



The Buzz in Minden is More Than Tea

CINDY RAMSEY

Minden couple Paul and Molly Jensen took advantage of an opportunity and opened juice and smoothie bar, The Hive, in Holdrege in June. With that success and encouragement from local friends, they brought the business home with sister location, The Buzz, in September.

Located at 333 N. Colorado Avenue, The Buzz serves loaded teas and protein shakes. Starting with a tea base that provides clean caffeine and sweetened with stevia, these colorful concoctions have less sugar, less calories, and more health benefits than most energy drinks on the market without the crash.

There are loads of flavors to choose from and enhancers available to boost the benefits of each beverage. The Jensens are anxious to help customers find the ideal blend to reach their goals.

Drinks aren't the only thing on the menu at The Buzz. To aid their customers' wellness journey, the Jensens offer 21 day challenges that focus on weight loss, muscle gain, increased energy, and boosted confidence. Challenge participants receive a customized meal plan tailored to their goals, a personal coach to guide them, access to a private accountability group on Facebook, and quick daily workouts. Not only do participants see results, they can also win prizes in a number of categories.

The Buzz is open Monday through Friday 7am-5pm and Saturday 10am-2pm. Pop-up hours for special events are announced on The Buzz Facebook page. Drinks can be enjoyed in the shop or on the go. Delivery is available for orders of four or more drinks. Orders must be placed the day before delivery.

Stopping by the shop has an extra benefit to customers right now. Customers who take a picture of themselves with their drink in front of the 'good vibes' wall in the shop and then share the photo on Facebook with The Buzz tagged, will receive a discount on their next drink.

If you haven't tried it already, stop in for a loaded tea or shake and find out what The Buzz is all about.



The Buzz opened its doors at 333 N. Colorado Avenue in Minden last month. Owners Paul and Molly Jensen serve up loaded teas, protein smoothies, and lots of support and encouragement to help their customers on their wellness journey.

Weather Forecast

Oct. 10:	79/57	
Oct. 11:	83/62	
Oct. 12:	81/54	
Oct. 13:	66/49	
Oct. 14:	68/51	
Oct. 15:	72/48	
Oct. 16:	71/47	



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Sweet Adelines Show Dates Announced

PRESS RELEASE

Nebraska Pride Chorus of Sweet Adelines International once again presents its annual show, "Dancing to the Hits". Under the direction of Connie Witt from Kearney, the chorus brings the best of barbershop style a cappella harmony to the stage to entertain audiences.

Nebraska Pride Chorus represents women from eight different communities in Central Nebraska. The chorus meets weekly in Lexington and performs throughout the year for different organizations and churches. The mission of Sweet Adelines is to promote harmonious acapella harmonious singing through education and performance.

In this day of instant photos and event sharing with friends and family, this show will evoke memories from songs from the '50s, 60's, 70's and 80's as you reminisce of times spent dancing the night away with these wonderful songs.

Our Guest Performer is Rascal Martinez, a multi-instrumentalist- from North Platte. He plays a wide array of classic rock alongside his original material. Rascal entertains folks of all ages across the Midwest.

The "Dancing to the Hits" show times and dates are October 18, 2025 in Arapahoe at the high school at 2:00 PM and in Kearney at the Merryman Performing Arts Center at 7:30 PM. On October 19th, the show will be performed at the Episcopal Church at 2:30 PM.

Admission is Free Will Donation at all venues. Hope to see you there.

Wilcox Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department



Front row: Jennifer Ortgiesen, George McNeil, Blake Groothuis, Mark Twohig, Steve Borgman, Blaine Groothuis, Thomas Gardels, Dustin Johnson, Cody Robinson, Ryan Smith. Second row: Korina Nash, Reagan Johnson, Brenda Smith, Jessica Harrold, Wade Jensen, Blair Johnson, Garrett Winz, Andrew Borgman ,Jacob Wendell, Lance Aspegren, Morgan Patterson, A.J.Jenkins, Tanice Twohig, Matt Gardels. Back row: Ron Blank, Bruce Schepler, Mike Bartels, Kelly Winz, Matt Schepler. Not pictured: Doug Winz, Micah Johnson, Wyatt Robinson, Katie Johnson.

Bunger Joins Megyn Kelly Tour as Lead Video Engineer

PRESS RELEASE

Local media entrepreneur Jim Bunger, owner of Keraney Media, is proud to announce he will serve as the Lead Video Engineer for the upcoming Megyn Kelly Live Tour.

The tour brings award-winning journalist Megyn Kelly to stages across the country, featuring insightful conversations with some of today's most influential voices. More information about the tour, including dates and tickets, can be found at www.megynkelly.com.

"I'm thrilled for the opportunity to bring my skills to a production of this scale," said Bunger. "At Kearney Media, we focus on high-quality storytelling through video and live production, and I'm honored to contribute to this national tour."

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9/29/25	83	59	-
9/30/25	79	63	-
10/1/25	82	62	-
10/2/25	85	59	-
10/3/25	85	60	-
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News Briefs

Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County has several upcoming events. Dog microchipping will be held on Saturday, October 18 from 1-2pm at Burgess Well, 724 E. Hwy 6. 20 spaces are available for \$25 per dog. Reserve your space by calling Jane at 308-830-9870, emailing pawsupkearneycounty@gmail.com, or sending a Facebook message to Paws Up Kearney County.

Join a DIY Craft Night on Sunday, October 26 at 2pm at the Lempka Home, 1045 Western Ave. Participants can make a 16" round door hanger (\$25 each) or 18"x30" door mat (\$35 each). Participants must pre-register by Sunday, October 12. All door hangers, mats, and supplies for crafting will be supplied. Lots of stencils to choose from, some but not all stencils are pet themed.

Holiday Pet Photos will be taken on Sunday, November 9 from 1-5pm at the Lempka Home. \$25 donation suggestion for session. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier when coming and going to avoid any confrontation with other pets. Call or text Jane for your reservation time.

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

Community Drive-thru Baby Shower

Join KCHS on Saturday, October 11 at 10am in the south KCHS hospital parking lot (727 E. First Street, Minden) for a special celebration just for parents and parents-to-be! The first 25 cars will receive a free pack of diapers plus educational materials and toddler snacks. Sign up for a chance to win raffle prizes including a stroller, travel booster seat, and more. Special gift for pregnant Molina members.

They will also have free certified car seat installation. Please sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWYFYDK>. Don't miss this fun and helpful event hosted by Healthy Families Nebraska, Two Rivers Public Health Department, Molina Healthcare, and Kearney County Health Services.

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, October 13; Monday, November 10; and Monday, December 8.

Murder Mystery Dinner

The Minden FFA Alumni and Minden Chamber are partnering to host a Christmas City Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser to support the Minden FFA chapter on Saturday, November 15 at the Minden Opera House. The event begins with a social hour starting at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm and the program beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are available now \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of 8. Tickets can be purchased at mindenoperahouse.com.

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About It In
The Minden
Courier**

Halloween Candy Crawl

The Minden Chamber of Commerce will host a Halloween Candy Crawl around the square on Friday, October 31 beginning at 2:30pm. Kids are invited to come dressed up in their Halloween costumes to take part. Participants can start on any of the four corners of the square and walk by businesses to get candy and treats. Parents are asked to please accompany their children. Be sure to bring bags for candy and treats!

MPS Informational Meetings

Minden Public Schools will be sharing information regarding the proposed construction of a new elementary school building and the upcoming special bond election during informational meetings. On Friday, October 17 at 9am, stop by East Elementary for coffee and a self guided tour around the school. On Thursday, October 23 at 7pm, a presentation of general information including finance options will be given at East Elementary. For more information about the project and proposed bond, visit <https://www.mindenforward.org/>.

Hunters Education

There will be a hunters' education class in Minden starting Monday, October 13 and running through the mentor hunt on Saturday, October 18. To join this class, register on the Nebraska Game and Parks' website. If you have any questions, please contact Delvin Schmidt at 308-830-0977.

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Newspapers: Connecting Communities Through Stories

CINDY RAMSEY

An article in the September 4 issue of The Holdrege Daily Citizen announced that would be the final copy of the local newspaper to be published. This decision prompted alarm from entities like the City of Holdrege and Village of Funk that are required to post meeting notices, minutes, and other information in a legal newspaper.

Nebraska Press Association, along with Syndicate Publishing, Hastings Tribute, and Valley Voice News are currently working with The Holdrege Daily Citizen to ensure a weekly publication continues so the newspaper can maintain its legal status as a new owner is sought out. While crisis in Phelps County news coverage has been averted for now, the threat of the Citizen's closing highlights the importance of a local newspaper like the Minden Courier and its many roles.

Citizens of a democratic society have the responsibility of staying informed in part to hold elected officials accountable and ensure that the government continues to serve the people. Officials elected to public office make decisions that affect the lives of everyone in the community. Newspapers help keep the public informed of what topics officials are discussing through public notices.

"Axtell Community School relies heavily on the Minden Courier to advertise our meetings and meet the legal obligations concerning the financial operation of our school district. Without the dedication of the Courier, Axtell and other small school districts across the state will be in violation of certain public law notices," Axtell Community School Superintendent Rob Gregory said. "We appreciate the working relationship with the Minden Courier and look forward to their contribution with our communication to our public."

If the Minden Courier were to shut down tomorrow, the elected boards in Kearney County would find themselves in the same situation Phelps County was nearly in with the Citizen's intended closing. The County, City, Villages, School Districts, and more would be required to find a legal newspaper to publish their notices. Although there are several newspapers in the surrounding area, the readership of those papers in Kearney County is lower meaning less people will be informed.

"I would anticipate a lot of people may not subscribe to one of those papers so it would be more difficult for them to locate the information they need," Minden City Clerk Abbey Jordan speculated.

Similarly, while the internet and technology make access to information more available than ever, the validity of some sources can be questionable and there is still a large population that prefers good old fashioned news.

"Not everybody in the world is handy with social media. There's an age bracket that still is old school and rely on the newspaper. Those folks are going to be uninformed if the local paper goes away which is a pretty big deal," Kearney County Board of Commissioners

Chairman Brent Stewart said.

Some newspapers are operated by corporations looking at the newspaper as a business rather than a vital news source. Staff cuts are made, offices are closed, and reaching a human to answer questions or get something into the publication becomes difficult. Maintaining a local staff with regular office hours helps ensure elected officials meet statutory notice requirements even when deadlines are close.

"Irregardless of how organized you are, there's always going to be something that's missed and the Courier has always been wonderful about saying 'we can still get it in'. Having that ability to talk to somebody you know and ask them to do things that are above and beyond and they always do them, that's so valuable," Stewart said.

Local staff members are a benefit not only to elected officials, but to readers as well.

"Having a local paper where the people are part of the community is important because they understand the opportunities and challenges within the community," Minden City Administrator Michael Krings said. "I don't think somebody living in another town is going to get it, and I think that would be obvious in the stories that are written."

Having a vested interest in the workings of the communities covered in the newspaper helps local reporters bridge the gap between elected officials and citizens. It provides an insight about what is important to readers.

"Having the Courier cover the Wilcox-Hildreth Public School District is very beneficial for our school district and communities. It keeps parents, patrons, and alumni informed about school events, achievements, and needs. It builds stronger connections between our school district and the wider community, and provides a historical record for the district," Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools Superintendent Justin Patterson said. "The Courier provides a consistent platform in which the public can rely on to get timely, accurate information which promotes transparency. Having a rural newspaper has other benefits as well. Such as: having more detailed and personalized coverage than larger media outlets. It ensures that even small achievements receive recognition that might otherwise be overlooked."

Not only can readers learn what local government is up to in the pages of their local newspaper, they can learn how to make an impact on the decisions that are being made.

"We want feedback from the community all the time and having a way to provide the public with information on how they can provide feedback is extremely important," Krings said. "We don't just post in the paper because we have to, we do it because we actually want feedback. It's our way of making sure the public is aware that there's an opportunity for them to be heard."

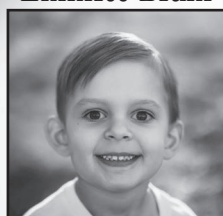
The Minden Courier takes pride in its part to inform the public, ensure local government transparency, and share opportunities to get involved. Keep reading and we'll keep writing.

