



# One Last Glance at 2025 Local Headlines

CINDY RAMSEY

As our readers settle back into a routine after the holidays, the Minden Courier invites you to reflect on the recent past and the people, events, and news that made headlines in the final months of 2025. Read on for a look at the highlights of Kearney County from September through December of 2025.

## September

Royal Engineered Composites and the Kearney County Community Foundation partnered to provide some updates for the newly renovated City of Minden tennis and pickleball courts. Royal's donation to the Foundation provided for wind screens, a wind sock, and a new bench for everyone to enjoy while using the courts.

Gumption, Minden's first co-working space, held an open house and business after hours event that included a ribbon cutting, refreshments, live music, tours, and giveaways all before the big Husker game.

Harold Warp Pioneer Village hosted a weekend of fun, education, and celebration of craftsmanship during an Artisans Fair and Living History event. Local artisans engaged visitors with demonstrations of both historical and modern techniques of their trade while historians and performers shared tales of bravery, love, and adventure.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of more than 16,000 semifinalists in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for scholarships worth nearly \$26 million. MHS senior Rebecca Lempka was named one of the semifinalists.

## October

Minden senior Myla Emery earned a volleyball career triple crown with 1,000 kills, digs, and assists. She earned 1,000 assists early in her career as a sophomore, but fulfilled her career marks for digs and kills in her senior season. This was always a personal goal for Emery.

At the biggest Junior High cross country meet of the year, the Nebraska Middle School State Meet at Papillion-LaVista South, Minden's girls finished as state runners-up in the Classes C-D championship division. The silver medaling 3K team consisted of Regan Johnson, Gemma Fritson, Kinsey Morey and Emerson Kuehn. This is the highest finish for a Minden team ever.

The Minden girls golf team concluded an undefeated sea-



Rainy weather didn't dampen spirits at the third annual JCT 6/10 Cruzerz and Pioneer Village Classic Car Show over Labor Day weekend. Over 100 classic and unique cars were on display and visitors enjoyed free entry into the museum, live music, food vendors, and lots of cars. (Courier file photo)

## Weather Forecast

Jan. 16:	36/19	
Jan. 17:	33/20	
Jan. 18:	50/22	
Jan. 19:	46/19	
Jan. 20:	45/22	
Jan. 21:	47/24	
Jan. 22:	47/23	



# UNK Announces Dean's List for 2025 Fall Semester

PRESS RELEASE

KEARNEY – The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced students who earned a place on the dean's list for the fall 2025 semester.

Students who are on the dean's list must have completed 12 credit hours or more of classes with a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale. Students earn a 4.0 for an "A," 3.0 for a "B" and 2.0 for a "C."

Courses taken on a credit/no credit basis – such as internships and student teaching – aren't included among the necessary 12 credits.

Students who earned a place on the dean's list are listed by hometown, with students from Nebraska listed first.

Axtell: Caleigh Catanese, Ella Lungrin,

Jacob Fox, Jaxson Karn, Kassidy Autumn Halvorsen, Robert Sogar, Trinity Houchin

Hildreth: Cara Kaye Bunger

Kenesaw: Caden Jameson

Minden: Adisyn Prince, Aliena Osterbuhr, Bailey Eckhardt, Bailey Rogers, Bronson Paul Glanzer, Brooks Glanzer, Carter Harsin, Christian Fidel Gonzalez Zazueta, Eddie Gonzalez, Erin Grant, Evan Porter, Katelyn Althouse, Keithen Krings, Liz Tolen, Luke Robert Johnson, Lydia Grace Petty, Maddi Emery, Makena Koch, Maylee Lynn Kamery, Meredith Johnson, Nathan Althouse, Noah Branstad, Priscila Madriz, Raegan Horner, Sylvia Schmidt, Zac Lee

Upland: Katelyn Bunger

Wilcox: McKenna Ortgiesen

# Hastings College Announces Fall 2025 Dean's List

PRESS RELEASE

HASTINGS, Neb. (January 7, 2026) – Hastings College has announced the Dean's List for its fall 2025 semester. For the semester, 342 students from 25 states and 10 countries were named to the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a stu-

dent must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 scale and be registered for full-time coursework.

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

Hildreth: Gus Phye\*

# News Briefs

## MHS Junior Class Fundraiser

The Minden High Junior Class will hold a fundraiser at Runza on February 4th from 5–10 p.m. Runza will donate 10% of all sales during that time to support the Junior Class, helping pay for prom and graduation. Families are encouraged to stop by after parent-teacher conferences and enjoy a meal while supporting local students.

## 52 Taphouse Grand Opening

52 Taphouse in Minden will hold a grand opening celebration on Thursday, January 15 at 4pm at 345 N. Colorado Ave. Join them as they raise a glass to fresh starts, good company, and beer done right.

## Wilcox-Hildreth Track Soup Cook-off

The Wilcox-Hildreth track team will be hosting a Soup Cook-off at Wilcox Town Hall on Sunday, January 18 from 11:30am-1:30pm. Funds will be going towards a new pop-up canopy. Event is free will donation.

## ZMP Chili & Cinnamon Roll Cook-off

Get your aprons ready and your taste buds fired up! The community is invited to the Zambian Mission Project Chili & Cinnamon Roll Cook-Off happening Sunday, February 1 from 11:30am to 2:00pm at Windmill Studios in Minden.

Join the Fun — Compete or Come Hungry!

Do you have the best chili recipe in town? A cinnamon roll so good it could make Grandma proud? Then it's time to put your culinary skills to the test!

Competitors will battle for the coveted title of Chili King or Queen (and bragging rights for an entire year). Attendees will enjoy all-you-can-sample chili and cinnamon rolls, fellowship, and the joy of knowing every bite helps change lives in Zambia.

For more information or to enter your chili or cinnamon rolls, contact Frank Kovacs at 308.627.8147. Also, for information about the ZMP visit: [zambianmissionproject.org](http://zambianmissionproject.org) or [facebook.com/zambianmissionproject](https://facebook.com/zambianmissionproject).

# Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
12/3/26	48	29	-
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1/5/26	53	35	-
1/6/26	55	35	-
1/7/26	56	31	-
1/8/26	42	35	.42
1/9/26	35	28	-
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son as the Class C State Champions. The Whippets' 649 two-day score is Class C's all-time best. Senior KayLynn Jorgensen earned the individual class title, the sixth in school history.

MHS Industrial Arts teacher Bob Carlson was honored with a bench dedication during half-time of the home football game against Cozad. The bench reads, "THANK YOU MR. CARLSON FOR PUTTING US FIRST FROM THOSE YOU TAUGHT AND INSPIRED."



### November

More than half of the 2,989 ballots mailed to voters in the Minden Public Schools district were returned as residents took sides on a \$27.285 million bond issue for a new elementary school. Though close, the bond issue was approved by voters. While there are still several pieces that must be completed, dirtwork and site preparation are estimated to begin in late summer or early fall. The district anticipates the building being ready to use for the start of the 2028-2029 school year.

Royal Engineered Composites announced a significant expansion of its workforce, projecting the addition of approximately 50 new positions to its existing team of 175 employee-owners. The newly added jobs are a blend of production and quality inspections positions, along with a variety of administrative and technical support roles. This hiring surge represents a nearly 30% increase to begin immediately.

Manifold Studios relocated to a new space on the northwest corner of the square in Minden. The new studio offers more space for gymnastics and dance programs and opens the door for more exciting opportunities for the business in the future.



East Elementary third grade students were visited by the MHS Biology class for a lesson on the human body and its systems. High school students ran several stations that gave the younger students a chance for some hands-on learning.

The Axtell FBLA Chapter collected food items to fill up the Axtell and Wilcox Food Pantries going into the holiday season. The students canvassed across Axtell, Minden and Hol-

drege to collect non-perishable food. They collected 575 items in two hours.

### December

Give Big Minden was back for a second year allowing the community to show its support of local nonprofits with a day of giving. The success of the prior year's event had organizers excited to welcome even more partners and a hope for an even larger local impact. Participating nonprofits included: Bethany Home, Faith in Action, Harold Warp Pioneer Village, Jensen Memorial Library, KCHS Medical Fund, Kearney County Historical Society, Minden Legacy Fund, Minden Opera House, Minden Schools Foundation, Minden Senior Center, Paws Up Kearney County, and The Closet Thrift Store & Food Pantry.

Wilcox-Hildreth hosted the D1-5 District Play Production competition. The Falcons won the district title securing a performance of their show, 'Abominable' at the state competition in Norfolk. The team took 5th at state.

Sheri Fecht, owner of Cozy Inn Cafe in Holdrege, opened a second restaurant in Wilcox where customers can enjoy the same homemade flavors without the drive. The Wilcox Cafe building owners had approached Fecht with a proposal to expand in order to keep a cafe in the community. Residents continue to show their appreciation by frequenting the cafe.

Minden Schools Foundation board members visited all three school buildings in the district prior to the holiday break. Due to generous donations of MPS stakeholders, Minden Schools Foundation was able to award classroom grants totaling over \$5,100 for projects to improve and enhance the educational experience at MPS.

A hometown Nebraskan is making national waves in the world of emerging technology. Tess McKinney (Schwenka), founder and CEO of Firework Media Studio, LLC (operating as XReenegades), recently completed one of her most transformative years yet—earning statewide recognition, expanding immersive technology access across Nebraska, and supporting institutions around the world in reshaping how they teach, train, and innovate.







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# Commissioners Hold Regular and Reorganizational Meeting

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The Kearney County Board of Commissioners held their first meeting of the year and reorganizational meeting on January 8. Starting things off was a request from Royal Engineered Composites for a Do Not Build easement.

Royal President Dave Arnold explained the company is growing and looking to expand on the northeast of the existing building. Fire code updates require an offset for the expansion. Without the proposed easement, the County could build on its land at the Roads Department and impose on these new requirements. This would mean Royal would have to build a firewall within the expansion to meet code. Royal is requesting the easement to avoid the need for a firewall which Arnold says will affect the flow of productivity.

Although the County has no plans to build on the land in question at this time, there is no way to know if the land may be needed for a building project in the future. Bob Swanson made his opposition to the idea known stating it would be crazy to essentially give up the land. This kind of easement would require the County to continue to maintain the land without the ability to effectively use it as they saw fit.

The board approved a motion to have Royal draft the agreement to be considered at a future meeting. Swanson was the sole vote opposed. County Attorney Melodie Bellamy was delayed arriving to the meeting, but later told the board she advises against this kind of easement under any circumstances.

Bids for the 40 Road overlay paving project were opened. Werner Construction and Vontz Paving, both out of Hastings, submitted bids for the 40 Road project

and a Franklin County paving project that were advertised together in for cost savings. Werner Construction came in as the high bid for Kearney County and the low bid for Franklin County while Vontz Paving was flipped.

The board was informed they can award only the Kearney County portion of the bid, but it was recommended to table any action to allow Oak Creek Engineering time to review the quantities in the bids and let Franklin County know their numbers. The matter was tabled.

With the regular meeting business concluded, the board moved directly into the reorganizational meeting. As the only nominee for chairman, Brent Stewart retained the position. James Miller and Jason Sinsel both received nominations and seconds for vice chairman. The vote by ballot was taken with Miller receiving five votes and Sinsel receiving two.

The board approved the usual matters relating to reorganization including reaffirmation of Robert's Rule of Order, fee schedules with an update to the cost for accident reports, committees and special committee appointments with few changes made as necessary, holidays, meeting days, mileage, depositories, resolution for investment of surplus funds, County newspaper, and courthouse hours.

In other business the board: Approved December 16 minutes. Approved bills and claims, payroll, and hospital taxes. Approved December 2025 County Clerk and Clerk of District Court fee reports. Approved Sheriff quarterly report ending 12-31-25. Approved agreement with Oak Creek Engineering for bridge inspections. Reviewed correspondence from NDOT and Minden Rotary. Entered executive session to discuss potential litigation.

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MPD Welcomes New Officer

Minden Speech Starts Season

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden City Council’s stance on e-scooter, e-bike, and hoverboard usage on public property was settled during the January 5 regular meeting. Members of the public attended the meeting to make their opinion on the matter known before the council approved the third and final reading of Ordinance 1312.

Jason Tira and JoAnn Sumstine shared their thoughts during public forum. Tira noted e-scooters are defined differently in the proposed ordinance than in Nebraska state law and encouraged the council to align their definition with the state. He also pointed out the ordinance would hinder residents of the new Zu Haus Flats apartments from parking their e-bikes outside of their home. This, among other concerns with the restrictions imposed by the ordinance, discourages growth.

Sumstine asked what separates bicycles from e-bikes and if the difference really warrants an ordinance. She also stated e-bikes are mostly ridden by adults who are more safe and careful than younger riders.

Before taking action on the final reading, several council members shared their thoughts. Jack Yant stated the ordinance doesn’t restrict riding e-bikes as a traditional bike. Teresa Sumstine stated Kearney doesn’t allow e-bikes to be ridden on sidewalks, but does allow them to be ridden on streets. She believes Minden’s ordinance should be similar and travel allowance on streets shouldn’t be separated for bicycles and e-bikes. Mayor Larry Evans noted the proposed ordinance is modeled after code in Hastings.

Following some heated discussion amongst the council, the third and final reading of Ordinance 1312 adding

Chapter 70, Article V Lightweight E-scooter, E-bike, and Hoverboard usage on public property to the Minden Municipal Code was approved by majority vote with only Sumstine voting opposed.

New Minden Police Officer Chance Eikenberry took his official oath of office before the city council and public in attendance. Eikenberry graduated from police academy in December and has already begun field training with Police Chief Jarvis Kring and his officers.

Fill N Chill in Minden wants to put in a new store just west of their current location. To accomplish this, the City needs to relocate electrical lines currently running through the alley and then the alley can be vacated so they can build the new store. An agreement with PSK LLC (Fill N Chill) for the relocation of utilities was approved.

The relocation will cost \$265,860 with the agreement obligating Fill N Chill to pay \$210,000 and the remaining costs associated with the lines being buried paid by the City. The agreement has already been signed by Fill N Chill. With the agreement squared away, the council approved a work order with NPPD for the relocation of the electrical lines.

