



Give Big Minden Supports Nonprofits

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden community is fortunate to have a number of local nonprofits that enhance the lives of many in this small town. Give Big Minden is back for a second year allowing the community to show its support of these organizations with a day of giving on December 12.

Donations are vital to ensure the continued success of nonprofit organizations and the opportunities they create for residents. Give Big Minden was created not only to garner donations, but to spotlight the organizations that serve the community and to encourage residents to support the local groups that support them. The success of last year's event has organizers excited to welcome even more partners this year and a hope for an even larger local impact.

This year's participating nonprofits include:

Bethany Home: Providing long-term needs for the elderly population in Minden and the surrounding communities for 105 years. Bethany Home's Mission is "Loving Care with a Touch," this mission extends to all the services Bethany Home provides to our community. Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing Care, Short Term Rehab, and Memory Care. Bethany Home is blessed to have the facilities to provide care in and the support of Minden and the surrounding communities.

Faith in Action: Faith In Action, Inc. is a Christ centered non-profit dedicated to uplifting and supporting single parents through some of life's most demanding moments. Unlike traditional assistance programs, we do not impose income restrictions. By removing those barriers, we are able to reach families who often fall through the cracks. We believe every parent deserves the ability to provide safety, stability and dignity for their family, regardless of how their journey began. Donations play a vital role in sustaining our mission. Every contribution, whether large or small, directly helps us provide essential resources, emergency assistance, and support to families. Aside from donations, we are seeking community members who also feel called to serve. Volunteers play an essential role in helping them uplift single parents by sharing their time, talents and hearts. Whether it be assisting with events, organizing donations, offering a listening ear or helping with hands on support, every act of service makes a meaningful impact.

Harold Warp Pioneer Village: Harold Warp Pioneer Village stands as one of the nation's most remarkable tributes to American progress. Founded by Harold Warp to showcase how innovation shaped everyday life, the Village tells the story of America from the 1830s through the 1980s across 26 historic buildings and more than 50,000 artifacts. Our mission is to continue Harold



Warp's vision, to preserve and share the ingenuity, hard work, and spirit that built our nation. Each building, artifact, and exhibit plays a part in telling that story, and many now require essential preservation to ensure they remain for generations to come. This Give Big Minden, we are focusing on stabilizing and protecting the historic Sod House, one of the most iconic structures in their collection. Decades of exposure have left it in need of urgent care. Your donations will help reinforce its walls, improve weatherproofing, and preserve it as a teaching tool for generations of visitors. In addition, your support helps advance other critical restoration projects throughout the Village, from repairing

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Weather Forecast

Dec. 5:	42/24	
Dec. 6:	43/17	
Dec. 7:	29/18	
Dec. 8:	41/24	
Dec. 9:	47/30	
Dec. 10:	47/25	
Dec. 11:	42/17	



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Kindergarten Turkey Tales Class of 2038

Last week the Minden Courier printed Turkey Tales from area kindergarten students. A few of the submissions were mistakenly left out. We apologize for the oversight and hope you enjoy these leftovers from Minden kindergarten students.

Rawlins B. - I will get my turkey by going hunting for it. It will weigh 100 million pounds and cost 8 cents. It will cook on the fireplace at 100 million degrees for 8 minutes. I will eat jello, cake, strawberries, maybe pineapple, mac and cheese, and ice cream maybe with my turkey. I will invite Anika, Carly, Naomi, my family, Kai, and Dillyn to eat with me. I am thankful for my house, friends, and family.

Kai B. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 4 pounds and cost \$6. I will cook it in the oven at 5 degrees for 10 minutes. I will eat grapes, bananas, orange, yogurt, mac-n-cheese, apple, and salad with my turkey. I will invite Savy, Gentry, Nash, Liam, Collin, Rawlins, Jude, Izzy, Dillyn, Raelynn, and Shelby to eat with me. I am thankful for my family.

Shelby C. - I will get my turkey at the store. It will weigh 20 pounds and cost 10 cents. I will cook it on the grill at 40 degrees for 20 minutes. I will eat cake with my turkey. I will invite Dillyn, Savy, and Emery to eat with me. I am thankful for my family.

Isabel C. - I will get my turkey from my dad who goes hunting. It will weigh 1 pound and cost \$5. I will cook it in the microwave at 1 degree for 5 minutes. I will eat hot dogs and mac and cheese with my turkey. I will invite my family to eat with me. I am thankful for my dad because he pays the money for us.

Nash F. - I will get my turkey from the farm. It will weigh 25 pounds and cost 55 cents. I will cook it over a fire at 99 degrees for 20 hours. I will eat some ranch, some meat, some mayo, put some salad on it, some berries and strawberries with my turkey. I will invite my cousin, Millie, MeeMaw, my Papa and Nana to eat with me. I am thankful for the turkey.

Easton G. - I will get my turkey from hunting. It will weigh maybe 5 pounds and cost maybe \$5. I will cook in the oven at maybe 55 degrees for maybe 1 hour. I will eat maybe some bacon, maybe some cake too with my turkey. I will invite Fallon, Nash to eat with me. I am thankful for my toys.

Savy H. - I will get my turkey at the farm. It will weigh 5 pounds and cost \$1. I will cook it on the stove at 5 degrees for 5 minutes. I will eat ham, cake, more turkeys, and ice cream with my turkey. I will invite Shelby, Mom, Dad, Otto, Nora, Ben, Dallas to eat with me. I am thankful for turkey and bacon.

Raelynn J. - I will get my turkey from Mason's. It will weigh 20 pounds and cost \$2. I will cook it put it in the oven at 30 degrees for 20 hours. I will eat mac-n-cheese, pudding, mashed taters and gravy, more pudding, ice cream, chicken nuggets, pie, pumpkin seeds with my turkey. I will invite mom, dad, Cooper, Savy, Mrs.Woldt, Izzy, Dillyn, Easton, Emery to eat with me. I am thankful for pancakes, pumpkin pie, bananas, watermelon, chicken nuggets.

Gentry K. - I will get my turkey at the store. It will weigh 5 pounds and cost 10 cents. I will cook it on a pan in the smoker at 53 degrees for 50 seconds. I will eat bread, broccoli, carrots, hamburgers, noodles, lettuce, pie, breadsticks, chicken nuggets, french toast, waffles, enchiladas, tacos with my turkey. I will invite Collin, Kooper, Nash, Vasher, Rawlins, Liam, Dillyn, Izzy, Kai, Oliver, Shelby, Savy, Naomi, Zion to eat with me. I am thankful for God, Jesus, my mom, dad, my car, my food.

Collin K. - I will get my turkey from Walmart. It will weigh 100 pounds and cost 1 cent. I will cook it in the oven at 1 degree for 1 hour. I will eat soup and mashed potatoes with my turkey. I will invite Gentry, Nash, and Zion to eat with me. I am thankful for my family.

Liam L. - I will get my turkey by hunting in the forest. It will weigh 40 or 50 pounds and cost \$60 or \$70. I will cook it with the stove at 60 degrees for 40 minutes. I will eat goulash and 6 waters on a plate so it doesn't fall on my hands. I will invite my friends, all of them, even my Dad's friends to eat with me. I am thankful the Liberty.

Dillyn M. - I will get my turkey from Mason's. It will weigh 13 pounds and cost \$20. I will cook it in the oven at 13 degrees for 100 minutes. I will eat strawberries, grapes, and blueberries with my turkey. I will invite my mom, dad, brother, Raelynn, Emery, Naomi, and Rawlins to eat with me. I am thankful for everything.

Winston R. - I will get my turkey by shooting it. It will weigh 190 pounds and cost \$0 cuz I don't know. I will cook it in the oven at 1 degree for 190 minutes. I will eat potatoes, for real, and corn with my turkey. I will invite my mom and dad to eat with me. I am thankful for the turkey.

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
11/15/25	66	48	-
11/16/25	53	39	-
11/17/25	50	45	-
11/18/25	46	44	-
11/19/25	53	36	-
11/20/25	42	33	-
11/21/25	42	38	2.6

Total Week Precip.....2.60

Date	High	Low	Precip.
11/22/25	55	36	-
11/23/25	55	37	-
11/24/25	49	47	-
11/25/25	46	35	-
11/26/25	40	26	-
11/27/25	45	32	-
11/28/25	35	30	-

Total Week Precip.....0.00

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News Briefs

Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County will host a ‘Pugtato’ Bar fundraiser on Sunday, December 14 from 5-7pm at The Windmill, 521 N. Colorado Ave. before the Light of the World pageant. This event will feature a potato bar with all the fixings, desserts, and drinks (to go containers available). Free will donation, cash bar. Enjoy a hot meal and a cool pageant while supporting a great cause.

WIC Clinic Dates

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

Letters to Santa

The Minden Courier will be publishing children’s letters to Santa Claus in a December issue. Letters can be mailed to P.O. Box 379, Minden, NE 68959 or left in the drop-box at 520 N. Minden Avenue. Letters must be received by Thursday, December 10th to be printed.

Christmas on the Prairie

Get ready to jingle all the way to the past with Christmas on the Prairie, a festive celebration spanning the decades, at Pioneer Village Saturday, December 6 from 10am-7pm and Sunday, December 7 from 10am-4pm. Activities will include holiday crafts, pictures with Santa, holiday tours, Christmas Caroling and living history, carousel rides, artisan demonstrations, church services, live music, and food and drinks served at the Village Diner.

