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## Portion of First Street Closed for Collapsed Culvert Repairs

CINDY RAMSEY

Minden traffic on W. First Street will need to plan a new route for a few weeks as repairs are made to a collapsed culvert near Bethany Home. City Administrator Michael Krings shared the news that the area at First and Blaine will be closed for repairs during the May 18 meeting of the Minden City Council.

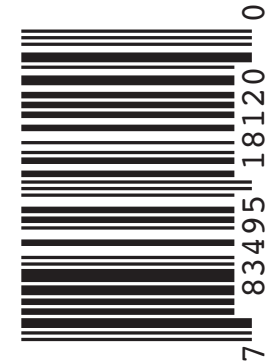
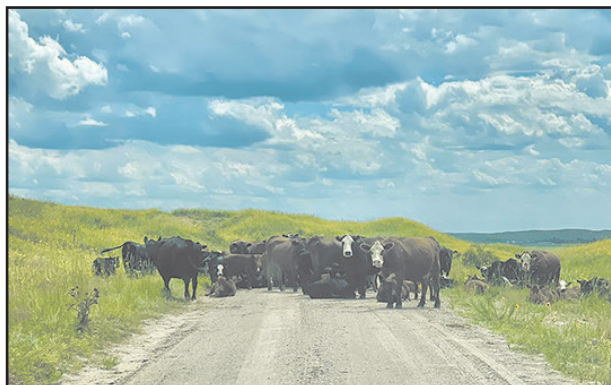
Following council announcements, the floor was opened to the public to offer comments regarding agenda items. A letter from Dustin Favinger at 52 Taphouse was read into the record. Favinger's letter stated the proposed ordinance relating to food trucks threatens businesses like 52 Taphouse that partner with food trucks. He questioned why the ordinance was being proposed at this time and how consistency in enforcement would be maintained. The letter concluded with Favinger sharing the ordinance feels targeted.

Kirk Ramsey also spoke about the ordinance. He began by thanking the council for listening to concerns and making changes to the ordinance before taking action. Despite the updates, he felt the proposed ordinance still needs some work. Ramsey outlined the areas he believes need changed or further clarified. He concluded by stating 52 Taphouse is trying their best to bring people into town and they just want to have the same playing field as other businesses.

The council had several matters to address before getting to the updated ordinance proposal. Jensen Memorial Library Director Janene Hill presented the library's annual report. Highlights included re-



A corroded culvert recently collapsed resulting in sinkholes on 1st Street near the intersection with Blaine Avenue. The street will be closed for repairs for approximately two weeks. (Courier photo by Chance Eikenberry)



## Weather Forecast

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| May 29: | 78/59 |  |
| May 30: | 79/58 |  |
| May 31: | 80/59 |  |
| June 1: | 80/57 |  |
| June 2: | 83/57 |  |
| June 3: | 84/57 |  |
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# News Briefs

## 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, June 8; Monday, July 13; Monday, August 17; and Monday, September 21.

## Cars & Coffee

The weather is warming up which means it's time for another season of Cars & Coffee at Harold Warp Pioneer Village hosted by JCT 6/10 Cruzerz. This free event is 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 June 13, July 11, August 8, and October 10.

## City Wide Garage Sales

Minden City Wide Garage Sales will be held on Saturday, June 6th. The Minden Courier will be publishing the listings and map in the June 4th issue. To be included, contact the Minden Courier at 308-832-2220, [mindencourier@gmail.com](mailto:mindencourier@gmail.com), or stop by our office at 520 N. Minden Avenue. Listings will be \$15 each and payment must be received prior to publication.

## Minden Rotary Holds 100 Year Birthday Party

The Minden Rotary Club will celebrate 100 Years of

"Service-Above-Self" on Saturday, June 13 at 1pm at Chautauqua Park in Minden. The party will feature free hotdogs (while supplies last), a bouncy house, live music by The Kyle Sayler Band and the presentation of a new flagpole and flag to the City of Minden to commemorate the club's centennial. The event, sponsored by The Minden Rotary Club, is open and free to the public. The club asks that attendees bring their own lawn chairs.

## Cookout Fundraiser

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Wilcox Lions Club Hamburger and Hot Dog Cookout Fundraiser on Sunday, May 31 from 11:30am-1:30pm at Wilcox Lions Hall. Free will donations will be accepted with proceeds going to giving the front of the Lions Hall a face lift. Stay for Bingo following lunch sponsored by the Wilcox Community Club.

## KC Historical Society Hosts Speaker

Kearney County Historical Society will host speaker Dr. Amber Alexander, on Sunday, June 7 at 2 pm at Windmill Studios, 521 North Colorado, in Minden. The event is open and free to the public. Dr. Alexander will talk about The Central Nebraska Defense Council's bid for a 33,000 acre War Department defense installation in Kearney County during WWII. Dr. Alexander will explain how the area was impacted when the bid

failed and the plants were constructed elsewhere. Dr. Alexander is an Assistant Professor of History Education at UNK and a Kearney native. Her research focuses on Nebraska's World War II home front, particularly the development of military installations and their impact on rural communities.

## Benefit Fundraiser

Friends and associates of local IT guy Robert Janok will host a benefit event to help raise funds to offset his medical expenses. Janok was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic and liver cancer. The benefit event will be held on Sunday, May 31st at the Windmill Lounge, 521 N. Colorado Avenue in Minden starting at noon.

A lunch buffet will be available with goodwill donations appreciated. Afternoon fun will include a number of musical artists from all around Central Nebraska. Door prizes contributed by Janok's generous clients and friends will be available throughout the day.

## MHS Cheerleader Fundraiser

The MHS Cheerleaders are helping residents show their Whippet pride with a sidewalk painting fundraiser. Designs include purple 'M' or paw print for \$30, 'M' and Whippet for \$40, or house numbers (curb) for \$20. Refreshing an existing painting is half price.

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ceiving several grants to assist in programming, the complete Summer Reading programming schedule going live online, and the library being up for accreditation this year. Hill wrapped up her presentation by sharing she has been honored to be asked to give presentations at three conferences this year.

An interlocal agreement with Kearney County for use of the police station and dispatch services, originally signed in 1965, is up for renewal. The agreement includes a 3% annual increase in costs that has been in place for the past decade. The council approved renewal of the agreement as presented.

Bids for the paving and utility improvement projects were opened on May 5. The lowest of the three bids received was from Diamond engineering. The council approved the low bid for \$675,907.15 which was under the engineer's estimate. These projects include storm drain and pavement construction of Tower Avenue from Fifth Street to the railroad tracks, Seventh Street from Tower Avenue to Brown Avenue, and Nebraska Avenue from Seventh Street to Eighth Street. An agreement with Olsson Associates not to exceed \$99,000 to serve as construction manager for the projects was also approved.

The City currently has no regulations in its code in relation to cargo containers and they are looking to get ahead of this. An ordinance to amend city code Chapter Buildings and Building Regulations was presented for consideration. The changes include amendments to Section 14-1 which outlines the penalty for violations and the addition of Article XIV allowing cargo containers for businesses with few restrictions and restricting allowance of cargo containers on residential areas for up to 60 days per year. All cargo containers on residential areas must be registered at City Hall. These restrictions would apply to commercially zoned properties that are used for residential purposes.

Teresa Sumstine voiced concerns with the way 'residential zoning district' is defined in the ordinance and also wanted to ensure there is a way for residents to get an extension on the 60 days if needed. The ordinance does provide for additional time subject to approval on a case-by-case basis. Mayor

Larry Evans shared the City wants to work with people, this ordinance just provides a guideline.

Alyssa Schneider asked how the ordinance will affect residential properties with existing cargo containers. Legal will examine that, but Krings explained the purpose of the ordinance is to ensure there are no permanent cargo containers placed on residential areas.

The vote to approve Ordinance 1317 was split with Dave Bunker and Jack Yant in favor and Sumstine and Schneider opposed. Evans broke the tie with an affirmative vote. A motion to waive the three readings was denied by a tied vote with parties voting the same as before.

Finally reaching the proposed ordinance relating to food trucks, the council reviewed the updated proposal. Feedback from the council and public was taken and the ordinance was simplified, but the council still had suggestions for the ordinance. Following some discussion, the council voted unanimously to define intersection for clarification of setbacks, add language allowing for the City Administrator or their designee to designate an area of public property to be used for mobile food vendors without prior approval, and changes to setback requirements to not include closed streets. The council then approved the first reading of Ordinance 1318 with those amendments.

In other business the council: Approved May 4 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved mayoral appointment of Sam Hansen to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 12-31-2027. Approved April 2026 treasury report. Approved April 2026 budget report. Approved payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$3,465 for legal services.

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# Pioneer Village Celebrates 73rd Anniversary During Kearney County Days with Historic Carousel Rides, Artisans, and Family Fun

PRESS RELEASE

MINDEN, Neb. — Harold Warp Pioneer Village is proud to announce its upcoming celebration during Kearney County Days on June 6–7. This year's festivities carry extra historical weight as the museum marks the 73rd anniversary of its grand opening, inviting locals and travelers alike to step back in time and walk through the evolution of American progress.

The two-day event will feature a robust lineup of historic and family-friendly yard games, including classic favorites like Corn Hole, Tic-tac-toe, and Graces. Visitors can experience history through live demonstrations by skilled heritage artisans, showcasing blacksmithing, broom making, loom weaving, and rope making.

A major highlight of the weekend will be the recently restored 1879 carousel, giving rides from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM after being closed to the public for 20 years. Attendees looking for a bite to eat can visit the authentic Valentine Diner, which will be open for lunch and serving summer treats, including walking tacos, ice cream, soda, and root beer floats while supplies last. For out-of-town guests looking to make it a full weekend getaway, Pioneer Village offers an on-site RV park and campground located directly adjacent to the museum grounds.

Coinciding with the start of the peak summer travel season, Pioneer Village will transition to its summer schedule. Starting Memorial Day, the museum's hours



will be 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM every single day.

About Harold Warp Pioneer Village: Founded in 1953 by Chicago manufacturer Harold Warp, who purchased his own one-room schoolhouse to anchor the project, Pioneer Village has grown into a massive 20-acre complex in Minden, Nebraska. Known as the "Smithsonian of the Plains," the museum houses more than 50,000 items of historical Americana spread across 28 buildings. The extraordinary collections are arranged chronologi-

cally to showcase man's progress since 1830, featuring over 350 vintage automobiles, 100 tractors, historic flying machines, and a remarkably preserved Pony Express station. Dedicated to preserving the tools of progress and the rich history of the American West, Pioneer Village remains a premier cultural destination for families and history enthusiasts.



Please join Pioneer Village for an after-hours celebration honoring the hard work and exceptional leadership that Larry Wilcox has provided over his many years on the Board of Directors. To thank him for his dedicated time and service, we will be hosting a retirement reception on May 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there to help us celebrate Larry's lasting impact on our community!



# Road Matters Fill May 9 Commissioners Meeting

CINDY RAMSEY

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners addresses a couple of road matters during their May 19 regular meeting. Highway Superintendent Joe Anderson explained the situations at hand.

With their anaerobic digester construction project, Fort Kearny Consolidated will be lowering the elevation of some of their pens and the area for the anaerobic digester itself. They have asked if they can lower the county road as well to better match those levels.

S Road grading is on the County's One & Six Year

Road Plan that was previously approved by the commissioners. This would remain a County project, but Fort Kearny Consolidated would take on much of the work and cost. The County will ensure the road meets local road standards.

The proposal would lower the elevation approximately six feet. Anderson told the board the elevation change would lower concerns of drifting snow. The only hesitation he shared related to utilities under the road that will need to be moved. Anderson stated he will contact those utilities to let

them know they will need to be moved. The board approved allowing Fort Kearny Consolidated to change the elevation of the 1300 block of S Road.

The asphalt overlay project approaching the railroad tracks in Heartwell is basically complete. Anderson asked the board if they would like to pursue reimbursement for a portion of the cost from adjacent land owners that directly benefited from additional work completed. Understanding the asphalt was always going to be needed, there was an additional cost for a seal. The board approved sending a letter to the property owner requesting \$13,200 for the seal.

In other business the board: Approved May 5 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Reviewed correspondence and approved signing BEAD letter. Heard NACO annual update presented by Luke Bonkiewicz. Approved NACO health, dental and vision insurance coverage pool plan.

