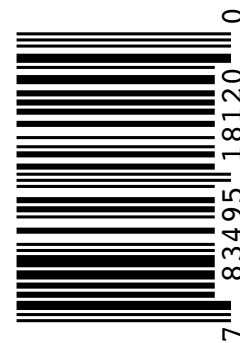


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## Reed & Kovacs Medal at Class B State Speech

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Speech Team concluded a phenomenal season at the NSAA Class B State Speech Meet on March 28 in Kearney. The Whippets had their work cut out for them as they faced off against the best in the state, and they were up for the challenge.

Minden qualifiers prepared for the competition with a public performance of their events on March 23 in the MHS Media Center. The evening was entertaining for those in attendance and an important practice for the performers.

Eleven Minden events qualified for the state competition: Arabella Reed with her Humorous Prose 'Mary Choppins', Program Oral Interpretation 'Empathy Has Stars & Stripes', and Serious Prose 'King of Hearts'; Frank Kovacs with his Persuasive Speech 'Coddling' and Duet Acting 'Black Fedora' with Carson Wright; Emory Porter with her Program Oral Interpretation 'Changed Things' and Poetry 'Worth Missing'; Miles Heath with his Poetry 'Every 40 Seconds' and Oral Interpretation of Drama 'This History of America' with Mia Tira and Dayne Porter; Natali Uribe with her Entertainment 'Perceptions of Mexico - Mexico vs Mèxico!'; and Danica Schoone with her Entertainment 'Will You Be My New Best Friend?'

The Whippets faced their toughest competition of the season at the state meet. Minden earned sixth place as a team behind York, Omaha Skutt Catholic, Wayne, Gering, and Plattsmouth.

Two Whippets brought home individual state medals in three events.

Senior Arabella Reed earned third place in Humorous Prose behind Rachel Boyd of Gering and Ava Goodwin of York and fourth place in Program Oral Interpretation behind Brody Booth of York, Colby Raulston of Wayne, and Jack Chavanu of York.

Junior Frank Kovacs earned sixth place in Persuasive Speaking behind Peyton Miller of York, Emily Otoupal of York, Phoebe Skinner of Gering, Kirsten Moodley of Omaha Skutt Catholic, and Maggie Peterson of Broken Bow.



Senior Arabella Reed and junior Frank Kovacs earned medals at the NSAA Class B State Speech Meet in Kearney on March 28. Check out page 4 for photos of all the Minden State Speech qualifiers during their public performance on March 23. (Courtesy photo)

## Weather Forecast

Apr. 3:	49/30	
Apr. 4:	50/28	
Apr. 5:	62/36	
Apr. 6:	71/40	
Apr. 7:	73/44	
Apr. 8:	75/45	
Apr. 9:	74/42	



PAGES 6 & 7 - State FFA Results



PAGES 14 & 15 - Falcon Track Invite

# News Briefs

## Democratic Convention

The Kearney County and the Franklin County Democratic party will hold its 2026 County convention on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6pm. The event will be held at the Assembly Room of the Kearney County Courthouse. All registered Democrats are invited and encouraged to attend.

The 2026 Convention will have representation from the State Party. Local party officials for each county will be elected. There will also be the selection of delegates and alternates to the Nebraska Democratic Party State convention. Voting delegates to the County Convention can register at the time of the convention.

## WIC Clinic Dates

To enroll for WIC visit [signupwic.com](http://signupwic.com). A screening over the phone is completed before attending your appointment. In person WIC clinics in Kearney County will be held at United Methodist Church in Minden, 340 N. Newell on Monday, April 13; Monday, May 11; and Monday, June 8.

## Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

Join Minden Lions Club for a day of joy, laughter, and the thrill of the hunt on April 4 from 11am-2pm at Jaycee Park. Their Easter Egg Hunt promises delightful surprises and memories that will last a lifetime with facepainting, food, Easter bunny, and fun. Preschool and Kindergarten hunt begins at 11am. First through fourth grade hunt begins at approximately 11:20am.

## Hildreth Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over to the Hildreth Park on April 4th for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Hildreth Lions Club. The event starts at 1pm and all youth are welcome.

## Cars & Coffee

The weather is warming up which means it's almost time for another season of Cars & Coffee at Harold Warp Pioneer Village hosted by JCT 6/10 Cruzerz. This free event will be held on Saturday mornings from 8-11am on the east side of Pioneer Village by the Village Diner. All vehicles are welcome. Come enjoy coffee, rolls, and cars April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, and October 10.

## Youth History Clubs

Harold Warp Pioneer Village is excited to announce two new amazing programs they will be offering for youth beginning in May! The goal of these programs is to build an interest in history in children while providing them a fun learning environment through books, activities, and so much more!

History Book Club will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays May-August from 10-10:30am. This event is recommended for ages 5-8, and youth must be accompanied by an adult.

History Club will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays May-August from 11am-12pm. This event is recommended for ages 7-11. Contact Pioneer Village for more information and stay tuned to the Minden Courier for more details.

## Husker Quilt Raffle

Paws Up Kearney County is selling tickets for a Husker quilt raffle. The Husker-themed, all cotton, king-sized quilt was made and donated by Marlene Detmers. Drawing for the quilt will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Paws Up Shelter Me fundraiser. You do not need to be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased through Paws Up Kearney County board members by email at [pawsupkearneycounty@gmail.com](mailto:pawsupkearneycounty@gmail.com), by messaging Paws Up Kearney County on Facebook, or by texting Jane at 308-830-9870. Cash, check and venmo accepted.

## Paws Up 'Shelter Me' Fundraiser

Get your tickets now for the Paws Up Kearney County 'Shelter Me' Fundraiser. The event will be held at Minden Opera House on Saturday, April 25. Check in and happy hour will be 5-6pm, silent auction from 5-8pm, supper 6-7pm with guest speaker at 6:30pm, and Blue Plate Special playing 7-9pm. Tickets are \$50 each with discounts available for buying table of 8. To purchase tickets contact Jane Lammers at 308-830-9870 or [pawsupkearneycounty@gmail.com](mailto:pawsupkearneycounty@gmail.com).

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## Weather Recap

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# Aiden Sinsel Earns Eagle Scout Award

PRESS RELEASE



On February 20, 2026, Aiden Sinsel of Minden was awarded Eagle Scout during a ceremony at the Minden United Methodist Church. Aiden is the son of Jason and Jaime Sinsel of Minden; and the grandson of Arden and Marlys Sinsel of Minden and Linda and Dean Walmsley of Chappell.

The Eagle Scout is the highest award a Boy Scout can receive. His Eagle Scout project was improvements at Mosaic Pond in Axtell, NE. He and others added a bench and platform on the west end of the trail and lights on an existing cross. Together they worked to patch holes in different parts of the concrete and cleared the weeds around the sidewalk. The Troop plans to continue his work by doing a cleanup at Mosaic every spring for service hours. Throughout his scouting years he completed 122 hours of communi-

ty service and camped 57 nights.

Aiden's advancements: Arrow of Light, Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. He completed 42 Merit badges: First Aid, Swimming, Emergency Preparedness, Citizenship in the Community, Fingerprinting, Fishing, Cooking, Sustainability, Personal Management, Fire Safety, Surveying, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Fitness, Camping, Family Life, Pioneering, Plumbing, Dog Care, Textiles, Wilderness Survival, Leatherwork, Rifle Shooting, Wood Carving, Metalwork, Chess, Chemistry, Search and Rescue, Archery, Dentistry, Railroading, Welding, Geocaching, Scuba Diving, Fly Fishing, Climbing, Electricity, Electronics, Canoeing, and Shotgun Shooting.

The Program included a Flag Ceremony by the Troop, the Scout Oath and a Welcome followed by a Scout Law Candle Lighting Ceremony. Aiden's Journey was shared with the group. Kearney Eagle's Lodge #984 presented Aiden with an American Flag that was flown over the US Capitol. David Plond from Overland Trails/MidAmerica BSA Council, Troop 199 and Scoutmaster Steve Rhodes presented the awards.

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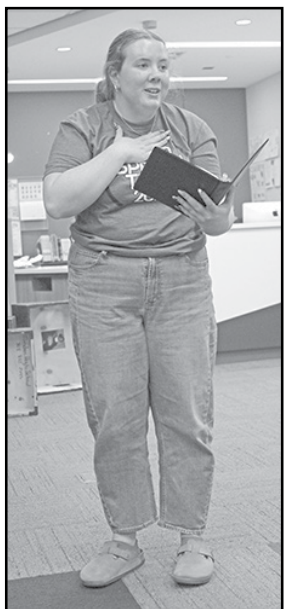
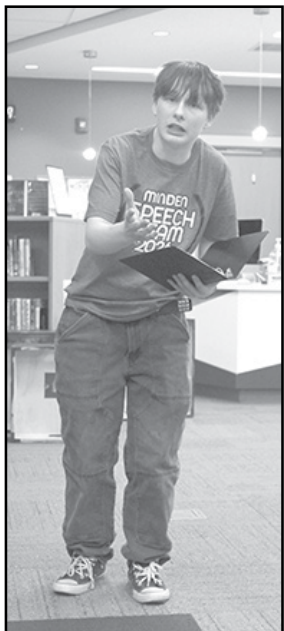
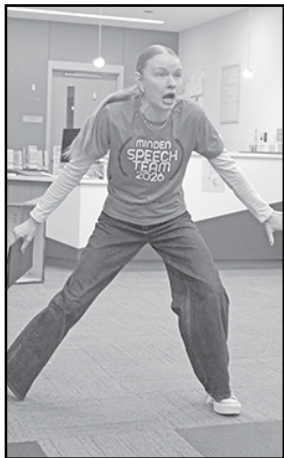
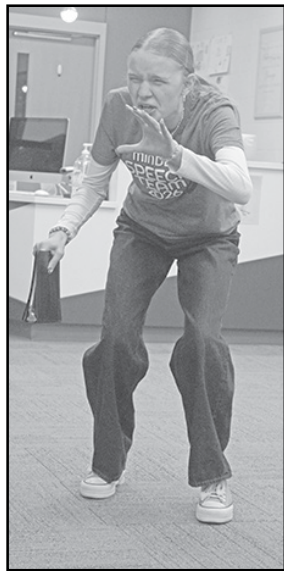
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Minden State Speech qualifiers practiced their events for a public audience on March 23 prior to the state competition on March 28 in Kearney. Performers pictured top to bottom; left to right: Frank Kovacs (Persuasive); Emory Porter (POI); Miles Heath (Poetry); Arabella Reed (Serious Prose); Arabella Reed (Humorous Prose); Arabella Reed (POI); Emory Porter (Poetry); Natali Uribe (Entertainment); Danica Schoone (Entertainment); Miles Heath; Dayne Porter; and Mia Tira (OID); Frank Kovacs and Carson Wright (Duet Acting). (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

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# Axtell Duet Brings Home State Medals

CINDY RAMSEY

The Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth Speech Teams were represented well at the NSAA Class D1 State Speech Meet on March 28 in Kearney.