Tech Club Winter BBQ

The Minden Tech Club will host their annual Winter Sports BBQ on Thursday, December 4 during the home basketball games against Southern Valley. Burgers, hotdogs, and brats will be seerved. The club will be serving food in the high school commons area beginning at 5pm.

5 Acres of Christmas Lights

Come and drive through our “Dean, Julie & Tanner’s Christmas In The Country” light display this holiday season and experience the festive feel of Christmas! Located at 2051 36 Road Friday, November 29 through Sunday, January 4 from 5:30pm until midnight seven days a week. We look forward to seeing and greeting you all!

Historical Society Bake/Garage Sale

The Kearney County Historical Society is having their annual bake/garage sale! Come to the community room at Minden Exchange Bank on December 5th & 6th from 9am-4pm. Lots of goodies and treasures!

Town Christmas Lighting Celebration

The Christmas lights on the streets of downtown Wilcox will be lit on Saturday, December 6 and everyone is invited to the celebration. Gather at the 4-way stop to watch the lights come on at 5:15pm and then stop by the newly renovated Lions’ Hall for pancakes. Wagon rides will be offered around town to enjoy the Christmas lights and Santa will stop by around 7pm. Join us for a magical evening of festive fun for all ages!

Christmas Abendmusik Dec. 7


PRESS RELEASE

The annual Abendmusik program to usher in the Advent season will be given at Zion Lutheran Church (Wanda) on Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. A prelude of pipe organ music will begin at 5:15 p.m.


There will be musical selections, hymns, and scripture readings. Participants include Adams Central Madrigals directed by Mr. Hugo Madera (former choral director at Minden High School), Cathedral Brass quintet, also from Hastings. Scripture readings by Zion’s pastor Rev. Lon Landsmann, pipe organ music provided by Dr. Phil Hesterman of Hastings, and Glen Haselbarth from Minden.

The picturesque church built in 1901 by German immigrants is located one (1) mile east and two and one half (2 1/2) miles south of the intersection of Hwy 6&34 and the Holstein, Nebr. spur in Adams County. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Whippets of the Month




East Elementary



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Preschool

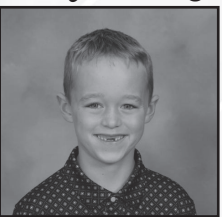
Marshall Nelson



Marshall is a kind and selfless friend who consistently strives to do his best. He chooses to do what is right simply because it is right—not for praise or recognition. We love spending our days with Marshall!

Kindergarten

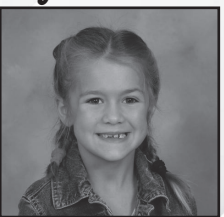
Gentry Kissinger



Gentry comes to school every day with a smile and a readiness to learn. He is an excellent listener, includes everyone, and works very hard. Keep showing the Whippet Way, Gentry!

1st Grade


Jayce Williams



Jayce is kind, friendly, and works very hard. She is very determined to overcome any obstacle that comes her way. Jayce is a good friend, and wants to help everyone in our class! Her smile brightens everyone's day! These are just some of the many reasons why we nominated Jayce as our whippet of the month.

2nd Grade


Kenneth Ojeda Alarcon



Kenneth comes to school each day displaying the Whippet Way! He works hard, asks great questions, and always does his best! On top of that, he has a heart of gold! He is always looking out for his friends and helping where needed. He genuinely cares about everyone!

3rd Grade

Scarlett White



Scarlett is such a hard worker! She comes to school every day excited and ready to learn new things. She is such a sweet, caring friend to everyone and shows integrity in and out of the classroom!

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woodwork and restoring exhibits to protecting rare materials and improving accessibility for guests. Every contribution, large or small, strengthens our ability to preserve the past and share the story of progress that continues to inspire today.

Jensen Memorial Library: Jensen Memorial Library serves the community by providing spaces, resources, and opportunities that inspire, inform, educate, entertain, and connect our community. Jensen Memorial Library Staff and Board of Trustees are dedicated to offering quality and engaging materials, services, and activities that serve Minden and surrounding communities. In an effort to keep their patrons and our community informed of happenings at the library, JML is collecting and saving donation funds to go toward the purchase and installation of an outdoor free-standing LED-Digital sign to be placed on the northeast side of the building.

KCHS Medical Fund: Your donation powers progress at KCHS, supporting the tools and technology their providers need to deliver exceptional care. At Kearney County Health Services Foundation, every gift stays right here at home, supporting the health and well-being of our friends, families, and neighbors. Your generosity helps KCHS provide exceptional, family-centered care through investments in advanced medical equipment, facility improvements and programs that touch lives every day. Because of donors like you, their providers have access to the tools and technology they need to deliver high-quality care close to home. From lifesaving emergency equipment to patient comfort upgrades and ongoing staff education, each donation directly impacts the care our community receives. When you give, you're not just funding healthcare, you're strengthening the heart of Kearney County. Together, we're building a healthier future for every patient who walks through our doors.

Kearney County Historical Society: The Kearney County Historical Museum preserves the stories and spirit of our communities. The Kearney County Historical Museum houses memories of Kearney County since the Civil War. The museum is open during the summer months and is located at 6th street and Nebraska Avenue in Minden. Admission is free, with donations accepted. The Kearney County Historical Museum has more than 7000 items in four buildings. The four buildings include the first school in Minden; the first store and post office in Kearney County and one of the first train depots in Kearney County. Several artifacts from the neighboring towns of Axtell, Heartwell, Norman and Wilcox, as well as, many historical articles such as old photographs, books, magazines, and newspapers are on display.

Minden Legacy Fund: The Minden Legacy Fund was established to provide a means for a community-led effort to use philanthropy to sustain and build the community. The fund works to increase charitable giving and to make grants that help create a sustainable and prosperous community. The fund encourages people from all walks of life to give back to the community by providing a full range of charitable giving opportunities. The Minden Legacy Fund is focused on building a permanent unrestricted endowment. The endowment is an important tool to keep our hometown growing, thriving, and improving for future generations. It creates a steady stream of revenue for community needs today and those that arise in the years to come. All contributions to the endowment are invested and continue to increase. Each year, The Minden Legacy Fund will grant out a portion of the income earned by the unrestricted endowment to local projects and programs that are enhancing the quality of life in Minden. The principal—and your gift—remains intact and grows forever.

Minden Opera House: Our mission is to entertain the public, inspire future generations, and promote the arts in a majestic venue. In 2025, the Minden Opera House celebrated 25 years in this beautiful, historic building. We are so thankful for the tremendous support that we have received from Minden, Kearney County, and beyond over two and a half decades. For this year's Give Big Minden, we have several options available for donors to continue that support. 25th Anniversary Fund- Past and current Board Members created a matching fund, pledging nearly \$50,000. They would like to challenge the public to match - or exceed - that amount in recognition of the Opera House's Silver Anniversary. Gifts to this fund will go toward future programming, helping us to continue to bring quality programs and entertainment to Central Nebraska. Goal: \$50,000. Computer Upgrades- Our office currently has two very outdated computers that need to be replaced. Donations to this fund will help us to purchase two new computers for staff and guest use. Goal: \$2,000. Sound Equipment- Gifts to this fund will help purchase 3 new microphones and stands to be used by performers, as well as 2 powered monitors. Goal: \$3,500.

Minden Schools Foundation: The Minden Schools Foundation enriches student learning by funding educational opportunities, supporting teachers, and advancing initiatives that strengthen the future of Minden Public Schools. The Minden Schools Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to expanding opportunities for every student in the Minden Public Schools system. Guided by a dedicated volunteer board, the Foundation strengthens academics, supports teachers, and helps ensure students are prepared for bright futures. Current initiatives include developing a year-round

FFA greenhouse to enhance hands-on agribusiness education, providing classroom grants that allow teachers to bring innovative ideas to life, and raising funds to hire a program director who will expand community engagement and grow the Foundation's long-term impact. Through generous donor support, MSF continues to create transformative opportunities that empower students and enrich the entire Minden community.

Minden Senior Center: Every weekday, the Center serves healthy, nutritious meals to local seniors, nearly 8,000 meals last year alone. With a suggested donation of \$5 for dine-in and \$5.50 for to-go, they make sure everyone 60+ can enjoy a warm, balanced lunch. (And younger guests are welcome too!) But the Center is so much more than lunch. It's a gathering place filled with books, puzzles, games, social activities, and wellness tools... plus space for community events and the home base for RYDE Transit. This incredible resource relies on grants, community support, and donations, but still needs to raise \$20,000 each year to keep operations going strong.

Paws Up Kearney County: Founded in March 2024, this volunteer-driven group is already making a huge impact by providing food, vet care, spay/neuter services and rehoming support for lost, abandoned and relinquished animals right here in our community. They're also working to reduce feral cat populations and improve conditions at "Doggie Jail." But their biggest dream? Building Minden's first humane animal shelter. A place with indoor/outdoor space for pets, areas for recovery and quarantine, and even future plans for daycare and boarding to help sustain the shelter long-term. Purchasing and remodeling a building would cost around \$350-\$400k, while building from scratch could be closer to \$850k+ They're currently fundraising to make this life-changing resource a reality.