Little Whippets Spotlight

East Elementary School

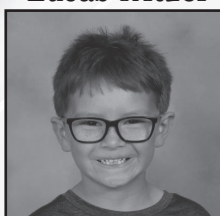


**Preschool -
Emmitt Blum**



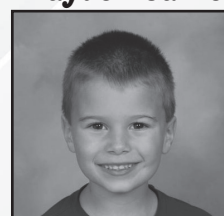
Emmitt does a nice job of listening and following our classroom routines. He goes out of his way to be a helper to everyone.

**Kindergarten -
Lucas Nitzel**



Lucas is a kind friend to everyone and is a hard worker. He is a great listener and is awesome when it comes to sharing with others. Keep on showing others The Whippet Way, Lucas!

**1st Grade -
Brayden Carver**



Brayden Carver is an excellent example of integrity. He is hardworking, trustworthy, and kind to everyone. Way to go, Brayden!

**2nd Grade -
Reese Carey**



Reese brightens up everyone's day as she walks into the school and classroom! Her positivity has her excelling with not only being a friendly, kind, and supportive classmate; but she is shining bright when it comes to her eagerness to do great on her academics! Way to BE GREAT, Reese!

**3rd Grade -
Vianney Romero-Sanchez**



She is a great example of the Whippet Way. She is always on task and following the rules. I can also always count on her to raise her hand and participate in class as well as be a friend to those around her.

American Confetti

STEAM CALLIOPE: A MUSICAL MARVEL OF THE PAST

WILLIAM ASCARZA, PIONEER VILLAGE DIRECTOR

The calliope is a fascinating musical instrument that holds a unique place in history. Known for its loud, shrill sound that can be heard for miles, the calliope was a staple at circuses and fairs, where it attracted crowds with its distinctive melody.



Calliope! The wonderful Operonicon or Steam Car of the Musical, as it appears in the gorgeous street pageant of the Great European Zoological Association! (Courtesy of Library of Congress Prints & Photographs)

er. Musicians control the steam flow to each whistle using a keyboard, similar to that of a traditional organ. The steam passes through the whistles, producing a sound that is both powerful and unmistakable. This mechanism made the steam calliope an impressive feat of engineering, combining musical artistry with mechanical innovation. The keyboards were often made from brass, chosen for its ability to withstand the heat and moisture generated by steam. Additionally, the polished brass keys added a golden shine, contributing to the visual allure of the calliope.

Stoddard's original model included a keyboard with eight notes, each releasing a whistle to which steam was channeled at a pressure of 180 pounds. Later models increase in size with 24, 32 and 48 whistles. This steam-whistle organ became an iconic symbol of entertainment during the 19th century, particularly in traveling circuses and riverboats. Its ability to produce music that could be heard over long distances made it an ideal choice for drawing in audiences.

On riverboats, the steam calliope was a natural fit. These boats were already equipped with steam propulsion boilers, which powered not only the engines but also the calliopes. As the riverboats traveled along America's waterways, the calliope's music would herald their approach, adding a festive atmosphere and drawing the attention of those along the banks.

Circuses incorporated the steam calliope into steam-driven carousels, taking advantage of the steam supply already in use for

The calliope was invented in the United States around 1850 by A.S. Denny and was later patented in 1855 by Joshua C. Stoddard. The calliope operated mechanically, relying on the precision of the roller and pins to produce music. However, as the device evolved, so did its method of operation. Joshua C. Stoddard eventually replaced the cylinder with a keyboard, transforming the calliope into an instrument that could be played manually, much like an organ.

The operation of a steam calliope involves the use of steam generated from a boiler.



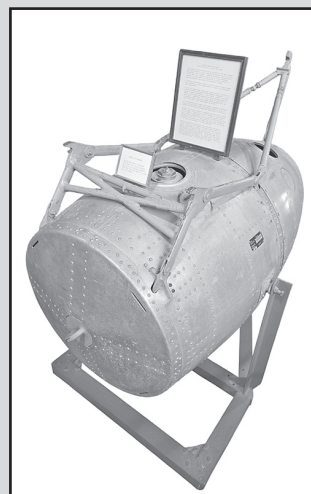
Casey Hermanson, one of our many dedicated volunteers at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village, has been the driving force in the restoration of the calliope that is now on display next to the carousel! (Courtesy of Danica Schoone)



The newly restored calliope whose original components dated back to the 1860s, now prominently displayed by the historic Armitage Herschell Carousel and its belt driven steam engine on the grounds of the Harold Warp Pioneer Village. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

creating a sense of anticipation and wonder. The calliope's place in history is not only in its musical contribution but also in its ability to evoke the spirit of a bygone era of American entertainment.

Today, while steam calliopes are not as prevalent, they remain beloved relics of a bygone era. Some enthusiasts and collectors maintain and operate these instruments, preserving their legacy and sharing their unique sound with new generations. Steam calliopes can still be found at some fairs and historical events, captivating audiences with their nostalgic charm. The Harold Warp Pioneer Village acquired its calliope around the time it acquired the historic Armitage Herschell Carousel and steam engine back in the mid-1950s. None of these items were part of an original set, rather they were acquired from different sources. The calliope at the village dates back to the 1860s and has recently been restored although it remains inoperable until a future restoration.



Name this item displayed at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village for a prize. (Courtesy of William Ascarza)

We are delighted to share an interactive feature in the American Confetti column.

How to Get Involved:

Visit the Exhibits at Pioneer Village! Spot an Item featured in this month's American Confetti column. While exploring the exhibits, keep an eye out for a specific item highlighted in the article. It's a fun way to challenge your observational skills and enhance your appreciation of the museum's collections.

Share Your Discoveries! After identifying the item stop by our museum gift shop during regular business hours (which is always free for everyone). Share your findings with our friendly staff by telling us where the item is located or snap a quick photo. We'd love to hear what you learned about it!

Enter the Drawing! Correctly identifying the item.

Last month's article featured a Prestolite Acetylene torch found in the Main Museum Building westside auto collection.



THIS HARVEST, WE ALL HAVE A ROLE.

————— Slow down. Stay alert. Keep our community safe.



Stay Alert

Harvest means more tractors, trucks & combines on the road. Expect the unexpected!



Slow Down

Farm equipment moves much slower than you think. Give yourself time to react.



Watch Intersections

Always approach blind corners & hilltops with extreme caution.



Be Patient

Passing can wait. Coming home safe cannot.



Harvest Safety
Starts With All of Us.

For the Record

Marriage License

Cody L. Nickel, 28, Axtell & Bobbi J. Barnes, 27, Axtell; 9-22-25

Richard D. Keith, 46, Minden & Melissa A. Cowling, 43, Minden; 9-19-25

Kearney County District Court

Minden Exchange Bank & Trust vs. Runions et al; Runions Wholesale Inc., Minden, Jeri Runions, Minden, William Runions, Minden; contract dispute-other; 9-18-25

Amy J. Kring, Heartwell vs. Brodie J. Kring, Heartwell; dissolution of marriage; 9-19-25

State vs. Randy Pracht, Minden; felony-bind over, sexual assault/child-3rd degree; 9-25-25

State vs. Joel N. Jimenez, Kearney; felony-bind over, del/dsp/dst/man/pos cntrl subs-sch 1,2,3; 9-25-25

Kearney County County Court

Jesus M. Veloz-Calderon, Painesville, Ohio, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Knuth, 8-6-25

Howard Wong, Kearney, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 8-27-25

Dudley, E. Benson, Axtell, COUNT I: overweight on axle or group of axles, fine \$25; COUNT II: overweight capacity plates, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 9-5-25

Laura E. Dowd, Wilcox, COUNT I: dog running at large, fine \$25; COUNT II: dangerous dog, fine not guilty; COUNT III: liability of owner, fine costs only judgment, 10-3-24

Alexandria Whitehead, Aurora, disturbing the peace, fine \$100, 6 months probation court, Minden Police Officer Hansen, 4-6-25

Jose A. Iturbe Garcia, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, COUNT I: no operator's license/waiverable, fine \$75; COUNT II: speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 5-27-25

Henry L. Green II, Franklin, drive under suspension/before reinstated, fine \$250, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 7-24-25

Victor M. Perez Jr., Hastings, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 8-1-25

Christopher M. Tanner, Axtell, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 8-1-25

Cyrus H. Kantaras, Kearney, possess marijuana 1oz or less-1st offense, fine \$300, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 8-14-25

Elizabeth A. Nielsen, Axtell, DUI-alcohol-1st offense, fine \$500, 4 months probation court, 60 days revoked license, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 6-6-25

Alayna G. Rodas Connors, Holdrege, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Gonzalez, 8-13-25

Oscar N. Mendoza Diaz, Garden City, Kansas, COUNT I: overweight on axle or group of axles, fine \$75; COUNT II: CMV-brake general 396.3(a)(1), fine \$50, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 8-8-25

Christopher S. White, Doniphan, overweight on axle or group of axles, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Wroblewski, 8-28-25

Ashley L. Wempen, Kearney, DUI-.08 blood-1st offense, fine \$500, 4 months probation court, 60 days revoked license, Kearney County Sheriff Officer Ziola, 2-23-24

Minden Fire & Rescue

9-21-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to 42nd & G Road for a fall.

9-22-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. 2nd Street for shortness of breath.

9-23-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to E. Sycamore Street for a

fall.

9-24-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home for feeling light headed.

9-25-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched.

9-26-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched 6 times. One time was a false alarm.

9-28-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched.

9-29-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched 3 times.

9-29-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched for a trash fire.

10-1-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to N. Colorado Avenue for a fall with injury.

10-2-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to 33 Road for eye issues.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

9-19-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to transport a patient to Kearney Regional with abdominal pain.

9-29-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for low oxygen and transport to Phelps Memorial in Holdrege.

9-25-25—The Axtell Emergency Unit was dispatched to Mosaic for a choking and transport to Phelps Memorial.

Kearney County Sheriff

9-20-25, A vehicle driven by Amy L. Fishel, Shelton, was heading south on Highway 44 when it struck a deer. Estimated damage: \$5,000

9-30-25, A vehicle driven by James Larry Binderup was traveling east on Highway 6 when a deer ran onto the Highway from the north and collided with the vehicle. Estimated damage: \$5,000.

AUCTION

Saturday, October 18th, 2025 - 9:00 A.M.

Location: Phelps Co. Fairgrounds - 1308 2nd St., Holdrege, NE

Trailer: 2014 Carry-On bumper hitch utility trailer, 2-Wheel, wood deck & drop ramp end gate; **Firearms:** Permit required for purchase. Mossberg Model 142A, 22 S.L. L.R. bolt action w/ scope; Iver Johnson 410 single shot; 1906 Winchester 22 S.L. L.R. pump/tube feed; Remington Model 700 ML, 50 Cal. black powder; Daisy & Crossman BB guns; **Tools:** Toro TimeCutter 50" zero turn mower; Fimco pull sprayer; Pancake air compressor; Ladders; Electric pole saw; Assortment of shop & yard tools; **Antiques & Collectibles:** 3 Gal. blue band Stoneware water cooler; Hill Bros beater jar; Red Wing pitcher w/ spongeware band; Stoneware jugs & bowls; 2-Door wood ice chest (painted gray); Several wood handle golf clubs; Cistern pump; Shawnee pig cookie jar; Blue Fire King dishes; Clear glass canister set w/ green lids; Assortment of glassware; Flamingo & bird wall mirrors; Wall pictures; Chalk wall art; Head vases; Costume jewelry; Pocketknives; Spurs; Western magazines; Model car kits; Marbles; Chicken statues; Silver Christmas tree; White light up church; Fall & Halloween decorations; Paper Valentines; **Furniture & Household:** Brass headboard & footboard; Antique dresser; Vose & Son spinet piano; Sofa; Recliners; Display cabinet; Small chest freezer; Hamilton Beach roaster; Large assortment of new household items. **Plus much more!**

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The Basics of Breast Cancer

PRESS RELEASE

Breast cancer is a formidable disease that affects millions of individuals each year. Data from the World Health Organization indicates 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022, when it was the most common form of the disease in 157 of 185 countries across the globe.

