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Freitag Family Chiropractic Brings Gentle Relief to Minden

CINDY RAMSEY

Freitag Family Chiropractic in Minden opened its doors last month. On April 24, the community is invited to meet Dr. Greg Freitag and learn more about the services he offers at 110 E. Hawthorne Street during a grand opening event from 10am-12pm.

Originally from Maryland, Dr. Freitag met his wife, Tasha, while they were both working at Johns Hopkins. While visiting her hometown of Minden last year, the couple and their children saw a house for sale that drew their interest.

"We never intended to move here, but there was an opportunity," Dr. Freitag explained. "There's only one other chiropractor in town and my wife was able to work remotely."

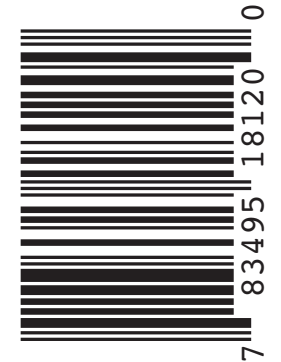
In addition to being a chiropractor, Dr. Freitag has a master's degree in Exercise Physiology and has worked a variety of jobs over the years that all relate to the human body and how it moves. His journey in the chiropractic field began later in life with his graduation in 2020. He had a successful chiropractic practice in Minnesota before the move to Minden and looks forward to bringing relief to his new community.

"I'm looking forward to making an impact in Minden. Where I was before, it was such a larger city it just had a different way of doing things and my patient population was different," Dr. Freitag said. "But here with farmers, seniors, kids who do sports, any area that I can help make the community feel better, that is ultimately what I want to do."

To make this goal become a reality, he first needed a space to offer his services. A chat with Dr. Chris Birkestrand revealed Minden Dental Clinic was looking to rent out some space on the east end of their facility. This location fit Dr. Freitag's needs and he quickly agreed to share the space with Minden Dental's new Minden Well-



Freitag Family Chiropractic located at 110 E. Hawthorne Street in Minden will host a grand opening event on Friday, April 24 from 10am-noon. Get to know Dr. Greg Freitag and learn about his gentle chiropractic method during the event. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)



Weather Forecast

Apr. 24:	69/41	
Apr. 25:	60/38	
Apr. 26:	56/36	
Apr. 27:	57/38	
Apr. 28:	65/39	
Apr. 29:	65/41	
Apr. 30:	65/41	

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News Briefs

WIC Clinic Dates

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

Cars & Coffee

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

Husker Quilt Raffle

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

Paws Up 'Shelter Me' Fundraiser

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

KCHS Auxiliary Plant & Bake Sale

Plants, pastries, pancakes, and peace of mind. Join us Saturday, May 2 from 8:00-11:30 AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Minden for our KCHS Auxiliary Plant & Bake Sale!

Make a morning of it! Grab breakfast at the Minden Fire Department Pancake Feed, then swing by to see us! Shop baked goods, plants & flowers and take a chance on the raffle while supporting a great cause.

We'll also have free car seat checks and installations available with our certified technicians. Walk-ins are welcome, but we recommend signing up ahead of time using the QR code.



Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Tri-Basin NRD will once again host tree giveaway events for Arbor Day on Friday, April 24. Giveaways will be held in Axtell at the Community Building at 9am, Holdrege at Tri-Basin NRD at 9:30am, and Minden at Jaycee Park at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the events and receive a free tree to plant. Species available include Amur Maple, Burr Oak, Red Oak, Hackberry, Kentucky Coffeetree, American Linden, Swamp White Oak, Catalpa, Crabapple, Jack Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Nine Bark, American Hazelnut, Sand Cherry, Russian Almond, Red Osier Dogwood, Lilac.

Courthouse Closing Correction

There was a typo in the Kearney County courthouse closing ad published last week. The courthouse will be closed for Arbor Day on Friday, April 24.

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Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
4/11/26	65	45	.61
4/12/26	81	59	-
4/13/26	83	57	-
4/14/26	83	56	-
4/15/26	69	54	-
4/16/26	81	42	-
4/17/26	63	46	-
Total Week Precip.....			0.61

Courier Weekly Deadlines:

Courier Designed Ads need to be requested by the customer by Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Client supplied or pre-designed ads are due on Friday at 4:00 pm.

Community supplied content needs approved by Friday at 4:00 pm.

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ness practice located through the southeast door of the building.

Patients who have visited a traditional chiropractor will find a visit with Dr. Freitag to be a new experience. Freitag Family Chiropractic uses a technique known as the Activator Method which is more gentle and methodical.

"I don't do popping or cracking or twisting. It's a very gentle technique and it's unusual. There's not a lot of chiropractors that do what I do in terms of assessment," Dr. Freitag said.

Visits begin with a consultation followed by an assessment. Patients will then get on a specialized table that allows the body to hold the same tensions it would in the standing position. This allows Dr. Freitag to assess the precise places his patient needs adjusted.

"I line up their feet to see if one appears shorter than the other. It's not necessarily because they are different lengths, it's related to the fact that people's bodies hold tension in different ways," Dr. Freitag explained. "If it's off balance, if there's a twist or a kink in their back that is shorter or tighter, it's all connected and can show up as a change in your leg length."

Through a series of gentle pressures he notes subtle changes in how the feet become more or less aligned. Based on these signals, he makes adjustments to the appropriate joint using a small device called an Activator.

"It gives me the ability to adjust the amount of force that the tap provides. It's a very, very light force. It's very gentle compared to a manual adjustment and it's very specific in that I can adjust a single bone or vertebrae with it," Dr. Freitag said.

He works methodically from the feet up the lower body making adjustments as needed. Once he reaches the spine, patients become more involved in the process by performing movements as directed. From these movements, Dr. Freitag notes signals and continues to make adjustments on the spine and upper body.

"When I first learned about this technique, I was really skeptical," Dr. Freitag confessed. "But the more I practiced with it and the more I got adjusted with the technique and the Activator, the more I liked it. I usually get very sore the day of or the day after getting adjusted and I didn't get sore with this. I liked being a patient so I did some further study and trained with a doctor in Minneapolis. It actually works or I wouldn't be doing it."

This chiropractic technique is 50 years old. Hundreds of doctors have done thousands of adjustments and have grown the technique over time to make the Activator Method what it is today.

"It works even though it seems like it wouldn't," Dr. Freitag said. "You have a thorough assessment as well as a gentle treatment."

The nature of his chiropractic technique makes it ideal for everyone. It is gentle for kids, older individuals, people with osteoporosis, and especially anyone who has been afraid to see a traditional chiropractor. In addition to chiropractic adjustments, Dr. Freitag's adjustments include soft tissue work and exercise, stretching, and rehabilitation recommendations.

"Whatever the patient's complaint is, I'll tailor a series of stretches for them based on what's going on," Dr. Freitag said.

Freitag Family Chiropractic is currently open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-5pm by appointment only. Due to the thorough nature of the treatments and the fact that Dr. Freitag is working completely solo, walk-in appointments are not available at this time and his services are self-pay only. The best way to book an appointment is to visit freitagfamilychiropractic.com and make an appointment online or scan the QR code.



Dr. Greg Freitag demonstrates how an Activator uses a tapping force on a precise joint for a more gentle adjustment. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

For those still curious about how the Activator Method works and anyone who would like to welcome this new business to town, be sure to stop by during the grand opening on Friday, April 24 from 10am-12pm. Coffee and cookies will be served, demonstrations will be given, and appointments will be taken during the event.



SHRED DAYS

Join us for Free Shredding

in conjunction with the Kearney County Cleanup

Wednesday, May 6th 9am - 4pm

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ESU #11 Invention Convention 2026

PRESS RELEASE



ESU #11 welcomed over 100 young inventors to the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege on April 8 during the annual Invention Convention. Students in grades 3-8 displayed their creativity and problem solving skills with presentations about their original invention ideas. Minden students attending the event are pictured left and Axtell students attending the event are pictured right. (Courtesy photos)

The Annual Invention Convention hosted by Educational Service Unit #11 of Holdrege was held Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the Nebraska Prairie Museum in Holdrege. There were 85 inventions submitted from students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Participating schools included: Alma, Arapahoe, Axtell, Cambridge, Elwood, Eustis-Farnam, Holdrege, Legacy Christian and Minden. Students were first judged in their grade level, which was divided into groups called "Inventor's Circles". There were 12 different Inventor's Circles which each had a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner. The judges then picked a champion for each grade level. Minden was represented very well by a great group of creative, hardworking kids! Minden's Invention Convention sponsor is Lori Rowley.

2026 Minden Invention Convention Results 3rd Grade

1st Place:

Lincoln Maulsby & Carter Alumit—The Super Vest

2nd Place:

Elise Talbert—The Eye Glasses Cleaner

Easton Majerus—Smorshmallows

3rd Place:

Cecily Smock & Hope Ciemnoczolowski—Leg Warmers

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Cole Ingram—Lego Carrier

Honorable Mention:

Aislynn Schneider & Vianney Romero-Sanchez—The Scrub Bug

Savannah Gillming—Dog Food-mometer

Kaley Oltman & Addy Martinez—Doggy Dream House
Hoss Aschenbrenner—Understand Your Baby's Cry
Leo Damratowski & Asher Wilhelm—Fireproof Nintendo Case

Cooper Jensen & Kellin Bensen—Soccer Soccer
Declan Erickson—Party Thrower

4th Grade

1st Place:

Quincey Osterbuhr & Thayer Tomsen—Brainga

2nd Place:

John VanHorn & Daniel Johnson—Multi Bike Tool

3rd Place:

Allison Talbert & Gwendolen Smock—Flipper Frisbee 200

Honorable Mention:

Austyn Stepp—It's Showtime!

Berkley Whitten—Candy Catcher

Brennea Propp—B.R. (Blanket Robe)

Summer Aschenbrenner—Fighting Over Candy Game

Stetson Heath—Fencing Supply Cart

5th Grade

1st Place & Overall 5th Grade Winner:

Ryker Treadway—Mine Plex

3rd Place:

Katerina Koch—Spotless Spot

Honorable Mention:

Harper Aspegren & Sophie Graham—Stove Saver

Tatum Eckhardt & Emerson Binderup—Window Wiper Scraper

Jonah Craig—The Spill Saver

6th Grade

2nd Place:

Gentry Oberg—Tic-Tackler

Honorable Mention:

Scarlett Marshall—Compact Kit

Kinley Deitloff & Amelia Collins—Ponytail Pal

7th Grade

1st Place & Overall 7th Grade Winner:

Zoey Martinez—Soundwave Wars

8th Grade

1st Place & Overall 8th Grade Winner:

Alexis Carson—The Support Sock

2026 Axtell Invention Convention Participants 3rd Grade

Claire Hays and Collins Olson- The Snack Snout Stick
Emmitt Erikson and Oliva Stepanek- The Deep Dream-

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Jude Jura and Graham Gustafson- Dribble Counter. 1st in round. Overall Inventor's Choice Award.

5th Grade

Hattie Rahmann- The Turtle Toter- 3rd in round

Caroline Anderson and Royce Olson- Bleacher Bounce Bud

Miles Anderbery and Cece Frerichs- Earmuff 2000

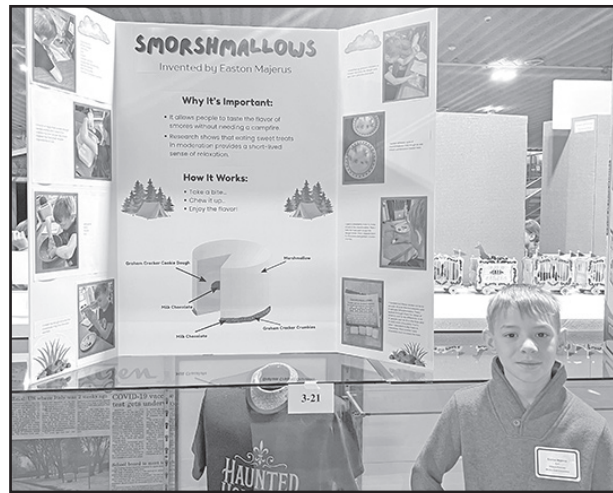
Kennedy Erikson and Madi DeBord- Easy Peasy Bag

Scarlet DeBord and Sami Samuelson- Book Holder 3.0

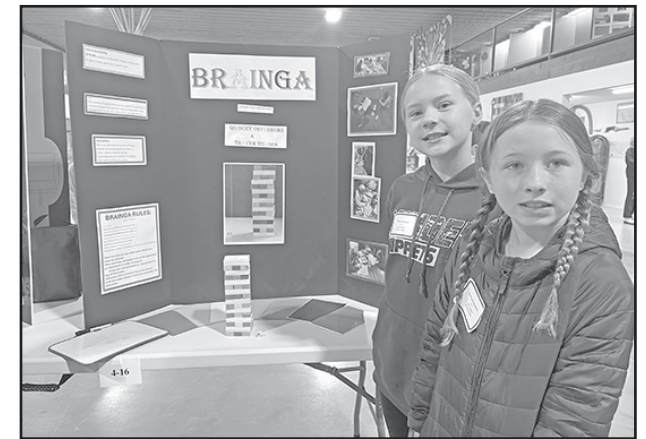
Payzlea Stala and Braylee Kring-The Anything Holder



**ELISE TALBERT - MINDEN
THE EYE GLASS CLEANER
3RD GRADE 2ND PLACE**



**EASTON MAJERUS - MINDEN
SMORSHMALLOWS
3RD GRADE 2ND PLACE**



**THAYER TOMSEN AND QUINCEY OSTERBUHR -
MINDEN
BRAINGA
4TH GRADE 1ST PLACE**



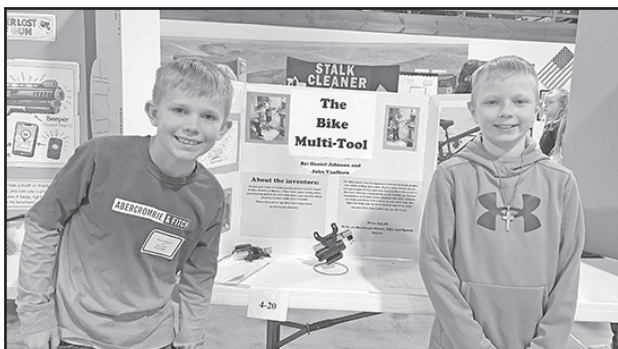
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MINDEN
LEG WARMERS 2
3RD GRADE 3RD PLACE**



