

Gumption: Minden's New Co-Working Space for Productivity, Creativity, and Connection

CINDY RAMSEY

Gumption, Minden's first co-working space, invites the community to attend its Grand Opening and Business After Hours event on Thursday, August 28 from 5-8 p.m. on the south side of the square in the alley. Owners Kevin and Julie Krull have created a location that will encourage productivity, creativity, and connection for members and the community.

"When we were brainstorming names, I wanted the boldness and the cleverness of the fox. The word gumption dropped in, and it was perfect. So the logo is a fox. There have been some really fun things we've been able to play with on social media and hopefully we can sprinkle that positive energy everywhere," Julie said.

Located at 333 E. 4th Street, members will access Gumption by a coded door in the alley behind 4th Street Salon. Journey to the second floor via stairs or elevator and enter a brightly colored space with comfortable yet functional furniture and all the amenities needed to get work done and make things happen.

Gumption provides secure, reliable, high-speed internet in a variety of workspaces, including traditional desks, comfortable seating, tables, mobile and standing desks, large and small conference rooms, a video booth with acoustic panels and professional lighting for recording podcasts or participating in video conferences, and a phone booth for taking private calls. There's an ADA accessible restroom, lockers, and the kitchen is stocked with free coffee and 'fox fuel' to enjoy in the community break room.

"We started talking about this several years ago and got serious about it in early spring, making plans and getting estimates to expand. I work more globally than locally. I know how isolated entrepreneurs and creatives can feel. Networking and opportunities to be with people is important," Julie explained. "Covid was a global



Minden's first co-working space, Gumption, will hold its grand opening celebration on August 28. Several kinds of spaces are available to fit the needs of many. Owners Kevin and Julie Krull hope to inspire productivity, creativity, and connection for members and the community. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Weather Forecast

Aug. 29:	76/60	
Aug. 30:	72/59	
Aug. 31:	74/59	
Sept. 1:	77/59	
Sept. 2:	81/60	
Sept. 3:	83/62	
Sept. 4:	79/57	



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News Briefs

Wilcox Fall Festival

The annual Wilcox Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 13 sponsored by the Wilcox CIA. Activities include 5K & 2 Mile Run/Walk, Pancake Feed, Crafts, Exhibits, Bake Sale, Parade, Lunch, Nebraska Football Watch Party, Festivities, Bingo, Evening Meal, Trivia, and more! Follow Wilcox News on Facebook for updates and keep reading the Minden Courier for more details.

Paws Up Fundraiser

Join Paws Up Kearney County for their Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser on Saturday, August 30th at the Pioneer Village Car Show, 138 US Hwy 6, Minden, from 8am until sold out. Ham and sausage breakfast burritos, \$5 each, and coffee, \$2, will be served. Call or text Jane at 308-830-9870 to preorder.

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, September 15.

Minden Tech Club BBQ

The Minden Tech Club will host their annual Fall Sports BBQ on Friday, August 29 during the home football game against Adams Central. Brisket, pork, brats, hot dogs, chips, and Carl's beans will be served. The club will be serving food at Kuper Field beginning at 5:30pm.

Minden Courier Early Deadline

The Minden Courier office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day. There will be an early deadline for the September 4th issue due to an early printing schedule for the holiday. All ad and news submissions for that publication must be received by Wednesday, August 27 at 5pm.

Classic Car Show

JCT 6/10 Cruzerz and Harold Warp Pioneer Village will host their third annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, August 30 at Pioneer Village. Registration begins at 9am. The public is invited to stop by to check out the cars, enjoy music, games, food and refreshments, and museum tours. The show starts at noon and trophies will be presented at 3pm. Museum admission will be freewill donation to everyone for the day. Please follow signs identifying public parking. For more information contact Dwane Wilson at 308-293-2584 or Kyle Jensen at 308-830-2545.

Artisan Fair & Living History

Experience history like never before at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village Artisan Fair & Living History Event September 20 & 21 from 10am-4pm each day. Discover traditional arts and crafts with live demonstrations and workshops. Don't miss the reenactment by C Battery 3rd US Artillery with a Parrott cannon firing! Enjoy tractor rides, great food, and live music. General admission applies, but members get in free.

Nebraska Awards 556 Degrees in August Ceremony

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, NE (08/18/2025)-- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln conferred 556 degrees during a combined graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremony Aug. 16 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

The 548 graduates are from 39 countries; 34 U.S. states and Puerto Rico; and 70-plus Nebraska communities.

Chancellor Rodney D. Bennett presided over the commencement ceremony.

Following is a list of area graduates:

Minden: Molly Elizabeth Burchell, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness with high distinction.

For the full list of August graduates, visit <https://go.unl.edu/grads-aug25>.

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
8/16/25	97	73	-
8/17/25	90	73	-
8/18/25	97	71	.08
8/19/25	83	67	-
8/20/25	89	70	-
8/21/25	91	68	-
8/22/25	93	66	-
Total Week Precip.....			0.08

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Community supplied content needs approved by Friday at 4:00 pm.

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prompt too. I watch trends, and remote working is not going away. People are opening co-working spaces everywhere. Kearney, Hastings, and Grand Island all have them now. The world is changing and the workplace is changing along with it. This is an invitation for Minden to try new things. With advancements in technology, retail and professional services have evolved. This gives us an opportunity to work together and get creative."

Although some may question the need for a co-working space in a small town like Minden, the Krulls are focused on a currently unseen population.

"There are many in our community who work out of their homes. It fits a need and I think we're going to be surprised at how many different people will take advantage of this," Julie said. "The shared space expands our potential to do more. Networking, navigating trends, and learning from others are priceless. From small business owners to freelancers, from artists to healers, from students to global change-makers—Gumption is designed for those ready to thrive in bold new ways."

Gumption is more than desks and WiFi—it's a culture. The Krulls hope to inspire connection and a positive community vibe with social memberships and regular activities.

"Every first Friday we'll gather. We'll add live entertainment when we can. And third Thursdays we'll have guest speakers and networking activities. It's an opportunity to socialize and get to know our neighbors," Julie said.

Renovations on the east end of the building begin soon. Plans include three Airbnb suites, a second kitchen, expanded community space, and a healing arts suite. This expansion will include a second entrance beside Corner Nook. The Krulls hope to have this space ready and open late this fall.

Julie adds, "We're especially excited to offer a shared co-working space for healing arts practitioners. Minden can really benefit from local services, and Gumption is the perfect home for them to grow and contribute. We're ready for all kinds of members now and we'll offer different levels of memberships to fit their needs.

We'll be able to grow into the other side and offer more," Julie said. "Whether you're building a global business, launching a local service, or simply craving a change of scenery, Gumption offers a space to do it."

Gumption isn't just about work—it's about thriving. With flexible spaces, inspiring community, and a sly fox spirit at its core, the culture invites a new way of thinking. It was designed with a healthy lifestyle in mind. It's more than a space—it's a model for how to work, play, and create in the heart of Minden.



Members can access Gumption through a password secure door behind 4th Street Salon, just look for the fox (bottom left). In addition to individual working spaces, Gumption has both small and large conference rooms available (left). Foxtail brand coffee and 'fox fuel' are always at the ready in the kitchen space to help keep members focused and on task. Monthly memberships and day passes are available now. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

While the east end of the space is under construction, everyone is encouraged to explore the current space during the Open House event on August 28. Live music by Spencer Hansen of Lexington will be set up in the alley by the entrance. Snacks and beverages will be served, prizes will be handed out, and everyone can tour the space while enjoying some pre-game festivities before the big Husker game that evening. For anyone unable to attend the event, private tours can be scheduled by emailing Kevin at kkrull@jones-ins.com.

Learn more at JoinGumption.com and follow their Facebook page, "Gumption: Start Here, Go Anywhere," for future events and announcements. Gumption has plans for pop-up day spas, pop-up gift markets, and other special events this holiday season. Stay tuned for more ways to inspire, connect, and spark community—because at Gumption, the story is just getting started.



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Minden City Council Takes Early Steps to Apply for CDBG Funding for Two Projects

CINDY RAMSEY

Water updates were once again presented to the council and public during the August 18 regular meeting of the Minden City Council. City Administrator Michael Krings reported the City has been successful in removing most of the iron from its groundwater, but manganese levels remain high. The City is still working to get the outgoing levels where they need to be and continues to speak with others about what steps to take. The City plans to apply for CDBG funds for a water study and to help pay for more expert advice on improvements.