The Closet Thrift Store & Food Pantry: This volunteer-powered thrift store does so much more than offer affordable clothing and household items. Every quarter, every dollar, every gently-used treasure helps lift up families right here in Kearney County. From emergency food support and rental/utility assistance... to RYDE passes for medical care... to pool passes, school supplies, winter coats and the Caring Tree, they make sure no neighbor goes without the essentials.

The official Day of Giving will be held on December 12, but donations can be made anytime leading up to that date. Individuals can visit GiveBigMinden.com to learn more about the participating nonprofits and submit donations. For those looking to give to more than one organization, the website allows one transaction to be split between the groups selected. The website allows for donations as little as \$10 and all money raised goes directly to those nonprofits.

Donations can also be brought to the Minden Opera House during the social event scheduled for December 12 from 3-6pm. Appetizers and drinks will be available during this event. Sponsors and anyone who donated on the website or in person are encouraged to attend. Anyone who donates during 'power hours' on December 12 will be entered into a drawing and the random person chosen will have a generous donation made on their behalf from the power hour sponsor to the organization they supported. Several local businesses have already signed up to be sponsors helping make this event a success before it even begins.

Donations can also be mailed ahead of time to KCHS Medical Fund, 727 E. First Street, Minden, NE 68959, just be sure to designate which organization you would like to benefit from your donation. For further assistance with donations, contact Anita Wragge at awragge@kchs.org or 308-832-3400 ext 2203.

All money raised goes directly to these nonprofits. Every dollar helps to strengthen local programs and ensure these nonprofits can continue providing vital services all year long. Follow Give Big Minden on Facebook for updates and nonprofit stories.

This week's Market Report is sponsored by:

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For the week ending November 29, 2025.

Nebraska Weekly Grain Prices, Omaha-Council Bluffs
US No. 2 Yellow Corn: \$4.09-\$4.22
US No. 1 Soybeans \$10.58-\$10.87
Steers – Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt./Actual Wt.)
Weight Range – 602-649; Avg. Weight – 632; Price Range – \$397-\$438; Average Price - \$420.53
Heifers – Medium and Large 1 (Per Cwt./Actual Wt.)
Weight Range – 501-548; Avg. Weight – 525; Price Range - \$387-\$416; Average Price - \$403.90

Patriot's Pen



The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest is a yearly writing competition put on by our local VFW group. Eighth graders are invited to join others in the surrounding counties to write about a given patriotic theme honoring our veterans. This year's topic was "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support For Our Country?" Minden had several students enter the contest. Whippet participants were recognized on November 26.

Honorable Mention: Regan Johnson, Charley Eden, Arihanna Johnson, Huntley Oberg

3rd Place: Taya Tomsen

2nd Place: Reagan Carey

1st Place: McKenzie Reith

McKenzie's essay will move on to compete at the district level. Good luck to her, and thank you, students, for honoring our veterans with your amazing essays! (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Cookie Crumble

Join us for homemade Christmas goodies, hot apple cider and coffee.

December 5th | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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For the Record

Marriage License

Zachary Taylor Cole, 34, Minden & Sasuke Christian Soto-Elliott, 36, Minden; 11-21-25

Kearney County County Court

Emmett L. Baker, Lincoln, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$200, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 9-19-25

Allison D. Smith, Louisville, Kentucky, speeding 21-35 MPH County/State, fine \$300, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Kavan, 11-12-25

Cole A. Malone, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, 90 days probation court, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 8-28-25

Chad D. Skiles, Beatrice, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margrit, 10-15-25

Jose A Aguirre, Minden, refuse to submit to test-1st offense, fine \$500, 179 days probation, 60 days revoked license, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 6-23-24

Minden Fire & Rescue

11-21-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to 42 & U Roads for mutual aid for a single vehicle accident.

11-23-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. Hastings for a personal illness.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

11-20-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for a personal illness.

Kearney County Sheriff

11-21-25, A vehicle driven by Matthew David Long, Gibbon, was traveling east on U Road when he drifted to the left and the driver's side wheels pulled the vehicle into the ditch, causing the vehicle to roll. Estimated damage: \$1,000.

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GIVE BIG MINDEN

Make Your Donation Now at givebigminden.com

BE PART OF GIVE BIG MINDEN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE CLOSE TO HOME. CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO MINDEN'S LOCAL NONPROFITS FROM NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 12TH.

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- Bethany Home
- Faith In Action
- Harold Warp Pioneer Village
- Jensen Memorial Library
- KCHS Medical Fund
- Kearney County Historical Society
- Minden Legacy Fund
- Minden Opera House
- Minden Schools Foundation
- Minden Senior Center
- Paws Up Kearney County
- The Closet Thrift Store & Food Pantry

Paws Up Kearney County Raise Right Fundraiser

PRESS RELEASE

Paws Up Kearney County has a new fundraiser that makes it easy to support the organization with your everyday shopping purchases. The Raise Right Fundraiser allows participants to shop for products they use everyday and Paws Up receives a portion of the sales. It costs nothing to participants and you receive 100% of the value you put in.

How it works: Buy gift cards (either physical cards, e-cards, or reloadable cards) OR shop through Raise Right at over 450 stores including retail stores, groceries, gas, dining out, entertainment, clothing, and home improvement stores.

You get what you want or need and a percent of your purchase goes to Paws Up Kearney County.

Going to Walmart, Menards, or Ace Hardware? Need to get

gas at Casey's, Conoco or Texaco? Going out to eat at McDonalds, Texas Roadhouse, or Pizza Hut? Or maybe you are shopping for groceries? Put money on your reloadable gift card before you go and you receive 100% of the value you put on the card to use and the company gives Paws Up a percent of what you put on the reloadable card.

Giving someone a gift card? Order them through Raise Right from over 450 retailers and you receive 100% of the value you put in and the company gives Paws Up a percent of the value.

Shopping online at Amazon, Best Buy, Kohls or JC Penney, go to the store link through Raise Right. You pay no more than you normally would and Paws Up receives a percent of the sale from the company you order from.

Going on vacation you can use Raise Right to purchase at Carnival Cruises, most airlines, most hotel chains, and can be used at an Airbnb or on an Uber.

These are just a few examples of stores and companies available. There are over 450 retail companies that work with Raise Right.

Shop and buy as usual, but use the Raise Right extension you install on your phone or computer. Buy gift cards as a gift or a reloadable one for yourself and your daily purchases will support Paws Up Kearney County at no extra cost to you. It's a Win-Win-Win for all!

Go to Raise Right and enroll with the enrollment code of 6FXJ6T9M46BU this will ensure the proceeds from your purchases go to Paws Up. Or use the QR code to take you to the Paws Up Kearney County Registration Page.

This is an ongoing fundraiser, so use it each time you shop. Your shopping will support Paws Up Kearney County on a continual basis with no additional cost to you so shop till you drop for a great cause!



Minden Mom Grateful to Be Home After Burn and Brain Injury Recovery

PRESS RELEASE

MINDEN, Neb. — This Thanksgiving, Alyssa Kahle, 35, is celebrating more than turkey and family gatherings. After a devastating car accident in August, she is finally returning home to her loved ones, walking, independent and full of gratitude.

A stay-at-home mom before the accident, Alyssa's days were filled with chauffeuring her children to sports, dance and other activities, and caring for her family while her husband worked long hours as a truck driver. On August 15, near Funk, Nebraska, her life changed in an instant when a drunk driver caused a multi-vehicle collision. She sustained serious injuries, including burns covering 35% of her body, multiple fractures and a traumatic brain injury.

Rushed first to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney and then to the University of Kansas Medical Center, Alyssa spent nearly seven weeks undergoing life-saving surgeries, skin grafts and stabilization before transitioning to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals for specialized burn and traumatic brain injury care.

"At first, I would get super dizzy if I was sitting up," Kahle recalls. "I had double vision and had pain from the femur fix and the burns. I couldn't walk or use my arms properly. But the staff made me feel like I was at home and it's a huge relief to be able to go home and know that I'll be okay."

At Madonna, Alyssa's physician-led care team guided her through daily therapy focused on burn care and training, rebuilding strength, improving mobility, vision and walking. Her team helped her manage burn dressings, scar care and skin graft recovery while improving coordination and balance using state-of-the-art technology such as the Are-Tech ZeroG Gait and Balance System. She progressed from needing assistance for nearly every activity to walking with a cane, navigating stairs and regaining vision clarity.

"She was walking longer distances. Her wounds looked

really good," Emily Adams, OTR/L, CBIS, Madonna's occupational therapist, said. "She was very motivated and wanted to do everything she could to get home to her kids and her husband. She really needed that sense of pride and her progress gave her a lot more comfort going home."

This Thanksgiving, Alyssa can celebrate with her husband and children and be grateful not only for the season but for her journey of recovery and the dedicated care team who became her friends.

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Potter's Wheel

By Lori Potter

We have many Christmas season traditions in common: gift giving; decorating houses, churches and other public places; secular music and favorite hymns playing on car radios and in stores; school programs; and the "Light of the World" pageant at the Kearney County Courthouse and Christmas Eve church services where we remember the original story of Jesus' birth.

Yet, Christmas is unique to every family - each person, really - because no two have had exactly the same history or experiences. Sometimes the most important parts of Christmas are simple things like small ornaments on a tree, the memory of a particular voice singing "O Holy Night" or sprinkles on sugar cookies.

Important family history also is recorded on handwritten cards in our mothers' and grandmothers' old recipe boxes. While the recipes are for all kinds of foods and all seasons of the year, desserts are in the spotlight now.

