



52 Taphouse - Brewing a New Beginning

ARABELLA REED

The Minden crowd is beyond excited for the development of a local craft brewery in the community. 52 Taphouse is a breed of its own, fostering a community within the walls of an upcoming establishment, not just for the good beer, but for the atmosphere itself.

"Just from what I understand there just wasn't too much in Minden, for you know, people to go hang out and enjoy some beers and find a family-friendly environment as well," said Micheal Freitag. "A place to get draft beer, let alone craft beer and that would be a good opportunity for us to venture that way (Minden)."

However, in just a handful of short months, the establishment is now anticipating its business start at the beginning of September, offering a total of 12 homemade taps. Eight of the 12 will be classic beers that most will come to love created at Upper Room Brewery, and three to four of the taps will be guest taps. "It will be pretty much all beer and we do make a hard seltzer as well," Freitag explained. A variety of flavors will provide something for all beer enthusiasts to enjoy during their relaxed hangout.

The taphouse does plan to bring snack-type foods to the table, including pizzas, pretzels, and other various snacks when hopefully partnering with their food truck connections.

The hours are not yet finalized according to Freitag, but right now a safe bet would be the comfortable hours 4:00 PM-9:00 PM on weekdays and a chance of 4:00 PM-10:00 PM on weekends.

Now the Minden community is bubbling with anticipation for this new project to be opened to the public shortly. As another day passes by, another task is finished for the location to be finished and open for business. After all, this freshly brewed beginning is not just for the taphouse, but the community as well to enjoy as they please.



There is an air of anticipation in Minden as renovations continue on a historic building on the south-west corner of the square. News of craft brewery 52 Taphouse moving into the ground floor of the building has also created excitement. There is still a lot of work to be done, but residents and visitors can look forward to the business opening later this year. (Courtesy photo)

Weather Forecast

June 13:	88/64	
June 14:	88/64	
June 15:	87/64	
June 16:	87/64	
June 17:	86/63	
June 18:	86/64	
June 19:	86/64	



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News Briefs

Pioneer Village Kearney County Days

Kearney County residents can enjoy free admission to Harold Warp Pioneer Village during Kearney County Days on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15 from 9am-4pm. Immerse yourself in a celebration of history and community spirit with artisan demonstrations, captivating historical reenactments, hands-on workshops, vintage vehicle vibes and live music that span the decades. Join the festivities for an educational and exhilarating experience that honors the roots and growth of America!

Legion Baseball Alumni Game

Minden First Bank Post #94 Legion Baseball will host an Alumni Game on July 4th. All members who played any type of baseball for Minden or Kearney county are invited to attend. We'd love to have a lot of alumni playing and a lot of fans and family in the stands. Cost - \$20 donation to Minden baseball to play.

This is a family event. There will be things for kids to do at the games. Between inning games/promotions and prizes hosted by our Minden Chamber of Commerce. Please join us for a fun day at the ballpark.

Players and fans feel free to bring their own beverages and snacks for the evening and enjoy the night.

Details- 5 pm - Prior to the game we are hosting a \$5 Homerun derby/hitting contest.

6 pm- Alumni baseball game starts. Coaches and current players will ump the game. Everybody plays. Game must end by 8:30pm and we hope that you all stay for the city fireworks after.

More details to come later as the event draws closer.

Should be a fun event!

Please let Minden First Bank Post #94 Legion Baseball know if you plan to attend and please SPREAD THE WORD!

Car Wash Fundraiser

Get your car washed and help support the Whippet girls basketball team on Friday, June 13th from 11am-4pm at Rhynalds Auction-South, 129 East 5th Street in Minden. Free will donation!

Independence Day Celebration

Harold Warp Pioneer Village will host an Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 5th from 9am-4pm. Join the Village for games, activities, and an Independence Day celebration steeped in history. More details to come.

Pioneer Village Church

Each Sunday morning from 11:30am-noon from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend, there will be interdenominational Christian worship services at Pioneer Village. The Chaplain and the Kearney County Ministerial members will be speakers while Glen Haselbarth and others will be providing some worship music and hymns. Those coming for the services will not be charged to enter Pioneer Village.

Cars & Coffee

JCT 6/10 Cruzerz will host Cars & Coffee events at the Village Diner July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 4 from 8-11am. All vehicles and vehicle enthusiasts are welcome at this free event. Join the fun for cars, coffee, doughnuts, and friends.

Bethany Lutheran in Axtell to Host Annual Midsummer Picnic June 20

PRESS RELEASE

Friday, June 20, 2025, is the date for the 142nd Midsummer Picnic at Bethany Lutheran Church, located two miles east and one mile south of Axtell. The public is invited to attend. It is a time to celebrate the summer, renew old friendships, and start new ones.

There will be a Swedish Smorgasbord from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fried chicken, Swedish meatballs, Ostakaka, and other delicious foods will be available. The meal will be served in our wheelchair accessible fellowship hall where the A/C will be on.

The evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Paul Siebert's special music.

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Weather Recap

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6/2/25	87	64	-
6/3/25	67	52	1.69
6/4/25	68	51	-
6/5/25	62	60	-
6/6/25	75	58	-
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Letter to the Editor

If President Donald J. Trump gets his way the Department of Education (DOE) will soon cease to exist. That prospect presents us with opportunity as well as responsibility.

I have heard democratic politicians lament that the closing of the department will result in lost funds for programs such as special education. In reality, states will gain control of that money and have the opportunity to decide where those dollars are best spent based on their specific needs.

Under the current system DOE issues "block grants" that can only be used for certain purposes predetermined by DOE. It doesn't really matter what a particular state or district needs the most. Priorities have been determined by a government agency more than a 1000 miles away. An excellent example of this was the Bush administration's "No Child Left Behind" initiative which funneled money toward that project regardless of the specific needs of the states.

Here is an interesting fact. In 1930 more than 60 percent of the money in government was raised and spent locally. The federal government, on the other hand, controlled less than 20 percent. Today that model is upside down. Closing the DOE is a step toward righting that wrong.

Here is another disturbing statistic. On the national level from 2000 to 2019 the number of district school administrators grew by 87.6 percent while the student population grew by only 7.6 percent and teachers by only 8.7 percent. This stunning revelation would indicate that the problem of school class size is self-created.

Each of us has a civic responsibility to hold our governments and schools accountable. That doesn't mean we have an adversarial relationship with those institutions. It simply means as citizens we need to be aware and ask

questions. To do anything less is not exercising our full, critical capacity. If DOE funds are returned to local control, we, as citizens, will need to be on our toes. Here are some of the questions I suggest we ask regularly:

- What is the ratio between students and licensed teachers?
- How much has spending increased over the past 10 to 15 years in comparison to number of students?
- What is the ratio of teachers to non-teaching employees in the district? On a national level there are more non-teachers than there are teachers. Is that the case in Nebraska?
- What budget "pots" already exist and why?
- Are state and local school boards acting as critical thinkers or are they just rubber stamps?
- Are questions raised by citizens at school board meetings addressed or just noted?
- Are budgets readily available to anyone in understandable formats?

Some people profess to be non-political as if it is a kind of badge of honor, but that is an abdication of civic duty. Education is one of the most important expenditures we make as a society and we, as citizens, must assure that we are producing the best value and results for every dollar spent.

- Bennett Johnson

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Potter’s Wheel

By Lori Potter

Thanksgiving and Christmas are the year’s biggest get-together events, but late spring deserves credit for its many smaller activities - graduations, reunions, special town celebrations - that bring people together and also link us to our communities, history, friends and neighbors.

Family reunions were more popular in the past, including in my growing-up years in the 1960s and 1970s. Social media “gatherings” work better today for many families scattered across the country.

Our Potter tradition lasted through the 100th reunion. It drew a good crowd several years ago, but attendance in previous years had dwindled to the same dozen or so of us area folks meeting at the Wilcox Lions Hall or Community Church.

Decades earlier, the late June “Potter Picnic” at the Holdrege Park was a big deal. There was great food; play time on swings, slides and an old Army tank; and afternoon swimming after Mom said enough time had passed since we ate.

One year, my twin sister Lisa and I went home with our cousin Barbara, who was our age, for a few more play days after the picnic. She came home with us the next year.

Our farm south of Wilcox is about 20 miles from her family’s farm south of Bloomington. Our families also were close because Barbara’s brother Bill and our brother Glen were born on the same day, July 21,1947.

After our time with our Bloomington cousins, Lisa and I told Mom and Dad that Barbara’s family was a lot more fun than ours because they sang songs, played musical instruments, and told lots of jokes and stories.

I recently missed two high school graduation-related events.

I was invited to a grand-niece’s May 31 reception, but not to commencement because the auditorium at her Catholic school in Omaha had limited seating.

As far as I know, small town schools don’t have such limits. It’s assumed that most local folks know the graduates or at least their parents and grandparents, and those without such ties will attend anyway because it’s a community event.

At the 1974 Wilcox High School graduation for Lisa, me and 15 classmates, an issue for attendees - especially teachers - was how to get to all of the family-hosted receptions in town and out in the country. Our farm is 11 miles away and two classmates

lived several miles farther south.

It helped that Wilcox had a baccalaureate service the day before. Our parents and others hosted receptions both nights, so guests could spread out their home visits.

I recently looked at the Facebook page set up to promote last weekend’s every-five-year Wilcox and Wilcox-Hildreth Alumni Reunion. It featured many decades-old photos of sports, music and other school activities, plus class and organization groups.

I tried to identify people in photos taken during my K-12 years and earlier. We all knew each other, plus siblings who’d already graduated or hadn’t started school yet. I saw many familiar faces, but struggled more than I expected with names.

Lisa and I were in a few photos. Two showed me as a sophomore or first semester junior, when I was trying to grow my wiry, wavy hair long and straight to fit the early 1970s style. I saw a few others taken after I’d come to my senses and had a haircut.