**COLE INGRAM - MINDEN
LEGO CARRIER
3RD GRADE 3RD PLACE**



**LINCOLN MAULSBY AND CARTER ALUNIT - MINDEN
THE SUPER VEST
3RD GRADE 1ST PLACE**



**DANIEL JOHNSON AND JOHN VANHORN - MINDEN
MULTI BIKE TOOL
4TH GRADE 2ND PLACE**



**ALLISON TALBERT AND GWENDOLEN SMOCK -
MINDEN
FLIPPER FRISBEE 200
4TH GRADE 3RD PLACE**



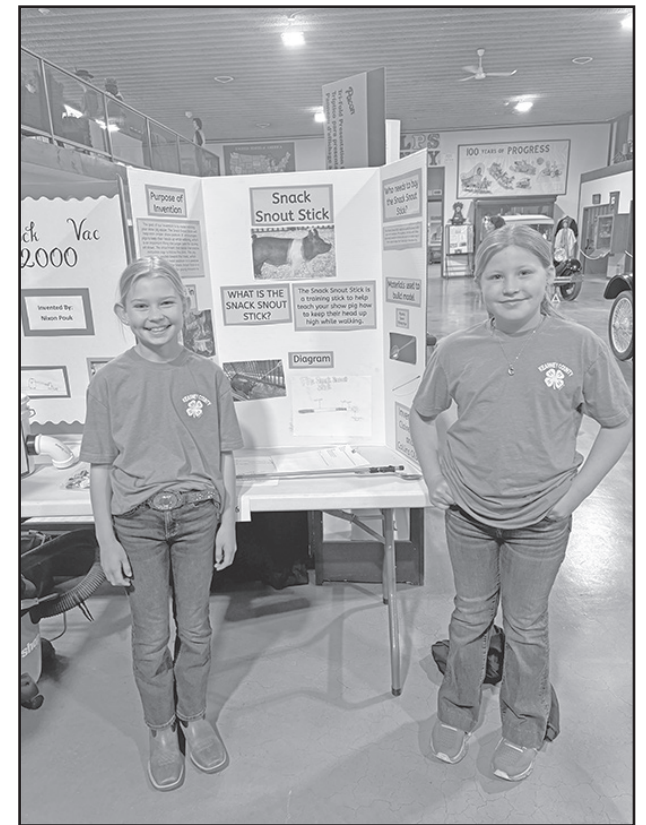
**KATERINA KOCH - MINDEN
SPOTLESS SPOT
5TH GRADE 3RD PLACE**



**RYKER TREADWAY - MINDEN
MINE PLEX
5TH GRADE 1ST PLACE & OVERALL 5TH GRADE**



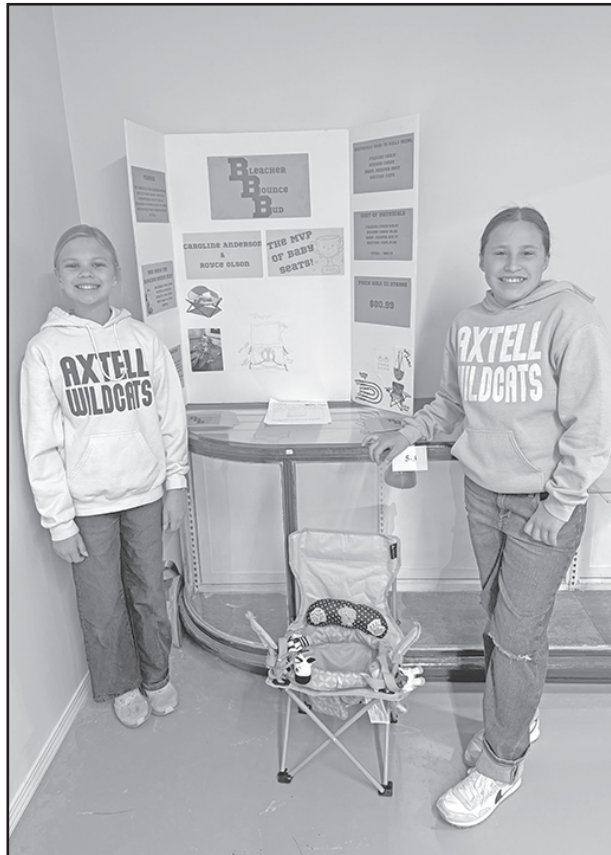
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THE SUPPORT SOCK
8TH GRADE 1ST PLACE & OVERALL 8TH GRADE**



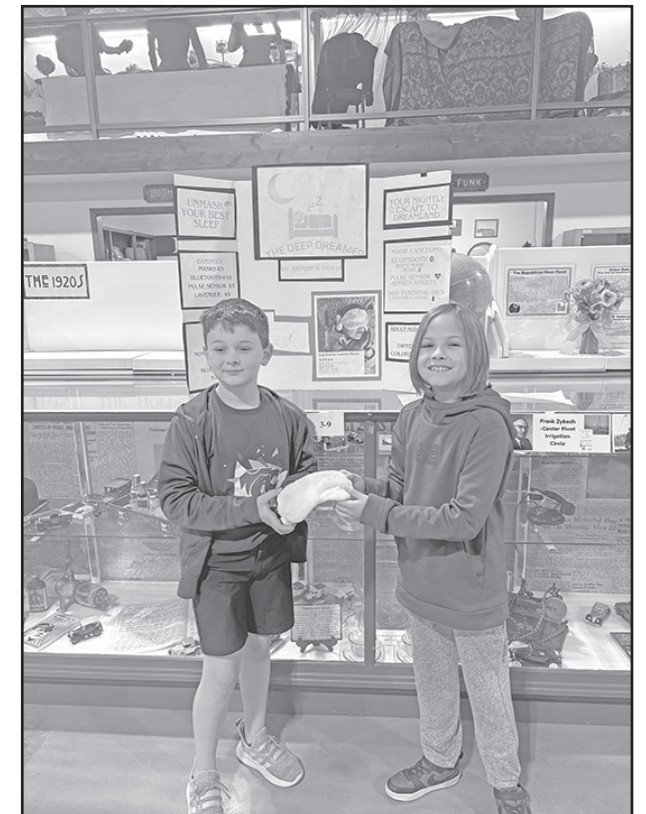
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THE SNACK SNOOT STICK
3RD GRADE**



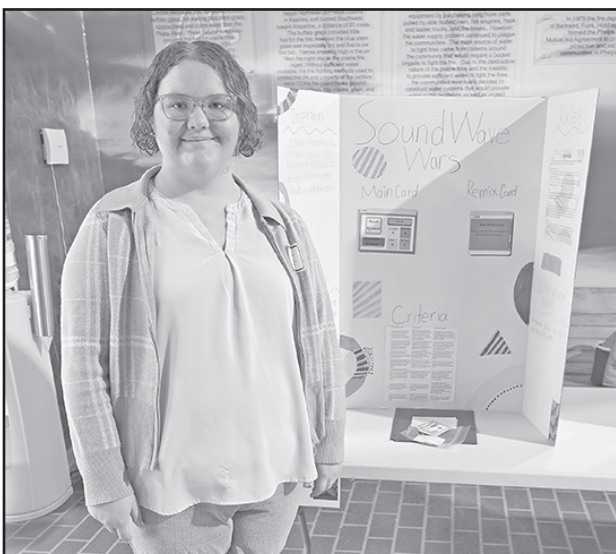
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TIC TACKLER
6TH GRADE 2ND PLACE**



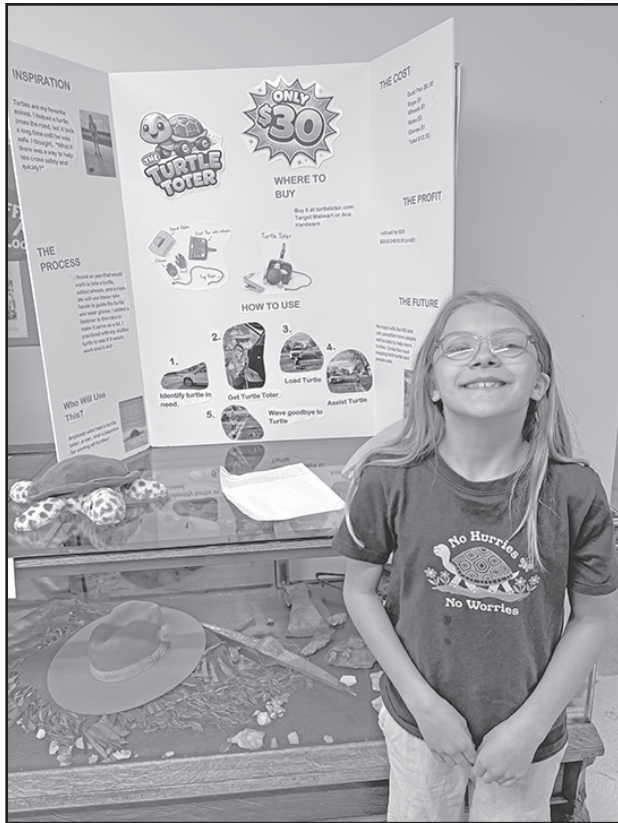
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BLEACHER BOUNCE BUD
5TH GRADE**



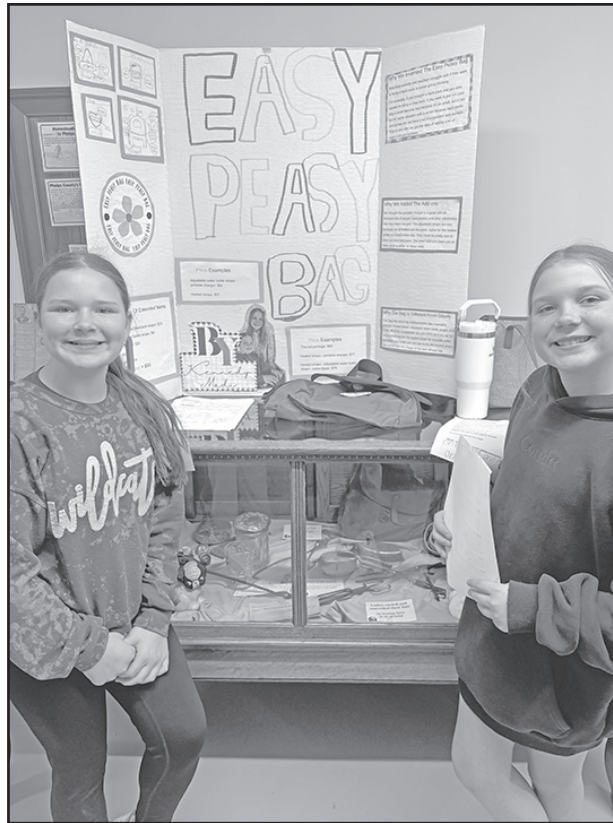
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THE DEEP DREAMER
3RD GRADE**



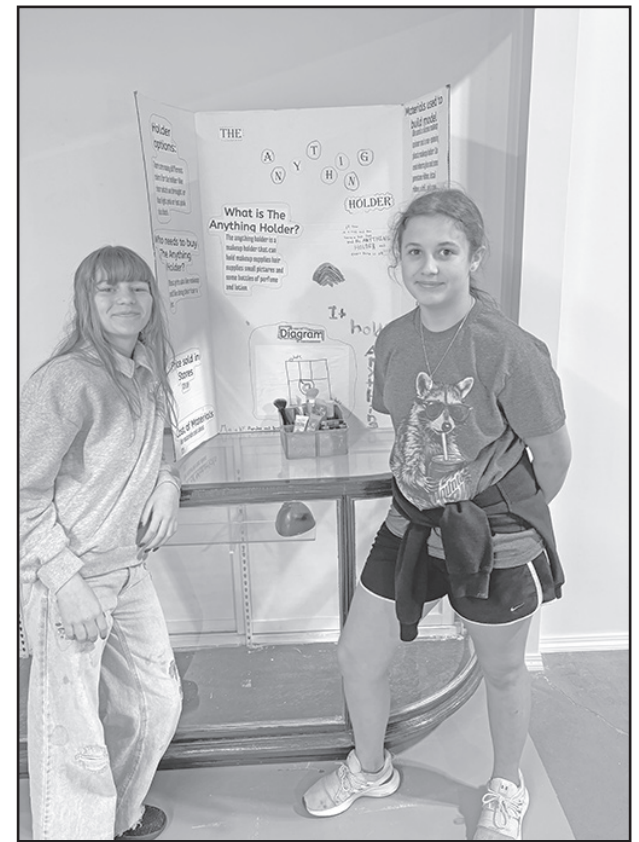
**ZOEVY MARTINEZ - MINDEN
SOUNDWAVE WARS
7TH GRADE 1ST PLACE & OVERALL 7TH GRADE**



**HATTIE RAHMANN - AXTELL
THE TURTLE TOTER
5TH GRADE 3RD IN ROUND**



**KENNEDY ERIKSON AND MADI DEBORD - AXTELL
EASY PEASY BAG
5TH GRADE**



**PAYZLEA STALA AND BRAYLEE KRINGS - AXTELL
THE ANYTHING HOLDER
5TH GRADE**



**JUDE JURA AND GRAHAM GUSTAFSON - AXTELL
DRIBBLE COUNTER
3RD GRADE 1ST IN ROUND &
OVERALL INVENTOR'S CHOICE**



**MILES ANDERBERY AND CECE FRERICHS - AXTELL
EARMUFF 2000
5TH GRADE**



**SCARLET DEBORD AND SAMI SAMUELSON - AXTELL
BOOK HOLDER 3.0
5TH GRADE**

Be Heart-Smart to Stay Safe and Healthy During and After Severe Weather

PRESS RELEASE

Spring is the start of severe weather season in the Midwest U.S., and as you're making your emergency preparedness checklist, the American Heart Association cautions that it's also important to protect your heart and overall health in the wake of severe weather or other natural disasters.

Scientific research shows it's not only physical devastation that impacts the health and safety of people in the path of severe weather or other natural disasters:

- In a small study presented at the American Heart Association's Epidemiology, Prevention, Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health 2021 Scientific Sessions, researchers found that among people who survived Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico in 2017, there were higher rates of high blood pressure, obesity and pre-diabetes, as well as increased incidences of heart disease and stroke two years after the storm compared to two years prior to the hurricane.

- Twelve years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005, heart attack rates in affected areas increased by nearly five times, according to a study presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2019. Researchers noted that psychosocial, behavioral and traditional cardiovascular disease risk factors also increased significantly in the decade after the storm.

- Authors of a study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association calculated that in the areas of New Jersey most impacted by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, there were 125 more heart attacks, 36 additional strokes and 70 more deaths in the two weeks after the 2012 storm compared to the same time period from the previous five years.

It's not only severe weather that can have a negative impact on cardiovascular health. There has been much scientific research on health among people affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2012. A study published in the American Heart Association journal, Hypertension, found a significant increase in blood pressure

levels and the incidence of high blood pressure among people who were forced to evacuate following that disaster.

Chris Shives, American Heart Association-Executive Director, says there are several factors that may lead to increased cardiovascular disease and risk after severe weather or natural disasters.

"During and after a storm, many people experience extreme stress and trauma, which research shows can lead to an increase in cardiovascular disease risk. The impact can be more intense for heart disease and stroke patients," he said. "Additionally, in the aftermath of a significant natural disaster, property destruction and evacuations affect many basic support resources. This can make it challenging to see a health care professional for routine check-ups or to refill or adjust medications, especially for more vulnerable populations."