The Wildcat performers included Brooklyn DeJonge, Coben Hill, Connor Strolberg, Harley Pittz, and Sophia Havranek (OID); Elijah Sinachack and Isaiah Sinachack (Duet Acting); Elizabeth Pfeil (POI); Emma Hall (Informative); Samantha Vinchattle (Persuasive); Aubrey Vinchattle (Entertainment); and Sophia Havranek (Serious Prose).

The Cats had strong performances throughout the day with Elijah and Isaiah Sinachack earning a spot in finals. Their duet earned fifth place behind Braydon Hoelsing and Rogan Hoelsing of Wausa, Bennett Novacek and Haylee Ray of Riverside, Cael

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The Axtell duet of Isaiah and Elijah Sinachack earned fifth place during the NSAA Class D1 State Speech Meet on March 28 in Kearney. (Courtesy photo)

Johnson and Tyler Tegtmeier of Pawnee City, and Belle Weltruski and Maycee Carraher of Riverside.

The Falcons were represented by: Brett Woollen (Serious Prose), Cooper Woollen (POI), Kaylan Ogier (Poetry), and Brett Woollen and Kaden Woollen (Duet Acting). Although Cooper Woollen was very close in Program Oral Interpretation, none of the Wilcox-Hildreth performers made it to finals.

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# Kearney County Well Represented at State FFA Convention

## PRESS RELEASE

Axtell, Minden, and Wilcox-Hildreth FFA attended the 97th annual Nebraska State FFA Convention March 25-27 in Lincoln. The chapters spent three days participating in various sessions, competitive events, educational tours, leadership workshops, and a career fair and expo.

The Whippets had several highlights throughout the convention and earned several accolades. Minden FFA earned the status of a Three Star Premier Chapter and third place Model of Excellence in Strengthening Agriculture.

Seniors Alyssa Johnson and Arabella Reed earned their Nebraska State FFA Degrees and were recognized on stage for the distinction.

Minden Natural Resources, Floriculture, and Nursery Landscape were all first in the team portion of their contests while the Ag Communications Team earned third place and Nursery Landscape Team earned eighth place.

Individually, Sydney Jenkins earned fifth place gold in Senior Public Speaking; Isabelle Martin earned sixth place in Nursery Landscape; Arabella Reed earned fifth place in Ag Communications; and Lizzy Nielsen earned eighth place in Ag Communications.

Two Axtell FFA members earned their Nebraska State FFA Degrees at the event: Lillian Dobish and Nora Sonnenfeld.

Wilcox-Hildreth had a strong showing at the Nebraska State FFA Convention with seven Falcons earning their Nebraska State FFA Degrees: Brooke Casper, Thomas Donley, Cheyenne Lieb, Aubree Overholser, Cody Schriener, Cauy Twohig, and Callen Weninghoff. The Wilcox-Hildreth Welding Team competed well with senior Thomas Donley placing in the top ten as an individual in the Oxygen-Acetylene Welding section.



Pictured top to bottom: Minden FFA Chapter at Nebraska State FFA Convention. Wilcox-Hildreth Welding Team. Minden's Sydney Jenkins who placed fifth in Senior Public Speaking. (Courtesy photos)



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with Communion - 9:30 a.m.



# 948 Nebraska Students Awarded State FFA Degrees at 97th State FFA Convention

PRESS RELEASE

Lincoln, Neb. – 948 students were awarded the Nebraska State FFA Degree at the 97th annual Nebraska FFA State Convention held March 25-27. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Nebraska FFA.

The Nebraska State FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the Chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least two years, completed at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth-grade level, maintained a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, demonstrated their leadership skills, and have shown a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above.

The 98th annual Nebraska State FFA Convention recorded 7,957 members and guests. Members of the agricultural youth leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating

in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements, and serving as the legislative body for the Nebraska FFA Association.

The Nebraska FFA Association is a school-based youth leadership development organization, with over 12,000 members statewide, and is a part of the National FFA Organization. Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit [neaged.org](http://neaged.org) to find more information on Nebraska FFA.

**Axtell:** Lillian Dobish, Nora Sonnenfeld

**Minden:** Alyssa Johnson, Arabella Reed

**Wilcox-Hildreth:** Brooke Casper, Thomas Donley, Cheyenne Lieb, Aubree Overholser, Cody Schriener, Cauly Twohig, Callen Wenninghoff



Wilcox-Hildreth (above) and Minden (below) State FFA Degree recipients show off their awards. (Courtesy photos)



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# A Lifetime of Love

By Shana Schoone

## We need to be a Burden: A Shana Story

The moment I got home after having a day of car problems, I cried. This isn't unusual behavior for me considering I am a cryer. As a child I think I cried every year while in elementary school. Maybe someone looked at me wrong, I missed my mom, or I couldn't figure out a math problem. That was me. Today showed me that I have grown over the years because I waited to cry until I got home after a stressful day. But I wasn't crying about the stress. I was crying because I had a lot of work to do that I didn't get to do because I was figuring things out with my car. Being a workaholic, of course I would cry because I didn't get to work. But it didn't take me long to realize it was so stupid. It was stupid because the man who towed my car and brought me back home, informed me that he lost his friend in a car accident a few weeks ago. He told me that he couldn't work for a week because of it. Yet, I am crying about not being able to work for one afternoon. Someone is gone forever, and I am choosing to cry about work rather than realize the beautiful connections I made today because I didn't get to work. Connections that I get to write about, which is my work ironically.

For the past week, I wanted to write a column about this idea of being a burden that has come up in so many column interviews. But I couldn't find the words. Until today, because my car needed a new alternator.

After lunch with a friend in downtown Omaha, I started my car and noticed the battery light was on. I gave it a few minutes to run, and it started to sputter. So I turned it off, and it wouldn't turn back on. Like any car issue, it happened at the most inconvenient time. It was cold out, and my phone had a 15% battery. I used what was left to call AAA. Then I went into a nearby brewing company. I told the host about my situation and asked her for a charger block while feeling like a burden. I should have one of those on me for these situations. This kind soul took one out of her own purse and handed it to me.

*She wanted to help me.*

As I charged my phone and let my mom know I wasn't stranded out in a deserted alley somewhere, I received a message from AAA asking if I was in a safe location. Keep in mind, this could be AI I was talking to.

*AAA wanted to help me.*

When the AAA technician came by, I met him outside. I showed him that my precious Dodge Charger, Bianka, is different and has her battery in the back. During this, he noticed I was freezing and told me I could wait inside, assuring me it was his job to fix cars in any weather.

*He wanted to help me.*

After he looked Bianka over, he came in to tell me it wasn't her battery but her alternator. He needed to know where to tow her. So I called my dad because even after years of his lessons in cars, I still need his guidance. I reached him while he was coaching track, but he stayed on to help me navigate the situation.

*Because he wanted to help me.*

From there I made another call to my friend who works on cars. I asked if he would be up for putting a new alternator in my car and if he would be able to do it soon. He assured me he could.

*He wanted to help me.*

Then while I was waiting for the tow truck to come and rescue Bianka and me, I received a call from the towing company confirming my address. Originally, I was going to have them bring her to my place. Then I realized she should go to my friend's place instead so he has all his tools nearby. Our homes aren't far from one another. However, the woman on the phone went the extra mile to run numbers for me. She explained that they could tow Bianka to my place for free, but it would cost \$30 for them to bring her to my friends. Since I am a cheapskate who had a long day, it was a difficult decision for me to make. Then the woman on the phone transferred me to her supervisor. She informed me that she realized I have had a long day, and she just wants me to get home safely so she would have them tow my car to my friends with no extra charge.

*She wanted to help me.*

When I met the man with the tow truck, I asked if he was able to give me a ride home too. He said yes and told me I could warm up in the truck while he hooks my car up. There is something special about sharing a 25-minute ride with a stranger especially under odd circumstances, but our conversation flowed. After he told me about his friend, I remind myself what all the death cafes I have attended told me. People who are grieving want someone to sit with them in it. So I tried to not dismiss it. We had a beautiful conversation about life, death, and spirituality. I ended up sharing my near death experience story with him. He shared his business dreams with me. Before we got out, he thanked me and told me he really needed the light I was able to provide to him.

*I wanted to help him.*

The reason I wasn't able to find the words for this column was because I needed to remember what it felt like to be a burden. So I was blessed to feel like a burden all day. From that experience, I realized that people want to help out. Even going back to my nannying days. Toddlers, who are perhaps the most difficult humans to deal with most days, even want to help. Help take out the trash, wash dishes, sweep. It is in

our nature. Maybe we are like that because we all know what it feels like to be a burden, and we don't want one another to feel that way. We know what it feels like to have car problems, miss work, need a charger, stand outside in the cold, need a ride, need advice, or grieve. And we do not want people to feel alone in that. We want to help. We get to take turns being a burden and being the helper. Neither is more important than the other.

THAT'S LOVE.

With love, always,  
Shana Schoone

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 p.m. April 2  
at Holy Family  
Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 3 p.m. at April 3  
at Holy Family  
Passion Liturgy (Bilingual): 7 p.m. at April 3 at St. John's  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8 p.m. April 4 at St. John's (no 8 a.m.  
OR 5:30 p.m. mass)  
Easter Sunday Mass: April 5, Regular Sunday schedule

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### HOLY WEEK CONFESSION TIMES

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# East Elementary K-1 Music Program



East Elementary kindergarten and 1st grade students celebrated America's 250th anniversary during their spring concerts on March 23 in the MPS Fine Arts Auditorium. The musical selections included a variety of patriotic tunes directed by Lori Rowley. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



## Class B All-State Band



Five Minden Students auditioned and were selected to participate in Class B All State Band on March 28 in Grand Island. Jonathan Althouse and Bailey Alkire were part of the wind ensemble which performed the premiere of a brand new piece of music written for the group. Abby Reith and Rebecca Lempka were a part of the jazz band. Frank Kovacs was also selected for the event but was unable to attend due to state speech. (Courtesy Photos)



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# Calendars and Menus

## MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### MENUS:

Friday, Apr. 3: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Apr. 6: BREAKFAST: Omelet, banana bread; LUNCH: Goulash, garlic bread

Tuesday, Apr. 7: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll, yogurt; LUNCH: Chicken fajitas

Wednesday, Apr. 8: BREAKFAST: Yogurt parfait, granola; LUNCH: Chicken nuggets, French fries

Thursday, Apr. 9: BREAKFAST: Egg bites, cereal bar; LUNCH: Pulled pork, potato bar

Friday, Apr. 10: BREAKFAST: Mini waffles, peanut butter; LUNCH: Hot dog bar

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Apr. 3: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Apr. 7: State SCT Makeup Test; V/JV G @ Kearney Tri with Holdrege, 4 p.m.; 9/10 TR Minden Invite, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 8: 3rd-8th Invention Convention, 9 a.m.; JV Boys G @ Northwestern Invite, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Apr. 9: V G @ Kearney Invite, 10 a.m.; 7/8 TR @ Thayer Central Invite, 11 a.m.