Alumni (and family) reunions are better and worse with age. It’s good to share history and “remember when” stories with the only other people who were part of them.

But they also are reminders of who’s missing. Three of my classmates have died, Mike Gardels, Kim Matkins and Bonnie Wilbur; several live in faraway states; and one settled overseas, last I heard.

It’s awkward at reunions to sometimes feel like I’m meeting people from my past for the first time. I know that memories fade and people won’t look like they did in the old photos on Facebook, just as no one sees the Wilcox High School version of me now.

When there are no nametags and I can’t recall names, faces or both, it’s hard to know whether to hope people say something to trigger my memory or admit that I don’t know them. Whether they recognize me or not, I assume they’re wondering how long I’ve had a turkey neck, gray hair and poor hearing.

There also are moments when someone tells a really good “remember when” story that doesn’t sound familiar, but probably should. So was I not there at the time or is that memory sitting alone in a dark corner of my brain?

Having a twin sister helps. When Lisa tells a story about our family, neighbors or school friends that I don’t remember, she can at least confirm if I was there. Sometimes the tables are turned and I tell a story she can’t recall.

Reunions remind us that it’s nice to occasionally walk down memory lane. Because that lane reminds me of a familiar farm driveway I haven’t traveled for a while, it’s a more meaningful experience if someone is with me to turn on the yard light.

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New Sign Installed



A new entrance sign was installed at Harold Warp Pioneer Village last week. The original arrow pointing visitors to the museum's entrance was destroyed last fall, but volunteers from RV Friends built and hung a new sign as one of their most recent contributions to Pioneer Village. (Courtesy photo)

Village of Upland has an opening for a Part-Time Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) Village Clerk/Treasurer.

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Commissioners Discuss Summerhaven Road Options

CINDY RAMSEY

During the June 3 regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners, the board announced a retirement open house will be held on June 30 at 2pm at the courthouse for County Clerk Myra Johnson. The public is invited to help celebrate.

Kyle Brown from USDA presented an animal control contract for renewal. He noted a majority of his time has been spent dealing with raccoons and badgers over the past year. Because Brown is stretched so thin servicing several counties, the board discussed the option of contracting privately for wildlife services. In the end the board approved renewal of the animal control contract as presented.

County Treasurer Jody Payne informed the board the ARPA funds received by the County have been expended and the only money remaining in that account is the interest that has been gained. Payne would like to move these funds to the General Fund and close the ARPA fund. The board approved the transfer of funds and a resolution to close the empty account.

Angie Stolz, NIRMA contact person for the County, presented a NIRMA renewal letter. The cost is up

over 9% from last year. Stolz informed the board they can adjust deductibles in order to offset some of the increased cost. The board discussed the options noting the County will be receiving a refund check from NIRMA soon. Following the discussion the board approved the renewal with no changes.

The County is still waiting on an overdue audit report from Dana F. Cole as well as audit and budget agreements for the 25/26 fiscal year. With the new budget year beginning July 1, the board discussed options. A lively discussion ensued leading to board members agreeing to reach out to other CPAs/auditors to ask if they are taking new clients. The issue will be revisited at the next regular meeting.

Highway Superintendent Joe Anderson brought the discussion of vacating a portion of Summerhaven Lake Road. The consideration originally brought to the board as a request for speed limit signs led to quite the debate as the board considered all sides of the matter.

The portion of the road in question is currently maintained privately by Summerhaven residents and is not up to local road standards. The County can vacate the road without a petition, but distributing right of way becomes a consideration as well as resident access. The board debated the cost of improving the road for public safety and liability concerns versus giving up the right of way and any future access complaints the County could have.

As a compromise, the board directed Anderson to inquire as to the cost of conducting a road study which will provide information to make a fully informed decision in the matter. The cost estimate for the road study will be presented at the next regular meeting.

In other business: Approved May 20 minutes. Approved bills and claims, payroll, and hospital taxes. Approved May 2025 County Clerk fee report. Approved Eakes copier lease and service agreement for courthouse second floor. Approved reappointment of Gary Smidt to the Veterans Service Board for a term ending June 2030.

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Economic Development is City's Priority

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden City Council was focused on economic improvement during the June 2 regular meeting with several agenda items relating to condemnations and vacancy determinations. First up was a condemnation hearing for the property at 1348 N. Colorado Avenue.

Peggy Hickman, owner of the property in question, spoke in opposition of the condemnation informing the council the house is scheduled to be torn down the following week and a new house moved in. Adjacent land owner Ann Madsen spoke in favor of the condemnation explaining she is happy to hear there are plans for the house to be dealt with, but the rest of the property and buildings need to be addressed as well. With no further comments the hearing was closed.

The council approved a motion to issue an order of condemnation for the property at 1348 N. Colorado Avenue requiring the buildings to be demolished by August 28, 2025 or the City may proceed to the demolish the buildings at the expiration of that deadline. Hickman told the council the house will be down next week, but she plans to continue improving the property from there.

A postponed hearing on appeal of vacant determination for the property located at 525 N. Minden Avenue was opened. Bryce Sealock, the property owner's attorney, told the council people have been in and out of the property to prepare the building for a small engine repair shop her family member plans to open at the location. While he questioned the constitutionality of the City's vacant property registry, he stated Kathi Carver is taking steps to utilize the property which should

disqualify any vacant status anyway.

Carver also spoke for herself telling the council she has taken great steps to empty the building and prepare it for the new business there. Councilwoman Teresa Sumstine also spoke in favor of removing the property from the vacant registry. A not vacant status determination for the property was approved by the council.

A second hearing on appeal of vacant determination that had been postponed was opened for the property at 136 Hillcrest Drive. Once again Sealock spoke stating the situation was similar to the previous agenda item. Carver is living at the property when she is in town and is working out details to make the house her full-time residence.

Carver added that family also stays in the house when necessary. She travels for work, but this is her permanent address. Carver also stated utilities and taxes have always been paid and maintained at both properties. Councilman Dave Bunger thanked Carver for her efforts to get her properties cleaned up. A not vacant status determination for the property was approved by the council.

Orders of condemnation were rescinded by the board for two more properties owned by Carver. Demolition of the old church located in the 300 block of S. Minden and the home located at 335 S. Minden has been completed and debris removed. With these compliances, the condemnation orders were rescinded and payment to file documents with the Kearney County Clerk were approved.

Attention is now turned to the property located on the southwest corner of Highway 6/34 and Colorado Avenue. The buildings on this land owned by Uptown Grain, LLC are dilapidated and deteriorating. Power has been disconnected and gas lines identified. Mayor Larry Evans has been working with BNSF Railroad on policy and procedures regarding the matter due to the proximity of the railroad. The council set a condemnation hearing for the property on July 7 at 6 p.m.

Jacob Rafert has secured financing for the Zu Haus Flats project with York State Bank. This is the final piece of financing for the project. The bank is asking the City to subordinate its lien on the building to them in order to loan out the funds. In order to ensure the project is completed within the guidelines of the grant awarded by the State, the City will pay off the outstanding loan amount in the case of a default of payment by Rafert. This option is better for the City than losing control of the property and paying off the grant amount. The council approved the subordination agreement with York State Bank and authorized the mayor to sign and execute the agreement on the City's behalf.

City Administrator Michael Krings has been speaking with potential developers and investors about the possibility of building a hotel in Minden. In order for investors to even consider this, a hotel market feasibility study must be completed and up to date. The last feasibility study was completed in 2020. The council approved a service agreement with Core Distinction Group LLC to update the study with current information and authorized payment for the study in the amount of \$9,000.

In other business the council: Approved May 19 minutes. Approved bills and claims. Approved Ordinance 1303 creating Street Improvement District No. 2025-1, first reading.

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Dawg Days 2025



Saturday was a warm, sunny day perfect for the annual Minden Chamber of Commerce Dawg Days event. Residents hunted down deals at citywide garage sales in the morning and the downtown square was a hub of activity during the afternoon. Citizens of all ages were able to enjoy the celebration that included bounce houses, vendors, games, food, a dog parade, and ping pong ball drop. Visit themindencourier.com for more photos of the fun. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)





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NDA Announces Delegates Selected to Attend the 2025 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN – 220 high school juniors and seniors across Nebraska have been selected to be a part of the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) this summer. Put on by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA), NAYI brings together hundreds of students every year to learn more about Nebraska agriculture, network with ag leaders and explore career opportunities. NDA selects students to attend NAYI based on their leadership skills, interests and involvement in agriculture. This year, NAYI will be held July 7-11 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

"NAYI provides a unique opportunity to Nebraska high school students," said NDA Director Sherry Vinton. "The Institute introduces young people to the many options that come from a career in agriculture as well as establishing lifelong connections and friendships. Our youth are the future of innovation and advancement in agriculture, and I am excited to see so many young people interested in our state's largest industry."

Nebraska Awards 3,681 Degrees

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN, NE (05/19/2025)-- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln conferred 3,681 degrees during commencement exercises May 3, 16 and 17.

The 3,591 graduates are from 57 countries, 46 U.S. states and 250-plus Nebraska communities.

A ceremony for College of Law graduates took place May 3 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts; a ceremony for students earning graduate and professional degrees occurred May 16 at Pinnacle Bank Arena; and two ceremonies for undergraduates were May 17 at the arena. Chancellor Rodney D. Bennett presided over the ceremonies.

Following is a list of area graduates, listed alphabetically by hometown, with their college(s) and degree(s).

Axtell: Jaron Eli Bergstrom, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Systems Technology with distinction.

Axtell: Amanda Caroleigh Cline, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with distinction. Cline also earned a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife with distinction from the college.

Axtell: Ayanna Beth Garza, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences.

Heartwell: Makenna Rae Dornhoff, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Hildreth: Paige Ashlyn Lindau, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences with distinction.

Hildreth: Brooke Ann Quadhamer, College of Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences with high distinction.