The impact of breast cancer goes beyond those diagnosed with the disease, affecting friends, family members, professional colleagues, and others as well. That far-reaching impact means everyone has a vested interest in learning about breast cancer.

What is breast cancer?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast grow out of control. The breast is made up of three main parts known as the lobules, ducts and connective tissue, and which type of breast cancer a person has depends on which cells in the breast turn into cancer.

Is there a typical breast cancer?

No two individuals diagnosed with breast cancer will have the same experience after being diagnosed. However, the CDC notes that most breast cancers begin in the ducts or lobules. The ducts are tubes that carry milk to the nipple and the lobules are the glands that pro-

duce milk.

What are some common risk factors for breast cancer?

The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. notes gender is the foremost risk factor for breast cancer, as the WHO reports that 99 percent of breast cancers occur in women. Additional risk factors for breast cancer include age, with two out of three women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer being older than 55, and race, as the disease affects more Caucasian women than women of other races. The NBCF also notes that women who have dense breast tissue may be at greater risk for breast cancer because such tissue can make it harder to detect lumps.

What causes breast cancer?

The NBCF notes that most women who have breast cancer will never be able to identify an exact cause behind their disease. Common risk factors like gender and age are beyond women's control, but there are some controllable risk factors that can be avoided. The WHO notes that overconsumption of alcohol and tobacco use are two such factors.

How important is early detection?

The American Cancer Society reports that the five-year survival rate for breast cancers discovered in the localized stage is 99 percent. That underscores the significance of early detection. The NBCF notes monthly breast self-exams and routine clinical exams increase the likelihood of early detection. Women are urged to

speaking with their physicians regarding how frequently they should be tested, as recommendations vary depending on each individual and their respective family histories.

The basics of breast cancer provide insight into the disease and what women can do to reduce their risk of developing it.

Celebrating Survivors

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According to the American Cancer Society, there are currently more than four million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment. Chances are high that you know at least one person who has been personally affected by breast cancer.

For this Breast Cancer Awareness Month, two local breast cancer survivors have shared their stories to offer hope, encouragement, and advice.

Nancy Gumb: "I was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2023 after a routine mammogram. I had a partial mastectomy and had five days of radiation. My lesion was 6 mm, so very small, and I had wonderful care both here in Kearney with surgery at Good Sam, radiation care with Dr. Nolan, and wonderful care through Nebraska Cancer Institute in Grand Island and now in Kearney.

I am reluctant to tell people I had breast cancer because I feel like I got off easy, but I tell people because I want to encourage women and men to do breast checks. Do your routine mammograms conscientiously!

Mine was too small to feel, but since we caught it early it has been relatively easy to handle. I see my oncologist twice a year and alternate a mammogram and an MRI every six months. There have been improvements in cancer care, so take care of yourself."

Vickie Shepherd: "On March 15, 2023 I received a phone call that would change my life. This call followed an annual mammogram, ultrasound and breast biopsy. A small tumor was found in my right breast and the biopsy revealed it was cancer. I was in the surgeon's office the next morning and she had a list of appointments and procedures for me for the next two weeks.

At the end of those two weeks I had surgery to have a port placed and on April 5 I had my first of six chemotherapy appointments. These lasted about eight hours each time. I was unable to work during those five months.

In August I had surgery to remove the lump followed by five radiation treatments. The pathology revealed I still had some residual disease, so I had 14 more chemo treatments finishing those in June 2024.

For over 20 years I had annual mammograms, but yet one year and one week after the previous one a lump was found. This proves the importance of annual mammograms. So ladies don't wait - schedule your mammogram today!!"



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How to Support a Loved One With Breast Cancer

PRESS RELEASE

Someone is diagnosed with breast cancer every day. The World Health Organization says breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women around the world, as well as a leading cause of cancer death. Unfortunately, roughly half of all breast cancers occur in women with no specific identifiable risk factors beyond age and sex, so there may be no warning signs that a cancer diagnosis is coming.

Chances are a newly diagnosed breast cancer patient will need some measure of help and support but may not feel comfortable asking for assistance. Getting help also can be overwhelming for certain individuals. But supportive friends or loved ones can step up to the plate and offer support in various ways.

- Provide meals. Take turns with other friends and family members to prepare and deliver meals. If you don't cook, arrange to have takeout delivered.

- Go grocery shopping. Help stock the refrigerator with plenty of healthy and convenient foods. While the person battling cancer may experience various degrees of hunger, keeping food available helps other members of the household.

- Straighten up. Take care of cleaning around the house. You may wash some loads of laundry, vacuum and iron clothes. If budget allows, you can hire a cleaning service to come in once or twice a month for a deep cleaning.

- Care for the dog. If fatigue makes it challenging for the person battling cancer to take the dog on walks, you can step up and handle dog walking or trips to a dog park.

- Provide caregivers a break. The primary caregiver will be working overtime to offer support, and you can give that person a much-needed break. Step in to go to doctors' appointments or watch a young child so the caregiver gets a day or two off.

- Take on chauffeur duty. Take on the task of driving the patient to and from checkups or scans. A friendly face can make a big difference in taming anxiety.

- Pay bills. Household tasks may seem overwhelming, so you can help manage the finances by paying bills or sorting through mail. If medical paperwork has begun to stack up, you also can organize and sort items of importance.

- Make home more comfortable. Transform any living spaces, whether they are home or temporary apartments or hotels, with creature comforts. This can include high thread count sheets, newly framed family photos, comfortable pillows and blankets, and more.



- Sit and listen. Sometimes the greatest comfort can be sitting with and listening to the person who is fighting cancer. Don't offer advice or recommendations unless prompted, but listen to any concerns and offer time and support.

Support for friends and loved ones after a cancer diagnosis can come in many forms and make a significant difference in people's lives.

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Calendars and Menus

Minden Public Schools

MENUS:

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

Friday, Oct. 10: BREAKFAST: Mini waffles; LUNCH: Sub sandwich bar, chips

Monday, Oct. 13: BREAKFAST: Funnel cake; LUNCH: Chili, cinnamon rolls

Tuesday, Oct. 14: BREAKFAST: Scrambled egg bar; LUNCH: Pulled pork on a bun, French fries

Wednesday, Oct. 15: BREAKFAST: Apple donut bites; LUNCH: Smothered burritos, beans

Thursday, Oct. 16: BREAKFAST: Sausage gravy, biscuit; LUNCH: Chicken tenders, Mac & cheese

Friday, Oct. 17: NO SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 10: District SB Finals; Homecoming Parade, 2:30 p.m.; V FB vs. Broken Bow, 7 p.m.; Homecoming Dance, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11: District SB Finals; State MS CC @ Papillion Lavista South HS, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: Board of Education meeting; State Girls GO; 7/8 VB @ Lexington, 4:15 p.m.; 7th FB @ Kearney Catholic, 5 p.m.; JV FB vs Holdrege, 6 p.m.; 8th FB @ Kearney Catholic, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14: State Girls GO; 7/8 VB @ Holdrege, 4:30 p.m.; V/JV VB Parent Night vs. Cozad, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: District CC; State SB

Thursday, Oct. 16: End of First Quarter; State SB; V/JV/9 VB @ Holdrege, 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: NO SCHOOL; State SB; V FB @ Gothenburg, 7 p.m.

Axtell Community School

MENUS:

Friday, Oct. 10: Chicken patty sandwich, corn or peach par-fait

Monday, Oct. 13: Pulled pork sandwich, broccoli or chef salad

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Build-a-burrito, corn, or turkey sub

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Build your own sandwich, chips, pea salad

Thursday, Oct. 16: Breakfast bowl, tater tots, or crispy chicken salad

Friday, Oct. 17: Steak fingers, dinner roll, peas, or oriental chicken salad

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 10: FB vs. Elm Creek, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: VB @ FKC Invite

Tuesday, Oct. 14: VB @ FKC Invite; Career Day Activity for Sophomores

Wednesday, Oct. 15: JH FB & VB @ Wilcox-Hildreth, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16: VB @ FKC Invite-Finals; XC @ District Meet; FB @ Franklin, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: End of First Quarter

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

MENUS:

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

Friday, Oct. 10: BREAKFAST: French toast; LUNCH: Pig in a blanket

Monday, Oct. 13: BREAKFAST: Granola bar; LUNCH: Chicken strips

Tuesday, Oct. 14: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon roll; LUNCH: Beef enchilada

Wednesday, Oct. 15: BREAKFAST: Biscuit & gravy; LUNCH: Chicken bacon pasta

Thursday, Oct. 16: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: Beef & noodles

Friday, Oct. 17: BREAKFAST: Stuffed hash browns; LUNCH: BBQ chicken on a bun

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 10: FB @ Kenesaw, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: FFA Fruit Sales Start; Mentor/Mentee Luncheon BYOL, 11 a.m.; Apply to College Day, 12 p.m.; VB FKC Tournament, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14: 7-12: Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; VB FKC Tournament, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Career Exploration Day: Freshman Class; JH FB & VB vs Axtell, 1 p.m.; MTCC-C, 3:50 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16: HS XC Districts; PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; VB FKC Tournament, 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: HAL @ Hildreth, 9:10 a.m.; FBLA Officer meeting, 12 p.m.; HAL @ Wilcox, 12:30 p.m.; End of First Quarter, 3:40 p.m.; FB Senior Night vs. Elm Creek, 7 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, Oct. 13: Creamed chicken over biscuit, beets, fruit and dessert

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll and fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Philly steak and cheese sandwich, hashbrown casserole, green beans, fruit and dessert

Thursday, Oct. 16: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, dinner roll and fruit

Friday, Oct. 17: Casserole, peas, bread, fruit and dessert

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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

Unusual exhibits at the annual Kearney County school exhibit included a flour sack quilt embroidered in designs of nursery rhyme characters by the boys and girls of District 25 and a display of ships and airplanes created from corn stalks by some of the boys of District 40.

The Bow and Arrow Cafe reopened for business under the new management of Mr. and Mrs. John Gress.

Vic Silvrants Men's Wear advertised the Portis Apache hat in new Indian trail tones for \$6.50.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

A milestone was reached when the 1,000th patient was admitted at the Kearney County Community Hospital. The hospital opened on May 9 in 1954.

Charles L. Bigler, former editor of a Kansas newspaper, took over the position of news editor for *The Minden Courier*, replacing Ray Van Norman who had held that position for four years.

Andrew C. Hove Jr. received outstanding recognition when he was named battalion executive officer of the Naval ROTC unit at the University of Nebraska.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Neighbors and friends, including Victor Schere, George

Roggenkamp, Asa Bronson, Herman Eckloff, Alvin Burchell, Paul Jacobsen, Lucius Brown, Don Favinger and Harlan Jensen, shocked two acres of atlas sorgo in two and one half hours for Andrew Jensen who had been ill.

Ann Wendell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wendell, was a double purple ribbon winner in Omaha's Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Light Horse Show. She won her ribbons in reining and western pleasure classes.

Twelve members of the Friendly Birthday Club met at the home of Mrs. Emil Anderson to help her celebrate her birthday.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Principal Bob Norton announced that seniors Steven Koch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Koch, and Brad Stirtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stirtz, were named Commended students in the National Merit Program and received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Congresswoman Virginia Smith addressed a Hildreth audience at the high school following the ceremonial presentation of the Bicentennial flag.

The U.S. Postal Service first class mail service improvement program went into effect, making first class mail service equal to or better than airmail.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

A heavy wet snow caused extensive tree damage in Minden. Many trees had not lost any leaves and were consequently subject to the weight of the snow.

Announcing grand openings and reopening activities were Casey's Pharmacy, The Country Shop, the Electronics Center and the Minden Tire Company.

Homecoming king and queen candidates at Hildreth were Duane Day, Jay Halstead, Barry Schmidt, Adrienne Benz, Rhonda Soker and Shelley Swarthout.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

Doug White assumed the duties of Optimist Club president, succeeding Terry Christensen. John Hitchcock was honored as Optimist of the Year.

The Minden Whippet boys' cross country team won the UNK invite. The Whippets placed four runners in the top 20 runners, including Mark Grosshardt, Drew Larson, Dan Schroeder and Jerrod Saunders.