Shives says it's important for people to be prepared and plan ahead, The American Heart Association's Community Emergency Resources page includes a wide range of helpful information.

In addition, here are some quick tips:

- Take time now to write down any medical conditions, allergies and medications, including doses and the time you take medications, along with your pharmacy name, address and phone number using a medication tracker. Keep the information with any other "go-kit" items you have handy for quick evacuation.

- If you do need to evacuate, even temporarily, bring your medications and your health information with you in a resealable plastic bag to help keep it dry.

- If your medication is lost, damaged or was left behind when you evacuated, research open pharmacies and seek a refill as quickly as possible.


- Some states allow pharmacists to make medically necessary exceptions on certain types of prescription refills during an emergency.

- Use the American Diabetes Association's Patient Preparedness Plan if you have diabetes and use insulin. There you'll find a checklist of supplies and guidelines on how to prepare for an emergency.


Another way to prepare for a possible medical emergency is to learn how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) until help arrives. If performed correctly, CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival. You could be saving the life of someone you love. A simple, one-minute video shows you what you need to know to perform Hands Only CPR.

As always, the American Heart Association remains a resource for information and guidance. Visit heart.org for the latest on heart and stroke health.

About the American Heart Association The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities, the organization has been a leading source of health information for more than one hundred years. Supported by more than 35 million volunteers globally, we fund groundbreaking research, advocate for the public's health, and provide critical resources to save and improve lives affected by cardiovascular disease and stroke. By driving breakthroughs and implementing proven solutions in science, policy, and care, we work tirelessly to advance health and transform lives every day. Connect with us on heart.org, Facebook, X or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.



Minden Fire Department
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April Minden School Board Meeting is a Treat

CINDY RAMSEY

The Minden Public Schools Board of Education and members of the public attending the April 13 meeting received a special treat as two MPS students gave a presentation about their medal winning inventions.

Fifth grader Ryker Treadway and third grader Easton Majerus participated in the annual Invention Convention hosted by ESU #11 in Holdrege on April 8. Treadway earned first place in both his circle and age division for his creation of a game called Mine Plex complete with game board, 3D printed pieces, and rules. Majerus earned second place in his circle for a tasty treat he concocted called Smorshmallows which allows snackers to enjoy a s'mores inspired treat without the mess or hazards of a campfire.

Both young inventors provided a brief explanation of their inventions and answered questions from the board while sponsor Lori Rowley told the board how the Invention Convention benefits students in 3rd-8th grade by allowing them to explore their creativity, use critical thinking skills, and practice public speaking. Participation in Invention Convention is entirely optional.

After the presentations the board got down to business. The consent agenda was approved including minutes from the March 16 meeting, financial reports, and expenditures and claims for payment.

As the board considered Policy 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access, they received some insight from East Elementary Media Specialist Kim Olson who was in attendance. Olson explained everything is in place to comply with granting parents access to information about what their children are checking out from school libraries and she expects a smooth transition. Olson did emphasize that parents will have to opt in.

In response to the board's inquiry about the cost, Business Manager Jeremy Knajdl explained it should be cost neutral and more efficient for the district. The process did cost time and effort to transition from one electronic checkout system to another and ensure all materials are recorded, but moving forward there will be no increase to the cost associated with system. The board adopted Policy 5209 as presented.

Amendments to four policies were also on the agenda. Changes to Policy 7050 Bids and Contracts and Policy 3540 Bidding Construction Projects reflect and increase in the bidding amounts noted based on the state board

threshold. An amendment to Policy 1040 Annual Report includes the addition of a technology class that has been added to graduation requirements by the state.

Policy 5601 Asthma & Allergic Reaction Protocol with Waiver was amended to include albuterol treatments. Dr. Andy Craig gives a presentation to staff annually and will plan to add proper albuterol administration to his teaching. He asked that all staff be at this presentation.

Amendments to the policies was approved and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 11 in the MHS Media Center.

Three Central Nebraska Students Named to NSAA Student Advisory Council

PRESS RELEASE

LINCOLN — Three central Nebraska students were named to 2026-28 Nebraska State Activities Association Student Advisory Council.

Aleigha Negley of Cozad, Brice Ringlein of Kearney Catholic and Jolie Buechler of Minden were named to the council.

The NSAA Student Advisory Committee is a diverse group of students who participate in NSAA sanctioned activities and are focused on providing education and leadership through open and honest communication with all member schools and their students, administrators, and coaches. This committee serves as the liaison between students, administrators, the NSAA Staff and Board of Directors

Duties and Responsibilities –


The Student Advisory Committee will create their strategic direction for the school year with emphasis on tackling current student issues, helping maintain an avenue of communication between the Association and the student participants themselves and assisting with various Association functions.






The avenues used to accomplish these goals are:

- Provide student perspective on bylaw changes.
- Develop and deliver a presentation at the annual NCA Sportsmanship/Leadership Summits.
- Record Sportsmanship PSA's to be shown at State Championships and via social media.

Whippets of the Month

C.L. Jones Middle School



<p style="color: purple;">Fourth Grade Vivian Baughman</p>  <p>Vivian is a bright young lady who always pushes herself to be the best she can be. Her strong determination and kind spirit will take her far in life. Way to go, Vivian!</p>	<p style="color: purple;">Fifth Grade Harper Aspegren</p>  <p>Harper Aspegren is kind, hard working, and determined. She is willing to help in any situation. Harper also has shown a lot of perseverance this year when things get tough!</p>	<p style="color: purple;">Sixth Grade Cayden Warburton</p>  <p>Cayden has shown a lot of growth this year! He has become a leader in the classroom and is always willing to help those around him. Cayden also always finds a way to put a smile on his friends' faces.</p>	<p style="color: purple;">Seventh Grade Dallas Jorgensen</p>  <p>Dallas Jorgensen always has a positive attitude and is a responsible and reliable student. She doesn't hesitate to help those around her and is someone both teachers and classmates can always count on.</p>	<p style="color: purple;">Eighth Grade Emerson Kuehn</p>  <p>Emerson is a bright light. She is kind to others, celebrates everyone's ideas, and works hard in every aspect of her life. Her maturity has shown this year as she prepares for a successful high school career. Thank you for your efforts and attitude, Emerson.</p>
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A Lifetime of Love

By Shana Schoone

More Than a Teacher: The Lessons That Stayed

For anyone who graduated from Minden High between the years of 1995 and 2026, when you think of *The Great Gatsby*, you instantly think of Miss Angie Oberg. The book beautifully illustrates powerful life lessons like you cannot recreate the past, loneliness can exist in a crowded room, real love is deeper than looks or status, and how *The American Dream* doesn't bring sustaining happiness. At the end of my conversation with Angie about her retirement and relocation to her home town, she shared another lesson from *The Great Gatsby* that I overlooked.

As a little girl, Miss O always wanted to become a teacher. She came from a family of teachers, her mother, grandma, uncles, and aunts were all teachers. Even though she taught English and Speech to mostly juniors over the course of 33 years, she taught every student so much more. Every lesson was not only academic but rooted in the lessons of life, self-discovery, and authenticity. She takes great pride in her ability to encourage her students to be themselves and live lives that they love.

Over the years, Angie has taught around 2,000 students and 2,000 students have taught her. She has always been a light and a nice person. Sometimes, too nice. One of her first years of teaching, she took her class outside on a beautiful day. Since it was the last period of the day, her students decided it would be a good idea to run away. Needless to say, they taught her how to have more boundaries. Instead of being too nice she learned how to "do right by the students" meaning every decision she makes will be made in their best interest. Even though they won't always enjoy every assignment, each one will benefit them in some way. While she teaches her students about building a vision, executing goals, and navigating disaster road, they are teaching her about love. Since Miss O stands in authenticity and guides students to learn about themselves, she has learned not everyone will love the same things she loves. But it is enough for her to know she has given them a safe place to learn and acknowledge the things they love. If she had the opportunity to go back in time and speak to her first-year teacher self, she would say, "Let them run away and it will all be worth it in the end."

Like *Gatsby's* obsession with Daisy, Miss O's love for teaching became all consuming. Teaching was her everything before she had nieces and nephews. She learned that a love that is all consuming is actually not love at all. Because it becomes too easy to lose yourself in it. You give and give and give, with little in return. She learned, "there is not an end to need but there is an end to me." When love becomes self-sacrificing, it is no longer love. Love begins with loving and honoring ourselves and it ends the moment we decide anything else is so important that we become less important.

When reflecting on her time in Minden, she shared, "I was 22 when I moved to Minden, now I'm 55." Minden shaped who she became. She simply would not be her without Minden. The town witnessed the majority of her becoming. The community

encouraged her and stood by her on some of her hardest days. She is overwhelmingly grateful for being able to teach in Minden too as they had the perfect class sizes and allowed her the freedom to be authentic in the way she teaches.

At the end of May, Angie will be leaving Minden. The end of an era. She will miss the people of Minden the most. It is always the people that mean the most to us in the end. She has felt this ending coming though. At the end of our conversation, she shared a Bible verse with me that has grounded her in the next chapter of her life.

Psalm 103:15-16:

"The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more."

This reminds her that it is liberating to realize the pressure we put on ourselves to be important is just an illusion. In the years to come, Minden will still exist but it will no longer be her home. The need to leave a legacy doesn't weigh on her anymore.

While she believes her legacy dies the minute she heads out of town on May 22nd, I would like to argue her legacy will be left untouched. It will even continue on in Hooper and wherever life brings her next. But she doesn't need to work on it in order for her impact to be real. Many of her students have already made this move prior to her leaving. With me to San Diego for a time, others to Florida, Lincoln, Europe, or wherever life asked them to be. Time does not wash away the past's influence on us. As she once taught us, it is not our story that makes us. It is how we tell our stories. With this in mind, I choose to believe that because I sat in her classes my junior year of high school as so many others did, I adopted the way she sees and lives life- the importance of having a vision and living your own life that you love. She gave me and so many others permission to live our own lives. Perhaps, you wouldn't even be reading this column if I didn't have English with her in 2016. I have learned that love shapes us whether there is an abundance of it or lack of it. She is not a teacher. She is a person who teaches more than English or a Speech class. Day after day, she lives a life that she loves while simultaneously giving permission to every person she meets to do the same.

THAT'S LOVE.

Thank you Angie for all you have done for your students and the Minden Community. We wish you the best in your next chapter.

With love, always,
Shana Schoone

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Calendars and Menus

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MENUS:

Friday, Apr. 24: NO SCHOOL

Monday, Apr. 27: BREAKFAST: Omelet, cereal; LUNCH: Goulash, breadstick

Tuesday, Apr. 28: BREAKFAST: Breakfast sandwich; LUNCH: Crisпитos, cheese

Wednesday, Apr. 29: BREAKFAST: French toast sticks, boiled egg; LUNCH: Beef & noodles

Thursday, Apr. 30: BREAKFAST: Breakfast nachos; LUNCH: Loaded chicken pasta

Friday, May 1: BREAKFAST: Bagel with cream cheese; LUNCH: Whippet burger, chips

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Apr. 24: NO SCHOOL; District Music Contest; Kindergarten Registration, 8:30 a.m.; 7/8 TR @ Holdrege Invite, 1 p.m.; HS Dance Tryout Practice, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 25: HS Dance Tryouts, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Apr. 26: FFA Banquet

Monday, Apr. 27: JV TR @ McCook Invite, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 28: V G @ Holdrege Invite, 9 a.m.; 7/8 TR Minden Rotator, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 29: 5th Grade Water Jamboree, 8 a.m.

Thursday, Apr. 30: All-School Play, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1: V G @ Broken Bow, 9:30 a.m.; All-School Play, 7:30 p.m.

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MENUS:

Friday, Apr. 24: LUNCH: Pizza, green beans OR Turkey sub
Monday, Apr. 27: LUNCH: Hot dog, cheese, peas, carrots OR Chef salad

Tuesday, Apr. 28: LUNCH: Queso chicken bowl, black beans, corn, tortilla chips OR Grilled cheese

Wednesday, Apr. 29: LUNCH: Chicken patty sandwich, green beans OR Crispy chicken salad

Thursday, Apr. 30: LUNCH: Sausage gravy biscuit, corn OR Turkey sub

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Apr. 24: District Music Contest @ Minden

Saturday, Apr. 25: TR @ Hershey Invite, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Apr. 28: G @ Pleasanton Quad; JH TR @ Wilcox-Hildreth Invite, 11 a.m.; G @ Alma JV Invite, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 30: FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 1: TR @ FKC Invite Overton, 9 a.m.; G @ Overton Invite, 10 a.m.

WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MENUS:

Friday, Apr. 24: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon rolls; LUNCH: Chicken fajitas

Monday, Apr. 27: BREAKFAST: Banana bread; LUNCH: Cheese pizza

Tuesday, Apr. 28: BREAKFAST: Pancakes; LUNCH: Walking tacos

Wednesday, Apr. 29: BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza; LUNCH: Italian dunkers

Thursday, Apr. 30: BREAKFAST: Breakfast round; LUNCH: Chicken strips

Friday, May 1: BREAKFAST: French toast; LUNCH: Mandarin orange chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Apr. 24: District Music Contest @ Minden; FCA meeting, 12 p.m.; TR @ Lexington Invite, 12 p.m.; JV G @ Franklin Invite, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 25: PROM

Monday, Apr. 27: Senior Trip to Drop Zone & Big Apple in Kearney

Tuesday, Apr. 28: 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; JH TR Wilcox-Hildreth Invite, 11 a.m.; JV G @ Alma JV meet, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 29: FFA Petting Zoo

Thursday, Apr. 30: PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; Spring Concert Practice K-6, 8:30 a.m.; Senior meeting, 11:40 a.m.

Friday, May 1: Spring Concert Practice, 8:30 a.m.; G @ Overton Invite, 9 a.m.; HS TR @ Overton, 9 a.m.; FCA meeting, 12 p.m.; District Special Education meeting, 2:45 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dinner Menus

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

Monday, Apr. 27: Chicken noodles over mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, Apr. 28: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, Apr. 29: Sandwich, salad bar & dessert

Thursday, Apr. 30: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll & fruit

Friday, May 1: Turkey noodle casserole, peas, bread, fruit & dessert

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Do You Remember

Ninety Years Ago — 1936

The Fairmont Creamery established one of its popular “double dip” ice cream parlors, having leased the building on East Fourth Street formerly occupied by the John Jensen battery shop.

The U.S. Weather Bureau report, received by local meteorologist V.W. Binderup, reported that February was the coldest February in 60 years of Nebraska weather records.

A sign painter and a glass blower were added to the Star Neon’s factory work force, bringing its employees to eight men.

Eighty Years Ago — 1946

Bob Cover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cover, was chosen as State Farmer at the Future Farmers of America convention in Lincoln.