Kearney: Lucas James Grossnicklaus, Graduate Studies, Doctor of Education.

Minden: Dylan Matthew Janda, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness.

Minden: Madeline May Sonnenfeld, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Minden: Grady Nathaniel Wright, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts.

Wilcox: Evan Scott Blank, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Wilcox: Alex Lilian Young, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts.

For the full list of May graduates, visit <https://go.unl.edu/grads-may25>.

try."

NAYI is in its 54th year, making it the longest running ag youth program of its kind in the nation. This year's theme is "It's in Our Genes" and the Institute will feature motivational speakers, discussions on agricultural issues, career development, networking opportunities, leadership activities, as well as several hands-on learning opportunities and workshops.

NAYI is coordinated by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC), which is comprised of 22 college-aged students selected by NDA for their passion and interest in the ag industry. During NAYI, NAYC members provide valuable guidance, insight and advice about agriculture, college coursework and career-building.

To learn more about NAYC or NAYI 2025, visit nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/. Follow NAYI activities on Facebook by searching and liking the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute and on Instagram by following @the_nayc or #NAYI25.

Area participants:

Axtell: Fletcher Clausen, Caleb Kindschuh, Brody Rouse

Heartwell: Arabella Reed

Hildreth: Brooke Casper

Minden: Sam Cederburg, Emma Grube, Larissa Labenz, Nora Sonnenfeld

Upland: Kate Boudreau



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Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

ACTIVITIES:

Saturday, June 14: CLJ Gym Closed until August; ACT Test, 8 a.m.

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, June 13 — Friday, June 20: ESU 11 Summer Honors, 8 a.m.

Monday, June 16: Board of Education meeting, 8 p.m.

Community Services

Dinner Menus

Meals served at Minden Community/Senior Center (Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska), 403 N. Colorado Avenue, at noon. Please call 308-832-2139 the day before the dinner with your reservations. All meals are served with coffee, water, and milk. Menu are subject to change. Join us.
Monday, June 16: Chicken fried chicken, mashed

potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll, fruit & dessert
Tuesday, June 17: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, June 18: Breakfast burritos, salad, fruit & dessert

Thursday, June 19: BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans & fruit

Friday, June 20: Meatloaf, cheesy mashed, carrots, bread, fruit & dessert

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Work Will Begin on N-10, Kearney East Bridges

PRESS RELEASE

June 6, 2025 (Grand Island, Neb.) — Weather permitting, work will begin June 16 on Nebraska Highway 10 (N-10), from reference post 52+03 to reference post 55+08 in Buffalo County, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Weather permitting, preliminary bridge surveys will be conducted on June 9 and 10, requiring temporary lane closures.

Iowa Civil Contracting, Inc., of Victor, Iowa, is the contractor for this project. The scope of work includes polyester polymer concrete (PPC) bridge overlays, bridge expansion joint repairs, flume construction, guardrail modifications, and inertial barrier replacement.

The work will take place at several bridge locations, including structures over U.S. Highway 30 (US-30), Union Pacific Railroad, the Platte River North Channel and Interstate 80 (I-80). Traffic will be maintained using lane closures at all bridges, except the I-80 bridge, which will be closed and require a detour.

During the I-80 bridge closure:

- Eastbound I-80 traffic accessing N-10 will be detoured by exiting at Interchange 279 and traveling westbound to Interchange 275.

- Southbound N-10 traffic accessing eastbound I-80 will be detoured westbound from Interchange 275, then exiting at Interchange 272 to return eastbound.

A 12-foot width restriction will be in place for the duration of the project. Anticipated completion is late July 2025.

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Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to the veterans, their families, the citizens and businesses in our local area.

A special thank you to those who helped with the barbecue and put up the flags at Minden and especially those of you who helped take down, fold and store the flags until next year.

Gary Wittwer and BF Sand & Gravel were winners of the \$25 gift certificates to Mason's Market. Evan Smith and Aiden Smith were winners of \$25 gift certificates to El Agave sponsored by Minden Exchange Bank. Ben Grams and Keith Kuehn were winners of a \$25 gift certificate to South Side Diner. A&M Ag and Don Schwenka were winners of a \$25 gift certificate to Kat's Korner in Axtell sponsored by First Bank. Dean Schwenka won the grand prize shotgun donated by Jeff and Tami Hanson of L.T. Pedley Drug Store.

Thanks to Eric and Nickola VanHorn for the P.A. system, Dave and Carolyn Bunker for the BBQ at the Windmill, Mower Medic Ron Keen and HQ's for providing the meat, Flatwater Smokers Owen Krueger for providing and cooking the meat, beans and chips, and American Legion Auxiliary for providing desserts.

Our guest speaker was Luke Cavanaugh, retired Msgt USAF. To a true patriot we simply say THANK YOU!

Greg Smolik

Commander American Legion Post 94

Matt Cavanaugh

Commander VFW Post 5537

There will be a delivery delay of the June 19 Minden Courier due to the Post Office closure for the Juneteenth federal holiday. As always you can stay up-to-date online at themindencourier.com.

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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

The Bronze Star Medal was awarded to Lt. Paul A. Warp for meritorious service against an armed enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg.

An increase of \$5,000 in the size of the budget was proposed at the Chamber of Commerce smoker. The budget and a discussion of a full time secretary consumed most of the meeting.

The Rev. Armand Bass, former pastor of the Christian Church in Minden, made an application to serve as an Army chaplain and was is training at Norfolk, Va.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

In recognition of his service on the state fair board, Mervin Peterson, owner of Kearney County Farm Service, received a governor's citation which commissioned him an admiral in Nebraska's "dry-land" Navy.

The Rev. Allison A. Hansen resigned as pastor of Bethany and Fredricksburg Lutheran churches. He accepted a call to serve Bethany in Minden.

Lightning struck a livestock barn at the Ernest Sinsel farm northeast of Minden, destroying the structure and a large quantity of baled straw.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Rural school students who were neither absent or tardy during the school year were Rodney Bergsten of Norman and Mike, Sherry and Sue Bittfield, Lynda and Maynard Johansen, Debbie Patterson, Donald Schnieder and Tom Hogeland, all of Heartwell.

Dana Wright, Margaret Sorensen and Billy Jorgensen attended 4-H Counselor's Camp at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in the Halsey National Forest.

The annual Upland High School banquet was held with 178 in attendance. Stanley Smith was toastmaster. Officers elected for 1966 were Lammert Ideus, Adrienne Grams, Darryl Kyle, Vonda Grams, Pat Henrickson and Norma Jacobsen.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

The new Ben Franklin Store opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Present for the ceremony were Harold Crist, Rick Schmutte, Don and Jan Egenberger, Dawn Egenberger, Bob Egenberger, Jake Jacobsen, Claude Garner, Bill Null and A.C. Hove.

Roger Jacobs, formerly of Minden, was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church. Donald D. Johnson of Wilcox was ordained as a deacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Stadler entertained at a dinner honoring her mother, Mrs. Melvin Hogeland, for her 79th birthday.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

The Minden High School Class of 1925 held its 60th class reunion at Pioneer Village. Frances Jensen served as toastmistress for the event. Luella Shannon, Mildred Burchell and Anna Christensen were in charge of decorations.

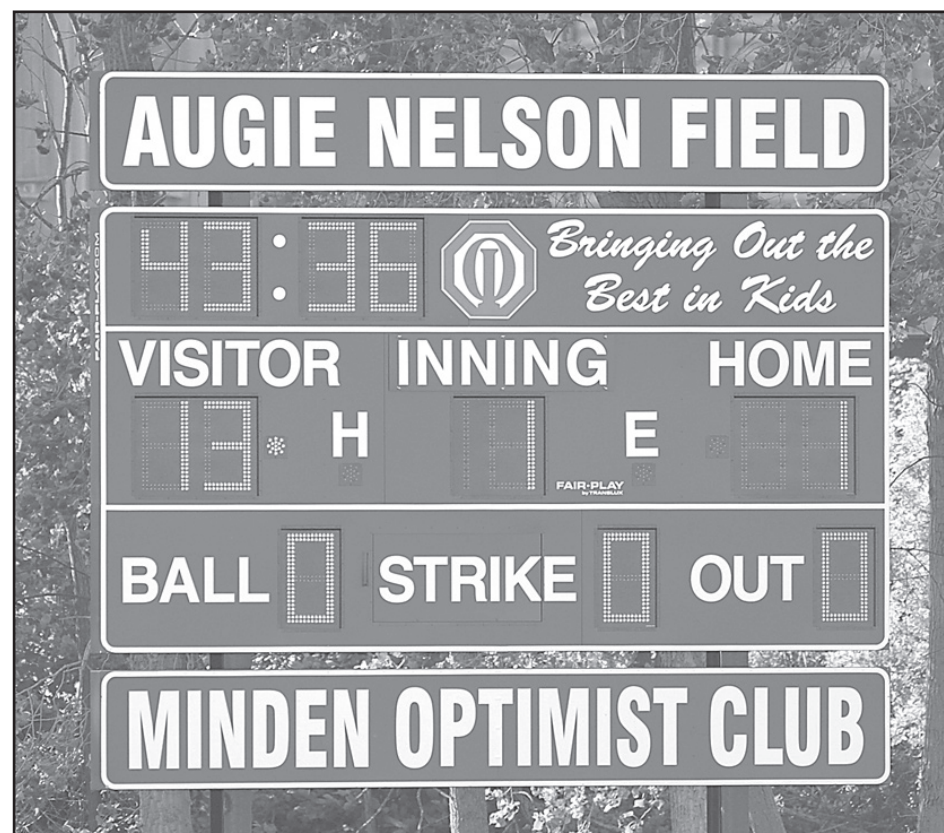
Brenda Lee Swarthout, a student at Hildreth Public School, was awarded a certificate of outstanding achievement by Allegheny International. Swarthout was honored for a project titled "Memory: Can It Be Enhanced by Supplementary Sensory Aids?"