The Axtell Wildkittens took three sets to defeat S-E-M.



2015 — Evan Bertrand and Shyla Smith were crowned Axtell 2015 Homecoming King and Queen at the football game against Franklin.

Axtell was led by Jocelyn Poole with 13 points with 21/21 serving with an ace.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

Arlen Osterbuhr was awarded the 2004-2005 Optimist of the Year Award.

Motivational speaker Russell Simon visited Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth schools. He spoke out about the dangers of abuse, addiction, and violence and the importance of taking responsibility for your own life with good choices.

The Axtell Wildcats crushed the Red Cloud Warriors 46-0 to move their season mark to 5-0.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

Nebraska Public Power District prepared a new educational program for students to help connect curriculum and careers. NPPD Senior Education Specialist Chad Johnson brought the Pathways Program to C.L. Jones Middle School in Minden as part of a trial run.

World news is full of stories depicting Kenya as a dangerous place. For one Minden resident, such tales weren't enough to scare him away from reserving more than two weeks of his summer to help make life a little better in a foreign country. Tony Ratka spent a portion of his summer in Nairobi and Meru working on a project he helped begin in 2010.

Two former area teachers were honored at the One Room One Teacher Ceremony held by University of Nebraska Kearney. The program honoring teachers who taught in one room schools began in 2012 and has identified 52 teachers. This year, sisters Goldie Widdersheim Nielsen and Ipha Widdersheim were among those recognized.

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Sunday, Oct. 12: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

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Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 12: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC

104 E. Fifth St.

Sunday, Oct. 12: Donuts/ Juice & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Ladies Fun & Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.; High School Supper/Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic

Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Saturday, Oct. 11: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12: Mass, 8 a.m.

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Greg Volsky,

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Sunday, Oct. 12: Worship, 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school to follow

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401 Lake Street

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Sunday, Oct. 12: Sunday School, 9:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

Saturday, Oct. 11: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: Church Council, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Church Club, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Night Supper, 6 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

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Saturday, Oct. 11: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

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

St. Paul Lutheran

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Rev. William Zwick

Friday, Oct. 10: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.; Homecoming Parade, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12: Bible Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 13: 150th Anniversary Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: JYM 5th, 5 p.m.; Communion, 6:30 p.m.; JYM 6th-8th, 7

p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 17: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich,

Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 9: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12: Worship, 10 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16: Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m.

Westminster United

Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 12: Worship/ Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Communion 1st Sundays;

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Wednesday, Oct. 15: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

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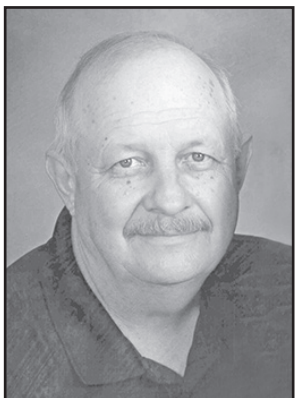
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Obituaries

Calvin E. Gleason, 69 - Holdrege Resident



A Funeral Service for Calvin E. Gleason was held on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at the Holdrege Methodist Church in Holdrege, Nebraska with Pastor Sarah Fisher officiating. A Graveside Service was held at the Eaton Cemetery, Heartwell Nebraska.

Calvin Edward "Cal" Gleason, 69 years of age, of Holdrege, passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege. Cal was born on October 24, 1955 in Minden, Nebraska, in Kearney County, Nebraska, the 3rd of 6 children born to Carl C. and Nola J. (Johansen) Gleason. He lived and received his education in Minden and graduated with the Minden High School, class of 1974.

On July 17, 1982, Cal was united in marriage to Lanette Jo Gardner at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden. The couple was blessed with two children: Sean and

Mikala. The family made their home in Holdrege.

Calvin worked for Clinch Enterprises in Holdrege for 30-plus years. He enjoyed his daily interactions with the customers he came to know. It was common for him to share stories of these daily interactions with his family around the supper table.

Cal will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. His hobbies included working on the family farm, tending to flowers and his vegetable garden, canning and preserving, watching old westerns and reading western novels, and working on puzzles.

He took pleasure in the simple things in life; taking his kids and grandkids fishing, following them in their individual endeavors, and swapping stories with everyone he bumped into. Cal didn't know a stranger! He especially enjoyed Mikala's collegiate volleyball team, and keeping up-to-date with Sean's landscaping business. An avid follower of Loomis athletics and UNK volleyball, he welcomed many of the students and their families as an extension of his own; always having a snack or piece of candy to share. He loved any time spent with his 5 grandchildren; carving pumpkins, making Christmas cookies, and helping them set up Lanette's Christmas Village.

Cal spent his later years keeping Lanette company at the nursing home; watching tv, playing bingo, and following Husker volleyball. He joked around with everyone, always wanting to put a smile on their face, and he was well-known for his bourbon ball recipe at Christmas.

Cal was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Sandra Gardner.

He leaves to celebrate his life: his wife of 43 years, Lanette Gleason of Holdrege; his children: son, Sean

Gleason and his wife, Haley of Great Bend, Kansas; and daughter, Mikala Vrbka and her husband, Casey of Holdrege; 5 grandchildren: Kaitalyn, Kesley, Kaysen, Parker, and Clara; his siblings: Cheryl (Andre) von Arx; Norma Gleason; Carla Gleason; Allen (Kim) Gleason; and Robert Gleason; his father-in-law, Don (Bonnie) Gardner; two sisters-in-law: Lori (Adam) Cribelli; and Chelley Gardner; and two brothers-in-law: Rodney (Erin) Gardner; and B.J. (Angie) Gardner; several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege.

Memorials are kindly suggested to the family to establish a scholarship in his name at Loomis Public Schools.

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

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

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May 3, 1943 - September 22, 2025



David E. Samuelson was born on May 3, 1943 to E.C. Samuelson and Virgene Samuelson. He grew up in Minden and attended Minden High School graduating with the class of 1963.

Dave worked for Redman's shoe store in Kearney for years. He then moved to Casper, Wy-

oming where he enjoyed being with new friends, the mountains, and fresh air. He enjoyed cooking, hosting cocktails with friends, hunting, and helping others.

Survivors include daughter Jolette (Josie) Samuelson, California; sister Diane Ring, Kearney, as well as a host of nieces and nephews, extended relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Dennis, sister Deb McCully, nephews Chad Fritson, Jeff Winingham, Christopher McCully, and Shane Samuelson.

The family would like to invite anyone who knew Dave to the Minden cemetery on Friday, October 17th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. to meet and toast Dave, and then to Diane's house at 1207 Ave. D, Kearney to meet and visit with family and friends.

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Russell E. Meyer, 93 - Minden Resident

Russell E. Meyer, 93, of Minden, passed away on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Good Samaritan Society – St. John's in Kearney. Funeral services were held on Monday, October 6, 2025 at Fredericksburg Lutheran Church, south of Minden, with Rev. Donald Hunzeker and PMA Julie Schmidt officiating. Interment was held later that day at the Minden Cemetery with military honors presented by Minden American Legion and Heartwell Veterans of Foreign Wars in conjunction with United States Air Force Funeral Honors Team. Visitation with family present was held on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Memorials in Russ' honor are kindly suggested to Fredericksburg Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg Lutheran Cemetery, or to Bethany Home in Minden. Arrangements are under the care of

Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Russell "Russ" Eldon Meyer was born November 16, 1931 on the family farm near Norman, NE to Carl and Mildred (Petersen) Meyer. He was the second of eight children. He attended a one room country school, Snowflake elementary, before finishing his education and graduating from Minden High School in 1950. After high school, Russ enlisted in the Air Force where he was the base commander's personal mechanic and was instrumental in the transition from prop to jet engine aircraft.

While on leave in Maine he met his future wife, Polly. Russ and Polly Ann Reidy were married Dec. 24, 1951 in Bangor, Maine. To this union 5 children were born: Lois, Michael, Peter, Susan and Barbara. After his time in the service, they made their home in Minden, where Russ farmed. Except for a short time when they lived in Maine where Russ worked for Weber Oil and Grants Dairy. Together they owned and operated The Circle Inn Drive Through. They eventually moved back to Minden where Russ farmed until his retirement in 1998. Russ married Karen Johnson Oct. 23, 1999 in Minden and gained a stepdaughter, Sharon Johnson. Russ and Karen enjoyed their time together taking bus trips, traveling, playing cards with friends and doing puzzles.

Russ was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, a member of The American Legion, Elks Club, Lions Club and Good Fellows for many years. Russ always enjoyed farming with the help of his kids and grandkids, his horseback riding trips in the mountains of Colorado with his brother, friends, sons and nephew, tinkering with his old International Harvester tractors and working on his stained-glass houses. He will always be remembered for his uncanny ability to build, patch or repair anything with bailing wire and duct tape.

Russ was preceded in death by his wife Polly; sister and brother-in-law, Marian and Mark Binderup; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dr. Marvin and Sonja Meyer and Stanley and Sheila Meyer; brothers, Carl (Kendall) Meyer and infant brother Raymond Meyer; nephew, Bob Binderup; granddaughter, Lila Meyer; and grandson Andrew Meyer.

Russ is survived by his wife, Karen Meyer; children, Lois (Dr. Tom) Christensen, Dr. Michael (Cindy) Meyer, Dr. Peter (Tracy) Meyer, Susan Mey-

er, and Barbara (Chris) Andersen; stepdaughter, Sharon Johnson; sisters, Eleanor (Dr. Phil) Etzelmiller and Linda (Ralph) Layton; sister-in-law, Edna Meyer; grandchildren, Philip Christensen, Justin (Kelsey) Christensen, Russell (Christine) Meyer, Jasmine Meyer, Peter Meyer, Laura Meyer, Spencer (Dr. Brittany) Meyer, Logan Meyer, Dawson Meyer, Carter Meyer, Campbell Meyer, Michael Bienhoff, Kathrine (Aaron) Rewinkel, Keisha (Brett) Fries, Danielle (Chris) Nathe, Sarah Franks and Lindsay Johnson.; great-grandchildren, Roxie Christensen, Carson McCune, Brock Christensen, Rebecca and Charlotte Meyer, Kelsey Meyer, Mazikeen and Remington Meyer, Brayden Jarosz, Hunter Rewinkel, London and Kellen Fries, Reidy and Camden Nathe, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended relatives and friends.

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

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SPORTS



Whippets Stay Ahead of the Pack at Gothenburg

ROGER HANSEN

The Gothenburg Invitational cross country meet, which included runners from 26 schools, was held on October 2 at the Wild Horse Golf Course and Minden's teams performed indubitably well. The Whippet boys won the meet while the girls were runners-up.

BOYS top three: Minden 22, Gothenburg 26, Broken Bow 78

GIRLS top three: North Platte 37, Minden 43, Gothenburg 57

The boys winner was Tyler Hetz of Gothenburg at 16:44. Minden placed four in the top eight. Gage Thull was 4th at 17:35, Javi Perales 5th at 17:44, Isaac Reed 7th at 18:36 and Trystan Sharkey 8th at 18:42.

Additionally for the Whippets--Holt Aschenbrenner (19:59, 25th), Steve Rhodes (30th, 20:09), Seth Jacobitz (20:49), Frank Kovacs (21:51), Eli Warner (22:18), Jack Widdifield (23:00), Lucas Collins (26:53). 151 boys ran.



The girls winner was Scout Bell of Gothenburg at 20:07. Minden had two in the top five and one other medalist--Adelyn Whitten (3rd, 21:11), Alexa Warner (5th, 21:27) and Aclynn Osterbuhr (13th, 22:32). A fourth Whippet runner was Cristal Gonzales (31st, 24:72). 86 girls ran.



The Minden cross country team had a stellar performance at the Gothenburg Invitational at the Wild Horse Golf Course on October 2. The Whippet boys won the meet defeating a ranked Class C team. The Whippet girls were runners-up only 6 points behind a Class A program. (Courtesy photos)

lez (31st, 24:72). 86 girls ran.