Friday, Apr. 10: JV TR @ Axtell Invite, 9 a.m.; V TR @ Broken Bow Invite, 11 a.m.

## AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### MENUS:

Friday, Apr. 3: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Apr. 6: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Apr. 7: LUNCH: Walking taco, black beans OR Ham sub

Wednesday, Apr. 8: LUNCH: Pizza sticks, green beans OR Chef salad

Thursday, Apr. 9: LUNCH: Steak fingers, fries OR Crispy chicken salad

Friday, Apr. 10: NO SCHOOL

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Apr. 3: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Apr. 6: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Apr. 7: G @ Hi-Line Invite, 10 a.m.; TR @ Franklin Invite, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 8: Invention Convention, 8:30 a.m. (Spectators welcome after 11 a.m.)

Thursday, Apr. 9: JH TR @ Alma Quad

Friday, Apr. 10: NO SCHOOL; TR Axtell Invite

## WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### MENUS:

Friday, Apr. 3: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Apr. 6: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Apr. 7: BREAKFAST: Breakfast nuggets; LUNCH: Walking tacos

Wednesday, Apr. 8: BREAKFAST: Monte Cristos; LUNCH: Bosco Stix

Thursday, Apr. 9: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: Spaghetti bar

Friday, Apr. 10: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon rolls; LUNCH: Chicken legs

### ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Apr. 3: NO SCHOOL; FCA lunch meeting, 12 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 6: NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Apr. 7: FFA Officer Applications Due; 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Yearbook Ad Sales, 8:20 a.m.; G @ Hi-Line Invite, 10 a.m.; TR @ Franklin Invite, 10 a.m.; Student Council meeting, 11:40 a.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 8: PreACT Option 2; 4th Grade Senior Challenge, 9:10 a.m.; MTSS-B, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 9: FFA Officer Interviews; PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; JH TR @ Alma Quad, 1 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 10: TR @ Axtell Invite, 10 a.m.; FCA meeting, 12 p.m.; District Special Education meeting, 2:45 p.m.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Dinner Menus

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

Monday, Apr. 6: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, Apr. 7: Baked steak, baked potatoes, buttered carrots, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, Apr. 8: Pancake, sausage, salad, fruit & dessert

Thursday, Apr. 9: Loaded baked potatoes, winter blend, bread & fruit

Friday, Apr. 10: Beef & noodles, coleslaw, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

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# Do You Remember

## Eighty Years Ago — 1946

The safe at the Farmers Union Store was broken open and \$1050 was stolen. The job was evidently the work of an expert safecracker. An electric drill was used and two small holes were bored above and beside the dial exactly where they were needed to match the safe. Lyle Johnson, manager of the store, discovered the safe open, checks scattered over the floor and the silver still in the safe.

K.P. Westesen and W.F. Sheppard each reached his 80th birthday.

Jack Craig, a Navy seaman second class, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Craig, during a short leave.

## Seventy Years Ago — 1956

Mrs. Robert Ley, the former Peggy Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Jones, competed in the state Mrs. America Contest at Beatrice.

The new Masonic Temple was dedicated with 12 grand officers of Nebraska Masonry in attendance. Dolores Christensen was organist and Don Helzer was soloist for the musical part of the program.

The State Highway Commission refused to restore Highway No. 10 to the state system.

## Sixty Years Ago — 1966

To publicize the increase which the Minden Beef Company had brought to the economy of the community, Harold Sanden, manager of the company, announced that the employees would be paid in \$2 bills.

Recognized for having their art work as part of the All-State Nebraska Elementary Art Exhibit in Lincoln were Anita Buhr, Norman eighth grader; Rosanne Hoban, Heartwell first grader; Lynn Moorner, Minden sixth grader; Terry Johnson, Minden fifth grader; and Eric Warp, a Minden fourth grader.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Rasmussen celebrated their 58th anniversary at the Minden City Hall.

## Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Nathan and Paul Talbert, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Talbert, placed second and third in the junior Division of the eighth Annual National Model Car Customizing Contest.

Thirty-two communities, including Norman, were officially designated as Bicentennial Communities. According to Myrle Fleming, the Norman Hall would be remodeled in commemoration of the event.

Winners of the Pinewood Derby were Brian Zimmerman, Jim Petersen, Shane Macklin and Shane Monthey.

## Forty Years Ago — 1986

An organizational meeting was held at the Minden Middle School for the purpose of introducing the "Just Say No Club" to the fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

At the Minden National Honor Society induction service, Sara Ramsey presented the society's scholarship to Sharon Johnson. Annette Eckhoff presented the Distinguished Service Award to Dick Phillips.

Kearney County Cribbage Club held its six-month playoffs with winners Ivan Lux, first; Phil Fleming, second; Al Catlin, third; Lucille White, fourth; Sam Samuelson, fifth; Tony Aryliss, sixth; Mike Pittner, seventh; and Bev Clay, eighth.

## Thirty Years Ago — 1996

Coach Jim Lindau and senior Jason Nickel, both of Axtell, were selected for the 1996 Eight-Man All-Star football game played at Hastings Adams Central.

Hildreth students winning awards at the "Academic Competition That Inspires Our Nation's Scholars" were Bob Adam, Josh



**2016** — The training program of the Minden and Axtell Volunteer Fire Departments was greatly enhanced when Big John's Ford in Minden and Janssen Auto Group in Holdrege in partnership with the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation presented Resusi Anne CPR units to the departments. Pat Sullivan (Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Assoc), Ty Fickenscher (AVFD Asst Unit Captain), Shawn Soderquist (AVFD Asst Fire Chief), Jeff Nelson (AVFD Executive Board Member), Jeff England (AVFD Fire Chief) and Dan Janssen (Janssen Auto Group) hold their new CPR training tools.

Morgan and Jennie Jelkin.

Michelle Kathol and Donna Rasmussen attended the sixth annual Job Fair for Nurses at Central Community College at Grand Island.

## Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Members of the state Department of Natural Resources held a public hearing at the Kearney County Fairgrounds to take comments on the department's recently released map that showed the fully appropriated designated areas in Kearney County. Only Tri-Basin NRD manager John Thorburn spoke during the hearing.

Governor Dave Heineman attended Royal Plastic's ceremony that recognized the plant's milestone in becoming Nadcap certified. Only 42 businesses worldwide have achieved the accreditation.

Boy Scout Troop 444 of Minden doubled in size from the previous month as well as adding its first class of Cub Scout graduates in its nearly four year history.

## Ten Years Ago — 2016

The Minden Volunteer Fire Department hosted a celebration for the community to celebrate the department's 125th anniversary. The festivities included barbeque, a cash bar, and a live band. The event was the department's way of showing their appreciation to residents for their support throughout the years.

The Minden Lions Club annual Easter Egg Hunt had to be moved into the Minden High School gymnasium due to rain and wet conditions outside. Grand prize winners in the three divisions were Brax Thull, Nolan Schmidt and Laney Schmidt.

Dawn Thompson obtained her real estate broker's license. Dawn had been a sales associate with Rhynalds Auction and Realty, L.L.C. since 2012. For four years, Dawn transacted numerous listings and sales, took several real estate classes and passed the Real Estate Broker's exam in Lincoln.

# Stay in the Loop

# Church Directory

## Axtell

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

**Marcia Dorn, Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: 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, Apr. 5: 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, Apr. 5: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Apr. 8: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran, LCMC**  
104 E. Fifth St.

**Craig Richardson, Pastor**

Friday, Apr. 3: Good Friday Worship Service, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Apr. 5: Breakfast, 9 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Apr. 6: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 8: High School Youth Meal/Study, 6 p.m.

## Campbell

**St. Anne Catholic**  
Father Adam Sparling,  
Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 5: Mass, 8 a.m.

**Trinity Lutheran**  
360 So. Stewart  
(402) 756-8552

**Greg Volsky,**  
**Vacancy Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

**United Westminster Presbyterian**

**Broad and Main Street**

**Mark A. Diehl, Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship, 10 a.m.

## Funk

**Fridhem Lutheran**

401 Lake Street

**Daren Popple,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: 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, Apr. 5: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish**

287 Jefferson Street

**Father Evan Winter**

Sunday, Apr. 5: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

## Hildreth

**Trinity Lutheran**

502 Sanders Avenue

**Caroline Schenk,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: 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

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Sunday, Apr. 5: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.

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ment 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, Apr. 5: Worship service, 9 a.m.

## Minden

**Bethany Lutheran**

437 E. Fourth St.

**Don Hunzeker, Pastor**

**Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate**

Thursday, Apr. 2: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 3: Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 4: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Apr. 5: Sunrise Service @ Fredericksburg with Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; All Services with holy Communion Tuesday, Apr. 7: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 8: Ruth Circle, 4:30 p.m.; Church Club, 5 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 9: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.; Miriam Circle, 9 a.m.

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**Evangelical Free**

1310 W. First St.

**Tom Barnes, Lige Reed, Pastors**

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.

**First Christian Church Disciples of Christ**

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Friday, Apr. 3: Preschool Spring Break begins

Sunday, Apr. 5: Resurrection Sunday!; Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Church Family 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, Apr. 5: Easter Sunrise Service with Communion, 7 a.m.; Brunch following the service

**Saint John The Baptist Catholic**

628 N. Garber

**Father Evan Winter**

Saturday, Apr. 4: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Apr. 5: 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, Apr. 3: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.; Worship, 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship/Communion, 7:45 a.m.; Easter Breakfast, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 7: Choir Practice, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 8: JYM

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

Thursday, Apr. 9: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 10: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

**United Methodist**

340 N. Newell Ave.

**Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor**

Thursday, Apr. 2 Holy Thursday

Friday, Apr. 3: Good Friday

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship, 10 a.m.; Confirmation, 12:30 p.m.

**Westminster United Presbyterian**

109 N. Colorado

**Sharon Rees, Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship/Sunday School/Choir, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sundays

Wednesday, Apr. 8: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.; Youth Club, 3:45 p.m.; Dinner & Devotions, 6 p.m.