A group of more than 50 volunteers manned rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, pruning shears, clippers, weed trimmers and brooms to beautify the city park located next to the Minden Swimming Pool.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

The Harold Warp Memorial Highway was dedicated at Pioneer Village. The highway included a stretch of Highway 10 from one mile south of Minden to the northern Kearney County line and was designated as the Harold Warp Memorial Drive in January.

Residents over 90 years of age were honored at the first "90s Club" party at Bethany Home. Senior members of the club were Clara Anderson, 106, and Cora Burchell, 100.



2015 — Visitors to Augie Nelson Field for softball noticed the new updated and modern scoreboard to replace the old scoreboard. The Minden Optimist Club funded the project for the new scoreboard as they continued to update and beautify Augie Nelson Park in Minden.

Brook Petersen, daughter of Steve and Anna Petersen, was selected to tour with the Young Continentals.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

Thanks to two grants through Homeland Security worth a total of \$385,555, the dispatch center—where the communications of all law enforcement and fire department jurisdictions in the count are handled—has all new equipment, including three new consoles with new computers and flat screen monitors.

Ace Hardware BF Variety in Minden had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of their new lawn and garden center.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

The "Harness Hustlers Driving Club" was at Bethany Home in Minden on June 3 to give residents a horse drawn wagon ride around Minden. The members that were present to volunteer were: Steve Harriman, Dale Johnson, Mike Mousel, Jerry Mousel, Veldon Nemecek, Larry Overy, Dale Sprague, Kevin Vering, and Jim Wolfe. The event was sponsored by Johnie and Buffi Kamery and Jeanette Kamery in my memory, of Johnie's dad, Paul Kamery.

The Minden Chamber of Commerce kicked off its first Thursday on June 4 inside the Nied Winther Room at the Minden Opera House. The event was supposed to be held outside but weather threats moved it indoors. The first of three concerts was the Minden Community Choir singing songs for a packed room of audience members.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln honored Nebraska eighth-graders for their academic excellence, leadership and perseverance. Sidney Gruwell and Bronson Hinrichs, both of Hildreth were honored as 2015 Big Red Stars.

Church Directory

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Bethany Lutheran

903 25 Road

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(308) 743-2597

Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, June 15: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian

406 A Avenue

Sunday, June 15: 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, June 15: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 18: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC

104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, June 15: Donuts & Juice, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 16: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic

Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Saturday, June 14: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 15: Mass, 8

a.m.

Trinity Lutheran

360 So. Stewart

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Greg Volsky,

Vacancy Pastor

Sunday, June 15: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster Presbyterian

Broad and Main Street

Mark A. Diehl, Pastor

Sunday, June 15: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran

401 Lake Street

Daren Popple, Pastor

Sunday, June 15: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

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Sunday, June 15: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

287 Jefferson Street

Father Evan Winter

Sunday, June 15: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran

502 Sanders Avenue

Caroline Schenk,

Pastor

Sunday, June 15: Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

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Bethany Lutheran

437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

Thursday, June 12: Miriam Circle, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 14: Walking, 8 a.m.; Prayer Shawl Gathering, 9 a.m.

Sunday, June 15: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion at both services

Tuesday, June 17: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Sunday, June 15: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee, 10:30 a.m.

Communion served 2nd Sunday of each month

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Baptist Catholic

628 N. Garber

Father Evan Winter

Saturday, June 14: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, June 15: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Sunday, June 15: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Worship/

Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Monday, June 16: Quilt Tie Group, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, June 17: Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18: Communion, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 20: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.

Peter Choi, Pastor

Thursday, June 12: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 15: Worship, 10 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 19: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Westminster

Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, June 15: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran

102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor

Sunday, June 15: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

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First Bank Jrs Fall Short in High Scoring Contest

PHIL SERRONE

It was a battle of comebacks on June 6 when the Minden First Bank Juniors hosted the Gothenburg Junior Melons. Both teams managed to overcome five run deficits but it was the Melons who stood tall on Friday evening handing First Bank their first loss of the season by a score of 11-13.

Gothenburg struck first in the first inning with five runs coming across home plate but over the next three innings Minden began to chip away at the Melons' lead. Strong plate discipline in the second inning managed to plate two runs off walks with the bases loaded. 1B Cael Smith brought home another run with a single to cut the lead in favor of the Melons 3-5.

Minden continued to apply pressure with six runs in the bottom half of the third inning. P Parker Hatch hit a huge double in the inning that plated two runs but due to poor fielding on Gothenburg's behalf, Hatch scored after two errors. LF Morgan Johnson, SS Mason Bolin and Smith each drove home RBIs in the inning.

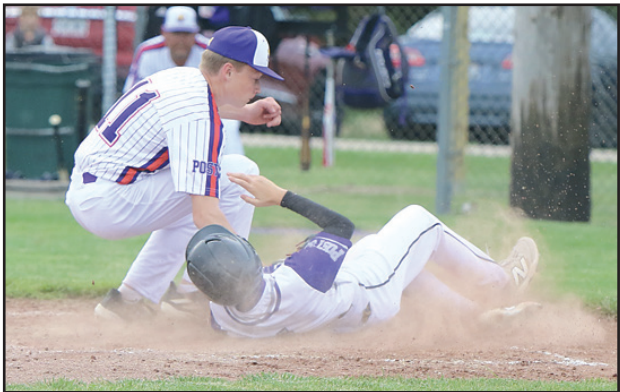
After another run score in the bottom half of the fourth, Minden pushed their lead out to 10-5. Unfortunately,

the Melons pulled a trick out of First Bank's playbook with a six run rally in the top half of the fifth inning to reclaim the lead 10-11. While an error did lead to a run this inning, Gothenburg was able to stay patient within the batter's box with strong contact with RISP and timely walks.

Minden managed to tie the game in the bottom half of the sixth after 2B Kyler Wilson picked up an RBI after a single. Gothenburg answered back in the following inning with two runs of their own to take back the lead 13-11. Minden was able to get the tying runner up in the batter's box in the final inning but the Melons shut down another attempt at a comeback and secured the victory.

Hatch, Smith, and Bolin finished the contest with multiple hits and multiple RBIs. CF Bo Lutkemeier, Hatch, Bolin and Wilson scored multiple runs in the game. Minden flashed their patience at the plate earning 10 walks as well as their speed with five stolen bases.

First Bank had to tap into their bullpen more than the team would have liked as the team utilized four differ-



ent pitchers. Hatch earned the loss in the contest as he pitched four innings and allowed five runs (0 ER), three hits, one walk and struck out five. RP/C Cohen Schmidt relieved Hatch for a short 0.1 innings where he allowed four runs (4 ER) and four walks. RP

Luke Craig was the next pitcher to get the call to the mound. Craig allowed one hit, two runs (0 ER) and two walks in 0.2 innings. 3B Zach Klabunde pitched one inning to close out the game. He allowed two hits and two runs (0 ER).

Minden's game earlier in the week was rained out which puts the juniors' record now at 3-1 on the season. The team faced off against Heartland Chevrolet two days ago and will compete in their second contest of the week later tonight at 5:30 p.m. at FCB Juniors' home field. Following that game, the team will compete at Holdrege tomorrow with first pitch slated for 5:30 p.m. Closing out a busy week will be a home contest against Imperial on Sunday with first pitch slated for 5:30 p.m. We will have a recap of all four games in next week's issue!

Here is a breakdown of Minden vs Gothenburg

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
GTHN	5	0	0	0	6	2	X	13	6	5
MNDN	0	3	6	1	1	0	X	11	9	6



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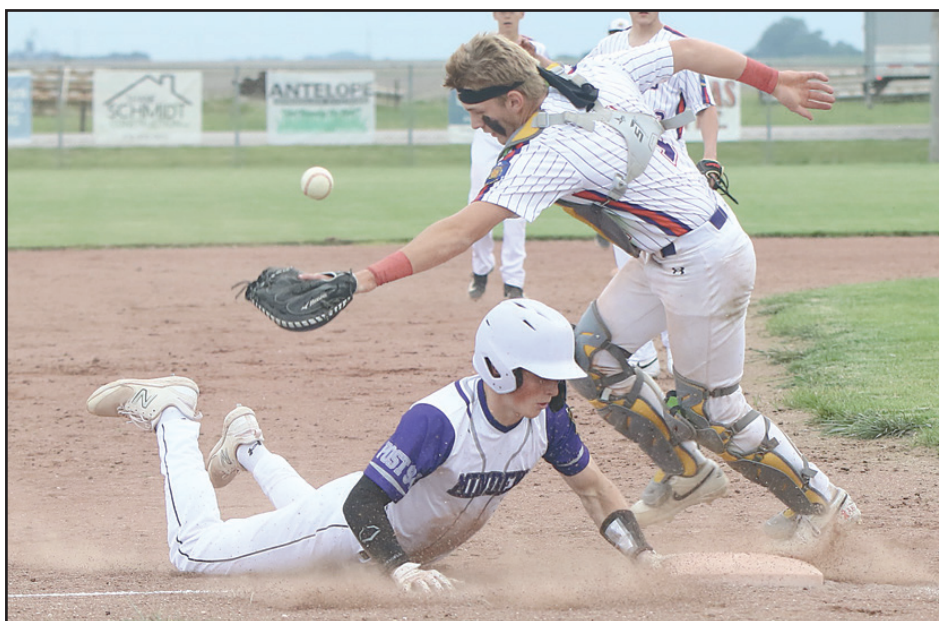


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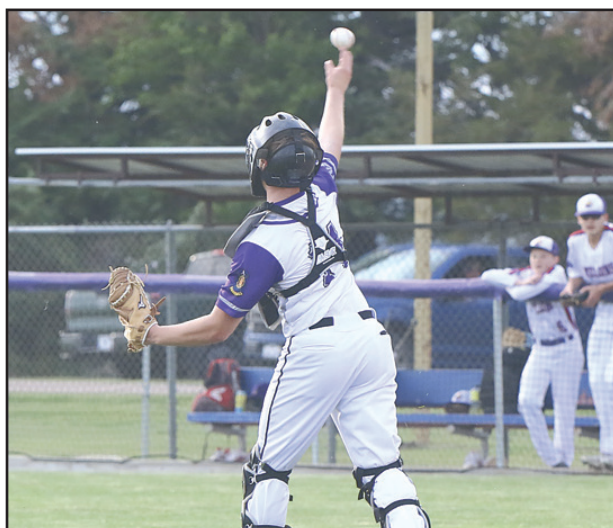
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The First Bank Jrs lost their first game of the season in a high scoring matchup against Gothenburg by a score of 11-13. Their record on the season now sits at 3-1. Pictured top to bottom: Owen Janda attempts a bunt. Parker Hatch slides into third base safely. Cohen Schmidt throws a runner out. (page 12) Kyler Wilson slides into home to record a run. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



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13 Run Inning Propels First Bank Srs Over Kearney

PHIL SERRONE

While it might have been a rainy outing for the First Bank Seniors lone game of the week, that rain was not enough to extinguish the high powered Minden offense. First Bank rolled over Kearney in a road contest 18-3 backed by a 13 run fourth inning.