Minden's Jr. High girls medaled three in the 3K--Regan Johnson (6th, 12:53), Gemma Fritson (7th, 12:57) and Kinsey Morey (11th, 13:23)). Also racing were Emerson Kuehn (20th, 14:20), Taya Tomsen (41st, 15:25) and Kennedy Eckhardt (46th, 15:41). The Whippets were second to Zion Lutheran of Kearney--Zion 29, Minden 35. 101 girls ran.

The Jr. High boys were paced by Blake Boudreau's 18th place at 12:26. He was followed by Brantley Wright (33rd, 13:18), Zander Sinsel (49th, 13:55), Liam Collins (73rd, 14:59) and Brody Casper (86th, 15:54). The jr. high boys were 5th behind Lexington, North Platte, Perkins County, and McCook. 106 boys ran.

Both High School and Junior High runners will be at the Southwest Conference meet in Broken Bow on Thursday, October 9. Then the High School varsity only will compete at the District Meet at Ogallala on WEDNESDAY, October 15. The Wednesday is a departure from the usual Thursday. Classes A and C both go on the 15th while B and D go on the 16th.

Schools in the C5 District include Bridgeport, Broken Bow, Chadron, Chase County, Cozad, Gothenburg, Holdrege, Kearney Catholic, Minden, Mitchell, Ogallala and Sidney (pretty much the west half of the state).

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Area Athletes Compete at UNK Cross Country Invite

ROGER HANSEN

The largest cross country meet of the season, the UNK Invitational, was held on September 29 at the Kearney Country Club, the same venue for the State Meet, which is slated for October 24.

A total of 1,937 runners across all four classes competed that afternoon. Minden was eighth in both the Class C girls and boys competitions. 198 girls representing 37 schools and 340 boys representing 41 schools ran at the meet.

Top C girls teams: Columbus Scotus 54, Chase County 74, Adams Central 105, Ft. Calhoun 125, Milford 141, Auburn 143, Gothenburg 143, Minden 155.

Adelyn Whitten (14th, 21:32) and Alexa Warner (19th, 21:54) earned top 20 medals. Also for Minden--Evie Sharkey (59th, 24:09), Aclynn Osterbuhr (71st, 24:26), Cristal Gonzalez (101st, 25:43) and Zipporah Wilson (159th, 29:05).

Top C boys teams: Lincoln Christian 26, Holdrege 110, Syracuse 110, Gothenburg 110, Ft. Calhoun 114, Elkhorn Mt. Michael Benedictine 134, Palmyra 135, Minden 145.

Gage Thull (17th, 17:48) medaled. Additional Minden-- Javi Perales (36th, 18:42), Trystan Sharkey (42nd, 18:52), Isaac Reed (54th, 19:16), Holt Aschenbrenner (90th, 19:57), Steve Rhodes (121st, 20:31), Seth Jacobitz (173rd, 21:41), Frank Kovacs (193rd, 21:56), Eli Warner (242nd, 23:14), Byron Kring (248th, 23:23), Jack Widdifield (284th, 24:21), Grayson Heggemeyer (297th, 25:07) and Lucas Collins (322nd, 27:37).



In the D girls competition, Axtell was 18th and Wilcox-Hildreth 29th while in the D boys competition Axtell was 14th and Wilcox-Hildreth 33rd. 181 girls representing 58 schools and 304 boys representing 66 schools took part.

Axtell's girls--Emma Hall (35th, 23:33), Kali Philippi (102nd, 27:14), Sadie Lorenzo (111th, 27:39).

Axtell boys--Micah Houchin (29th, 19:06), Felix



Athletes from Axtell, Minden, and Wilcox-Hildreth took part in the largest cross country meet of the season, the UNK Invitational, on September 29. Pictured: (above) Axtell boys Felix Lopez, Isaiah Sinachack, Aydan Houchin, Kyler Kolbo, and Micah Houchin approach the starting line. (below) Jacob Jezbera of Wilcox-Hildreth focuses ahead. (left) Minden's Alexa Warner maintains a lead. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

Lopez (56th, 19:55), Kyler Kolbo (92nd, 20:51), Aydan Houchin (104th, 21:16), Isaiah Sinachack (133rd, 21:44).

Wilcox-Hildreth girls--Chloe Johnson (80th, 26:15), Allegra Johnson (93rd, 26:53), Ayva Bendorf (163rd, 31:55).

Wilcox-Hildreth boys--Alex Klatt-Terabelian (42nd, 19:29), Jacob Jezbera (111th, 21:24), Craig Bunker (267th, 27:34).



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Cats Take FKC Title, Houchin Individual Champ

ROGER HANSEN



(above) The Axtell Wildcats boys cross country team secured the 2025 FKC team title at Overton on October 3. Micah Houchin was the individual winner and Felix Lopez finished right behind him. (left) Axtell's Emma Hall was the girls individual runner-up. (Courtesy photo)

Axtell's boys are the 2025 FKC teams champs and also boast the individual boys' champion in the conference meet that was held at Overton on October 3. Wilcox-Hildreth was 5th. The Cats' Micah Houchin was the individual boys' winner and teammate Felix Lopez was second.

BOYS Top Team Scores: Axtell 9, Amherst 24, Elm Creek 25, Pleasanton 42, Wilcox-Hildreth 43, SEM 73.

Boys individual results-- Area Medalists:

Houchin, AX, 1st, 19:10; Lopez, AX, 2nd, 19:11; Alex Klatt-Terabelian, W-H, 6th, 19:39; Aydan Houchin, AX, 7th, 19:55; Kyler Kolbo, AX, 8th, 19:57; Others: Jacob Jezbera, W-H, 18th, 21:22; Isaiah Sinachack, AX, 20th, 22:08; Chase Nickel, AX, 21st, 22:14; Eli Sinachack, AX, 26th, 22:39; Brett Woollen, WH, 32nd, 25:25; David Sonnenfeld, AX, 35th, 26:25; Cooper Woollen, WH, 36th, 26:25+; Craig Bungler, WH, 38th, 27:48; Caleb Hall, AX, 40th, 29:32. 41 boys ran.

Axtell's girls finished fourth in the team race while Wil-Hil was 6th and the Cats' Emma Hall was FKC runner-up.

GIRLS Top Team Scores: Elm Creek 12, Pleasanton 29, Amherst 33, Axtell 34, Overton 37, Wilcox-Hildreth 38.

Girls individual results--Winner and Area Medalists: Brooklyn Fast Amherst, 1st, 22:15; Emma Hall, AX, 2nd, 22:39; Chloe Johnson, WH, 12th, 25:08; Allegra Johnson, WH,

13th, 25:27; Others: Kali Philippi, AX, 16th, 27:07; Ayva Bendorf, WH, 21st, 28:05; Sadie Lorenzo, AX, 23rd, 29:00; Kaylan Ogier, WH, 25th, 29:45. 26 girls ran.

The junior high runners competed at 2500 meters.

BOYS: Ivan Hammond, AX, 1st, 11:41; Oscar Clausen, AX, 5th, 12:26; Henry Lush, WH, 28th, 16:56; Rush Sinachack, AX, 32nd, 21:51. 32 boys ran.

GIRLS: Adelinn Nickel, AX, 7th, 16:11; Willow Philippi, AX, 9th, 17:13; Riley Hill, AX, 11th, 18:38; Audrina Henery, WH, 15th, 22:41. 17 girls ran.

Action for both schools this week will be the Falcon Invite, hosted by Wilcox-Hildreth but held at Franklin, on Thursday, October 9. Following that will be the High School District meet at Cambridge on Thursday, October 16. 19 schools will take part.

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Lady Whippets Finish Regular Season Strokes Ahead

ROGER HANSEN



The Minden girls' golf team pocketed two more wins making it 11 for 11 in first place finishes this season.

On September 29 the Whippets won the eight-team Cozad Invite with a one-two-three sweep of the top individual medals.

Team scores; Minden 346, Cozad 407, Broken Bow 427, Gothenburg 475, Hershey 479, North Platte SP 480, Hi-Line 488, GICC 557

KayLynn Jorgensen fired an even par 71 to bring home the gold. Macy Jorgensen's 82 earned her the silver and Shelby Nelson carded 86 for third.

Isabelle Martin was 15th at 105 and Lauren Starkey was 16th with a 108.

The next day, September 30, the SWC meet was contested at Broken Bow and Minden won its second consecutive conference championship.

The Whippets breezed to a 43-stroke win over runner-up Holdrege.

Team scores: Minden 350, Holdrege 393, McCook 417, Cozad 421, Broken Bow 427, Gothenburg 460, Ogallala 504

A second-in-a row individual SWC title was attained by KayLynn whose 73 put her at the top. Macy was a strong second at 79 while Shelby shot a 92 for fifth.

Isabelle and Lauren collected medals also with Isabelle's 106 good for

14th and Lauren's 107 got her 15th.

Brooklyn Workman played varsity as well and had a 114.

Next up is the District meet on October 7 at Grand Island's Indianhead course. Then, the top District teams and individuals qualify for the State Meet on October 13-14 at the Lake Maloney course near North Platte.



The Minden girls golf team added two more first place finishes to their season resume last week. On September 29 the Whippets topped the eight team competition at the Cozad Invite (above). The following day the Whippets won their second consecutive conference championship at Broken Bow.(left) (Courtesy photos)

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Hwy 6 End Regular Season With Loss to North Platte

PHIL SERRONE

Well that was fast! The Hwy 6 Trail Blazers competed in their final regular season game on Oct.2 with a road trip to North Platte. Despite the team's best efforts, and even a brief lead, the team was defeated by a score of 3-11.

Hwy 6 got out to an early 3-2 lead after two innings led behind 3B Neveah Browitt's double off the eighth pitch of the ball game that plated one run. Two errors on behalf of North Platte scored two more runs in the second inning for Hwy 6.

After the early success for the Trail Blazers, North Platte regained their focus to score four runs each in the fourth and fifth inning. A final run in the sixth inning for North Platte was the final dagger to secure the victory over Hwy 6.

C Alexa Hale, P Addisyn Norris, SS McKinley Jauken and CF Stella Birkestrand each collected a base hit in the contest. Birkestrand, Browitt and Hale each brought a

Trailblazers Lose Tough Battle Against Centura

PHIL SERRONE

Hwy 6 Trail Blazers' offense finally hit a snag as the team was shut down on Sept.30 in a road matchup against Centura. The team had been finding their groove as of late making solid contact off opposing pitchers in the midst of a three-game winning streak. Centura managed to limit Hwy 6's high powered offense to three base hits securing the win by a score of 1-5.

Despite the score, Centura only managed to out-hit Hwy 6 four base hits to the Blazers' three. C Alexa Hale had the biggest swing of the contest when she connected on a double in the top of the sixth inning. 3B Neveah Browitt and CF Stella Birkestrand each collected a single in the game.

Earning the loss was P Addisyn Norris as she pitched the entire six inning contest. She allowed four hits, five runs (5 ER), nine walks and struck out four. She threw 114 pitches and 51 of those pitches landed as strikes.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
HWY6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
CNTR	2	0	0	2	1	0	X	5	4	0



run across home plate earning one RBI in the process.

P Norris earned the loss on the mound after she pitched three total innings. She allowed five hits, 10 runs (8 ER), five walks and struck out four. RP/2B Lillian Labenz relieved Norris for the final two innings on the bump. She allowed four hits, one run (1 ER), no walks and struck out one.

With this final game, Hwy 6 final regular season record will end at 7-11. The team took great strides this season with many up-and-comers flashing strong potential that should pay dividends for the future.