## UNK Announces Dean's List for 2026 Spring Semester

PRESS RELEASE

KEARNEY – The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced students who earned a place on the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester.

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

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

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

Axtell: Calvin Johnson

Axtell: Ella Lungrin

Axtell: Jacob Fox

Axtell: Kassidy Autumn Halvorsen

Axtell: Robert Sogar

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Funk: Jesse Bertrand

Funk: Lane Charles Bertrand

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Kenesaw: Caden Jameson

Kenesaw: Eli Jensen

Kenesaw: Jaydn Jackman

Kenesaw: Jillian Larson

Kenesaw: Cassandra Leigh Kimle

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Minden: Aliena Osterbuhr

Minden: Bailey Eckhardt

Minden: Bailey Rogers

Minden: Bronson Paul Glanzer

Minden: Carter Harsin

Minden: Christian Fidel Gonzalez Zazueta

Minden: Emma Rowan

Minden: Erin Grant

Minden: Evan Porter

Minden: Gavyn Cross

Minden: Katelyn Althouse

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Minden: Luke Robert Johnson

Minden: Lydia Grace Petty

Minden: Maddi Emery

Minden: Maylee Lynn Kamery

Minden: Meredith Johnson

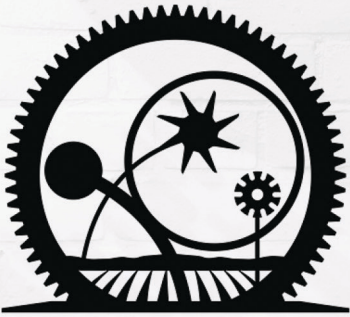
Minden: Nathan Althouse

Minden: Noah Branstad

Minden: Sylvia Schmidt

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## Kearney County Extension News

By Jason Tuller

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln Associate  
Extension Educator — RPN**

Last month in this column I previewed the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference. This was held last week, and it was a great conference. The conference will be held next year in Ord, with the dates yet to be determined. This year's conference in Tekamah really set the bar high.

The pre-conference activities started with a local bus tour of the surrounding communities in the county. It was well attended. That evening there was a farm to table dinner. On the first day of the conference, we kicked off with a speaker and then had three different breakout session times where we walked to downtown businesses for our sessions. For the evening entertainment we had a block party where not only conference attendees came, but the whole county was invited. It was a nice time with more than 20 vendors of food and other goods. There was also a band. Ord will definitely have to bring its A game to top this.

On the second day of the conference our kickoff speaker was Melissa Nelson. She shared many important ideas with us. The first was that, if you want cool things to happen in your small town...then you have to do cool things. You can't just have cool things happen in your community and not participate. You need to come out and support the cool things that are already happening in your community. One cool thing that she and her friends started was a holiday shopping tour. It started out at the end of 2020, during the times of Covid, and it consisted of her and a few of her friends driving around to different stores to shop. Six years later it is a giant shopping event. Now this is a planned shopping tour, with maps and participating businesses. You can hop on a bus, or you can drive yourself. This weekend shopping trip now has dozens of stops and she showed many pictures of small communities with a full downtown all because of a group of ladies wanted to go shopping together. What cool things do you want to do? Are you going to do them? Are you going to invite others?

After a few more breakout sessions, our closing speaker was Buck Rasmussen, a former Super Bowl Champion. He spoke about overcoming adversity. For him much of the adversity in life came from sports injuries, but he eventually overcame and became a Super Bowl Champion. I'm pretty sure he was wearing the ring during the presentation. Oh, how much adversity can a Super Bowl Champion really face? Well, when you look at the details, a lot. He may be a Super Bowl Champion, but he didn't play a down in the game. In his own words he was a scrub. In his story he talks about how his wife was pregnant and fighting cancer, the new baby had a severe health issue that he became the head nurse for, and other personal struggles. He was able to handle it all, until he couldn't. Even though he had played sports all his life, during this time of personal struggle is when he found the real need for a team. Is there someone in your community that is putting everything on their own shoulders and carrying the community forward? Can you help them? Can you volunteer to come beside them? Join the team and help them move forward. People even-

tually get burnt out doing everything alone. Work together, become a team!

We hope to see you at the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference next year in Ord, come and experience it for yourself!

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

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# A Lifetime of Love

By Shana Schoone

## A Special Tuesday Night: A Shana Story

For nearly a decade, I have dedicated myself to personal growth and healing. Along the way, I have learned that building self-awareness and peace can be found while spending time alone. A double edged sword. It is easy to fall in love with that time alone because no one is there to bother you. However, there is a thin line between healthy solitude and isolation. COVID didn't help us with this either. We forget that the majority of healing comes from connecting with others.

Now I am not one to go out very often, especially during the week. But in the name of reclaiming the "fun Shana" within me and building connections in a new city, I went out on a Tuesday night in March. My social butterfly friend, Gabi, wanted to show me her favorite speakeasy in Omaha. I decided to go simply to amuse her and honor my promise to myself to be more social again. Sure, I'd have a drink but I would be home no later than 9PM I told her.

Well, not too long after we arrived, a group of eight people sat next to us. It didn't take long for my friend to start up a conversation with one of them. Then I joined in. Hours passed. We learned their names, who was dating who, how they knew one another, and that day was Trey's 25th birthday. In the name of celebration, they were ready to take their party to another bar and asked us to join them. A few minutes later we found ourselves in the street figuring out carpooling arrangements. One girl even wanted to ride with Gabi and me.

My 9PM curfew quickly turned into 11:30PM. I found myself sharing my only March 31st, 2026 evening with this group of strangers. I learned that one couple shared the same birthday, one was a chef, another a journalist, and someone else had a love for anime. They learned about my column and my friend's dating life. We toasted to Trey's birthday, shared our wishes for him and how we met him. Trey gave a speech infused with gratitude to everyone who showed up for his special day, even shouting out Gabi and me with a smile on his face that acknowledged the spontaneity of our connection. We ended the night with hugs like we would see each other again. But we probably never would. Even though I made a good friend that night and connected with her, no other numbers were exchanged.

This story could easily be meaningless if we chose to look at it that way. But this is the reason we wake up every morning. To be present. To connect. To laugh. To celebrate life. To share our lives. To be reminded we are not all alone. Moments like this remind us that we don't get another March 31st, 2026. We don't get to relive days. So at some point, we have to ask ourselves, how can I make today special? That answer doesn't have to mean taking some extravagant trip to Aruba, swimming with sharks, or making 10k in a day. Usually, our joy can be found in being present with those around us.

THAT'S LOVE.

With love, always,  
Shana Schoone

# Protecting Nebraska Consumers: A Look at the Unclaimed Property Program

JOEY SPELLERBERG, NEBRASKA STATE TREASURER

For years, the State Treasurer's Office has urged Nebraskans to visit [NebraskaLostCash.gov](http://NebraskaLostCash.gov) to see if they or their loved ones have unclaimed property. After all, one in five Nebraska residents has unclaimed assets held by the state. Despite this fact, we still get questions such as:

- Is this a scam?
- How could I possibly have unclaimed property?
- Why is the state holding unclaimed assets?

Here's a brief overview of Nebraska's unclaimed property program — and why it's one of the state's leading consumer protection initiatives.

## Why We Hold Unclaimed Property

Under state law enacted nearly 60 years ago, the Unclaimed Property Division — overseen by the State Treasurer — holds "lost assets" as a consumer protection measure. The goal is to reunite Nebraskans with their abandoned financial assets.

The program exists primarily to address situations where financial institutions have lost contact with customers. Unclaimed property includes forgotten bank accounts, stock holdings, insurance proceeds, safe deposit box contents, and more.

Our Unclaimed Property Division maintains custody of these assets until the rightful owners or their heirs claim them. Unclaimed property does not belong to the state — it belongs to individuals who can use these dollars for household expenses, or perhaps a down payment on a home, or maybe college

savings.

We want to return lost assets to their rightful owners and get this money back into local economies.

## Nebraska's Success Story

While unclaimed property laws exist in every state, Nebraska has been especially successful in this area. Since its establishment, our Unclaimed Property Division has returned approximately \$310 million to rightful owners.

In 2025, the division returned more than \$19.7 million through nearly 20,000 claims. In the first quarter of 2026, we returned nearly \$6.6 million, with the average paid claim exceeding \$1,000.

Much of this success is due to the experienced team administering the program. Unclaimed Property Director Meghan Aguirre has served the office for nearly two decades and currently serves as president of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators.

## How to Search

With the state safeguarding millions of dollars in lost assets, every Nebraskan should take a minute to visit [NebraskaLostCash.gov](http://NebraskaLostCash.gov) — to search their name, family members' names, and business' name. The site has been visited nearly 200,000 times in the last six months.

If you have lived in multiple states, visit [MissingMoney.com](http://MissingMoney.com), which is a national database. Searching both sites is easy, free, and secure.

Keep in mind that unclaimed property exists in all 93 counties — so share this information with others. Nebraskans are typically surprised to discover that money is waiting for them.



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# Meet Jacey Smidt, Director of Compliance and Producer Relations

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Jacey Smidt of Hildreth is the new Director of Compliance and Producer Relations for the Nebraska Beef Council.

Growing up on a row-crop and cow-calf operation south of Kearney, Jacey Smidt developed a passion for the beef industry at an early age. From showing cattle through 4-H to helping build her family's operation, Smitty Cattle Company, agriculture has always been at the center of her life. Now, Smidt is bringing that passion to her new role as Director of Compliance and Producer Relations for the Nebraska Beef Council.

A graduate of Axtell High School, Smidt continued her education at Southeast Community College in Beatrice, earning degrees in livestock management and Ag business. After college, she interned with Aurora Cooperative before spending nearly three years working in animal nutrition out of the cooperative's Minden location. While she valued the experience, Smidt knew she wanted to continue advocating for the beef industry in a different way.

"I just want to continue to advocate and help others in the beef industry and promote the awesome industry

that we're in," Smidt said.

In her new position, Smidt will work closely with producers across the state while also overseeing compliance efforts with sale barns, packing plants and beef check-off procedures. However, it is the producer relations side of the role that excites her most.

"I really enjoy talking to producers and working with them," she said. "I enjoy being a resource for them and helping them in any way that I can."

Smidt is also looking forward to connecting with the next generation of agricultural leaders through FFA programs and Ag education outreach. Whether speaking in classrooms or helping with beef promotion events, she hopes to share the story of the Beef Checkoff and the importance of the cattle industry with students across Nebraska.

"I'm excited to be here and work with producers and everybody on the Beef Council team," she said.

Today, Smidt lives in Hildreth and remains actively involved in Smitty Cattle Company alongside her family, continuing the cattle operation that first sparked her love for the beef industry years ago.



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# 2026 Beef Passport Features 60+ Locations

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Kearney – Beef lovers across the state can once again hit the road in search of unforgettable meals as the 2026 Nebraska Beef Passport returns for another season.

Hosted by the Nebraska Beef Council, the Nebraska Beef Passport invites participants to explore restaurants, meat markets and processors across the state, all while enjoying high-quality Nebraska beef. The program officially runs from May 1 through September 30.

The passport is free and available in both digital and printable formats, making it easy for participants to plan their next beef-inspired adventure.

"This program continues to grow because people genuinely enjoy getting out and experiencing great beef in communities across Nebraska," said Adam Wegner, director of marketing for the Nebraska Beef Council. "It's not just about the food but also discovering new places, supporting local businesses and celebrating the strength of Nebraska's beef industry."

Participants can check in at each location by scanning a QR code through the mobile pass platform. Each stop earns points that can be redeemed for prizes, while also entering participants into the grand prize drawing. Those who collect 30 or more check-ins can earn a spot in the Beef Passport Hall of Fame, recognizing the most dedicated beef enthusiasts in the state.

For a complete list of rules or to set up your 2026 Nebraska Beef Passport visit [GoodLifeGreatSteaks.org](http://GoodLifeGreatSteaks.org).