Throughout the contest, Minden made solid contact off the opposing pitching staff as the team amassed 15 hits. 3B Mason Bolin, LF Kade Dorszynski and RF



Cael Smith proved to be difficult outs at the plate as each batter racked up a trio of hits. P Logan Clark and Dorszynski shared the biggest swings of the bat in the contest as the pair each managed to secure a triple.

Overall, Dorszynski and Bolin anchored the offense with the pair each going 3-4 with multiple runs scored and three RBIs. First Bank flashed what this team is capable of when their entire lineup is making solid contact with their bats. As a team, eight total batters earned a hit.

2B Cade Harsin led the team scoring three runs and with three stolen bases. Harsin had an impressive play in the top of the fourth inning where he stole second base but due to multiple errors, he ended up putting a run on the scoreboard. Dorszynski had two stolen bases while PR Cohen Schmidt, PR Owen Janda and CF Jake Halvorsen each stole one base.

Logan Clark pushed his season record on the mound out to 2-0 with a dominant two innings against Kearney. He allowed one hit, one walk and struck out six while surrendering no runs. SS/RP Beau Bonifas relieved Clark for two innings of work. He allowed three runs (2 ER), one hit, one walk and struck out four.

First Bank's record on the season now stands at 4-0 and the team will look to continue their strong momentum in a three game stretch later this week. Beginning tonight, the team will travel to McCook with first pitch slated for 8:00 p.m. Following that matchup, the team



The Minden First Bank Seniors were victorious over Kearney 18-3 in their lone game of the week. Their record on the year now stands at 4-0. Pictured: (above) Kade Dorszynski went 3-4 in the contest including a triple. (left) Mason Bolin makes a play at third in an attempt to throw runner out. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

will travel to a highly competitive Holdrege squad tomorrow with another 8:00 p.m. first pitch start time. Ending their three game stretch, there will be a home contest against Imperial on Sunday with first pitch slated for 5:30 p.m. We will have a full recap of all three games in next week's issue!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
MNDN	3	0	2	13	X	X	X	18	15	3
KRNY	0	0	3	0	X	X	X	3	2	4



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Minden Swim Team Competes in Elwood

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Swim Team dove into the 2025 season in Elwood on June 7. The Minden swimmers faced off in the competition against Cozad, Elm Creek, Elwood, and Gothenburg. Minden results were (results are not finalized):

200 Long Free - Willow Philippi, 3:50.50, 1st place

100 Medley Relay - Minden 10&U girls, 1:47.88, DQ; Minden 10&U co-ed, 2:13.63, DQ; Minden 12&U Girls, 1:29.43, 1st place; Minden 14&U boys, 1:22.27, 2nd place

25 Butterfly - Tatum Johnson, 0:25.00, 2nd place

50 Butterfly - Amelia Collins, 0:56.27, 1st place; Brody Casper, 0:38.65, 1st place

50 Freestyle - Logan Brown, 1:05.90, 2nd place; Tatum Johnson, 0:43.46, 1st place; Cozette Sinsel, 0:45.12, 2nd place; Tatum Eckhardt, 0:49.08, 4th place; Noah Casper, 0:52.97, 2nd place

100 Freestyle - Riley Strong, 1:25.40, 1st place; Blakeleigh Harsin, 1:30.44, 2nd place; Amelia Collins, 1:50.76, 5th place; Brody Casper, 1:13.25, 1st place; Liam Collins, 1:33.40, 2nd place; Zander Sinsel, 1:33.87, 3rd place; Natalie Ramos, 1:45.06, 4th place; Lucas Collins, 1:27.01, 4th place

25 Backstroke - Sirena Havens, 0:26.94, 2nd place; Payzla Stahla, 0:29.24,

4th place; Easton Dornhoff, 0:48.90, 8th place

50 Backstroke - Riley Strong, 0:49.64, 2nd place; Kinley Strong, 0:52.06, DQ; Natalie Ramos, 0:52.61, 3rd place; Lucas Collins, 0:52.79, 1st place

200 Free Relay - Minden 14&U girls, 2:41.52, 1st place; Minden 14&U Co-ed, 2:43.70, 2nd place

25 Breaststroke - Aria Munoz, 0:52.00, DQ; Logan Brown, 0:33.65, DQ; Reid Stahla, 0:47.24, DQ; Cozette Sinsel, 0:24.32, 1st place; Tatum Eckhardt, 0:28.94, 4th place; Noah Casper, 0:34.67, DQ

50 Breaststroke - Blakeleigh Harsin, 0:57.16, 1st place; Willow Philippi, 0:58.68, 3rd place; Liam Collins, 0:56.32, 1st place; Zander Sinsel, 0:58.44, 2nd place; Corbin Dornhoff, 1:35.99, 3rd place; Wyatt Johnson, 1:05.60, 4th place

25 Short Free - Aria Munoz, 0:36.09, 6th place; Logan Brown, 0:27.96, 2nd place; Reid Stahla, 0:33.90, 3rd place; Tatum Johnson, 0:19.55, 1st place; Tatum Eckhardt, 0:21.78, 3rd place; Cozette Sinsel, 0:21.80, 4th place; Payzla Stahla, 0:26.10, 7th place; Sirena Havens, 0:28.86, 9th place; Noah Casper, 0:23.75, 2nd place; Easton Dornhoff, 0:30.13, 5th place

50 Short Free - Riley Strong, 0:37.83,

1st place; Kinley Strong, 0:38.14, 2nd place; Blakeleigh Harsin, 0:40.69, 3rd place; Willow Philippi, 0:46.85, 6th place; Amelia Collins, 0:48.02, 10th place; Brody Casper, 0:32.42, 1st place; Liam Collins, 0:41.51, 2nd place; Zander Sinsel, 0:41.84, 3rd place; Corbin Dornhoff, 1:08.37, 6th place; Natalie Ramos, 0:43.01, 3rd place; Lucas Collins, 0:36.59, 5th place; Wyatt Johnson, 0:40.25, 7th place

100 Individual Medley - Blakeleigh Harsin, 1:54.13, EX

100 Free Relay - Minden 10&U girls, 1:29.29, 1st place; Minden 10&U Boys,

1:53.03, 1st place; Minden 14&U girls, 1:19.68, 2nd place; Minden 14&U Boys, 1:24.02, 2nd place



Minden Swim Team competed in Elwood to begin the 2025 season on June 7. (Courtesy photos)

Wilcox-Hildreth Swim Team Laps the Competition

CINDY RAMSEY

The Wilcox-Hildreth Swim Team made a splash in Alma on June 7. The competition included teams from Alma, Kensington, Phillipsburg, Smith Center, Stockton, and Wilcox-Hildreth. Wilcox-Hildreth results were (results are not finalized):

100 Long Free - Dustin Johnson, 1:27.62, 1st place

50 Butterfly - Makynna Ortiz, 1:16.13, 3rd place

50 Freestyle - Dexter Casper, 0:57.66, 2nd place; Machel Catanese, 0:47.11, 1st place

100 Freestyle - Audrina Henery, 1:40.76, 1st place; Jesse Ortiz, 1:35.37, 1st place; Asa Burki, 1:56.12, 3rd place; Jordan Burki, 1:45.90, 2nd place; Chloe Johnson, 1:24.45, 3rd place; Ayva Bendorf, 1:28.25, 4th place; Makynna Ortiz, 1:31.54, 6th place; Samantha Catanese, 1:42.87, 9th place

25 Backstroke - Dexter Casper, 0:33.39, 1st place

50 Backstroke - Jesse Ortiz, 0:53.46, EX; Jordan Burki, 1:10.51, 4th place

25 Breaststroke - Dexter Casper, 0:35.80, EX; Machel Catanese, 0:26.62, 1st place

50 Breaststroke - Audrina Henery, 0:58.27, 3rd place; Jesse Ortiz, 1:04.93, 1st place; Hunter Casper, 0:56.06, 2nd place; Ayva Bendorf, 0:51.43, 3rd place; Chloe Johnson, 0:52.12, 4th place; Samantha Catanese, 0:57.05, 6th place; Makynna Ortiz, 1:01.32, 8th place

25 Short Free - Isabelle Burki, 0:37.17, 7th place; Dexter Casper, 0:26.73, 3rd place; Machel Catanese, 0:21.30, 1st place; Dustin Johnson, 0:17.48, 2nd place

50 Short Free - Audrina Henery, 0:42.25, 2nd place; Asa Burki, 0:43.09, 2nd place; Hunter Casper, 0:40.11, 2nd place; Jordan Burki, 0:48.26, 7th place; Chloe Johnson, 0:36.90, 2nd place; Ayva Bendorf, 0:38.72, 4th place; Samantha Catanese, 0:41.03, 5th place

100 Individual Medley - Jesse Ortiz, 2:01.80, 1st place

100 Free Relay - WH-100B, 1:17.11, 1st place; WH-100G, 1:13.40, 2nd place; WH-100C, 1:45.68, 3rd place

Youth Football Camp



The 2025 Minden Whippet Youth Football Camp for young athletes in grades 3-8 was held May 28-29. Students improved basic fundamentals to become better football players. Instruction was provided by the Minden coaching staff as well as Minden High School players. (Courtesy photo)

Junior Golf Camp Teaches Basics and Skills



Kara Suchsland: Victorious and Honored

ROGER HANSEN

How was your week? If it was as good as Kara Suchsland's during the first part of June, consider yourself blessed.