Royal Engineered Composites is also seeking CDBG funding to help offset costs of an expansion project. The City would be the grant applicant for the funds. Royal Engineered Composites has done several projects in the past with CDBG funds and the state is excited to work with them again. This is a great project for the company and for Minden.

The council approved resolution 1816 requesting assistance from SCEDD on an application for a 2025 CDBG on behalf of Royal Engineered Composites. The council then approved an agreement with SCEDD to serve as the NDO for the 2025 CDBG on behalf of Royal Engineered Composites and authorized the mayor to execute the agreement.

A hearing was opened for the possible condemnation of the property at 358 S. Nance Avenue. Michelle Baker spoke against the condemnation explaining she has been waiting on the conclusion of some legalities in getting the property in her name, but now that it is, she plans on fixing the garage. Baker provided the council with a letter outlining her plans for the repairs and her hope to have it completed before winter. Mary Sowles, the current owner of the property, also spoke against the condemnation. With no further comments, the hearing was closed.

Teresa Sumstine motioned to condemn the property at 358 S. Nance Avenue requiring repairs to the siding and roof of the garage to be completed and approved by the City's code inspector by November 17, 2025. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Jack Yant stated he would like to see the rest of the property cleaned up as well even though it wasn't in the order. Baker stated she has plans to clean the whole property, but the garage is her first priority.

A public hearing for the City's One and Six Year Street Plan was opened. Only one change was made to the One Year plan from the previous year, the addition of a quarter mile of road by KAAPA Ethanol. No changes were made to the Six Year plan from the previous year.

Several residents took the opportunity to be heard. Curt Lupkes told the council the One and Six Year Street Plan has basically been the same for the past 40 years. He asked the council to address Minden's streets before focusing on expansions and new projects. He encouraged the City to fix the gravel roads in town and then move forward.

Wayne Anderson asked for a copy of the map with the One and Six Year projects. Kim Grotrian shared that E. 5th Street off of Garber has big potholes and flooding issues. She told the council she would love to see that on the plan. Baker told the council the street in front of her home in the 300 block of Nance Avenue also floods all the time and washes out her driveway. There is a ditch, but the drainage doesn't work as it should.

With no further comments the hearing was closed. Sumstine advocated for drainage issues on Tower Avenue north of Highway 6/34 to be addressed and was informed the project is currently on contract. With that the council approved resolution 1819 for the One and Six Year Street Plan.

In other business the council: Approved minutes

from the August 4 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved cafeteria plan reimbursements. Approved July 2025 treasury report. Approved July 2025 budget report. Approved resolution 1817 for the Airport Authority budget tax request of \$57,000, same as prior year. Approved resolution 1818 to close streets and highway for Bandfest on October 18, 2025 as requested by the Minden Chamber of Commerce and accept the duties of LB 589. Approved resolution 1820 setting a hearing for the Street Improvement District 2025-1 to be held on September 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. Approved the selling/vending per Minden Municipal Code Sec. 58-1 on Thursday, August 28, 2025 from 4-9 p.m. on the 300 block of E. 4th Street eastbound. Approved the purchase of anthracite filter media for \$15,402 from Voda Solutions LLC for the water treatment plant.

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County Discusses Road and Dome Options

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The August 19 regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners was more discussion than action as the board considered options regarding a county road by Summerhaven and heard updates on the courthouse dome repair project.

Highway Superintendent Joe Anderson started things off by informing the board the Summerhaven HOA is interested in taking ownership of the curve leading into Summerhaven. If ownership of the road is maintained by the County, trees will need to be cleared from the side of the roadway and dirt work will need to be done to improve road safety.

Several members of the Summerhaven HOA attended the meeting to discuss options. Brett Weiss told the board he has been at Summerhaven since 1988 and Summerhaven HOA has always maintained the road in that time. General liability of the road is also currently included in their policy covering the private roads in the subdivision. He stated the Summerhaven HOA is ready to incur the costs associated with removing trees and making safety improvements on the road.

While the Summerhaven HOA would like the County to vacate the road, the board remained concerned about legalities and access. The board was asked if they would consider a road vacation request if access easements were included in the proposal. While discussions continued about potential options, the Summerhaven HOA learned there is no way for the County to gift them the road.

These discussions were initiated by an earlier request by the Summerhaven HOA to install regulatory signs on the road which would require a road study. The board had opted not to complete the costly road study and rather to perform maintenance work to improve road safety. Finding a possible middle ground, the idea was brought up for the Summerhaven HOA to pay for the road study removing that cost from the County's responsibility and possibly leading to the original signage that was requested. No action was taken, but the maintenance work on the road has been put on hold until a decision is made on how to proceed.

A county resident informed News 4 of the courthouse dome repair update on the agenda leading to the news station's coverage of the discussion. Jerry Berggren, the project architect, asked the board for direction for informing the public about the project. He stated a campaign needs to be designed and put into action if the board chooses to pursue a bond issue for the repairs.

The board stated now is not the time to pursue a bond with many factors in the county that would lower the chances of its passing. Berggren told the board the project is currently at a standstill without funding. He proposed sealing the dome tower from the courthouse and venting the attic to progress a portion of the project that will need to be completed no matter how the board decides to proceed.

The board agreed this is a good idea and directed Berggren to put together a cost estimate for these repairs.

County Assessor Jennifer Pittner told the board she would like to do a poll to determine public opinion about how to proceed. She would utilize

mail, social media, and any other means of reaching residents she can. The board asked her to put together the questions to be included in the poll to present at the next meeting. They also suggested the City of Minden and Minden Chamber of Commerce be contacted to get their involvement.

In other business the board: Approved August 5 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved federal audit management representation letter.

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Third Annual Classic Car Show Rolling Into Town Aug. 30

CINDY RAMSEY

Make time in your Labor Day plans to spend an afternoon enjoying music, family activities, raffles, museum tours, refreshments, and hundreds of cars at the third annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, August 30 at Pioneer Village in Minden. JCT 6/10 Cruzerz Car Club and Harold Warp Pioneer Village expect this year's event to be their biggest and best yet.



More than 200 participating vehicles will be staged on the east side of Pioneer Village on Nebraska Avenue, in the historic motel parking, and in the lot in front of Pioneer Village. Attendees not participating will need to park in the public parking areas noted with signs along Colorado Avenue and the lot on Highway 10 west of Pioneer Village.

Car enthusiasts inter-

ested in participating in the car show can print a registration form from the Pioneer Village website, pioneer-village.com or JCT 6/10 Cruzerz's website, mindencarclub.com. Alternately, they can contact Wilson at 308-293-2584 or Jensen at 308-830-2545 for more information. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on August 30 and the cost is \$20 per vehicle. Participants will receive a goody bag and the first 150 registrants will receive a dash plaque.



A total of 50 trophies will be awarded beginning at 3 p.m. Gold trophies are Sculptures by Sally originals. Silver trophies were made with cooperation by JCT 6/10 Cruzerz and Darwin Crawford. Bronze trophies were also custom made. Community support of this annual event is evident by the many local and area businesses and individuals that sponsored the trophies.

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Commemorate your visit to the car show with the purchase of this year's t-shirt. Shirts are light blue and feature this year's car show logo on the front and t-shirt sponsors on the back. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the event for \$20 each.

The event is free to attend and entrance into Pioneer Village will be freewill donation all day. Participants and patrons can enjoy a variety of family friendly entertainment all day at the Village. In addition to vintage cars, the event will feature live music by Patsy Cline local tribute artist Melinda Ferree from 10-11:30 a.m. and Elvis Presley tribute artist Chad Vigil from 1-2:30 p.m. by the diner, games in the courtyard, museum tours, photo opportunities, virtual reality, raffles, and carousel rides. No need to leave for food with Ashley Gerry Baked Goods and Paws Up Kearney County serve breakfast items, Midwest Meats serves a lunch meal, and other food vendors remain on site to serve drinks and snacks.

The MHS Cheerleaders will be raffling off a one-of-a-kind wall hanging crafted from the front end of a classic car and serving snow cones, popcorn, candy, and cotton candy. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 cash only. Raffle tickets will also be sold for the same price to win a quilt featuring a classic truck made by Stephanie Sinsel and donated by Koller Hog.

Proceeds from this raffle will be used for the JCT 6/10 Cruzerz scholarship fund. Must be present to win. And don't forget to stop by the museum gift shop for museum surplus and Pioneer Village souvenirs.

Both JCT 6/10 Cruzerz and Pioneer Village are excited to host a successful car show again this year and they are always looking for new members. Information about how to join will be available at the car show or visit the websites. Pioneer Village receives a generous donation of the proceeds from the car show to help aid in restoration efforts.