In other business the council: Approved December 15 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved Ordinance 1313 amending Section 2-116, Duties of City Attorney and City Prosecutor, of the Minden Municipal Code, waived the three readings, and adopted the ordinance by title. Approved petition for annexation submitted by the Community Redevelopment Authority for Lot 1, Block 1, Overleese Addition to the City of Minden.

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Speech team began their season on January 10th at Adams Central. Six Whippet events earned medals in their first meet of the season. The team will continue practicing and fine tuning their pieces in preparation of the huge CNFL #1 meet in Grand Island on January 17th.

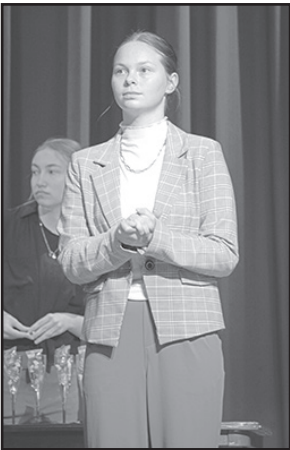
Minden varsity medal winners were: Arabella



DANICA SCHOONE

Reed, 3rd Place, Program Oral Interpretation; Arabella Reed, 3rd Place, Serious Prose; Frank Kovacs and Carson Wright, 3rd Place, Duet Acting; Rebbecca Lempka, 3rd Place, Persuasive; Danica Schoone, 3rd Place, Entertainment.

Minden Novice medal winner was Hallie Hartman, 4th Place, Humorous Prose.



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Whippets of the Month

C.L. Jones Middle School

L.T. PEDLEY DRUG

4th Grade Sheridan Eshleman

Sheridan was nominated because of the kindness and empathy she exudes on a daily basis. She is a person who goes above and beyond, not only in school, but for the people in her life too. Way to go, Sheridan!

5th Grade Dax Sloggett

Dax Sloggett is a kind student who wants to do well in school.

6th Grade Caydence Hofstetter

Caydence is such a bright student. She is responsible, and she always gives her best effort in whatever she is doing.

7th Grade Lane Aspegren

Lane Aspegren is consistently respectful and kind to classmates and staff and helps make the classroom a positive place to learn. He handles challenges calmly and keeps working even when something is difficult.

8th Grade Bryson Carver

Bryson Carver is always eager to lend a helping hand and is consistently in a great mood!



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## Three Game Stretch Highlighted by Lieb's Record Breaking Performance

PHIL SERRONE

While this season has not gone the Lady Falcons' way in terms of victories, the team did find a reason to celebrate this past week when Cheyenne Lieb broke the single-game record for threes made in a contest.

This performance came in the first of three games on the week for the Lady Falcons as the team faced off against Bertrand on Jan. 6, Kenesaw on Jan. 9 and Elm Creek on Jan. 10. Wilcox-Hildreth lost all three matchups.

Wilcox-Hildreth was bested in their matchup against Bertrand by a score of 25-50. The Lady Vikings scored double digits in three of the four quarters, outpacing the Lady Falcons whose highest quarter output was seven points.

Lieb paced the Lady Falcons offense, scoring 19 of the 25 team points. Most of her damage came from beyond

the arc which led to her record breaking performance of five three pointers made. She also collected six rebounds which trailed behind Allegra Johnson's team high nine boards.

In the Kenesaw matchup, the Lady Falcons enjoyed an early 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter but the Blue Devils turned up the heat for the next three quarters to secure the victory 47-26. Kenesaw's largest point output came in the second quarter when the Blue Devils outpaced the Falcons on offense 3-18.

The Lady Falcons outscored the Blue Devils 12-11 in the third quarter but a 3-12 fourth quarter in favor of the Vikings negated any comeback attempt for Wil-Hil.

Lieb continued her strong scoring display as of late leading the team with 15 points including two three pointers made, four rebounds and one steal. Chloe Johnson added six points and a team high two assists on the offensive end while swiping three steals on the defensive end.

Closing out the week was a tough loss to the Elm Creek Buffalos as the team was overwhelmed by a score of 16-61. A.Johnson was the leader on the scoresheet with seven points and three rebounds. Kinley Hansen led the team in rebounds with a total of five.

After the record breaking performance and two more threes made in the Kenesaw matchup, Cheyenne Lieb now is officially four three-pointers away from being the all-time leader for most three in a career. We will keep you updated on this milestone as the season progresses.

On Jan. 16, the team will travel to Loomis High School and will quickly be back in action on Jan. 17 when the team takes a road trip to Ansley-Litchfield High School. We will have a full recap from both games in next week's paper!



The Wilcox-Hildreth girls basketball team was defeated in all three games last week against Bertrand, Kenesaw and Elm Creek. Cheyenne Lieb set a single-game record for three-pointers made and is four three-pointers away from becoming the all-time leader. Pictured: (above) Cheyenne Lieb is all smiles after breaking the single-game record for three-pointers made. (left) Kinley Hansen dribbles the ball near the post looking for a shot. (Courier photos by Shaina Johnson)

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# Lady Wildcats Fall Behind on the Court

ROGER HANSEN

In a pair of games last week, Axtell's girls were defeated by Alma 71-18 on January 5 at Alma and then lost to SEM 36-48 in Axtell on January 9. The losses drop the Cats' record to 4-8.

Alma is a top 10 ranked team and has one of the better players in the state in freshman Kinley Ford who lead her team with 25 points. The Cardinals sprinted out to a 20-4 lead after one quarter, were up 42-16 at halftime and 62-18 through three periods.

In Axtell's best scoring quarter (12, in the second), Bristol Thorell scored six and Morgan Hawkins four.

Axtell	4	12	2	0-	18 (4-7)
Alma	20	22	20	9-	71 (8-1)

AXTELL- Thorell 8, Hawkins 4, Maddie Wells 4, Emily Danburg 2

Versus the Mustangs, the Cats got off to a slow start as SEM led 14-5 after one period. Morgan Hawkins scored all five Axtell points.

The Cats were superior in the middle two quarters, having made up the nine-point deficit by halftime for an 18-18 tie with Hawkins and Bristol Thorell each scoring four. Then in the third period Axtell's 12-7 advantage had the Cats up 30-25. At one point late in the third Ax-

## Cats Drop Two Tough Contests

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell's boys lost a pair of hardcourt tilts last week, falling to Alma 14-90 on January 5 at Alma and to SEM 21-63 on January 9 in Axtell. In doing so the record dips to 0-12.

In the contest vs. Alma, the Cardinals are a veteran team and proved to be a tough matchup for the Cats. Alma led at halftime 56-7 and cruised from there.

Axtell was 5-27 (2-16 on 3s) on FGs for 18% and 2-2 on FTs. The team had 2 offensive and 8 defensive rebounds, 3 assists, one steal and 25 turnovers.

Reece Hunt scored 5 as the point leader. Carter Lorenz and Landon Powers each snared 2 rebounds and Easton Bergstrom made 2 blocks.

Axtell	7	0	5	2-	14 (0-11)
Alma	28	28	23	11-	90 (8-1)

AXTELL- Hunt 5, Aydan Houchin 3, Micah Houchin 2, Warren Myers 2, Powers 2

Against the Mustangs, an aggressive press applied by SEM led to a number of turnovers and easy buckets.

Kyler Kolbo hit two threes in the first quarter for the Cats and later Landon Powers and Micah Houchin connected from deep.

Axtell cut down on its turnovers drastically over the final two and a half quarters.

Axtell was 8-43 (4-22 on 3s) for 18% on FGs and 1-2 on FTs. There were 27 turnovers.

SEM	25	25	8	5-	63 (7-2)
Axtell	8	7	3	3-	21 (0-12)

AXTELL- Kolbo 6, M. Houchin 3, Powers 3, David Sonnenfeld 3, Nolan Wells 2, Easton Bergstrom 2, Reece Hunt 2



Axtell's boys basketball team was defeated in both its games this past week against Alma and SEM. Pictured: Reece Hunt braces for contact and goes up strong for a shot attempt. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

tell held a 30-22 lead. Danburg tossed in six and Leah Stritt and Wells each canned a three-pointer.

The fourth quarter was the Cats undoing as the Mustangs, and mostly their two senior starters Taryn Arbutnot and Jaycelyn Hoos, turned up the heat at both ends and blew past Axtell with a 23-6 dominance. Arbutnot led all scorers with 25 and she had 20 rebounds.

The Cats were 14-45 (2-14 on 3s) for 31% from the field and 6-15 on FTs. They had 18 turnovers. The Mustangs were 16-60 (3-21 on 3s) for 26% on FGs and 11-18 on FTs. and they committed 9 turnovers.

Hawkins led Axtell with 13 points and 8 rebounds. Danburg scored 9, Thorell 6 and Wells 4.

SEM	14	4	7	23-	48 (6-2)
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Axtell	5	13	12	6-	36 (4-8)
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AXTELL- Hawkins 13, Danburg 9, Thorell 6, Wells 4, Stritt 3, Ashlynn Nelson 1



On Jan. 5, the Lady Wildcats basketball team was defeated by Alma High School 18-71. Closing out the week, the team was defeated by SEM 36-48 on Jan. 9. Pictured: Emily Danburg gets on the ground to force a jump ball. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### REECE HUNT - BASKETBALL

**School** - Axtell Community School  
**Grade** - Senior

**Achievements in past seasons and this season** - After being sixth man as a junior, Reece is one of three senior starters on an otherwise very young, inexperienced team. He is currently leading our basketball team in multiple statistical categories. He has scored in double figures three times this season with a high of 17 versus Overton in December.

**Attributes that have led to his success:** Reece is a solid student and is a high character individual. We are fortunate that he is an Axtell Wildcat.



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# Dawgs Bounce Back

## Minden Boys Topple Ord After Tough Loss to Beatrice

ROGER HANSEN

Minden’s boys opened January with a pair of road games, losing at Beatrice 49-62 on January 6 and defeating Ord 65-53 on January 8. The season record moved to 6-4.

The Whippets got off to a good start against the Class B Orangemen going on top 12-10 after one period. Beatrice then was superjacent in the second and third quarters, leading at halftime 24-19 and increasing the margin to 45-30 through the third.

Minden had a good-scoring fourth period but the 19-17 edge was not enough to trim the gap significantly.

The Whippets were 17-57 (5-28 on 3s) for 30% on FGs and 10-15 on FTs. There were 15 offensive and 13 defensive rebounds, 8 assists, 2 steals and 12 turnovers.

Luke Craig had a 12-point, 12-rebound double-double and also swatted 2 shots. Landon Bules had 11 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists. Jackson Armstrong scored 9 and

Traelin Christensen had 8 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists. Landon Grollmes got 4 points and 2 rebounds.

Minden	12	7	11	19-	49 (5-4)
Beatrice	10	14	21	17-	62 (4-5)

MINDEN- Craig 12, Bules 11, Armstrong 9, Christensen 8, Grollmes 4, Cole Schwenka 3, Ambrose Bloomfield 2

Against Ord, the Whippets kept scoring consistently without any prolonged droughts.

Minden was on top 35-27 at halftime and 51-42 through three periods. Grollmes had a big third quarter scoring nine.

Ord got to within five of the Whippets twice in the fourth quarter, but Christensen’s four buckets in a three-minute span helped keep the Chanticleers from getting any closer.

Minden was 22-50 (7-20 on 3s) for 44% on FGs and 14-20 on FTs. There were 13 offensive and 24 defensive rebounds, 16 assists, 3 steals and 12 turnovers.

Christensen had 22 points and 11 rebounds for a double-double plus 2 assists and Grollmes put in a career-best 25 points to go with 6 rebounds and 2 assists. Each of them hit two threes. Armstrong nailed three treys for 9 points and added 3 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals. Craig got 3 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists. Bules had 6 rebounds and 3 assists, Bloomfield got 2 rebounds and 2 blocks and Schwenka dished 2 assists.

Minden	15	20	16	14-	65 (6-4)
Ord	13	14	15	11-	53 (6-4)

MINDEN- Grollmes 25, Christensen 22, Armstrong 9, Craig 3, Bloomfield 2, Schwenka 2, Bules 2

# Lady Whippets Shackle Chanticleers

ROGER HANSEN

Minden’s girls split a pair of engagements last week, losing at Beatrice 25-31 on January 6 and then downing Ord 47-38 at Ord on January 8. The Whippets record moved to 7-3.

The contest against the Orange was a bit of a slog as there were many long possessions and not much scoring along the way.

After a first quarter struggle, which had Minden trailing 5-9, the Whippets went to halftime with a 15-13 lead.

Minden got its largest lead of the second half at 18-14 at 3:35 of the third when KayLynn Jorgensen nailed a trey. Then the period ended with the Whippets on top 20-17 as a zone defense employed by Minden had continued to stifle Beatrice during the second and third quarters.

Kaleigh Carr made two FTs at 7:07 of the fourth to give Minden a 22-19 lead. But a 7-0 Beatrice run ensued for a 26-22 Orange lead at 4:50.

Riley Eden made a two-pointer and Myla Emery a FT to get the Whippets to within one, 25-26 at 1:25. After that Beatrice closed with a 5-0 run to ice the game.

Minden’s point total was its lowest since January of 2023 in a 25-33 loss to St. Cecilia. Beatrice put a great deal of effort into shutting down Emery, who came into

the contest averaging over 19 ppg.

The Whippets were 9-34 (4-20 on 3s) for 26% on FGs and 3-8 on FTs. They had 6 offensive and 21 defensive rebounds, 9 assists, 5 steals and 17 turnovers.

Carr had 10 points and 7 rebounds and Jorgensen got 6 points and 8 rebounds. Eden added 4 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists. Emery had 3 points, 7 rebounds and 2 blocks and Ruby Rhynalds got 2 rebounds and 2 assists.