Kara won the Kearney Girls' 16+ Junior Classic on June 2 at the Kearney Country Club. A scheduled Day 2 of the Classic was cancelled due to inclement weather. She was the defending champion having won the event in 2024. In this year's Classic, she fired an 8-over 80 to defeat Julia Messere (82) of Grand Island and Olivia James (86) of Kearney among the 12 competitors.

Adding to her nice run of good fortune was being named the area Girls' Golfer of the Year by the Hastings Tribune. The Class C state champion golfer last fall, she was honored at a celebration in Hastings on June 4 along with athletes in other 2024-25 school-year sports. Minden's KayLynn Jorgensen received this honor last year.

Additionally, Kara received a \$1000 Certificate of Scholarship to be used at a college of her choice from the Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to pursue a degree in Professional Golf Management. The scholarship was presented at the Southern Hills Golf Course near Hastings on June 5. Over 120 CNSGA members were in attendance.

So, again, how was your week?



Recent Minden High School graduate Kara Suchsland had an excellent first week of June with a victory, an award, and a scholarship. Pictured: Kara (center) receiving the Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association \$1000 golf scholarship to the college of her choice. This scholarship was presented to her by Don Sackett (right) of the CNSGA on Thursday, June 5, at the Southern Hills Golf Course. Also, in the picture is Kara's father, Todd Suchsland (left). (Courtesy photo)



Over 100 young golfers participated in a three day camp at Minden Country Club last week. Participants ranging from 1st grade to high school learned about rules and etiquette, putting, chipping, irons, and woods. Competitions were held at the end of the camp with prizes awarded. They ended the week with an adult/child tournament where kids joined adults for a nine hole competition on the course. Everyone gained more knowledge of the game and more love for a lifelong sport. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CAYSON HAVRANEK - TRACK

School - Axtell Community School
Grade - Junior

Achievements - Junior Cayson

Havranek has been an integral part of the Axtell track and field team for three years. In 2025, the Cats were Class D runners-up following a co-state title in '24 and a three-way tie for second in '23. This season, Cayson qualified for State in four events and earned high finishes in three of them. He was second in the long jump and 12th in the triple jump. He ran a leg on the two school-record setting relays – the 4x100 with Elijah Bergstrom, Jake Halvorsen and Brandt Modlin, which placed third, and the 4x400 relay with Halvorsen, Modlin and Luc Lopez, which placed second.



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Area All-Tribland Honorees

ROGER HANSEN

The 2024-25 All-Tribland sports honorees were announced at a banquet in Hastings on June 4. This is the second year for this format. Following is the recognition received by Courier-area athletes.

Girls' Team of the Year: Minden Volleyball. The two-time defending Class C1 champions figured prominently on the All-Tribland teams.

Volleyball First Team-Mattie Kamery; Second Team-Myla Emery; Third Team-Makena Betty and Aubree Bules; Fourth Team-Makenna Starkey; Honorable Mention-Kinsie Land, Rebecca Lempka.

Other volleyball Honorable Mention: Axtell-Emily Danburg, Addy Skaggs; Wilcox-Hildreth-Madison Bunger, Katelyn Bunger

Girls' Golf player of the year: Kara Suchsland, Minden

Football (11-man): Minden First Team: Orrin Kuehn (RB), Evan Lutkemeier (OL);

Honorable Mention-Brett Eckhardt, Braxton Hatch, Luke Grollmes, Logan Verbeck (6/8 man): Wil-Hil First Team: Graiden Ritner (RB). Honorable Mention-Dagan Ortgeisen, Brody Patterson, Zane Wilsey, Thomas Donley

Axtell First Team: Elijah Bergstrom (RB). Honorable Mention-Jake Halvorsen, Caleb Kindschuh, Jon Lammers

Girls Wrestling: Minden First Team: Keira Crane (105), Aliena Osterbuhr (120), Isabel Serrano (190). Honorable Mention-Aubree Bules, Victoria Hansen, Myia Hofaker, Xitali Nunez, Cheyenne Vahl

Axtell Honorable Mention-Sadie Lorenzo, Binzley Walz

Wil-Hil Honorable mention-Dinah Culp, Ayva Bendorf

Boys Wrestling: Minden First Team- Cade Harsin (132), Orrin Kuehn (150), Evan Lutkemeier (285). Second Team-Harrison Reed (126), Koltdyn Heath (138), Kanin Heath (157), Robert Nelson (165). Honorable Mention-Braxton Hatch, Cael Smith

Axtell Honorable Mention-Tristin Benson, Caleb Kindschuh, Preston LeClair

Wil-Hil First Team- Brody Patterson (144). Second Team- Graiden Ritner (175). Honorable Mention-Kyler Masters, Gavin Patterson, Eli Pistulka, Cauby Twohig

Girls Basketball: Minden First Team-Mattie Kamery, Myla Emery. Fourth Team-Kinsie Land. Honorable Mention-Makenna Betty, Makenna Starkey

Wil-Hil Second Team- Madison Bunger. Honorable Mention- Cara Bunger, Katelyn Bunger, Cheyenne Lieb

Axtell Honorable Mention-Emily Danburg, Morgan Hawkins

Boys Basketball: Minden Honorable Mention-Brett Eckhardt, Luke Grollmes

Wil-Hil Honorable mention-Drew Blank, Micah Johnson

Axtell Honorable Mention-Jake Halvorsen, Brandt Modlin, Elijah Bergstrom

Softball: Highway 6 First Team- Alexa Hale (Inf); Honorable Mention-Trinity Carr, Addison Klabunde, Beyonka Garcia

Minden Gun Club Open House



Minden Gun Club hosted an open house on June 4 to celebrate the new clubhouse and all of the recent improvements made at the club. Attendees were able to participate in an open shoot, enjoy refreshments, and socialize with friends. These improvements and the generous donors that made it possible have helped the Minden Gun Club grow and find new success in hosting events and bringing together people of all ages. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

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Linden Biskup Named to Missouri State University's Spring 2025 Dean's List

PRESS RELEASE

SPRINGFIELD, MO (06/04/2025)-- Each semester, students at Missouri State University who attain academic excellence are named to the dean's list.

For undergraduate students, criteria include enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the spring semester and at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Linden Biskup of Wilcox made the list.

Biskup was among more than 4,900 students named to the spring 2025 dean's list.

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CCC Spring Honor Lists

PRESS RELEASE

(Grand Island, Neb.) – Central Community College has announced the names of full-time students who earned spots on the President's and Dean's honor lists for the 2025 spring semester.

The students were enrolled at one or more CCC locations, which include the Columbus, Grand Island and Hastings campuses and the Holdrege, Kearney, Lexington and Ord centers.

Students on the President's Honor List earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average while students on the Dean's Honor List earned a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.

President's Honor List

Axtell: Joseph Fickenschier

Hildreth: Keya Knaus

Kearney: Jacob Eschliman

Minden: Olivia Hunt, Aden Jonak and Bradley Smolik

Upland: Isaac Dejonge

Wilcox: Makayla Johnson

Dean's Honor List

Axtell: Cody Arner, Adyn McCaslin and Toby Stepanek

Hildreth: Carson Lindau and Mia Vansyckle

Minden: Shaylee Knott, Brent Senff and Ian Sinsel

For the Record

Kearney County District Court

Andrea K. Weber, Minden vs. Brian D. Weber, Omaha; dissolution of marriage, 5-28-25

Jensen Schulz, Minden vs. Angel Schulz; dissolution of marriage, 6-4-25

Alexandria P. Whitehead, Minden vs. Ashton Arrants, Kearney; order of support/custody/visit—private attorney, 5-28-25

Kearney County County Court

Eliseo Machado, Jr., Minden, DV assault-3rd/threat/menacing manner, fine \$250, 15 days jail, 1 day credit time served, Minden Police Officer Shrader, 11-19-24

Rogelio Ramirez-Valazquez, Holdrege, COUNT I: no operator's license/non-waivable, fine \$250; COUNT II: speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 1-29-25

Kellie R Bauer, Deshler, COUNT I: possess or use drug paraphernalia, fine \$100; COUNT II: possess marijuana 1oz or less-1st offense, fine \$300, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 3-11-25

Staven A. Martinez De Jesus, Kearney, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Lassen, 3-23-25

Santiago Giraldo, Lincoln, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officers Margitz & Gonzalez,

4-18-25

Itaf C. El Dissi, Waukesha, Wisconsin, speeding 21-35 MPH County/State, fine \$200, Nebraska State Patrol Officers Margitz & Gonzalez, 4-20-25

Steel B. Sich, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officers Margitz & Gonzalez, 5-21-25

Craig D. Danks, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officers Margitz & Gonzalez, 5-22-25

Andrew D. Blessin, Kenesaw, expose of offensive matter, fine \$100, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Seals, 3-6-24

Bart G. Moody, Marion, fail to yield ROW-on left turn, fine \$25, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Herrada, 5-15-25

Minden Fire & Rescue

6-1-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S Road for a life line alert with a possible fall.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

6-4-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to transport a patient to Phelps Memorial Hospital.