Wilcox-Hildreth Welcomes New Teachers for 2025-26 School Year

CINDY RAMSEY

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools welcomed several new teachers for the 2025-26 school year.

Mitchell Sloggett of Broken Bow is joining the Falcon staff as K-12 Health and Physical Education Teacher. His extracurricular assignments include Head Girls Wrestling Coach (high school), Junior High Football Coach, Junior High Wrestling Coach, and Junior High Track Coach.

Sloggett graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and has spent the last five years teaching in Ansley.

"The dynamic nature of education each day presents new challenges and opportunities to help students grow and develop new skills. It's incredibly rewarding to witness their progress," Sloggett said.

In his free time, Sloggett enjoys golfing, fishing, and spending time at the lake or outdoors. His family includes his wife, Clarissa, and their daughter, Ruby.

Raegen Fleharty of Cozad will teach 5th grade at Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools this year. She will also help shape student skills on the court as the high school girls basketball assistant coach. Family is very important to Fleharty.

"I am a big family person and am thankful to be relatively close to my family back in Cozad to visit. I live with my fiancée, Hunter Brenn, in Funk. We have one dog and two cats. We love to enjoy our time with our friends and family. When we aren't with them, we enjoy our time together outside either checking pivots or cows," Fleharty said. "I love to travel and anything with live music. A good movie/book and a cup of coffee sounds good 90% of the time too!"

Fleharty attended the University of Nebraska-Kearney for her undergrad and has now begun her graduate studies with UNK. She was gone for a month in Kenya, Africa doing graduate education research during the summer of 2024. Her first year of teaching was spent in 5th grade at Pershing Elementary in Lexington. She looks forward to spending her second year working with 5th graders at Wilcox-Hildreth.

"I love growing connections with students. Watching them grow in their strengths and who they want to become is something I cherish with each day. Getting to meet the families and create that relationship with them goes such a long way in my world, and I can't wait to continue to do that," Fleharty said.

Jordan Richardson of Sutherland is joining the Wilcox-Hildreth middle school staff as 7th and 8th grade Language Arts and Math teacher for the 2025-26 school year. He will also serve as assistant coach for the high school boys basketball team.

Richardson earned his BA of Elementary Education K-8 from Hastings College. He taught 4th grade for three years and worked as a 5/6 paraprofessional for two years both in Giltner.

"The things I enjoy most about teaching is seeing students learn in different manners. My favorite thing about teaching is the relationships and having the different relationships from the classroom to the coaching setting," Richardson said.

Outside of the classroom Richardson enjoys golf, grilling,

and watching sports.

Haley Marsh of Mullen is the new Family and Consumer Science teacher, assistant volleyball coach, and Youth Leadership sponsor.

Marsh studied at Chadron State College. She previously taught 3rd grade and kindergarten in Axtell.

"One of the things I enjoy most about teaching is getting to know the students as individuals. Building those relationships allows me to connect with them in meaningful ways," Marsh said. "I also love the opportunity to teach life skills and everyday knowledge - things that will help them not only in school, but throughout their lives."

In her free time Marsh stays active skiing, water sports, camping and running.

Jordan Volk is teaching 6th grade. He is most excited to get to interact with even more students on a daily basis. It will be an added bonus to see three of his own kids in the hallways.

Abigail Meyer is the Ag teacher and FFA advisor. She is elated to be joining a school district and community that strives for success inside and outside the classroom, cultivates a family atmosphere, and supports students, and staff year-round. She recently completed her student teaching and graduated in May from Northwestern Oklahoma State University with my Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education.

Meyer grew up just outside of Blue Hill and comes from a fifth-generation farming and ranching family that raises Registered Black Angus Cattle. Growing up in rural Nebraska, she always knew she wanted to live and work close to home.

She enjoys spending her free time with family and friends, trying new things, gardening, and staying active. A few things that instantly make her day better are smiles from others, the sun shining on a beautiful Nebraska day, and even the radio playing a good country song.

Taylor Herrick is honored to be joining the Falcon community as the K-6 Title I teacher. She is excited to work with a district that thrives on supporting the students and staff, is always working to maximize their potential, and to get the opportunity to work with small groups of students to grow their academic, social, and personal goals and accomplishments.

She and her husband, Brandon, were both raised in Franklin and live there with our two labs, Oakley and Maggie. They are members of the farming community in Franklin and Kearney counties and are proud of their rural roots. In their free time they enjoy golfing, going to the lake, spending time with their families, traveling, and trying new foods.

Herrick was raised by educators and knew by the time she was in 6th grade that she wanted to follow in their footsteps. She graduated early from UNK with her Bachelors in Elementary Education and taught 5th grade for 6 years. She spent the last year in the early child sector as the director of a child development center, and while that was an amazing experience, her passion and abilities lie in the classroom

working directly with the kids.

Spending time outdoors or with animals (of almost any kind) will instantly brighten her day. She loves to make connections and get to know people, and very much looks forward to being a Falcon.

Melissa Myers is teaching 6-12 SPED. She is excited to be returning to special education. She looks forward to working one-on-one with students again and helping them overcome obstacles and gain confidence.

Mackenzie Maul is the new Tech Coordinator. She is most excited to get to work with all of the Falcons through technology and share her love of using technology for educational purposes in a safe and responsible way.

Wade Brashear of Gering will guide students as the secondary school counselor. He will also serve as the assistant football coach, assistant boys wrestling coach, and head track and field coach.

Brashear earned his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the University of Wyoming, and his Masters of Business Administration, Bachelors of Science in Education, and Masters of School Counseling from Chadron State College. He joins the Falcon staff with 15 years of teaching experience at Western Nebraska Community College, Gering Public Schools, Kimball Public Schools, and Schuyler Community Schools.

"Making life-long impactful relationships with students and laughing and learning are what I enjoy most about teaching. Also staying current with employment and technology trends while exploring the everchanging world," Brashear said.

Brashear and his wife, Kayla, have two children, a two-year-old daughter, Ivy and newborn son, Warren. As a family they enjoy sports, travel, and trying different foods. They like to attend live sporting events and concerts. Brashear also enjoys fishing, hunting, and golfing.



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Intriguing Automobiles at Harold Warp Pioneer Village

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Charles Duryea's "Buggyaut", a marvel of early automotive engineering circa 1900 seen at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

Power model, which featured both electric and internal combustion engines, was ahead of its time, showcasing early hybrid technology that continued until 1918.

First produced in 1907, the International Harvester Auto Buggy was notable for its flat two-cylinder engine and significant ground clearance. The Auto Wagon variant introduced in 1908 included bench seating and a truck bed, with models like the AA, AW, and MW offering different body styles. Although the Auto Buggy was discontinued in 1912, the Auto Wagon remained in production until 1917.



1907 International Harvester Auto Buggy seen at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

manSHIP made it a leading name in the American automobile industry during the 1920s and 1930s.

Named after President Theodore Roosevelt, this automobile was designed to be affordable, featuring a straight-eight engine priced under \$1,000. Its tagline "Smart Transportation for the Thrifty" captured its essence as a budget-friendly option in its era. This 1929 was built by the Marmon Motor Car Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, and was known as the "Bootleggers Special" during the Prohibition Era because of its speed and body style.

Named after famed football coach Knute Rockne, the Rockne brand was Studebaker's entry-level offering from 1931 to 1933. The Rockne automobiles were offered with an L-Head Studebaker six-cylinder engine, providing buyers with a choice of either 66 or 72 horsepower. This engine was designed to deliver a reliable performance while maintaining efficiency, making it an attractive option for consumers looking for a balance between power and economy.

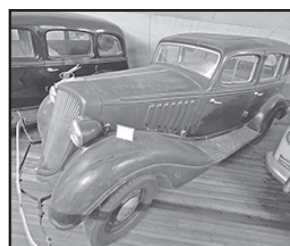
Visitors to the Harold Warp Pioneer Village are often captivated by the diverse collection of automobiles on display. Among the rare and fascinating examples are cars and trucks from the earliest days of the American automobile industry. Here are some notable vehicles museum visitors can expect to see:

Charles Duryea's innovative "Buggyaut" was a marvel of early automotive engineering in 1900. Featuring a two-cylinder, air-cooled engine, it was designed with large wheels for rural markets and unpaved roads. The light-weight and easy-riding design, mounted in the fashion of a buggy, made it affordable and practical for its time.

The Woods Motor Vehicle Company, based in Chicago, was a pioneer in electric automobiles from 1899 to 1916. Their 1916 Dual



Wood's Electric Auto circa 1915 seen at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)



1934 Terraplane 4 door sedan seen at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

Wing did not compromise on performance, offering brisk acceleration that appealed to driving enthusiasts.