Districts will be held on Oct.9 with Hwy 6 facing off



against York High School. First pitch is slated for 11:00 a.m. and the game will take place at the Smith Complex in Hastings. We will have a full recap from the district game in next week's paper!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
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NRTH	2	0	4	4	0	1	X	11	9	2

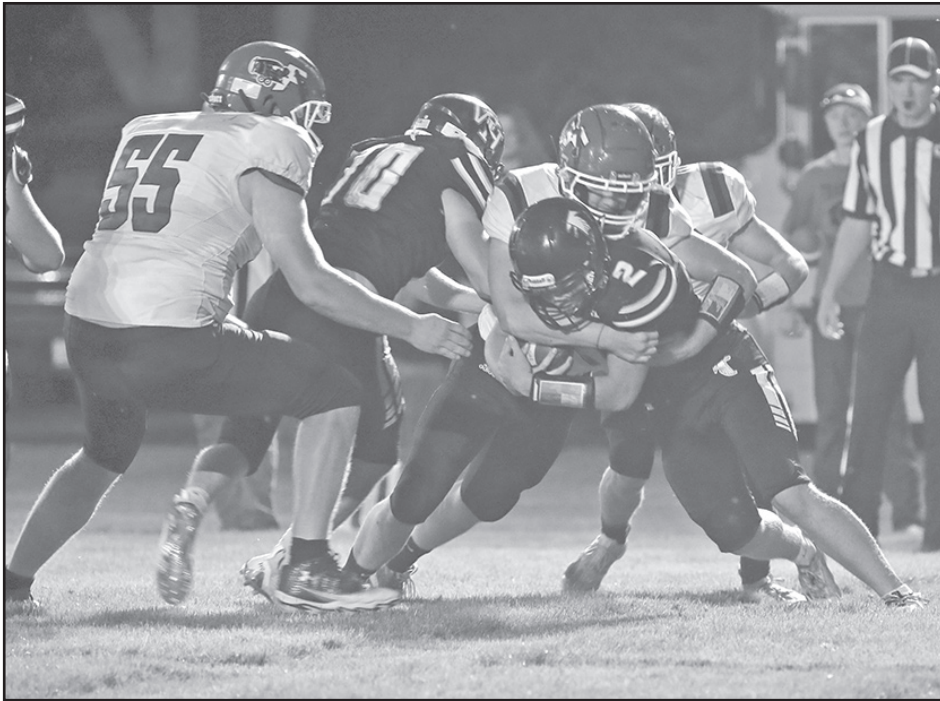
The Hwy 6 Trail Blazers had an eventful week as the team played in their final regular season game in North Platte, defeated Fairbury and P Addisyn Norris broke the Minden school record for most home runs in a season. Pictured: (right) P Addisyn Norris fires a pitch from the mound. (top right) McKinley Jauken catches a pop fly at SS. (top left) C Alexa Hale looks up in the sky after belting a home run over the fence. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



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Falcons Drop Gridiron Clash Against Franklin

PHIL SERRONE



Wilcox-Hildreth football moved to 3-3 on the year after a loss to Franklin on Oct.3. The final score of the game was 6-26. The Falcons will next be in action on Oct.10 on the road against Kenesaw. Pictured: (above) Drew Blank fights for extra yardage. (below) Thomas Donley runs down the sideline after a big kick off return. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

Wilcox-Hildreth hosted their 'Homecoming' game on Oct.3 against the Franklin Flyers. It was a tough contest throughout but it was the Flyers standing tall after the final whistle by a score of 6-26.

The Falcons had scored 134 points their last two games and the Flyers managed to limit any explosive plays that could bolster Wil-Hil's chances of victory. No quarter-by-quarter breakdown was provided nor any individual stats. Wilcox-Hildreth's record on the season now sits at an even 3-3. The Falcons will set out to get back into the win column with a road trip to Kenesaw High School on Oct.10.



Keep an eye out on our website themindencourier.com for any stat additions.

Blazers Homer Four Times, Break Records, and Score 14 Runs in Third Straight Victory

PHIL SERRONE

There were plenty of reasons to celebrate on Sept.29 for the Hwy 6 Trail Blazers softball team as the unit managed to pick up their third straight victory backed by an offensive explosion led by 20 base hits and four home runs. Hwy 6 gave the Minden crowd plenty of fireworks capped off with a 14-6 victory over Fairbury.

The future of the program remains bright as freshman Addysyn Norris etched her name in the Minden history books as she broke the school record for most home runs in a season. Not bad for someone in their first year under the Trail Blazer banner. Norris finished the game 3-4 with two home runs (first and fifth inning), three runs scored and two RBIs.

C Alexa Hale continued terrorizing opposing pitchers as she finished 3-3 with one home run, three runs scored, three RBIs and one walk. Hale's home run set the tempo for the rest of the game as it came off the first at bat for Hwy 6. P Lillian Labenz joined her teammates in the home run club as she ended the game 1-2 with a three run blast, two runs scored and two walks. Each player in the starting lineup picked up a base hit or more in the contest.

1B Katherine Marshall was perfect within the batter's box as she finished 4-4 with a double, one run scored and one RBI. LF Abigail Reith collected three singles in the contest that scored her an RBI and scored one herself. Hwy 6 only struck out four times, showcasing their strong plate discipline.

Labenz started the game on the mound for one inning of work. She allowed three hits, six runs (5 ER) and walked four. Norris earned the victory after she pitched four innings in relief. She allowed one hit, zero runs (0 ER), four walks and struck out three.



Freshman Addysyn Norris broke the school record for most home runs in a season during the September 29 Trailblazer victory over Fairbury. Pictured: P The Trail Blazers gather at home plate to celebrate Addysyn Norris' home run. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
FRBR	6	0	0	0	0	X	6	4	1
HWY6	3	6	2	0	3	X	14	20	1

Bobcats Come Out on Top of Cat Fight

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell went down to defeat to Blue Hill 6-58 on October 3 in Axtell. The Cats fell to 0-6 and next play Elm Creek in Axtell on October 10. The Buffaloes are 4-2 with wins over Pleasanton, Blue Hill, Franklin and Kenesaw



and losses to Ravenna and Overton. Blue Hill ran the opening kickoff back for a TD and continued to score often throughout the first half during which the Bobcats built a 56-0 lead at halftime. The second half was played using a running clock and the only points after halftime were scored by Axtell. Nick Dahl got an 8-yard TD run in the third period. Dahl led the Cats offensively and defensively. He secured a fumble for Axtell's lone takeaway in the contest in addition to scoring the only TD on an 8-yard run. He was also in on numerous tackles. Complete stats were unavailable at press time.

B. Hill	22	36	0	0-	BH-33 run (run)
58 (2-4)					BH-24 run (pass)
Axtell	0	0	6	0-	BH- 8 run (pass failed)
6 (0-6)					BH- 39 interception re-
BH-68	kickoff	return	turn	(run failed)	BH-34 run (run)
(run)					AX- Dahl 8 run (run
BH-20 run (pass)					failed)
BH-4 run (pass failed)					



The Axtell Wildcats were defeated by Blue Hill on Oct.3 by a score of 6-58. Axtell will have their final home game of the season on Oct.10 against Elm Creek. Pictured: (above) Landon Powers brings in a wide-open pass. (left) Carter Lorenz steps back to throw a pass. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MICAH HOUCHIN - CROSS COUNTRY

School - Axtell Community School
Grade - Freshman
Achievements - Axtell freshman Micah Houchin has burst onto the area cross country scene with a series of high finishes. He recently was the Fort Kearny Conference individual champion, leading his team to an FKC title. He has a pair of runner-up medals in addition to a 4th and 7th. Micah was 29th in Class D at the UNK Invite and will look to improve on that at the State Meet in Kearney on Oct. 24.




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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CHLOE JOHNSON - CROSS COUNTRY

School - Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Grade - Junior
Achievements in past seasons and this season: Chloe struggled to find her groove in her first two years of high school cross country. She finished her sophomore season wanting to make a jump in performance for her junior cross country season. She ran an off-season running program all summer and that work is paying off. She has been running three or four minutes faster at each race compared to last year's time.
Attributes that have led to her success: Chloe has really stepped up this year, understanding that in order to have success it takes a lot of work with no one watching. Figuring out that success is paid in advance. It has been great seeing Chloe realizing her potential, working hard and getting medals. - Coach Dustin Johnson



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Eagles Soar Over Whippets 35-12

ROGER HANSEN

Minden scored the first points of the game but Milford the next 35 in the Eagles' 35-12 win over the Whippets on October 3 at Milford. Minden falls to 2-4. The aggregate record of the four teams that have defeated the Whippets is 23-1 (Sidney 6-0, Central City 6-0, Kearney Catholic 6-0 and Milford 5-1).

Minden could move the ball with decent success as its 300+ yards would indicate, but Milford was able to cash in more often.

Parker Hatch had his second big night in a row running the ball and his 35-yard TD in the opening quarter put Minden up 6-0. Later in the period Milford scored on a 30-yard pass play and added the PAT to go ahead 7-6.

The second quarter went heavily in the Eagles' favor as they produced TDs on an 8-yard run, a 28-yard pass and a one-yard run plus three more conversion kicks. At halftime Milford was ahead 28-6.

The Eagles added to their lead in the third period with an 8-yard TD run and a fifth conversion kick. The Whippets would answer in the third when Caleb Schwenka bulled over from the one making it 35-12. Those were the game's last points.

WHIPPETS' Team Offense: Rushing-218, Passing-90, TOTAL-308

MILFORD Team Offense: Rushing-123, Passing-231, TOTAL-354

Minden Individual Stats:

Rushing- Hatch 18-139, 1 TD; Logan Verbeck 15-61; Caleb Schwenka 6-18, 1 TD

Passing-Hatch 9-19, 90 yds., 1 int.

Receiving-Andrew Runions 5-64, Caleb S. 2-18, Luke Livingston 1-13, Verbeck 1-(-5)

Tackles (solos-assists)- Caleb S. 7-7, Bo Lutkemeier 5-4 (2 for loss), Cohen Schmidt 5-4, Cael Smith 7-2 (one for loss), Luke Grollmes 7-1 (one for loss), Verbeck 5-2, Cole Schwenka 2-1, Morgan Johnson 2-1, Hatch 1-1, Christian Sorenson 0-2, Drew Seiler 2-0, Runions 0-1, Pat Clark 0-1, Lukas Labenz 1-0, Kanin Heath 1-0

Sacks- Cael, Bo

Punting- Grollmes 2-54.5 ave. (excellent)

Kickoff Returns-Turner Schmidt 1-26, Cole S. 1-21, Lutkemeier 1-17, Verbeck 1-13, Cohen S. 1-10

Score by Quarters:

Minden 6 0 6 0- 12 (2-4)

Milford 7 21 7 0- 35 (5-1)

Scoring Summary:

Min- Hatch, 35 run

Mil- 30 pass (kick)



The Minden football team traveled to Milford on October 3 to face off with yet another strong opponent. Despite a strong effort by Minden, the Eagles defeated the Whippets 35-12. Pictured: (above) Whippet players watch the play from the sidelines. (left) Whippets and Eagles collide on the field. (Courtesy photos)

Mil- 8 run (kick)

Mil- 28 pass (kick)

Mil- 1 run (kick)

Mil- 8 run (kick)

Min- Caleb S., 1 run

Next up for the Whippets is the Homecoming game vs Broken Bow at Kuper Field on October 10. The Indians are also 2-4 with wins over St. Paul and Holdrege and losses to Chadron, Ogallala, Ord and Cozad. They average 17 ppg and give up 18 ppg.



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Lady Whippets Fall to Lincoln Lutheran 1-3

PHIL SERRONE

On Sept. 30, the Lady Whippets volleyball team faced off against Lincoln Lutheran in a tough four set battle. This was a face-off between two top teams that had multiple shifts in momentum throughout the evening.

In the first set, Lincoln Lutheran fought off multiple comeback attempts from the Lady Whippets to secure the first set point 18-25. Minden recovered in the second set to tie the game back up 1-1 by a set score of 26-24. Following the tie, the Lady Whippets and Lady Warriors exchanged two back-and-forth set battles that unfortunately favored the visiting team by set scores of 26-28 and 23-25.

Despite the loss, Minden had multiple standout performances on both sides of the net. Myla Emery put together a triple-double with double digit contributions in the kills, assists and digs category. She finished with 19 kills, 15 assists, 10 digs, two aces and one block.

Victoria Hansen executed the offense flawlessly with a team high 16 assists. Aly Cederburg benefited from the pin-point ball placement finishing with nine kills. Minden executed their serves with precision collecting nine aces as a team.

On the defensive end, Minden had four players finish with double digit digs. Makenna Anderson and Kaleigh Carr led the team with 18 and 17 digs. V. Hansen finished with 12 digs. The Lady Whippets limited multiple kill attempts from Lincoln Lutheran with 15 blocks as a unit.

