

'Tis The Season To Visit Minden

CINDY RAMSEY

Early holiday festivities kicked off in the Christmas City on November 14th with the Ladies Night Out 'Light Up the Night' event. Businesses were open late and vendors were set up at the Minden Opera House for an evening of holiday shopping, lights, trivia, and prizes. The Minden Chamber of Commerce, its partners, and many businesses, organizations, and volunteers have a full schedule of Christmas Traditions festivities planned to share holiday cheer with residents and visitors from November 22 through December 21.

All events are subject to changes or cancellation based on weather. Visit www.mindennc.org/signatureevents for the most up to date schedule.

Saturday, November 22

9am-3pm — Vintage Christmas Market at Kearney County Fairgrounds. Help fill Santa's bag by bringing canned goods for the local food pantry.

Friday, November 28

Santa's mailbox will be put out between Minden Exchange Bank and the Post Office November 28-December 15. Letters will be available for children to fill out for Santa on the City's Facebook page, City Hall, Jensen Memorial Library and the City's website. All letters will receive a reply from Santa if a legible mailing address is provided.

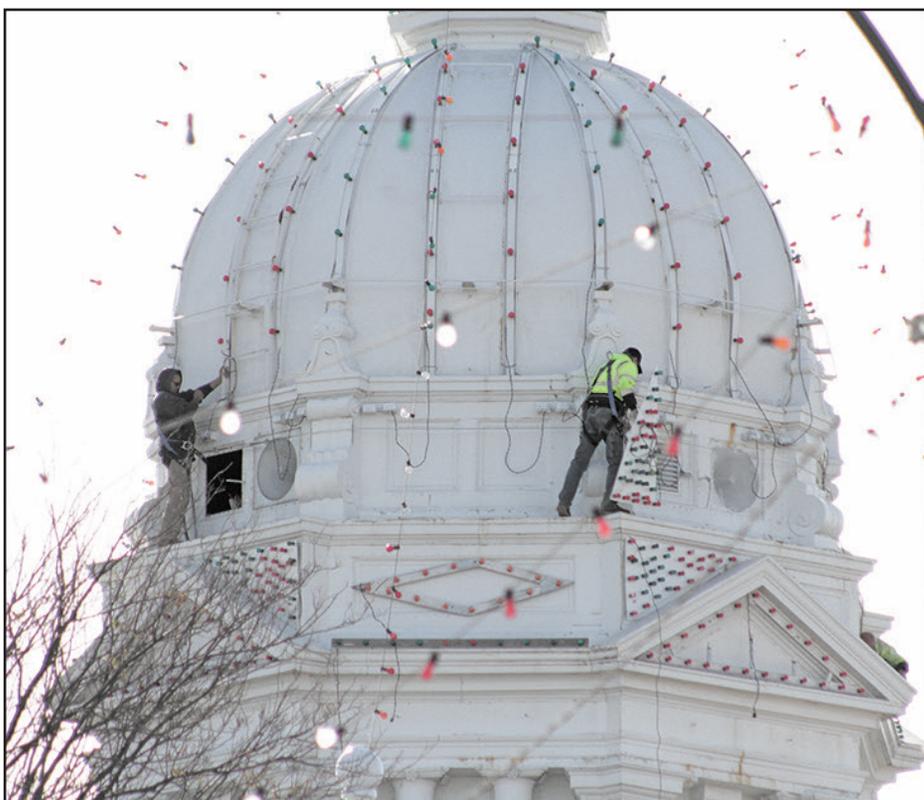
Saturday, November 29

Small Business Saturday - Shop Local

Christmas City Festival- The theme is "Minden - The Christmas Movie"

8am-12pm — Rotary Club will host a freewill donation pancake feed at Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Enjoy a warm breakfast and be sure to say hello to Santa while you're there!