The Cord 812, produced in 1937, was known for its advanced features, including front-wheel drive and independent front suspension. Despite its innovative design, production issues and reliability concerns led to the Auburn Automobile Company's downfall. The 812's retractable headlights, initially crank-operated, were later switched to a vacuum-operated system due to customer complaints. The Cord 812 on display at Pioneer Village is notable as being Harold Warp's favorite among his extensive collection of autos.

These vehicles, among others, tell the story of the early American automotive industry, offering a glimpse into the ingenuity and craftsmanship that defined a transformative era in transportation history.

Get ready to rev your engines at the 3rd annual Car Show, brought to you by the Pioneer Village and the JCT 6/10 Cruzerz on Saturday, August 30th. With a lineup of hundreds of cars, tasty food vendors, fun games, artisans, along with live music including a Patsy Cline Tribute by Melinda Ferree and a Rocking Live Show featuring Chad Vigil as Elvis is sure to attract a crowd. And the best part? The museum doors will swing open for free, with the chance for visitors to chip in a donation if they are feeling generous. Time to buckle up for some high-octane fun!



1952 Willys Aero Wing seen at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)



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

We are delighted to unveil a new interactive feature in the American Confetti column.

How to Get Involved:

Visit the Exhibits at Pioneer Village!

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

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

Enter the Drawing! Correctly identifying the item.

Last month's article featured a 13th century hand cannon, one of the many highlights found in the museum's extensive firearm collection.

Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

MENUS:
All breakfast includes fruit or vegetable and milk. All lunch includes fruit and vegetable bar and milk.
Friday, Aug. 29: BREAKFAST: Breakfast boat; LUNCH: Chicken patty, French fries
Monday, Sept. 1: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sept. 2: BREAKFAST: Fruit parfait with granola; LUNCH: Soft or hard shell beef tacos
Wednesday, Sept. 3: BREAKFAST: Pancakes, sausage patties; LUNCH: Chicken tenders, taters
Thursday, Sept. 4: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll, yogurt cup; LUNCH: Loaded chicken pasta
Friday, Sept. 5: BREAKFAST: Fruit kolache; LUNCH: Sloppy Joes, chips
ACTIVITIES:
Friday, Aug. 29: GO @ McCook, 9 a.m.; CC @ GINW, 4 p.m.; V FB @ Adams Central, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30: V SB @ Holdrege Invite, 9 a.m.; VB Minden Invite, 9 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 1: Labor Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sept. 2: GO @ Broken Bow Quad, 4 p.m.; V/JV

VB Tri @ McCook Tri with Chase County, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4: School Pictures-All Buildings; GO @ GICC Invite, 9 a.m.; JV/V SB vs. Cozad, 5 p.m.; 9/JV/V VB vs. Lexington, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5: V FB @ Sidney, 7 p.m.

Axtell Community School

ACTIVITIES:
Friday, Aug. 29: FB vs. Overton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30: VB Axtell Invite, 11 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 1: Labor Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sept. 2: JH FB & VB @ Pleasanton, 4 p.m.; JV FB & VB @ Pleasanton, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4: JV VB @ Elm Creek, 5 p.m.; V VB @ Elm Creek, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5: XC @ Cambridge Invite, 10 a.m.; FB @ Loomis, 7 p.m.

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

MENUS:
Milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh fruit and vegetable bar and yogurt served daily plus many more new breakfast and lunch items.
Friday, Aug. 29: BREAKFAST: French toast sticks; LUNCH: Chicken patty
Monday, Sept. 1: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sept. 2: BREAKFAST: Biscuits & gravy; LUNCH: Goulash
Wednesday, Sept. 3: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll; LUNCH: Italian dunkers

Thursday, Sept. 4: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: Nacho day
Friday, Sept. 5: BREAKFAST: Stuffed hash brown; LUNCH: Popcorn chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Friday, Aug. 29: FB vs. Maywood-Hayes Center, 7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 1: Labor Day NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, Sept. 2: VB Wilcox-Hildreth Triangular-Parents Night, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4: School Portraits & Fall Sport Photos; VB @ SEM Triangular, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5: HS/JH XC @ Cambridge Invite, 10 a.m.; FB @ Deshler, 7 p.m.

Community Services

Dinner Menus
Meals served at Minden Community/Senior Center (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska), 403 N. Colorado Avenue, at noon. Please call 308-832-2139 the day before the dinner with your reservations. All meals are served with coffee, water, and milk. Menu are subject to change. Join us.
Monday, Sept. 1: Center Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept. 2: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, dinner roll and fruit
Wednesday, Sept. 3: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit and dessert
Thursday, Sept. 4: Goulash, peas, garlic bread and fruit
Friday, Sept. 5: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit and dessert

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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

To help prevent any further outbreak and spread of Poliomyelitis, city officials and the Board of Health requested that children between the ages of three and sixteen should be kept at home, should not congregate with other children and should not attend any public gathering.

At a special meeting, the Board of Health passed a resolution ordering the Kearney County Fair Board to cancel the fair because of the outbreak of Polio.

The tenth anniversary of Social Security payments was recognized with a report of a 110 percent gain in claims filed during the first seven months of 1945 as compared to the similar period in the preceding year.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Donald Nelson won top honors in the 4H livestock judging contest held at the Kearney County Fair. Other members in the top ten were Rodney Petersen, Shari Marlatt, LeRoy Mitchell, Edward Peterson, Lavonne Peterson, Gary Nielsen, Lois Nelson, Larry Klahn and Robert Christensen.

Don Erion began his fourth year as manager of J.H. Yost Lumber Company.

An open house was scheduled for the new Bethany Lutheran Church parsonage in Minden. The home would be occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. Allison Hansen and their three children.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Teachers at the Heartwell school included Mrs. Mark Binderup, Mrs. Francis Killough, Mrs. Bill Styskal, and Lynda Shauer.

Mrs. Chris Estergaard caught a 22 3/4 pound catfish, measuring 35 inches, at Harlan Dam.

Dancing at Melody Lane attracted 200 youth. Dan Kern, Ed Peterson, Bill Bell, Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Krueger and Phil Rouse were adult sponsors.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at Big John's Ford, Nebraska State Savings and Loan Association and Hy-Style Fashions.

Debbie McBride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. McBride, was installed as Honored Queen of Bethel No. 74 International Order of Job's Daughters. Other elected officers were Cathy Hove, Audrey Beck, Jodi Garrett and Myra Layton.

Hosting Japanese youth for three weeks were the families of Herb Bienhoff, Russell Olsen, Marlin Beck, James Meisenbach, Tom Madsen, Delbert Dorn, Vernon Jepsen, Gordon Muller, Jerry Bendfeldt, John R. Westesen and Del Kopf.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

The Kearney County Fair received \$1,000 from Ak-Sar-Ben, according to president Robert Christensen and secretary Larry Wilcox. The grant would be used for an asphalt parking lot.

Minden High School varsity cheerleaders, Annette Eckhoff, Sara Ramsey, Tobbi Jensen, Sarah Norton, Leanne Lowell, Kristi Lundeen, Rhonda Lynn, and Jenny LaBrie won several awards at the DCA cheerleader camp at



2015 — Members of the 2015-16 Minden High School Dance Team were: Lily Steen, Leah Boudreau, Suzie Hoffman, Jenae Boudreau, Janessa Madsen, Jenna Denney, Jadyn Horner and Shana Schoone.

Hastings College.

The Minden Tire Company reopened for business with manager Tim Mattson, service manager John Gibreal and sales manager Gary Janitscheck.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

The Kearney County Hospital hired a health care management firm, Rural Health Development, for the hospital, clinic, and Long Term Care.

Two monuments were dedicated at Upland. One cited a brief history of the town. The other monument was carved into the figure 100 from a stump of a tree removed from the park. The three Upland men crafting the monument were Dan Grams, Steve Fries, and Frank Gregoski.

Kenny and Jean Anderson of Axtell were named Yard of the Month winners by the Axtell Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

All 115 high school students along with all kindergarten through 12th grade teachers at the Wilcox-Hildreth schools received laptop computers for use at school.

Col. Rusty Rhynalds of Rhynalds Auction in Upland was reserve champion at the 2005 Bid Calling Championship held by the Nebraska Auctioneers Association.