5-31-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic to transport a patient with active seizures to Good Sam.

5-31-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched for burn permits.

Obituaries

Barbara Harms, 84 - Former Kearney Resident



Barbara Ann (Keenan) Harms, age 84, of Omaha, formerly of Kearney, passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Echo Hills Memory Center in Omaha. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm officiating. Graveside services were held at the Kearney Cemetery following lunch at the church. Visitation were held on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home and one hour before services Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Please visit www.hlm-kfuneral.com to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara was born April 21, 1941, in Alliance, NE to Theodore R. and Fern E. (Sherfey) Keenan. In 1947 the family moved to Minden, NE where she attended school. The family moved to Renton, WA in 1957 where she graduated high school in 1959.

She married Paul E. Harms on July 21, 1963, in Grand Island, NE. They were blessed with 5 daughters. They established Harms Drywall Contracting CO. They operated the company for over 40 years, until Paul retired in 2006.

Barbara started working at JCPenney at that time.

Barbara was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she was involved with the board, circle group, and taught Sunday School. She enjoyed being all the girls Campfire Leader, gardening, crocheting, genealogy, camping, traveling, bird watching, ceramic, but most of all spending time with family and friends.

Left to cherish her memories; daughters, Tressie (Tim) Nootz of Indian Land, SC, Lisa (Dale) Wuehler of Omaha, Deniese (Brian) Smith both of Omaha, Lori (Dan) Prichard, Lenexa, KS, Rita (Robert) Shay of Olathe, KS, 11 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren. Brother Robert (Chris) Keenan of Renton, WA, Sister-in-law, Jean (Lloy Dean) Rush of Axtell, NE, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceded in Death by her husband, Paul, parents, sister, Wanetta (Brian) Halbert, Brother, Thomas (Colleen) Keenan, nephew Pat Halbert, Sister-in-law, Mary (Jim) Mason

Rebecka Jolaine Carlson, 77 - Wilcox Resident



A Memorial Service for Rebecka J. Carlson will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the Wilcox Community Church in Wilcox, Nebraska, with Pastor Craig Cedar officiating. Inurnment will be held at the Wilcox Cemetery in Wilcox, Nebraska.

Rebecka Jolaine Carlson, 77 years of age, of Wilcox, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 6, 2025, with

her sister and aunt by her side. Rebecka was born on November 1, 1947, in Holdrege, the eldest of two children, born to Robert W. and Lillian "Faye" (Russell) Poague.

She received her education from Wilcox Public Schools, graduating with the class of 1965. She then attended Cosmetology School in Holdrege, receiving her license in 1967. Rebecka then worked at Becton Dickinson in Holdrege.

On February 12, 1972, she was united in marriage to Keith C. Carlson at the Wilcox Community Church. The couple made their home in Wilcox, where Rebecka was employed as a Sales associate at the McDonald's Clothing Store in Holdrege and also was an AVON Representative for many years. On August 29, 2014, she was preceded in death by Keith. They were blessed with 42 years of marriage, enjoyed their home together and were truly best friends.

Rebecka loved antiques and attending garage sales and was a collector of women's accessories and working tools from women of the past. She enjoyed painting, sewing and quilting. Rebecka had a knack for taking something discarded and making it into something useful and beautiful. She loved making special gifts for her family and friends.

She attended Sunday School and Bible instruction at the Wilcox Community Church, in her youth.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers in infancy, John and James; and her step-son, Rip Carlson.

Rebecka leaves to celebrate her life, her sister, Melinda Ferree, of Wilcox; two nieces: Kaylee Yetter and her husband, Shane of Broken Bow, Nebraska; and Taylor Rothell and her husband, Ian of Olathe, Kansas; one great-niece, Lillian Mae Yetter; three great-nephews: Asher, Avett, and Shepherd Rothell; one aunt, Phyllis Schwaninger of Clarinda, Iowa; two step-daughters: JoDee West of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Julie Chapin (Dean) of Shell Knob, Missouri; one step-granddaughter, Jianna West; along with extended family members, and many special friends.

There will be no visitation or memorial book signing. The family is honoring her wish for cremation.

A memorial has been established in Rebecka's honor and kindly suggested to NET (PBS tv station).

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

The Bauer-Torrey & Mach Funeral Home in Wilcox is in charge of the arrangements.

Linda L. Johnson, 84, of Campbell, NE passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at CHI Health - Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Campbell with Rev. Mark Diehl officiating. Private family inurnment will be held prior to services at the Minden Cemetery. A memorial book signing will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Linda's honor are kindly suggested to the Kearney County Health Services Foundation. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Tributes and memories can be shared with the family at www.craigfunerals.com.

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ESTATE OF
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ESTATE NO. PR25-10

Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Renee M. Landstrom 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 August 6, 2025 or be forever barred.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 8th day of July 2025 at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Minden of Kearney County Nebraska for the purpose of hearing public comments on:

Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative Subdivision application made by Colby and Taylor Klahn in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2 SE1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), to divide off a parcel of land to sell, and hearing all persons, with written or oral comments for or against said application. Any party may appear in person or be represented by an agent or attorney. Questions or comments may be directed to the Zoning Administrator Office at (308) 830-0589.

Craig Lupkes
Zoning Administrator
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NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT
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TO: All persons having or claiming any interest in the real estate described as the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Five (5) North, Range Fourteen (14) West of the 6th P.M., Kearney County, Nebraska, real names unknown.

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiffs, David G. Nelson & DLB Farms, LLC, a Nebraska Limited Liability Company, filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, at Case No. CI25-33, the object and prayer of which is to quiet title to the above-referenced property in the Plaintiffs, remove any persons keeping Plaintiffs from full possession of such property, and award judgment for damages caused by wrongful detention of the property. You are required to answer

said Complaint on or before July 24, 2025, or the Complaint will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you.

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ESTATE OF

CLAYTON E. MYERS,

DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR25-19

Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the

Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent, and that Micheal E. Myers, whose address is 5608 Turkey Road, Pensacola, Florida 32526, 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 August 6, 2025, or be forever barred.

/s/Laura B. Tobiassen
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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on May 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chambers, pursuant to advance notice of said meeting simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Council and to the public as shown by the copy thereof posted in the Minden City Hall, Outside the Minden City Hall, First Bank & Trust Co., Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., and the Post Office. A copy of the notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Council Members Present: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant and Schneider. City Officials Present: Evans, Olson, Krings, and Jordan. Approved Bills and Claims: 3N's Inc--Repairs \$148.82, 7aa Investments--Supplies \$147.83, A&L Leveling Inc--Cleaning \$12,403.74, A. Jordan--Training \$170.00, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies \$1,747.35, Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company--Fuel \$1,171.54, B&R Stores, Inc--Supplies \$52.34, B. Petersen--Incentive \$2,400.00, Black Church Llc--Vegetation \$150.00, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$106.12, Btac United Acquisition Holding Company--Supplies \$396.50, Cengage Learning, Inc--Supplies \$65.58, City Of Holdrege--Fees \$7,037.30, Core & Main Lp--Supplies \$410.70, Dana F Cole & Company, Llp--Fees \$50.00, D. Phillips--Supplies \$260.00, Dutton-Lainson Company--Supplies \$901.07, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$523.74, Elan Financial Services--Supplies \$1,130.10, Electronic Systems, Inc--Repairs \$264.40, E. Cline--Training \$357.60, F.

Rogers--Cleaning \$376.25, Fire Catt, Llc--Maintenance \$4,626.30, Five Points Bank--Rental \$262.16, Fyr-Tek Inc--Supplies \$694.98, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$124.92, Greatamerica Financial Services Corporation--Fees \$148.75, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical \$4,902.86, Innovative Pharmacists, Inc--Supplies \$1,097.98, Integrated Security Solutions, Llc--Tech/Engineering \$560.00, Intellicom Computer Consulting--Tech/Engineering \$3,480.75, Ironside Fitness Llc--Supplies \$409.97, Isw--Supplies \$78.55, Jnr Adjustment Company, Inc--Repairs \$3,331.74, John Deere Financial--Supplies \$184.89, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr--Fees \$200.00, Kearney Powersports--Supplies \$188.95, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies \$94.59, League Of Nebr. Municipalities--Training \$395.00, L.L.P. McGee--Supplies \$6,640.70, Menards Of Kearney--Supplies \$106.09, M. Shelton--Training \$91.08, Mid Nebraska Aggregate, Inc--Supplies \$534.20, Midwest Laboratories--Supplies \$133.55, Minden Public Schools--Fees \$6,440.00, Napa Auto Parts--Supplies \$481.87, Nebraska Generator Service Llc--Repairs \$1,308.17, Nppd Kwh--Utilities \$113,839.01, Nppd O&M--Maintenance \$32,597.87, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering \$903.36, One Billing Solutions, Llc--Fees \$735.61, One Call Concepts Inc--Fees \$54.66, Oriental Trading--Supplies \$160.34, Platte Valley Laboratories, Inc--Chemical \$20.00, Power tech--Maintenance \$1,430.00, Presto X Co--Maintenance \$99.34, Quadient Finance Usa,