Set scores: 18-25, 26-24, 26-28, 23-25

Here are the following stats from Minden vs Lincoln Lutheran:



Lady Whippets volleyball competed in three games on the week finishing 2-1. The team defeated Centura and Sandy Creek while dropping a four set battle against Lincoln Lutheran. Their record is now 18-6. Pictured: (left) Aly Cederburg tips the ball over the net for a potential point. (below) The Lady Whippets are all smiles after earning a set victory. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

Kills: Myla Emery 19, Aly Cederburg 9, Kaleigh Carr 5, Rebbecca Lempka 4, Makenna Anderson 2, Bailee Fries 1; Assists: Victoria Hansen 16, Emery 15, Anderson 2, Cederburg 1, Rilynn Johnson 1, Carr 1, Aces: Emery 2, Anderson 2, Lempka 2, Hansen 1, Grace Hansen 1, Carr 1; Digs: Anderson 18, Carr 17, V. Hansen 12, Emery 10, Lempka 6, G. Hansen 1, Johnson 1; Blocks: Cederburg 5, Fries 4, Johnson 3, Carr 3, Emery 1

Minden Bounces Back With Two Wins at Centura Tri

PHIL SERRONE

After taking a loss earlier in the week, the Lady Whippets (18-6) bounced back to close out their week of games with two victories at the Centura triangular. The meet was held on Oct. 2 with Sandy Creek also in attendance.

In our first recap, the Lady Whippets took care of business against Sandy Creek with two double digit set victories by scores of 25-13 and 25-12. Myla Emery has been on fire all season and this game was no different as she finished with 17 kills, 12 assists, three digs, two aces and two blocks.

Aly Cederburg and Kaleigh Carr combined together for 10 kills on the offensive end. Victoria Hansen just missed on the team lead for assists as she ended the game with 11 total. Carr led the defensive charge with a team high nine digs. Minden finished the contest with seven blocks.

The second match up was a much more competitive contest as Centura pushed the Lady Whippets to their limit. Despite the opposing team's best shot, Minden stayed resilient in the first set with an overtime victory 27-25. In the second set, overtime was not needed but was still a close match up that ended with Minden pre-

vailing 25-20.

Emery led the offensive side of the game finishing with 12 kills, seven assists, one ace, four digs and one block. V. Hansen facilitated the offense with a team high 14 assists. Aly Cederburg collected six kills.

For the second straight game, Carr led the team on the defensive side with 10 digs. Makenna Anderson and Rebbecca Lempka each collected seven digs. Minden limited Centura's offensive attacks with 13 blocks.

On Oct. 9, Minden will be back in action hosting a triangular against SWC foes Broken Bow and Ogallala High School. We will have a full recap from that match up in next week's Courier!

Here are the stats from Minden vs Sandy Creek:

Kills: Myla Emery 17, Aly Cederburg 6, Kaleigh Carr 4, Rilynn Johnson 3, Rebbecca Lempka 1, Myka Petersen 1; Assists: Emery 12, Victoria Hansen 11, Makenna Anderson 2, Johnson 1; Aces: Emery 2, Lempka 2, Anderson 1; Digs: Carr 9, Lempka 6, Emery 3, V. Hansen 3, Grace Hansen 2, Cederburg 1; Blocks: Cederburg 3, Emery 2, Petersen 1, Carr 1



Here are the stats from Minden vs Centura:

Kills: Emery 12, Cederburg 6, Carr 3, Lempka 1; Assists: V. Hansen 14, Emery 7, G. Hansen 1, Anderson 1; Aces: Emery 1, G. Hansen 1, Digs: Carr 10, Anderson 7, Lempka 7, Emery 4, V. Hansen 4, G. Hansen 1, Cederburg 1, Bailee Fries 1; Blocks: Cederburg 4, Lempka 4, Carr 2, Emery 1, Johnson 1, Fries 1

Lady Falcons Stay Busy With Five Games During Homecoming Week

PHIL SERRONE

It was a busy week of games for the Wilcox-Hildreth Lady Falcons team, but unfortunately the team was not able to pick up a victory despite their best efforts. Wilcox-Hildreth's busy week consisted of matchups against Silver Lake, Elba, Loomis, Amherst and Franklin.

On Sept.30, the team hosted a quad as the team did battle with Silver Lake and Elba High School. Wilcox-Hildreth picked up a set victory in each matchup but was defeated 1-2 in both.

In the Silver Lake matchup, the Lady Falcons fought hard for three sets but were defeated 23-25, 25-21 and 25-12.

Offensively, the Lady Falcons were tenacious with 95 kill attempts with 20 of those attempts landing. Camryn Bunker, Madison Sheen and Dinah Culp combined for 18 kills. Wilcox-Hildreth picked up four aces as a team led by Sheen's two aces. Cheyenne Lieb managed the flow of the game as she led the team with 17 assists.

Leading the defensive side of the game, the Lady Falcons got strong contributions across the roster as the team totaled 76 digs. Bunker led the team with 17 digs while Dinah Culp was not too far behind her teammate finishing with 15 digs. Elin Patterson and Lieb collected 14 digs each.

It was another close loss for the Lady Falcons as the team pushed Elba for three sets but ultimately fell 23-25, 20-25 and 25-22. Aces were the only stats provided as Patterson finished with two and Sheen earned one.

On Oct.2, Wilcox-Hildreth traveled to Loomis High School for a triangular with Amherst High School also in attendance. In the first match, Wilcox-Hildreth was defeated by host Loomis in two sets 15-25 and 18-25.

Amherst defeated Wilcox-Hildreth in two sets in the final match of the triangular. The set scores were 6-25 and 12-25. No individual stats from the triangular were provided for either game.

'Homecoming' night closed out the Lady Falcons busy week of games as the team hosted Franklin High School in a highly competitive matchup. Each match ended with the Lady Falcons closer to victory but it was the Flyers holding off Wil-Hil by sets scores of 10-25, 19-25 and 26-28. No individual stats were provided from the game.

Wilcox-Hildreth (1-18) will look to get back into the win



The Lady Falcons volleyball team competed in five matches last week against Silver Lake, Elba, Loomis, Amherst and Franklin. Despite their best efforts, the team lost all five games moving their record to 1-18 on the season. Pictured: (above) Camryn Bunker tips the ball over the net. (below) Madison Sheen collects a dig on the defensive side. (left) Ona Wilsey lines up her serve attempt. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)

column when the team travels to Glitner for a triangular on Oct.9. 'Senior Night' was held on Oct.7 when the team hosted a triangular with Bertrand and Ansley-Litchfield. We will have a full recap from each game in next week's paper!

Here are the following stats for Wilcox-Hildreth vs Silver Lake:

Kill: Camryn Bunker 7, Madison Sheen 6, Dinah Culp 5, Elin Patterson 2; Aces: Sheen 2, Cheyenne Lieb 1, Culp 1; Digs: Bunker 17, Culp 15, Patterson 14, Lieb 14, Sheen 8, Ona Wilsey 8; Assists: Lieb 17

Here are the following stats for Wilcox-Hildreth vs Elba:

Aces: Patterson 2, Sheen 1 (only aces were provided on the stat sheet)

No other individual stats were provided by the time of publication. Keep an eye on themindencourier.com for any stat updates!



Lady Wildcats Serve Up Sixth Straight Victory

PHIL SERRONE

It was a time for celebration on Oct.3 as Axtell held their 'Homecoming' festivities but the Lady Wildcats got the party started a little earlier as the volleyball team picked up their six straight victory.

Their most recent win came against Blue Hill High School in a four-set battle that saw Axtell win the series 3-1 with set scores of 25-19, 21-25, 25-15 and 25-15. No individual stats were provided by the time of publication.

With Axtell's most recent win, they push their record to 12-9 on the season. The team will look to continue their hot streak when the team travels to Amherst High School for a triangular on Oct.9. Earlier on Oct.7, the Lady Cats put their win streak on the line when the team hosted Arapahoe. We will have a full recap for each game in next week's paper!

No individual stats were provided by the time of publication but keep an eye on our website themindencourier.com for any stat additions!



The Axtell Lady Wildcats picked up their sixth straight victory on the season after defeating Bertrand and Blue Hill High School. Their record on the year now stands at 12-9. Pictured left to right: Addyson Skaggs delivers a spike. Emily Danburg sends the ball over the net. Morgan Hawkins gets airborne to tip the ball over the net. Madison Wells prepares her serve attempt. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone)



Lady Cats Claw Out Another Win

PHIL SERRONE

The Axtell Lady Wildcats continued their dominance on the volleyball court with a three set victory over Bertrand High School on Sept.30. Axtell overwhelmed the Vikings by set scores of 25-15, 25-20 and 25-10.

Emily Danburg had another great game as she paced both sides of the game with 14 kills, one ace, 20 digs and two blocks. Addyson Skaggs contributed seven kills, one ace and two assists. Madison Wells was tremendous putting her teammates in the right spot to succeed as she had a team high 27 assists. As a team, the Lady Wildcats attacked Bertrand's defense relentlessly with 31 kills on 124 attempts.

Defensively, the Lady Wildcats displayed strong communication throughout the three sets collecting 80 digs as a unit. Skaggs was the team leader with 23 digs as her and Danburg combined for 43 total. Ashlynn Nelson and Mina Schilling each had nine digs.

Set scores: 25-15, 25-20, 25-10

Here are the following stats for Axtell vs Bertrand:

Kills: Emily Danburg 14, Addyson Skaggs 7, Morgan Hawkins 5, Bristol Thorell 2, Ashlynn Nelson 2, Leah Stritt 1; Aces: Leah Stritt 4, Skaggs 1, Danburg 1, Nelson 1; Digs: Skaggs 23, Danburg 20, Nelson 9, Mina Schilling 9, Hawkins 8, Madison Wells 4, Stritt 4, Thorell 3; Assists: Wells 27, Skaggs 2, Schilling 1

Pioneer Village Receives Donation

Bowling Standings



The JCT 6/10 CRUZERZ Car Show 2025 At Harold Warp Pioneer Village was a cool day with plenty of rain, but plenty of people still came out that day to support the show. With attendees' support and all of the show sponsors' support, the car club managed to raise \$4,000 to donate to Harold Warp Pioneer Village. The donation check was presented on Saturday, October 4. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

Minden Courier

Football Contest

Winners Week 6

ROGER HANSEN

Week 6 of the Courier Football Contest had five entries with just one miss. The total points for the tie-breaker ballooned in the late going of the game (Nebraska 38, Mich. St. 27= 65) therefore those that predicted a higher total had the closer guesses and were the money winners.

Pat Duntz of Minden surmised 67 points to emerge from the scrum and win the \$25 first prize. Cray Stubbs of Minden speculated 53 for the second closest guess and earns \$15 for his reckoning.

Others with one miss (and their points guess) were Lisa Fries of Minden (52), Jena Coil of Ralston (49) and Karl Detmers of Minden (45).

Keep tying your luck making predictions as, to date, there has been only one perfect entry this season. All perfect entries throughout the season are thrown into a hat with one lucky one drawn out to receive the \$100 grand prize.

NASB 2025 Awards of

Achievement Recipients

PRESS RELEASE

The Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB), Board of Directors, and staff, recognized the 2025 Awards of Achievement recipients during nine Area Meetings throughout August and September.

NASB is a private, nonprofit organization that serves the needs of board members in Nebraska public school districts and Educational Service Units. Nebraska's 1,700 school board members may participate in board development training throughout the year by attending workshops and conferences to help strengthen their role in governance, legislative advocacy, and stewardship of district resources in support of student achievement. In recognition of their volunteer time and commitment to education, the Association recognizes continued participation and growth in best practice governance.

Through the Awards of Achievement program, board members earn points for participation in workshops and events, as well as their district's participation in NASB programs and services. There are 10 total levels of the program, with points carrying over year to year. The following local board members were recognized for their outstanding excellence for achieving the Levels of 7, 8, 9 or 10.