Minden Public Schools lost more than \$300,000 when the Kearney County Board of Supervisors voted to lower KAAPA Ethanol's personal property valuation. A decision was made to use MPS's cash reserves to cover the revenue shortage for the school year.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

Dylan Wells of Axtell was selected as one of four recipients of the Jim Hurlbert Memorial American Legion Baseball Scholarship. The scholarship is quite an accomplishment for Wells who was in a single car accident that severed his spine in May of 2014. Wells prepared for his freshman year at the University of Nebraska-Kearney to study for Pre-Occupational Therapy.

Nine members of one family were presented with blankets in recognition of their service in armed forces. Five were Quilts of Valor received by Robert Coffee, David Gartner, Wilber Streck, Galen Maurer and an active duty recipient. Quilts of Service were presented to David Bunger and Irving Harrison. Afghans of Service were presented to Tony Tolksdorf and Rodney Herman.

The Wilcox Cafe began opening its doors after home games as a place for kids to get a bite to eat. Local youth dubbed the owner, Tracey Gellermann, Momma Tracey.

Fort Kearny Board Meets

A meeting of the Fort Kearny Preservation, Restoration and Development Board will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 11, 2025 in the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden.

Church Directory

Axtell

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

Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 31: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.
Worship will be recorded and posted on our website at BethanyAxtell.org.

First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

Sunday, Aug. 31: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

Keene Evangelical Free

662 F Road
308-743-2611

Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 3: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC

104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, Aug. 31: Donuts & Coffee, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 1: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Saturday, Aug. 30: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran
360 So. Stewart

(402) 756-8552

Greg Volsky,
Vacancy Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow
United Westminster Presbyterian
Broad and Main Street

Mark A. Diehl, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran
401 Lake Street
Daren Popple, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 31: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

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Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

287 Jefferson Street
Father Evan Winter

Sunday, Aug. 31: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran
502 Sanders Avenue
Caroline Schenk, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 31: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

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112 W 11th Ave
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Sunday, Aug. 31: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.
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Zion Lutheran
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Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran
437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Saturday, Aug. 30: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

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Evangelical Free
1310 W. First St.

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Fredericksburg Lutheran

616 33 Road
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate
Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee, 10:30 a.m.

Communion served 2nd Sunday of each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic

628 N. Garber
Father Evan Winter
Saturday, Aug. 30: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Aug. 31: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran
206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick
Friday, Aug. 29: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.; Game Night, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Coffee & Cookies, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3: JYM 5th, 5 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Thursday, Aug. 29: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 10 a.m.; Fun Day & Potluck following Worship—Bring a side dish

Thursday, Sept. 4: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado
Sharon Rees, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

Wilcox

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

Kenton Birtell, Pastor
Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist
203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller, Pastor

Sunday, Aug. 31: Worship, 9 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community
106 W. Detroit St.

Craig Cedar, Pastor
Affiliated with Evangelical Free Church of America

Sunday, Aug. 31: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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SPORTS



Hwy 6 Trailblazers Explode for 28 Runs to Earn First Two Wins of the Season

PHIL SERRONE

It was an offensive explosion to kick-start the season for the HWY 6 Trail Blazers as the team dominated their first two games of the season scoring 28 runs in the process. HWY 6 faced off against Hershey first before facing off against Alliance in the evening slot.

In the first matchup, the Trail Blazers defeated Hershey 10-2 led by C Alexa Hale's standout performance that saw the catcher finish 3-4 with a home run, two runs scored, three RBIs and a stolen base. She narrowly missed out on going back-to-back with the long ball taking her hit to the warning track in the fourth inning.

As a team, the offense had their way with the opposing pitching staff recording 12 hits in the contest. 3B Scarlet Rogers, 2B Lillian Labenz and LF Neveah Browitt each had a multi-hit performance. Consistency at the plate was on display throughout the game as the Trail Blazers scored runs in every inning except the third.

P Addisyn Norris was tremendous in her first game on the mound narrowly missing out on a no-hitter. She pitched five innings and allowed one hit, two runs (0 ER), four walks and struck out nine.

Heading into their final matchup of the day, HWY 6 found themselves in a seesaw battle against Alliance that saw two big shifts of momentum. Despite allowing eight runs in the second inning, HWY 6 showed their resilience with an explosive 16 run third inning paving the way for a 18-8 victory.

Alexa Hale once again connected for a big swing of the bat securing her second home run of the season, this time the biggest swing you can have in the game with a grand slam. She finished 2-4 with two runs scored and four RBIs. The entire team minus one player secured a base hit in the contest. SS McKinley Jauken, 3B Scarlet Rogers



and 2B/RP Lillian Labenz each had multiple hits in the game led by Jauken's double.

P Addisyn Norris, RF Kaleah Boulware, 1B Katherine Marshall and CF Stella Birkestrand each picked up a single in the contest. The team showed strong discipline at the plate earning seven walks when their bats did not connect for their 12 total base hits.

Norris began the game on the mound for her second stint of the day. She pitched 1.2 innings, a clear sign that the pitcher was fatigued after five innings pitched earlier at the triangular. Labenz pitched the final 1.1 innings of the ballgame allowing one hit and struck out four.

This was a strong debut for the HWY 6 Trail Blazers as the team has a strong core this season with a hunger for success. The team will have faced off against Kearney Catholic earlier this past Monday. Following that matchup, the team will travel to Wilber Clatonia on Thursday, August 28 with the first pitch scheduled for 5:00 p.m.



Concluding the busy week will be a home invite held this Saturday with first pitch slated for 9:00 a.m. We will have a full recap for these games in next week's paper!

Here is the box score for HWY 6 vs Hershey:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
HRSH	0	2	0	0	2	X	2	1	4
HWY6	2	2	0	1	5	X	10	12	1

Here is the box score for HWY 6 vs Alliance:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
HWY6	2	0	16	0	X	X	18	12	1
ALLN	0	8	0	X	X	X	8	6	5

The HWY 6 Trail Blazers kicked their season off on the right note with two victories over Alliance and Hershey on Aug.22. 28 total runs were scored for HWY 6 in the two matchups. Pictured: (above) Alexa Hale takes a big swing that led to a two-run home run. (right) 2B Lillian Labenz throws the ball to 1B Katherine Hall to record an out. Page 12: (left) Naveah Browitt slides home after a play at the plate to score a run. (right) P Addisyn Norris rockets a pitch towards the catcher. Front page: Alexa Hale celebrates at home plate with her teammates after a home run. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



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Whippet Cross Country Gets Warmed Up at 54th Annual 7 Mile Marathon

ROGER HANSEN

The 54th Annual '7 Mile Marathon' for the Minden Cross Country Team took place on Saturday morning, August 23. Started by then coach Ron Brewer in 1972, the event serves as an early season indicator of the summer conditioning that the runners worked at.

30 of the 33 team members ran seven, five, four or 3.5 miles depending on their ages and conditioning level. The team includes 11th down through 7th graders. There are no seniors on this year's squad.

25 members of the team earned a t-shirt for eclipsing a summer mileage threshold. Five junior class boys ran over 400 miles, led by Gage Thull's 460 and Frank Kovac's 450. Junior Alexa Warner topped the girls' mileage at 388.

Boys' seven mile winner was junior Trystan Sharkey at 43:20 while freshman Adelyn Whitten was the girls' seven mile winner at 50:12.

There were a slew of kids that improved their times from 2024 providing for lots of positives to build on for an exciting cross country season.



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Minden and Axtell Volleyball Programs in Nebraska Top 25

ROGER HANSEN

The top 25 Nebraska high school volleyball programs as to winning percentage over the past 20 seasons has been compiled by Tony Ratka. Minden and Axtell both made the list.

The top ten (wins, losses, win %): 1) GI Central Catholic 539-94, 85.15%; 2) Kearney Catholic 517-112, 82.19%; 3) GI Northwest 551-140, 79.74%; 4) Omaha Skutt 557-143, 79.57%; 5) St. Paul 484-142, 77.32%; 6) Wahoo 497-146, 77.29%; 7) Papillion-LaVista South 556-170, 76.58; 8) Wynot 401-126, 76.09; 9) Omaha Marian 571-184, 75.63; 10) Ogallala 524-175, 74.96

13) Minden 483-168, 74.19

20) Axtell 411-165, 71.35

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Bowling Standings

Classey Lassies	8-14-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Platte River BBQ	3	1
Aurora Coop-Keene	3	1
Pony Express Ford	3	1
Split Happens	3	1
Dobish Dumpsters	1	3
Upland Bar & Grill	1	3
Skye's The Limit Salon	1	3
Larson Bros Construction	1	3
High Individual Game: Allyson Sinsel, 179; Kasey Welch, 170; Sheila Schoone & Alice Thomsen, 156		
High Individual Series: Kasey Welch, 480; Allyson Sinsel, 436; Sheila Schoone, 434		
High Team Game: Platte River BBQ, 459; Split Happens, 432; Skye's The Limit Salon, 385		
High Team Series: Platte River BBQ, 1236; Split Happens, 1165; Aurora Coop-Keene, 1134		

UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band Announces Show Theme, Performance Schedule

PRESS RELEASE

UNK Pride of the Plains Marching Band announces show theme, performance schedule

KEARNEY – The University of Nebraska at Kearney Pride of the Plains Marching Band has announced its season schedule, which begins with the Sept. 6 football game against Chadron State.