## Wilcox

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

**Kenton Birtell, Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

**United Methodist**

203 S. Sapp St.

**Candance Miller,**

**Pastor**

Sunday, Apr. 5: Worship, 9 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday every month

**Wilcox Community**

106 W. Detroit St.

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Sunday, Apr. 5: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays: Awana & Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Studies during the week. Check our Facebook page.

## Community Easter Sunrise Service

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# Obituaries



**Robert E. and Audrey A. Christensen**

A joint celebration of life service will be held for Robert E. and Audrey A. Christensen at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Minden with PMA Julie Schmidt officiating. The service will be streamed to the church's YouTube page. Private family inurnment will be held prior to the service at the Minden Cemetery. Memorials in Robert and Audrey's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Tributes and memories can be shared with the family at [www.craigfunerals.com](http://www.craigfunerals.com).

## **HOLY WEEK AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2 7:30 pm -**

Worship Service with Communion

**Good Friday, April 3 7:30 pm -**

Tenebrae Service

**Easter Sunday, April 5 7:45 am - Sunrise**

Worship Service with Communion

9:00 am - Easter Breakfast (No Sunday School/No Bible Study)

10:15 am - Worship Service with Communion

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**206 N. Colorado Ave., Minden 308-832-1343**

**Pastor William Zwick**

# Why Health Insurance Shouldn't Stand Between You and Colon Cancer Screening

PRESS RELEASE

Many adults who are recommended to get colorectal cancer screening delay or skip testing because they worry it will be expensive or not covered by their health insurance. Health experts say that concern is common—but often incorrect.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends colorectal cancer screening for adults ages 45 to 75 at average risk. Screenings that receive an "A" or "B" rating from the task force are considered preventive care and are generally covered by health insurance plans when provided by an in-network clinician.

"People sometimes assume screening will come with a big bill, and that assumption alone can stop them from taking action," said Alyssa Hodnik, MHA, director of clinical initiatives at Medica. "For most adults who are due, recommended screening tests are covered and skipping them can lead to much higher costs later."

Colorectal cancer often develops without symptoms in its early stages. Screening can find cancer early, when treatment is more effective, or detect precancerous polyps that can be removed before cancer develops.

Treating colorectal cancer after it has advanced is significantly more complex and costly than preventive screening, according to national cancer data.

### **Other reasons people delay screening**

Cost concerns are only one reason people put off colorectal cancer screening. Public health officials cite several common barriers.

Some people believe they do not need screening because they feel healthy. But colorectal cancer often does not cause symptoms until it is more advanced. Others may worry about the test itself. Health experts note that multiple screening options are available, including tests that can be completed at home. A colonoscopy is typically needed only if a stool-based test produces an abnormal result.

Uncertainty about insurance coverage also plays a role. Understanding the difference between preventive and diagnostic care, and using in-network providers, can help reduce the risk of unexpected medical bills.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is that screening automatically means an invasive or costly procedure," Hodnik said. "In reality, people have choices, and preventive benefits are designed to make screening accessible."

### **Early detection is critical**

According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States when men and women are combined. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

Studies show that colorectal cancer screening significantly reduces the risk of dying from the disease, particularly when cancer is found early or prevented altogether.

Health officials are also raising concern about a sharp increase in colorectal cancer diagnoses among younger adults.

According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer rates are rising among adults under 50, even as rates continue to decline among older adults. The society's latest national report shows cases among adults ages 20 to 49 are increasing by about 3% per year, while deaths from the disease in this age group have also risen.

Health experts say younger adults are more likely to be diagnosed at a later stage, when the disease is harder and more costly to treat. National data show that about three in four people under 50 are diagnosed after the cancer has already advanced beyond the earliest stage.

For people who are eligible, health experts say screening is not only a medical recommendation but a practical step that can protect long-term health and reduce future medical costs.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a national observance dedicated to raising public understanding of colorectal cancer and emphasizing the importance of regular screening. During this time, individuals are encouraged to discuss screening options with their health care providers and to address common misconceptions about costs and insurance coverage, helping to dispel myths and promote informed decision-making.

The first step is to have a conversation with your health care provider about which screening option is appropriate.

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## Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth Compete at Falcon Invite

ROGER HANSEN

Twelve schools competed at the Falcon Invite in Wilcox on March 27th.

Axtell's girls won the meet and the Wilcox-Hildreth girls were 4th.

On the boy's side, the Falcons were 3rd and the Cats were 10th.

Boys' team scores were Loomis 88, Elm Creek 70, Wil-Hil 61, Amherst 58, Red Cloud 50, Silver Lake 43, Overton 40, Giltner 33, Superior 29, Axtell 27, Arapahoe 24, Franklin 4

Girls' teams scores were Axtell 78.5, Elm Creek 78, Giltner 64, Wil-Hil 53, Superior 48, Loomis 48, Overton 45, Amherst 39, Arapahoe 26, Silver Lake 22, Red Cloud 16, Franklin 1.5

For the Falcon boys, Thomas Donley won the 400 and the pole vault and was second in the 100. For the Cat boys, Cayson Havranek jumped to gold in the long jump, and Micah Houchin was second in the 3200.

In the girls competition, Wil-Hil's Camryn Bunger collected 3 golds in the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, and the high jump while Allegra Johnson got silver in the 3200. For Axtell's girls, Kali Philippi earned seconds in the 300 hurdles and the triple jump. Morgan Hawkins was second in the shot put, and Emma Hall was second in the 1600.

### BOYS RESULTS

**100-METERS** — Donley WH, 2nd, 11.5; Kaden Schriener WH, 7th, 12.22

**400-METERS** — Donley WH, 1st, 51.91; Schriener WH, 4th, 54.63; Conner L'Heureux AX, 8th, 55.69

**800-METERS** — Aydan Houchin AX, 6th, 2:24.12; Kyler Kolbo AX, 8th, 2:27.85

**1600-METERS** — M. Houchin AX, 7th, 5:19.75

**3200-METERS** — M. Houchin AX, 2nd, 11:14.43; Alex Klatt-Terabelian WH, 3rd, 11:18.76; Mikah Eiley WH, 6th, 13:39.13

**110-METER HURDLES** — Drew Blank WH, 3rd, 17.67

**300-METER HURDLES** — Blank WH, 7th, 46.53; Isaiah Sinachack AX, 8th, 47.02

**4x100 RELAY** — WH (Damien Campbell, Brody Patterson, Kip Johnson, Blank), 4th, 49.78

**4x400 RELAY** — WH (Schriener, Ethan Eiley, Luke Lush, Donley), 3rd, 3:48.91; AX (L'Heureux, Kolbo, Eli Sinachack, A. Houchin), 8th, 4:08.54

**4x800 RELAY** — WH (Rylan Lush, Klatt-Terabelian, Johnson, Jacob Jezbera), 3rd, 9:55.06; AX (Kolbo, Luke Abbott, E. Sinachack, Carter Lorenz), 7th, 10:35.22

**SHOT PUT** — Landon Eckhoff AX, 4th, 39-8

**DISCUS** — Eckhoff AX, 4th, 116-8

**POLE VAULT** — Donley WH, 1st, 12-0; Lorenz AX, 7th, 9-0

**LONG JUMP** — Havranek AX, 1st, 21-11.5

### GIRLS RESULTS

**400-METERS** — Chloe Johnson WH, 4th, 1:09.66

**800-METERS** — Maddie Wells AX, 5th, 2:47.25

**1600-METERS** — Hall AX, 2nd, 6:03.87; A. Johnson



WH, 4th, 6:21.73; Ella Lorenz AX, 8th, 7:26.83

**3200-METERS** — A. Johnson WH, 2nd, 14:22.51; Sadie Lorenzo AX, 3rd, 15:25.93

**100-METER HURDLES** — Bunger WH, 1st, 17.2; Philippi AX, 4th, 18.2; Mina Schilling AX, 6th, 18.97

**300-METER HURDLES** — Bunger WH, 1st, 50.55; Philippi AX, 2nd, 52.9; Schilling AX, 5th, 56.67

**4x100 RELAY** — AX (Schilling, Emily Danburg, Ashlynn Nelson, Leah Stritt), 4th, 55.57; WH (Elin Patterson, Dinah Culp, Ona Wilsey, Bunger), 5th, 57.48

**4x400 RELAY** — AX (Stritt, Madi Hays, Lorenzo, Nelson), 6th, 4:55.26

**4x800 RELAY** — AX (Hall, Lorenz, Wells, Jerzey Ramirez), 3rd, 11:36.35; WH (C. Johnson, Patterson, Ayva Bendorf, A. Johnson), 4th, 12:04.48

**SHOT PUT** — Hawkins AX, 2nd, 31-5.5; Taelynn Myers AX, 8th, 25-10

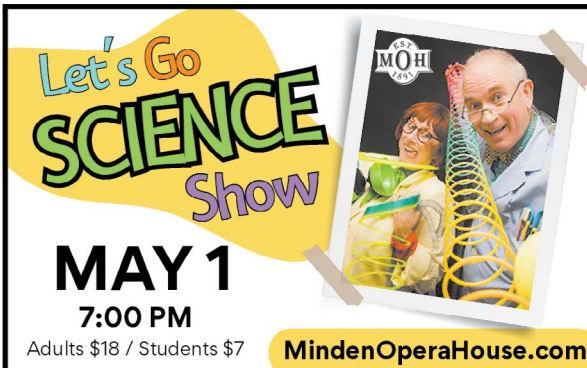
**DISCUS** — Hawkins AX, 5th, 77-11; Myers AX, 7th, 75-10; Brooklyn DeJonge AX, 8th, 74-10

**HIGH JUMP** — Bunger WH, 1st, 5-0

**POLE VAULT** — Ramirez AX, 5th, 6-6; Schilling AX, T-6th, 6-6; Bendorf WH, T-8th, 6-0; Danburg AX, T-8th, 6-0

**LONG JUMP** — Philippi AX, 3rd, 15-0.5; Danburg AX, 4th, 14-9; Culp WH, 6th, 14-7; Nelson AX, 7th, 14-7

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Philippi AX, 2nd, 32-4.5; Danburg AX, 3rd, 32-3



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Wilcox-Hildreth and Axtell track and field teams competed at the Falcon Invite in Wilcox on March 27.

Pictured top to bottom: Falcon Kaden Schriener stretches for extra inches on his jump. Wildcat Luke Samuelson puts effort behind his shot put attempt. Wildcats Ella Lorenz and Emma Hall work on their relay hand-off.