Level VIII Recipient: Rusty Rhynalds, Minden
Level VII Recipient: Justin Glanzer, Minden

Classey Lassies	9-25-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Split Happens	19	9
Pony Express Ford	16.5	11.5
Dobish Dumpsters	15.5	12.5
Larson Bros Construction	15	13
Aurora Coop-Keene	13	15
Upland Bar & Grill	12	16
Platte River BBQ	12	16
Skye's The Limit Salon	9	12
High Individual Game: Betty Smith, 211; Kasey Welch, 185; Amanda Rasmussen, 172		
High Individual Series: Cori Malone, 492; Kasey Welch, 485; Amanda Rasmussen, 446		
High Team Game: Split Happens, 470; Platte River BBQ, 424; Skye's The Limit Salon, 421		
High Team Series: Platte River BBQ, 1241; Skye's The Limit Salon, 1179; Split Happens, 1164		

Minden Unified Association	10-2-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Joyce Farms	91	69
Miller Body	82	78
First Bank	72	71
APEX	49	79
High Individual Game: Kevin Reed, 256; Carson Blum, 189; Don Miller, 180		
High Individual Series: Kevin Reed, 591; Carson Blum, 550; Shawn Nelson, 515		
High Team Game: Joyce Farms, 757; Miller Body, 648; First Bank, 611		
High Team Series: Joyce Farms, 2016; Miller Body, 1905; First Bank, 1733		

Monday Maniacs	9-29-25	
Team Standings:	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	16	4
Children First Daycare	9	11
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	8	12
Budget Heating & Air	7	13
High Individual Game: Denise Smith, 215; Ashley Osterbuhr, 189; Denise Smith, 181		
High Individual Series: Denise Smith, 548; Ashley Osterbuhr, 530; Rendy France, 424		
High Team Game: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 421; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 419; Budget Heating & Air, 410		
High Team Series: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1242; Children First DAYcare, 1174; Budget Heating & Air, 1150		

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NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF WHISKEY SLOUGH TRUCKING, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Whiskey Slough Trucking, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska on September 16, 2025, with its initial designated office located at 1145 U Road, Kearney, Nebraska, 68847, and the agent of the company is Colby J. Emal, whose address is 1145 U Road, Kearney, Nebraska,



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68847. Colby J. Emal, Sole Member Carson K. Messersmith #27365 KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT & MESSERSMITH P.O. Box 272 Minden, NE 68959 308-832-2150 Sep 25, 2025 Oct 2, 2025 Oct 9, 2025 (25) znez

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Kearney County Joint Planning Commission on October 14th, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Assembly Room of the Courthouse in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska to hear public comments on:

Application for Remodeling pens using roller compacted concrete and increasing head count to 85,000 while staying in existing feedlot footprint. Questions or comments may be directed to County Zoning Administrator Office at 308/830-0589. An agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Zoning Administrator. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

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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: Craig Bros Mow Co, LLC. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office is 1020 W 1st St., Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska 68959. John A.E. Craig is the initial agent at such address for purposes of service of process. The limited liability company commenced on October 3, 2025, and shall have perpetual existence. Dated: October 3, 2025

Craig Bros Mow Co, LLC,
A Nebraska Limited Liability Company
By /s/ Andrew S. Olson
Andrew S. Olson,
Bar No. 26841
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Holdrege, NE 68949-0586
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aolson@doclaw.net

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NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF MIDWEST DRONE SERVICES, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following limited liability company has been formed under the laws of the State of Nebraska:

1. The name of the limited liability company is Midwest Drone Services, L.L.C.
 2. The address of the designated office is 151 Park Ave. Minden, NE 68959.
 3. The name and street and mailing address of the initial agent for process of the Company is Adam Christensen at 151 Park Ave Minden, NE 68959.
- Sep 25, 2025
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Kearney County Joint Planning Commission on October 14th, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Assembly Room of the Courthouse in Minden, of Kearney County Nebraska to hear public comments on:

Application for an anaerobic digester to utilize feedlot manure to produce renewable natural gas. Questions or comments may be directed to County Zoning Administrator Office at 308/830-0589. An agenda for this meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Zoning Administrator. The agenda may be modified prior to such meeting.

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NOTICE**NOTICE OF SPECIAL
MEETING
KEARNEY COUNTY
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
MINDEN, NE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Kearney County Board of Equalization will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE. The agenda for said meeting will be to Set levies FY 2025-2026. Said meeting is open to the public.

/s/ Jenni Lupkes

Kearney County Clerk

Oct 9, 2025

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NOTICE**WILCOX-HILDRETH PUBLIC
SCHOOL BOARD OF
EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER
25, 2025 - 8:00 AM**

**POSTING LOCATIONS:
OMAHA WORLD HERALD:
9/18/2025**

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WILCOX, NE 68982-0190**

1. Call to Order. Roll Call.
2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act. 2.A. Pledge. 3. Consent Agenda. Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0. 3.A. Approval of Agenda.
4. Visitors and communication from the public. No members of the public were present.
5. Action Items. 5.A. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to adopt resolution increasing

the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to seven percent (7%). Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the resolution. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 1. 6. Discussion Items. 7. Next Board Meeting: 7:00am Monday, October 20, 2025 in the Wilcox Conference Room. 8. Adjourn Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to adjourn at 8:15am. Motion Passed. Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

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NOTICE**WILCOX-HILDRETH
PUBLIC SCHOOL REGULAR
MONTHLY BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the Wilcox-Hildreth Public School, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0001 of Kearney County, Nebraska will be held on the 20th day of October, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. in the Wilcox-Hildreth Conference Room in Wilcox. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent.

By: Board of Education
Wilcox-Hildreth
Public School

Oct 9, 2025

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NOTICE**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 11 will hold a regular board meeting at the service unit office located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The public may attend the meeting in person at ESU 11 for said meeting. A current agenda of items to be brought before the Board at this meeting is available for public inspection in the office of ESU 11. Reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs who want to attend the meeting will be provided on request if sufficient advance notice is given. Accommodations for special needs can be requested by calling the ESU 11 office, 995-6585.

Oct 9, 2025

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold a Board of Directors meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska. The agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Tri-Basin NRD Office, 1723 Burlington Street, Holdrege, Nebraska, and (877) 995-6688. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services necessary for participation by contacting the district office at the phone number and address listed above, at least two days in advance of the meeting.

Oct 9, 2025

(24) znez

NOTICE**NOTICE OF MEETING
AXTELL COMMUNITY
SCHOOL**

Notice is hereby given that the LB 399 (Americanism Committee) Meeting of the Board of Education of School District 50-0501 of Kearney County, Nebraska, a.k.a. Axtell Community School, will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., in the Axtell Community School Library, which meeting will be open to the public. Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 50-0501 of Kearney County, Nebraska, a.k.a. Axtell Community School, will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 8:15 a.m., in the Axtell Community School Library, which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.

Linda Almquist,
Secretary

Oct 9, 2025

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NOTICE**IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF KEARNEY COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF
MARCELE D. SCHMIDT,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR25-29**

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Formal Probate of Will of said Deceased, Determination of Heirs, and Appointment of Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Company as Personal Representative has been filed and is set for hearing in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, lo-

cated at Minden, Nebraska, on October 30, 2025, at or after 8:45 o'clock a.m.

MINDEN EXCHANGE BANK
& TRUST COMPANY,
Petitioner
P.O. Box 179
Minden, NE 68959
308-832-1600

Remington S. Slama #27389
KLEIN, BREWSTER, BRANDT
& MESSERSMITH
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 272
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308-832-2150
minden@kleinbrewster.com
Oct 9, 2025
Oct 16, 2025
Oct 23, 2025
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NOTICE**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Minden Public Schools, a.k.a. Kearney County School District No. 50-0503, will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Minden High School Media Center. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent.

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NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND
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KEARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT 0503
(MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
IN THE
STATE OF NEBRASKA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of Kearney County School District 0503 (Minden Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") that a special election has been called and will be held in the District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

"Shall Kearney County School District 0503 (Minden Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$27,285,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of construction and acquisition of a new elementary school building, site and public infrastructure improvements, modifications to the District's existing buildings and facilities, and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such buildings and facilities of the District; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education;"

and

"Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?"

FOR such Bonds and tax

○ AGAINST such Bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "FOR such Bonds and tax" following the proposition.

Electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "AGAINST such Bonds and tax" following the proposition.

Ballots for early voting may be obtained from the County Election Commissioner's office.

By Mail Election

This election will be an election by mail. All registered voters residing within Kearney County School District 0503 (Minden Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska will receive their ballot by mail, and therefore, no polling places will be open for voting. Ballots will be mailed by the Election Commissioner not sooner than the 22nd day and not later than the 10th day before the election date of November 4, 2025 (between October 13, 2025, and October 25, 2025). Upon receipt of the official ballot, the registered voter shall mark it, seal the ballot in the identification envelope supplied with the ballot, sign the identification envelope, and comply with the instructions provided with the ballot.

Voter Registration Dead-

lines

The deadline to register to vote at an agency, online, with a deputy registrar, by mail, or delivered by an agent is the third Friday before the election date (October 17, 2025). The deadline for in-person registration is the second Friday before the election date (October 24, 2025), by 6:00 p.m. at the County Election Commissioner's office for the County in which the voter lives. Any voter who changes information on a current registration or registers to vote after the ballots have been mailed but before such in-person registration deadline will be given a ballot at the time of registration or change. Ballots for early voting may be obtained at the Election Commissioner's office of the County in which the voter lives.

Ballot Return Deadline

Voted ballots, sealed in the completed identification envelope and completed in accordance with the instructions provided with the ballot, must be delivered by mail, in person, or by an agent to the Election Commissioner. Ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION OF KEARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT 0503 (MINDEN
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Comedic actor Rogen
5. Bits per inch
8. Tire pressure measurement
11. Angels great Mike
13. Own (Scottish)
14. Notable FI racing team
15. Upper bract of grass
16. Tax collector
17. Electronic counter-countermeasures
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Skeletal muscle
21. Popular fish type
22. Salts of acetic acid
25. Arriving early
30. Worded
31. Single Lens Reflex
32. Amphibians
33. Warm greeting
38. Belonging to a thing
41. Segmented worm
43. Concerns
45. Audacious
47. Wings
49. Type of drug
50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
55. Island close to the U.S.
56. "To the ___ degree"
57. Daniel ___, French composer
59. A way to march
60. Where golfers begin
61. Spiritual leader
62. Of she
63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

1. Engine additive
2. Amounts of time
3. Fragrant brown balsam

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4. Color properties
5. One who hands over
6. Thieves of the sea
7. Put in
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Pouches
10. Systems, doctrines, theories
12. Greek alphabet letter
14. Greek goddess of youth
19. Satisfy
23. Partly digested food
24. Dictator
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. A major division of geological time
28. Angry
29. St. Francis of ___
34. Romanian monetary unit
35. Stale
36. Go quickly
37. Commercial
39. Canadian city

40. One who slices
41. Perform perfectly
42. Nest of pheasants
44. Tactile sensations
45. Sword
46. Climactic
47. Adrenocorticotrophin
48. Fisherman's tool
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
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58. Get free of

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How to protect yourself from this scam

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- *Contact your state’s charity regulator to verify that the organization is registered to raise money there.
- *Pay attention to the charity’s name and web address. Scammers often mimic the names of familiar, trusted organizations to deceive donors.
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Last week was homecoming at Axtell Community School. The Axtell Homecoming court (above) included Landen Eckhoff, Madison Wells, Easton Bergstrom, Emily Danburg, Reece Hunt, and Ella Hardenbrook (not pictured). King Landen Eckhoff and Queen Ella Hardenbrook were crowned during the football game against Blue Hill on October 3. (Courtesy photos)



Last week was homecoming at Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools. The Wilcox-Hildreth Homecoming court was Brody Patterson, Cody Schriener, Cauly Twohig, Dinah Culp, Cheyenne Leib, and Kamryn Russell. The coronation was held on October 3 following the football game against Franklin. Pictured left to right: King Candidates Cody Schriener and Cauly Twohig, Crown Bearer Sawyer Scott, 2024 Rep. Zayden Wilsey, King Brody Patterson, Queen Kamryn Russell, 2024 Queen Reagan Johnson, Crown Bearer Gwen Harms, and Queen Candidates Cheyenne Lieb and Dinah Culp. (Courtesy photos)