8:30am — Christmas City 5K Fun Run and Little Elves 1/2 mile run beginning at Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Registration forms can be found on the Minden Chamber website at mindenne.org. Registration for the 5K is \$20. Kids under age 12 run free in the Little



City crews have finished hanging Christmas lights and the Minden Chamber of Commerce and its partners have lined up a slew of events from November 22 through December that are sure to brighten the season of residents and visitors to Nebraska's Christmas City. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Weather Forecast

Nov. 21:	43/31	
Nov. 22:	54/31	
Nov. 23:	57/29	
Nov. 24:	52/35	
Nov. 25:	54/30	
Nov. 26:	43/21	
Nov. 27:	37/19	



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News Briefs

Paws Up Kearney County

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

Christmas City 5K Run/Walk & Little Elf Run

The Minden Chamber of Commerce will host the 15th annual Christmas City 5K Run/Walk & Little Elf Run on Saturday, November 29. Registration begins at 8:30am, Little Elf 1/2 Mile starts at 9am, and the 5K starts at 9:30am all at Westminster United Presbyterian Church, 109 N. Colorado Avenue.

Registration is \$20 per entry for the 5K and free for the Little Elf Run. Registration forms can be found at the Chamber office and www.minden.org on the event page.

Costumes are encouraged. Celebrate the race with pancakes during the Minden Rotary Pancake Feed at the church the same morning.

WIC Clinic Dates

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

Kearney County Caring Tree

The Caring Tree will go up at Mason's Market on November 21st and stay up until all tags have been removed. Secret Santas can select tags and purchase gifts for recipients. Gifts can be dropped off at Westminster Presbyterian Church on December 10th from 9am-noon or December 11th from 3-6pm.

The Kearney County Goodfellows will once again provide food baskets to Caring Tree recipients. Pickup date for gifts and food baskets will be December 13th 8-11am at Westminster Presbyterian Church. You must pickup on that date. If you cannot make it you must make arrangements to have someone pickup for you. There will be NO delivery of gifts and food baskets.

Letters to Santa

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

Breakfast with Santa

Jensen Memorial Library will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6 at 10am. This event includes stories, food, crafts, games, and visits with Santa. Registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling the library or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/yemzwx56>.

Christmas on the Prairie

Get ready to jingle all the way to the past with Christmas on the Prairie, a festive celebration spanning the decades, at Pioneer Village Saturday, December 6 from 10am-7pm and Sunday, December 7 from 10am-4pm.

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Rotary Annual Breakfast Features Santa Claus

BENNETT JOHNSON, MINDEN ROTARY

The Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast, which will be held at Westminster United Presbyterian Church (109 N Colorado Avenue) during the 15th Annual Christmas City Run/Walk on Saturday, November 29, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, will feature a special guest: Santa Claus!

The Pancake Breakfast is a free will donation event. "100% of the funds raised are used on The Rotary Club of Minden's community projects," said Don Peterson, the event organizer. "Every year our club gives dictionaries to all of the third graders in Kearney County, and the pancake feed covers much of the expense associated with that project."

"This year the event will be particularly special. Santa will be there to greet children, thanks to support from Minden Exchange Bank," added Peterson.

The breakfast menu features sausage, beverages and, of course, pancakes hot off the griddle. "Club members donate the food and labor so that all of the raised funds can go back into our community projects," said Peterson.

The Rotary Club of Minden will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2026. The club is planning a community celebration on June 13, 2026 at which they will donate a 25-foot flagpole to the City of Minden, which will be placed at Chataqua Park. "Everyone is invited," said Peterson, "so mark your calendars!"

The Rotary Club of Minden meets at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Minden Opera House. For more information email the club at info@mindenrotary.com.

Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
11/8/25	54	39	-
11/9/25	38	28	-
11/10/25	44	21	-
11/11/25	64	34	-
11/12/25	60	39	-
11/13/25	64	43	-
11/14/25	74	43	-
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Elf Run. Registration begins at 8:30am. The Little Elf Run begins at 9am with the 5K race to follow at 9:30am. Participants are encouraged to wear holiday-themed clothes or costumes for the run.

2pm-4pm — Miss Christmas City Pageant at Minden Opera House. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Adults \$10, Students K-12 \$5, Kids 4&under free.

5:15pm — Lighted Christmas Parade on the square. Illuminated parade floats and festively decorated vehicles will light up the night as local businesses, organizations, and individuals show off their most magical and captivating mobile displays. Registration for the parade is now open and can be found at <https://www.mindennc.org/christmas-city-parade/>

6:30pm — Light of the World Pageant on the north and west courthouse lawn November 29, December 7, and December 14. Hot chocolate and candy canes to follow.