A large crowd gathered at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Norman on April 14 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Forward Rebekah Lodge No. 359. Charter members attending were Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilkensen, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomsen, Mrs. Elmer Anderson, Mrs. William Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Aabel, Chris Winther and Elmer Bergsten.

Fredericksburg Lutheran Church members prepared the ground, planted and watered 290 cedar trees ranging from two to three feet high.

Seventy Years Ago — 1956

Using radar timing equipment on a highway near Minden, traffic officers cited 20 motorists for excessive speed.

According to Sheriff Lyle Olsen, 225 bushels of wheat were stolen from a local farmer’s government sealed granary.

Linda Young, winner of first place in the Minden talent contest held in connection with the polio benefit show, won first in the divisional contest of the Lions clubs at Arapahoe.

Sixty Years Ago — 1966

Gov. Frank Morrison visited Minden as the featured speaker at the Minden Youth Council district conference banquet.

Laureen Van Norman, Minden eighth grader, won the county spelling contest. Diane Jensen, also an eighth grader, was runnerup.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone business office was relocated in their new office building on North Minden Avenue. Liebers and Stumbo were located in the office in which Northwestern Bell was located.

Fifty Years Ago — 1976

Approximately 30 airplanes flew into the Minden airport as the Minden and North Platte chambers of the Nebraska Experimental Aircraft Association met. Contests were held during the meeting and eight sky divers floated to the ground at the airport.

Members of Minden’s fourth grade class and the Campfire Girls and Blue Birds planted trees at C. L. Jones Middle School and at the Jensen Memorial Library, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Detlefs were honored with an open house at St. Paul Lutheran Church for their 55th wedding anniversary.

Forty Years Ago — 1986

Kearney County Civil Defense Director Steve Jackson reported that three tornadoes were confirmed in the Minden area on April 13.

The Osterbuhr-Evers-Carter Ladies Auxiliary observed their 40th anniversary. Current charter members were Estaline Halbert, Emma Loschen, Jennie Frecks, Katie Steinkruger,

Wanda Warnken, Christena Glenn and Mary Rahmann.

Jim Houston paced the Minden High golfers at the Kearney Invitational, posting an 84. Erik Hauserman shot an 85 followed by Brian Bates with an 87.

Thirty Years Ago — 1996

The Kearney County Sheriff’s Department received an 80-20 matching grant for an in-car video system.

The South Central Nebraska Chapter of Farm Safety Just 4 Kids was the recipient of the 1995 Chapter Recognition Award.

Matt Bertrand, son of Glenn and Jae Bertrand, was the featured percussionist at the Doane “Winds of Spring” concert held in Minden.

Twenty Years Ago — 2006

Viola Hartmann retired after 18 years of service to Jensen Memorial Library.

Katie Bright of Minden was named a United States National Award Winner in science by the United States Achievement Academy. She was nominated for the award by C.L. Jones Middle School teacher Lisa Clapper.

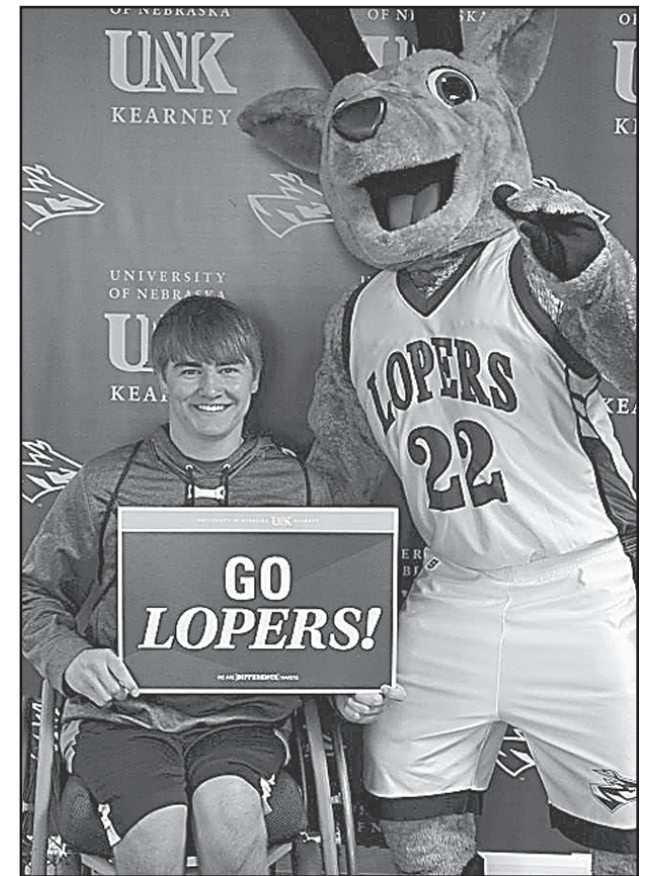
Brandon Lewis of Minden competed for a Nebraska team attending the National Duals meet in Danville, Ill. Because of his accomplishments, he was named an All-American Wrestler.

Ten Years Ago — 2016

The four man golf team of Jordan Granger, Tyler Gokie, Kiel Holmes, and Carson Corr placed first at the 18th annual UNK Augie Nelson Classic golf tournament sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon at Meadowlark Hills in Kearney. The team was sponsored by Ed Sheen and Minden Lumber and Concrete.

The Axtell boys claimed the championship while the girls, competing at less than full strength, were fifth in the team competition at the seven-team Ravenna Track and Field Invitational. The Cats’ boys scored 164.5 to top the next three in the standings—Centura (146), Doniphan-Trumbull (77.5) and Ravenna (70).

KayLyn McBride and Tanya Robson demonstrated their brick laying knowledge while landscaping at the Kearney County Historical Museum. Sharon Cederburg Babel helped the women remove and rearrange plants during the project.



2016 — Two years after a vehicle accident took away his ability to walk, Dylan Wells of Axtell continued his recovery and had his eyes set on earning an exercise science degree from UNK. Dylan said the main lesson he wants people to gain from his story is to maintain a positive outlook on life.

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Church Directory

Axtell

Bethany Lutheran

903 25 Road

BethanyAxtell.org

(308) 743-2597

Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian

406 A Avenue

Pastor Doodle Harris

Sunday, Apr. 26: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

Keene Evangelical Free

662 F Road

308-743-2611

Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Apr. 29: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC

104 E. Fifth St.

Craig Richardson, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Donuts & Juice, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 12:45 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 27: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 29: High School Youth Meal/Study, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic

Father Adam Sparling,

Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Mass, 8 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran

360 So. Stewart

(402) 756-8552

Greg Volsky,

Vacancy Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

United Westminster Presbyterian

Broad and Main

Street

Mark A. Diehl, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship, 10 a.m.

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran

401 Lake Street

Daren Popple,

Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

God's Lighthouse, Full Gospel

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

287 Jefferson Street

Father Evan Winter

Sunday, Apr. 26: Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran

502 Sanders Avenue

Caroline Schenk,

Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holdrege

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

112 W 11th Ave

402-208-7277

Sunday, Apr. 26: Sacrament meeting, 10 a.m.

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Visitors welcome

Macon

Zion Lutheran

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship service, 9 a.m.

Minden

Bethany Lutheran

437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Thursday, Apr. 23: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. Saturday, Apr. 25: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Apr. 26: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Healing services at both services Tuesday, Apr. 28: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 29:

Church Club, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 30: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Stay connected with our website, Bethanyminden.org

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Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Church Family Fellowship after worship services; Sunday School, 11 a.m.

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

Fredericksburg

Lutheran

616 33 Road

Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship with Confirmation, 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, Apr. 25: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Apr. 26: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Friday, Apr. 24: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, Apr. 26: Sunday School/Bible Study, 9 a.m.; High School Youth, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Fellowship, Coffee & Cookies, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 29: JYM 5th Last Day, 5 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th Last Day, 7 p.m.

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

Friday, May 1: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Thursday, Apr. 23 Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Apr. 30: Prayer Time, 1:30 p.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship/Sunday School/Choir, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sundays

Wednesday, Apr. 29:

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

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran

102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist

203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller, Pastor

Sunday, Apr. 26: Worship, 9 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community

106 W. Detroit St.

Craig Cedar, Pastor

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Sunday, Apr. 26: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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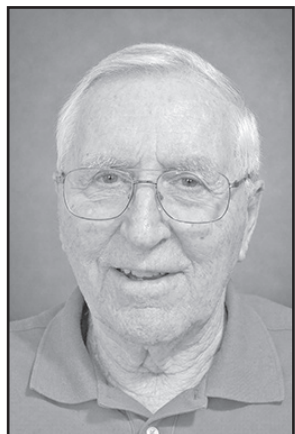
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Obituaries

Vernon L. Christensen, 94 - Minden Resident



Vernon L. Christensen, 94, of Minden, Nebraska, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Bethany Home in Minden. Visitation with family present was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Celebration of Life services were held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden on Friday, April 17, 2026, with Rev. Donald Hunzeker and PMA Julie

Schmidt officiating. The service was streamed to the church's YouTube page. Private family burial with military honors was held at the Minden Cemetery prior to services. Memorials in Vernon's honor are kindly suggested to Bethany Lutheran Church or Bethany Home. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Vernon Leroy Christensen was born on September 28, 1931, to Ernest J. & Myrtle (Johannesen) Christensen in Minden, Nebraska. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden. As a child, he lived with his family in the Minden - Holstein area. In 1945, the family returned to Minden where Vernon completed his education, graduating from Minden High School in 1950. During his senior year, he earned a spot on the 1950 Class B All-State basketball team.

Vernon entered the United States Air Force in April 1951 and faithfully served his country until his honorable discharge in December 1952.

On February 7, 1954, Vernon was united in marriage to Lois Ann Nelson. The couple made their home in Minden where Vernon farmed for many years until his retirement in 1994. To this union, three children were born: Sheila, Julie & Terry.

Vernon was a devoted and active member of Bethany Lutheran Church where he served on the Church Council, including being a past president of the council. He also served as a board member and past president of Bethany Home Board. Vernon was also a former member and president of the Kearney County Fair Board and a charter member of the Minden Area Jaycees. He was a lifelong member of American Legion Post 94 in Minden and generously gave his time delivering meals while volunteering with Meals on Wheels.

Vernon had a deep love for farming and cherished time spent with his family. He enjoyed participating in and also watching sports. In his later years, he could

often be found with a game on television, especially basketball, though he enjoyed watching all sports.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Dale; his wife of 63 years, Lois; son-in-law Clyde Albers; great-grandson Kolton Albers; and other extended family members.

Vernon is survived by his children, Sheila (Randall) Stubbs of Lincoln; Julie (Dean) Zoerb of Minden; and Terry (Brenda) Christensen of Minden. He is also survived by six grandsons: Ryan Minert, Brock Minert, Nicholas Albers, Jacob Albers, Tanner Gibb and Collin Martin; and seven great-grandchildren: Olivia Minert, Molly Minert, Kami Albers, Kylie Albers, Kiezer Albers, Mason Martin and Reid Martin.

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

Donald J. Farlin, 93 - Minden Resident



Donald J. Farlin of Minden, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2026. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Minden Evangelical Free Church with Rev. Tom Barnes officiating. The service will be streamed to the church's YouTube page. A second Celebration of Life will

be held at Chapman Funeral Home in Wareham, Massachusetts, followed by burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Memorials in Don's honor are kindly suggested to Operation Heal Our Patriots, a Ministry of Samaritan's Purse for veterans and spouses with physical and emotional trauma. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Donald was born on March 11, 1933, in Keya Paha County, Nebraska, to Virgil and Augusta (Otto) Farlin. He spent his childhood there, attending rural schools and graduating with the class of 1951 from Keya Paha County High School in Springview.

Don was known as "Red" among his siblings and "Uncle Red" to his many nieces and nephews. His trademark red hair was often seen as a reflection of his vibrant character and steady resolve.

Don served in the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant. His service took him to various bases across the United States, as well as overseas assignments in Germany and Thailand. Following his military retirement, he settled in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, where he began a second career with the United States Postal Service. In a fitting twist of fate, his final assignment before retiring from the USPS was the

post office at Otis Air Force Base—the same base where his Air Force career had concluded years earlier.

He and his wife, Pat, were known for their tireless work ethic. Together, they bought, renovated, and managed rental properties in their spare time. Don remained in the Buzzards Bay area until Pat's passing in 2021, at which point he returned to his native Nebraska to live with his son, Alan, and daughter-in-law, Delores.

Independence and perseverance defined Don's life. Growing up in a large family during the hardships of the 1930s and 40s, he learned early on the value of self-reliance. While he possessed a stubborn determination and a tough exterior, he also had a generous spirit. He was always ready to lend a hand to family and friends, whether it was repairing a car, fixing a lawn mower, or assisting with a home project.

Donald is survived by his four sons: Jerry (Vicki Leos) Farlin, Alan (Delores) Farlin, Karl (Judith) Farlin, and Matthew (Juliet) Farlin; his step-children, Patricia Rudy and James (Jackie) Dyke; 17 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; his brother, Ivan Farlin of Springview; his sisters, Veda (Mike) Chase of Crofton and Annita (Bret) Benedict of Great Falls, Montana; and many nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his devoted wife of nearly 50 years, Mary P. "Pat" Farlin; his parents, Virgil and Augusta; his stepmother, Ollie Farlin; his brothers, Byron Mentzer, Bud Mentzer, Darrel Farlin, Neil Forrest Farlin, Leslie Farlin, and Stanley Farlin; his sisters, Ruth Spink, Vivian Wood, and Joanne McLaughlin; the mother of his children, Carol Farlin; and an infant daughter, Peggy Marie Farlin.

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

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Marilyn Rosa Dolloff, 88 - Iowa Resident



Marilyn Rosa Dolloff, 88, of Kensett, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Monday, April 13, 2026.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026 at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, 4108 Killdeer Ave., Kensett, Iowa 50448, with Pastor Linda Johnson Prestholt

officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the church. Burial will take place at Elk Creek Lutheran Cemetery in Kensett. The family kindly requests guests wear pink or purple in celebration of Marilyn's life, in remembrance of her and Marvin's wedding colors.

Marilyn was born on June 1, 1937, in Minden, Nebraska, the daughter of John B. and Elsie V. (Podewitz) King. She graduated from Minden High School in 1954. That same year, she was united in marriage to Marvin Dolloff in Campbell, Nebraska, and to this union four children were born.

Marilyn and Marvin began their life together in Nebraska before moving to Washington, where they farmed on an 80-acre farm. In 1967, they moved to Kensett, Iowa, where they built their life and made it their forever home.

Marilyn was a hard worker who rarely sat still. As a young woman, she worked at the telephone company, transferring calls. After marriage, she devoted herself to being a farm wife and homemaker until her youngest daughter entered kindergarten. She then began working at Winnebago Industries, where she spent over 30 years on the line, eventually working her way up to parts coordinator.

She was a devoted member of Elk Creek Lutheran Church, where she served on the church council, participated in circle, helped with Bible school treats, and faithfully attended services every Sunday.