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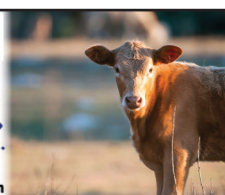
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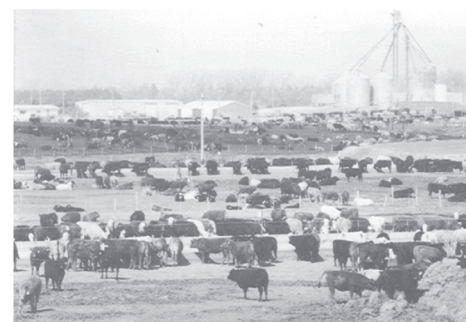


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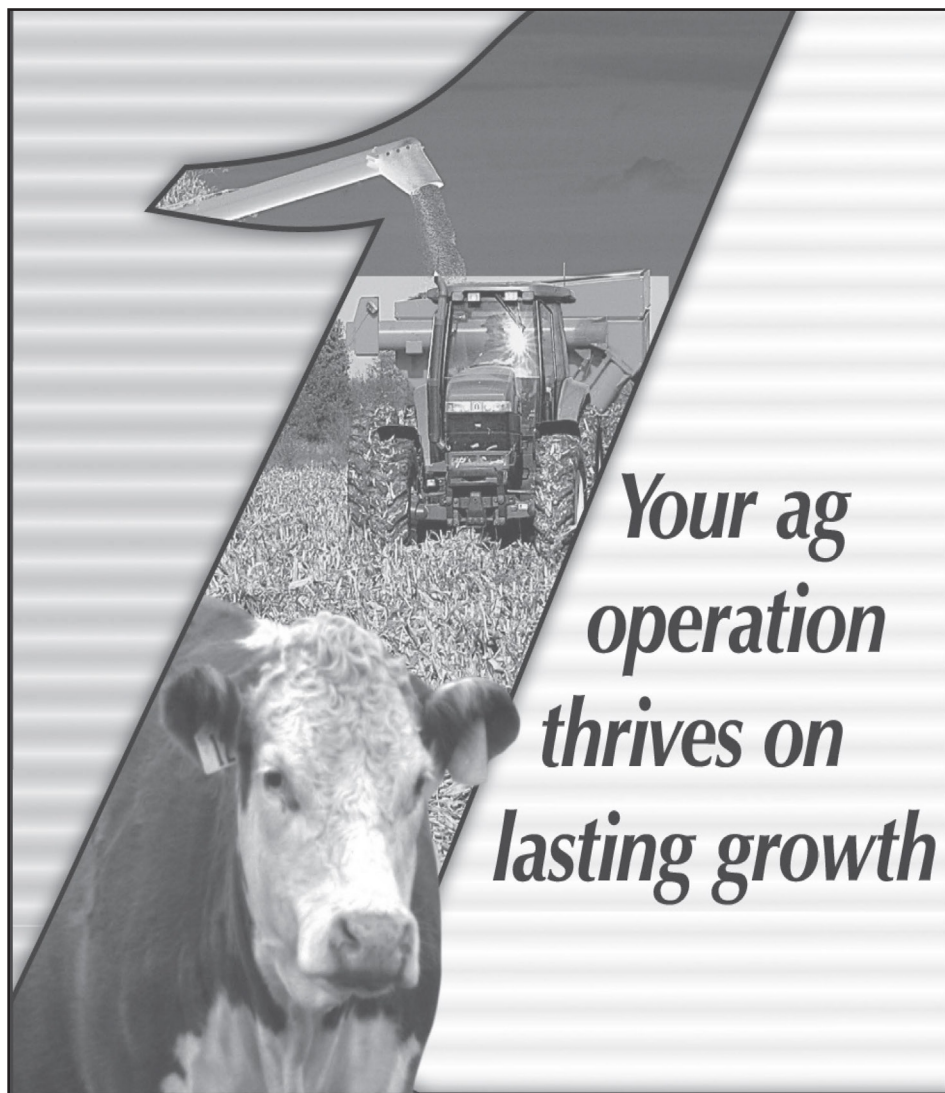


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# Governor Pillen on Transatlantic Visit to Tout Nebraska Beef, Ethanol and Energy Production

## PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, NE — A short trip to London in April provided Governor Jim Pillen an opportunity to tout Nebraska beef, ethanol production, and discuss business opportunities related to energy production. The Governor's transatlantic visit kicked off April 29 and wrapped up the evening of April 30. During that time, he met with members of the U.S. Embassy and others, including the UK's chief trade negotiator, Graham Floater, to discuss bilateral trade opportunities.

"Given the recent trade framework that exists between the U.S. and the UK and the favorable conditions for exporting more beef, ethanol and other American products, this is a good time to build relationships and understand better how Nebraska can play a role in meeting the short and long-term needs of that nation," said Gov. Pillen.

The first scheduled event of the trip was a dinner hosted by the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), which featured beef from Nebraska. During the event, attended by importers from the UK as well as chefs and others in the culinary industry, Gov. Pillen had an opportunity to share what goes into raising Nebraska's cattle including insight into the state's natural resources, sustainable practices and the generations of producers who work tirelessly to create a quality product.

Gov. Pillen also had an opportunity to meet government representatives, and those in private industry interested in taking advantage of new trade opportunities around increased ethanol quotas. Under the U.S.-UK Economic Prosperity Deal (EPD), finalized in June 2025, the United Kingdom implemented a duty-free quota allowing 370 million gallons of U.S. ethanol to be imported annually, eliminating previous tariffs of approximately 20%.

Prior to his return, the Governor had another chance to promote U.S. beef during a dinner event at Smith & Wollensky, an upscale steakhouse in Lon-

don. The invited crowd included more than 100 importers, distributors and others in the British food service and retail industries. For the first time in nearly six years, duty-free shipments of U.S. beef are now being sent to the UK, thanks to the new trade framework implemented last year.

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# Understanding Beef Food Safety

## PRESS RELEASE

Beef has long been America's favorite protein and rightfully so as it delivers great flavor and powerful nutrition. The following tips are provided by the USDA as guidance for proper safe handling, proper cooking instructions and storage of cuts and leftovers.

### Storing beef:

When shopping, pick up beef just before checking out. If it will take longer than 30 minutes to get it home, consider keeping it cold in a cooler.

Refrigerate or freeze as soon as possible after purchasing.

If you plan to freeze your beef, think ahead to your weekly meals and re-package into right-size portions for you and your family.

You can freeze beef in its original packaging up to two weeks. For longer storage, wrap in heavy-duty aluminum foil or place in plastic freezer bags, removing as much air as possible.

Place beef packages on the lowest shelf in your refrigerator on a plate or tray to catch any juices.

Label each package with the date, name of beef cut and weight and/or number of servings. Practice the FIFO (first in, first out) inventory system.

Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours after cooking.

Ground Beef is more perishable than roasts or steaks. Plan to use refrigerated Ground Beef within 1 to 2 days of purchase.

### Thawing guidelines

For best quality, thaw beef in the refrigerator, never at room temperature. Place frozen package on a plate or tray to catch any juices and place in the refrigerator.

### Keep it clean:

To avoid cross-contamination and prevent foodborne illnesses, follow these easy steps:

Wash hands well in hot, soapy water before and after handling raw meat and other fresh foods. Inadequate handwashing is a contributing factor to all sorts of illness, including foodborne illness. It is important to follow proper handwashing steps before, during and after preparing raw and frozen food to prevent germs from transferring from your hands to your meal.

Keep raw meat and meat juices away from other foods, both in the refrigerator and during preparation.

Wash all utensils, cutting surfaces and counters with hot, soapy water after contact with raw meat.

Keep carving boards separate from other food preparation areas and serving platters.

### Handle it right:

Use a gentle touch with Ground Beef. Over-mixing will result in burgers, meatballs or meatloaves with a firm, compact texture.

Before cooking, pat steaks and roasts dry with paper towels for better browning.

When stir-frying, partially freeze steaks for about 30 minutes for easier slicing.

When roasting or broiling, place steaks or roasts on a rack in a roasting or broiler pan to allow fat to drip away during cooking.

For kabobs, cut steak into uniform pieces to ensure even cooking. Pieces do not need to be absolutely square – some may have rounded or uneven edges. Thread steak pieces onto skewers leaving small spaces between them. Loose or tight spacing can cause beef to cook unevenly.

Even with frozen beef products, it is important to handle it similar to raw products. Wash your hands after handling and use a food thermometer to make sure it reaches a safe internal temperature.

### Cookware basics:

Use the pan size specified in the recipe. If the pan is too small, the beef will be crowded and browning will be inhibited. If the pan is too large, overcooking may result.

Choose heavy, good-quality pans that are thick enough to heat evenly without scorching.

Nonstick pans are easier to clean and allow for cooking with little or no added fat. Best results are achieved over medium heat with nonstick pans.

When cooking with acidic ingredients, such as tomatoes, citrus juices or wine, use pans with a nonreactive interior surface such as nonstick, anodized aluminum or stainless steel. Reactive metals such as aluminum and cast iron can affect the taste and color of dishes with acidic ingredients.

### Helpful tips:

High heat can overcook or char the outside of beef cuts while the interior remains underdone.

There is no need to bring beef to room temperature before cooking—straight from the refrigerator works effectively.

Turn steaks and roasts with tongs. Avoid using a fork, which will pierce the beef and result in the loss of flavorful juices.

Turn Ground Beef patties with a spatula. Do not press down on the patty, or flavorful juices will be lost, resulting in a dry burger.

Salt beef after cooking or browning. Salting beef before cooking draws out moisture and restricts the flavor that browning imparts.



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**Why did the cows go broke?**  
The steaks were too high!

**What do you call a knight who loves to barbecue?**  
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**Why was the steak embarrassed?**  
It saw the salad dressing!

**What happened to the lost beef?**  
Nobody's herd!

**Why don't cows have any money?**  
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# More Than Beef!



The word "beef" probably makes you think of meat, like hamburger and steak. These are the main products of the beef animal, but there are many other by-products you likely use every day. By-products are the items that can be produced with what's not used to make the main product. Very little of a beef animal is wasted. A beef by-product is anything made from a beef animal other than the beef we eat. Some by-products can be edible, like the gelatin from the beef animal's hooves and horns that is used in marshmallows. Many by-products are inedible, like the leather from the hide that is used to make baseballs. Other by-products are used in medicine like insulin that is made from the animal's internal organs. You probably use at least one item containing beef by-products every day!

| Bones/Hooves/Horns                                                                                                               | Manure                                                                                                                                            | Fat                                                                                                                                                                                         | Hide (Hair & Skin)                                                                                                               | Internal Organs/Blood                                                                                                             |
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## Irish Hills Reuben Burger

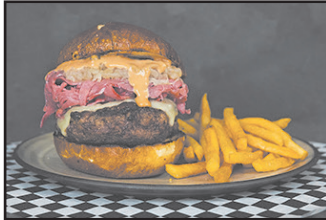
Two of favorite beef classics: the Reuben and the Burger combined into one delicious recipe. Is it a burger or a sandwich? That's your call.

4 SERVINGS 530 CAL  
45 G PROTEIN

Prep Time: 10 min Cook Time: 20 min Total Time: 30 min  
Ingredients:

1 lb 90% Lean Ground Beef  
8 ounces Deli Corned Beef  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon granulated garlic  
8 ounces sauerkraut, drained  
4 Swiss cheese slices  
4 Tablespoon Thousand Island dressing  
4 hamburger buns

Cooking:



Combine Ground Beef, pepper and, garlic in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 7 to 9 minutes) until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally. About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place buns, cut sides down, on grid. Grill until lightly toasted. During last minute of grilling, top each burger with cheese slice.

Cook's Tip: To prepare on stovetop, heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place patties in skillet; cook 12 to 15 minutes until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

Burger Build:

Line Top bun with 1 tablespoon thousand island dressing. Next place the burger patty on top the bottom bun and top with 2 ounces sauerkraut & 2 ounces corned beef. Close the sandwiches and serve with sides

Nutrition:

525 CALORIES

9.7g SAT FAT

45g PROTEIN

6.6 mg IRON

6.6 mg ZINC

\* Based on a 2,000 calorie diet

\*\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000-calorie diet

Nutrition information per serving, 3 oz: 525 Calories; 232.2 Calories from fat; 25.8g Total Fat (9.7 g Saturated Fat; 0.3 g Trans Fat; 4 g Polyunsaturated Fat; 8.9 g Mono-unsaturated Fat;) 131 mg Cholesterol; 1633 mg Sodium; 28 g Total Carbohydrate; 1.7 g Dietary Fiber; 6.5 g Total Sugars; 45 g Protein; 2 g Added Sugars; 260.7 mg Calcium; 6.6 mg Iron; 702 mg Potassium; 0.1 mcg Vitamin D; 0.36 mg Riboflavin; 10.5 mg NE Niacin; 0.46 mg Vitamin B6; 2.5 mcg Vitamin B12; 420 mg Phosphorus; 6.6 mg Zinc; 33 mcg Selenium; 92.7 mg Choline.