Inc--Fees \$400.00, Rek Enterprises Llc--Repairs \$58.00, Southern Power District--Utilities \$68.01, Spectrum Business--Phone/Internet \$448.80, S. Yant--Supplies \$681.83, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C.--Fees \$142.50, The Library Store--Supplies \$409.59, The Lockmobile Inc--Repairs \$800.00, The Pittsburgh Paints Co--Supplies \$933.93, T. Fuller--Supplies \$3,609.83, T. R. Beck--Supplies \$360.00, Town And Country Farm And Home Inc--Supplies \$1,599.45, United Parcel Service, Inc--Fees \$14.33, Village Cleaners Inc--Uniforms \$50.12, Western Pathology Consultants, Inc--Fees \$68.00, Wex Bank--Fuel \$4,996.58, Witmer Public Safety Group--Supplies \$372.98, E. Cline--Health & Dependent Care Reimbursement \$610.60, 5-16-25 Payroll \$62,620.06. Items Approved: Consent Agenda--Yant motioned to approve the consent agenda. Bunger seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant,

and Schneider. Treasury Report, April 2025--Bunger motioned to approve the April 2025 Treasury Report. Schneider seconded. Voted Aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Budget Report, April 2025--Bunger motioned to approve the April 2025 Budget Report. Sumstine seconded. Voted Aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Issuance of Order of Condemnation for the Property known as 530 N. Tower Avenue or more Particularly Described as Lot 9, Block 16, Railroad Addition, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska. Open Motion: Sumstine motioned to Issue an Order of Condemnation for 530 N Tower to make repairs making the foundation, floor, wall, ceiling, roof, windows, and doors weathertight, watertight, and rodent proof within 90 days or the City may proceed to demolish the building at the expiration of the 90 days. Schneider seconded. Bunger motioned to amend

the motion to 60 days with the option to extend it due to materials. Sumstine seconded. Voted aye to amend the motion: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Bid estimate with R.W. Sorensen Construction for concrete removal and replacement of \$25,968--Schneider motioned to approve the bid estimate with R.W. Sorensen Construction for concrete removal and replacement of \$25,968. Yant seconded. Voted Aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Bid estimate with Wilke Contracting for concrete repair, removal and replacement of \$18,253.25. Bunger motioned to approve the bid estimate with Wilke Contracting for concrete repair, removal and replacement of \$18,253.25. Schneider seconded. Voted Aye: Bung-

er, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Items Not Approved: Ordinance creating Street Improvement District No. 2025-1, First Reading--Schneider introduced Ordinance No. 1303 for its first reading. Sumstine seconded. Voted nay: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Non-Action Items: Public Forum. Council Announcements. Informational Update from Paws Up Kearney County on Their First Year. Bunger motioned to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. Voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider.

Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
A complete transcript of the council minutes is available at the City Clerk's office and online at minden-nebraska.org.

June 12, 2025

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NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

JUNE 3, 2025 - 9:30AM

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held June 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Heath Hofstetter, James Miller, Robert Swanson, Jason Sinsel, Jeff England and Nathan Avery. Also present were County Clerk Myra Johnson, Melodie Bellamy Co. Atty., Craig Lupkes Emerg. Mgr., Scott White Co. Sheriff, Joe Anderson Hwy Supt. Jody Payne Treasurer 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 of May 20, 2025. Approved Bills and Claims, May Payroll and Hospital Taxes. Held a Public comment from 9:30 to 9:35 a.m. Approved the County Clerk Report for May 2025. Approved new copier lease with Eakes for the 2nd floor offices for 48 months. Re-appointed Gary Smidt to the Veterans Service Board from July 2025 to June 2030. Met with Kyle Brown from USDA concerning animal control for the County. The Board approved a 5 year agreement at a cost for the first year of \$12,809.41. Met with Jody Payne, Co. Treas. Approved to move the interest from the COVID Fund Account to General Fund and close that Account and Fund

as all money has been spent. Met with Angie Stolz, NIRMA contact person concerning the insurance amounts for the FY25/26. The increase is approx. 9.5% from last year with an increase of \$11,257. The amount for this year will be \$129,814. Met with Joe Anderson, Road Supt. to discuss the county road on the east side of Summer Haven Lake. The Board directed him to check on the cost of a road study. Adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Myra Johnson
Kearney County Clerk

GENERAL FUND: Kearney Co. Payroll, May 2025, \$251,683.28; AT&T, Sv., 40.04; Joe Anderson, Hwy. Supt., Cell Ph., 30.00; Melodie Bellamy, Co. Atty., Mil./Su./Subs., 6,663.88; Black Hills Energy, Ut., 364.96; Business World Prod., Su., 97.05; Capital City Transfer Serv. Inc., Sv./Mil., 1,012.75; City of Minden, Ut., 1,213.90; Clerk of the Dist. Court, Fees, 110.00; Comm. Action Ptnsp. of Mid-NE, Senlow Bus, 1,527.10; DeWald, Deaver, L'Heureux PC LLO, Sv., 1,453.50; Eakes, Su., 71.98; F Johnson Building, Rent, 325.00; FGH Law Office, LLC, Sv., 700.80; First Concord Benefits Grp LLC, Self-Fund Ded., 1,109.83; First Concord Benefits Grp LLC, Cafeteria Plan, 65.00; Shelly Gibbins, Ext. Office Mgr., Su., 390.74; Google LLC, Sv., 924.00; Great Plains Comm., Sv., 641.38; Kelly Hartman, Bailiff, Mil., 42.88; Rhonda Herrick, Ext. Educ., Mil., 337.61; Jim's OK Tire Store LLC, Sv., 27.50; Kearney Co. Court, Fees, 398.53; Kearney Co. Rd & Bridge Fund, Cash Transfer, 26,870.00; Kearney Co. Rd

Dept., Fuel May 2025, 59.18; Kearney Co. Sheriff's Fund, Sv., 146.95; Klein, Brewster, Brandt, & Messersmith, Sv., 2,863.50; Madison Natl. Life, Ins., 1,005.88; Mason's Supermarket, Su., 104.29; Minden Courier, Subsc., 65.00; Minden Exch. Bk & Trust Co., Fees, 20.50; Minden Lawn & Sprinkler, LLC, Mowing, 500.00; Minden Medical Clinic, Sv., 49.86; Minden Public Schools, Supt.'s Contract, 3,969.56; MIPS Inc., Sv., 2,622.93; NE Assoc. of Co. Officials, Regis., 250.00; NE Public Health Env. Lab, Sv., 264.26; Grace Nichols, Witness Fee, 20.00; Debra Overleese, Legal Assist., Ptg, 194.91; Pedley Drug, Su., 3.56; Presto-X, Sv., 92.50; Scott Seals, Dep. Sheriff, Su., 50.03; Cody Struss, Dep. Sheriff, Fuel, 37.01; Syndicate Publ., Publ., 207.38; Verizon, Sv., 85.88; Veterans Aid Fund, Fund Transfer, 500.00; Morgan Wicht, Juv. Serv. Officer, Mil., 152.46; Woodward's Disp. Serv., Inc., Sv., 3,598.56; TOTAL \$312,965.91. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND: Kearney Co. Payroll, May 2025, \$93,288.16; Joe Anderson, Highway Supt., Su., 32.33; Black Hills Energy, Ut., 113.50; Carquest/Landmark Impl., Pts, 1,595.20; Central NE Petro., Sv., 555.10; City of Minden, Ut., 60.00; Colonial Research Chem. Corp., Su., 612.25; Tracy A. Donley, Mowing, 70.00; Filtercare of NE, LLC, Sv., 116.90; First Concord Benefits Grp LLC, Self-Fund Ded., 783.42; Great Plains Comm., Sv., 136.56; Jim's OK Tire Store LLC, Su., 10,411.12; KT Diesel & Equip.t LLC, Pts/Labor, 9,577.19; Landmark Impl. Inc., Su., 633.25; Lawson Prod. Inc., Su., 180.11; Mid-NE Aggregate Inc., Gravel, 5,873.10; Minden Hdwe, Su., 172.88; NAPA, Su., 761.84; NMC, LLC, Sv., 1,045.70;

Presto-X, Sv., 68.46; Quality Sound & Comm., Water, 79.00; Southern Public Power Dist., Ut., 382.74; Werner Constr. Co., Sv., 47,525.04; Wilcox Util. Dept., Ut., 5.11; TOTAL \$174,078.96. REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND: Eakes, Su., \$189.90; MIPS Inc., Sv., 418.74; TOTAL \$608.64. 911WIRELESS SERVICE FUND: CenturyLink, Sv., \$536.03; TOTAL \$536.03. COMMUNICATIONS FUND: Kearney Co. Payroll, May 2025, \$23,469.92; City of Minden, Ut., 92.68; Eakes, Copies, 365.19; First Concord Benefits Grp LLC, Self-Fund Ded., 543.22; Platte Valley Comm., Lic. Renewal, 75.00; State of NE DAS Central Fin., Teletype, 537.60; TOTAL \$25,083.61.

June 12, 2025

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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 17, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. An agenda for said meeting is kept continuously current at the office of the Kearney County Clerk. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Myra Johnson
Kearney County Clerk
June 12, 2025
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Racquet sports association
4. Places to sleep
8. Native American tribe
10. Small platforms
11. Egg shape
12. Running out
13. French painter
15. Some are "of the Caribbean"
16. Painful intestinal problem
17. More irritated
18. Prove yourself
21. Catch
22. Supplement with difficulty
23. American automotive giant
24. Form of "to be"
25. Boxing's GOAT
26. Peyton's little brother
27. Eli's big brother
34. Capable of producing
35. Reproductive structures in fungi
36. Allowed to go forward
37. Smiles
38. Arteries
39. VVV
40. Win a series without losing a game
41. This (Spanish)
42. Opposites of begin-

nings
43. Germanic mythological god

CLUES DOWN

1. Consisting of uncombined atoms
2. Island country
3. Heavenly body
4. Caribbean island
5. Copyread
6. A place to eat
7. Drops down
9. Native group of Alaska
10. Engage in
12. "Desperate Housewives" lane
14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
15. Foot (Latin)
17. A place to bathe
19. Animosity
20. Partner to cheese
23. Venus __, plant
24. A donation
25. Pokes holes in the ground
26. Midway between

northeast and east
27. Looked into
28. Not young
29. Annoy constantly
30. Something one can strike
31. Most glacial
32. Ten less than one hundred
33. Idle talker
34. Has moved through the air
36. Container for shipping

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