Marilyn enjoyed yard work and took pride in her gardening, raising both produce and flowers. She had a love for watching things grow... everything except weeds. In her younger years, she played slow-pitch softball and later enjoyed co-ed volleyball with Marvin, as well as fishing alongside him, often cooking the catch herself. Marilyn and Marvin also enjoyed spending seven winters in Arizona, creating many special memories together.

She was known for her turkey dressing and became a wonderful cook over the years. Marilyn also enjoyed

her card club and valued the friendships she built there.

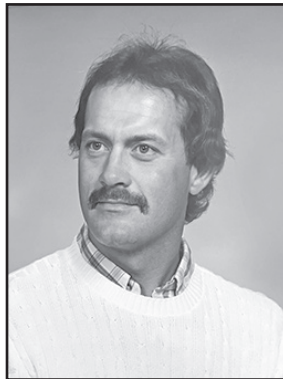
Marilyn had a warm and caring heart. She could be serious while raising her children, but later became known for her humor, teasing nature, and willingness to share her opinions. Above all, family came first.

She cherished time with her grandchildren, spoiling them in the best ways, taking them to swimming lessons, putting up a swing set just for them, and hosting group birthday celebrations simply to bring everyone together.

Marilyn is survived by her children, Gary (Lori) Dolloff, Teresa (Dean) Phinney, and Patty Reed; her grandchildren, Melissa (Scott) Keating, John Reed, Anthony Phinney, Matthew Dolloff, and Pamela Dolloff (Whittaker Gramley); her great-grandchildren, Vin, Emilia, and Ellie Keating; her sisters, Mae (Bill) Smith and Ann (Del Watters) Walter; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Dolloff; her son, Mical Dolloff; her parents; her grandson, Jack Keating; and her siblings, Billy (Joyce) King, Wesley King, Bob (Barb) King, and Lenora (Jim) Gentert.

Larry S. Taylor, 67 - Minden Resident



Larry S. Taylor, 67, of Minden, entered eternal peace on Friday, April 17, 2026, at his home surrounded by his wife, two children and son-in-law. We know he was greeted by his father, Willis, and best friend and loyal dog, Tucker. Celebration of Life services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Westminster United Pres-

byterian Church in Minden with Rev. Dr. W. Kirwin Stewart, Jr. officiating. The service will be streamed to the church's YouTube page. A visitation with family present will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Private family burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Larry's honor are kindly suggested to Kearney County Health Services Foundation or Brookestone Home Health & Hospice in Kearney. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Larry S. Taylor was born on March 13, 1959, in Minden to Willis and Rose Marie (Bergstrom) Taylor. He grew up in the Minden area and attended school at Minden Public Schools, graduating with the class of 1977.

He was united in marriage to Cynthia Leider on March 25, 1995, in Mitchell, NE and to this union, two children

were born: Shae and Colton. The family made their home in Minden where he was a dedicated farmer alongside his father for many years.

Larry was an avid motorcycle enthusiast, and he and Cindy rode his Harley to Sturgis annually. Although often busy on the farm, Larry loved a good bargain at a garage sale and auctions with his father. Larry loved rock music and always had Hair Nation playing on the radio. He was the hardest worker you'd meet and always loved to fix things with his hands. He will be remembered by his sense of humor and childish grin.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Cindy Taylor of Minden; daughter, Shae Taylor (Zach Lomison) of Lincoln; son, Colton Taylor of Minden; as well as extended relatives and close friends.

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

National Day of Prayer 75th Observance

PRESS RELEASE

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer.(1)

In 1787, at the age of 81, Franklin was the oldest delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

When debates became heated and were at an impasse Franklin called for prayer. (2) Appealing for humility in service of unity, he invoked numerous scriptures to make his point, saying "God governs in the affairs of men and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid. We've been assured in the sacred writings that except the lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this."(3) America's founders urged public prayer and dependence on God.

Following Franklin's appeal, the delegates recessed for three days to attend a special service at the Old First Reformed Church, where a prayer and sermon were delivered

Following this service, the atmosphere of the convention improved significantly. Delegate Jonathan Dayton noted that when the convention reconvened on July 2, "every unfriendly feeling had been expelled, and a spirit of conciliation had been cultivated." While disagreements persisted, the intense bickering that had plagued the convention prior to June 28 subsided (3)

This is a call to follow our founding fathers example in fervent prayer for our country. All are invited to a local observance of the 75th National Day of prayer next Thursday May 7, 2-3:15 pm in the assembly room of the Kearney County Courthouse. If it took much prayer and dependence on Almighty God for the founding of our great nation, how dare we assume it can be maintained without the One who sustains all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3)

1. <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>
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Minden JV Seizes Silver at Minden Quad

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

Kearney County golfers faced off April 16 at the Minden Quad at Minden Country Club.

Minden's JV squad finished second place with a team score of 193 behind Broken Bow's varsity team, who finished as a team with 172. Axtell's varsity team rounded out the top three with 213.



Wilcox-Hildreth also sent two varsity and three JV golfers to the meet. Brayton Blank was the Falcon's top golfer with a 55, followed closely by Aubree Overholser with a 58. Wil-Hil Coach Jordan Volk has seen progress in his team after a month of competition.

"We need to continue to focus and spend a lot of our time on our short game and consistency. The short game is where I think we give up the most strokes during our meets," Volk said.

Minden's Luke Craig and Axtell's Landon Powers were neck-in-neck at the meet, both finishing with a 46.

"I thought Landon Powers played well, despite the windy conditions," said Axtell Coach Donnie Miller. "It seemed as though everyone had some good holes they scored on and one or two that they struggled with."

Miller noted that Connor Strolberg had a "nice birdie" on hole number 9, and he was Axtell's number two golfer, finishing with a 52. Nolan Wells was only one stroke behind Strolberg with a 53.

Cole Schwenka, Cohen Schmidt and Jackson Armstrong finished strong, finishing with a 48, 49 and 50 respectively.

"There were a lot of positives to finish out our busy golf week. We need to be more mentally tough and not take huge numbers, but for the most part the kids competed well," said Minden Coach Taylor Maulsby. "The boys are excited to see progress, and I know it will push



Minden hosted a quadrangular golf meet at Minden Country Club on April 16. Golfers from Minden, Axtell, Wilcox-Hildreth, and Broken Bow participated. Above: Axtell's Landon Powers drives toward hole seven. Left: Brayton Blank of Wilcox-Hildreth stares toward the sun as he watches for his ball to land. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

them to keep working to make big strides over the next few weeks."

Minden JV Final Results: Luke Craig, 46; Cole Schwenka, 48; Cohen Schmidt, 49; Jackson Armstrong, 50; Jack Scheibel, 59; Team, 193 (2nd)


Axtell Varsity Results: Landon Powers, 46; Connor Strolberg, 52; Nolan Wells, 53; Felix Lopez, 62; Team, 213 (3rd)

Wilcox-Hildreth Varsity Results: Aubree Overholser, 58; Sutton Strong, 65.

Axtell JV Results: Caleb Hall, 71; Levi Johnson, 73; Jacob Stoner, 73.

Wilcox-Hildreth JV Results: Brayton Blank, 55; Hunter Casper, 62; Jadon Harrold, 78.

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Minden's Jack Scheibel and Luke Craig gather on the green with Axtell's Landon Powers and a Broken Bow player on their card. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)



Minden youth in grades K-6 gathered at Augie Nelson Field each Saturday in April for Optimist soccer games. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)



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Minden Continues to Improve with Top 10 Finishes

ASHLEY BEBENSEE

Minden's golf team started off last week strong with the JV squad crowned team champs April 13 at Minden's JV Invite.

Luke Craig led the team and was the individual champion with a final score of 67. Jack Scheibel just missed the top three with a 72, taking fourth place. The JV squad bested Gothenburg, Cozad, Kearney Catholic, Holdrege, Adams Central and Grand Island Northwest with a final team score of 296.

"It was a great day for our JV squad at Minden. These boys continue to improve each day, and we are very excited for the future of Minden Boys Golf," said Coach Taylor Maulsby. "A big shout out to Luke Craig on being crowned champion, and for everyone one of our players for placing in the top 15 while being crowned team champs."

The varsity team hit the links April 14 for a windy but beautiful day at the Lexington Invite. Turner Schmidt and Zach Klabunde both finished with an 81, taking 10th and 11th place respectively. The team took fifth place out of 13 teams competing.

"There were a lot of positives, but also many of the same issues. We need to continue working on consistency around the greens and with our ball striking," Maulsby said. "Turner placed 10th after a slow start, and it was really good to see Zach play well and grab 11th place."



Traylor Pearson lines up his swing at Lochland Country Club during the Hastings Invite on April 16. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

The team continued their busy week at one of their favorite meets of the year April 16 at the Hastings Invite at Lochland Country Club. Schmidt shaved three strokes off his score from earlier in the week with a 78, clinching 9th place. Klabunde continued to turn in a solid score card, finishing with an 82. The team finished in 8th place with 340.

Minden will travel to Broken Bow May 1 for the Broken Bow Invite.

Minden JV Invite Results: Luke Craig, 67 (1st); Jack Scheibel, 72 (4th); Jackson Armstrong, 77 (10th); Cohen Schmidt, 78 (11th); Cole Schwenka, 80 (15th) Team 296 (1st)

Lexington Invite Results: Turner Schmidt, 81 (10th); Zach Klabunde, 81 (11th); Travler Pearson, 89; Brody Sexton, 90; Andrew Runions, 91; Team, 341 (5th)

Hastings Invite Results: Turner Schmidt, 78 (9th); Zach Klabunde, 82; Travler Pearson, 90; Andrew Runions, 90; Brody Sexton, 94; Team, 340 (8th)

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Whippets Compete in Dutch Zorn Invite at Goth

ROGER HANSEN

Gothenburg hosted its annual Dutch Zorn Invite on April 16 with 12 schools competing. Minden's boys were 8th and the girls 10th.

Boys' scores: Gothenburg 106, Scottsbluff 105, Aurora 71, Cozad 63, Sidney 47, Lexington 36, Holdrege 31, Minden 29, Kearney Catholic 23, McCook 20, Ogallala 18, Broken Bow 9

Girls' scores: Kearney Catholic 94, Gothenburg 73, Aurora 69, Holdrege 53, Sidney 48, Lexington 45, McCook 40, Ogallala 39, Scottsbluff 35, Minden 33, Broken Bow 19, Cozad 9

The top placers for the Whippet boys were Luke Grollmes (2nd 110 hurdles), Parker Hatch (3rd 400) and Traelin Christensen (3rd discus).

Riley Eden led the Whippet girls placing in the top four in all three of the sprint events (2nd 400, 4th 200, 4th 100) while Myla Emery was second in the 100 hurdles.



Pictured clockwise from above: McKinley Segelke clears the high jump. Traelin Christensen prepares to launch a discus. Luke Livingston clears a hurdle. (Photos by Liz Romero, Cozad LOCAL)

BOYS RESULTS

400-METERS — Hatch, 3rd, 50.08 (Personal Best); Logan Verbeck, 7th, 53.07 (PB)
110-METER HURDLES — Grollmes, 2nd, 15.1 (PB)
300-METER HURDLES — Hatch, 8th, 43.68
4x800 RELAY — Gage Thull, Holt Aschenbrenner, Aaron Banuelos, Trystan Sharkey, 5th, 9:14.81
4x400 RELAY — Hatch, Verbeck, Grollmes, Landon Bules, 4th, 3:31.75
TRIPLE JUMP — Mason Shirley, 6th, 38-11(PB)
DISCUS — Christensen, 3rd, 142-3

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METERS — Eden, 4th, 13.06
200-METERS — Eden, 4th, 27.51
400-METERS — Eden, 2nd, 59.74 (PB)
800-METERS — Hali Knott, 8th, 2:48.89 (PB)
1,600-METERS — Adelyn Whitten, 6th, 5:53.45; Luz Lopez, 8th, 6:05.72
3,200-METERS — Cristal Gonzalez, 5th, 14:24.48 (PB); Selena Sharkey, 7th, 14:38.46
100-METER HURDLES — Emery, 2nd, 15.66 (PB)
300-METER HURDLES — Emery, 6th, 50.95
DISCUS — Victoria Hansen, 6th, 106-8

Minden (some athletes) will have been at the Gothenburg Midwest Classic on April 21 and then the entire varsity squad will go to the Grand Island Northwest Invite on April 23.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

TURNER SCHMIDT - GOLF

School - Minden High School

Grade - Junior

Achievements: Three-year varsity member, 2025 1st Team SWC, placed Top 15 2025 District Golf, numerous invitational placer

This season: 9th Place at Hastings Invite, 10th Place at Lexington Invite. Top Minden golfer at all meets so far this season.

Challenges he has overcome: Turner is the hardest worker on our golf team. He leads by example and wants others to follow his example. Turner faced some highs and lows his freshman season, but it motivated him to really work on his game which has led to huge improvements and being one of the best golfers in our area regardless of class.

Attributes that have led to his success: Very coachable and hard worker. He studies the game of golf outside of the season and is constantly looking for ways to improve his game. He has matured on and off the course. We have seen great growth in his mental game, and he consistently does things the right way at practice and at meets. Turner represents Minden in the right way.

I am very excited for Turner to receive this award. He



has put in a lot of hours during the season and summer to get to where he is today. Golf is not always a sport that a lot of people follow or understand, but I promise you that if you get the chance to come watch Turner play, you will be amazed, not only with how talented he is at golf, but the way he carries himself as a golfer and a young man. - Coach Taylor Maulsby



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Wildcats Compete at Ravenna Invite

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell ventured to the Ravenna Invite on April 16 with seven boys teams and eight girls teams represented.

The Cat girls had a strong third place finish while the Cat boys finished seventh.

Girls' scores: Centura 117.5, Doniphan-Trumbull 93, Axtell 85.5, Ravenna 81, Amherst 52, Ansley-Litchfield 47, Gibbon 38, K. Catholic JV 2

Boys' scores: Doniphan-Trumbull 146, Ravenna 103, Centura 74, Amherst 74, Gibbon 69, Axtell 32, Ansley-Litchfield 23

The girls got high placements from double winner Kali Philippi in the 100 and 300 hurdles, a gold by Emma Hall in the 1600 and a first from the 3200 relay foursome of Jerzey Ramirez, Allison Fulmer, Ella Lorenz and Hall. Placing second were Sadie Lorenzo (3200), Mina Schilling (100 hurdles) and the 400 relay crew of Schilling, Emily Danburg, Leah Stritt and Ashlynn Nelson. Philippi also picked up a fourth in the triple jump and a fifth in the long jump for a four-medal day. Schilling also was a quadruple medalist.

The brothers Houchin paced the Cat boys as Micah silvered in the 3200 and Aydan came in third in the 800.