This recipe is an excellent source of Protein, Calcium, Iron, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Phosphorus, Zinc, and Selenium; and a good source of Potassium, and Choline.

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50 MIN 4 SERVINGS 890 CAL 47 G PROTEIN

Ingredients:

4 beef Cubed Steaks, 1/4 inch thick (about 1-1/2 pounds)

Gravy:

2 tablespoons butter

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

3 cups whole milk

1 to 2 teaspoons cracked black pepper

1/4 teaspoon seasoning salt

Steaks:

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided

1 teaspoon seasoning salt

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/2 teaspoon paprika

1/4 scant teaspoon cayenne pepper

3/4 cup whole milk

1 egg

1/2 cup butter cracker crumbs

Mashed potatoes or fried egg (optional)

Cooking:

For gravy, melt butter in medium sauce pan over medium heat. Stir in flour; cook and stir 4 minutes. Stir in milk; bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Reduce heat; simmer 2 to 3 minutes or until sauce thickens slightly, stirring occasionally. Add black pepper and seasoning salt, as desired. Cook 1 to 2 minutes, whisking constantly until gravy is



smooth and thick. Keep warm.

Cook's Tip: You may add additional milk if gravy is too thick.

For country-fried steaks, combine flour, salt, black pepper, paprika and cayenne pepper in shallow dish. Remove 1/2 cup seasoned flour; set aside. Beat milk and egg in separate shallow dish until blended; set aside. Combine remaining 1/2 cup seasoned flour with cracker crumbs in separate shallow dish.

Season beef Cubed Steaks with salt and pepper, as desired. Dip each steak into seasoned flour, milk mixture, then into flour-cracker mixture, turning to coat both sides.

Cook's Tip: You may need to pound cubed steaks between sheets of plastic wrap to 1/4 inch thickness.

Heat countertop fryer to 350°F per manufacturer's instructions. Fry prepared steaks 2 to 3 minutes until internal temperature reaches 165°F and golden brown on all sides; drain on paper towels. Fry in batches, if needed to avoid overcrowding the fryer. Sprinkle steaks with salt and paper immediately after removing from oil, as desired. Keep steaks warm.

Cook's Tip:

If you do not have a counter top fryer, you can heat 1-1/2 inches vegetable oil in Dutch oven until 350°F. Fry steaks for 2 to 3 minutes until golden brown, turning as needed. Drain on paper towels. Fry in batches; if needed.

Nutrition:

893 CALORIES

13g SAT FAT

47g PROTEIN

7.3 mg IRON

7.3 mg ZINC

\* Based on a 2,000 calorie diet

\*\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000-calorie diet

Nutrition information per serving, 1/4 recipe: 893 Calories; 459 Calories from fat; 51g Total Fat (13 g Saturated Fat; 0.7 g Trans Fat; 10.3 g Polyunsaturated Fat; 24.7 g Monounsaturated Fat; 169 mg Cholesterol; 619 mg Sodium; 60 g Total Carbohydrate; 1.9 g Dietary Fiber; 12 g Total Sugars; 47 g Protein; 0 g Added Sugars; 317 mg Calcium; 7.3 mg Iron; 820 mg Potassium; 3.3 mcg Vitamin D; 0.9 mg Riboflavin; 19.3 mg NE Niacin; 0.8 mg Vitamin B6; 2.9 mcg Vitamin B12; 557 mg Phosphorus; 7.3 mg Zinc; 68.1 mcg Selenium; 190.2 mg Choline.

This recipe is an excellent source of Protein, Calcium, Iron, Riboflavin, Niacin, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Phosphorus, Zinc, Selenium, and Choline; and a good source of Potassium, and Vitamin D.

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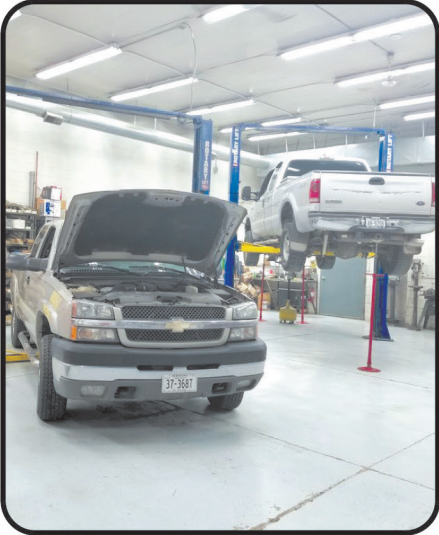
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## Axtell, Wil-Hil End Season of Progress at Districts

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

The 2026 golf season provided a year of growth and learning for the young and inexperienced teams from Wilcox-Hildreth and Axtell.

The season came to an end for both teams at the D-4 District Golf Meet Tuesday at Lakeside Golf Course in Elwood. The weather was cold and windy, providing tough play conditions for the teams, said Axtell Coach Donnie Miller. The teams competed in a field of 16 teams.

Freshman Landon Powers of Axtell was one stroke shy of qualifying for state, shooting an 89 and landing in 12th place. Nolan Wells was Axtell's other top golfer with a 93.

Wil-Hil's Aubree Overholser and Sutton Strong put up a good fight, scoring 110 and 113, respectively.

### Results

Axtell: Landon Powers 89; Nolan Wells 93; Felix Lopez 117; Nick Dahl 120; Conner Strolberg 123; Team 419

Wilcox-Hildreth: Aubree Overholser 110; Sutton Strong 113; Brayton Blank 127; Hunter Casper 136; Team 486



The Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth golf teams ended the season at the D-4 District Meet in Elwood on May 19. Both teams had a lot of growth during the season promising a bright future for the programs. Pictured are Wilcox-Hildreth's Sutton Strong (above) and Axtell's Nolan Wells (right) earlier in the season. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



**The Minden Courier had an early deadline for this issue. We will have 2026 State Track results and photos in the June 4th issue. Thanks for your patience and Go Falcons, Whippets, & Wildcats!**

**Congrats on a hole-in-one season!**



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# Dawgs End Season with Determination for the Future

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

Minden's Turner Schmidt missed out on qualifying for state golf by just one stroke.

The Whippets competed in a tough C-4 District on May 18 at Southern Hills in Hastings.

"It was a cold and rainy day for golf, but the quality of golf in the district was still exceptional. I am very proud of how our boys competed all day," said Coach Taylor Maulsby.

Schmidt had a final score of 81, taking 11th place out of 79 competitors.

"Turner had a slow start but battled hard on the back to give himself a great chance to make it to state. He barely missed qualifying for state by one shot," Maulsby said.

Zach Klabunde and Brody Sexton battled through the elements, both taking home a score of 89. As a team, the Whippets placed eighth of 16 teams.

Despite the disappointment of the season's end, the returning players are ready to put in the work for next season.

"The coaches appreciate the hard work and leadership these players have shown this year. We will miss our three seniors Brody, Jackson (Armstrong), and Jack (Scheibel), but we are excited for the future of Minden Boys Golf," Maulsby said.

## Results

Turner Schmidt 81; Zach Klabunde 89; Brody Sexton 89; Travler Pearson 93; Andrew Runions 94; Team 352 (8th place)



The Minden boys golf team finished up their season at the C-4 District Meet on May 18 in Hastings. The Whippets placed 8th as a team in the tough competition and junior Turner Schmidt missed out on qualifying for state by one stroke. Whippets pictured at the tee clockwise from top right: Travler Pearson, Brody Sexton, Andrew Runions, Zach Klabunde, and Turner Schmidt. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



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# Manifold Studios Competes at State Meet

CINDY RAMSEY

Manifold Studios gymnasts recently attended the 2026 State Meet in Lincoln. The young area athletes performed well bringing home several medals for their performances. Results from the meet:

## **All-Around State Champion**

Level 1 10 years: Brylnee Petersen

Level 3 10 years: Revyn Landstrom

Level 2 9 years: Aislynn Schneider

## **All-Around State Runner-Up**

Advanced Optional 16+years: Shayne Brown

Level 1 10 years: Halsey James

## **All-Around Third Place**

Level 2 8 years: Bently Walker

Level 2 11 years: Sophie Graham

Level 4 11 years: Cozette Sinsel

Level 3 11 years: Annabelle Smolik

Level 1 8 years: Oaklie Meyer

Level 1 8 years: Henely James

Level 1 9 years: Jane Fellers

## **State Event Medalists**

### **Vault Champion:**

Brynlee Petersen

Oaklie Meyer

Shayne Brown

### **Vault Runner-Up:**

Blair Petersen

Revyn Landstrom

### **Vault Third Place:**

Jane Fellers

Annabelle Smolik

Maddyn Petersen

Ila Brown

Annie Sluka

### **Uneven Bars Champion:**

Henley James

Revyn Landstrom

Aislynn Schneider

### **Uneven Bars Runner-Up:**

Halsey James

Hadleigh Doxon

Annabelle Smolik

Annie Sluka

Bently Walker

Shayne Brown

### **Uneven Bars Third Place:**

Sophie Graham

### **Balance Beam Champion:**

Halsey James

Revyn Landstrom

Bently Walker

Shayne Brown

### **Balance Beam Runner-Up:**

Brynlee Petersen

Aislynn Schneider

### **Balance Beam Third Place:**

Blair Petersen

Oaklie Meyer

### **Floor Exercise Champion:**

Jane Fellers

Maddyn Petersen

Aislynn Schneider

### **Floor Exercise Runner-Up:**

Brynlee Petersen

Oaklie Meyer

Revyn Landstrom

Ila Brown

Sophie Graham

Hope Ciernoczolowski

Bently Walker

### **Floor Exercise Third Place:**

Halsey James

Annabelle Smolik

Cozette Sinsel

In addition, Shayne Brown was awarded the Sarah Ludeman award as well as the first ever Jane Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The Sarah Ludeman Award is presented annually to honor the memory of one of Nebraska's foremost supporters of youth gymnastics. Sarah was always willing to lend a hand when the kids needed her. She judged a lot of meets in spite of her heavy workload. She loved the kids and all the people in the sport. She was conscientious in all she did and had a great work ethic. She was honest and forthright with everyone and had a great smile, and she always gave her best.

To these ideals, the Sarah R. Ludeman Memorial Award was created to be given, not necessarily to the best gymnast, but the gymnast that best exemplifies those characteristics Sarah personified. Hard work, dedication, honesty, helpfulness, and most of all an abiding love for the sport of gymnastics and the AmeriKids program.

Shayne was nominated by Jaylene Landstrom for the Sarah Ludeman Award. She wrote:

"Shayne has been a coach in our program for the past 2 years and has enjoyed helping the younger athletes grow in their abilities. However, Shayne has not competed as an athlete herself for 4 years. As she walked through her senior year she found herself pining to compete again in her first love, gymnastics. Shayne has shown an enormous amount of grit in stepping into the ring as an Advanced Optional for her final shot at a gymnastics season. Shayne's determination and "can do" attitude is an inspiration to myself as well as the athletes in our club. When she steps onto the floor she does so with her entire being, the floor is home for Shayne. Gymnastics runs through this girl's veins and watching her have the courage to reignite and follow that fire this year has been truly inspirational. For Shayne this season is about so much more than gymnastics. I know that Shayne has changed the face of Manifold for the better and I hope she has the opportunity to inspire others that "it's never too late" along the way."

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# Manifold Studios at 2026 State Meet



Gymnasts from Manifold Studios in Minden recently competed at the 2026 State Meet in Lincoln. The area athletes stayed limber, strong, and poised earning them several top finishes. Shayne Brown was honored at the competition with the Sarah Ludeman award as well as the first ever Jane Johnson Memorial Scholarship. (Courtesy photos)





# For the Record

## Kearney County County Court

Bailey Sheets, Bertrand, issue bad check-\$0-500, fine \$70, restitution \$80, unknown agency, 6-13-25

Melissa M. Susman, Holdrege, issue bad check-\$0-500, fine \$25, unknown agency, 11-18-25

Issak S. McCurdy, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Minden Police Officer Eikenberry, 4-16-26

Nathan W. Shearman-Raney, Hastings, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 4-4-26

Aaron M. Thoreson, Lauderdale, Minnesota, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 4-24-26

Cole J. Atkinson, Gothenburg, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 4-25-26

Matthew L. Cloud, Cleveland, Texas, speeding 21-35 MPH County/State, fine \$300, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 1-1-26

Alexander A. Torres, Minden, excess windshield

and/or window tinting, fine \$25, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 3-27-26

Ethan M. Eiley, Hildreth, overtaking/passing prohibited, fine \$25, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 4-17-26

## Minden Fire & Rescue

5-15-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to W. Sycamore Street for a fall & lift assist.