I was reminded of the importance of family food history recently when my Hildreth niece Shelly Garrett brought me supper. We talked about our favorite desserts made by my mom/her grandma Ruth Potter.

Shelly had a particular dessert in mind, but no recipe. I couldn't help because my twin sister Lisa Parish inherited Mom's recipe boxes. I only had two Pleasant View Christian Church cookbooks with a few of our family's recipes, but not the one Shelly wanted.

Since I don't cook much or bake and she didn't have either cookbook, I gave her mine after making copies of the Pleasant View Church history pages in the 140-page 1995 "Recipes and Remembrances" cookbook.

The other cookbook, compiled by women in the church's

HEO (Helping Each Other) Club, has 36 pages and a green paper cover. There's no publication date, but the names on the recipes are from my grandparents' generation, so it might have been printed in the 1930s or early 1940s.

Mom's Christmas baking featured sugar cookies with sugar sprinkles - no frosting. Some sugar and gingerbread cookies were in the shapes of stars, trees or snowmen, with some having red hots or tiny round silver candy as buttons.

The spritz cookies were kind of flower shaped and also decorated with a dusting of red or green sugar and/or a tiny candy on top.

Mom made decorated cakes for special occasions, but not for Christmas.

Lisa and I always had individual birthday cakes as kids that were shaped and decorated like animals or other characters. Mom made more traditional sheet or tiered cakes for older folks' birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions such as graduations.

Some of her Christmas desserts were things we enjoyed throughout the year: apple, peach or rhubarb/strawberry crisp; custard served in "special" crock bowls; pumpkin pie and even pumpkin ice cream; and Grandma Tena Dunn's thick rice pudding with raisins. Those recipes included nutmeg because they came from grandma, who learned them from her German and Swiss immigrant parents.

I submitted my Grandma Alice Potter's recipe for boiled raisin cake for the 1985 Pleasant View cookbook. Its molasses and related spices also made it a good fit for the holidays.

Also on Mom's year-round desserts list were a great chocolate sheet cake, her version of a Rice Krispie bar with peanut butter replacing the marshmallows and a similar bar with a crushed graham cracker base and coconut filling. All three were topped with melted dark chocolate chips.

We weren't marshmallow people. I remember seeing only a few tiny ones floating on hot chocolate and a few more in what we called "That Apple Salad," which also had

grapes, celery, walnuts and a mayo dressing.

The Pleasant View history pages in the 1995 cookbook reminded me of more than the two older generations whose names are on the recipes, yummy potluck dinners at the church and the many church moments from my youth that remain special today as memories or continuing traditions.

The HEO history page has examples of the women's activities that reflect the importance of heartfelt charity, kindness and friendship at Christmas and all year. Not just to family and friends, but also to strangers in need..

"Alice Potter entertained the ladies March 1,1943, and they spent all day sewing for the Red Cross. They donated \$5 to the Red Cross. Ethel Schepler was hostess March 29,1943, and the club voted to send \$10 to help with Franklin County Day at the North Platte Canteen. Chickens were sent to Child Savings Institute."

On Oct. 14, 1943, \$5 was donated to the war relief fund. On June 8,1944, the women spent the afternoon making dresses for the Christian Children's Home in Holdrege.

I expect they also made desserts and other foods special to their families to share with others. Many of those will be enjoyed again this Christmas because our mothers and grandmothers wrote down the recipes to hand down to future generations in recipe boxes and church cookbooks.

Lori Potter of Kearney is a Wilcox area native and co-owner of her family's farm. She has been a Nebraska newspaper journalist for 48 years, including as a freelancer since March 2021.



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As we stood watching a fire devour our family's combine, we felt a humbling reminder of our own helplessness in the face of Mother Nature. Even more humbling was the immense act of service we witnessed as some forty volunteer firefighters from eight surrounding communities engaged in an extraordinarily coordinated and professional effort to contain it. At one point, one of them observed, "Ain't America great?" It most certainly is.

So are small communities that rise up to support each other, especially those small-town heroes who take on dangerous work and in return receive only the satisfaction of coming together as a "tight-knit family" to help someone in crisis.

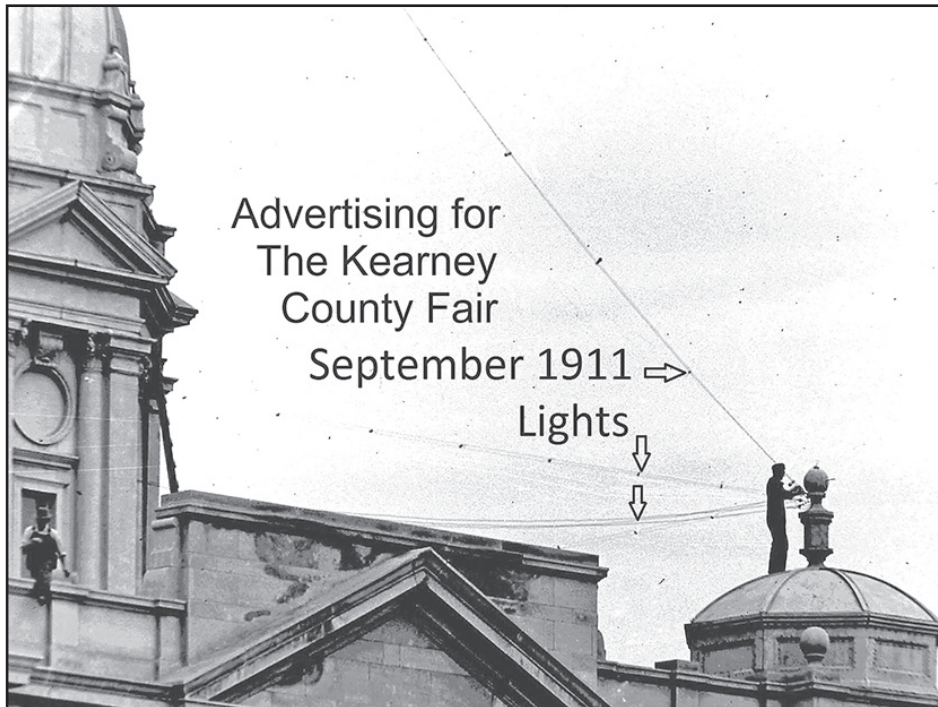
On this particularly windy October Saturday, they had already responded to numerous fire calls that such conditions bring. For some of those volunteers, it was their third of the day. Yet here they were, sacrificing their Saturday night to contain a fire that almost certainly would have claimed much more of our family's farm.

A simple thank you seems so inadequate, but the very nature of volunteerism is that it's offered without cost. So, all we can really give back is our gratitude and profound admiration for their incomparable dedication to serving others in need.

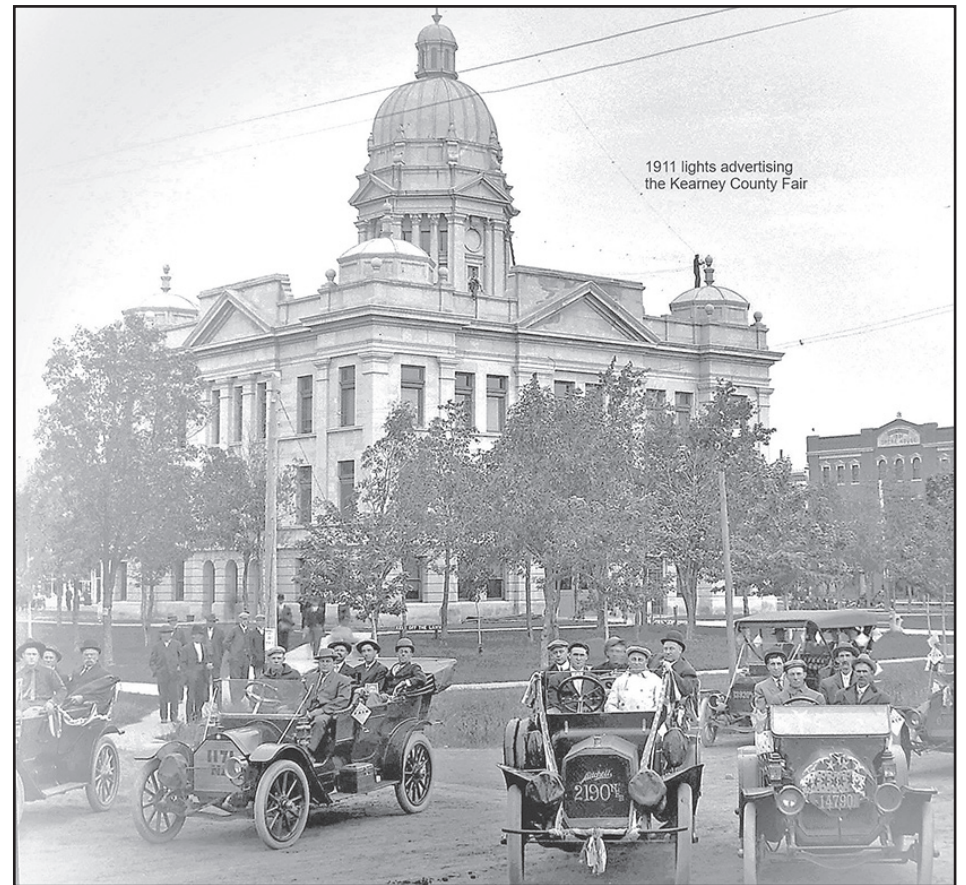
Our deepest thanks to the men and women of the Minden, Axtell, Wilcox, Hildreth, Franklin, Upland, Naponee and Campbell Volunteer Fire Departments. You are so much of what makes our community and country great.