Pictured on page 14: Falcon Kip Johnson hands off the baton to his teammate Jacob Jezbera in the 4x800 relay.

Pictured on front page: Falcon Ayva Bendorf clears her pole vault attempt. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



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# Whippet Boys and Girls Take Third at Marsh Beck Invite

ROGER HANSEN

The Marsh Beck Invite was held on March 24th with seven schools competing. Both the Minden boys and girls placed 3rd as a team.

Boys team scoring – Holdrege 102, Alma 94, Minden 80, Kearney Catholic 63, Adams Central 43, Bertrand 28, Arapahoe 18

Girls team scoring – Adams Central 132, Kearney Catholic 85, Minden 75, Holdrege 69, Alma 63, Bertrand 25, Arapahoe 7

Gold medalists for the Minden boys were Luke Grollmes in both the 110 and 300 hurdles, Cael Smith in the shot put, and Traelin Christensen in the discus. Silver medalists were Parker Hatch in the 300 hurdles and the 1600 relay with Hatch, Grollmes, Holt Aschenbrenner, and Landon Bules.

The girls lone gold medalist was Adelyn Whitten in the 1600 and picking up silvers were Riley Eden in the 400, Myla Emery in the 100 hurdles, Bailee Fries in the high jump, 1600 relay with Josa Ciemnoczowski, Eden, Emery, and Madi Morey, and the 400 relay team with Rilynn Johnson, Adysen Sloggett, Emery, and Eden.

## GIRLS RESULTS

**200-METERS** — Adysen Sloggett, 6th, 29.29

**400-METERS** — Eden, 2nd, 1:01.38

**800-METERS** — Ciemnoczowski, 4th, 2:37.15

**1600-METERS** — Whitten, 1st, 5:50.85; Alexa Warner, 3rd, 5:56.10

**100-METER HURDLES** — Emery, 2nd, 16.35; Fries, 5th, 18.46

**300-METER HURDLES** — Emery, 3rd, 53.00; Fries, 5th, 56.71

**4x100 RELAY** — Johnson, Sloggett, Emery, Eden, 2nd, 52.96; McKinley Segulke, Navi Lennemann, Tatum Delira, Brinley Pohl, 4th, 56.10

**4x400 RELAY** — Ciemnoczowski, Eden, Emery, Morey, 2nd, 4:25.63; Whitten, Aclynn Osterbuhr, Brielle Boudreau, Luz Lopez, 4th, 4:43.76

**4x800 RELAY** — Morey, Lopez, Boudreau, Osterbuhr, 3rd, 11:13.88; Selena Sharkey, Evie Sharkey, Cristal Gonzalez, Hali Knott, 4th, 12:01.25

**SHOT PUT** — Victoria Hansen, 5th, 32-6; Marlie Petersen, 7th, 31-6



The Minden Whippets hosted the Marsh Beck Track & Field Invite on March 24 with seven schools competing. Pictured: (above) Luke Grollmes works to get back in the lead during a hurdles event. (below) Rilynn Johnson catches air in the long jump event. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)

**DISCUS** — Hansen, 3rd, 104-2; Petersen, 5th, 90-1

**HIGH JUMP** — Fries, 2nd, 4-8; Segulke, T-3rd, 4-4

**POLE VAULT** — Lennemann, 7th, 8-2

**LONG JUMP** — Johnson, 7th, 15-1.25

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Pohl, 8th, 27-1

## BOYS RESULTS

**100-METERS** — Parker Hatch, 5th, 11.75

**200-METERS** — Caleb Schwenka, 7th, 25.17

**400-METERS** — Landon Bules, 7th, 57.18

**800-METERS** — Aschenbrenner, 4th, 2:10.3

**1600-METERS** — Gage Thull, 8th, 5:10.7

**3200-METERS** — Trystan Sharkey, 3rd, 11:42; Steve Rhodes, 4th, 12:42; Frank Kovacs, 6th, 14:04

**110-METER HURDLES** — Grollmes, 1st, 15.46; Luke Livingston, 5th, 18.47

**300-METER HURDLES** — Grollmes, 1st, 42.25; Hatch, 2nd, 42.6; Livingston, 6th, 45.88

**4x100 RELAY** — Byron Kring, Bo Lutkemeier, Schwenka, Tirzo Borrego, 3rd, 48.08

**4x400 RELAY** — Hatch, Grollmes, Aschenbrenner, Bules, 2nd, 3:37.01; Aaron Banuelos, Borrego, Jesse Werner, Livingston, 6th, 4:07.57

**4x800 RELAY** — Thull, Banuelos, Seth Johnson, Sharkey, 4th, 9:51.43

**SHOT PUT** — Smith, 1st, 43-7; Lutkemeier, 6th, 37-2; Jonathan Althouse, 7th, 36-5

**DISCUS** — Christensen, 1st, 153-3.5; Levi Burchell, 6th, 117-11.5; Smith, 8th, 115-4

**HIGH JUMP** — Braydon Prince, 6th, 4-10; Landon Grollmes, 7th, 4-8; Lucas Collins, 8th, 4-4

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Mason Shirley, 8th, 35-9



# Whippets Compete in Holdrege Track Invite

ROGER HANSEN

The Holdrege Track and Field Invite on March 27th included 9 girls' teams and 8 boys' teams.

Girls team scores: North Platte 97, Gothenburg 95, Holdrege 71, Lexington 62, Minden 55, Pleasanton 52, Hastings 52, Cozad 33, Sandy Creek 10.

Boys team scores: Cozad 118, Gothenburg 98.5, Holdrege 93.5, North Platte 64, Lexington 53, Minden 46, Pleasanton 33, Sandy Creek 20.

For the Whippet girls, Riley Eden ran to gold in the 400 while Myla Emery was second in the 100 hurdles as was the 3200 relay team with Adelyn Whitten, Brielle Boudreau, Luz Lopez, and Aclynn Osterbuhr.

On the boys side, Traelin Christensen doubled up gold in the shot put and discus.

## GIRLS RESULTS

**200-METERS** — Eden, 3rd, 27.76

**400-METERS** — Eden, 1st, 1:02.94; Madi Morey, 4th, 1:08.31; Olivia Armstrong, 6th, 1:09.05

**800-METERS** — Boudreau, 8th, 2:44.25

**1600-METERS** — Whitten, 5th, 5:54.93

**3200-METERS** — Alexa Warner, 4th, 12:46.98; Selena Sharkey, 6th, 14:08.08

**100-METER HURDLES** — Emery, 2nd, 16:05

**4x100 RELAY** — Adysen Sloggett, Lauren Starkey, Emery, Eden, 3rd, 54:28

**4x400 RELAY** — Sloggett, Boudreau, Lopez, Morey, 4th, 4:35.19

**4x800 RELAY** — Whitten, Boudreau, Lopez, Osterbuhr, 2nd, 10:51.82



The Minden Whippets Track and Field team hosted the Marsh Beck Invite on March 23 then traveled to the Holdrege Invite on March 27 last week. Pictured: (above) Bailey Fries clears the high jump. (left) McKinley Segulke and Olivia Armstrong take up a starting position on the track. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)

**DISCUS** — Victoria Hansen, 6th, 99-4

**POLE VAULT** — Navi Lennemann, T-7th, 8-4

## BOYS RESULTS

**1600-METERS** — Gage Thull, 6th, 5:02.68

**110-METER HURDLES** — Luke Grollmes, 4th, 15.65; Luke Livingston, 7th, 18.32

**300-METER HURDLES** — Parker Hatch, 3rd, 42.01; Grollmes, 4th, 42.05; Livingston, 7th, 45.65

**4x100 RELAY** — Byron Kring, Bo Lutkemeier, Mason Shirley, Livingston, 4th, 48.79

**4x400 RELAY** — Hatch, Grollmes, Holt Aschenbrenner, Landon Bules, 3rd, 3:36.72

**4x800 RELAY** — Thull, Aaron Banuelos, Steve Rhodes, Trystan Sharkey, 6th, 9:45.45

**SHOT PUT** — Christensen, 1st, 47-5.25

**DISCUS** — Christensen, 1st, 153-10

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Shirley, 8th, 35-6.25

**THROWERS RELAY** — Bryson Knott, Christensen, Lutkemeier, Matthew Putnam, 2nd, 61.67



# Falcons Tough Out Windy Golf Meet

PHIL SERRONE

Conditions to start the golf season were not ideal for the Falcons as the team had to brave over 40 mph winds at the Overton meet on March 26.

This was more of a 'warm up' meet for the golf team as each individual golfer participated in 9 holes rather than 18. Overton, Elm Creek and Loomis were also in action at the quad.

Aubree Overholser had the best showing on the nine holes as she finished the afternoon with a stroke score of 55. Sutton Strong finished with a stroke score of 60 followed by Brayton Blank's stroke score of 63. Jadon Harrold ended the afternoon with a stroke score of 72 while Hunter Casper was the final Falcon on the leaderboard with a stroke score of 73.

Next up for the Falcons will be the Amherst Invitational at The Greens at Prairie Hills in Pleasanton. First swings are slated for 10:00 a.m.

Score breakdown (no hole-to-hole breakdown was provided):

Aubree Overholser 55

Sutton Strong 60

Brayton Blank 63

Jadon Harrold 72

Hunter Casper 73



The Falcon golf team braved windy conditions to start their season at the Overton Quad on March 26. Aubree Overholser led the team with a stroke score of 55. Pictured: (above) Aubree Overholser hits a chip shot towards the green. (left) Hunter Casper hits a shot towards the green. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### Wilcox-Hildreth

**Tuesday, April 7**

GO @ Hi-Line Invite

TR @ Franklin Invite

**Friday, April 10**

TR @ Axtell Invite

### Minden

**Tuesday, April 7**

GO JV/V @ Kearney Tri w/Holdrege

TR 9/10 - Minden Invite

**Wednesday, April 8**

GO JV @ Northwest Invite

**Thursday, April 9**

GO V @ Kearney Invite

**Friday, April 10**

TR JV @ Axtell Invite

TR V @ Broken Bow Invite

### Axtell

**Tuesday, April 7**

GO @ Hi-Line Invite

TR @ Franklin Invite

**Friday, April 10**

TR - Axtell Invite

# Minden Trap Team Rises to Tough, Windy Challenge

MARISSA CHRISTIANCY

Minden Trap Team shooters took the field March 28, 2026 at their third Mid-Nebaska Trapshooting Conference (MNTC) meet. The shooters faced a windy day with cooler temperatures than they had seen the previous two weeks. Week #3 of MNTC had 360 shooters (158 Juniors and 202 Seniors) competing. Despite the windy weather and tough competition, the shooters rose to the challenge, and the following awards were brought home after multiple shoot-offs:

In the Junior division Wyndser Lupkes claimed the Champion Junior Lady 16 Yardline award with the sole 48/50 for the Juniors. The Junior team of Vincent Hansen, Gage Seiler, Wyndser Lupkes, Brooks Halkyard, and Jordan Burki claimed the Junior Runner-Up Team award with a score of 208/250.