5-16-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to S. Nance Avenue for a gas odor in the basement.

5-16-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Highway 6 & 28 Road for an overturned semi.

5-19-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Evergreen Street for a fall.

5-20-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Ridge Avenue for a fall with injury.

5-20-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Logan Avenue for difficulty breathing.



Minden Opera House's facade recently received a refresh to keep the building looking its best. This improvement was paid for by KCCF and completed by B&S Painting and Powerwashing. Be sure to check out the results and plan to attend the many upcoming shows and events at Minden Opera House this summer. (Courtesy photo)

# Calendars and Menus

## 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, June 1: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, June 2: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, June 3: Philly steak, French fries, pickled beets, fruit & dessert

Thursday, June 4: Hot turkey sandwich over mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables & fruit

Friday, June 5: Meatloaf, cheesy mashed, peas, bread, fruit & dessert

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# Do You Remember

## Ninety Years Ago — 1936

About 20 percent of the wheat crop was not going to be harvested due to the lack of rainfall and/or winter moisture.

Andrew Lund, with an average of 94.9 percent, ranked first in the Minden Public School senior class, was named valedictorian. Gordon Jones was the salutatorian.

A 16 hour service daily between Chicago and Denver on the Burlington would start, according to Burlington Agent J.G. Chambers. The average running speed would be 65 miles per hour.

## Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Approximately 25 percent of the sugar beet crop was affected by freezing temperatures in the middle and upper 20s.

Wilbur Nelson took first place in the Class B 220-yard dash at the Nebraska State Track Meet with a time of 23.2 seconds.

Margie Ann Westerbuhr and Jean Wendell, both of Wilcox, won the county spelling contest in Minden.

## Seventy Years Ago — 1956

May 9 marked the second year of operation of the Kearney County Community Hospital. The hospital served 1,409 patients during the year.

War buddies, relatives, neighbors and friends prepared 160 acres of ground for spring planting in record time for David Hansen Jr. who had been hospitalized.

Kathleen Foote was named local "Woman of the Year" by the Minden Woman's Club. Foote, an active member of the Minden club, was the first woman to be elected

to the Nebraska unicameral legislature.

## Sixty Years Ago — 1966

The Axtell senior class presented their class play, "Desperate Ambrose," directed by Roger Farrar. Members of the cast were Frank Popple, Bruce Larson, Dave Larson, Doug Fries, Ken Anderson, Sandy Gustafson, Barb Soderquist, Teresa Larson, Janet Kring, Rick Stratman, Lupe Martinez and Kay Bradley.

Governor Frank B. Morrison was the keynote speaker at the Axtell Community School commencement exercises.

The Minden Rebekahs were honored for 13 years of service to the annual March of Dimes fund drive. Receiving the award on behalf of the Rebekahs were Ruby Nelson, Marjorie Morrow, Edith Thomsen, Oma Petersen, Evelyn Ahrens and Donna Wilson.

## Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Dr. Robert Etzelmler was honored at the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry for outstanding achievement in periodontics as an undergraduate student and a certificate of merit for outstanding interest and proficiency.

Hildreth High School graduated ten seniors. Valedictorian was Steve Dallmann and salutatorian was Jacquie Panter.

David Borg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Borg, and Timothy Lieske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lieske, both received Doctor of Medicine degrees.

## Forty Years Ago — 1986

William H. Meier was presented three certificates in recognition of his service in Buffalo and Kearney counties in the development of Fort Kearny and Kearney State Park.

Most valuable athletic players were recognized at Hildreth: football, Jay Halsted; boys' basketball, Clark Bauer; girls' basketball, Amy Hinrichs; volleyball, Janelle Harms.

The Minden High School cheerleaders for 1986-1987 were Kim Nielsen, Shannon Nielsen, Angie Carlson, Leanne Lowell, Kim Beck, Jenny LaBrie, Kristi Lundeen and Wendy Godwin.

## Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The Hildreth High School cheer squad for 1996-1997 included Megan Anderson, Erin Albers, Laurel Stuehm Jessica Jelkin, Kristi Loschen, Cheri Bertrand, Erin Schrock and Jill Evers.

Initiated into the Danish Brotherhood Lodge 16 were Gail Lysthange, Dean Dunn, Duane Newbold, Allen Jorgensen, Thelma Scheidies and Edward Schmidt.

John L. Jelden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jelden, and Joshua Sronce, son of Shirley Bigelow, were named the American Legion Post 94 delegates to Cornhusker Boys' State.

## Twenty Years Ago — 2006



2016 — The Axtell girls 4x100 relay team placed fourth in Class D State Track with team members Ashley Snell, Regan Miller, Camille Fishell and Shyla Smith.

Minden band instructor Michael Nickel received the Gary Fischer Memorial Music Teacher of the Year Award from the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association.

Jeff Brummer of Wilcox-Hildreth recorded a gold medal winning jump of 22'1.25" during the Class C state long jump competition to win his first ever state medal.

As part of their year end activities, first grade students at East Elementary in Minden had a Cinderella Ball. The class dressed as princes and princesses, danced, made crowns, and enjoyed ice cream with their teachers.

## Ten Years Ago — 2016

Minden's Fire Department bought a new command vehicle after years with their old suburban. The new command vehicle is a Ford F-250 truck and holds four people, Brown said. The truck was bought from the local Big Johns Ford dealership and was outfitted by the company Fyr-Tek. The old command vehicle was a 21-year-old suburban with 144,000 miles on it.

The 5th Annual Patterson Harbor Polar Plunge set another fundraising record, raising \$16,100 with proceeds benefiting local TeamMates Mentoring Programs and the Leon Harder Memorial Scholarship. Minden Public Schools and Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools TeamMates Mentoring Programs received funds from this year's Patterson Harbor Marina Event.

The Axtell Wildcats golf team concluded its 2016 spring boys golf season competing in the Class D-2 district meet held in Grand Island. Axtell would place ninth overall in the team standings scoring a 427. Axtell's Sturgis Hanson was three strokes from qualifying as an individual for the 2016 Class D State Golf Meet. Hanson shot an 18-hole score of 95 for the Cats while the mark to automatically qualify in the top ten was four tied at 92.

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**Marcia Dorn, Pastor**

Sunday, May 31: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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

**First Presbyterian**  
406 A Avenue

**Pastor Doodle Harris**

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

**Keene Evangelical Free**  
662 F Road  
308-743-2611

**Matthew Snell, Pastor**

Sunday, May 31: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 3: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran, LCMC**  
104 E. Fifth St.  
**Craig Richardson, Pastor**

Sunday, May 31: Donuts & Juice, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 12:45 p.m.

Monday, June 1: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3: High School Youth Meal/Study, 6 p.m.

**Campbell**  
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**Father Adam Sparling, Pastor**  
Sunday, May 31: Mass, 8 a.m.

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

**Greg Volsky, Vacancy Pastor**

Sunday, May 31: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

**United Westminster Presbyterian**  
Broad and Main Street  
**Mark A. Diehl, Pastor**  
Sunday, May 31: Worship, 10 a.m.

## Funk

**Fridhem Lutheran**  
401 Lake Street  
**Daren Popple, Pastor**

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

**Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish**  
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**Father Evan Winter**

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

## Hildreth

**Trinity Lutheran**  
502 Sanders Avenue  
**Caroline Schenk,**

**Pastor**

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

## Holdrege

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Sunday, May 31: Worship service, 9 a.m.

## Minden

**Bethany Lutheran**  
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**Don Hunzeker, Pastor**  
**Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate**

Thursday, May 28: Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.; VBS Program & Hot Dog Meal, 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Tuesday, June 2: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m. Stay connected with our

website, Bethanyminden.org

**Evangelical Free**  
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**Tom Barnes, Lige Reed, Pastors**

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

**Fredericksburg Lutheran**

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

Communion served 2nd Sunday each month

**Saint John The Baptist Catholic**  
628 N. Garber

**Father Evan Winter**

Saturday, May 30: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

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

**St. Paul Lutheran**  
206 N. Colorado

**Rev. William Zwick**

Friday, May 29: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

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

Wednesday, June 3: Communion, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**United Methodist**  
340 N. Newell Ave.

**Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor**

Thursday, May 28 Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 31: Worship, 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 4: Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

**Westminster United Presbyterian**

109 N. Colorado

**Sharon Rees, Pastor**

Sunday, May 31: Worship/Sunday School/Choir, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sundays

Wednesday, June 3: 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, May 31: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

**United Methodist**

203 S. Sapp St.

**Candance Miller, Pastor**

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

Communion 1st Sunday every month

**Wilcox Community**

106 W. Detroit St.

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# Obituaries

## Pearl H. Quadhamer, 103 - Hildreth Resident



Pearl H. Quadhamer, 103 years of age, of Hildreth, Nebraska, passed away on May 18, 2026, at Brookestone Gardens in Kearney, Nebraska. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hildreth with Rev. Caroline Schenk officiating. The service was streamed to the church's YouTube page. Private family in-

terment was held prior to services at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery, south of Hildreth. Visitation with family present was held on Friday, May 22, 2026 at Craig Funeral Home – Jelden Chapel in Hildreth. Memorials in Pearl's honor are kindly suggested to the Hildreth Volunteer Fire Department, the Hildreth Public Library, or to the Trinity Lutheran Church WELCA Quilting Group. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

She was born in Macon, Nebraska, on September 27, 1922, to Simon and Anna (Ackerman) Kleen. She was raised on a farm east of Macon. She was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Macon and confirmed in 1934 at the Methodist Church of Macon.

Pearl attended and graduated from Franklin High School in 1940. On January 15, 1944, she was united in marriage to Elmer Quadhamer. They were blessed with three children, Miriam, Hollus, and Rex, and raised their family on the Quadhamer family farm three miles south of Hildreth.

Pearl taught at a one-room schoolhouse for four years. She was employed by the University of Michigan for 19 years as a field interviewer in the research department. Pearl worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 27 years. She was a postal clerk and ended her career as postmaster in Holbrook, Nebraska. Pearl was a representative for the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club and traveled to schools to promote stamp collecting to elementary and junior high school students to teach about geography, art, and history through stamps.

Pearl was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and later Trinity Lutheran Church in Hildreth. She enjoyed quilting at home and church, baking, playing piano, reading, and spending time with family. She was close with her sisters throughout their lives and traveled

frequently to visit them in Nevada and South Carolina.

Survivors include daughters, Miriam Mietzner and husband Douglas of Hildreth, and Hollus Eckhoff of Ashland, and son Rex Quadhamer and wife Debra of Omaha. Grandchildren, Kristi Mietzner and husband Luis Baga, Sara Mietzner and husband Matthew Palmatier, Annette Radde and husband Sheridan, Amy O'Brien and husband Tim, Eric Quadhamer, Erin Quadhamer, and Nathan Quadhamer. Great-grandchildren Anna-Milena and Sebastian Baga; Lydia, Joaquin, Luca, and Issa Palmatier; Kaitlyn and Connor Radde; Myer, Owen, and Collins O'Brien; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents; husband Elmer; two sisters, Freda Coon and husband Bob, and Louella Hitchcock and husband Fred; brother, Alfred Kleen and wife Bertha; and son-in-law, Randall Eckhoff.

Tributes and memories can be shared with the family at [www.craigfunerals.com](http://www.craigfunerals.com).

## Lois Marie (Gellerman) Quinn, 85 - Axtell Resident



Lois Marie (Gellerman) Quinn, 85, of Axtell, Nebraska, passed away May 16, 2026, at her home in Kearney surrounded her by loving family. A visitation was held Friday, May 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church Wilcox, NE followed by funeral services officiated by Pastor Kenton Birtell. The service was livestreamed at

<https://stjohnslutheranwilcox.org/> A graveside service was held at St. John's Cemetery in Wilcox, NE followed by a luncheon at St. John's Fellowship Hall. Memorial donations in Lois's memory may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church Wilcox, NE or Mosaic in Axtell, NE. Visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Lois was born September 2, 1940, in Holdrege, NE, the oldest daughter of Rudolph "Rudy" Herman Gellerman and Laura Minni Mary (Bartels) Gellerman.