Minden	5	10	5	5-	25 (6-3)
Beatrice	9	4	4	14-	31 (8-2)

MINDEN- Carr 10, Jorgensen 6, Eden 4, Emery 3, Rhynalds 2

In the game against Ord, Minden could not have gotten out to a much better start offensively, leading 18-7. The Whippets benefitted from made threes by Eden (2), Jorgensen and Carr plus a pair of twos by Emery and a bucket by Lauren Starkey.

A trey in the first minute of the second quarter by Jorgensen staked Minden to its largest lead of the game at 21-7. By halftime, however, the Chanticleers had trimmed the Whippets lead to 23-15.

During the third period Minden’s leads were as much

as 12 and as little as seven, and going to the final quarter the Whippets led 34-24.

Twice in the fourth period Minden had to stop momentum runs by Ord. Leading 36-30 at 4:24, prefaced by a 6-2 Ord run, Jorgensen connected on her fourth trey of the game, and a minute and a half later a bucket by Emery got the Whippets up 41-30. An 8-0 Chanticleer run followed and at 1:45 Minden’s advantage was just 41-38. Ruby Rhynalds’ two FTs at 1:31 helped stem the tide and from there on the Whippets made four of six FTs while holding Ord scoreless.

The Whippets were 14-42 (7-24 on 3s) on FGs for 33% and 12-22 on FTs. They had 5 offensive and 11 defensive rebounds, 9 assists, 13 steals and 15 turnovers.

Jorgensen clicked for 15 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals while Emery had 13 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 steals. Eden scored 9 to go with 3 assists and 2 steals and Carr had 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 blocks. Rhynalds got 2 rebounds.

Minden	18	5	11	13-	47 (7-3)
Ord	7	8	9	14-	38 (4-7)

MINDEN- Jorgensen 15, Emery 13, Eden 9, Carr 5, Starkey 3, Rhynalds 2



# L'Heureux and Dahl Earn Medals at Franklin Invite

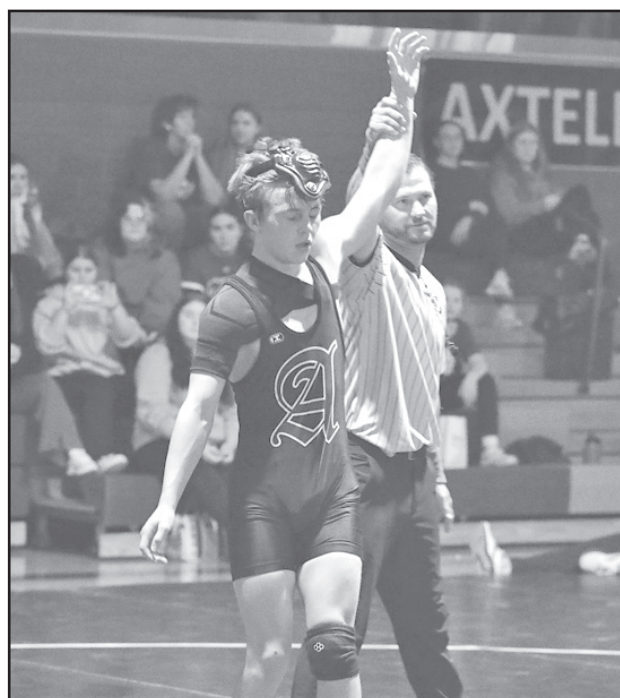
PHIL SERRONE

Axtell's boys wrestling team closed out the week with a road trip to Franklin High School on Jan. 10. Overall, the Wildcats placed 10th out of 14 schools in attendance with a team score of 34.

For the second consecutive week, Connor L'Heureux (13-15) brought home a medal after placing second. He picked up two victories after an opening round bye before being bested in the championship round by Trambly of Franklin.

Nick Dahl bounded back from an opening round loss to secure three victories before falling in his fifth match securing third place in the process. Dahl has a team high 17-14 record on the year.

Next up for the Wildcats will be an invitational at Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School on Jan. 16. On Jan. 17, Axtell will compete at Shelton High School for an invitational. We will have a full recap from both meets in next week's Courier!



The Wildcats went 0-2 at their home dual on Jan. 6 against Loomis and Hi-Line High School. Axtell closed out the week with a road trip to Franklin High School for an invite on Jan. 10. Pictured: Connor L'Heureux has his hand raised after a victory. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

# Falcons Bested in Trio of Games

PHIL SERRONE

It was a busy stretch of games for the Wilcox-Hildreth boys basketball team as the Falcons competed against Bertrand on Jan. 6, Kenesaw on Jan. 9 and Elm Creek on Jan. 10.

In the Bertrand matchup, the Falcons were defeated by a score of 38-62. The Vikings had an offensive onslaught in the first half outscoring Wil-Hil 13-33. Another 19 points in the third quarter allowed the Vikings to let off the gas a little bit in the fourth quarter where the Falcons outscored Bertrand 16-10.

Thomas Donley led the way with 14 points, 7 rebounds, two steals and one assist. Landon Lienemann added nine points along with two threes made, four rebounds and two steals. Drew Blank led the team with eight rebounds.

Wilcox-Hildreth's closest game of the week was a rematch from the Falcon Holiday Tournament against Kenesaw. In the first game, the Falcons lost by a score of 41-49 and despite Wil-Hil getting closer this go around, the team lost a nailbiter by a score of 47-48.

A 17 point second quarter for the Blue Devils proved to be the difference maker and on the defensive end limited the Falcons offense to nine points. The Falcons outscored the Blue Devils in the first and third quarter while splitting the fourth evenly 9-9.

Donley and Blank formed a formidable one-two punch as the pair combined for 34 of the Falcons 47 points. Kaleb Johnson added seven points. No other stats were provided.

Closing out the week of games was a home match against Elm Creek. The Buffaloes stamped the Falcons with a 4-23 first quarter to get out to an early lead. Wilcox-Hildreth fought

back with a 17-9 second quarter to head into halftime with a score of 21-32. Elm Creek scored 22 points in the second half and limited the Falcons to 16 points to secure the victory 37-64.

Donley continued to lead the Falcons in scoring, collecting 12 points against the Buffaloes. Blank added nine points while Lienemann finished with seven points. Kip Johnson and Lienemann each knocked down a shot behind the arc. No other stats were provided.

After the recent string of losses, the Falcons record on the season now stands at 2-10 on the season. The team will compete on the road twice this week beginning on Jan. 16 against Loomis High School. It will be a quick turnaround after that game as the team will face off against Ansley-Litchfield on Jan. 17.

Here are the stats from Wil-Hil vs Bertrand:

Points: Thomas Donley 14, Landon Lienemann 9, Drew Blank 4, Ethan Eiley 3, Luke Lush 1, Kaden Schriener 1

Rebounds: Blank 8, Donley 7, Kaleb Johnson 6, Lush 5, Lienemann 4, Jacob Beck 1, Kip Johnson 1

Assists: Ka.Johnson 2, Blank 2, Ki.Johnson 1, Donley 1

Steals: Donley 2, Ka.Johnson 2, Lienemann 2, Blank 1, Lush 1

Blocks: Ka.Johnson 2

Here are the stats from Wil-Hil vs Kenesaw:

Points: Donley 18, Blank 16, Johnson 7, Lienemann 2, Lush 2, Schriener 2

Here are the stats from Wil-Hil vs Elm Creek:

Points: Donley 12, Blank 9, Lienemann 7, Ki.Johnson 4, Schriener 2, Ka.Johnson 2, Lush 1

Here are the following results for each Wildcat wrestler at their respective weight class:

113: Chase Nickel started with a pin victory over Clark of Sandhills/Thedford in 0:43 then had a bye then was pinned by Berggren of Kearney Blue in 2:53

120: Luke Abbott opened with a bye then was pinned by Smith of Kearney Gold in 0:28 then had a bye then was pinned by Kroeger of Ellis HS in 2:31

132: Connor L'Heureux had a bye to open then won by total falls 20-2 over Mills of Kearney Gold in 2:37 then pinned Johnson of Alma in 1:53 then was pinned by Trambly of Franklin in 1:04 to place second overall

144: Samuel Kindschuh opened with a pin fall loss to McLaughlin of Thayer Central in 2:47 then was pinned by Hubl of Hitchcock County in 0:47

150: Coben Hill started with a total fall loss 2-17 against Carraher of Franklin in 0:46 then got a bye then was pinned by Platt of Alma in 1:23

157: Nick Dahl opened with a pin fall loss to VanHorn of Kearney Gold in 4:38 then won by total falls 17-1 against Kemp of North Platte St.Patrick's in 4:00 then pinned Blake of Hitchcock County in 1:07 then pinned Krupicka of Thayer Central in 2:59 then lost by total falls 2-17 against Boyles of Superior in 4:19 to place third overall

285: Maddex Ristau started with a pin fall loss to Loghry of Hitchcock County in 0:33 then had a bye then was pinned by Hammond of North Platte St.Patrick's in 0:14

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# Jezbera and Patterson Place First at Amherst Invite

PHIL SERRONE

Falcons boys wrestling has been a model of consistency this season routinely earning medals and placing in the top five at meets. On Jan. 10, it was more of the same as the Falcons placed fourth overall at the Amherst Invite with a team score of 138.5.

Jacob Jezbera and Brody Patterson led the way with first place finishes at their respective weight classes as the duo was a part of Wil-Hil's six individual medals earned. Cauly Twohig and Gavin Ironshell each placed second overall. Kyler Masters continued his strong season with a third place finish while Craig Bunger finished fourth overall.

Patterson's record on the season is now a team high 18-2 while Jezbera trails closely behind with a record of 17-3 on the year followed by Master's 15-4.

Next up for the Falcons will be a road trip to Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School on Jan. 16 for an invitational. The team will stay busy with another invite the following day on Jan. 17 at Shelton High School.

Here are the following results for each Falcon wrestler at their respective weight class:

120: Cooper Woollen opened with a pin fall loss to Ramirez of Gibbon in 1:05 then got a bye then was pinned by Avila of Neligh-Oakdale in 4:46

132: Kyler Masters started with a bye then pinned Conner of Arcadia/Loup City in 1:59 then lost by decision 1-4 against Frahm

of Plainview then pinned Watson of Amherst in 2:12 then won by decision 8-6 over Henery of Neligh-Oakdale to place third overall

138: Brody Patterson started with a pin victory over Leighton of Medicine Valley in 1:19 then pinned Ervin of Hi-Line in 1:33 then pinned Hernandez of Gibbon in 1:10 then won by decision 5-4 over Kromarek to place first overall

144: Cauly Twohig opened with a bye then won by total falls 18-1 over Shoemaker of Cambridge then pinned Schutz of Hi-Line in 4:43 then lost by decision 5-8 against Hoefer of Neligh-Oakdale to place second overall

150: Drake Ritner opened with a pin loss against Sheldon of Amherst of 3:12 then got a bye then pinned Redwine of Hi-Line in 1:45 then pinned Wilson of Shelton in 2:52 then was pinned by Horwart of Southern Valley in 1:00

157: Brett Woollen opened with a bye then lost by total falls 1-18 against Hernandez of Gibbon in 2:16 then got a bye then won by pinfall against Rand of Hi-Line in 2:03 then was pinned by Klumpe of Cambridge in 0:45

165: Gavin Ironshell opened with a bye then pinned Solorzano of Plainview in 0:41 then won by decision 10-4 against Corona of Gibbon then lost by total falls 0-15 against Perks of Cambridge in 2:47 to place second overall

175: Damien Campbell started with a pin loss against Knajdl of Amherst in 1:50 then got a bye then was pinned by Polly of Cambridge in 2:31



Damien Campbell immobilizes his opponent at the Amherst Invite on January 10. (Courier photo by Cheri Twohig)

190: Jacob Jezbera opened with a bye then pinned Cordes of Kenesaw in 1:18 then pinned Schaffert of Southwest in 0:38 then pinned Langhorst of Clarkson/Leigh in 5:28 to place first overall

215: Brandon Wagner opened with a pin victory over Shabram of Neligh-Oakdale in 4:59 then was pinned by Ramirez-Aguilar of Gibbon in 2:27 then pinned Ludeke of Southern Valley in 4:40 then pinned Hamilton of Plainview in 1:45 then was pinned by Williams of Shelton in 2:51

285: Craig Bunger started with a bye then pinned McComb of Kenesaw in 0:40 then was pinned by Gall of Clarkson/Leigh in 1:06 then pinned Wemhoff of Clarkson/Leigh in 0:36 then was pinned by Viter of Hi-Line in 0:08 to place fourth overall

# Lady Cats and Falcons Take to the Mats in Franklin

PHIL SERRONE

On Jan. 9, Franklin High School hosted a girls wrestling invitational with Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth in attendance along with 15 other schools.

The Lady Falcons once again had a tremendous showing placing fifth overall with a team score of 71. Their finish was led by four medallists and what could have been potentially five but Ona Wilsey had to medically forfeit after winning her first two matches.

Dinah Culp (10-7) earned first place for the second straight week at the 100 lb. weight division. Ayva Bendorf (14-9) earned a silver medal while Camryn Bunger and Elin Patterson (15-10) placed third overall. Bunger has been a strong addition to the roster led by medaling at her first two career invites with an overall record of 7-2.

Axtell was led by Jerzey Ramirez's third place finish paving the way for a 13th placement on the team leaderboard with a score of 24. Ramirez's record on the season now stands at 11-6. Binzley Walz, Krystal Fickenscher, Madilynn Hays and Taelynn Meyers did not place at the event but did secure one or more victories on the mat.

On Jan. 16, Axtell will travel to Ord High School while Wilcox-Hildreth will make the trip to Elm Creek High School. Both schools will be in attendance at Shelton High School for an invitational on Jan. 17. We will have a full breakdown from each

event in next week's Courier!