The Petersen Family

A History of Lights in Nebraska's Christmas City



1907 during September the new Kearney County Courthouse at Minden was opened for business.



1911 during the nice weather of September many lights were placed on the courthouse dome to advertise and promote the Kearney County Fair.

1915 during the Christmas season four strings of lights were placed on the courtyard.

1922 was the first year for lights on the courthouse dome during the Christmas season.

1923 early December along with a great celebration and many colored lights the very first to declare Minden 'The Christmas City' was Santa Claus.

All information researched by Jack Hultquist

Goodfellows Start 2025 Christmas Drive

PRESS RELEASE

The Kearney County Goodfellows begin their drive for the 2025 Christmas season. We will be accepting cash donations at any of the banks in Kearney County. The Goodfellows pack and deliver Christmas boxes for families and individuals throughout Kearney County. In past years, we have helped with utility bills, heating bills, rent, and other special needs as they occur for the residents in Kearney County.

Last year, we had cash donations of \$5,931.00. Last Christmas season, we packed and delivered Christmas boxes for 77 families and individuals.

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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

A new city ordinance required that any new building or alteration within the city limits costing more than \$50 needed a building permit.

Duane Newbold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Newbold, won the special speech contest for Junior Farm Bureau members. His subject was "Should inflation control be continued since the defeat of Japan?"

Braving a high wind and sub-freezing temperatures, a crowd estimated at 1,200 saw the Whippets overpower the Holdrege Dusters, 12-0, capping a season with only one loss to Beaver City.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Cheerleaders for Minden's basketball team were Mary Ann Lundeen, Marcia Olsen, Nancy Spilker, Ruth Wieting and Sherrill Jensen.

Jim Jacobs, Minden High School football tackle, was placed on the all state Class B team.

The Minden Council of Churches set up a religious film-strip library to function through the facilities of the city library.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Larry Albers, age 13 and son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Albers, received the Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor at the

city hall. Albers was presented the charge by Eagle Scouts David Borg, Tim Chappell, Ben Morey and Mike Finkner.

Returning for coach Eugene Armstrong's basketball team were lettermen Leland Anderson, Roger Bienhoff, Dick Chappell, Tom Hedges, Elwood Johnson, John Keslar and Mike Wortman.

Nearly 1000 attended the Minden Garden Club's Christmas Show, "Have A Blessed Christmas." Mrs. William H. Meier and Mrs. Richard Etzelmiller were co-chairpersons of the event.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Five Minden youths, including Cheryl Sumstine, Peg Petersen, Robb Gibbins, Gary Delaet and Kip Ramsey qualified for the National AAU Cross Country finals to be held in Houston, Texas.

Hunter safety training would become mandatory for 12 through 15-year olds who wished to hunt on Jan. 1, 1976, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The need for research involving center pivot sprinkler systems was emphasized at the meeting of the University of Nebraska South Central Station Advisory Committee.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

A replica of Heartwell in the year 2085 was envisioned and constructed by Heartwell students. The buildings included an airport, hospital and factories.

A new tape was cut for the "Light of the World" Christmas pageant with Clayton Morey directing the process.

Peggy Putnam bagged her first white tail deer. The five-point buck weighed approximately 180 pounds.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

Doug Reiber was hired as the administrator of the Kearney County Health Services hospital.

Bernie Schwenke, formerly of Axtell, retired from the Boeing Company after 34 years of service. He had held management positions in quality assurance, logistics engineering and program management during his tenure with the aerospace and aircraft company.

New Christmas pageant scenery was constructed on the courthouse lawn after city workers found the old scenery unusable and unsafe.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

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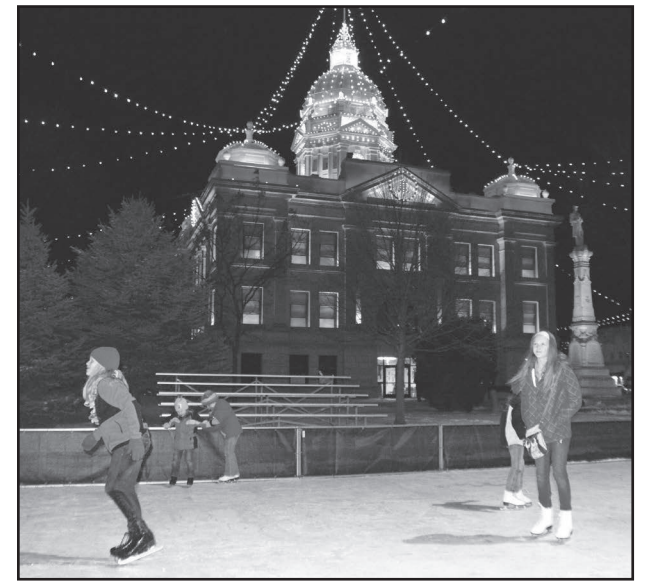
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2015 — Minden kicked off its Century of Lights events around the downtown square. People enjoyed ice skating under the glow of the lights from the Kearney County Courthouse during one of the events.

The Sunday night performance of the Light of the World Christmas pageant was cancelled due to bad weather. It was the first time the show was cancelled since 1993 following the explosion of the Co-op grain elevator.

Three Axtell Wildcats girls volleyball players were named to the 2005 Fort Kearny Conference volleyball teams. First team FKC selection was Kelsey Wells, second team choice was Tracia Norblade, and third team honoree was Paige Wendell.

KAAPA Ethanol, LLC of Minden donated \$6,500 to the Minden Police Department drug dog fund. After accepting many generous donations, the fundraising drive was still short of the \$20,000 needed to purchase a new dog.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

The Century of Lights celebration attracted a number of visitors to Minden in the opening weekend. Frozen stars Anna, Elsa, and Olaf joined the festivities alongside Santa Claus and Kearney Mayor Stanley Clouse. Possibly the most celebrated visitors were the descendants of J.H. Haws, the man who began Minden's Christmas light tradition in 1915. Four generations included his granddaughter-in-law, four great-grandchildren, ten double great-grandchildren, and three triple great-grandchildren who journeyed from Colorado and Alaska to take part in the festivities.

Wilcox-Hildreth's One Act Team won their fifth straight FKC Play Production Championship. "Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine," written by Michael Druce, is a mystery/comedy that was fun to watch. The team went on to compete at the District D1-5 contest in Holdrege at the Tassel.

The Minden High School one act play cast had nine members of the play earn All-Southwest Conference acting honors. Earning honors were: Aurora Fowler, Riley Ratka, Courtney Thompson, Jadyn Horner, Quenton Timm, Kenan Horner, Lily Steen, Amber Haight, and Matthew Becker.

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SPORTS

Whippets Spreading Cheer



Several Minden Cheer and Dance athletes performed at Disney's Magic Kingdom in Florida on November 23rd as part of the Varsity Spirit Spectacular and Varsity Orlando Thanksgiving Tour Parade.

Pictured top: All American qualifiers Sawyer Grotrian (dance), Ellie Hunt (dance), Amelia Tira (Cheer), and Navi Lennemann (dance). These athletes performed with 960 athletes representing 46 states in the Varsity Spirit Spectacular.

Pictured bottom: Representing the Minden Cheer team: Kinleigh Hudson (nominee), Tynlie Struss (All American), Hope Mason (All American), Jocelyn Zerr (nominee), Coach Grace Bowen, Brooke Carr (nominee) Tessa Morey (nominee), and Addison Horine (nominee). These athletes performed with 1100 athletes in the Varsity Orlando Thanksgiving Tour Parade. (Courtesy photos

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All-District D-5 Football Teams Announced

ROGER HANSEN

The 2025 All-District D2-5 Football Teams were recently announced and Wilcox-Hildreth and Axtell both placed numerous athletes on the first, second and/or honorable mention units.

First Team Offense

- Thomas Donley, Wil-Hil, senior, tight end

First Team Defense

- Brody Patterson, Wil-Hil, senior, LB

- Drew Blank, Wil-Hil, sophomore, def. back

Second Team Offense

- Blank, quarterback

- Patterson, running back

- Landon Eckhoff, Axt, senior, off. lineman

Second Team Defense

- Nick Dahl, Axt, sophomore, LB

- Donley, def. line

Special Teams

- Kyler Masters, Wil-Hil, junior, punter

Honorable Mention

- Wil-Hil: Masters, Cauby Twohig, senior, Cody Schriener, senior, Gavin Ironshell, junior, Grayson Johnson, junior

- Axtell: Easton Bergstrom, senior, Reece Hunt, senior, Connor L'Heureux, freshman, Landon Powers, freshman

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Minden Courier Football Contest Winners Weeks 13 & 14 and Final

ROGER HANSEN

The final two weeks of the 2025 Courier FB Contest are recorded for posterity.

The Week 13 contest had four entrants with one miss (all missed Wisconsin's win over Illinois).

The tie-breaker, as it does most weeks, determined the money winners and that game was Iowa 20, Michigan State 17 for a total of 37. Jena Coil of Ralston was closest with a guess of 35 and receives \$25 for first. Jim Bruening of Minden estimated 40, good for second and \$15.