She was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wilcox, where she remained a faithful member the rest of her life.

Lois graduated from Axtell Community High School in 1958. She married Donald Dean Quinn on December 13, 1959; they embodied a true partnership with shared responsibilities and a deep commitment to one another.

Their marriage welcomed two sons, Allan and Arlen.

Lois served her vocation at Bethphage Mission Mosaic of Axtell, NE, for 39 years. She was proud of the mission of Mosaic and inspired her family to care for and advocate for others.

Lois loved sewing, especially making quilts for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an avid sports fan, cheering on the Huskers, the University of Nebraska-Kearney, and all her grandchildren's teams, sometimes showing up hours ahead of the competition to ensure she didn't miss a thing.

Her family will always treasure memories of watching her make zucchini bread with Grandpa, playing games of 'Sorry,' and enjoying Kentucky Fried Chicken picnics in the park. Lois was happiest when spending time with her family, whether they were visiting the Nebraska State Fair or vacationing in Nashville, TN, and Emerald Isle, NC.

Remaining to cherish Lois's memory are her husband, Don; children, Allan Quinn (Kimberli), Arlen Quinn (Suzanne); grandchildren, Ty Quinn (Brittany) Steven Quinn (Frank Napoli), Amber Sims (Jonathan), Brian Quinn (Jennifer Gebhardt), Shelby High (Nolan); great-grandchildren, Rory Quinn, Parker Quinn, Cullen Sims, Raegan Sims, Lucas Smith, Jordan Gebhardt, Jace Gebhardt, Renae High; sister, Sharon (Gellerman) Johnson; and brother-in-law, Ralph Johnson.

Preceding Lois in death are her parents, Rudolph Gellerman and Laura Gellerman; brother, LeRoy Gellerman; and sister-in-law, Sylvia Gellerman.

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## Patricia "Pat" A. Anderson, 82 - Minden Resident



Patricia "Pat" A. Anderson, 82, of Minden, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Bethany Home in Minden. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026 at First Baptist Church in Kearney with Pastor Sean Dougherty and Pastor Mark De Kluyver officiating. The service will be streamed to the church's website.

Inurnment will be held later that day at 2:00 p.m. at the Minden Cemetery. A memorial book signing with family present will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Memori-

als in Pat's honor are kindly suggested to the family for future designation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Patricia "Pat" Ann Anderson was born on March 17, 1944, in York, Nebraska, to William G. and Ruth (Abraham) Deremer. She grew up on a farm near Beaver Crossing, Nebraska, and attended District 38, Flowing Well School through the sixth grade before completing her education at Utica Public High School. Following graduation, Pat attended Kearney State Teachers College in Kearney, Nebraska, where she prepared for what would become her lifelong passion and career—teaching children.

On May 29, 1965, she married the love of her life, Roger Anderson. Together they were blessed with four children: Lisa, Craig, Joel, and Leah. Pat and Roger began their married life in Minden, Nebraska, before moving to Valley, Nebraska, where Pat began her teaching career. In 1979, the family moved to Malcolm, Nebraska, where she continued teaching as a Family and Consumer Sciences instructor. She retired from public education in 1993 and returned to Minden.

Even in retirement, Pat continued serving others through education and mentorship. In Minden, she worked with the Head Start program and served through the UNL Extension Office in Kearney as a WIC consultant, helping young mothers and leading several 4-H clubs. She officially retired from her formal teaching roles in 2006.

Pat was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church and played an instrumental role, alongside Rog-

er, in opening the Crossroads Center and establishing the Prison and Jail Ministries. She deeply valued the life skills taught through 4-H and dedicated much of her retirement to teaching nutrition and sewing to children in the community. Pat had a special love for sewing and generously passed those talents on to her grandchildren and many young friends she met through 4-H. She also enjoyed growing African violets and cared for her plants with great affection.

A lifelong learner, Pat delighted in sharing articles, recipes, and new ideas with her family. She especially treasured time spent with her grandchildren, always finding ways to teach and encourage them throughout the years. Sadly, dementia gradually took many of these passions from her over the last five years. In 2024, Pat and Roger moved to Bethany Home in Minden.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Roger Anderson; children: Lisa Clapper (Dennis) of Minden, Craig Anderson (Pam) of Lincoln, Joel Anderson (& friend Kim) of South Bend, and Leah tenBensel (Eric) of Cambridge; grandchildren: Erica Barela (Aaron) of Plymouth; Kaelyse Adler (Zach) of Kearney; Logan Anderson of Lincoln; Samantha Clapper (Skylar) of Seward; Caleb tenBensel of Broken Bow; Jocelyn Anderson (& friend Brogan) of Papillion; Brody Anderson of Omaha; and Megan tenBensel of Cambridge; great-grandchildren: Carter, Elijah, and Azariah of Kearney, and Sayla of Seward; brothers: Bill Deremer of Utica and Jim Deremer (Gloria) of Beaver Crossing; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William G. and Ruth Deremer; daughter-in-law, Nancy Anderson; and sister-in-law, Judy Deremer.

Tributes and memories can be shared with the family at [www.craigfunerals.com](http://www.craigfunerals.com).



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# Minden Police Report

## Calls for Service

### May 13

0241 - 600 Block E. Holland St., Tagged Vehicle  
0756 - 200 Block E. 7th St., Motorist Assist  
1122 - Jaycee Park, Check Welfare  
1201 - 500 Block W. 1st St., Death Investigation  
1656 - North Ball Field, Open Door

### May 14

0705 - 1st St. and Minden Ave., Injured Animal  
1831 - Westbound Hwy 6, Driving Complaint  
2229 - 300 Block E. 5th St., Open Door  
2241 - 200 Block W. Holland St., Barking Dogs

### May 15

0235 - Chautauqua Park, Foot Patrol  
1158 - 300 Block Nance, Criminal Mischief/Protection Order Violation  
1541 - 1200 Block Sycamore St., Lift Assist  
2016 - Chautauqua Park, Lost Property  
2041 - 700 Block N. Kearney Ave., Animal Complaint

### May 16

0343 - 300 Block S. Colorado Ave., Tagged Vehicle  
0450 - Agency Assist  
0614 - 500 Block W. 1st St., Hospice Death  
1325 - 300 Block Nance Ave., Report of Possible

## Theft

1439 - 800 Block E. 2nd St., Disturbance  
1534 - 3rd St. and Park Ave., Animal Complaint  
1746 - 4th St. and Yates Ave., Animal Complaint  
2057 - 300 Block Nance Ave., Possible gas leak in residence

### May 17

0012 - 900 Block S. Nebraska Ave., Roof blown off residence  
0407 - 7th St. and Garber Ave., Tree and Line Down  
0652 - 1st St. and Blaine Ave., Report of damage to street

0853 - Report of Wind Damage  
0927 - 100 Block S. Colorado Ave., Branch on Powerline  
1507 - Chautauqua Park, Ball Stuck in Splashpad Bucket

1648 - 800 Block Webster St., Animal Complaint  
2112 - 800 Block E. 2nd St., Barking Dog

### May 18

0140 - 300 Block N. Colorado Ave., Tagged Vehicle  
0448 - 700 Block S. Colorado Ave., Tagged Vehicle  
1209 - 800 Block E. 2nd St., Noise Complaint  
1506 - 6th St. and Kearney Ave., Motorist Assist  
2135 - 700 Block E. Hwy 6, Traffic Stop  
2223 - Swimming Pool, DUI Investigation

### May 19

0805 - 100 Block N. Colorado Ave., Debris  
1536 - Landfill, Illegal Dumping  
1620 - Hwy 6 and Garber Ave., Motorist Assist  
1946 - Ongoing Investigation  
2058 - 600 Block W. 1st St., Shop lights on and Garage door open

2135 - 100 Block E. Hwy 6, Open Door  
2200 - North City Limits, Open Gate  
2211 - Unit Call

2318 - Chautauqua Park, Suspicious Vehicle

### May 20

0154 - 700 Block E. Holland St., City Ordinance Violation  
0213 - 800 Block S. Nebraska Ave., Tagged Trailer  
0233 - 400 Block S. Hubbard Ave., Tagged Vehicle  
0253 - 600 Block S. Logan Ave., Tagged Vehicle  
0302 - 500 Block N. Yates Ave., Tagged Vehicle  
0306 - 100 Block E. 16th St., Suspicious Vehicle  
1104 - 100 Block E. Palmer St., Lost Wallet  
1653 - 700 Block Ridge Ave., Unit Call  
2136 - 11th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

# Relay for Life Invites Cancer Survivors to a Night of Hope and Honor

## PRESS RELEASE

Relay For Life of Central Nebraska will celebrate 40 years of hope, strength, and community on Friday, June 5, 2026, with a special evening honoring cancer survivors and those who support them throughout their journey.

The event will take place at the Kearney Catholic High School football field and will bring together survivors, caregivers, medical professionals, families, and supporters from across the region for a night of remembrance, celebration, and hope.

The evening begins with the Opening Ceremony at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Survivor Lap at 7:00 p.m. Survivors will take the first steps around the track in a powerful moment symbolizing courage, resilience, and victory over cancer.

Immediately following the Survivor Lap, caregivers will be recognized during the Caregiver Lap, honoring those who provide unwavering support to loved ones facing cancer. A special Medical Professionals Lap of Honor will follow in recognition of the healthcare workers who care for patients and families throughout their cancer journey.

For four decades, Relay For Life has united communities in the fight against cancer while celebrating survivors and remembering loved ones lost to the disease. The event continues to serve as a reminder that no one faces cancer alone.

Cancer survivors from throughout Central Nebraska are encouraged to attend and be recognized during this milestone celebration.

Survivors may register online at [www.relayforlife.org/centralnebraska.com](http://www.relayforlife.org/centralnebraska.com) or by calling 1-800-227-2345.

Relay For Life is organized by the American Cancer Society and supports the organization's mission to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support programs.

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## NOTICE

### REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**MAY 19, 2026 - 9:30AM**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held May 19, 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 Jason Sinsel, James Miller, Nathan Avery, Robert Swanson and Heath Hofstetter. Absent was Jeff England. Also present were Co. Clerk Jenni Lupkes, Joe Anderson Hwy. Supt., Scott White Sheriff. Craig Lupkes Emerg. Mgmt. Dir., Melodie Bellamy Co. Atty, Payton Lewis Co. Atty Intern 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 May 5, 2026. Approved Bills and Claims. Held a Public Comment. No comments were made. Reviewed Correspondence from NDOT regarding Resurfacing Bituminous work on HWY 10, NACO regarding Communication Operability for Emergency Response BEAD Letter and Berggren Architects regarding availability at upcoming Commissioner's conference. Met with Joe Anderson, Hwy Supt. to discuss the railroad crossing in Heartwell and approved Ft. Kearny Consolidated to lower the

elevation on S Rd and 1300 Rd by 6 ft with the County overseeing the project to ensure that the road continues to meet road standards. Met with Luke Bonkiewicz from NACO to receive an update. Mike Boden from NACO presented the new rates for Blue Cross FY26/27. The health insurance was a 4.68% increase with the dental insurance staying the same. The Board approved adding Vision insurance to the county benefits package and staying with the \$500 deductible buy down with the County paying 100% for the employee and 75% for any dependents. Cash in lieu will stay at \$500 per month. Adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman  
Kearney County  
Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST:

/s/ Jenni Lupkes  
Kearney County Clerk  
GENERAL FUND: AT&T, Sv, \$434.46; Wayne Anderson, Election Work, 210.00; BC Publishing, Publish, 847.95; Melodie Bellamy, Co Atty, Reg, 855.00; Bethany Home, Sv, 765.00; Dorrene Bloomfield, Election Work, 210.00; Jodi Boudreau, Election Work, 236.10; Greg Brown, Election Work, 217.00; Buffalo Co Sheriff, Dues, 200.00; Patrick Burchell, Election Work, 228.00; Business World, Su, 97.09; Centec Cast Metal, Su, 1,373.48; Karen L. Chiarbos- Warner, Election Work, 247.45; CMRS- POC, Su, 4,500.00; Craig Bros Mow Co., Sv, 220.00; Rita Crooks, Election Work, 206.25; De-wald Deaver L'Heureux, Sv, 161.00; Marsha A. Dorn, Election Work, 237.40; Eakes, Su, 1,903.25; Logan Ellis, Election Work, 227.50; Tammy Ellis,