In addition to performing at all Loper home football games, the Pride of the Plains will perform Sept. 20 during the annual UNK Band Day Parade in downtown Kearney. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

Other scheduled performances include the Harvest of Harmony Parade on Oct. 4 in Grand Island, UNK Homecoming Parade on Oct. 11 in downtown Kearney and Nebraska State Bandmasters Association State Marching Contest hosted Oct. 25 at Kearney High School.

The show theme for the 2025 season features music from "James Bond 007."

The band is under the direction of Brian Alber. The drum line instructor and director of bands is Duane Bierman, and the color guard coordinator is Adrienne Rall. Drum majors are Samantha Bursaw of Ravenna and Emily Schwaiger of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Pride of the Plains 2025 Performance Schedule

Sept. 6, 7 p.m. – Loper Football vs. Chadron State (Foster Field)

Sept. 20, 10 a.m. – UNK Band Day Parade (Downtown Kearney)

Sept. 20, Noon – Loper Football vs. Emporia State

(Foster Field)

Oct. 4 – Harvest of Harmony Parade (Grand Island)

Oct. 11, 10 a.m. – UNK Homecoming Parade (Downtown Kearney)

Oct. 11, 2 p.m. – UNK Homecoming/Band Alumni Day and Loper Football vs. Missouri Western (Foster Field)

Oct. 25, TBD – Exhibition, Nebraska State Bandmasters Association Contest (Kearney High School)

Nov. 1, Noon – Loper Football vs. Central Oklahoma (Foster Field)

Nov. 15, Noon – Loper Football vs. Central Missouri (Foster Field)

Area Pride of the Plains Marching Band Members

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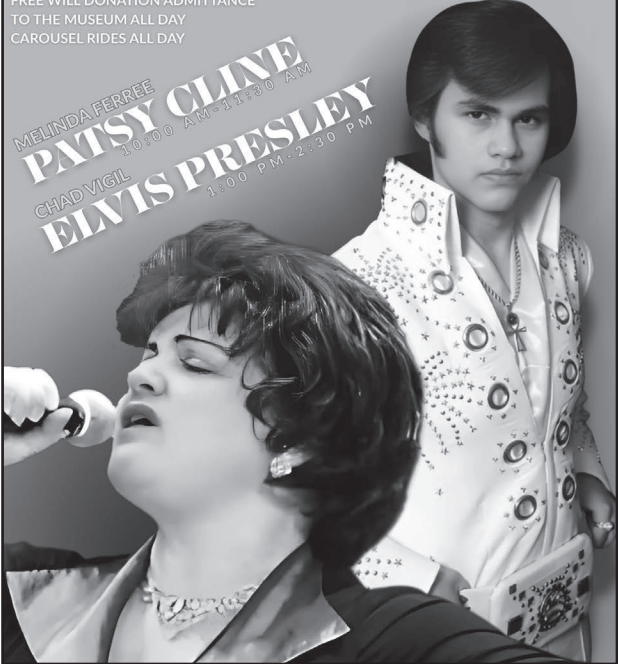
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Letter to the Editor

A couple of months ago I, along with all other Nebraskan property owners, received notice of change in property valuation that is used to assess property taxes. I am a real estate investor, so I received notice from Kearney, Buffalo and Adams counties.

In all honesty, my valuation increases in Kearney and Buffalo were modest. But Adams County raised my property value over 25% last year and did the same this year, resulting in an increase in valuation of more than 50% in two years.

I protested the increase last year to no avail. The response: you can sell the property for more than the county appraisal, so tough luck. But that position completely misses the point.

First, this is a sort of "fox and henhouse" situation. The county sets the value and the county benefits from the increase. But more importantly, the valuation is a meaningless number. They purposely set the tax assessment value lower than actual market value. That tactic allows them to deny just about every protest that comes before them.

The important number is the rate of taxation. The rate of taxation is so high that it really doesn't matter how low the valuation is. The counties give themselves a hefty raise each time they increase the property value, and they are largely unchecked. And what are they doing with that money? Have you seen a huge increase in county services? Doubtful.

I moved here from Oregon, a state that boldly taxes its residents like blood from turnips. But Nebraska has Oregon beat in the property tax department. Oregonians are pretty tolerant of government squeezing them, but in 1990 they rose up and put a halt to the property tax assault. They passed a constitutional amendment that addressed the inequity in school funding across the state by pushing school funding largely to the state's general fund. Measure 5 and Measure 47 (in 1996) effectively rolled back property assessments by 10% and then limited increases to no more than 3% per year. Measure 5 assured that rural schools received the same per student funding as urban schools.

When these measures easily passed in Oregon there was much hand wringing by schools and government agencies, and predictions were made that schools would close and civilized life as we had known it would end. The opposite occurred. Schools, particularly rural schools, actually thrived because they had more stable funding.

We need Measures 5 and 47 in Nebraska, not years in the future, but now. I hope after reading this you will search these measures on the internet. We need to pick up our metaphorical pitch forks and demand that our legislators fix this problem immediately. They cannot go home until it is fixed. Or, we need to do what they did in Oregon and place a measure on the ballot. There is a solution and Nebraskans deserve results. End of discussion.

Bennett Johnson

For the Record

Kearney County County Court

Cristian Perez-Gutierrez, Grand Island, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 6-8-25

Tyler B. Esquitin, Harvard, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 6-16-25

James A. Flaugh, Omaha, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 8-6-25

Mindy Heath, Minden, speeding 11-15 MPH Municipal, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 8-7-25

Darwyn O. Varela Mondoza, Lexington, overweight on axle or group of axles, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 8-5-25

Joselyn J. Strickland, Holdrege, following too close, fine \$50, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Abbott, 4-25-25

Zian Rosario, Lincoln, COUNT I: possess marijuana 1 oz or less-1st offense, fine \$300; COUNT II: possess or use drug paraphernalia, fine \$100, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 4-27-25

Minden Fire & Rescue

8-15-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Hull Avenue for a personal injury.

8-19-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Lincoln Avenue for a personal illness.

8-21-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Casey's for an electrical fire.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

8-20-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to W 4th Street for assistance getting out of a basement and transported to Good Sam in Kearney.

8-20-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for a personal illness and transport to Phelps Memorial.

8-20-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to N. Main Street for a commercial fire alarm, advised false alarm.

8-19-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for a personal illness and transport to Phelps Memorial.

8-18-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Axtell School in the shop area, advised false alarm.

8-14-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for a personal injury.

Kearney County Sheriff


8-15-25, A vehicle driven by Colten E. Crawford, Holdrege, was eastbound on Highway 6 in the lane of traffic. A vehicle driven by Zachary John Albers, Grand Island, traveling westbound on Highway 6, crossed the centerline and collided with Crawford. Estimated damage, Crawford: \$4,000. Estimated damage, Albers: \$2,000.

8-19-25, A vehicle driven by Max R. Beal, Kearney, was southbound on 44 Road when a cow entered the roadway. Beal struck the cow head on, coasted about 50 feet before coming to a rest in the southbound lane. The cow limped south about 100 feet before succumbing to its injuries. Estimated damage: \$10,000.

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NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Agendas for the August 21, 2025 special meeting of the Board of Education were posted locally and notice was published in the paper. Included in the notification were the time, place, date, and items on the agenda. The board discussed 2025-26 budget and proposed elementary building project. No action was taken. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.