In the Senior division Kellan Conyers was in two shoot-offs. The first was a 7-way tie for Champion Senior Male Handicap and the second was for Champion 22-23 Yardline. Kellan shot well against tough competitors but did not win the shoot-offs.

Please see the final scores for week #3 in the "Results" tables.



Pictured clockwise from above: Awards Winners: Jordan Burki, Brooks Halkyard, Gage Seiler, and Wyndser Lupkes (Not pictured: Vincent Hansen). Drake Noetzelman shoulders his gun during the Junior High 16 yardline event. Zane Fuehrer calls for his target during the Senior High Handicap event. (Courtesy photos)

## Junior High Scores

### 16 Yardline (out of 50)

Lupkes, Wyndser	48
Hansen, Vincent	43
Seiler, Gage	41
Halkyard, Brooks	41
Oberg, Huntley	38
Forster, Trace	36
Burki, Jordan	35
Gottsch, Wyatt	35
Noetzelman, Drake	35
Jurgens, Jayden	34
Gottsch, Aiden	33
Tomsen, Taya	32
Grollmes, Logan	30
Heath, Shawn	24
Forster, Grayden	22
Kuehn, Eli	20
Oberg, Gentry	20
Burki, Asa	18
Heath, Shane	16

## Senior High Scores

### 16 Yardline Handicap HOA (out of 50) (out of 50) (out of 100)

Conyers, Kellan	45	47	92
Nielsen, Aaron	45	43	88
Seiler, Drew	48	40	88
Smith, Rhiley	47	39	86
Seiler, Zoey	42	42	84
Betty, Maverick	44	38	82
Nielsen, Alizabeth	37	42	79
Grollmes, Landon	40	39	79
Dixson, Matt	43	35	78
Johnson, Morgan	39	36	75
Kring, Madeline	40	35	75
Pasbrig, Dalton	44	29	73
Fuehrer, Zane	35	36	71
Johnson, Mason	38	29	67
Gillming, Owen	26	38	64
Faber, Sara	34	30	64
Cederburg, Stephanie	30	31	61

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Range - \$425-\$490.50; Average Price - \$477.97

# Red Cross: Be Prepared for Spring Storms

PRESS RELEASE

OMAHA, NEBRASKA — With spring's arrival comes an increased likelihood of severe weather across Nebraska. The American Red Cross urges residents to take steps now to prepare for thunderstorms, tornadoes, flooding and other severe weather.

The Red Cross encourages everyone to download the free Red Cross Emergency app for real-time alerts, emergency guidance in English and Spanish and information on available disaster shelters and support locations.

Staying informed is critical. Individuals and families should use multiple methods to receive weather updates — including options that do not require electricity, in case of a power outage. It's also important to understand the difference between a watch and a warning:

**WATCH:** Be prepared. Severe weather is possible and conditions may worsen. Use this time to review your plan and stay alert for additional updates.

**WARNING:** Take action. Severe weather is occurring, imminent or likely, and poses a threat to life or property. Move to your safe location immediately.

## Thunderstorms

When thunder roars, go indoors. Seek shelter in a sturdy building, moving to a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor and staying away from windows and doors.

Outdoor shelters like sheds, gazebos, dugouts and

bleachers do not provide protection.

Never take shelter under a tree.

Being in a vehicle is safer than being outside, but if possible, drive to a sturdy building and shelter inside.

If driving and unable to reach a safe building, pull over in a location away from trees and power lines.

Lightning can still be dangerous indoors.

Avoid using devices connected to electrical outlets.

Do not run water; lightning can travel through plumbing.

## Tornadoes

Plan ahead by identifying a safe place to shelter and practicing tornado drills with your household. Safe locations include a basement, storm cellar or small interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Mobile homes and RVs are not safe during tornadoes.

If a tornado warning is issued or conditions look threatening, go to your safe place immediately and protect your head and neck.

Continue to monitor trusted local weather sources and sign up for free emergency alerts.

Remain in your safe place until officials say the warning has ended.

Use caution when leaving a damaged building. Do not reenter once you exit, and watch for hazards.

Avoid matches or lighters. If you smell gas or see flammable spills, leave right away.

If trapped, cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to reduce dust inhalation. Use a text message, whistle or banging to signal for help instead of shouting.

## Flooding

If flooding is expected or occurring, be prepared to evacuate immediately if instructed by local officials. Never walk, swim or drive through floodwaters.

Stay off roads when possible. If you encounter a flooded roadway, turn around.

Just 6 inches of fast-moving water can knock you down, and 12 inches can sweep a vehicle away.

If floodwaters rise around your car, exit quickly and move to higher ground.

Follow evacuation routes; do not take shortcuts.

Check on neighbors and loved ones who may need assistance.

Use caution during cleanup, which can be physically and emotionally challenging.

Wear protective clothing, including long pants, boots, gloves and an N95 respirator

Watch for debris and avoid fallen power lines.

Stay out of floodwaters, which may contain sewage, chemicals, sharp objects and other hazards.

Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water.

Follow local public health guidance on drinking water safety. Dispose of any food that came in contact with water or became warm.

Dry out your home and belongings as quickly as possible to reduce mold growth.

Ventilate wet areas, and discard materials that cannot be dried or repaired.

# Winter 2025-2026 NCPA Academic All-State Awards

PRESS RELEASE

The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is pleased to announce the student recipients of the Winter 2025-2026 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association (NCPA) Academic All-State Awards. Since 2006 this NSAA Awards Program has recognized students who meet the criteria for nomination by their school in the season of their activity.

Each year the NSAA and the NCPA recognize students during Fall, Winter, and Spring Seasons who are nominated by their schools for their individual academic excellence, leadership, and significant contributions in their NSAA activity.

## Axtell

Boys Basketball - Easton Bergstrom & David Sonnenfeld

Girls Basketball - Emily Danburg & Mina Schilling

Speech - Kali Philippi & Aubrey Vinchattle

Wrestling - Nick Dahl

Girls Wrestling - Krystal Fickenscher

## Minden

Boys Basketball - Landon Bules & Luke Grollmes

Girls Basketball - Myla Emery & KayLynn Jorgensen

Speech - Arabella Reed & Natali Uribe

Wrestling - Parker Hatch & Evan Lutkemeier

Girls Wrestling - Brinley Pohl & Ashlyn Zerr

## Wilcox-Hildreth

Boys Basketball - Landon Lienemann & Kaden Schriener

Girls Basketball - Allegra Johnson

Speech - Alexander Klatt-Terabelian & Parker Woollen

Wrestling - Craig Bunger & Brody Patterson

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# NRCS Offers Disaster Assistance to Agricultural Producers in Nebraska Impacted by Wildfire

PRESS RELEASE

Agricultural operations in Nebraska were significantly impacted by recent wildfires. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has technical and financial assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover from adverse natural disaster events. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses and damages.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is available to provide technical assistance during the recovery process through planning and implementation of conservation practices on farms, ranches and working forests impacted by natural disasters. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can also provide financial assistance to help producers implement conservation practices on land impacted by natural disasters. A special emergency sign-up is open for EQIP for those impacted by the wildfires across the state of Nebraska beginning March 25, 2026. The core conservation practices offered include: Grazing Management, Cover Crops, Fencing, Mulching, Annual Forages for Grazing Systems, and Emergency Animal Mortality Management. A ranking threshold of 10 or greater must be met for eligible applicants.

Impacted producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center for program applications and practice requirements.



## Kearney County Extension News

By Jason Tuller

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The Nebraska Rural Poll from the University of Nebraska is in its 30th year, making it the longest-running rural poll of its kind in the country. This year's poll covered several topics I regularly discuss in this column, and the results show that most Nebraskans continue to view their communities positively.

According to the poll, respondents describe their communities as friendly, trusting, and supportive, with many saying they would find it difficult to leave. A significant number expressed a strong attachment to where they live, citing good relationships and a sense of belonging. The poll also shows cautious optimism about change. This year, 34% of respondents believe their community has improved over the past year, while 25% feel it has declined.

Keep in mind there are more than 500 communities in Nebraska. That means over 150 communities are seen as improving, while more than 100 are viewed as declining in the eyes of residents. Perceptions of change also vary by region. Becky Vogt, the Rural Poll survey manager, noted that residents in south-central Nebraska are more likely to report positive changes, with 45% saying their community improved in the past year. That's good news for our area.

It's also worth remembering that rural optimism doesn't usually come from big, flashy projects. In many small communities, improvement looks like small wins that add up over time: a volunteer fire department that keeps finding new members, a downtown building being reused instead of sitting empty, or a local business owner deciding to expand instead of close. These kinds of changes may not always make headlines, but they shape how people feel about where they live.

The Rural Poll results remind us that perceptions matter. When people believe their community is moving in the right direction, they are more likely to invest their time, energy, and resources locally. That belief can be just as important as any grant or infrastructure project, because it influences whether people choose to stay, get involved, and raise families in their hometowns.

Another encouraging finding is that residents of smaller communities tend to feel a stronger sense of belonging. Eight out of ten respondents from towns with populations between 500 and 999 reported feeling connected, compared to about half of residents in larger communities. My colleague Cheryl Burkhardt-Krie-

sel summed it up well when she said, "We're seeing that strong connections and a sense of belonging are the backbone of rural communities, especially in smaller towns."

Sense of belonging matters more than many people realize. When I worked for the City of Imperial, the amount of turnover in the community was mind-blowing — nearly 20% in a single year. Some of that was likely people moving between houses in town, but many were moving in and out of the community entirely.

That raises an important question: when someone new moves into your town, how are they welcomed? Is there one person everyone relies on to greet newcomers? And once that person does it, is the job considered done?

True belonging takes more than a single welcome. New residents need ongoing invitations and connections, and that responsibility belongs to everyone. At the same time, it isn't all on the community. Rural Prosperity Nebraska's Roots and Bridges program works with immigrants on community belonging, and a key focus is helping newcomers be open and accepting of their new home. If someone chooses to stay entirely within the comfort of their own home and never engage, there is only so much a community can do.

It's easy for a town to roll out the red carpet for a new doctor or the owner of a manufacturing facility. It's harder to notice the new single mom who just moved in and needs help finding a part-time babysitter. The resources may exist, a few trusted babysitters, helpful neighbors, but accessing them often depends on knowing the right person. Reaching out to new residents, even informally, can help connect them to those hidden community resources.