Here are the following results for each Lady Wildcat at their respective weight class:

100: Jerzey Ramirez opened with a decision victory 22-19 over McClung of Ellis then was pinned by Culp of Wil-Hil in 3:07 to place second overall

115: Sadie Lorenzo started with a pinfall loss against Klein of Red Cloud/Blue Hill in 1:41 then had a bye then lost by majority decision 0-8 against Patterson of Wil-Hil

130: Binzley Walz started with a pin victory over Jeremias of Kenesaw in 1:00 then won by majority decision 14-3 over Sorensen of Kearney then was pinned by Hoefer of Neligh-Oakdale in 4:34 then was pinned by Holl of Kearney in 3:58

135: Krystal Fickenscher opened with a decision victory 7-3 over Vermeire of Kearney then was pinned by Bunger of Wil-Hil in 1:54 then pinned Kroll of Ravenna in 3:37 then was pinned by Cordes of Kenesaw in 1:23

155: Madilynn Hays opened with a pinfall loss to Scoville of SEM in 0:45 then pinned Lind of Franklin in 4:33 then was pinned by Gramajo of Kearney in 2:13

170: Taelynn Meyers started with a pin victory over Oliver of Gibbon in 0:45 then was pinned by McDonald of SEM in 1:58 then pinned Novotne of Kenesaw in 2:15 then was pinned by

Huryta of Ravenna in 3:27

Here are the following results for each Lady Falcon at their respective weight class:

100: Dinah Culp opened with pin victory over McClung of Ellis HS in 3:26 then pinned Ramirez of Axtell in 3:07 to place first overall

115: Elin Patterson opened with a pin victory over Launer of Kearney in 2:19 then lost by decision 2-4 against Reyes of Gibbon then won by majority decision 8-0 over Lorenzo in Axtell then won by decision 5-0 over Launer of Kearney to secure third place overall

125: Ona Wilsey secured a pin victory to start over Kuchera of Kearney in 1:40 then won by majority decision 10-1 over Pomplun of Doniphan-Trumbull then had to medically forfeit the next two rounds.

130: Ayva Bendorf opened with a bye then pinned Holl of Kearney in 1:57 then pinned Holder of Doniphan-Trumbull in 5:13 then was pinned by Hoefer of Neligh-Oakdale in 3:29 to place second overall

135: Camryn Bunger opened with a bye then pinned Fickenscher of Axtell in 1:54 then lost by decision 14-18 against Mendoza-Cruz of Kearney then pinned Wall of Alma in 0:33 then pinned Cordes of Kenesaw in 1:43 to place third overall



# Whippets Return to Mat With Plenty of Success

PHIL SERRONE

Recharged and ready to go, the Minden Whippets boys wrestling team made quite the impact in their return to action on Jan. 10 at the Central City Invite. The team was well rested from the holidays and it showed as the Whippets had each wrestler medal at their respective weight class.

As a team, Minden placed sixth overall out of 14 schools with a team score of 122.5. Northwest High School took home top honors followed by Milford High School.

Bryon Kring (16-4) continued his state tournament push with a first place finish at 144 lb. weight division. Cael Smith saw his first action of the season and did not waste time delivering as the senior placed second overall at his respective weight class.

Parker Hatch (15-7) placed second overall while Isaac Reed (17-5) collected a third place finish. Kanin Heath medaled after placing fourth overall. Lukas Labenz and Aaron Banuelos clinched sixth place finishes.

After a brief holiday break, this was a great return to the mats for the Whippets. The team has been operating not at full strength but as the season rolls on the team is becoming stronger and more equipped for a state wrestling run.

The Whippets will next be in action on Jan. 16 when the team hosts their dual invitational with eight other schools. Following that meet will be another dual clash held in Gothenburg on Jan.

17. We will have a full recap from both dual meets in next week's paper!

Here are the following results for each Whippet wrestler at their respective weight class:

132: Lukas Labenz opened with a majority decision 13-2 over Zimmerman of Central City than was pinned by Baker of St. Paul in 2:41 then pinned Edghill of Ord in 2:39 then pinned Jano of Raymond Central in 2:39 then was pinned by Phillips of Pleasanton in 3:46 then was pinned by Houser of Northwest in 4:23 to place sixth overall

138: Isaac Reed had a bye to start off then won by majority decision 19-8 over Gerths of Fairbury then was pinned by Jensen of Central City in 3:29 then won by majority decision 15-3 over Watkins of Raymond Central then pinned Reeves of Northwest in 4:48 to place third overall

144: Bryon Kring started with a bye then pinned Wilson of Fairbury in 1:51 then won by decision 6-1 over Thomas of Aurora then

pinned Hansen of Milford in 1:53 to place first overall

150: Aaron Banuelos opened with a pin fall win over Supik of Central City in 3:14 then was pinned by Ramponi of Crofton/Bloomfield in 5:30 then was pinned by Zegers of Milford in 2:55 then was defeated by pinfall against James of Fairbury in 3:25 to place sixth overall

165: Kanin Heath started with a bye then won by total falls 19-2 over Bruce of Crofton/Bloomfield in 3:18 then was pinned by Thomsen of St. Paul in 3:32 then pinned Hudson of Aurora in 0:30 then was pinned by Langenberg of Milford in 4:16 to place fourth overall

175: Parker Hatch opened with a pin fall victory over Russel of Aurora in 1:52 then pinned Rice of Ord in 1:39 then won by decision 7-6 against Jeannoutot of Crofton/Bloomfield then lost by decision 1-4 against Meinecke of St. Paul to place second overall

190: Cael Smith got a bye to start then pinned Brewer of Ord in 2:46 then pinned Goering of Raymond Central in 3:02 then was pinned by Jacobsen of Ord in 2:44 to place second overall

## Lady Whippets Claim Top Five Finish

PHIL SERRONE

The Lady Whippets wrestling team bounced back from a dual loss earlier in the week against Aurora with a top five finish at the Malcolm Invite on Jan. 9. As a team, Minden finished with a team score 102.5 to place fifth out of 27 schools in attendance.

Individually, the Lady Whippets secured five medals. Keira Crane (21-2) finished second overall for a silver medal. She picked up three victories before being pinned in the championship round. Marlie Peterson earned a bronze medal after placing third highlighted by a 12 second pin fall.

Cristal Gonzalez, Victoria Hansen and Ella Warburton each medaled after placing fourth overall. Minden took advantage of precision takedowns as the team brought their opponent to the mat 42 times.

On Jan. 16, the Lady Whippets will compete at the Ord Invitational. Following that meet, the team will travel to Shelton High School on Jan. 17. We will have a full breakdown on how each wrestler performed at both meets in next week's paper!

Here are the following results for each Lady Whippet wrestler at their respective weight class:

105: Ella Warburton opened with pin fall win over Harlow of Conestoga in 3:26 then was pinned by Berggren of Cross County/Osceola in 2:33 then pinned Gonzalez-Mendoza of Lincoln Northwest in 0:31 then pinned Gonzalez of Grand Island in 2:07 then pinned Spatz of Blue River in 2:23 then was pinned by Balux of Wayne in 0:49 to place fourth overall

110: Ashlyn Zerr opened with a pin fall loss to Rakes of Southern in 0:33 then had a bye then was pinned by Rosario of Omaha Bryan in 1:35

115: McKinley Segelke started with a pin victory over Kress of Omaha Bryan in 3:06 then lost by total falls 0-16 against Serfontein of Southern Valley/Arapahoe in 2:35 then pinned Ulrich of Logan

View in 0:55 then was pinned by Djibom of Ralston in 2:46

120: Keira Crane opened with a total fall win 20-5 over Bratcher of Wayne in 1:40 then pinned Dubbs of Wood River in 0:45 then had a total fall win 17-1 over Huegel of Lincoln Southeast in 4:00 then was pinned by Tramp of Palmyra in 5:08 to place second overall

125: Myka Petersen opened with a majority decision win 11-3 over Ruben of Lincoln Southeast then was pinned by Teten of Malcolm in 1:52 then pinned Vanderburg of Blue River in 2:31 then won by total falls 18-2 over Abler of Wayne in 4:11 then was pinned by Krolkowski of Wood River in 4:34

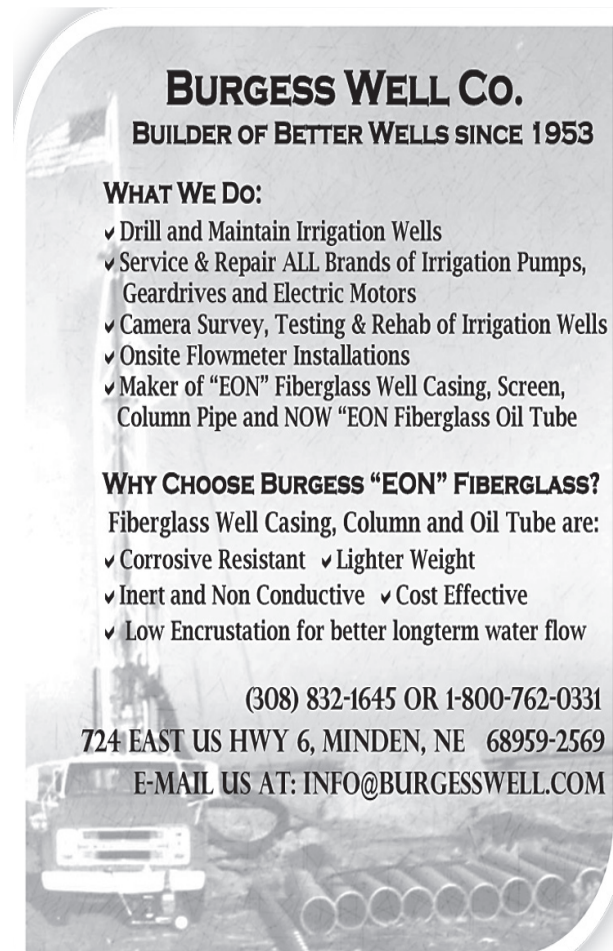
130: Brinley Pohl started with a pin victory over Wallace of Wood River in 1:52 then was pinned by Covert of Blue River in 3:02 then pinned Hill of Lincoln Northwest in 0:48 then was pinned by Magnuson of Wayne in 2:23

135: Victoria Hansen opened with a pin victory over Velasquez Nas of Grand Island in 0:25 then pinned Stapp of Platteview in 1:11 then was pinned by Krause of Palmyra in 4:55 then won by decision 6-4 over Breinig of Southern Valley/Arapahoe then was pinned by Short of Southern in 3:59 to place fourth overall

140: Marlie Petersen opened with a bye then was pinned by Dixon of Ralston in 1:08 then pinned VanHerwyn in Giltner/Harvard in 2:04 then pinned Slonecker of Blue River in 0:12 then won by medical forfeit then pinned Dixon of Ralston in 3:39 to secure third place overall

145: Cristal Gonzalez opened with a bye then lost an ultimate tiebreaker 2-3 against Martinez of Blue River then pinned Peterson of Grand Island in 0:33 then pinned Garcia Gomez of Grand Island in 1:28 then won by decision 3-0 over Bolles of Wayne then was pinned by DeBonis of Lincoln Southeast in 3:31 to place fourth overall

155: Annika Soelberg started with a pin loss to Ozuna of Wayne in 0:44 then was pinned by Thomas of Lincoln High in 0:23



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# Huskies Take Down Lady Whippets

PHIL SERRONE

After a brief holiday break, the Lady Whippets wrestling team returned to the mats on Jan. 6 for a dual against Aurora High School.

Both schools split their head-to-head matchups 4-4 but a couple open weights for the Lady Whippets provided the opening for Aurora to claim victory by a score of 24-42.

McKinley Segelke, Kiera Crane, Myka Petersen and Cristal Gonzalez picked up victories at the meet. Crane had the quickest pinfall of the bunch earning a win in 1:42. So far on the year, Crane has an impressive 17-1 record and could be in line for a deep state run.

Segelke and Petersen had impressive decision victories over the competition winning by seven or more points in their matchups. Gonzalez picked up a well earned pin

after outlasting her opponent for 5:05 time.

Here are the following results for Minden vs Auora:

105: Ella Warburton was pinned by Eggleston in 3:20  
110: Ashlyn Zerr pinned Settles in 1:23  
115: McKinley Segelke won by decision 13-6 over Linehan  
120: Keira Crane pinned S.Gonzalez in 1:42  
125: Myka Petersen won by decision 12-5 over Perez  
130: Brinley Pohl pinned Bohlman in 1:47  
140: Marlie Petersen was pinned by Maria Leininger in 4:55  
145: Cristal Gonzalez pinned Carstensen in 5:05  
155: Autumn Johnson won by forfeit



The Lady Whippets returned to the mats after a brief holiday break with a dual against Aurora High School on Jan. 6. Pictured: McKinley Segelke checks with the ref to see if she secured a pinfall win. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

# Wildcats Host Dual

PHIL SERRONE

Wrestling is back in full swing for the Axtell Wildcats as the team hosted a dual on Jan. 6 with Hi-Line and Loomis High School.

Due to not near as many numbers as the competition, Axtell was defeated in both head-to-head duals.

Starting off was a matchup against Hi-Line that saw the Bulls come out on top by a score of 9-66. Axtell's lone victory came from Connor L'Heureux's decision victory 10-6 over Oaklund. Chase Nickel collected a forfeit victory at the 113 lb. weight division.

Closing out the dual was a matchup between

the Wildcats and Wolves of Loomis. Axtell gave it their all in the five matchups but were only able to come away with one head-to-head win. Nick Dahl dominated his matchup for a total fall 15-0 victory while Cobin Hill earned a win due to forfeit. Final score: 11-54 in favor of Loomis.