Aug 28, 2025
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Shana Schoone Speaks LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 145 S Hull Ave Minden, NE 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Shana Schoone Speaks, Shana Schoone Speaks LLC. Dated June 6, 2025

Shana Schoone
Aug 28, 2025
(15) 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, September 2, 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
Aug 28, 2025
(21) znez

NOTICE

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

**JANICE COON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-26**

Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Marilyn Coon, 1977 S Road, Heartwell, Nebraska 68945 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 October 22, 2025 or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen
Clerk-Magistrate of the
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CITY OF MINDEN

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on August 4, 2025 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: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. City Officials Present: Evans, Olson, Krings, and Jordan. Approved Bills and Claims: American Fence Company Of Kearney Inc--Repairs \$2,581.69, Atlas Automation Llc--Repairs \$890, Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company--Fuel \$3,424, B&R Stores, Inc--Supplies \$43.90, Baylor Evnen Wolfe, &Tannehill, Llp--Legal \$715, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$57.76, Bound Tree Medical Llc--Supplies \$2,515.92, Business World Products Of Hastings, Inc--Supplies \$29.22, Capital One--Training / Supplies \$9,840.18, Central District Health Department--Fees \$262, C. Mcdowell--Incentive 30, Civicplus, Llc--Fees \$289.41, Dier,Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$1,000, D. Schroeder--Training \$238, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$47.60, Fyr-Tek Inc--Supplies \$609.76, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$1,084.98, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$100.78, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical

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tioned to approve the consent agenda. Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, and Schneider. Abstain: Yant. Special Designated Liquor Licenses for: Windmill Studios at the Kearney County Fairgrounds for a fundraiser on 9-13-25 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Windmill Studios at the Kearney County Fairgrounds for a reception on 9-27-25 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Windmill Studios at the Kearney County Fairgrounds for a reception on 10-11-25 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.-- Yant motioned to approve the Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Windmill Studios. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Abstain: Bunger. Professional Service Agreement with Olsson Associates for K Road Paving Project-- Bunger motioned to approve the Professional Service Agreement with Olsson Associates for K Road Paving Project otherwise as known as Street Improvement District 2025-1 not to exceed \$11,900. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Ordinance Creating a Clean Energy Assessment District: Schneider introduced Ordinance No. 1305 for its first reading, Yant seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Yant motioned to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 1305. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried. Yant motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1305 by title and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried. Resolution requesting assistance from South Cen-

tral Economic Development District on an application for a 2025 Community Development Block Grant-- Schneider motioned to approve Resolution No. 1815 and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Payment to Longshot Property Development, LLC., for \$4,500.03 for general contractor construction activities oversight and aiding various trades accomplished 3/18/2025 to 7/31/2025 of: completion framing, oversight of plumbing and electrical rough-in, staircase inside and exterior, fire sprinkler install, insulation of exterior walls, and start of dry-wall work-- Yant motioned to approve Payment to Longshot Property Development, LLC., for \$4,500.03. Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Reimbursement Draw #12 for \$4,500.03; this Amount will be Drawn on NAHTF 23-TFRH-34009 from NE Dept. of Economic Development-- Bunger motioned to approve Reimbursement Draw #12 for \$4,500.03 and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Non-Action Items: Public Forum. Council Announcements. Review Status of the Order of Condemnation for the Property known as 1348 N. Colorado Avenue or more Particularly Described as the North One Hundred (100) feet of the South half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S½SE¼NW ¼NW¼) of Section Seven (7), Township Six (6) North, Range Fourteen (14), West of the 6th P.M., Kearney County, Nebraska, except the East Sixty-eight

(68) feet thereof and except the West thirty-three (33) feet thereof, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska and Take Action. Schneider motioned to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, 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.

Aug 28, 2025

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NOTICE

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, Case CI 25-27, ADAIR 0003, Plaintiff, vs. TERRELL GALEN MARLATT, MINDEN EXCHANGE BANK & TRUST COMPANY, SHL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, JOHN DOE, MARY DOE; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN claiming any right, interest or title in the real estate described herein,

To: TERRELL GALEN MARLATT, MINDEN EXCHANGE BANK & TRUST COMPANY, SHL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, John Doe, Mary Doe; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in Lot Four (4), Summer Haven Second, a subdivision located in Section Twenty-three (23), Township Eight (8) North, Range Fifteen (15), West of the 6th P.M., Kearney County, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof. You have been sued by ADAIR 0003. The object of the plaintiff's Complaint is to foreclose on Tax Sale Certificate No. TS22-01 for the delinquent taxes on the real estate described above. The taxes due under

the certificate are for the 2020 through 2023 taxes plus interest at the rate of 14% per annum. The Complaint asks the Court to find that the taxes are a lien against the real estate, as provided by law, and that upon establishment of such lien, the real estate, which may remain unredeemed, be sold at public sale to satisfy the decree so entered, together with interest and costs, including attorney's fees as provided for and by Nebraska Revised Statute §77-1909, as amended, and that the defendants be forever barred of all claims upon, interest in, right or title to, lien upon or equity of redemption in the real estate upon confirmation of the sale. To defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, 424 N. Colorado Avenue Minden, NE 68959, within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. If you fail to respond, the Court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025 - 8:00 PM
POSTING LOCATIONS: MINDEN COURIER
POSTING DATE 8/7/2025
FRANKLIN CHRONICLE
POSTING DATE 8/6/2025
CONFERENCE ROOM- WILCOX 404 SAPP STREET WILCOX, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call. 2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act. 2.A. Pledge. 3. Consent Agenda. Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 3.A. Approval of Agenda. 3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular July 21, 2025 Board Meeting. 3.C. Approval of Claims. 3.D. Financial Report. 4. Visitors and communication from the public. 5. Action Items. 5.A. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to adopt a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to seven percent (7%). No action taken. 5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve a bid to demolish the church next to the Hildreth building. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve a bid to demolish the church next to the Hildreth building. Mo-

tion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to review board policies 1001. Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Teresa Carey, to review board policies 1001. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 6. Discussion Items. 6.A. Strategic Planning Updates. Superintendent Patterson reported to the Board that all staff have been updated on the progress of the strategic plan and that the plan has been shared out on the school website and social media pages. Information was also shared in local papers. 6.B. Policy Review. Superintendent Patterson explained the process for the Board to continuously review existing board policies. He will be creating a schedule for the policy review cycle. 6.C. Discuss circulation pump repairs to the pool. A week prior to the official close of the pool, the main circulation pump went out. The pump is most likely the original pump of the pool, dating back to the 1970's. Parts are not available for that pump any longer. He is collecting estimates to replace the pump. The estimated cost of replacing the pump ranges from \$18,000-\$25,000. 7. Administrator Report. 7.A. Superintendent Report. Superintendent Patterson reported: 1. Water leaks in the

Wilcox building were again discovered during last week's rain. The main issues stem back to the water intrusion issues that have been previously discussed at board meetings. Areas impacted during this rain event were mainly in the weight room. 2. Transportation updates. The district will be utilizing four bus routes and two van routes to start the school year. 3. NASB membership meetings for Board members are August 21 in Kearney. 4. Budget workshop is Tuesday, August 26 at 8:00am. 7.B. Principal Report. Principal Muhlbach Reported: Open House and Inservice Days. MTSS Restructure. 25-26 Enrollment. LETRS Training for Pk-5. Principal Glenn Reported: New staff APL training at ESU 11. Fundamentals of literacy coaching at ESU 10. 8. Next Board Meeting: Budget Workshop- Tuesday, August 26, 2025 8:00am in the Wilcox Conference Room. Regular Monthly Meeting- Monday, September 15, 2025 at 8:00pm. 9. Adjourn. Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Teresa Carey, to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. Checking Account ID 1; Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND:

Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 605.49; Black Hills Energy, 1,180.69; Blick Art Materials, 1,453.50; BTS Communications, Phone Vendor, 54.00; Carolina Biological Supply Company, 199.08; Central Nebraska Truck and Trailer Repair LLC, 3,628.41; Classic Spa & Tub Co., Pool Repair & Supplies, 1,199.99; Clearly, 96.83; Companion Corporation, 1,895.00; Computer Hardware, 518.00; Cooperative Producers Inc, 1,189.10; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, E-Rate/Charter, 292.87; Eakes Office Solutions, 1,729.33; ESU #11, 52,226.79; ESU Coordinating Council, 9,694.15; Family Medical Specialties, Medical Provider, 149.00; Franklin County Chronicle, 121.66; Great Plains Communications, 298.30; HD Supply, 15.20; Hometown Leasing, Copy Machine Lease Company, 894.00; Inspire Rehabilitation Holdrege, LLC, 78.00; J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc., 88.99; Janssen and Sons Ford, 1,922.93; JourneyEd.com, Inc., 500.00; KSB School Law, 192.50; Larsen's Ace Hardware, 273.98; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 145.69; McGraw-Hill School Education LLC, 708.92; Menards - Kearney, 138.39; NAEA, 275.00; NASB ALICAP, District Insurance, 111,671.40; NASB, 89.00; NCSA, 948.00; Nebraska Schoolmasters Club, 40.00; Nebraskaland