BOYS RESULTS

400-METERS — Conner L'Heureux, 6th, 56.62

800-METERS — A. Houchin, 3rd, 2:22.65; Luke Abbott, 4th, 2:25.54 (Personal Best)

1,600-METERS — M. Houchin, 4th, 5:17.66 (PB)

3,200-METERS — M. Houchin, 2nd, 11:14.19; Kyler Kolbo, 4th, 12:05.6

4x400 RELAY — Abbott, Kolbo, L'Heureux, A. Houchin, 5th, 3:58.08

POLE VAULT — Carter Lorenz, 5th, 9-6

HIGH JUMP — Barrett Thorell, 7th, 5-0

DISCUS — Landon Eckhoff, 6th, 123-6 (PB)



The Axtell Wildcats track and field team traveled to Ravenna on April 16 for another windy meet. Pictured clockwise from above: Kali Philippi and Mina Schilling find their lanes for the next race. Luke Samuelson prepares to launch the shotput. Barrett Thorell clears the bar in high jump. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)

GIRLS RESULTS

100-METERS — Schilling, 4th, 13.72; Ashlynn Nelson, 6th, 14.04 (PB)

800 METERS -- Fulmer, 8th, 3:06.06

1,600-METERS — Hall, 1st, 5:54.47 (PB); Lorenzo, 5th, 6:54.79

3,200-METERS — Lorenzo, 2nd, 15:16.87

100-METER HURDLES — Philippi, 1st, 17.61; Schilling, 2nd, 18.55

300-METER HURDLES — Philippi, 1st, 51.21 (PB)

4x800 RELAY — Ramirez, Fulmer, Lorenz, Hall, 1st, 11:51.32

4x400 RELAY — Ramirez, Fulmer, Lorenz, Madi Hays, 6th, 4:58.57

4x100 RELAY — Schilling, Danburg, Stritt, Nelson, 2nd, 54.76

POLE VAULT — Danburg, 5th, 8-5; Schilling, Tie-6th, 7-5

HIGH JUMP — Hall, 5th, 4-5

LONG JUMP — Philippi, 5th, 15-0.5; Nelson, 6th, 15-0.25

TRIPLE JUMP — Philippi, 4th, 31-10; Danburg, 5th, 30-11.5

Next meet action for the Axtell thinclads was April 21 at Overton and then to Hershey on April 25.



Malone Earns Ardath Conn Scholarship

PRESS RELEASE



Cheyenne Meyer Malone of Axtell has been awarded the Ardath Conn Scholarship following an outstanding vocal audition performance of 'Whispering Hope'. This scholarship will aid Cheyenne as she continues her education at Wayne State College.

Cheyenne, a 2018 graduate of Axtell Community School, is the daughter of Randy and Christi Meyer.

"During my time at Axtell, I was actively involved in several extracurricular activities including band, choir, theatre and speech," Cheyenne said.

Cheyenne is a freshman at Wayne State College majoring in Vocal and Instrumental Education.

"I am currently a participant in the TRIO program," Cheyenne said. "In August 2026, I will be a member of National Association for Music Education (NAfME) as well as the Wayne State College Marching Band."

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Split Happens		26.5	37.5
High Individual Game: Deb Cavanaugh-Dorn, 200; Taylor Sikes, 193; Kasey Welch, 181			
High Individual Series: Deb Cavanaugh-Dorn, 534; Kasey Welch, 453; Taylor Sikes, 441			
High Team Game: Larson Bros Construction, 457; Platte River BBQ, 449; Upland Bar & Grill, 408			
High Team Series: Larson Bros Construction, 1281; Upland Bar & Grill, 1199; Platte River BBQ, 1163			

Monday Maniacs	4-13-26		
Team Standings:		W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm		38	18
Children First Daycare		27	29
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust		25.5	30.5
Budget Heating & Air		21.5	34.5
High Individual Game: Ashley Osterbuhr, 177; Renny France, 175; Janet Kile, 169			
High Individual Series: Renny France, 472; Janet Kile, 468; Ashley Osterbuhr, 463			
High Team Game: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 466; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 445; Children First Day-care, 425			
High Team Series: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1329; Children First Daycare, 1235; Budget Heating & Air, 986			

SPORTS CALENDAR

Wilcox-Hildreth

Friday, April 24

TR @ Lexington Invite
GO JV @ Franklin Invite

Tuesday, April 28

GO JV @ Alma JV Invite

Friday, May 1

TR @ FKC Invite at Overton
GO @ Overton Invite

Axtell

Saturday, April 25

TR @ Hershey Invite

Tuesday, April 28

GO @ Alma JV Invite

Friday, May 1

TR @ FKC Invite at Overton
GO @ Overton Invite

Minden

Monday, April 27

TR JV @ McCook Invite

Tuesday, April 28

GO V @ Holdrege Invite

Friday, May 1

GO V @ Broken Bow

Saturday, May 2

TR V @ SWC Invite at Cozad

Kearney County Clean Up 2026

Kearney County Residents only
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Monday, May 4th, 2026 through

Friday May 8th, 2026.

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

(or until dumpsters are full)

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Winds Continue to Pester Minden Trap in Final Conference Shoot

MARISSA CHRISTIANCY

Minden Trap Team shooters took the field April 18, 2026 at their sixth and final Mid-Nebraska Trapshooting Conference (MNTC) meet. The weather continued its windy trend for Week #6 of conference competition. The targets flew higher than usual and changed direction erratically as the wind gusted. The shooters stayed focused and shot some great scores. Week #6 of MNTC had 336 shooters (150 Juniors and 186 Seniors) competing. The following weekly awards were brought home:



In the Junior High division, Wyndser Lupkes claimed the Champion Junior Female 16 Yardline award. Vincent Hansen tied for the Champion Junior Male 16 Yardline award and shoot-off. Vincent won his shoot-off by breaking all of his targets and claimed the award.



Junior High Scores	
	16 Yardline (out of 50)
Hansen, Vincent	48
Lupkes, Wyndser	44
Seiler, Gage	42
Gottsch, Wyatt	41
Halkyard, Brooks	36
Oberg, Huntley	34
Tomsen, Taya	33
Jurgens, Jayden	32
Oberg, Gentry	32
Burki, Jordan	31
Noetzelman, Drake	31
Burki, Asa	30
Forster, Trace	30
Heath, Shane	30
Gottsch, Aiden	29
Kuehn, Eli	28
Grollmes, Logan	26
Heath, Shawn	18
Forster, Grayden	5

Senior High Scores			
	16 Yardline (out of 50)	Handicap (out of 50)	Total (out of 100)
Conyers, Kellan	48	39	87
Seiler, Drew	48	38	86
Nielsen, Aaron	49	37	86
Grollmes, Landon	47	38	85
Seiler, Zoey	46	37	83
Dixson, Matt	41	41	82
Nielsen, Alizabeth	43	37	80
Johnson, Mason	39	40	79
Cederburg, Stephanie	46	32	78
Smith, Rhiley	44	32	76
Betty, Maverick	45	29	74
Fuehrer, Zane	43	28	71
Pasbrig, Dalton	34	34	68
Faber, Sara	31	35	66
Johnson, Morgan	23	27	50
Gillming, Owen	30	18	48

Pictured clockwise from above: Week #6 Award Winners Vincent Hansen and Wyndser Lupkes. Morgan Johnson shoulders his gun and calls for his target during the senior high competition. Shawn Heath tracks his target through the air before he pulls the trigger. (Courtesy photos)



2026 MNTC All-Conference Honors

MARISSA CHRISTIANCY

The Mid-Nebraska Trapshooting Conference (MNTC) culminates with the presentation of the MNTC All-Conference honors. These honors are awarded based on the scores the shooters shot throughout the six weeks of conference competition. The conference drops each shooters' lowest score and awards all-conference awards on the total of the remaining five scores. In the Junior Division the scores are out of 250 targets and in the Senior Division the scores are out of 500 targets.

In the Junior Division, Minden Trap Team had three individuals bring home All-Conference honors. Vincent Hansen was named to the Junior Male First Team, Gage Seiler was named to the Junior Male Third Team, and Wyndser Lupkes was named to the Junior Female First Team. Wyndser was earned the special distinction of being the Team Captain of the Junior Female First Team. The Team Captain distinction is given to the top shooter of each category. This means that Wyndser was the top junior female in the whole conference.

In the Senior Division, Minden Trap Team had four individuals bring home All-Conference honors. Kellan Conyers was named to the Senior Male First Team and Aaron Nielsen was named to the Senior Male Second Team. Zoey Seiler was named to the Senior Female First Team and Alizabeth Nielsen was named to the Senior Female Second Team.

Additionally, the conference has a competitive scholarship that they award to graduating seniors. The graduating senior must fill out an application and write an essay to compete for the scholarships. Alizabeth Nielsen was awarded a conference scholarship at the end-of-conference awards ceremony.



All Conference Award Winners (front row: left to right): Gage Seiler, Wyndser Lupkes, and Vincent Hansen. (back row: left to right): Alizabeth Nielsen, Zoey Seiler, Kellan Conyers, and Aaron Nielsen. (Courtesy photo)

Junior High All Conference Scores			
	6 Week Total (out of 300)	Low Score Dropped (out of 50)	5 Week Total (out of 250)
Lupkes, Wyndser	265	39	226
Hansen, Vincent	255	32	223
Seiler, Gage	234	33	201
Oberg, Huntley	228	33	195
Burki, Jordan	221	31	190
Noetzelman, Drake	211	24	187
Halkyard, Brooks	186	0	186
Gottsch, Wyatt	211	31	180
Jurgens, Jayden	198	28	170
Tomsen, Taya	152	0	152
Forster, Trace	172	22	150
Grollmes, Logan	149	0	149
Gottsch, Aiden	146	0	146
Forster, Grayden	138	5	133
Burki, Asa	149	17	132
Kuehn, Eli	132	0	132
Heath, Shawn	127	0	127
Oberg, Gentry	104	0	104
Heath, Shane	98	0	98
Sinsel, Zander	62	0	62

Senior High All-Conference Scores			
	6 Week Total (out of 600)	Low Score Dropped (out of 100)	5 Week Total (out of 500)
Conyers, Kellan	545	87	458
Nielsen, Aaron	534	86	448
Seiler, Drew	506	75	431
Betty, Maverick	491	74	417
Seiler, Zoey	491	74	417
Nielsen, Alizabeth	482	74	408
Dixson, Matt	478	73	405
Smith, Rhiley	479	75	404
Pasbrig, Dalton	428	57	371
Grollmes, Landon	365	0	365
Johnson, Mason	365	0	365
Fuehrer, Zane	361	0	361
Kring, Madeline	357	0	357
Gillming, Owen	400	48	352
Cederburg, Stephanie	350	0	350
Johnson, Morgan	347	0	347
Faber, Sara	333	0	333

Minden Police Report

Calls for Service

April 1

0033 - 900 Block N. Garber Ave., Business Check

0242 - 600 Block W. 3rd St., Open Door

0303 - 800 Block W. Campbell St., City Ordinance Violation

0848 - 200 Block E. Lexington St., Truancy

1202 - Hwy 6/10, Two Vehicle Accident

1623 - 1300 Block N. Brown Ave., Driving Complaint

1902 - 300 Block N. Tower Ave., Vehicle Unlock

2033 - 700 Block N. Kearney Ave., Animal Complaint

April 2

0236 - Hwy 6 and Garber Ave., Traffic Stop

0932 - 300 Block N. Nebraska Ave., Escort

1138 - HHS Intake

1147 - 600 Block E. 3rd St., Disturbance

1425 - 500 Block N. Tower Ave., Keep the Peace

2114 - Hwy 6 and Garber Ave., Traffic Stop

2225 - 1300 Block N. Brown Ave., Security Alarm

April 3

1841 - 200 Block N. Colorado Ave., Animal Complaint

1856 - 400 Block W. Campbell St., Dispute

2231 - 6th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

2356 - 700 Block E. 9th St., Open Door

April 4

0049 - 100 Block E. 5th St., Alarm

0430 - 600 Block N. Hull Ave., City Code

0451 - 200 Block N. Kearney Ave., City Code

1511 - 800 Block N. Kearney Ave., Traffic Complaint

1519 - 600 Block N. Hull Ave., Animal Complaint

1446 - Holland St. and Colorado Ave., Vehicle Accident

April 5

0219 - Jaycee Park, Foot Patrol

2010 - 700 Block N. Garber Ave., Vehicle Unlock

April 6

0801 - 300 Block E. 6th St., Check Welfare

0915 - 800 Block N. Minden Ave., Truancy

1713 - 1300 Block Evergreen St., Reported Scam

1858 - 12th St. and Colorado Ave., Traffic Stop

2006 - Brown Ave. and Hawthorne St., Traffic Stop

2110 - Hwy 6 and Peister Ave., Traffic Stop

2115 - Hwy 6 and Peister Ave., Traffic Stop

2201 - Jaycee Park, Extra Patrol

April 7

1048 - 100 Block W. 7th St., Check Welfare

1358 - 800 Block S. Nebraska Ave., Animal Complaint

1823 - Kearney County, Agency Assist

2118 - 10-19, Officer Information

2231 - Hwy 6 and Peister Ave., Traffic Stop

2330 - 600 Block E. 9th St., Open Door

0322 - 2nd St. and Hubbard Ave., City Code

April 8

0107 - Traffic Complaint

0206 - 600 Block N. Minden Ave., Open Door

0701 - HHS Intake

0933 - 600 Block W. 3rd St., Disturbance

1950 - 700 Block N. Brown Ave., Suspicious Activity

1803 - 300 Block E. 5th St., Extra Patrol

2120 - 16th St. and Brown Ave., Traffic Stop

2305 - 300 Block N. Kearney Ave., City Code

2354 - 100 Block E. 16th St., Suspicious Vehicle

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May 4-22, 2026

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Facebook: City of Minden Swimming Pool | Website: MindenNebraska.org

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For the Record

Kearney County County Court

Richard Widdifield, Kearney, COUNT I: forgery-2nd degree/\$5,000 or more, bindover; COUNT II: forgery-2nd degree/\$5,000 or more, bindover, Minden Police Officer Hansen, 1-29-24

Minden Fire & Rescue

4-13-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched for a personal injury.

4-13-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to W. 1st Street for a personal injury.

4-15-26—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Casey's for an unresponsive person in a car.

4-15-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to N. Colorado for WX Spotter Training with NWS.

4-16-26—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Central Avenue in Bloomington for mutual aid in a structure fire.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

4-16-26—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Central Avenue in Bloomington for mutual aid in a structure fire.

Kearney County Sheriff

4-10-26, A vehicle driven by Alyssa Arp, Minden, was traveling eastbound on W Road and the front end struck a deer in the road. Estimated damage: \$3,000.

4-7-26—A vehicle driven by Tegan Erickson, Roseland, was traveling north on 30 Road just north of O Road. Erickson ran off the road to the right and entered the ditch, overcorrected to the left, rolled several times before coming to rest on 30 Road. Estimated damage: \$15,000.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE OF 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 5th day of May 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse 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 Subdivision.

Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative Subdivision application made by Russ Almquist Family Farm, L.L.C., an administrative subdivision further described as: A tract of land being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW1/4 SW1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Five (5) North, Range Sixteen (16) 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

April 8, 2026.

Apr 16, 2026
Apr 23, 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: Liberty Hill Investments, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 1516 O Road, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959. Matthew R. Favinger is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on April 1, 2026, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: April 1, 2026

Liberty Hill Investments,
LLC,
A Nebraska Limited
Liability Company.

By/s/ Andrew S. Olson
Andrew S. Olson, Bar No.
26841

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Apr 9, 2026

Apr 16, 2026

Apr 23, 2026

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NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

RE: Minden Public Schools – Elementary Addition – Early Bid Package Minden, NE Ladies/Gentlemen:

BD Construction Inc. of Kearney has been pre-selected as the Construction Manager for the Minden Public Schools – Elementary Addition Project.

We are soliciting Bid proposals for the Scope of work as listed below on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 2:00 PM Central Time for Minden Public School – Elementary Addition – Early Bid Package. Bids will be received at the office of Minden Public Schools, 543 W. 5th Street, Minden, NE 68959. Bid proposals may also be emailed to Austin Larson at BD Construction at: alarson@bdconstruction.com

The Early Bid Package project consists of new water and fire sprinkler utilities and service entrance into the existing middle school building, above ceiling piping from the new service entrances to backfeed the existing water and sprinkler service lines, installation of a floor drain and sanitary sewer piping, removal and replacement of ceilings, drywall and minor framing and drywall work. All work associated with the early bid package is expected to be completed by August 7, 2026.

Specific trades include but are not limited to the following scopes: selective demolition, concrete floors and pavements, masonry, site utility work (including water, sewer, and natural gas), metal stud framing and drywall, acoustical ceiling tiles, painting, fire suppression, plumbing, electrici-

cal including fire alarm.

Subcontractor and supplier bids shall be delivered to Minden Public Schools, 543 W. 5th Street, Minden, NE 68959 prior to 2:00 p.m. on May 12, 2026. Bid proposals may also be sent via email to: Austin Larson with BD Construction at: alarson@bdconstruction.com.

All proposals shall remain in effect for a period of Forty-Five (45) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

All bids are to be in strict accordance with the Contract Documents and all other related Bid Documents, which can be viewed/obtained (electronically) from BD Construction. Contact Austin Larson at alarson@bdconstruction.com or call 308-234-1836.

The Owner shall have the right to reject any or all bids and to reject a bid not accompanied by other data required by the bidding documents; or to reject a bid which is in any way incomplete or irregular and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

We look forward to receipt of your proposal on bid day. If you should have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Austin Larson of BD Construction at 308-234-1836.

By submitting a bid for this project, Bidder agrees he has read the BD Construction Standard Subcontract Agreement and if bid is accepted, is willing to execute this Subcontract. This Subcontract Agreement is available for review at BD's office, 209 East 6th Street, Kearney, NE 68847.

Apr 23, 2026

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the following-named limited liability company: Ladder 48, LLC. The Street address of the initial designated offices is 692 33 Road, Minden, NE 68959. The Mailing address of the initial designated office is 692 33 Road, Minden, NE 68959. Wyatt Binderup is the initial agent at such addresses for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on April 10, 2026 and shall have perpetual

existence.

Dated this the 13th day of April, 2026.

Ladder 48, LLC
Registered Agent:
Wyatt Binderup
Ladder 48
33 Road
Minden, NE 68959

Shon T. Lieske (#23204)
LIESKE, LIESKE, & ENSZ, P.C.,
L.L.O.

435 North Colorado Avenue
P.O. Box 268
Minden, NE 68959-0268
(308) 832-2103
Shon.lieske@lieskelawfirm.com

Apr 23, 2026

Apr 30, 2026

May 7, 2026

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NOTICE VILLAGE OF WILCOX MINUTES APRIL 14, 2026

The Wilcox Community Development Agency and the Wilcox Village Board of Trustees met on April 14, 2026. Notice for the Public Hearings and meetings were published in the Minden Courier, posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Post Office and High Street Insurance. Agendas were mailed to each member of the village board. Certified letters were mailed to Central Community College, Wilcox-Hildreth School, ESU-11, Tri-Basin NRD and Kearney County Assessor. Chairman Gardels called the Public Hearing of the CDA to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash Johnson, Adam. Others in attendance: A. Willis, D. Walker, C. Woollen, K. Norman, H. Goddard, R. Carey, D. Fecht. Andrew Willis of Cline-Williams presented information regarding the redevelopment of Einsel's Addition. Res. #01-26CDA was reviewed. This resolution would approve and adopt an amendment to the redevelopment plan of the Village to implement the R. Perry Redevelopment Project: Adopting a cost benefit analysis for the project and taking other actions required or permitted under CDA law. Motion by Adam with second by Nash to approve Res. 01-26CDA. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Res. #02-26CDA was reviewed which would approve the redevelopment agreement for the R. Perry Redevelopment Project and authorize the use of Tax Increment Financing for said

project and taking other actions required or permitted under CDA law. Motion by Norman with second by Johnson to approve Res. #02-26CDA. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Purchase Agreement of Lot 8 at the Wilcox West Addition was received. Motion to accept this purchase agreement was made by Adam with second by Nash. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Document was signed by CDA chairman. The CDA Public Hearing was adjourned. Chairman Gardels called the Village Board Public Hearing to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Res. #692 was presented. This resolution would approve an amendment of the redevelopment plan for the Village of Wilcox, including the R. Perry Project. Motion by Nash with second by Johnson to approve Res. #692. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Res. #693 – Approving the form of the redevelopment agreement and authorizing the CDA to enter into said agreement. Motion was made by Adam with second by Norman. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Village Board Public Hearing was adjourned. The board moved onto the regular order of business. The minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting and the March 26, 2026 special meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Nash with second by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously. The following claims were presented for payment: Minden Courier 33.60, Syndicate 85.07, Great Plains Com 234.36,

Verizon 157.57, One-Call Concept 19.25, Cornhusker Press 89.85, M. Ferree 45.53, Visa 10.54, Town & Country 42.53, Wilcox Utilities 605.47, Black Hills 363.13, Larsen's ACE 40.64, CPI 402.16 SPPD 350.20, NE Public Health Env Lab 240.00, Fin Folk 5600.00, Home-town Leasing 101.61, Municipal Supply 299.13, SPPD 2219.32, NPPD 15,257.22, Dutton-Lainson 719.22, SCS 4345.25, Vestis 122.62, Miller & Assc. 3186.46, Council 350.00 Salaries 5881.91, NE Dept Rev. 1137.22 EFTPS 1582.42, NYLife 1103.31, Transfers 1582.75. Motion to pay all claims was made by Adam with second by Nash. Motion carried. The board reviewed the estimate from Mission Plumbing to install sewer line for Einsel's Addition. A decision to accept this estimate will be made at a special meeting on Thursday April 23, 2026. The Board reviewed all delinquent utility accounts. Nuisance properties were discussed. D. Walker con-

tacted attorney for J. Jezbera regarding the 305 E. Franklin St. property. The sale of this property is off and they would like to sell this property to the village for a price with the lien we have on this property subtracted. This will be discussed further at the special meeting on April 23rd. Our attorney will request an inspection warrant to go inside the residence at 203 N. Briggs St. C. Woollen and K. Norman were present to ask the board's permission to get estimates to repair the food pantry façade, back of building, or whole building. A decision will be made when estimates are obtained. Adam introduced Ord. #689 to amend shipping container ordinance prohibiting shipping containers for storage purposes and made the motion to suspend the three readings. Second given by Nash. Motion carried unanimously. Nash moved for final passage of Ord. #689. Norman seconded the motion. Mo-

tion carried unanimously. Adam introduced Ord. #690 and moved to suspend the three readings to add new sections to Code of Ordinances relating to unauthorized connection or extension of municipal water or sewer, parking on residential lots, parking RV's and occupancy of RV's, to provide penalties. Johnson seconded the motion. Nash moved for final passage. Second given by Norman. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Building Permit #424 – J. Woollen, shed at 102 S. Clegg St. Application put on hold until property lines are located. Building Permit #425 – M. Wilbur/J. Fouts, lofted garage at 209 N. Noxon. Building must be anchored down. The permit fee will be added to their utility bill. Motion by Johnson to accept the

Planning Commission's recommendations and place App. #424 on hold and to approve App. #425. Second was given by Nash. Motion carried. The board reviewed the armor coating proposal from Figgins Construction totaling \$21,647.65. Motion by Nash with second by Adam to accept Figgins proposal for street work. Motion carried unanimously. The topic of hiring summer help was discussed. More will be decided at the May meeting. As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Apr 23, 2026
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NOTICE

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL LB 399 COMMITTEE HEARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 6:45 PM LIBRARY

AGENDA 1. Roll call. 2. Minutes from the Monday, October 13, 2025 meeting were approved at the November school board meeting. 3. Discussion Review. a. LB 399 Review. 4. Public Comment Request. 5. Next LB 399 Committee Meeting: October 12, 2026 @ TBA. 6. Motion to adjourn. Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes.

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 7:00 PM LIBRARY

The Board reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. AGENDA 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. Approval of motion to excuse absent board member. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the excuse of absent board member. Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent. Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. 2. Open meetings law is posted and recognized. 3. Recognition of guests and public comment. 4. Approval of minutes of March 9, 2026 school board meeting. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the board meeting minutes of March 9, 2026 school board meeting. Proposal passed with a motion

by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Matt Strolberg. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. 5. Discussion and action of district financial reports. Motion Passed: Motion to approve financial reports as presented. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. 6. Discussion and action of district claims. Motion Passed: Motion to approve district claims as presented. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Bette Dimon. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent. Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. 7. Administrative Reports. 8. A. Jenn DeBord, Principal. 1. Spring Testing. 2. Playground Update. 3. Preschool Graduation. a. Craig Lorenz, Principal. 1. Prom. 2. Honor/Awards Night. 3. Spring Concerts. 4. Graduation Details: May 16, 2026 @ 2:00 PM who's attending? b. Rob Gregory, Superintendent. 1. Mosaic Update: May 15 graduation. 2. Facility Advocates Update. 3. Cornerstone Electric Update. 9. Discussion Items. a. New floor extension: commons & high school hallway. b. Salary advancement application: 1. Alexis Kuehn 2. Chloe Bertrand. c. Depreciation Fund Breakdown. d. Bus & Vans: Mr. Lorenz. 10. Action Items. a. Approval to extend new flooring into the commons and HS hall in the amount of \$32,420. Motion Passed: Motion for approval to ex-

tend new flooring into the commons and HS hall in the amount of \$32,420. Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Matt Strolberg. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. b. Approval of the continued salary advancement for Alexas Kuehn for the 2026-27 school year. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the continued salary advancement for Alexas Kuehn for the 2026-27 school year. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Bette Dimon. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. c. Approval of the continued salary advancement for Chloe Bertrand for the 2026-27 school year. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the continued salary advancement for Chloe Bertrand for the 2026-27 school year. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. d. Approval to cancel purchase from Wynot Schools for a van in the amount of \$26,000. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the cancellation of the purchase from Wynot Schools for a van in the amount of \$26,000. Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg

Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. e. Approval to purchase 2012, 59 passenger bus from Fort Calhoun Schools in the amount of \$14,000. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the purchase of a 2012, 59 passenger bus from Fort Calhoun Schools in the amount of \$14,000. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. f. Approval for Mr. Gregory to purchase a new van from a selected dealership for the amount not to exceed \$70,000. Motion Passed: Motion to approve Mr. Gregory to purchase a new van from a selected dealership for the amount not to exceed \$70,000. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Bette Dimon. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. g. Approval for Mr. Gregory to purchase a used van from a selected dealership not to exceed \$40,000. Motion Passed: Motion to approve Mr. Gregory to purchase a used van from a selected dealership not to exceed \$40,000. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Ty Fickenscher. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent. 11. Informational Items. a. Staff Update. b. Calendars. c. Next Board meeting will be Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 7:00 PM. 12. Motion to Adjourn. Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm.

Proposal passed with a motion by Bette Dimon and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. 5 Yeas- 0 Nays- 1 Absent: Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Linda Almquist Absent.

Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND: ACTIVITY FUND 279.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 14,381.47; AWARDS UNLIMITED INC 87.46; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 5,147.86; BLICK ART MATERIALS 415.98; BUILDERS WAREHOUSE INC 297.52; CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY COMPANY 930.98; CLASSIC SPORTSWEAR & AWARDS 3,198.50; COMPUTER HARDWARE INC 30,735.00; COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC 2,568.25; CORNERSTONE ELECTRIC 71.25; DANA F COLE & COMPANY, LLP 165.00; DUG'S SHOP 8,771.30; EAKES OFFICE PLUS 7,815.59; ESU #10 910.00; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER 9,415.50; FOY, ROB 50.00; GEYER INSTRUCTIONAL PRODUCTS 125.95; HAMILTON LONG DISTANCE 1,544.55; HASTINGS OUTDOOR POWER 62.00; HEARTLAND MOTOR SPORTS 338.27; HOMETOWN LEASING 2,866.38; HUEFTLE, KEVAN 1,500.00; INTEGRITY CONSTRUCTION, LLC 325.00; JOHNSTONE SUPPLY 1,458.99; KAT'S KORNER MARKET 151.18; KINDSCHUH CONSTRUCTION, CO 100.00; LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS 479.45; LOCKMOBILE, THE 208.50; LUNCH FUND 814.95; MARENEM, INC 166.49; MENARDS-KEARNEY 601.71; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC 5,127.48; MINDEN COURIER, THE 12.43; MISSION PLUMBING LLC 1,777.06; NASB 120.00; NCS PEARSON, INC 326.37; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 875.00; NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER 100.00; NETA

1,743.00; PERRY GUTHERY HAASE & GESSFORD, PC, LLO 4,180.00; POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC 4,830.52; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC 300.00; QUILL CORPORATION 56.60; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC 68.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT 2,586.15; SCHOOLASTIC 183.62; SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC 924.16; SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY 967.52; SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT 6,120.15; STATE OF NEBRASKA 317.87; STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES, INC 554.00; SUITE CHILD BOUTIQUE 50.00; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING 323.97; TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC 516.38; TEACHER'S DISCOVERY 325.78; TELEPHONE SYSTEMS OF NEBRASKA, INC 65.00; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 174.00; TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY 20.98; TREVIPAY-WALMART 103.34; VILLAGE OF AXTELL 1,081.93; VISA 250.64; VIVACITY TECH PBC 957.00; WARD'S SCIENCE 488.48; WAUNETA-PALISADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 7,000.00; Vendors Listed: 65; Total: 138,511.51; April Payroll: 418,621.77; Total: 557,133.28. Fund: 08 SPECIAL BUILDING FUND: BD CONSTRUCTION, INC 323,832.90; SHAW ENTERPRISES 56,340.00; Vendors Listed: 2; Total: 380,172.90. Fund: 10 COOPERATIVE FUND: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 234.88; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 114.99; ESU #10 620.81; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER 2,061.50; HOMETOWN LEASING 99.81; JOSTENS INC 22.50; KAT'S KORNER MARKET 213.87; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC 55.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT 1.00; Vendors Listed: 9; Total: 3,424.36; April Payroll: 23,072.98; Total: 26,497.34. Apr 23, 2026 (354) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY
 COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff
 VS

Arellano, David & Nickey; and John Doe And Mary Doe, real names unknown; City of Minden, Nebraska; and Parcel #00004193; E 67" of W 121" of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), and E 67" of W 121" of S 10" of lot Four (4) and N 10" of vacated 7th Street block Twenty Six (26), Original town of Minden Kearney County, Nebraska (442 E. 7th) and the United States of America, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:00am on the 12th day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to wit:

PARCEL #00004193; E 67' of W 121' of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), E 67' of W 121' of S 10' of Lot Four (4) And N 10' of vacated 7th Street Block Twenty-Six (26), Original Town of Minden, Kearney County Nebraska (442 E 7th).