Sunday, November 30

11am-1pm — Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed at Windmill Studio

Friday, December 5

9am-4pm — Kearney County Historical Society garage & bake sale at the Minden Exchange Bank Community Room

Saturday, December 6

9am-4pm — Kearney County Historical Society garage & bake sale at the Minden Exchange Bank Community Room

10am — Breakfast & Books with Santa at Jensen Memorial Library. No cost to attend, but registration is required. Space is limited so register early. Contact Jensen Memorial Library to register.

10am-4pm — Harold Warp Pioneer Village Christmas. A festive celebration spanning the decades at Pioneer Village. Reenactors will bring Christamses of the past alive and there will be plenty of old fashioned holiday fun for the whole family. Be sure to get your picture taken with Santa during your visit and take a hayrack ride from the Village to downtown to enjoy the Christmas lights.

Sunday, December 7

10am-7pm — Harold Warp Pioneer Village Christmas. A festive celebration spanning the decades at Pioneer Village. Reenactors will bring Christamses of the past alive and there will be plenty of old fashioned holiday fun for the whole family. Hayrack rides will be given from the Village to downtown to enjoy the pageant.

Minden Courier Football Contest Winners Week 12

ROGER HANSEN

Week 12 of the Courier Football Contest produced seven one-miss entries. All seven fumbled on the Oklahoma win over Alabama.

When the officials unplied the assemblage of those looking for the prize, two contestants came out of the scrum both able to claim a share of first place. Pat Duntz of Minden and Corey Ziola of Minden, will each receive \$20. Their tie-breaker guesses of 62 points (actual--Ohio State 48, UCLA 10, TOTAL 58) earned them possession of the money.

Other one-miss entries and their points guess: Bo Hansen, Blair (52), Cray Stubbs, Minden (49), Lisa Fries, Minden (48), Sharon Bruening, Minden (48) and Jim Bruening, Minden (47).

Most missed games-- Oklahoma over Alabama, USC over Iowa and Notre Dame over Pitt.

Results from the Weeks 13 & 14 contests will be published in the December 4th issue of the Courier due to an early deadline for the November 27th issue.

5pm-6:30pm — 'Souper Sunday' Soup Supper at Minden Community Center. Enjoy a warm meal and conversation prior to the pageant.

6:30pm — Light of the World Pageant on the north and west courthouse lawn. Hot chocolate and candy canes to follow.

Saturday, December 13

9am-12pm — Holy Family Catholic Church gift wrapping and bake sale at Minden Community Center.

Sunday, December 14

10am-2pm — Boy Scouts Soup Supper at Windmill Studio

5pm — Christmas Choir Concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church

5pm-6:30pm — Paws Up 'Pug-tato' Bar Fundraiser at Windmill Studio

5:30pm — Hayrack rides from Pioneer Village to Downtown

6:30pm — Light of the World Pageant on the north and west courthouse lawn. Hot chocolate and candy canes to follow.

Friday, December 19

7:30pm — Christmas Traditions with Lucas Hoge concert at Minden Opera House. Tickets on sale now for \$25 each.

Sunday, December 21

Polar Express at Minden Opera House. The annual event begins with the reading of the "Polar Express" book. At the conclusion of the storytelling, cookies & hot chocolate are served (along with a special appearance by Santa Claus) with the feature film following the refreshments. The event is geared toward families with children ages 4th grade and under, but all are welcome. Children are welcome to bring their pillows and come dressed in their pajamas for this magical Christmas event, but please limit to one pillow and blanket per child. Please note that most seating is on the theater floor. Tickets are on sale now Adult \$8, Children (8&under) \$3.

TAP. PAY. GO!

School Board Celebrates District Successes

CINDY RAMSEY

The November 10 regular meeting of the Minden City Council got underway with a presentation by FFA members Lizzie Nielsen and Melissa Johnson. The girls shared information about a career day their ag business class hosted on October 23. The event featured over 30 career professionals as well as 12 colleges that allowed students to gather information about careers they may be interested in and which programs are available at the colleges to pursue the degrees necessary for their chosen profession.

Diving into the short agenda, the board approved the consent agenda including minutes from the October 13 meeting, financial reports, and bills and claims for payment. During principal reports, East Elementary Principal



Sandy Pohl shared that the third grade students were visited by the MHS Biology class earlier in the day to learn more about the body's systems. Midwest Meats donated an esophagus, lungs and heart for dissection. The high school students ran each station guiding the younger students on the inner workings of the human body.