If your community could benefit from any of the Rural Prosperity Nebraska ideas I've discussed in this column, please reach out. I'd be happy to speak with your community about these topics. You can contact me at [jason.tuller@unl.edu](mailto:jason.tuller@unl.edu) or at the Thayer County office at 402-768-7212.

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# Police Report

## Minden Police Department Calls for Service 2026

### March 19

0126 - Chautauqua Park, Suspicious Vehicles  
0324 - 9th St. and Kearney Ave., Parking Violation  
0334 - 100 Block E. 16th St., Suspicious Vehicle and Business Check  
0357 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Suspicious Vehicle  
2006 - Country Club Drive and Colorado Ave., Traffic Stop  
2038 - Hwy 6/34 and Peister Ave., Traffic Stop  
2039 - Ongoing Investigation

### March 20

0147 - 5th St. and Hubbard Ave., Parking Violation  
0355 - HHS Intake  
1403 - 300 Block W. Holland St., Welfare Check  
1441 - 2nd St. and Yates Ave., Two-Vehicle Accident Investigation  
1849 - 1st St. and Hubbard Ave., Suspicious Activity  
1941 - 1300 Block W. Sycamore St., Motorist Assist

2340 - 300 Block Nance Ave., Unwanted Subject  
**March 21**

0408 - 200 Block N. Hull Ave., Parking Complaint  
0837 - 600 Block N. Brown Ave., Animal Complaint  
0939 - 7th St. and Tower Ave., Animal Complaint  
1151 - 300 Block S. Brown Ave., Animal Complaint  
1409 - 300 Block E. 6th St., Broken Window  
1554 - Hwy 6/10, Motorist Assist  
1634 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., DUI Investigation

### March 22

0028 - 4th St. and Brown Ave., Animal Complaint  
200 Block S. Hubbard Ave., Burglar Alarm

### March 23

1120 - 100 Block N. Colorado Ave., Traffic Accident  
1225 - 500 Block Western Ave., Dispute  
1330 - HHS Intake  
1501 - 200 Block S. Colorado Ave., Animal Complaint  
2109 - Brown Ave. and Campbell St., Traffic Stop  
2321 - Sarah's Field, Suspicious Vehicle

0000 - HHS Intake  
0021 - Outdoor Classroom, Suspicious Vehicle

### March 24

2311 - JayCee Park, Building Check  
0343 - Hwy 10 and Fairgrounds, Traffic Stop  
0449 - 1200 Block N. Brown Ave., Traffic Stop  
0515 - 911 Hangup  
2034 - Hwy 6 and McIntyre Ave., Traffic Accident

### March 25

0036 - 500 Block W. 1st St., Death Investigation  
0756 - 400 Block N. Hull Ave., Open Door  
0907 - 700 Block N. Minden Ave., Welfare Check  
1040 - Truancy  
1217 - 100 Block E. Hastings St., Unit Call  
1324 - 500 Block Western Ave., Threats  
1354 - 10-19, Met with Subject About Possible Scam  
1630 - 200 Block N. Minden Ave., Serve Warrant  
2116 - 600 Block N. Hull Ave., Physical Argument

# For the Record

## Marriage License

Ryan James Rausch, 31, Minden & Emily Anne Abed, 26, Minden; 3-24-26

## Kearney County District Court

Michael C. Sumstine, Minden; Teresa Sumstine, Minden vs. City of Minden; injunctions, 3-23-26  
Ashley Kropp, Axtell vs. Jay Kropp, Axtell; protection order-domestic abuse, 3-25-26

## Kearney County County Court

Justin M. Bernhausen, Minden, COUNT I: dangerous dog, fine \$150; COUNT II: rabies vaccination violation, fine \$50, Minden Police Officer Eikenberry, 2-28-26  
Riley J. Cannaday, Shelton, COUNT I: minor in possession-under 19, fine \$500, 6 months probation; COUNT II: tobacco/electronic nicotine use, fine \$100, 6 months probation; COUNT III: possess/consume open alcohol container, fine \$75, 6 months probation, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 11-9-25  
Dustin L. Stewart, Atlanta, willful reckless driving-1st offense, fine \$500, 3 months probation, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 12-7-25

## Minden Fire & Rescue

3-19-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home for a personal illness.  
3-21-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to 36 & K Roads for mutual aid in a field fire.

3-22-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Christen Avenue in Norman for a personal illness.

3-23-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 2nd Street for an active seizure.

3-24-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Brown Avenue for a fall with injury.

3-25-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to 32 Road for a personal illness.

3-25-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. Hastings Street for a personal illness.

3-25-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to P & 37 Roads for a vehicle rollover with fire.

## Axtell Fire & Rescue

3-25-26—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 5th Street for a fall & lift assist, then transported the patient to Kearney Regional.

3-21-26—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to 36 & K Roads for mutual aid in a field fire.

## Kearney County Sheriff

3-24-26, A vehicle driven by Terrijo M. Gomez, Minden was northbound on Highway 10 when a dog ran in front of the vehicle, causing them to collide. Estimated damage: \$5,000.

3-19-26, A vehicle driven by Shani R. Bundy-Hoffman, Minden was northbound on Highway 44 when a deer exited the west ditch and collided with the vehicle. Estimated damage: \$10,000.



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# Legal Notices

## NOTICE

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF GWEN Y. NEEDHAM, DECEASED**  
**CASE NO. PR 26-10**

Notice is hereby given that on March 25, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written

Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Deceased and that Dale L. Needham, whose address is 2478 E Rd, Campbell, NE 68932, 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 June 2, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/Laura B. Tobiassen

Laura Tobiassen,  
Clerk Magistrate  
Kearney County Court  
PO Box 377

Minden, NE 68959

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Apr 2, 2026  
Apr 9, 2026  
Apr 16, 2026  
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## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: VILLARS FARMS, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 2215 N Brown Ave., Minden, Kearney

County, Nebraska 68959. Daniel B. Villars is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on March 27, 2026, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: March 27, 2026

VILLARS FARMS, LLC,  
A Nebraska Limited Liability Company.  
By/s/ Andrew S. Olson  
Andrew S. Olson, Bar No. 26841

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

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## NOTICE

### LOWELL DRAINAGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Route 1, Kenesaw, Nebraska, which is located on the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Ten (10), in Township Eight (8) North, of Range Thirteen (13), West of the 6th P.M., in Kearney County, Nebraska, on April 14, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 6:00 o'clock P.M. to elect one director to replace Randy Holl whose term expires. Each landowner will be entitled to one vote for each acre of land or fraction thereof, and for each platted lot you may own or have an easement in within the District. Any person living outside the County may vote by proxy duly authorized in writing on file with the County Clerk.

Carson Messersmith#27365  
KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT & MESSERSMITH, Attorneys  
P.O. Box 272

Minden, NE 68959  
(308) 832-2150  
Mar 26, 2026  
Apr 2, 2026  
Apr 9, 2026  
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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 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.

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## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF H&G WELDING AND FENCING, L.L.C.

A Nebraska Limited Liability Company

Notice is hereby given that H&G WELDING AND FENCING, L.L.C. a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial desig-

nated office at 273 N. Main St., P O Box 349, Valentine, Nebraska 69201 and the registered agent being. Eric A. Scott, Attorney At Law, 273 N, Main St., P O Box 349, Valentine, NE 69201. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by its members.

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Attorney At Law  
P O Box 349  
Valentine, NE 69201  
(402)376-1803

(402)376-1964 fax  
Apr 2, 2026  
Apr 9, 2026  
Apr 16, 2026  
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### NOTICE MEETING OF THE KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MARCH 17, 2026

A Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Equalization was held on March 17, 2026 at 9:25 a.m. in the

Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Robert Swanson and Board Members Brent Stewart, Heath Hofstetter, Nathan Avery and Jeff England. Absent were Jason Sinsel and James Miller. Also present were Kearney County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Jennifer Pittner County Assessor and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier. Detailed Minutes from the Board of Equaliza-

tion Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office. The Kearney County Board of Equalization took the following action: Approved the minutes of January 20, 2026. Met with Jennifer Pittner, Assessor and approved Tax List corrections: #1780 - Hecox, Hubert, Pivot Reported in Error, \$436.44; #1781 - Village of Axtell, Nebraska, Clerical Error, \$642.36; #1782 - Johnson, Scott H. & Kathy J., Lot

Sold After Levy Date-Should Remain Tax Exempt for 2025, \$431.42. Adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:27 a.m.

/s/ Robert Swanson,  
Chairman  
Kearney County  
Board of Equalization  
ATTEST:  
/s/ JENNI LUPKES  
Kearney County Clerk  
(SEAL)

Apr 2, 2026  
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### City of Minden

#### Annual Water Quality Report For January 1 to December 31, 2025

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Minden water system to provide safe drinking water.

**Para Clientes Que Hablan Español:** Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information regarding this report, or to request a hard copy, contact:

KEVIN K LEAGUE  
308-832-1820

If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### Source Water Assessment Availability:

The Nebraska Department of Water, Environment, and Energy (DWEE) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the DWEE at 402-471-3376 or 402-471-9249 or go to <http://dee.ne.gov>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

#### Sources of Drinking Water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals

and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of water used by City of Minden is ground water.

#### Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- \* Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- \* Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- \* Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- \* Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- \* Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

#### Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Minden is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact: KEVIN K LEAGUE, 308-832-1820. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The City of Minden is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinoseb, Di(2-ethylhexyl)- phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothall, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor,

Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichloro- benzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichloro- benzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropene, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropene, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbaryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methomyl, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

#### How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year.

**MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)** – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**AL (Action Level)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

**N/A** – Not applicable.

#### Units in the Table:

**ND** – Not detectable.

**ppm (parts per million)** – One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.

**mg/L (milligrams per liter)** – Equivalent to ppm.

**ppb (parts per billion)** – One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.

**ug/L (micrograms per liter)** – Equivalent to ppb.

**pCi/L (Picocuries per liter)** – Radioactivity concentration unit.

**RAA (Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.

**LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile** – Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**TT (Treatment Technique)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

# NOTICE

## REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**MARCH 17, 2026 - 9:30AM**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held March 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jeff England, Robert Swanson, Nathan Avery and Heath Hofstetter. Absent was Jason Sinsel and James Miller. Also present were County Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Scott White Sheriff, Emerg. Mgmt. Dir. Craig Lupkes, County Attorney Melodie Bellamy 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 March 3, 2026. Approved Bills and Claims. Held a Public Comment. No comments were made. Discussed Appointment Policy. Co. Attny will make adjustments, the Policy will be addressed at future mtg. Discussed No-Build Easement between County and Royal Engineered Composites following Co. Attny legal review. Royal will have a new No-Build Easement drafted and bring to future mtg. Reviewed Correspondence presented by Kearney Co EM for THIRA Workshop. Met with Michael Haumann from Aegis Benefits Group for a Coverage Presentation, no action taken. Co. Treasurer, Jody Payne presented the list of properties that did not sell on the Tax Sale. Held the One & Six Year Road Hearing.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman  
Kearney County Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Jenni Lupkes  
Kearney County Clerk  
GENERAL FUND: A T & T, Sv, \$434.62; Melodie Bellamy, Co Attny, Cell Ph, 30.00; Bethany Home, Sv, 1,050.00; Black Hills, Sv, 1,770.49; Business World, Su, 12.25; Capital City Transfer, Sv, 2,013.85; Clerk of the District Court, Sv, 111.00; Comm Action Ptnrshp Mid- Ne, Senlow Bus, 1,086.13; CSE, Sv, 938.50; De-wald Deaver L'Heureux, Sv, 623.00; Eakes, Su, 830.67; Fifth Street Printing, Su, 292.69; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 6,253.55; Great Plains Uniforms, Su, 260.97; K & K Auto Repair, Sv, 139.63; Kearney Co Health Sv, Sv, 60.00; Kearney Co Public Defender, Sv, 1,562.27; Kearney Co Road Department, Fuel, 60.41; Klein, Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith, Sv, 1,988.00; Jacob R. Meyer,

Deputy Co Attny, Cell Ph, 20.00; Minden Exchange Bank, Su, 107.58; Minden Hardware, Su, 358.96; MIPS, Sv, 170.00; Ne Assoc of Co Officials, Reg Dues, 50.00; Ne Public Health, Sv, 105.00; Ne State Patrol, License, 3,150.00; Jennifer L. Nelson, Phelps Co, Clerk District Crt, Mile, 66.70; LT Pedley Drug, Sv, 14.61; Phelps Co Sheriff's Ofc, Sv, 256.40; Soarin Group, Sv, 1,097.00; St Ne DAS Central Fin, Sv, 150.00; Katie Swink, Phelps Co, Clerk of District Crt, Mile, 33.35; Syndicate Publish, Publication, 397.03; Thomson Reuters-West Publish, Subscript, 132.00; Verizon, Cell Ph, 102.00; TOTAL \$25,728.66. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt, Su, \$227.10; B's Enterprises, Su, 21,760.00; Carquest/Landmark, Su/Pts, 708.31; Jan Carter Electric, Sv, 106.00; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 2,100.00; Jason Kuehn, Road Operator, CDL

License, 31.00; Michael Todd Industrial, Su, 747.20; Minden Hardware, Su, 40.90; Mind-en Machine, Su, 54.92; NAPA, Su, 36.79; NMC, Maint, 399.13; Oak Creek Engineering, Sv, 6,323.30; Rhynalds Auction & Realty, Su, 9,500.00; Road Builders Machinery & Supply, Su, 1,064.17; Smartsign, Signs, 109.56; Syndicate Publish, Publicat, 8.18; Yant Equipment Co, Sv, 565.90; TOTAL \$43,782.46. INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Kearney Co Eco Dev Agency, Annual Fund, 10,000.00; Kearney Co Historical Soc, Annual Fund, 5,000.00; Wilcox Pub Library, Annual Fund, 1,435.45; TOTAL \$16,435.45. 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: Soarin Group, Sv, \$1,274.00; TOTAL \$1,274.00. JUVENILE SERVICES AID FUND: Healthy Horizons Counseling, Sv, \$300.00; Morgan Kenton, JV Svs Aid, Mile, 171.94; Ne JV Justice Assoc, Conf Dues, 185.00; Verizon, Cell Ph, 39.94; TOTAL \$696.88.

CENTRAL COMMUNICA-TIONS FUND: First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, \$3,077.07; TOTAL \$3,077.07.  
Apr 2, 2026  
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# 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, April 7, 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  
Apr 2, 2026  
(21) znez

City of Minden		TEST RESULTS						Date Printed: 3/20/2026		NE3109904	
Microbiological	Highest Number of Positive Samples				MCL		MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination		Violations Present	
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2025											
Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Likely Source of Contamination				
COPPER, FREE	2021 - 2023	0.17	0.0245 - 0.229	ppm	1.3	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.				
LEAD	2021 - 2023	1.1	0 - 11.4	ppb	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.				
Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination				
ARSENIC	3/4/2025	1.3	1.3	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.				
NITRATE-NITRITE	6/3/2025	0.0667	0.0667	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits				
Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination				
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025	5.505	4.43 - 6.58	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.				
TTHM	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025	22.25	20.3 - 24.2	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection.				
Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination				
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	8/10/2022	0.871	0.871	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits				
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RADON & U	11/18/2024	2.71	2.71	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits				
RADIUM-228	8/10/2022	0.871	0.871	pCi/L	0	0	Erosion of natural deposits				
Unregulated Water Quality Data		Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	Secondary MCL					
SULFATE		11/22/2021	260	260	mg/L	250					
During the 2025 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.											
Violation Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period								
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2025											

There are no additional required health effects notices.  
There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

The City of Minden lead service line inventory has been prepared and can be accessed here: [City Hall, 325 N. Colorado Ave, Minden, NE 68959](#)

## NOTICE NORTH DRY CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election will be held at Westesen Farms, 2021 28 Road, Kearney, Nebraska, and which is located on the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), in Township Eight (8) North, of Range Fifteen (15), West of the 6th P.M., in Kearney County, Nebraska, on April 14, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 6:00 o'clock P.M. to elect one director to succeed R. Eugene Olson whose term expires.

Each landowner will be entitled to one vote for each unit of benefit now apportioned against the land owned by the voter. Any person living outside the County may vote by proxy duly authorized in writing on file with the County Clerk.

DAVID NICKEL, President  
Carson Messersmith#27365  
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## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Natasha McMahan and Chris McMahan, dated May 31, 2019, and recorded on June 17, 2019, Document No. 2019-00576, in Book No. 256, at Page 393 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Kearney County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on

April 28, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at the assembly room of the Kearney County, Court-house, Minden, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: **The South Ten Feet (S10') of Lot Two (2), and all of Lot Three (3), Block Twelve (12), Original Town of Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska,** commonly known as 300 1st Ave, Axtell, NE, 68924

subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs.

Liliana E. Shannon,

Successor Trustee

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### NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 256961). For more information, visit [www.Southlaw.com](http://www.Southlaw.com)

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## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public notice is hereby given by the Planning Commission of the Village of Wilcox, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:00

p.m. on April 14, 2026 at the Town Hall, 107 W Sapp St, Wilcox, NE 68982.

Public notice is hereby also given by the Chairperson and Village Board of the Village of Wilcox, Nebraska, that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 14, 2026, at the Town Hall, 107 W Sapp St, Wilcox, NE 68982.

The purpose of both hearings is to obtain public comment prior to the review and consideration of a proposed amendment to the redevelopment plan for the Village of Wilcox, including a specific redevelopment project.

The property which is the subject of this notice and of the public hearings is generally identified as Parcel ID number 0008163.00 and is legally described as follows:

Lots 1 through 6 and Lots 10 through 12, Einsel's Addition to the Town of Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska. All interested parties shall be afforded at each public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views regarding the proposed redevelopment plan amendment. A map of the redevelopment area and a copy of the redevelopment plan and cost-benefit analysis shall be maintained in the office of the Village Clerk.

/s/Melinda Ferree,

Melinda Ferree,

Village Clerk

Mar 26, 2026

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Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

# HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you are catching a second wind this week that could rival a hurricane. No one can slow you down right now. Channel this energy into a passion project.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your eye for recognizing the beauty in things or items that are fashionable is unmatched. This week is the perfect time to curate your space or your wardrobe.

### GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, the connections in your brain are firing at a rapid pace this week. It is only a matter of time before you solve a problem that has been plaguing you and everyone for weeks.

### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

You are feeling more secure in your skin this week, Cancer. People are flocking to you for comfort and advice because you give off a warm energy.

### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, accept recognition for your hard work when it comes your way in the coming days. Don't be humble; take the bow that you have earned over these last few months.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Everything is falling into place for you now, Virgo. Your routine feels like something you can do with your eyes closed. Find the perfect shortcut this week.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

A friend of a friend is about to become a very important person in your life, Libra. It's important to keep your heart open to all possibilities. An unexpected invitation pops up.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you don't have to try to impress. People are mesmerized by you. You can use this charm to negotiate for something you want this week. A welcome surprise

### CLUES ACROSS

- Absence of difficulty
- Preserve a dead body
- Gratitude
- The act of coming together again
- More cushy
- Visionaries
- Large fish-eating bird
- Indicates near
- Former CIA and CIA critic
- Icelandic poems
- Pop
- Hammer is one
- Selves
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- Nowhere to be found
- Electronic data processing
- Drivers' licenses and passports are two
- Snake-like fishes
- Air Force
- Popular personal computers
- Stages in ecological succession
- Wings
- In the center

pops up midweek.

**SAGITTARIUS** – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Your thirst for knowledge leads you to a new obsession, Sagittarius. Diving into a new hobby, career path or volunteer experience could be the way to go.

**CAPRICORN** – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, you are making the impossible look easy right now. Take a moment to see how far you have come and review your accomplishments.

**AQUARIUS** – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Your innovative ideas are officially trending around the office or workplace, Aquarius. Don't be afraid to lead the pack, as everyone is just trying to keep up.

**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, you are walking on sunshine this week. Your creative output is at an all-time high. Paint, write, sing, or engage in anything else you enjoy.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- Pleasantly smooth
- Jeweled headdress
- In slow tempo
- \_\_ Falls
- Reiterations
- Eras
- Hyphen

- Chinese dynasty
- NFL legend Randy
- Ireland
- Palm trees with creeping roots
- Fungal disease
- Tall, slender-leaved plants
- Affirmative! (slang)
- It says who you are
- Atlantic coast state
- Expel or eject (variant sp.)
- Sea eagle
- Taxonomic category
- Chinese languages
- Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- Consumed

- Burn with a hot liquid
- Junior's father
- Mackerel genus
- Morning
- Straight line from side to side (abbr.)
- Type of molding
- Small, thin or twisted bunch
- Worn by exposure to the weather
- Mars crater
- Humanities
- Relating to the ears
- "To the \_\_ degree"
- Residue when something is burned
- It cools a home

### CLUES DOWN

- Body part
- Mimics
- Expel or eject (variant sp.)
- Sea eagle
- Taxonomic category
- Chinese languages
- Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- Consumed

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