The other two one-miss contestants were Cray Stubbs of Minden (42) and Frank Kovacs of Minden (45).

Six pickers missed two: Pat Duntz, Minden; Karl Detmers, Minden; Bret Weaver, Axtell; Sharon Bruening, Minden; Lisa Fries, Minden; Kyle Rutt, Campbell.

Most missed games were Wisconsin over the Illini, Penn State over NU, Tennessee over Florida and Washington over UCLA.

The Week 14 contest had a clear winner and two entrants that tied for second. Sharon Bruening prognosticated her way to the lone entry with one miss (picked

Nebraska) and will receive \$25 for her effort.

Cray Stubbs of Minden and Corey Ziola of Minden were the only pickers to miss two and, since both chose the same tie-breaker points of 38 (Actual--Oklahoma 17, LSU 13, 30 TOTAL), they will each pocket \$7.50 in splitting the second place cash award of \$15.

Most missed games in contest 14 were Texas over Texas A&M, Clemson over South Carolina and Vanderbilt over Tennessee.

Those missing three games were Jim Bruening, Minden; Lisa Fries, Minden; Pat Jahn, Minden; Bo Hansen, Blair; Tony Lunbery, Axtell.

As to the season-long jackpot of \$100 for perfect entries, Minden's Jim Bruening was the only contestant to ace a contest this season (way back in week 2) and so receives that nice bonus for his predicting prowess.

Congratulations Jim and to all the weekly winners! Thanks, also, to all who entered the contest during the 14 weeks it ran. It will likely return again for the 2026 season.



On November 21, the Nebraska Golf Association named Minden's KayLynn Jorgensen the 2025 NE Girls' Golfer of the Year! KayLynn joins an elite group of players to earn this title after years of dedication to the game! We are so proud of this Whippet! (Courtesy photo)

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Kamery to Compete in NCAA Div. 2 Central Region Championship

ROGER HANSEN

Mattie Kamery and her Wayne State volleyball teammates will be competing in the NCAA Division 2 Central Region Championship at UNK beginning on Thursday, December 4.

Wayne's first round opponent is Washburn University (Topeka, Kansas) at 11:00 AM on the 4th. If the Wildcats win, they would play on the 5th at 4:00 PM. Win again and they would be in the championship at 5:00 on the 6th.

Tickets need to be purchased online at lopers.com and Mattie and her parents are hoping for some Minden fans to make it to Kearney for the tourney.

Mattie starts for Wayne, is a six rotation player and is among the team leaders in kills, digs, assists, blocks and aces.

Bowling Standings

Monday Maniacs 11-10-25

Team Standings:	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	28	16
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	25	19
Children First Daycare	18	26
Budget Heating & Air	17	27
High Individual Game: Deb Dorn, 185; Laura Pasbrig, 185; Deb Dorn, 176		
High Individual Series: Deb Dorn, 503; Denise Smith, 483; Laura Pasbrig, 450		
High Team Game: Children First Daycare, 478; Children First Daycare, 446; Budget Heating & Air, 435		
High Team Series: Children First Daycare, 1341; Budget Heating & Air, 1210; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, 1100		

Monday Maniacs 11-17-25

Team Standings:	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	29	19

Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	26	22
Children First Daycare	21	27
Budget Heating & Air	20	28
High Individual Game: Rendy France, 170; Ashley Osterbuhr, 165; Ashley Osterbuhr, 162		
High Individual Series: Rendy France, 445; Ashley Osterbuhr, 431; Denise Smith, 381		
High Team Game: Children First Daycare, 441; Children First Daycare, 384; Children First Daycare, 375		
High Team Series: Children First Daycare, 1200; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1041; Budget Heating & Air, 1025		

Monday Maniacs 11-24-25

Team Standings:	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	33	19
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	26	26
Children First Daycare	25	27
Budget Heating & Air	20	32
High Individual Game: Deb Dorn, 227; Rendy France, 201; Ashley Osterbuhr, 186		
High Individual Series: Deb Dorn, 546; Rendy France, 508; Ashley Osterbuhr, 477		
High Team Game: Children First Daycare, 537; Children First Daycare, 475; Children First Daycare, 452		
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Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

MENUS:

All breakfast includes fruit or vegetable and milk. All lunch includes fruit and vegetable bar and milk.

Friday, Dec. 5: BREAKFAST: Long Johns, hard boiled egg; LUNCH: Crispito with cheese

Monday, Dec. 8: BREAKFAST: Pancakes, sausage; LUNCH: Loaded chicken pasta, bread stick

Tuesday, Dec. 9: BREAKFAST: Apple donut bites; LUNCH: Hard or soft beef tacos

Wednesday, Dec. 10: BREAKFAST: Cheese omelet, banana bread; LUNCH: Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic toast

Thursday, Dec. 11: BREAKFAST: Breakfast boat; LUNCH: Popcorn chicken bowl

Friday, Dec. 12: BREAKFAST: Blueberry donut, yogurt; LUNCH: Bosco stick with marinara

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Dec. 5: JV Girls WR @ Southwest Invite, 11a.m.; V/JV Boys WR Tri with Mitchell/St.Paul, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6: V Boys WR @ York Invite, 8:30 a.m.; V Girls WR @ Kearney Invite, 9:30 a.m.; V/JV Boys & Girls BB @ Ogallala, 2 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8: 2nd & 3rd grade Christmas Musical; 7/8 Boys WR @ Kearney Sunrise, 4 p.m.; 9th Girls & Boys BB vs. Gothenburg, 5 p.m.; Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: 7/8 Girls BB vs. Broken Bow, 4:30 p.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB @ Lexington, 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11: V/JV Girls & Boys BB vs. Broken Bow, 4:30 p.m.; 7th Girls BB @ Cozad, 4:30 p.m.; 8th Girls BB vs. Cozad, 4:30 p.m.; V/JV Girls WR @ Wood River, 5:30 p.m.; V/JV Boys WR @ Wood River, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12: State One Act Play Production; JV Boys WR @ Sargent Invite, 11 a.m.

Axtell Community School

MENUS: Friday, Dec. 5: LUNCH: Ham & cheese melt, green beans OR Chef salad

Monday, Dec. 8: LUNCH: Boneless wings, green beans OR Cranberry, walnut & chicken salad

Tuesday, Dec. 9: LUNCH: Crispito, refried beans OR Oriental chicken salad

Wednesday, Dec. 10: LUNCH: Christmas Dinner, roast beef dinner

Thursday, Dec. 11: LUNCH: Chicken noodle soup, peas/carrots OR Ham sub

Friday, Dec. 12: LUNCH: Bosco sticks, broccoli OR Blueberry parfait

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Dec. 5: Girls WR @ Southwest Invite, 11 a.m.; JV Girls & Boys BB @ Bertrand, 4:30 p.m.; Girls BB @ Bertrand, 6 p.m.; Boys BB @ Bertrand, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6: Boys WR @ Plainview Dual Tournament,

10:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 8: JH WR @ Arapahoe Invite, 1 p.m.; JH Girls BB @ Gibbon, 4 p.m.; Jr. Cats BB Skills Camp, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: JV Boys & Girls BB vs. Silver Lake, 4:30 p.m.; Girls BB vs. Silver Lake, 6 p.m.; Boys BB vs. Silver Lake, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11: JH WR @ FKC Invite-Ansley, 10 a.m.; FFA Jacket Ceremony/Holiday Party, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12: JV Boys & Girls BB @ Overton, 4:30 p.m.; Girls BB @ Overton, 6 p.m.; Boys BB @ Overton, 7:30 p.m.

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MENUS:

Milk, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh fruit and vegetable bar and yogurt served daily plus many more new breakfast and lunch items.

Friday, Dec. 5: BREAKFAST: Ham & egg sandwich; LUNCH: Salisbury steak

Monday, Dec. 8: BREAKFAST: Ham bar; LUNCH: Pizza pocket

Tuesday, Dec. 9: BREAKFAST: Pancakes; LUNCH: Chili

Wednesday, Dec. 10: BREAKFAST: Monte Cristo; LUNCH: FKC bowl

Thursday, Dec. 11: BREAKFAST: Muffins; LUNCH: Walking taco

Friday, Dec. 12: BREAKFAST: Waffles; LUNCH: Personal pizza

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Dec. 5: Girls WR @ Southwest Invite, 11 a.m.; District Special Education meeting, 2:45 p.m.; V/JV Girls & Boys BB @ SEM, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6: Boys WR @ Broken Bow Invite, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 8: Mentor/Mentee Luncheon, 11 a.m.; JH WR @ Arapahoe Invite, 1 p.m.; JH Girls BB @ Franklin, 4 p.m.; One Act Public Performance, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10: FFA Chapter meeting, 7:30 a.m.; State One Act Play Production, 10 a.m.; MTSS-B, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; K-6 Christmas concert practice, 8:30 a.m.; FKC JH WR, 10 a.m.; FCA meeting, 11:40 a.m.; JH Girls BB vs. Southern Valley, 1 p.m.; FBLA/FFA Christmas Party, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12: K-6 Christmas concert practice, 8:30 a.m.; Boys WR @ Southern Valley Invite, 9:30 a.m.; V/JV Boys & Girls BB vs. Alma, 4:30 p.m.