The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court.

The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

Scott K White
 Kearney County Sheriff
 Apr 16, 2026
 Apr 23, 2026
 Apr 30, 2026
 May 7, 2026
 (66) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY
 COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff
 VS

ANT, LLC; Jesse T Adkins and or Sharon L Adkins, both deceased; Barnett Group, LLC, Strong Capitalv, LP; Craig Space; Lynda Stangl; and John Doe and Mary Doe, real names unknown; Any and all persons having or claiming any right to title or interest in or to; and Parcel #516701, A tract of abandoned Burlington Northern R.R. right of way in Block 15, Pearson's & Campbell's Add-Minden, Nebraska, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:30am on the 12th day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to wit:

PARCEL #516701, A tract of Abandoned Burlington Northern R.R. right of way in Block 15, Pearson's & Campbell's Add-Minden

Nebraska. The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

Scott K White
 Kearney County Sheriff
 Apr 16, 2026
 Apr 23, 2026
 Apr 30, 2026
 May 7, 2026
 (64) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY
 U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff
 VS

Alexicia M Hernandez, a/k/a Alexcia Hernandez; Spouse of Alexcia M Hernandez, a/k/a Alexia Hernandez, If Any; Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, Delaet Dental, P.C. John Doe, as party in possession; and Jane Doe, as party in possession, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:00am on the 11th day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to

wit: The East 88.0 Feet of the north 34.42 feet of lot Five(5), the east 78.0 feet of the south 9.58 feet of lot Five(5) and the East 78.0 feet of lot Six(6), Block Thirty Five(35), Original town of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska. 311 North Hubbard Avenue, Minden Nebraska. The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

Scott K White
 Kearney County Sheriff
 Apr 16, 2026
 Apr 23, 2026
 Apr 30, 2026
 May 7, 2026
 (62) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY
 COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff
 VS

KINGSTON, DOUGLAS E. & CHERITY B. and John Doe And Mary Doe, real names unknown; And Parcel #8011; S 16' of Lot 5, and all of Lot 6, Block 2, Original Town of Wilcox, Kearney County Nebraska (103 N Burr), Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District

Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:00am on the 19 day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to wit: PARCEL #8011; S 16' of Lot 5, and all of Lot 6, Block 2, Original Town of Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska (103 N Burr). The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

Scott K White
 Kearney County Sheriff
 Apr 23, 2026
 Apr 30, 2026
 May 7, 2026
 May 14, 2026
 (56) znez

NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY
 COUNTY OF KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, A body Politie and Corporate, Plaintiff
 VS

Pat A Long, and John Doe and Mary Doe, real names

unknown; Town of Axtell, Nebraska; and parcel #0007217.10; E 78' of Lot 2 Ex E 13' Block 2, Fairman's Addition, Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska (508 W 4th) and the United States of America.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Kearney County, in the above-entitled action, I will at 10:30am on the 19th day of May, 2026 in the lower level of the Kearney County Courthouse in Minden Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following land and tenements, to wit:

PARCEL #0007217.10; E 78' of Lot 2 Ex E 13' Block 2, Fairman's Addition, Axtell, Kearney County, Nebraska (508 W 4th).

The highest bidder will deposit with the Clerk of the District Court of Kearney County, Nebraska on the day of sale 10% of the full amount of the bid in cash or certified funds, except this requirement is waived if the highest bidder is the Plaintiff. The balance is due upon confirmation of the sale by the District Court. The property is being sold "as is" and no guarantee of any kind and shall be subject to payment of any real estate taxes or other liens which are presently due and payable.

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NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Agendas for the April 13 meeting 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 minutes from the meeting held March 16, financial reports, and claims against the General Fund. The board adopted Policy 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access and approved amendments to Policy 1040 Annual Report, Policy 3540 Bidding Construction Projects, Policy 5601 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and Policy 7050 Bids and Contracts. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.

APRIL 2026 - GENERAL FUND CLAIMS - CenturyLink, \$461.42; Minden Exchange Bank, \$34.75; Wright Express Fleet Services, \$1,080.68; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$1,261.92; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$198,452.55; Fiduciary Trust Company, \$500.00; Horace Mann Life Insurance Company, \$1,275.00; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$2,576.20; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., \$9,389.05; Minden Public Schools, \$114,852.15; Mps Payroll, \$144,512.93; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$18,740.97; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$1,501.34; Amplify Education, Inc., \$2,400.00; Aurora Cooperative, \$4,888.77; Bill's Plumbing, \$80.00; Black Hills Energy, \$9,600.30; City Of Minden, \$35,843.90; Clearfly, \$823.93; DAS State Accounting - Central Finance, \$402.63; Eakes Of-

fice Solutions, \$11,002.26; Educational Service Unit #10, \$528.48; Elan Financial Services, \$782.05; Engineered Controls, Inc., \$1,692.50; Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C., \$6,184.75; Harris School Solutions, \$23,920.62; Heartland Refrigeration, LLC, \$404.90; Hometown Leasing, \$3,855.49; Island Sprinkler Supply, \$112.14; Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC, \$27.50; John Deere Financial, \$4.13; Landmark Implement Carquest, \$18.99; Mason's Market, \$812.84; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., \$379.21; Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc., \$2,070.00; Minden Chamber Of Commerce, \$2,620.00; Minden Hardware, \$284.46; Napa Auto Parts, \$518.18; Ne Association School Boards, \$120.00; NE Rural Community Schools Association, \$250.00; Nebraska Central Equipment, \$1,854.03; Nebraska Department of Education, \$175.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency, \$324.00; Novus Windshield Repair, \$235.00; One Source, \$201.00; Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O., \$2,105.00; Platte Valley Communications, \$84.90; Pony Express Ford, \$414.00; PowerSchool Group, LLC, \$6,776.90; Presto-X Company, \$203.40; RackCoach, \$3,750.00; Richard Widdifield, \$1,107.30; Schindler Elevator Corporation, \$286.11; School Fix, \$35.95; School Specialty, LLC, \$221.56; Shane Schmidt Construction, Inc., \$860.00; Syndicate Publishing, LLC, \$249.94; Turf Tank, \$8,000.00; USI, Inc., \$263.11; Verizon, \$255.10; Verizon Wireless, \$160.04; Village Uniform, \$992.22; Widdifield, James T, \$286.65; Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc., \$62.50; Kurita

America, Inc., \$2,570.65; PAR, Inc, \$1,858.92; April Net Payroll - \$473,813.41; Subtotal - \$1,111,413.68; LUNCH FUND CLAIMS - Sysco, \$8,976.80; LinPep-Co Partnership, \$1,825.15; Village Uniform, \$425.70; Cash-wa, Distributing Co., \$12,545.72; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$52.12; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$4,991.47; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$48.63; Minden Public Schools, \$2,656.50; Mps Payroll, \$2,951.73; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$338.38; April Net Payroll - \$13,454.01; Subtotal - \$48,266.21; TOTAL CLAIMS - \$1,155,679.89.
Apr 23, 2026
(137) znez

NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF MINDEN MINDEN, NEBRASKA

City of Minden (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

7th Street Paving and Utility Improvements 709 N Brown Ave Minden, Nebraska - 2026 025-07288

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the office of the Minden City Administrator located at 325 North Colorado, Minden, Nebraska 68959, until Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

The project consists of constructing approximately 6,300 SY of 6" integral curb and gutter, 1,250 SF of sidewalk and curb ramps, 650 LF of storm sewer replacement, 350 LF of 6" water

main replacement including fittings, valves and fire hydrants, site removals, clearing and grubbing, site grading, excavation, erosion control, traffic control and all other associated work as indicated on the drawings and within the specifications.

A complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents and proposal form MUST be obtained from either: 1) www.quest-cdn.com for a fee of \$22 (nonrefundable). Once logged into the site, insert eBidDoc project number 10157069 - 7th Street Paving and Utility Improvements, 709 N Brown Ave, Minden, Nebraska - 2026; OR 2) Olsson at 2204 University Drive, Suite 210, Kearney, Nebraska 68845 for a fee of \$100 (nonrefundable).

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Olsson
2204 University Drive, Suite 210, Kearney, Nebraska 68845

There is no pre-bid conference for this project.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The check(s) or bond(s) shall be made payable to the City of Minden (Owner) as security that the bidder(s) to whom the award(s) are made will enter into contract to build the improvements bid upon and furnish the required bonds and insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid which it deems most advantageous to the Owner,

and to reject any or all bids submitted and to hold as many bids as it desires for consideration for a period of sixty (60) days after the bids are open.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Minden

By: Michael Krings

Title: City Administrator

Date: April 16th and 23rd, 2026

Apr 16, 2026

Apr 23, 2026

(105) znez

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 follow-

ing-named limited liability company: 2TJ AG, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 240 W Campbell St., Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959. Tyran J. Bienhoff is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on April 1, 2026, and shall have perpetual existence.

Dated: April 1, 2026

2TJ AG, LLC,

A Nebraska Limited
Liability Company.

By/s/ Andrew S. Olson
Andrew S. Olson, Bar No.

26841

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Apr 16, 2026

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that THREAD SHED LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 243 Ridge Avenue, Minden, NE 68959. The initial agent for service of process of the company is Sheila Warner, 243 Ridge Avenue, Minden, NE 68959.

Apr 16, 2026

Apr 23, 2026

Apr 30, 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: Thomsen Family 8, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 925 30 Road, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959. Carol Bill is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on April 6, 2026 and shall have perpetual

existence.

Dated: April 6th, 2026

Thomsen Family 8, LLC,
A Nebraska Limited
Liability Company.

By/s/ Andrew S. Olson
Andrew S. Olson, Bar No.
26841

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Apr 16, 2026

Apr 23, 2026

Apr 30, 2026

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NOTICE OFFICIAL NOTICE

Section 2-965, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, provides a control authority may direct and carry out projects of control for one or more specific noxious weeds without individual notice as prescribed in Section 2-265 if the control authority has caused publication of notices of such project. The Kearney County Weed Control Authority as a part of the Platte Valley Weed Management Area and Twin Valley Weed Management Area and will be doing control work on

selected sites of Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar, Yellow Flag iris, Canada Thistle and Phragmites along the Platte River and all tributaries, Little Blue River and all tributaries. Control work will be performed during the growing season when weeds are most susceptible to control from June 1st, 2026, through May 31st, 2027.

This service will be provided at no cost to the landowners within the targeted areas. Landowners not interested in this program are encouraged to call the Kearney County Noxious Weed Control Authority. Those not participating in the project shall have a weed management plan for the control of noxious weeds that has been approved by the Kearney County Noxious Weed Control Authority prior to the start time of this special project.

By Order of Kearney
County Noxious Weed
Control Authority

Apr 16, 2026

Apr 23, 2026

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a delay turns out to be a blessing this week. You end up somewhere better than planned with this redirected route. Trust how things turned out.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

A decision you have been avoiding suddenly seems completely obvious, Taurus. Money as well as work clarity arrives closer to the weekend. Hold on to it while you can.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

You are the go-to person for the job when anyone needs some comic relief or a mood-lifter, Gemini. Your humor and insight will help someone more than you realize.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, offer your help to a friend or colleague in need but make sure you don't go it alone. Enlist the help of others to ensure this new project

goes smoothly.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

A compliment will hit you differently this week, Leo. You have earned the recognition, so don't brush off the kind words that are offered to you in the next few days.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, something you thought was a problem this week, eventually will turn into a learning experience. This is a time for you to experience some emotional growth.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

It is time for an aesthetic and artistic reset, Libra. Figure out a way to change your decor, music playlist or your fashion sense. Your shift in attitude will attract good things.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

A moment of truth hits you this week, Scorpio. It won't be dramatic, but it will clarify something you already knew. This revelation will free up mental space.

CLUES ACROSS

- Egyptian bull-god
- Romanian monetary unit
- Will Ferrell holiday film
- "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
- Error-related negativity
- Volcanic crater
- Boston Herald columnist Margery
- True market value
- Italian term for exchange rate
- Informal loan clubs
- Men's fashion accessory
- Children's craft supply
- Extra benefits
- In an early way
- A judge has one
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Tractor unit
- Defunct supercomputer developer
- Promotional materials
- A forgetful state
- One who beheads
- Photographers
- Small, rich sponge cake

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Last-minute plans can sometimes be the best plans, Sagittarius. Spontaneous fun is coming your way, so reach out and grab it.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, this week you will get proof that your effort matters to others. Praise from some close people in your life will have a notable impact.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

If you have been looking to expand your squad, Aquarius, this is the week when some new people will find you. A conversation helps you feel understood.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You feel more motivated than usual, Pisces. Ride the wave that this energy boost offers you. It may be easy to get carried away, however.

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- Clergy's vestment
- Expressed pleasure
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Zero
- Ancient Greek word for "earless"
- Nigerian governmental area
- Mild expression of surprise
- Places to hang things
- Keyboard key
- Make a mistake
- One-time president of Republic of Korea
- Large, stocky lizard
- Romanian river
- Communication
- Stoats
- Showcases
- Bird of prey
- King of Thebes
- Cleaving tool
- Large African antelope
- Three are particularly notable
- Meet one's needs
- C. European river
- Dictator
- Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Consume food
- Woman (French)
- Scrape a surface
- Green vegetable
- Pacific Standard Time
- Capital of Brazilian city
- Paddle
- Cause to become insane
- Drier and flakier
- Mimic
- ESPN personality Kimes
- One who moves slowly
- Secret political clique
- Behind the stern of a ship
- Supernatural force
- Sanctuary
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave by coating
- North Carolina university
- Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- Bridge building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity

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6	5	4	7	8	2	9	1	3



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Minden Mayor Larry Evans visited Minden Public Preschool on April 14 to sign a proclamation in support of early childhood education for Week of the Young Child. (Courtesy photo)