Activity Director Jason Strong noted in his report that a highly competitive and highly successful fall sports season has wrapped up. While congratulating the students for their efforts, he also offered a public thank you to all of the coaches for their amazing work. He noted MPS is fortunate to have such great leaders willing to put in the time, offer their expertise, and make a commitment to the program. C.L. Jones Middle School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Ed Rowse agreed with this sentiment noting how thankful he is to have positive, good people dedicated to helping students in their sports and activities. Student involvement continues to grow in part thanks to the commitment and dedication of the coaching staff.

The board then reviewed the district audit. The district received an unmodified opinion which is the best you can get from an audit. Superintendent Jim Widdifield complimented Jeremy Knajdl on his exemplary work ensuring the audit process ran smoothly. The district audit was approved as presented.

Final business on the agenda was approval of a resolution authorizing the district to become a member of the Nebraska Educational Building Association, a Nebraska Interlocal Entity, by agreeing to and executing the interlocal cooperation act agreement dated May 15, 2023 as an additional member of such interlocal entity. The agreement was reviewed by the district's legal counsel. This is a financial mechanism that allows the district to service long term debt through its special building fund



East Elementary third grade students were visited by the MHS Biology class for a lesson on the human body and its systems on November 10. High school students ran each station as the younger students learned how the body works. (Courier photos by Ashley Bebensee)

to issue revenue bonds rather than obligation bonds for the elementary building project. Members of the board had several questions that were all answered favorably and the resolution was approved.

The next regular meeting of the MPS Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 8 at 7pm in the MHS Media Center.

The Amazing Angel-Man



The Minden Play Production team performed their show, 'The Amazing Angel-Man' for a packed house during the annual public performance on November 11. The play production competition season is underway with the Whippets hosting multiple schools on November 21-22 for the annual Minden Play Production Rumble followed by SWC in Cozad on November 24 and District competition in Minden on December 3 for a chance to perform at the State competition in Norfolk on December 12. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)



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Veterans Day Celebrations



Axtell Community School, Minden Public Schools, and Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools hosted Veterans Day celebrations to honor local veterans. The programs included breakfast, musical performances by students, special readings and speeches, and recognition of veterans. Pictured are the Minden FCCLA veterans breakfast, Wilcox K-12 Choir singing the Star Spangled Banner, Axtell's McCoy Thorell and Clifford Behrhorst retiring the colors, and special guest speaker MSGT Ret. Danelle Nelson addressing the Minden audience with her story of resilience. Visit themindencourier.com for more photos of the celebrations. (Courier photos by Phil Serrone, Ashley Bebensee, and Cindy Ramsey)



Cashing In to Honor Vets



Matt Cavanaugh, owner of Headquarters bar in Minden, has been saving the aluminum cans from his business in a grain bin for the past 10 years. Last week the cans were loaded and taken to Alter Metal Recycling. The resulting funds were donated to the Kearney County Veteran Memorial fund. Cavanaugh is now challenging others to collect and turn in their own aluminum and donate to the Kearney County Veteran Memorial fund. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner)





FFA Students of the Month



MINDEN

Name: Hailey Petersen **Grade:** Sophomore

SAE: Cattle Production

Involvement: Hailey has continuously been involved in the Minden FFA Chapter for three years. Starting in FFA as an 8th grader, she has been eager to participate in contests, events, and conferences. Hailey most recently placed 4th overall at the District 6 Livestock Judging Contest on Nov. 12. There were over 180 participants in this contest. Hailey has secured her ticket to the State FFA Convention in March, leading her team to a 2nd place finish overall. Last term, Hailey was one of the top members with leadership points in the chapter.