Here are the following results between Axtell vs Loomis:

113: Chase Nickel was pinned by Swanson in 1:11  
120: Luke Abbott lost due to pin against Wohlgemuth in 0:34  
132: Connor L'Heureux lost due to pin against Ttkemeier in 1:14  
150: Samuel Kindschuh was defeated by pinfall against Freeman in 1:13  
157: Coben Hill won due to forfeit  
165: Nick Dahl won by total falls 15-0 over Hunt in 2:49

Here are the following results between Axtell vs Hi-Line:

113: Nickel won due to forfeit  
120: Luke Abbott was pinned by Edwards in 0:45  
132: L'Heureux won by decision 10-6 over Oaklund  
150: Kindschuh lost due to pin against Schutz in 0:54  
157: Coben Hill was pinned by Rand in 1:07  
165: Nick Dahl was pinned by Rupp in 3:09



Nick Dahl locks up in stand up position with a Bulls wrestler. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

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Bowling Standings

Sunday Mixed	1-4-26	
Team Standings:	W	L
Flinstones	28	12
3 Chicks & A Stick	23	17
Bowling Stones	22	18
Travelers	21.5	18.5
Lucky Dogs	18.5	21.5
High Individual Game, Men: Cody Wyatt, 222; Will Wyatt, 199; Randy Durand, 192		
High Individual Game, Women: Haley Deyo, 179; Amber Misek, 178; Betty Smith, 174		
High Individual Series, Men: Randy Durand, 547; Will Wyatt, 538; Cody Wyatt, 532		
High Individual Series, Women: Betty Smith, 464; Amber Misek, 453; Teresa Durand, 435		
High Team Game: Bowling Stones, 649; Flinstones, 596; 3 Chicks & A Stick, 585		
High Team Series: Bowling Stones, 1787; Flinstones, 1720; 3 Chicks & A Stick, 1617		

Minden Unified Association	12-11-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Joyce Farms	29	11
First Bank	23	17
APEX	20	20
Miller Body	8	32

High Individual Game: Daniel Dinges, 217; Scott Boudreau, 199; Spencer Mills, 190  
High Individual Series: Daniel Dinges, 519; Zach Grams, 506; Spencer Mills, 500  
High Team Game: Joyce Farms, 685; APEX, 612; Miller Body, 599  
High Team Series: Joyce Farms, 1900; APEX, 1755; Miller Body, 1742

Monday Maniacs	1-5-26	
Team Standings:	W	L
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	4	0
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	3	1
Children First Daycare	1	3
Budget Heating & Air	0	4
High Individual Game: Rendy France, 210; Rendy France, 194; Deb Dorn, 187		
High Individual Series: Rendy France, 582; Deb Dorn, 513; Ashley Osterbuhr, 469		
High Team Game: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 498; Children First Daycare, 485; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 483		
High Team Series: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1439; Children First Daycare, 1251; Mind-en Exchange Bank & Trust, 1059		

For the Record

**Kearney County County Court**  
Justin M. Gorg, New Richmond, Indiana, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 9-20-25  
Aaron I. Robles Estrada, Burlington, Colorado, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 12-17-25

**Minden Fire & Rescue**  
1-4-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to KCHS for a hospital transport.  
1-4-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Highway 10 for an unknown medical issue.  
1-5-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Western Street for a personal illness.  
1-7-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to H Road for a personal injury.  
1-7-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Washington Street for a personal illness.

**Axtell Fire & Rescue**  
12-18-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to T Road in Funk for mutual aid in a tree line fire.  
12-18-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for a transport

to Phelps Memorial.  
12-19-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to 2nd Avenue for a carbon monoxide alarm. They cleared the house, nothing was found but a dead battery.  
12-25-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 5th Street for a fall & lift assist.  
12-26-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to RT 6 & 22 Road for a semi truck fire.  
12-26-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched for a fall & lift assist.  
12-27-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to C Avenue for a lift assist & transport to Kearney Regional.  
12-27-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Main Street for a false alarm, maintenance for school reset alarm.

**Kearney County Sheriff**  
12-18-25, A vehicle driven by Caleb Thane Moore, Minden was traveling eastbound on Highway 6/34, while a vehicle driven by Jacob Thiel, Hastings was traveling westbound pulling a 28 foot empty cargo trailer. A gust of wind caught the trailer overturning it onto Moore's vehicle. Moore swerved into the ditch after being hit. Estimated damage, Moore: \$25,000. Estimated damage, Thiel's: \$6,000.

12-26-25, A vehicle driven by Mubarak El-mughrabi Angalo, Grand Island was southbound on Highway 44 preparing to turn into Anderson's Self Service parking lot, when a vehicle driven by an unknown driver slammed on the brakes causing a vehicle driven by Ryan Dale Lewis, Smith Center, Kansas to make an abrupt stop and losing control came to rest on the southbound lane on Highway 44. The unknown driver proceeded to side swipe Angalo's vehicle as they moved around and left the scene. Estimated damage, Angalo's: \$1,000. Estimated damage, Lewis's: \$1,000.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

THOMAS DONLEY - BASKETBALL

**School** - Wilcox-Hildreth Public School  
**Grade** - Senior  
**Achievements in past seasons and this season:** Recorded a 20-20 game vs. Giltner-Harvard where he had 22 points and 20 rebounds. He is averaging a double-double and has recorded 7 double-doubles thus far.  
**Challenges he has overcome:** Just before last season Thomas broke his leg and was able to come back the last few games of the season, missing almost an entire season and battling back over that injury.  
**Attributes that have led to his success:** Hard work over the summer and in practice. Also mentality to go get the ball on rebounds that not many people display. Thomas is a great leader on our team. He leads by example showing others what it takes to be successful on and off the court.—  
*Coach Matthew Hinrichs*



# Calendars and Menus

## Minden Public Schools

### MENUS:

Friday, Jan. 16: BREAKFAST: French toast, sausage links; LUNCH: Breaded pork patty, chips  
Monday, Jan. 19: BREAKFAST: Scrambled eggs, banana bread; LUNCH: Chili, cinnamon roll  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: BREAKFAST: Mini waffles, peanut butter; LUNCH: Chicken crisps with cheese  
Wednesday, Jan. 21: BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza; LUNCH: Sliced ham, macaroni and cheese  
Thursday, Jan. 22: BREAKFAST: Cherry turnovers, cheese stick; LUNCH: Popcorn chicken, smiley french fries  
Friday, Jan. 23: BREAKFAST: Muffin, cottage cheese cup; LUNCH: Hot dog with cheese

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Jan. 16: V Girls WR @ Ord Invite; V Boys WR Minden Invite, 3 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 17: Speech CNFL #1 @ GISH, 8 a.m.; V Boys WR @ Gothenburg Invite, 10 a.m.; 7/8 Girls WR @ Fairbury Invite, 10 a.m.; JV Girls WR @ Shelton Invite, 10 a.m.; V/JV Boys & Girls BB vs. McCook, 2 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 19: 7/8 Girls WR @ Cozad, 4 p.m.; JV Girls BB @ Broken Bow, 5 p.m.; 9th Boys BB @ Broken Bow, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: 7th & 8th Boys BB @ Lexington, 4:30 p.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB vs. St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.; Dance Team Parent Night, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 21: FFA Fall LDE Contests @ Aurora  
Thursday, Jan. 22: 7th Boys BB vs. Cozad, 4:30 p.m.; 8th Boys BB @ Cozad, 4:30 p.m.; V/JV Girls WR vs. Central City, 6 p.m.; V/JV Boys WR vs. Central City, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 23: V Boys & Girls WR @ UNK Duals, 10 a.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB vs. Holdrege, 4:30 p.m.; FBLA Soup Supper, 5 p.m.; Cheer Parent/Senior Night, 7:15 p.m.

## Axtell Community School

### MENUS:

Friday, Jan. 16: LUNCH: Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw OR Peach parfait  
Monday, Jan. 19: LUNCH: Corn dog, peas OR Grilled chicken salad  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: LUNCH: Chicken tortilla soup, corn OR Ham sub  
Wednesday, Jan. 21: LUNCH: BBQ chicken sandwich/wrap, green beans OR Chicken Caesar salad  
Thursday, Jan. 22: LUNCH: Grilled burgers, baked beans, chips  
Friday, Jan. 23: LUNCH: Flying Saucers (ham, mashed potatoes, cheese), peas OR Turkey sub

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Jan. 16: State FFA Degree Applications due; Boys WR @ SEM Invite, 10 a.m.; Girls WR @ Ord Invite, 1 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 17: JV Girls BB @ Lawrence-Nelson, 1 p.m.;

JV Boys BB @ Lawrence-Nelson, 2 p.m.; Girls BB @ Lawrence-Nelson, 3 p.m.; Boys BB @ Lawrence-Nelson, 5 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 18: Jr. Cats BB Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Monday, Jan. 19: JH Girls & Boys BB @ Amherst Invite, 1 p.m.; JV Girls & Boys BB vs. Holdrege Soph, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: JV Girls & Boys BB @ Arapahoe, 4:30 p.m.; Girls BB @ Arapahoe, 6 p.m.; Boys BB @ Arapahoe, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 21: FFA District LDE's; JH Girls & Boys BB @ Loomis, 1 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 23: Boys WR @ South Loup Invite, 11 a.m.; JV Girls & Boys BB vs. Wilcox-Hildreth, 4:30 p.m.; Girls BB vs. Wilcox-Hildreth, 6 p.m.; Boys BB vs. Wilcox-Hildreth, 7:30 p.m.

## Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

### MENUS:

Friday, Jan. 16: BREAKFAST: Chocolate crescent; LUNCH: Bacon cheeseburger  
Monday, Jan. 19: BREAKFAST: French toast; LUNCH: Cheese pizza  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: BREAKFAST: Granola bar; LUNCH: Lasagna  
Wednesday, Jan. 21: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll; LUNCH: Bosco Bostix  
Thursday, Jan. 22: BREAKFAST: Biscuits & gravy; LUNCH: Hamburger  
Friday, Jan. 23: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: Crisps  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Friday, Jan. 16: HAL Hildreth, 9:10 a.m.; Boys WR @ SEM Invite, 10 a.m.; Girls WR @ Elm Creek Invite, 10:30 a.m.; HAL Wilcox, 12:30 p.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB @ Loomis, 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 17: Girls WR @ Shelton Invite, 10 a.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB @ Ansley-Litchfield, 12:30 p.m.  
Monday, Jan. 19: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Student Council meeting, 11:40 a.m.; JH Girls & Boys BB @ Alma, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: FFA LDE's @ The Leadership Center, 8 a.m.; MTSS-C, 3:50 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 22: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; FCA lunch meeting, 11:40 a.m.; Boys WR @ Hi-Line Triangular, 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 23: FFA State Degree submissions; Boys WR South Loup Invite @ Callaway, 10 a.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB @ Axtell, 4:30 p.m.

## Community Services

### Dinner Menus

Meals served at Minden Community/Senior Center (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska), 403 N. Colorado Avenue, at noon. Please call 308-832-2139 the day before the dinner with your reservations. All meals are served with coffee, water, and milk. Menu are subject to change. Join us.  
Friday, Jan. 16: Chicken & rice casserole, beets, bread, fruit

& dessert

Monday, Jan. 19: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, fruit & dessert  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll & fruit  
Wednesday, Jan. 21: Meatloaf, cheesy mashed, beets, bread, fruit & dessert  
Thursday, Jan. 22: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, biscuit & fruit  
Friday, Jan. 23: Loaded baked potato, winter blend, bread, fruit & dessert

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# Do You Remember

## Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Members of the S.S.H. Club and their husbands met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Layton on New Year's Eve to surprise them on their 25th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing Monte Carlo and Whist. Winning prizes were Mr. and Mrs. George Brainard and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stenson.

Clem Wemberly of Kearney was appointed county agent of Kearney County. He succeeded James McDougal, acting county agent.

Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Nyquist, Mr. and Mrs. Lud Glantz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson and Dena and Albert Glantz helped Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Weedlun celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

## Seventy Years Ago — 1956

Donald and Ronald Kruse, identical twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Kruse of Hildreth, joined the Navy in Omaha.

Progress on the new Axtell school building included the completion of the wooden deck on the gym roof which enclosed the gym, making it ready for the roofers.

Mrs. Merwie Gaston replaced Marjorie Osler who resigned her position as primary teacher in the Norman schools.

## Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Following the resignation of Val Peterson of Hastings, Robert Raun of Norman was chosen by Gov. Frank B. Morrison to replace Peterson on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Jack Johnson and Jim Fuerst combined for 40 points as Hildreth defeated the Elm Creek Buffaloes 70-52.

Mary Helen Bucknell, a senior at Bryan Memorial Hospital of Nursing, was selected to represent the hospital in the "Miss Methodist Student Nurse."

## Fifty Years Ago — 1976

The Hildreth Greyhounds won in overtime over Bertrand. In the overtime period, Alan Bunker scored with four seconds left to seal the victory. Steve Casper was the high-point scorer with 13.

Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elund Swedburg, served lunch for friends to help Bertha Swedburg of Axtell celebrate her 84th birthday.

A Chore Service Program was available to senior citizens of Kearney County. Mary Be-

ahm was the new supervisor of the program.

## Forty Years Ago — 1986

The board of directors of the Corn Growers Association elected Gene Lundeen as president and Greg Jelden as vice president.

Karin Rief scored 16 points as the Axtell girls remained an undefeated team downing Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 50-36.

Hildreth's one act play, "Memorial" garnered the runner-up trophy at the NSCC contest. Cast members were Shelly Swartout, Leann Johnson, Adrienne Benz and Jay Halsted.

## Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The Minden City Council took the first step in changing the way building permits are approved and issued. An ordinance was passed which allowed the city building inspector to review and either approve or reject building permits filed at the city's offices.

Mary Stuehm scored 18 points as the Hildreth girls' basketball team posted a convincing win over Twin Valley, 53-14. Christa Bunker and Ashley Fritz added 8, respectively, in the win.

The Minden Technology Committee had difficulty in bringing local access to the Internet to area residents. Chairman Sue Yant noted that a site location had been found but that 50 subscribers were needed before it became a reality. Only four applications had been made.

## Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Pioneer Village scaled back their open hours both in the restaurant and museum. The restaurant was set to open Sundays only while the museum hours were set from 9am to 4:30pm.

Minden eighth grader Peter Trausch qualified to compete for a national Punt, Pass, and Kick title in Indianapolis, Ind. The competition was set to take place in the RCA Dome on the same day the Indianapolis Colts play the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC playoffs with winners announced during the game.

The Minden City Council discussed how best to handle trailers being parked on the streets of Minden. The council directed City Attorney Tom Lieske to draft several proposed ordinances to be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

## Ten Years Ago — 2016

Winners of the Voice of Democracy and

Patriot's Pen essay contest were announced. Kenesaw senior Jack Duffy was the local Voice of Democracy winner while Minden 8th grader Konnor Nielsen was the first place Patriot's Pen winner. Both first place essays also won the district competition and went on to compete at the state level.