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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

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Monday, Dec. 8: Creamed chicken over biscuit, carrots, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Philly steak & cheese sandwich, hash brown casserole, 3 bean salad, fruit & dessert

Thursday, Dec. 11: Tater tot casserole, peas, bread & fruit

Friday, Dec. 12: Hot roast beef sandwich over mashed potatoes & gravy, coleslaw, fruit & dessert

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

Worship will be recorded and posted on our website at BethanyAxtell.org.

First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

Sunday, Dec. 7: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Communion

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662 F Road
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Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Craig Richardson, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Donuts & Juice, Sunday School & Program Practice, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m.; PM Bible Study, 12:45 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Trinity Youth Group Meal & Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling,
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Saturday, Dec. 6: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7: Mass, 8 a.m.
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Vacancy Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

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Broad and Main Street
Mark A. Diehl, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship, 10 a.m.

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401 Lake Street

Daren Popple,
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Sunday, Dec. 7: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

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Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

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

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Bethany Lutheran
437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor
Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

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

Saturday, Dec. 6: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion at both services

Monday, Dec. 8: Church Council, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Ruth Circle, 4:30 p.m.; Christmas Program Practice, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Night Supper, 6 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

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616 33 Road

Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

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Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee 10:30 a.m.

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628 N. Garber

Father Evan Winter

Saturday, Dec. 6: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Dec. 7: 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, Dec. 5: Breakfast &

Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7: Bible Study/ Sunday School, 9 a.m.;

Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Light of the World Pageant, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9: Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 12: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich,
Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship, 10 a.m.; Confirmation, 11:15 a.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;

Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; Community Choir

Practice, 4 p.m.; Communion 1st Sundays

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102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

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203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller,

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Sunday, Dec. 7: Worship, 9 a.m.

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106 W. Detroit St.

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Obituaries



Thomas F. Meisenbach, 68 - Minden Resident

Thomas F. Meisenbach, 68, of Minden, passed away on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at Bethany Home in Minden. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30a.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden with Fr. Evan Winter officiating. Interment will be held following the service at Minden Cemetery. A celebration of life gathering will be held later that afternoon (following the funeral lunch at the church) at Windmill Studios in Minden. Visitation with family present was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden with Rosary service. In lieu of

flowers, memorials in Tom's honor are kindly suggested to St. John's Catholic Church, Kearney County 4-H, Minden Optimist Youth Sports, or to Bethany Home in Minden. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Tom was born to Jim and Kay Meisenbach on July 11, 1957. He attended Minden schools and graduated from Minden High School in 1975.

After a brief stint at Central Community College, Tom returned to Minden to farm alongside his dad. Tom farmed in Kearney County for nearly 50 years. Along with farming, Tom raised cattle which he especially enjoyed.

Tom felt a strong commitment to service in his community. He was a member and former president of the Minden Optimist Club and the local chapter of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association. He also served on the board of the Farm Services Agency.

Tom volunteered at the Kearney County Fair for 40 years, serving in various capacities within the livestock program. He enjoyed supporting and encouraging young 4-H'ers.

Tom was also a referee for Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball in the region for 37 years, combining his passion for sports and working with young adults. Many people will remember Tom's sense of humor on the court.

Tom's faith was very important to him. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minden, NE and regularly attended mass at both Holy Family Catholic Church in Heartwell, NE and St. Anne's Catholic Church in Campbell, NE. A recent highlight for Tom was a trip to the Vatican for Andrew Schwenka's elevation to Deacon.

It's impossible to condense someone's life in a few short lines, especially someone like Tom. He made friends everywhere he went and made everyone he met laugh. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Kay, his sister, Barb Davies and brother-in-law Mike Korth. He is survived by his brother Terry and husband Andrew Ferber of Palm Springs, CA; sisters Jean Korth of Hastings, NE, Julie Runcie and husband Craig of Beatrice, NE and Patti Lyons and husband George of Doylestown, PA; brother-in-law Ken Davies of Pheonix, AZ. Tom was the beloved uncle to ten nieces and nephews and seventeen great nieces and nephews. They will miss his love and constant teasing.

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Bonita M. Sturgis, 87 - Former Axtell Resident

A Memorial Service and inurnment for Bonita Sturgis will be held at a later date.

Bonita M. Sturgis, 87 years of age, of Holdrege, Nebraska (formerly of Axtell, Nebraska), passed away Sunday, November 23, 2025, at Holdrege Memorial Homes. In her final days, she was surrounded by family and never let go of her husband of 68 years' hand before going to meet her Savior. Bonita was born March 19, 1938, in Holdrege, the fifth of thirteen children of Everett "Bud" and Retha (Geer) David. She received her education both

at Mascot Public School and graduated from Loomis High School with the class of 1955. While in high school, she played volleyball, was active in Cheerleading, and was voted homecoming queen.

While working as a telephone operator, Bonita met the love of her life, Evert. On December 26, 1956, she was united in marriage to Evert Sturgis at the Methodist Church in Holdrege, and to this union, they were blessed with five children: Julie, Karen, Jill, Jimmy "Koke", and Kristi. The family made their home in Loomis, Nebraska, and later moved to Axtell. Bonita kept the books for Evert's service stations, and in 1973, Bonita started working at BD as a receptionist. The couple retired together in 1998 from BD.

Bonita was a member of the Atlanta United Methodist Church and the Doe's Club.

She liked to bowl and was on several leagues throughout the years. She was an avid Husker, Kansas City Chiefs, and Kansas City Royals fan. The Sturgis family hosted the annual "Halloweenies Event" which became famous as the house that handed out hot dogs in Axtell. Above all, Bonita loved her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her greatest joy came from caring for the people she loved and attending their activities. She babysat and considered so many of them to be her "kids". For Bonita, family was both by blood and by choice. Anyone who was searching for the love of a family would find it at the Sturgis home.

In 2024, Bonita and Evert moved into Holdrege Memorial Homes, where they enjoyed spending time with each other, their friends, and, of course, constant visits from kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. The staff at Holdrege Memorial Homes became like family as they provided such good care to them both and to Bonita as her health declined.

She was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law; her grandson, Parker Sturgis; siblings: Richard David and his wives, Betty and Mary Lou; Ronald David and his wife, Lois; Dwayne David; Paul David; Roger David; and Peggy Piepenbrock; brothers-in-law: John Schell; Randy Luttrell; Dean Sturgis; and Duane Peterson; and sisters-in-law, Loretta Sturgis; and Linda Sturgis.

She leaves to celebrate her life, her husband Evert Sturgis of Holdrege; her children: Julie Hill (Bruce Schescke) of Oxford, Nebraska; Karen Hanson (Doug Hanson) of Axtell; Jill Silver (Bob) of Funk, Nebraska; Koke Sturgis (Wanda) of Wilcox, Nebraska; and Kristi Massey of Alda, Nebraska; ten grandchildren: Wynnie Hill (Brandon Gregory) of Holdrege; Desiree Hill (Scott Hamilton) of Oxford, Nebraska; Sturgis Hanson (Brianna) of Axtell; Andrea Silver of Lincoln, Nebraska; Benjamin Silver of Funk; Kylie Massman (Ryan) of Windsor, Colorado; Dakota Massey (Kenzie Thurman) of Hastings, Nebraska; Cheyenne Diedrich (Logan) of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Sierra Massey of Alda; ten great-grandchildren: Willa and Rhydan Lincoln; Eeve and Louie Silver; Crosby and Carter Massman; Jeremiah Massey; Saige Massey; Gracelyn and Dunham Diedrich; and baby Hanson on the way; her siblings: Elaine Schell of Holdrege; Johnnie David and his wife, Harriett of Longmont, Colorado; Mary Johnson and her husband, Ed of Alma, Missouri; Larry David and his wife, Cindy of Stromsburg, Nebraska; Retha Jo Luttrell of Lakewood, Colorado; and Mike David and his wife, Trish of Holdrege; three sisters-in-law: Donna David of Newark, Ohio; Pat David of Russell, Kansas; and Jane David of

Kearney; brother-in-law, Eric Piepenbrock of Phoenix, Arizona; brothers-in-law, Dale Sturgis of Holdrege; and Chuck Sturgis of Holdrege; sisters-in-law: Dorothy Peterson of Holdrege; and Marge Sturgis of Newcastle, Wyoming; and an endless list of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, neighbors, and friends who will miss her dearly.

There will be no memorial book signing or visitation. The family is honoring Bonita's wish for cremation. We invite you to visit Evert at Holdrege Memorial Homes and her family to join them in celebrating her legacy.

Memorials in Bonita's memory are kindly encouraged to: Holdrege Memorial Homes or to the Atlanta Methodist Church.

Expressions of caring and kindness can be sent to the family at www.nelsonbauerfh.com

The Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege is in charge of the arrangements.



Udeane M. Fischer, 87 - Kearney Resident

Udeane M. Fischer, 87 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church in Kearney. Interment was held at Kenesaw Cemetery. Visitation was held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Udeane was born April 30, 1938 to Albert and Ruby (McCoy) Nielsen in Minden, NE. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1957. Udeane was united in marriage to Merlin E. Fischer on June 5, 1960 in Kearney, NE. She worked in a café in Minden while growing up and later at Baldwin Filters. After marriage, she worked as a farm wife and homemaker. Later she went to work at Morris Press. She also worked for Mother Hull Home and Mt. Carmel Nursing Home. Later, she was blessed to care for two children as a nanny.