Tire Co, 841.30; Powergistics, 1,803.09; PowerSchool Group LLC, PowerSchool, 2,510.33; Presto-X Company, Pest Control, 94.87; Quadient Leasing, USA, Inc., 474.37; Rosendahl Repair, 615.21; Rutt's Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., 5,255.65; S & W Auto Parts, 459.84; Savvas Learning Company, LLC, Textbooks, 894.24; School Mate, 664.35; Studies Weekly, 553.37; Syndicate Publishing, Newspaper, 89.66; Time Management Systems, 6.00; University of Nebraska at Kearney, 3,956.72; Verizon Wireless, Cellular Phone Service, 90.12; Village Of

Hildreth, 2,621.17; Village Of Wilcox, 5,079.51; VISA, 1,446.80; Wage Works, 160.25; Weides Water LLC, 4,028.00; Weissert Hardwood Flooring, Gym Floor Refinishing Co., 2,391.00; Woodward's Disposal Service, 55.00; Yanda's Music And Pro Audio, 2,048.70; Fund Number 01: 230,653.74; Checking Account ID 1:230,653.74. Checking Account ID 6; Fund Number 06 NUTRITION FUND: NASB ALICAP, District Insurance, 4,213.60; Fund Number 06: 4,213.60; Checking Account ID 6: 4,213.60. Aug 28, 2025 (239) znez

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NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR

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Trade Name: Beyond the Scope Collective
Name of Applicant: JKuehn Holdings, LLC
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/s/ Jozef Anil Kuehn
Jozef Anil Kuehn

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TAX NOTICE

The second half of the 2024 Real Estate Taxes, Improvements on Leased Land and Personal Property Taxes will become delinquent September 1, 2025. According to the Attorney General's opinion, taxes paid or letters postmarked, after August 30, 2025 will be assessed interest at 14%.

The Kearney County Courthouse will be closed August 29, 2025 - September 1, 2025. Interest will begin Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Taxes may be paid utilizing the Drop Box (east side entrance of the courthouse), the mail, or in person.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Minden Public Schools (50-0503) in Kearney County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of September, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at Minden High School Media Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	\$ 12,667,744.00	\$ 13,039,369.00	\$ 15,930,822.54	\$ 2,803,500.00	\$ 9,235,450.00	\$ 9,594,820.54
Depreciation	\$ 95,670.00	\$ -	\$ 350,762.00		\$ 350,762.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 557,442.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ -	\$ 850,000.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 527,916.00	\$ 605,135.00	\$ 699,983.00	\$ -	\$ 699,983.00	
Bond	\$ 1,704,073.00	\$ 1,704,432.00	\$ 3,850,732.50	\$ -	\$ 2,149,640.00	\$ 1,718,275.50
Special Building	\$ 1,609,100.00	\$ 1,978,543.00	\$ 4,510,648.00		\$ 2,509,648.00	\$ 2,021,212.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 9,507.00	\$ 9,997.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 17,171,452.00	\$ 17,997,476.00	\$ 26,207,948.04	\$ 2,803,500.00	\$ 15,810,483.00	\$ 13,334,308.04

Breakdown of Property Tax

Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
\$ 1,718,275.50	\$ 11,616,032.54	\$ 13,334,308.04

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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Minden Public Schools (50-0503) in Kearney County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Minden High School Media Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

Property Valuations	2024-2025 1,548,042,944	2025-2026 1,747,043,734	Change 13%
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2024-2025 Budget Information

Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2024 Valuation)
General Fund	15,529,449.51	9,331,595.51	0.602410	0.534136
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,853,722.00	1,719,712.00	0.111018	0.098436
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000
Special Building Fund	4,194,982.00	2,020,202.00	0.130416	0.115635
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000
Total	23,578,153.51	13,071,509.51	0.843844	0.748207

2025-2026 Budget Information

	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	15,930,822.54	9,594,820.54	0.549203	-9%	3%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,850,732.50	1,718,275.50	0.098353	-11%	0%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	4,510,648.00	2,021,212.00	0.115693	-11%	8%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	24,292,203.04	13,334,308.04	0.763249	-10%	3%

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

NOTICE OF VOTE TO INCREASE BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAX AUTHORITY

The Wilcox-Hildreth Public School Board of Education will meet on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wilcox Conference Room for a board meeting. Among other topics to be discussed, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3405, the Board will vote on whether to increase the school district's base growth percentage by up to seven percent (7%). A copy of the agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Shana Schoone Speaks LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 145 S Hull Ave Minden, NE 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the Company and their address is Shana Schoone Speaks, Shana Schoone Speaks LLC, 145 S Hull Ave Minden, NE 68959. Dated June 6, 2025

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NOTICE

The Axtell Village Board met Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 for their regular monthly meeting. The following were present: Chairman Eric Gustafson, trustee Linda Soderquist, Landon Walz, Marcus Anderson, Ryan Bucher and Utility Supt. Jason Stoddard. Chairman Gustafson opened the meeting under the open meetings act and read the public forum statement. Motion by Walz, second Bucher to approve July 14, 2025 minutes. Passed unanimously. Motion by Soderquist, second by Anderson to approve July 31, 2025 treasurers report. Passed unanimously. Pool report was tabled but discussion held on items of concern. Steve Nelson was present to discuss the Veterans memorial. He invited the board on a tour of memorials and reported on ideas and fundraising. The board discussed the request by Mosaic to assist in the repair costs for the deck at their pond. The board talked about liability concerns and legalities and offered a couple other resources for Mosaic. Matter tabled until more information gathered and possibly having Mosaic attend meeting. Jason gave a bid for light updates at the tennis/ball courts. The clerk will check with SPD for incentives and if this is something they want to pursue, apply for operation round-up funds. A.J. Dahlgren was present on behalf of Integrity Construction to discuss their costs to hook into Village sewer in the Industrial Park, and inquire about some form of reimbursement. The board discussed the matter and will do more research. The

board discussed the request to purchase W. 3rd at the West edge of town for a road. Tabled until owners attend and will discuss with attorney. Jason gave his monthly utility report. The board then held their annual budget workshop. The clerk provided this years figures and income statement compared to budget, with estimates to year end and projections for next year. The board discussed repairs and capital improvements for each profit center. The figures will be given to the accountants this week and the budget will be prepared for consideration/approval at the September public hearing. Motion by Soderquist, second Anderson to approve monthly claims. Passed unanimously. Motion by Walz, second Bucher to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. Passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025.

Claims approved: Salaries \$21,103.52 CPI 622.98, True Value 430.92, CSL 2,001.19, South Central Sanitation 6,908.58, Titan 290.05, Viking 2,000.00, Black Hills 51.30, Chase 731.89, FP Inc 193.10, Hawkins 3,158.24, IIMC 195.00, Kats 1,413.93, Kearney Appliance 201.50, LNM 2,898.00 & 507.00, LinPepCo 407.25, Menards 289.77, NT&T 296.82, One Call 56.81, ProTex 375.00, SPPD 5,210.00, Spectrum 436.75, 73.94, 360.00, Syndicate 36.65, Schumacher Fencing 19,932.56.
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15. Yemen capital
16. Misleading gesture
17. Cain and ___
18. Simple shoe
20. Hundredweight
21. Children's toy in the snow
22. Gets rid of
25. Free of deceit
30. Performed a dance
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Exaggerated
33. Refrain from inflicting
38. A doctrine
41. Can be subdued
43. A place to bathe
45. Land used for pasture
48. Curved piece of iron
49. Automobile
50. Fencing sword
55. Breezes through
56. Child
57. NBA legend Iverson
59. Horsley and Iacocca are two
60. Midway between north-east and east
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4. Immune response
5. Assistance and support
6. Glared
7. Spanish saloon
8. Pitch black
9. S-shaped lines
10. Statistical test
12. ___ Paulo, city
14. Graduation garb
19. A way to record
23. Not good

24. Weather events
25. A pituitary hormone
26. Jamie Foxx film
27. Rocker's accessory
28. One point east (clock-wise) of due north
29. One who obtains pleasure from another's pain
34. Consume
35. Licensed for Wall Street
36. Sick
37. Israeli city ___ Aviv
39. Removed the husk
40. Mass of rocks and

- sediment
41. Two-year-old sheep
42. Area units
44. Prison overseer
45. Walked
46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
47. Tax
48. 50 percent
51. Swiss river
52. Tattle
53. Actor Idris
54. Resist authority (slang)
58. Egg of a louse

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