The Minden boys basketball team picked up a Southwest Conference home victory hosting the Valentine Badgers. During the 63-35 victory, Jonathan Miller recorded his

200th career assist becoming just the fifth player in school history to achieve the feat joining Carson Blum, Derrick Gomez, Spencer Choquette, and Anthony Blum.

State-rated Axtell raised its record to 9-2 with a 65-46 victory over SEM and a 62-46 win over Alma the very next night. Wildcat senior Parker Sis had his second 20-point game of the season with the help of a three for three effort from beyond the arc in the contest against SEM.

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**903 25 Road**

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**Marcia Dorn, Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: 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**

**Pastor Doodle Harris**

Sunday, Jan. 18: 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, Jan. 18: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran, LCMC**

**104 E. Fifth St.**

**Craig Richardson,**

**Pastor**

Thursday, Jan. 15: Church Council, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18: Donuts & Juice, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Annual meeting following, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 12:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Fun & Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Meal/Fellowship, 6 p.m.

## Campbell

**St. Anne Catholic**

**Father Adam Sparling,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Mass, 8 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran**

**360 So. Stewart**

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**Greg Volsky,**

**Vacancy Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

**United Westminster**

**Presbyterian**

**Broad and Main Street**

**Mark A. Diehl, Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 10 a.m.

## Funk

**Fridhem Lutheran**

**401 Lake Street**

**Daren Popple,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

## Heartwell

**God's Lighthouse, Full Gospel**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Family Catholic**

**Mission Parish**

**287 Jefferson Street**

**Father Evan Winter**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

## Hildreth

**Trinity Lutheran**

**502 Sanders Avenue**

**Caroline Schenk,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

## Holdrege

**The Church of Jesus**

**Christ of Latter-Day**

**Saints**

**112 W 11th Ave**

**402-208-7277**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.

To schedule an appointment with the missionaries for either a gospel lesson and/or for any other service call or text (402) 452-1992

Visitors welcome

## Macon

**Zion Lutheran**

**Located 1 mile west of**

**Macon, 1503 31st Road, (Franklin)**

**Marcia Dorn, Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship service, 9 a.m.

## Minden

**Bethany Lutheran**

**437 E. Fourth St.**

**Don Hunzeker, Pastor**

**Julie Schmidt, Parish**

**Ministry Associate**

Thursday, Jan. 15: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: Church Club, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Night Supper Club, 6 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

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**Evangelical Free**

**1310 W. First St.**

**Tom Barnes, Lige Reed, Pastors**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School,

11 a.m.

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Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship after worship services; Sunday School, 11 a.m.

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

**Fredericksburg**

**Lutheran**

**616 33 Road**

**Julie Schmidt, Parish**

**Ministry Associate**

**Don Hunzeker, Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.

Communion served 2nd Monday each month

**Saint John The**

**Baptist Catholic**

**628 N. Garber**

**Father Evan Winter**

Saturday, Jan. 17: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Jan. 18: 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, Jan. 16: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18: Bible Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 19: Quilt Tie Group, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21: JYM 5th, 5 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22: Blood Drive @ Westminster United Presbyterian, 11 a.m.; Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Church Council, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

**United Methodist**

**340 N. Newell Ave.**

**Kayla M. Mangrich,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 10 a.m.; Confirmation, 11:15 a.m.

**Westminster United**

**Presbyterian**

**109 N. Colorado**

**Sharon Rees, Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sundays

Thursday, Jan. 22: Blood Drive, 11 a.m.

## Wilcox

**St. John's Lutheran**

**102 S. Stockton St.**

**Kenton Birtell, Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

**United Methodist**

**203 S. Sapp St.**

**Candance Miller,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Jan. 18: 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, Jan. 18: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays: Awana & Youth Group (during school year), 6:30 p.m.

Bible Studies during the week. Check our Facebook page.

## A & L Leveling Ditch & Pit Cleaning

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# Legal Notices

## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 53135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically renewed for one year from May 1, 2026 for the following retail liquor licensee:

Minden Country Club  
240 E 17th Street  
Minden, NE 68959

Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the city, on or before February 10, 2026 in the office of the city clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(28) znez

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GIPH Restaurants LLC  
1226 N Brown Ave  
Minden, NE 68959

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hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(28) znez

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Minden Opera House Inc.  
322 E. 5th Street  
Minden, NE 68959

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/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(28) znez

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Jose Aguirre-Ayala  
548 N Minden Ave  
Minden, NE 68959

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/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
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Casey's Retail Company  
653 N. Brown Ave  
Minden, NE 68959

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/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(28) znez

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for the following retail liquor licensee:

Christmas City Cafe, LLC  
441 N Colorado Ave  
Minden, NE 68959

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/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(28) znez

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Auto Way Bowl LLC  
344 E. US Highway 6  
Minden, NE 68959

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/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(28) 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, January 20, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner's Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes  
Kearney County Clerk  
Jan 15, 2026  
(21) znez

## NOTICE

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Windmill Studios  
Partnership  
521 N Colorado Ave  
Minden, NE 68959

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city, on or before February 10, 2026 in the office of the city clerk and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearing will be had to determine whether continuation of the license should be allowed.

/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(29) znez

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Hoff Brothers Inc  
709 N. Brown Ave.  
Minden, NE 68959

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/s/Abbey Jordan  
City Clerk

Jan 15, 2026  
(28) znez

**Mike Sitz Angus Ranch**  
**Joel Johnston Angus**



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## NOTICE

### REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA JANUARY 8, 2026 - 9:30 A.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held January 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Heath Hofstetter, James Miller, Robert Swanson, Jason Sinsel, Jeff England and Nathan Avery. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Melodie Bellamy Co. Atty., Scott White Co. Sheriff, Joe Anderson Hwy Supt. and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. The Board of Commissioners took the following action: Approved minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 16, 2025. Approved Bills and Claims, December payroll and Hospital Taxes. Held a Public comment from 9:30 to 9:35 a.m. Approved the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court Fee Reports for December 2025. Approved the Co. Sheriffs quarterly report ending 12-31-2025. Reviewed correspondence, invitation to participate from NDOT. Approved Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt. to sign Agreement between Kearney Co and Oak Creek Engineering for Bridge Inspections. Reviewed correspondence from Minden Rotary. Met with Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt to discuss Road Dept. purchasing a shipping container. Met with Dave Ar-

nold from Royal Engineered Composites to discuss possible Do Not Build Easement, agreed to view a drafted Easement presented by Royal Engineered Composites at a future meeting. Opened bids for the 40 Rd Overlay Project with 2 bids being submitted. Bids listed below: Werner Construction, Inc., -Hastings, NE - \$722,505.09; Vontz Paving - Hastings, NE - \$729,601.20. Oak Creek Engineering will review the bids and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Held a Closed Session from 10:55 a.m. to 11:43 a.m. to discuss possible litigation.

Board moved directly into Reorganizational Meeting. A Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held January 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jason Sinsel, Heath Hofstetter, James Miller, Robert Swanson, Nathan Avery and Jeff England. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Jody Payne County Treasurer, Melodie Bellamy Co. Attorney and Cindy Ramsey from the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. The Board of Commissioners took the following action for the reorganizational meeting: Elected Brent Stewart, Chairman and James Miller as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2026. Adopted a resolution to authorize the Kearney Co Treasurer to invest surplus funds. Approved the applications of Minden Exchange Bank &

Trust Co. of Minden NE, First Bank & Trust Co. of Minden, NE, First State Bank of Axtell, NE, Cornerstone Bank of Wilcox, NE to serve as depositories for Kearney County funds for 2026. Approved the Regular Meeting days of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners to be as follows: the first Tuesday after the first Monday, and the third Tuesday of each month (Except, Nov. 5th will be the first meeting in November as Nov. 3rd is election day) at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE in 2026. Approved the following holidays for 2026 that the Kearney County Courthouse will be closed. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 19, President's Day - February 16, Arbor Day - April 24, Memorial Day - May 25, June-teenth National Independence Day-June 19, Independence Day - July 3, Labor Day - September 7, Columbus Day - October 12, Veteran's Day -November 11, Thanksgiving - November 26 & 27, Christmas - December 24 & 25, ½ day December 31, New Year's - January 1. And any other Federal/State declared day of observance. The following appointments were made by the Board of Commissioners for 2026. KEARNEY COUNTY DOCTOR - Dr. Andy Craig. KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF TRUSTEES - RE: Section 23-3502, R.R.S., Nebraska, 1943 (6 Year Terms): Trustees and expiration of terms are as follows: Steve Olson (January - 2032); A.J. Dahlgren (January - 2028); Sam Stadler (January - 2030); Jeffrey Hanson (January - 2030); and Andy Grollmes (January - 2032). KEARNEY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT -

Craig Lupkes, County Emergency Management Director; Amy Hickenbottom, County Emergency Management Deputy Director; Vacant, Duty Officer; Melodie Bellamy, County Attorney; Jenni Lupkes, County Clerk; and the entire Board of Commissioners. FORT KEARNEY PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (3 Year Terms) - Members and expiration of terms are as follows: Michael D. Hauff (January - 2028); Jane Kuehn (January - 2029) and Grant Newbold (January - 2027). Supervisor Nathan Avery serves as the County Board Liaison to the Fort Kearney Preservation, Restoration and Development Board. KEARNEY COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION COMMITTEE (4 Year Terms) - Marcy Brandt, Minden, Nebraska (January - 2027); Eugene Hunt, Kearney, Nebraska (January - 2027); Linda Ard, Minden, Nebraska (January - 2027); Holly England, Axtell, Nebraska (January 2029); and Jennifer Kinker, Wilcox, Nebraska (January - 2029). KEARNEY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (3 Year Terms) - Members to the Kearney County Planning Commission and expiration of terms are as follows: Terry Buettner - January 2027; Jody Casper - January 2027; Patty Lundeen - January 2027; Kevin Raun - January 2028; Tom Anderson - January 2028; Bennett Peterson - January 2029; and Malcom Dornhoff - January 2029. KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 Year Terms) - Members are as follows: Regular Members - David McCroden-January 2028, Mike Miller-January 2028, Paul Steen-January 2029 and Dale Blum-January

2029. Alternate - David Rafferty; Representative from the Planning Commission - Patty Lundeen. APPOINTED OFFICIALS (calendar year 2026) - Joe Anderson/Hwy. Supt., Joe Anderson/Weed Supt., Planning Zoning Floodplain Administrator/Carrie Favinger, Veteran Service Officer/Phil Heun, Emergency Manager/Craig Lupkes, Rebecca Miller/Child Support Attorney. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: ROAD AND BRIDGE COMM.-Chairman, James Miller, Robert M. Swanson; Nathan Avery, Joe Anderson Highway Supt. BOARD OF EQUAL.- Robert Swanson, Chm; Nathan Avery, Vice Chm. & entire Board of Commissioners. BILLS AND CLAIMS COMM.- James W. Miller, Chairman; Jason Sinsel, Nathan Avery. BONDS AND INSURANCE COMM.- James Miller, Chairman; Robert M. Swanson, Nathan Avery. BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE - James Miller Chm., Jeff England, Heath Hofstetter. SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Brent Stewart, Chairman; the entire Board of Commissioners. PAYROLL COMMITTEE - Heath Hofstetter, Chairman, Brent Stewart, Jeff England. APPOINTED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE - Brent Stewart Chairman, Nathan Avery, Robert Swanson. SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2026. REGION III GOVERNING BOARD - Jeff England. MID-NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL SERVICES, INC. (Local & Regional) - Heath Hofstetter. COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID-NEBRASKA - Nathan Avery. TWO RIVERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Heath Hofstetter. BUDGETS, VALUATIONS AND LEVIES - Jeff En-

gland, Chm. and entire Board of Commissioners. BLOCK GRANTS - Entire Board of Commissioners. SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING - Robert M. Swanson. CENTRAL COMM. COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL - Robert M. Swanson. TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT LIAISON MEMBER -Jason Sinsel. EXTENSION BOARD LIAISON - Jason Sinsel. SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Robert Swanson, Repr. Heath Hofstetter, Alt. KEARNEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Jeff England, Repr, Heath Hofstetter, Alt. KEARNEY CO. PERSONNEL AND HANDBOOK COMM.- Brent Stewart, Chm., Jenni Lupkes, Jody Payne, Scott K. White, Hwy. Supt., Melodie Bellamy, Jennifer Pittner, Angela Follmer. KEARNEY CO. HEALTH SERVICES LIAISON MEMBER - Brent Stewart. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REPRESENTATIVES - Brent Stewart, Chairman; Hwy Supt., Scott K. White. MINDEN JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD - vacant. KEARNEY CO. SAFETY COMM.- Tiffany Holsten Chairman; Craig Lupkes, Doug Kring, Cody Struss, James W. Miller, Joe Anderson, Darin Haight. VETERANS' SERVICE COMM. (Effective Dates to June 30) - Members and expiration of terms are as follows: Gary Smidt - June 30, 2030; Robert Thompson - June 30, 2029; James M. Kuehn - June 30, 2027; Matt Cavanaugh- June 30, 2026; and Ron Knaus - June 30, 2028. Board Liaison is Nathan Avery. Phil Heun serves as the Veterans' Service Officer for Kearney County, Nebraska. TECHNOLOGY COMM.- Joe Anderson (Hwy Supt), Carrie Favinger (Planning & Zoning)



