. Style of cuisine
24. Select
25. Immunized against disease
26. Old world, new
27. Honorable title (Turkish)
28. Court case: ___ v. Wade
29. Supervises interstate commerce
35. Not divisible by two
36. Twelve
37. Commentator Coulter
38. Encourage
40. Plumbing fixtures

41. Early
42. One point north of due east
43. King of Thebes
44. Short-tailed martens
45. Impose a penalty on
47. Consort of Poseidon
48. A way to lessen
49. Brooklyn hoops team
52. Female of a horse
53. Do as one is told
54. A way to prepare meat
55. Unit of measurement

7.3.25 SOLUTIONS

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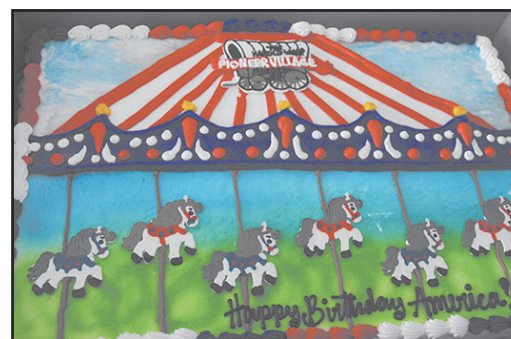


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Independence Day Celebrations



Kearney County area residents celebrated the nation's independence with a number of fun events. Axtell shared ice cream, music, and fireworks during their All-American Celebration. Hildreth hosted a day of activities including parades, games, food, tractor pulls and fireworks. Harold Warp Pioneer Village invited people to join them for July 4th on the 5th with live music, games, refreshments, and more. Minden's festivities including a Legion alumni game, food, fun, and fireworks were delayed to July 6th due to weather. Visit themindencourier.com for more photos of the celebrations. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