Udeane was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and belonged to a coffee club where she enjoyed connecting with her friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Cynthia (Rick) Sebade of Emerson, NE and Deborah (Ronald) Merritt of Gering, NE; son, Delroy Fischer (Kathy Campbell) of Kearney, NE; grandchildren, Andy (Amber Daffer) Sebade, Sarah (Max Cochran) Sebade, Cory (Savannah) Sebade, Daniel (Abigail) Merritt, Emily (Tony Mokeac) Merritt, Brittney Franklin, Kayla, Tamaira (James), Devin (Daisy Corona), Kimberly (Jonah), Jarid, Derik Fischer; 15 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way; sister-in-law, Alice Nielsen of Kearney; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merlin E. Fischer; siblings, LaVern (Ardy) Nielsen, Loren (Lois) Nielsen, Delbert (Mary) Nielsen, and Ronald Nielsen; granddaughter, Logan Brakhahn; brother-in-law, Lavern (Ramona) Fischer; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ervin and Ida Fischer; grandson-in-law, Randall Franklin.

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Carol J. Kuehn, 88 - Minden Resident

Carol J. Kuehn, 88, of Minden, passed away on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at CHI Health – Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at First Christian Church in Minden with Kay Tira officiating. Private family inurnment was held prior to services. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Carol’s honor are kindly suggested to Bethany Home in Minden. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Carol June Kuehn was born on June 18, 1937 in Minden to Willis and Elsie (Latter) Bloomfield. She grew up on the family farm northeast of Minden and completed her elementary school years at Rural School District #8. Carol graduated from Minden High School with the class of 1956. She married her high school sweetheart, Charles M. “Chuck” Kuehn on June 17, 1956 at the First Christian Church in Minden. Together they lived and farmed northeast of Minden. She loved the out-of-doors and enjoyed working beside her husband in the many farm activities.

She was a lifelong member of First Christian Church, where she willingly served as Elder, Sunday School Teacher, and Administrative Board Chairperson. She was an active

member of the Christian Women’s Fellowship. Carol served her community as a leader in several organizations, and was elected to serve on the Farm Service Agency County Committee for 12 years. Volunteering was important to her, having been a Bethany Home volunteer for over 45 years. Carol was a charter member of the Liberty Belles Extension-Friendship club for over 50 years and loved those long-lasting friendships.

Carol enjoyed gardening and tending to her flowers. She was a life long learner and doer who embraced new projects. Her hobbies included reading, crafting, needlework, gardening, and caring for her chickens and many beloved pets. Above all she cherished spending time with her family and friends. Spending time with her grandchildren were life’s greatest joys.

Those who know Carol will remember her for her kindness and deep rooted faith. Her unwavering devotion to her family, friends, and community will be deeply missed.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Chuck of 69 years; daughter, Laura Norman and her husband Jeff of Kearney; four grandchildren, Michael (Jaime) Kuehn, Amanda Kuehn, Trevor (Claire) Kuehn, and Jacob Kuehn; six great-grandchildren, Cadence, Avery, Lincoln, Riley, Cooper, and Henry; two sisters, Merna Carlin of Burlington, CO and Alice Bates and her husband, Don, of Kearney; brother, Gene Bloomfield and his wife Dorrene of Minden; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Rick Kuehn; parents; sister-in-law, Marjorie Bloomfield; sister, Barbara Anderson; brothers-in-law, Dan Untiedt and Lewis Carlin.

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

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WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Wilcox-Hildreth Public School, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0001 of Kearney County, Nebraska will be held on the 15th day of December, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the Wilcox-Hildreth Conference Room in Wilcox. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.

By: Board of Education
Wilcox-Hildreth
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: SARAH CHAPIN

You are hereby notified that on September 24th, 2025, the Plaintiff, General Collection Company,

Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C125-265 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$6,705.80 plus court costs, sheriff fees and pre-judgment interest pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 45-103.01.

The petition prays that judgement be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 4th day of January 2026 at the Kearney County Court of Nebraska.

/s/ James H. Truell
By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
(308) 381-1423
Nov 20, 2025
Nov 27, 2025
Dec 4, 2025
(30) znez

NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF LEE ISLA MAE WOMMER, DECEASED ESTATE NO. PR25-36

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and William K. Wommer, whose address is 1714 R Road, Minden, Nebraska 68959, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 28, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiasen
Registrar

Kearney County Court
Kearney County Courthouse
Minden, Nebraska 68959
Carson K. Messersmith
#27365
KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT
& MESSERSMITH
Attorney for Applicant
P.O. Box 272
Minden, NE 68959
308-832-2150
minden@kleinbrewster.com
Nov 27, 2025
Dec 4, 2025
Dec 11, 2025
(40) znez

NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Minden Public Schools, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0503, will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.

Dec 4, 2025
(18) znez

NOTICE

Pursuant to City of Minden Code of Ordinances section 30-30, on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., the City of Minden's Nuisance Appeal Committee will hold a hearing on nuisance determination appeals made by the owners of the following properties: PID: 5166, Lots 7, 8 & 9, Block 48, Pearson & Campbell's Addition to the City

of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska EXCEPT the East 8 feet thereof, TOGETHER WITH 10 feet of ground abutting the West end of said Lots formerly a part of Ridge Street, now vacated; PID: 5167, Lots 4, 5 & 6, Block 48, Pearson & Campbell's Addition to the City of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska EXCEPT the East 17.1 feet thereof, and EXCEPT the West 8 feet thereof; PID: 4148, Lot 7, EXCEPT the East 60 feet thereof, Block 19, Original Town of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska; PID: 5255, The South 25.5 feet of Lot 6, all of Lots 7 and 8, and Lot 9, EXCEPT the South 15 feet thereof, all in Block 20, Railroad Addition to Minden, TOGETHER WITH the vacated portions of streets and alleys adjacent thereto and which are appurtenant to said lots, Kearney County, Nebraska. The nuisance determination appeals hearing will be held at Minden City Hall, 325 N. Colorado, Minden, Nebraska. A copy of the agenda, which will be kept continually current, is available at City Hall, 325

N. Colorado, Minden, Nebraska.

Dec 4, 2025
(52) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 11 will hold a regular board meeting at the service unit office located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on Monday, December 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. The public may attend the meeting in person at ESU 11 for said meeting. A current agenda of items to be brought before the Board at this meeting is available for public inspection in the office of ESU 11. Reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs who want to attend the meeting will be provided on request if sufficient advance notice is given. Accommodations for special needs can be requested by calling the ESU 11 office, 995-6585.

Dec 4, 2025
(27) znez

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Local Classifieds

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dough made from corn flour
5. Rise
11. Gratitude
14. A low wall
15. Kidnap
18. A cup golfers want to win
19. Outgoing
21. "Partner" to flow
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. Proverb
28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
29. Helps a body recover
30. Baseball Cy Young winner
32. Very fast airplane
33. Offensive baseball stat
35. Body of water
36. Record of one's heart-beat
39. Signs a contract
41. Atomic #24
42. Bind securely
44. French Jesuit theologian
46. Fragrant brown balsam
47. Post office box
49. Sells tickets at inflated prices
52. Places to hang coats
56. Jewish salutation
58. Yellow fruits
60. Poorly educated
62. Microorganism
63. Talk show host Barry more

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to plan
2. Three-banded armadillo
3. Mobile
4. Romanian city
5. Making sour
6. Take a seat
7. "The Golden State"
8. When you hope to arrive
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Sharp-pointed dueling

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13. Nape of neck
16. Problems (Spanish slang)
17. Narrow carpet
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Spiritual academic degree (abbr.)
25. Equally
26. Traditional cars still need it
27. Eligible voters
29. Greek alphabet letter
31. Body part
34. Referee-declared outcome
36. Means to moving money
37. Popular footwear brand
38. Cockatoo
40. NFL's big game
43. Botswana currencies
45. News-reporting organization

48. Batman villain
50. Urgent request
51. Not all
53. Hallmark's specialty
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Notable space station
58. Baby's dining accessory
59. Stitch clothing
61. ___ and behold

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Scammers like to take advantage of people's kindness by impersonating charities.

Warning signs

- *Pressure to give right now. A legitimate charity will welcome your donation whenever you choose to make it.
- *A thank-you for a donation you don't recall making. Making you think you've already given to the cause is a common tactic scammers use.
- *A request for payment by cash, gift card or wire transfer. Scammers love gift cards.

How to protect yourself from this scam

- *Search online watchdogs like Charity Navigator, CharityWatch and the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.
- *Contact your state's charity regulator to verify that the organization is registered to raise money there.
- *Pay attention to the charity's name and web address. Scammers often mimic the names of familiar, trusted organizations to deceive donors.
- *Keep a record of your donations and regularly review your credit card account to make sure you weren't charged more than you agreed to give or unknowingly signed up for a recurring donation.
- *Don't click on links in unsolicited email, texts or fundraising messages on social media platforms; they can unleash malware.



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Miss Christmas City 2025



Winter weather and frigid temperatures resulted in several Minden Christmas Traditions festivities to be canceled or rescheduled. The 2025 Miss Christmas City Pageant, hosted by the Minden Community Players, was held on November 30 at the Minden Opera House. Contestants performed a group musical number and competed in talent and evening gown competitions. The contestants were joined by their Little Snowflakes for the show that was hosted by Tim Reith. In the end, Bailey Alkire was crowned Miss Christmas City 2025. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)