Markus Ramsey (Clerk's Office), Entire Board (Commissioner), Laura Tobiasen (Clerk Magistrate's Office), Angela Follmer (Clerk of the District Court Office), Jennifer Miller (Sheriff's Office), Shelly Gibbins (UNL Extension Office), Jody Payne, (Treasurer's Office), Jennifer Pittner (Assessor's Office), (Road Department), Melodie Bellamy (Co. Attorney). AUDIT COMMITTEE – Jason Sinsel, Jeff England, Jenni Lupkes, Brent Stewart. CENTRAL NEBRASKA DRUG COURT – Nathan Avery. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE – Heath Hofstetter, Melodie Bellamy, Jeff England, Joe Anderson. Approved Fee Schedules. County Sheriff Fee Schedule - Finger Print: \$5.00; Photocopies: \$2.50; Pictures (disc): \$10.00; Work Release: \$10.00 per day; Additional: \$6.95 for ankle monitor; Accident Reports: \$5.00. County Clerk Fee Schedule - Copies: \$.25; Copies Faxed: \$1.25; Copies Mailed: \$1.00 first page: \$.25 each additional page. Approved Roberts Rules of Order as the rules by which the meetings of the Kearney Co. Board of Commissioners shall be governed. Approved the mileage rate of \$.725 per mile set by the IRS and the Department of Administrative Services effective January, 1, 2026. The Sheriff is entitled to charge an additional \$0.03 per mile for serving papers and orders. The Minden Courier is designated as the official Kearney County Newspaper for 2026 and to post the Board Meeting dates on the Kearney County website calendar. Set the hours for the County offices in the Courthouse M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:55 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart,  
Chairman  
Kearney County  
Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Jenni Lupkes  
Kearney County Clerk  
(SEAL)

GENERAL FUND: Kearney Co Payroll, Payroll, Dec 2025, \$256,254.62; AT & T, Sv, 394.16; Melodie Bellamy, Co Attny, Phone, 30.00; Black Hills, Ut, 2,154.85; Business World, Su, 258.63; City of Minden, Ut, 1,051.89; Clerk District Court- Kearney Co, Sv, 219.00; Care Assist, Sv, 165.00; Eakes, Su, 372.16; Carrie Favinger, P&Z Admin, NACO Reg, 175.00; Fifth Street Print, Su, 1,583.44; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded/Fees, 382.27; First Concord Ben Grp, Caf Plan, 120.00; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 647.64; Kelly Hartman, Bailiff, Mile, 243.60; Rhonda Herrick, Exten Ed, Mile, 234.01; Hometown Leasing, Sv, 344.89; Kearney Co Court, Fees, 357.87; Kearney Co Road and Bridge Fund, Cash Transfer, 64,000.00; Kearney Co Sheriff's Fund, Sv, 196.57; Kearney C Treasurer, Title, 15.00; Courtney Larson, Sheriff Deputy, Fuel, 48.50; Craig Lupkes, B&G Super, Su, 236.39; Jenni Lupkes, Kearney Co Clerk, Mile, 82.74; Madison Natl Life, Ins, 970.86; Mason's Sprmrkt, Su, 93.06; Minden Exchange, Sv, 20.80; Minden Hrdwr, Su, 44.95; Minden Lawn, Sv, 1,496.00; MIPS, Sv, 3,424.44; Ne Clerks of District Court Assn, Dues, 50.00; Ne Assoc of Co Off, NACO Reg, 175.00; Phelps Co Sheriff's Ofc, Sv, 35.98; Planet Tech, Sv, 5,351.64; Presto-X, Sv, 95.50; Quadient Leasing,

Lease, 894.96; Quill Corp, Su, 25.98; Region 3, 3rd Quarter Co Match, 4,421.03; Soarin Group, Sv, 1,276.00; State of Ne Dept of Correctl Sv, Sv, 2,730.73; Thomas Stewart, Attorney at Law, Sv, 198.03; Sulu Counseling, Witness Fees, 782.20; Syndicate Publish, Sv, 309.69; Verizon, Sv, 102.02; Woodward's Disposal, Sv, 51.29; TOTAL \$352,118.39. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: Kearney Co Payroll, Payroll, Dec 2025, \$101,986.83; Dennis Albers, Prior Sv, 132.00; Joe Anderson, Hwy Supr, Phone, 106.00; Black Hills, Sv, 748.16; Katherine Campbell, Prior Sv, 96.00; Dennis Carlson, Prior Sv, 48.00; Carquest/Landmark, Su, 971.58; Central Ne Equip, Su, 6,614.37; City of Minden, Su, 234.86; Coop Producers, Fuel, 19,726.33; Eakes, Su, 81.93; Figgins Construct, Sv, 42,371.00; First

Concord Ben Grp, Self Fund Ded, 1,512.52; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 136.58; Larry Harsin, Prior Sv, 84.00; Jim's OK Tire Store, Su, 7,908.92; Kimball Midwest, Su, 170.16; Jason Kuehn, Equip Optr, Sv, 150.00; Menards, Su, 112.95; Minden Hrdwr, Su, 158.88; MIPS, Sv, 124.16; NAPA, Su, 9.76; Ne Assoc of Co Off, NACO Reg, 160.00; Ne Weed Control Assoc, Reg, 150.00; Randy Pracht, Road Mechanic, Phone, 30.00; Presto-X, Sv, 77.62; Quality Sound and Comm, Rental, 79.00; Southern Public Power District, Sv, 741.79; State of Ne Dept of Rev, Fuel, 1,312.00; Syndicate Publish, Sv, 7.77; Douglas Wilbeck, Prior Sv, 60.00; Wilcox Ut Dept, Sv, 34.16; TOTAL \$186,137.33. 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: CenturyLink, Sv, \$597.85; TOTAL \$597.85. JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND: Kearney

Co Payroll, Payroll, Dec 2025, \$5,502.76; F Johnson Building, Office Rent, 1,005.00; Verizon, Sv, 39.94; Morgan Wicht, JV Aid, Mile, 190.08; TOTAL \$6,737.78. COMMUNICATIONS FUND: Kearney Co Payroll, Payroll, Dec 2025, \$26,270.31; Carquest/Landmark, Sv, 97.27; City of Minden, Sv, 64.09; Eakes, Su, 111.49; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 508.00; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 73.92; State of Ne DAS, Sv, 537.60; Scott K. White, Co Sheriff, Su, 57.99; TOTAL \$27,720.67. Jan 15, 2026 (540) znez

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 53-135.01 that a liquor license may be automatically re-

newed for one year from May 1, 2026, for the following retail liquor licensee:  
KGLD LLC  
dba/Awarii Dunes Golf Club  
592 S Road  
Axtell, NE 68924  
(Class I License)  
Notice is hereby given that written protests to the issuance of automatic renewal of license may be filed by any resident of the county, on or before February 10, 2026, in the office of the County Clerk, and that in the event protests are filed by three or more such persons, hearings will be had to determine whether continuation of said license should be allowed.  
/s/ Jenni Lupkes  
Kearney County Clerk  
Minden, NE 68959  
(SEAL)  
Jan 15, 2026  
(32) znez

KEARNEY COUNTY TRESURERS SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2025-DECEMBER 31, 2025					
	BALANCE	RECEIPT	DISBURSEMENT	TRANSFER	BALANCE
<b>STATE FUNDS</b>	\$180,820.90	\$1,083,231.16	\$1,073,509.59	\$0.00	\$190,542.47
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	\$7,957,574.03	\$4,086,366.07	\$4,980,962.85	\$519,766.78	\$7,582,744.03
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS</b>	\$120,635.61	\$377,139.25	\$263,150.88	\$0.00	\$234,623.98
<b>FIRE FUNDS</b>	\$7,358.13	\$230,378.90	\$125,582.26	\$0.00	\$112,154.77
<b>SCHOOL FUNDS</b>	\$545,487.37	\$7,227,673.56	\$4,918,404.59	\$0.00	\$2,854,756.34
<b>CITY AND VILLAGE FUNDS</b>	\$43,394.83	\$907,460.85	\$814,226.86	\$0.00	\$136,628.82
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	\$0.01	\$105,163.32	\$15,968.79	\$89,194.53	\$0.01
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$8,855,270.88	\$14,017,413.11	\$12,191,805.82	\$430,572.25	\$11,111,450.42
Accounts Receivable.....			\$15.00		
Credit Cards & Online Registrations.....			\$3,382.15		
<b>CASH STATEMENTS</b>					
Total Deposits in the Bank			\$2,323,820.09		
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>					
Certificate of Deposit & Money Market Accounts...			\$8,356,462.48		
Cash & Checks on hand.....			\$427,770.70		
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			\$11,111,450.42		
Unpaid claims of the County as certified by the County Clerk			\$0.00		
I, Jody A Payne, Treasurer of Kearney County Nebraska, do hereby certify this semi-annual statement to be correct to the best of my knowledge & belief					
Subscribed and sworn to me the 8th day of January, 2026					
znez					

Keep  
Informed.

## NOTICE

### CITY OF MINDEN

#### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on December 15, 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: Olson, Evans, Krings and Jordan. Approved Bills and Claims: Advantage Archives, LLC--Tech/Engineering \$6,500.00, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies \$1,909.27, American Express--Supplies \$1,544.69, B&R Stores, Inc--Supplies \$89.31, Black Hills Gas Holdings, LLC--Utilities \$161.01, Bound Tree Medical LLC--Supplies \$377.37, Buffalo Outdoor Power, LLC--Repairs \$702.80, Ccmobl Inc--Cleaning \$722.25, Cengage Learning, Inc--Supplies \$161.55, Central Programs Inc--Supplies \$598.55, City Of Holdrege--Fees \$5,418.57, Civicplus, LLC--Tech/Engineering \$14,357.22, Coby Bryant--Repairs \$1,386.10, Cooperative Produc-

ers, Inc.--Fuel \$3,496.23, Core & Main Lp--Supplies \$20,803.33, Dana F Cole & Company, Llp--Fees \$50.00, Danko Emergency Equipment Co--Supplies \$69.95, Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$828.00, Dollar General--Regions 410526--Supplies \$137.25, D. Schroeder--Training \$252.00, Dutton-Lainson Company--Supplies \$583.08, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$292.25, Elan Financial Services--Supplies \$422.48, Essential Resource Group Inc--Fees \$33.99, Five Points Bank--Fees \$249.68, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$100.78, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$1,071.76, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$119.89, Greatamerica Financial Services Corporation--Fees \$135.23, Green Quest Recycling Inc--Fees \$18.51, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical \$3,801.40, Hd Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd--Supplies \$163.85, Hydraulic Equip. Service--Repairs \$1,442.08, Ingram Library Services LLC--Supplies \$130.80, Innovative Pharmacists, Inc--Supplies \$421.35, Isw--Supplies \$69.10, J. Benson--Vegetation \$5,000.00, Jones Insurance Agency, Inc--Insurance \$1,255.00, J. Cline--Training \$42.00, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr--Fees \$72.00, Kearney County Clerk--Fees \$20.00, Kelly Supply

Company--Repairs \$46.63, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies \$67.25, Landmark Implement Inc--Repairs \$27.03, League Association Of Risk Management--Insurance \$2,624.87, Lee Bhm Corp--Fees \$77.55, Longshot Property Development, LLC--Economic Development \$2,200.00, Macqueen Emergency Group--Repairs \$2,215.00, Menards Of Kearney--Supplies \$59.98, Miller The Driller--Infrastructure Capital \$19,456.42, Minden Chamber Of Commerce--Economic Development \$60.00, Napa Auto Parts--Supplies \$1,058.47, Ne Law Enforcement Training Ct--Training \$800.00, Nebraska Dwee--Training \$280.00, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc--Membership \$150.00, Nielsen Contracting LLC--Infrastructure Capital \$408,906.60, Nppd Kwh--Utilities \$118,339.52, Nppd O&M--Maintenance \$31,768.95, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering \$9,414.61, One Billing Solutions, LLC--Fees \$1,502.17, One Call Concepts Inc--Fees \$15.11, Pony Express Ford--Repairs \$175.83, Presto X Co--Maintenance \$289.71, Quadient Finance Usa, Inc--Fees \$400.00, Ragtop Fire Helmets & Restoration LLC--Supplies \$1,490.90, Rembolt Ludtke Llp--Legal \$3,511.42, R. Hurst--Fees \$750.00, Scholastic Inc--Supplies \$220.82, Southern Power District--Utilities \$29.47, Southern Power District--Utilities \$38.19, Spectrum Business--Phone/Internet \$340.09, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C--Fees \$98.98, The Library Store--Supplies \$103.25, T. Beck--Printing \$139.50, Town And Country Farm And Home Inc--Supplies \$1,684.71, United Parcel

Service, Inc--Fees \$16.07, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet \$1,307.65, Wex Bank--Fuel \$4,962.99, Winzer Franchise Company--Supplies \$208.20, Woodward Disposal--Fees \$32.50, 12-12-25 Payroll \$75,807.10. Items Approved: Consent Agenda--Schneider motioned to approve the consent agenda and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Approval of treasury report, November 2025--Yant motioned to approve the November 2025 Treasury Report and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Approval of budget report, November 2025--Bunger motioned to approve the November 2025 Budget Report and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Certificate of payment # 1 for the K Road Public Paving Improvements and issuance of payment in the amount of \$408,906.60 to Nielsen Contracting LLC--Schneider motioned to approve the Certificate of Payment No. 1 for the K Road Public Paving Improvements and issuance of payment in the amount of \$408,906.60 to Nielsen Contracting LLC and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, and Schneider. Voted nay: Yant. Minor subdivision for Lots 5, 6, & 7, McCool's Addition to the City of Minden, Kearney County, NE for Cooperative Producers Inc--Bunger motioned to approve the minor subdivision for Lots 5, 6, & 7, McCool's Addition to the City of Minden, Kearney County, NE for Cooperative Producers Inc and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Ordinance

adding Chapter 70, Article V Lightweight E-scooter, E-bike, and Hoverboard usage on public property to the Minden Municipal Code, second reading--Yant motioned to approve Ordinance 1312 for its second reading and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Voted nay: Sumstine. Legal services agreement with Andrew Olson, with Dier, Osborn & Cox, PC--Bunger motioned to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Andrew Olson with Dier, Osborn & Cox PC with an effective date of Jan 1, 2026 and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Resolution increasing fees charged for the collection, transportation and disposal of trash, garbage and waste materials--Schneider motioned to approve Resolution No. 1828 Amending the Fees Charged for the Collection, Transportation, and Disposal of Garbage and Waste Materials and Yant seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Authorize the mayor to sign an expression of interest with Nebraska Get Stuff Done--Yant motioned to authorize the mayor to sign an expression of interest with Nebraska GSD and Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Sumstine, Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$3,511.42 for legal services--Yant motioned to payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$3,511.42 for legal services and Schneider seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Yant, and Schneider. Abstain: Sumstine. Non-Action Items: Council Announcements. Public Forum. Yant motioned to

adjourn at 6:44 p.m. and Schneider 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](http://minden-nebraska.org).