Election Work, 223.65; Dana D. Faber, Election Work, 210.00; Marcia E. Fangmeyer, Election Work, 295.40; Deanne Favinger, Election Work, 221.19; FGH Law Office, Sv, 1,743.33; First Bank & Trust, Su, 88.03; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 1,810.88; Shelly Gibbins, Extension Ofc Mngr, Su, 38.59; John Gill, Election Work, 248.75; Debra Granger, Election Work, 223.75; Great Plains Comm, Sv, 138.35; Tracy L. Groothuis, Election Work, 195.00; GIS Workshop, Annual Sub, 15,467.00; Darin Haight, Mileage, 68.15; Judith E. Hansen, Election Work, 227.50; Roger D. Hansen, Election Work, 101.25; Erica Heun, Election Work, 210.00; Philip Heun, VSO, Mile/Phone/Ed, 163.49; Jodi R. Hinrichs, Election Work, 221.48; Nancy Holl, Election Work, 231.63; Laura Horner, Election Work, 210.00; Lori Hunzeker, Election Work, 210.00; Connie L. Jelkin, Election Work, 226.50; KC Health Sv, Sv, 180.00; KC Public Defender, Sv, 1,591.29; KC Road Depart, Fuel, 40.65; KC Sheriff's Fund, Sv, 497.25; Marge A. Kershner, Election Work, 210.00; Joyce Kingsley, Election Work, 202.50; Klein, Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith, Sv, 2,760.00; Leslie J. Lambert, Election Work, 206.25; Joyce M. Landrigan, Election Work, 202.50; Linda K. Larsen, Election Work, 223.65; Linda J. Larson, Election Work, 221.11; Lieske, Lieske, & Ensz, Sv, 1,358.00; Sharon Lippstreu, Election Work, 231.50; Patricia M. Lundeen, Election Work, 343.50; Jenni Lupkes,

Co. Clerk, Mileage, 68.88; Jennifer L. Madsen, Election Work, 235.00; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, Su, 384.18; Minden Hardware, Su, 718.98; Minden Senior Center, Poll Rent, 50.00; Nelson Law, Sv, 1,460.50; Jennifer L. Nelson, Mileage, 66.70; Donna J. Niesen, Election Work, 231.50; Tamara Petersen, Election Work, 195.00; Physicians Laboratory, Sv, 6,689.00; Diana M. Podewitz, Election Work, 198.75; Jessica Poppe, Co Clerk Staff, Mileage, 20.30; Pritchard & Abbott, Sv, 200.00; Quality Sound & Comm, Sv, 378.00; Katie J. Ramsey, Election Work, 210.00; Markus Ramsey, Deputy Co Clerk, Mileage, 20.74; Marla D. Reiter, Election Work, 253.38; Dori Ropers, Election Work, 221.48; Terese Smith, Election Work, 246.75; Soarin Group, Sv, 2,411.00; Linda Soundy, Election Work, 206.25; Craig Steele, Election Work, 7.50; Thomas Stewart, Attorney at Law, Sv, 552.53; Lana K. Stickney, Election Work, 238.03; Penny Talbert, Election Work, 227.28; Thomson Reuters- West Publishing, Publish, 132.00; Laura B. Tobiasen, Sv, 14.30; Kim Toline, Election Work, 206.25; United Methodist Church, Poll Rent, 100.00; Verizon, Sv, 101.98; Village of Heartwell, Poll Rent, 50.00; Amy Wilson, Election Work, 241.40; Susan Woollen, Election Work, 202.50; TOTAL \$60,959.21. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: ACE/ Eaton Metals, Su, \$8,292.10; Carquest/Landmark, Su, 461.90; City of Minden, Sv, 30.00; Consoli-

dated Concrete Co, Supplies, 539.00; E & E Turf, Mow, 50.00; Eakes, Su, 97.38; Fifth Street Printing, Sv, 188.75; Filtercare of Nebraska, Sv, 151.25; First Concord Ben Grp, Self-Fund Ded, 3,230.85; Terry Hendrickson, Truck Driver, CDL Renewal, 31.00; KC Health Sv, Sv, 105.00; HTR, Su, 13,504.00; Landmark Implement, Su, 340.40; Minden Courier, Publish, 252.43; Minden Hardware, Su, 112.72; Minden Lumber, Su, 5.60; NMC, Su, 313.50; Rhomar Industries, Su, 799.78; Sahling Kenworth, Su, 3,094.80; Southwest Gravel Products, Su, 2,721.89; Spracklin Chiropractic, Sv, 50.00; Tarco Industries, Su, 194.21; TOTAL \$34,566.56.

INHERITANCE TAX: Woods Aitken, Sv, \$13,488.65; TOTAL \$13,488.65. 911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: CenturyLink, Sv, \$3,580.83; TOTAL \$3,580.83. JV SERVICES AID FUND: Healthy Horizons Counseling, Sv, \$800.00; Morgan Kenton, JV Sv Aid, Mileage, 301.02; Verizon, Phone, 39.92; TOTAL \$1,140.94. CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS FUND: Cummins Sales & Sv, Sv, \$1,004.86; Eakes, Su, 96.00; Great Plains Comm, Subscript, 197.53; Landmark Implement, Su, 335.41; Nebraska Tech & Telecom, Sv, 688.08; Platte Valley Comm, Sv, 1,502.06; TOTAL \$3,823.94. May 28, 2026 (258) znez

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### MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT OBSOLETE FILE DESTRUCTION

In accordance with Federal, State, and Nebraska Records Management Division guidelines, the Special Education files of students who have graduated, transferred, or exited the Minden Public Schools District during the calendar years of 2018 thru 2021 will be destroyed beginning June 15, 2026. Parents or students over 21 desiring to have another copy of their SPED records must contact the District Office at 308-832-2440 for more information before June 12, 2026.

May 28, 2026  
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## NOTICE

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners will be accepting sealed bids for one (1) new 2026 or newer Articulated Motor grader with 250 hours or less at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 16th, 2026. Sealed bids must be received at the Kearney County Clerk's office by 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday June 16th, 2026, at the following address:

Kearney County Clerk's Office  
Kearney County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 339  
424 N Colorado Ave.  
Minden, NE 68959  
All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "MOTOR GRADER BID-2026".

All bids will be considered in the Kearney County Board of Commissioners Room during their regularly scheduled meeting in the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, Nebraska.

Kearney County will offer for trade:

One (1) 2017 Caterpillar Motor grader 12M3 SN#N9F00655 (3-40)

Interested bidders may contact Joseph Anderson, Kearney County Road Superintendent, in person or by phone at the Kearney County Road Department Office, 1124 East 9th Minden, NE or 308-832-2854.

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

May 28, 2026

Jun 4, 2026

Jun 11, 2026

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## NOTICE

### WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY,

**MAY 18, 2026 - 8:00 PM**  
**POSTING LOCATIONS:**

**MINDEN COURIER**

**POSTING DATE: 5/7/2026**

**FRANKLIN CHRONICLE**

**POSTING DATE: 5/6/2026**

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1. Call to Order. Roll Call. 2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act. 2.A. Pledge. 3. Consent Agenda. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Kert Hansen, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. 3.A. Approval of Agenda. 3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular April 20, 2026 Board Meeting. 3.C. Approval of Claims. 3.D. Financial Report. 4. Visitors and communication from the public. No visitors in attendance. 5. Action Items. 5.A. Discuss,

consider and take all necessary action to approve the absence of Ryan Knaus. Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the absence of Ryan Knaus. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. 5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the purchase of a route bus. Superintendent Patterson shared that the district is still waiting for bids to come in from different companies. The board discussed and made a motion to approve Superintendent Patterson to spend up to \$157,460 towards the purchase of a route bus. Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the purchase of a route bus bid up to \$157,460.00. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. 5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to review and update board policies 3028,3035, 4029 Superintendent Patterson reviewed the policies with the board. Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to review and update board policies 3028,3035, 4029. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. 6. Discussion Items. 6.A. List of Summer repairs. Superintendent Patterson shared the list of repairs and summer projects that are scheduled to be completed this summer. 6.B. NASB and ConnectNE

Opportunity. Superintendent Patterson shared information about ConnectNE that was sent out by the NASB.

6.C. Potential Track Project Updates. Superintendent Patterson shared potential design layouts for moving the field events to the north side of the road during the track renovation project. 7. Administrator Report. 7.A. Superintendent Report. Superintendent Patterson reported: School Finance Updates. Transportation Needs. Communication from a patron about using the practice football field space during nonschool days. Pool repair updates and pool cleaning. 7.B. Principal Report. Mr. Glenn reported on student attendance. Mrs. Muhlbach reported on TIP Data from the 24-25 and 25-26 school years and student device confiscations during the 25-26 school year. 8. Next Board Meeting: 8:00 PM Monday, June 15, 2026 in the Wilcox Conference Room. 9. Adjourn. Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to adjourn meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Absent, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Checking Account ID 1 Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND: Access Elevator, Inc., 503.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., 342.75; Awards Unlimited Inc, 159.70; Benjamin's Landscaping, 291.75; Bennetts, Robert, 478.20; Black Hills Energy, 3,910.98; BTS Communications, Phone Vendor, 54.00; Capital Sanitary Supply Co, Inc., 8,366.11; Central Nebraska Truck and Trailer Repair LLC, 692.32; Character Strong,

6,997.00; Clearly, 97.26; Cobra-Midwest, 2,712.00; Cooperative Producers Inc, 5,174.85; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, E-Rate/Charter, 317.87; Diversified Safety and Compliance LLC, 248.00; Eakes Office Solutions, 3,078.26; Esu #10, 40.00; Family Medical Specialties, Medical Provider, 149.00; Flinn Scientific Inc, 465.67; Follett Content Solutions, LLC, 111.52; Fouts, Sidney, 60.00; Franklin County Chronicle, 244.09; Fritz's Market, 174.13; Furby's Plumbing, 233.00; Great Plains Communications, 307.30; Gumdrop Books, 7,033.42; HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd., 1,388.40; Heartland Refrigeration & Service LLC, 631.66; Holdrege Floral Expressions, LLP, Floral Shop, 190.00; Hometown Leasing, Copy Machine Lease Company, 894.00; J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc., 49.84; Kat's Korner Market, 188.32; KSB School Law PC LLO, 39.50; Lakeshore Learning Materials, 352.99; Larsen's Ace Hardware, 14.99; LIPS Printing Service, 249.61; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, 150.68; Mid-America Research Chemical, 2,021.62; Midwest Grads, 303.00; Minden Courier, Newspaper, 107.99; Minden Public School, 112.00; NASB, 150.00; NCSA, 150.00; PowerSchool Group LLC, PowerSchool, 3,715.79; Protex Central, Inc., 1,998.46; Quadient Leasing, USA, Inc., 474.37; Really Good Stuff, 113.94; S & W Auto Parts, 129.00; Student Assurance Services Inc, 565.00; Tru by Hilton Kearney, 1,299.50; Village Of Hildreth, 1,317.25; Village Of Wilcox, 2,290.39; VISA, 3,469.09; Wage Works, 128.75; Walsworth Publishing Company, 150.00; Weides Water LLC, 1,625.00;

White Auto Glass Inc, 314.95; Woodward's Disposal Service, 55.00; Woollen, Rachel, 144.00; Yanda's Music And Pro Audio, 4,118.34; Zaner-Bloser, Inc, 262.24; Fund Number 01, 71,407.85; Checking Account ID 1, 71,407.85.

May 28, 2026

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## NOTICE

### MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Agendas for the May 19 special meeting and retreat of the Board of Education were posted locally. Included in the notification were the time, place, date, and items on the agenda. Notice of meeting was published in the paper. The board approved BD Construction to complete middle school utilities and HVAC relocations. The board discussed the 2026-27 budget, strategic plan, and facilities. The board discussed the amendments to Policy 1110 Bulletin Boards, Policy 3130 Purchasing Policies, 3560 Records Management & Disposition, Policy 5004 Full-Time & Part-Time Enrollment, Policy 5005 Student Residence, Admission and Contracting for Services, Policy 5008 Student Attendance, Policy 5101 Student Discipline, Policy 5205 Graduation, Policy 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting, and Policy 8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.