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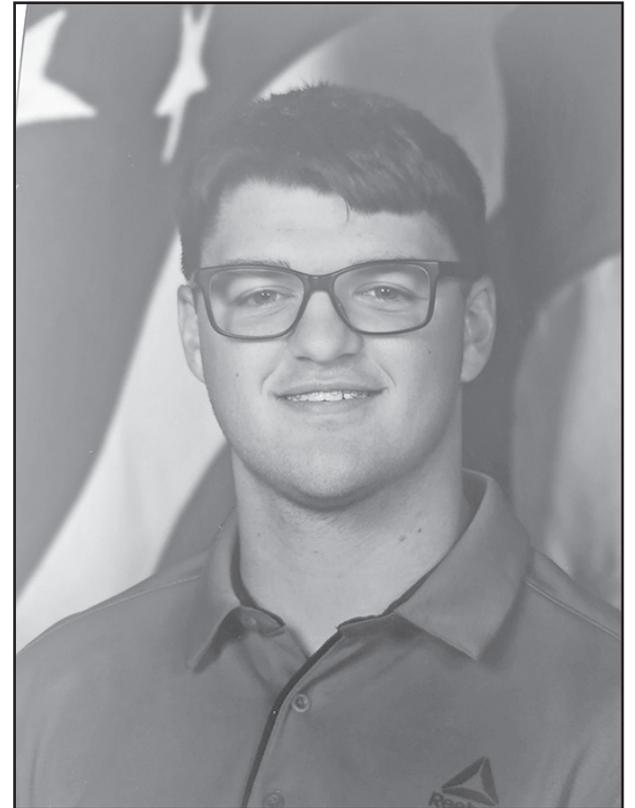
Name: Nora Sonnenfeld

Grade: Senior

Supervised Agricultural Experience: Nora has a show cattle SAE. Since starting her SAE project, she has learned a lot about caring for her livestock, getting them ready for shows, and providing them with the right amount and type of feed, as well as time management and responsibility.

Involvement in the chapter: Nora has been a dedicated member of the Axtell FFA program since her 7th grade year when she first joined. Nora currently serves as the Axtell FFA president and has held other officer positions in the past. She helps to plan FFA activities and makes sure the meetings and events run smoothly as well as encourages members to be involved.

Recent successes: Nora recently competed in the District Livestock Judging contest where she earned a blue ribbon. Nora is looking forward to competing in Leadership Development Events and Spring CDE's, as well as applying for her State FFA Degree later this school year.



WILCOX-HILDRETH

Name: Grayson Johnson

Grade: 11th Grade

Supervised Agricultural Experience: Johnson Farms-Poultry, Cattle, Crops

Involvement in the chapter: I am the 2025-2026 Secretary for the Wilcox-Hildreth FFA Chapter. I have been involved in many different FFA competitions such as Land Judging, Livestock Judging, and Livestock Management.

Recent successes: I had recent success in Land Judging, placing 71st out of over 200 participants.

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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, Nov. 21: BREAKFAST: Cheese omelet, banana bread; LUNCH: Pulled pork on a bun, chips

Monday, Nov. 24: BREAKFAST: Fruit parfait, granola; LUNCH: Oriental chicken, rice

Tuesday, Nov. 25: BREAKFAST: Mini waffles, sausage; LUNCH: Pepperoni pizza

Wednesday, Nov. 26: BREAKFAST: Biscuits, sausage gravy; LUNCH: Vegetable beef soup, dinner roll

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 21: NMEA All State Convention; Minden Play Production Festival, 3 p.m.; 7/8 Boys WR @ Kearney Sunrise, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22: NMEA All State Convention; Minden Play Production Festival, 8 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: SWC One Act Plays, 10 a.m.; 7/8 Boys WR @ Holdrege Quad, 4:30 p.m.; 7/8 Girls BB vs. Doniphan-Trumbull, 4:30 p.m.; V Girls/Boys BB Jamboree vs. Aurora, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: 7/8 Boys WR @ Cambridge Quad, 1 p.m.; NHS Induction, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Early Release, 2 p.m./2:10 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27: NO SCHOOL, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

Axtell Community School

MENUS:

Friday, Nov. 21: LUNCH: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, mixed vegetables

Monday, Nov. 24: LUNCH: Chicken & waffle sandwich, hash browns OR Cranberry, walnut & chicken on lettuce

Tuesday, Nov. 25: LUNCH: Beef & bean tostada OR Turkey sub

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 21: JH WR @ Medicine Valley Invite, 12 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: PP @ FKC Invite-The Tassel Holdrege, 8 a.m.; Boys/Girls BB HOF Scrimmage @ Ravenna, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: JH WR Axtell Quad, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Nov. 27: NO SCHOOL

Friday, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

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, Nov. 21: BREAKFAST: Granola bar; LUNCH: Thanksgiving meal