Jan 15, 2026

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## NOTICE

### ORDINANCE NO. 1312

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 BY ADDING ARTICLE V, LIGHTWEIGHT E-SCOOTER, E-BIKE AND HOVERBOARD USAGE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

Passed and approved this 5th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Larry Evans

Larry Evans, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Abbey Jordan

Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Jan 15, 2026

(17) znez

## NOTICE

### ORDINANCE NO. 1313

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BY AMENDING SECTION 2-116 AS THE SAME RELATES TO DUTIES OF CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY PROSECUTOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Passed and approved this 5th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Larry Evans

Larry Evans, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Abbey Jordan

Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Jan 15, 2026

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608 W 4th Street  
Axtell, NE 68924  
308.340.2145  
[erinpittz.scmi@gmail.com](mailto:erinpittz.scmi@gmail.com)

**Erin Pittz, Agent**



## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Kearney County Joint Planning Commission will be held the 26th day of January @ 6:00 pm in the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska. The following is scheduled: Presentation and information regarding solar and wind generation systems to the commission and attending public for the consideration of regulation changes. Questions or comments may be directed to the County Zoning Administrator's Office at 308-832-2795. An agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Zoning Administrator. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

Carrie Favinger  
Zoning Administrator  
01/08/2026

Jan 15, 2026  
Jan 22, 2026  
(33) znez

## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF

**A/J TOMSEN FARMS, INC.**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned has dissolved a corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska as follows:  
1. A/J Tomsen Farms, Inc. filed its Articles of Dissolution with the Secretary of State on December 16, 2025.  
2. The effective date of dissolution is December 31, 2025.  
3. Jana Tomsen, President, is authorized to wind up and liquidate the corporation's business and affairs.

4. Any claimant of the corporation shall provide the basis of any claim against the corporation and shall send the claim to: Allison R. Seiler, 5408 Global Drive, P.O. Box 1060, Kearney, NE 68848.

5. Assets, Value; Pivots, Bins, and Buildings, \$367,000.00; Cash, \$263,147.88; Note Receivable, \$230,000.00. Liabilities, Value; Rent, \$50,000.00; Total, \$580,147.88

6. Any creditors of the corporation must submit written claims to the corporation at the following address: 5408 Global Drive, P.O. Box 1060, Kearney, NE 68848. Such claim shall include the claimant's name and address and a basis for the claim against the corporation.

7. Any claim against the corporation is barred unless an action to enforce the claim is commenced within three (3) years from December 16, 2025.

Jan 15, 2026  
Jan 22, 2026  
Jan 29, 2026  
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## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Norman Village Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall in Norman, Nebraska, for the purpose of presenting the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program for the Village of Norman. The Street Program has been compiled by the Norman Village Board and the Norman Village Street Superintendent as provided by law. The Norman Village Board  
Jan 15, 2026  
(18) znez

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska. The agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska, and (877) 995-6688. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the meeting.

Jan 15, 2026  
(24) znez

## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF TRAILS END TIRE AND AUTO SALES, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the dissolution of Trails End Tire and Auto Sales, LLC, under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, as of December 31, 2025. Any person with a valid claim against the company shall submit their written claim and proof thereof to the attorney of the LLC named below. Unless a creditor had received written notice of an earlier deadline, any claim against the company shall be barred unless a proceeding to enforce said claim is commenced within five years after the publication of this notice.

Trails End Tire and Auto  
Sales, LLC  
Zachary K. Gray #27047  
Gray Law Firm, LLC

P.O. Box 855  
Holdrege, NE 68949  
P: (308) 995-0522  
Email: office@graylawnebraska.com  
Its Attorneys

Jan 8, 2026  
Jan 15, 2026  
Jan 22, 2026  
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## NOTICE

### IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF JERRY LYNN DYKE, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-1

Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Sarah Brandt, whose address is 245 Western Avenue, Minden, Nebraska 68959, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the March 17, 2026 or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen  
Registrar  
Kearney County Court  
Kearney County  
Courthouse  
Minden, NE 68959  
Carson K. Messersmith  
#27365

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& MESSERSMITH  
Attorney for Applicant  
P.O. Box 272  
Minden, NE 68959  
308-832-2150  
minden@kleinbrewster.com  
Jan 15, 2026  
Jan 22, 2026  
Jan 29, 2026  
(41) znez

## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF MINDEN FITNESS, LLC A NEBRASKA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that MINDEN FITNESS, L.L.C., a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The street mailing address of the Company's initial designated office is 19210 Buckeye Road, Gibbon, NE 68840. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Parker, Grosart & Bahensky, L.L.P., 1516

1st Avenue, P.O. box 1600,  
Kearney, Nebraska 68848-1600.  
Jan 15, 2026  
Jan 22, 2026  
Jan 29, 2026  
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## NOTICE

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The County of Kearney will be accepting sealed bids for mowing services at the Kearney County Courthouse for the 2026 season. This includes mowing and trimming once a week with removal of yard waste. This to be done approx. from April 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026. Sealed bids will be received at the Kearney County Clerk's office, P.O. Box 339, Minden, NE 68959 or at the office on the second floor of the Courthouse until 9:50 a.m. on January 20th. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jan 8, 2026  
Jan 15, 2026  
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NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Kearney County Board of Commissioners at 10:00 a.m., on January 20, 2026 for the purchase of "Road Gravel". All bids are to be marked "GRAVEL" and filed with the Kearney County Clerk-Courthouse; P O BOX 339 or 424 N Colorado Ave Minden, NE 68959. Specifications can be obtained from the Kearney County Road Department; 1124 East 9th; Minden, NE 68959 or by calling 308-832-2854. The Kearney County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

GRAVEL SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications shall be met by each bidder:

Meet all the specifications of the State of Nebraska for Class A gravel; clay and silt content not to exceed five (5) percent. It shall be the duty of the contractor to remove immediately any gravel material rejected by the inspector if so ordered. Gradation Requirement, Percent Retained - Minimum, Maximum

1 inch	--	0%
3/4 inch sieve	2%	10%
#4 sieve	25%	50%
#10 sieve	80%	100%
#200 sieve	95%	100%

All gravel loaded on county trucks shall be performed on any or all days of the week between hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday.

The contractor must have on his property a stock pile of a minimum of 2,500 yards of road surfacing gravel at all times that shall conform to the specifications of the State of Nebraska Class A gravel. In the event the Contractor fails to have gravel available for county trucks to load, the County shall be entitled to deduct from moneys due the Contractor, as liquidated damages, an amount equal to two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) per day for each working day of delay. Kearney County reserves the right to perform spot weight inspections on any load. The Contractor shall be subject to penalty as follows for supplying inadequate gravel:

Total average percent retained on the No. 10 sieve:

Minimum,	Maximum,	Percent Deduction
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80%	100%	0%
75%	79%	10%
70%	74%	25%
65%	69%	50%
0%	64%	Reject

Bid is to reflect gravel loaded on county trucks by the supplier.

The bid price will be for CYD's and be good from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

For county's information include map showing suppliers gravel pit location(s) and the mileage from pit to Minden.

Jan 1, 2026  
Jan 8, 2026  
Jan 15, 2026  
(96) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF DOUBLE DART HOLSTEINS, LLC

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

1. The name of the limited liability company is DOUBLE DART HOLSTEINS, L.L.C.
2. The address of the registered office of the limited liability company is 495 L RD. Axtell, NE 68924 and the registered agent at that address is David R. Anderbery.
3. This company is organized to engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business, other than banking or insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska including but not limited to the business of farming; and to do and transact all other lawful business incident to, necessary or suitable or advisable for, or in any way connected with, such business.
4. The Company commenced on November 26, 2025 and its duration is perpetual.
5. The affairs of the limited liability company are to be conducted by members who are managers and such other officers as may be provided for in the Operating Agreement.

David R. Anderbery,  
Member

Douglas R. Walker, #16953  
Duncan, Walker & Schenker,  
P.C., L.L.O.  
P.O. Box 340  
Hildreth, Nebraska 68947  
308-938-4585  
Jan 8, 2026  
Jan 15, 2026  
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**THANK YOU** to all who made my 80th birthday so special. Your attendance at my party, cards, gifts, and phone calls reminded me of how blessed I am. Many blessings to you in 2026.

Barb Lynn





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1. Former CIA

4. Language

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13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

14. Superconducting super collider

16. International group of countries within the Americas

17. Sacred state for Muslims

19. Shock therapy

20. Engrave

21. Localities

25. Paddle

26. Periodical

27. Dishonestly gained money

29. Gain possession of

30. Actor DiCaprio

31. High schoolers' test

32. Mr. October

39. Sign of healing

41. One's grandmother

42. Entrap

43. One who simultaneously buys and sells

44. \_\_ Francisco

45. Web-based data provider of marine life

46. Type of snake

48. Dark mark or stain

49. Member of the Salii

50. Former measure of length

51. CNN's founder

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6. Eurasian shrub

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9. Work together in harmony

11. Grenade

14. File extension

15. Minute pores in a plant

18. Medal of Honor

19. Make a mistake

20. Advance slowly, as if by inches

22. Sandwich meat

23. An awkward stupid person

24. Strong tree

27. Commoner

28. Electroencephalograph

29. \_\_ Mahal

31. Congressman

32. Disorderly crowd

33. 007's creator Fleming

34. Atomic #55

35. Part of a door

36. Short-tail martens

37. Baltimore ballplayer

38. Cuddle

39. Gang in "The Outsiders"

40. Of Croatia

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# Minden High School Honor Roll 2025-26 Fall Semester

## PRESS RELEASE

Minden High School students qualifying for the 2025-26 fall semester honor roll completed the semester with GPA of 3.35-3.74. Honor roll with high distinction recipients completed the semester with a GPA of 3.75-4.00 (\* denotes 4.00). Students may not have a "D+", "D", "F", or "INC" in any class and students must be enrolled in four academic classes that count in GPA to qualify.

**Seniors - High Distinction:** Benezith Alarcon Avila, Cassandra Bernshausen, Landon Bules, Myla Emery\*, Ava Fickler, Alejandra Gonzalez Cerecer, Luke Grollmes\*, Terry Hofaker Jr, Elizabeth Hunt\*, Alyssa Johnson\*, KayLynn Jorgensen\*, Rebecca Lempka\*, Isabelle Martin\*, Tessa Morey, Christina Nielsen Trine\*, Alizabeth Nielsen\*, Emory Porter\*, Arabela Reed\*, Abigail Reith\*, Hallee Schoone\*, Brody Sexton\*, Izabella Tira, Samuel Tunnell, Natali Uribe, Carson Wright\*

**Seniors - Honor Roll:** Vlad Adams, McKenna Anderson, Kierra Antillon, Jackson Armstrong, Devin Choquette, Anila Cortez-Thompson, Brendan Franks, Madisen Mulroney, Shelby Nelson, Matthew Putnam, Jack Scheibel, Danica Schoone, Brooklyn Workman

**Juniors - High Distinction:** Bailey Alkire, Jonathan Althouse\*, Sophia Birkestrand\*, Kassandra Fetterolf\*, Parker Hatch\*, Mason Johnson, Frank Kovacs\*, Naviannah Lennemann\*, Luz Lopez-Yanes, Evan Lutkemeier, Hope Mason, Chloe Osborn\*, Steven Rhodes, Victoria Riggelman, Turner Schmidt, Caleb Schwenka\*, Ashlyn Zerr

**Juniors - Honor Roll:** Holt Aschenbrenner, Kellan Conyers, Matthew Dixson, Kierslin Franks, Zane Fuehrer, Lilian Gruber, Kanin Heath, Autumn Johnson, Landry Joyce, Dalton Pasbrig, Sage Saunders, Trystan Sharkey, Kadence Sitzman, Cael Smith, Christian Sorensen, Logan Verbeck

**Sophomores - High Distinction:** Talon Beckmann\*, Brielle Boudreau\*, Jolie Buechler\*, Alyssa Cederburg\*, Luke Craig\*, Adaire Crane, Riley Eden\*, James Grant, Sawyer Grotrian\*, Jocelin Iniguez Jauregui, Ashlyn Kernick, Zachary Klabunde\*, Xander Linner, Addyson Meyer, Madalyn Morey, Hailey Petersen\*, Marlie Petersen, Cohen Schmidt\*, Cole Schwenka, Drew Seiler\*, Zoey Seiler, Evelyn Sharkey, Mason Shirley\*, Adysen Sloggett, Annika Soelberg, Jaelyn Trew\*, Jackson Widdifield, Zipporah Wilson

**Sophomores - Honor Roll:** Maverick Betty, Keira Crane, Layla Fritson, Owen Gillming, Cristal Gonzalez Cruz, Victoria Hansen, Miles Heath, Sydney Jenkins, Rilynn Johnson, Aclynn Osterbuhr, Travler Pearson, Dayne Porter, Steven Ramos, Selena Sharkey, Rhiley Smith, Izaiah Space, Jesse Werner

**Freshmen - High Distinction:** Stella Birkestrand\*, Josa Ciernoczolowski\*, Hallie Hartman, Morgan Johnson, Lillian Labenz\*, Luke Livingston\*, Bo Lutkemeier\*, Katherine Marshall, Brinley Pohl, Tynlie Struss\*, Marissa Wellman, Kyler Wilson\*

### Freshmen - Honor Roll:

Olivia Armstrong, Aaron Banuelos, Tirzo Borrego, Zoey Calderon, Myah Casillas, Lucas Collins, Tatum Delira, Margot Dimond, Gisele Guthard, Jagger Guthard, Macy Jorgensen, Bryson Knott, Jade Melroy, Reed Morlang, Addisyn Norris, McKinley Segelke, Ella Warburton, Adelyn Whitten

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