May 28, 2026

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## NOTICE

The Axtell Village Board met Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 in the Axtell meeting room for their regular monthly meeting. Upon roll call the following were present: Eric Gustafson, Marcus Anderson, Linda Soderquist, Josh Beck, Maddie Anderson and Utility Supt. Jason Stoddard. Chairman Gustafson opened the meeting under the open meetings act and read the public forum statement. Maddie Anderson read and signed the oath of office for board trustee. Motion by Marcus Anderson, second Beck to approve April 13, 2026 minutes. Passed unanimously. Motion by Soderquist, second Marcus Anderson to approve April 30, 2026 treasurers report. Passed unanimously. Motion by Marcus Anderson, second Beck to approve resolution of special assessment for 508 W 4th to lower the Village lien to \$3,000. Passed unanimously. Motion by Marcus Anderson, second Soderquist to approve Jacob Jezbera to lifeguard as two previous appointments decided not to guard. Passed unanimously. The board reviewed a swimming pool manual and it was moved by Soderquist, second Maddie Anderson to implement. Passed unanimously. Motion by Marcus Anderson, second Beck to approve Steve Lanham building permit. Passed unanimously. Jason then gave his monthly maintenance report. Motion by Soderquist, second Maddie Anderson to approve monthly claims. Passed unanimously. Motion Soderquist, second Maddie Anderson to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 8,

2026. Bills approved: Salaries 10,688.47, CPI 614.38, Michael Todd 2,183.34, Mid NE Aggregate 20,847.19, Municipal Supply 525.45, TSC 759.90, City of Minden 200.00, South Central Sanitation 7,053.83, Black Hills 306.74, BOK 1,617.50, Cardmember Services 89.60, CarQuest 67.29, Dier, Osborn, Cox 520.00, JEO 1,200.00, MARC 509.13, Menards 241.85, Miller Abstract 426.50, Minden Courier 45.15, NT&T 321.57, One Call 21.28, Morton 6,601.00, ProTex 819.00, SPPD 3,769.00, Spectrum 375.66, 41.05 & 200.33, VanDiest 627.75, Cline Williams 315.00.  
May 28, 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, June 2, 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  
May 28, 2026  
(21) znez

## NOTICE

### IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF CATHERINE MAY KNITTLE, DECEASED CASE NO. PR 26-16 NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION AND

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that, on the 20th day of May, 2026, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, James J. Jezbera, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 28th day of July, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiasen  
Clerk Magistrate  
Prepared & Submitted by:  
James V. Duncan, #19799  
SENNETT, DUNCAN, JENKINS & WICKHAM, P.C., L.L.O.  
425 So. 7th Avenue, P.O. Box 326 Broken Bow, NE 68822  
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May 28, 2026  
Jun 4, 2026  
Jun 11, 2026  
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## NOTICE

### VILLAGE OF WILCOX MINUTES MAY 12, 2026

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 12, 2026. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Post Office and High Street Insurance. Agendas were mailed to each member of the village board. Chairman Gardels called the meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson, Adam. Others in attendance: D. Walker, R. Carey, H. Goddard, K. Norman, C. Woollen, J. LeBarge. The minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting and April 23, 2026 special meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Adam with second by Nash

to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The following claims were presented for payment: Minden Courier 92.27; Wil-Hil School 200.00; Great Plains Com. 450.23; Eakes 9.85; Home-town Leasing 101.61; Fig-gins Construction 21,647.65; Mid-NE Aggregate 1945.96; Black Hills 179.90; Central Dist. Health Lab 288.00; NE Public Health Env. Lab 7.00; SPPD 2219.32; Dutton-Lainson 288.02; SCS 4327.55; Vestis 128.77; NPPD 14,363.79; SPPD 550.02; JD Financial 67.06; Town & Country 75.38; CPI 305.54; Holdrege Irrigation 35.40; Visa 482.65; Cline-Williams 600.00; Cline-Williams 7,903.30; Council 350.00; Salaries 6,325.59; EFTPS 1582.42; NYLife 1,103.31; NE Dept of Rev (sales tax) 901.33; NE Dept of Rev (Quarterly) 591.63; Transfers 1582.75. Motion to pay all claims was made by Johnson with second by Norman. Motion carried. The board reviewed all delinquent utility bills. Nuisance properties were reviewed. A letter will be sent to owners of 203 N. Briggs property requesting clean-up. C. Woollen and K. Norman stated that five contractors were contacted to submit estimates for repairs to the food pantry building. Two contractors responded. J. LeBarge presented what was needed to repair the building, but no prices were provided. The other contractor will make a presentation at the June 9th meeting. The board moved to building permit #426. K. Norman placing a portable garage/metal frame with cloth covering. The Planning Commission met on May 12th to review this permit and tabled fur-

ther discussion. The village board discussed the issue of covered metal portable sheds and that we might need to consider possible changes made to our current regulations. Further discussion was tabled until the June 9th meeting. A purchase agreement was reviewed for the sale of 305 & 309 E. Franklin St. property at \$23,000.00 with the seller paying all real estate taxes and special assessments and all outstanding clean-up fees assessed by the Village of Wilcox. Resolution #694 to authorize the Chairman to sign the purchase agreement for the acquisition of this real estate. Motion was made by Adam to approve Res. #694. Second given by Nash. Motion carried. The board discussed possible locations for the County maintainer shed to be moved to in Wilcox. The hiring of summer help was tabled. Clerk updated board on utility billing with gWorks. With no further

business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: Melinda Ferree  
Village Clerk  
APPROVED: Brad Gardels,  
Chairman  
Wilcox Village Board of Trustees

May 28, 2026  
(129) znez

## NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF SCHWENKA FAMILY FARMS LLC

Notice is hereby given that Schwenka Family Farms LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 708 East 5th Street, Minden, Nebraska 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the Company is Dean S. Schwenka, 708 East 5th Street, Minden, Nebraska 68959.

Schwenka Family Farms LLC  
May 14, 2026  
May 21, 2026  
May 28, 2026  
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PUBLIC HEARING  
KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 2nd day of June 2026 at 10:10 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Court-house in Minden of Kearney County Nebraska, located at 424 N Colorado Ave. for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the following application for an Administrative Sub-division.

Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative Subdivision application made by Stuart Anderson, an administrative subdivision further described as: A tract of land being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4 SE1/4) of Section Six (6), Township Six (6) North, Range Thirteen (13) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Kearney County, Nebraska, to divide land.

Said meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend for or against said application. Any party may appear in person or be represented by an agent or attorney. The agenda for said meeting is kept current at the office of the county clerk and can be modified up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Zoning Administrator Office at (308) 832-2795.

Carrie Favinger  
Zoning Administrator  
May 13, 2026

May 21, 2026  
May 28, 2026  
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Carrie Favinger  
Zoning Administrator  
May 13, 2026

May 21, 2026  
May 28, 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: LITTLE DIAMONDS DAYCARE, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 444 26 Road, Ax-tell, Nebraska 68924. Dana A. Christensen is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on May 11, 2026, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: May 11, 2026

LITTLE DIAMONDS  
DAYCARE, LLC,  
A Nebraska Limited  
Liability Company.

By/s/ Rodney A. Osborn  
Rodney A. Osborn, Bar No.  
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Streetcar
- 5. Take \_\_\_ of it!
- 10. SW Asia peninsula
- 12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
- 14. One who revitalizes
- 16. Indicates position
- 18. Dishonorable man
- 19. Singer King Cole
- 20. Short-tailed marten
- 22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
- 25. Dirt
- 26. Superconducting super collider
- 27. Not good
- 28. A way to sink
- 30. Unwell
- 31. Follow orders
- 33. Deep ravine

- 35. Perfumery practice
- 37. Indian film director Sultan
- 38. Member of U.S. Navy
- 40. Wing-like
- 41. Very fast airplane
- 42. Slang for cigarette
- 44. Most cars still need it
- 45. Political war chest
- 48. Cools down
- 50. Diminish toward one end
- 52. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 53. Combined
- 55. Container
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thou
- 58. Return a favor
- 63. Go over once more
- 65. Removed
- 66. "Silence of the \_\_\_"
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Children's game
- 2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 3. Own (Scottish)
- 4. Female follower of Bacchus
- 5. Subsides
- 6. Protects from weather
- 7. Spanish municipality
- 8. Supermarket chain
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Semitic peoples
- 11. Designs anew
- 13. City associated with Jesus
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Bank employee
- 18. Central nervous system
- 21. Standardized piece of text
- 23. A type of fever
- 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Threaten persistently
- 29. Aspirations
- 32. Baby's eating accessory
- 34. Actress Thurman
- 35. Turn into bone
- 36. One who saves you
- 39. Consume
- 40. Swiss river
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Categories
- 46. Expressed amazement
- 47. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- 49. Greek war dance
- 51. Bland, semi-liquid food
- 54. Regard in a specified way
- 59. Taxi
- 60. Naturally occurring solid material
- 61. Feline
- 62. Post-burning residue
- 64. Elevated railroad

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Your curiosity is in overdrive, Aries. Conversations bring exciting ideas, and you might stumble across information that opens a new door. Midweek is perfect for networking.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

This week brings a spark of fresh motivation. You're feeling bold and ready to take action, Taurus. Plans could pop up unexpectedly and lead to a surprising connection.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may find yourself craving cozy vibes, delicious food, and meaningful conversations. A small financial or professional opportunity may be presented midweek.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

A heartfelt conversation may strengthen a relationship that means a lot to you, Cancer. Projects flow smoothly when you follow your intuition. Treat yourself to a little self-care.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You're shining brighter than usual this week, Leo. Your natural charisma draws people in, making this a great time to share ideas, pitch a plan, or take the lead on something exciting. Expect compliments and positive feedback.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Organization is your superpower right now. Tasks that once felt overwhelming suddenly become manageable when you tackle them step by step, Virgo. A helpful tip or piece of advice could simplify your routine.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You may find yourself bringing people together, Libra. A creative hobby or artistic endeavor may inspire you midweek. Trust your sense of balance.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this is a great week to dig into something meaningful — whether it's a personal goal or a long-term project. Your insight is sharp,

and others may seek your advice.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Adventure calls — even if it's just trying something new and local, Sagittarius. A fresh experience could inspire future plans.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your steady determination pays off this week. Progress might feel subtle at first, but by the end of the week, you'll see clear results.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Innovative ideas are flowing, Aquarius. You might find creative solutions where others see problems. Collaboration works in your favor now.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, a creative project, music, or art may prove especially inspiring. Spend time near water or in a peaceful environment if possible — it helps you recharge and dream bigger.



# Kicking Off Summer



Minden families kicked off summer vacation with a free viewing of 'The Sandlot' at Kuper Field on May 19 presented by Minden Team-Mates. The weather was a bit cool and windy, but plenty of people still turned out to enjoy free popcorn and the outdoor movie. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



# Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Announces 2026 WWII Scholarship and Pearl Harbor Scholarship Recipients

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, Nebr. (May 21, 2026) — The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF) has announced the recipients of its 2026 World War II and Pearl Harbor scholarships, recognizing Nebraska students demonstrating academic achievement and leadership as well as understanding of the sacrifices of Nebraska service members and the impact the war had on their communities.

- The Foundation awards two distinct scholarship programs each year.
- For 2026, the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund is awarding \$1,700 scholarships toward higher education expenses to graduating seniors from Nebraska school districts connected to the hometown communities of Nebraska sailors who entombed in the U.S.S. Arizona during World War II.
  - The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award Fund which was established by Colonel Barney Oldfield, a native of Tecumseh, Nebraska, and his wife, Vada, to honor the 22 Nebraskans who lost their lives during the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, is awarding \$600 to each recipient.

"Our scholarship recipients represent the future leaders, educators, and storytellers of Nebraska," said Leslie Fattig, Executive Director of NSHSF. "By supporting these students, we are investing not only in their education, but in the continued understanding and appreciation of the events and sacrifices that shaped our nation and our state."

- 2026 WWII Scholarship Recipients**
- Justin Cornelius, Lincoln Pius X High School — attending Creighton University
  - Ruby Russell, Broken Bow High School — attending Concordia University
  - Danica Schoone, Minden High School — attending University of Nebraska at Kearney
  - Sophia Sparwasser, Marian High School — college selection to be announced
- 2026 Pearl Harbor Award Recipients**
- Maggie Peterson, Broken Bow High School — attending University of South Dakota
  - Breckyn Wick, Ravenna High School — attending University of Nebraska at Kearney

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation supports programs and initiatives that preserve and share Nebraska's rich history while investing in educational opportunities for future generations.

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