Monday, Nov. 24: BREAKFAST: Donuts; LUNCH: Chicken fajita

Tuesday, Nov. 25: BREAKFAST: Cinnamon rolls; LUNCH: Spaghetti bar

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Nov. 21: One Act all team members, 7 a.m.; JH WR @ Medicine Valley Invite, 10 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: FKC One Act @ The Tassel Holdrege, 9 a.m.; Red Cross Blood Drive-north gym, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Winter Sport & Activity photos; 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; JH WR @ Axtell Quad, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Nov. 27: NO SCHOOL

Friday, Nov. 28: NO SCHOOL

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, Nov. 24: Chicken & noodles over mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, fruit & dessert

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Scalloped potatoes with ham, beets, biscuits, fruit & dessert

Thursday, Nov. 27: Center Closed Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 28: Center Closed Happy Thanksgiving

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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

The Kearney County Sunday School Association elected Roy Bang, president; Mrs. Howard Straney, vice president; and Mrs. Urban Meyer, secretary-treasurer.

The Cave, located at the sign of the Flying Red Horse Service Station at the junction of Highways 6 and 10, advertised Sunday dinners: thick-cut Swiss steak, 80 cents; fresh baked ham, 75 cents. Both were served with potatoes, vegetable, salad, Vienna bread and dessert.

McBride Motors showed the 1946 Ford on V-8 Day with 1000 spectators viewing the new car.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

Arthur L. Anderson received an award at the Hastings convention of conservation districts for Kearney County for conservation practices he has carried out on his farm.

Members and friends of the Keene Evangelical Mission Church celebrated the 75th anniversary of the church founding. The origin of the church as a religious organization in the Keene community went back to Nov. 25, 1880, when a meeting was held at the home of L. Rothsten and name of Church of God at Keene was adopted.

Harold "Hilly" Beck, former Minden High School athlete now at Hastings College, was chosen for the all-conference football team for the Nebraska College Conference for the

1955 season.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Juniors initiated into the National Honor Society were Richard Armstrong, Gary Bergsten, Donna Borgaard, Dennis Brewer, Patricia Cronin, Carole Dornhoff, Francis (Steve) Eckhoff, Gloria Frandsen, Theresa Hawe, Kent Holsten, Anna Beth Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Candice Jurgens, Rosemary Kuehn, Connie Lammers, Kay Nelson, Mary Kay Nelson, Karen Nielsen, James Oder, Gina Paul, David Randall, Fred Schwartz, Trudy Strine, Curtiss Stade and Susan Horan. Mrs. Marian Dinnis and Larry Phillips were sponsors.

Seniors on the first nine weeks honor roll were Joyce Albers, Patricia Armstrong, Richard Chappell, Geraldine Deisley, Tom Hedges, Betty Hoffman, Virginia Horan, Shirley Klanecky, Richard Kuper, Terry Nelson, Marian Taylor and Mike Wortman.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

The first snowstorm of the year turned into a full-blown blizzard as ten to 12 inches of snow piled up in huge drifts.

Minden High School students presented "Fiddler on the Roof" with Kevin Christensen starring as Tevye and Mary Thomsen as Golde.

Dr. Tim Chappell, son of Dr. and Mrs. E.R. Chappell, was chosen as one of two winners in the second annual Student Research Day competition at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

Cribbage players placing at the Sandhills Cribbage Classic were Sam Samuelson, fourth; and Mike Pittner, sixth.

The Wilcox community celebrated a 99th birthday celebration as a preview to the coming Wilcox Centennial.

Emma Wasson celebrated her 90th birthday with relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anderson. Wasson was also honored at an East View Court birthday party.



2015 — SFC Chris Gross, SGT Bradly Cunningham and Jack Yant conduct a flag folding ceremony during the Minden Public Schools 2015 Veterans Day Service at C.L. Jones Gymnasium.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

Although farmers had been faced with a number of adverse weather conditions, many of the crops in the area were better than expected.

A second meeting concerning a possible Axtell golf course yielded information about a possible site for the course, north of the football field and North Park.

Honor students at Axtell, the students with the highest grade point average in each class, were Kris Oberg, senior; John Gilbreath, junior; Megan Strolberg, sophomore; Brett Lindau, freshman; Troy Lieberth, eighth grade; and Michelle Wells, seventh grade.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

The Axtell Wildcats continued an undefeated season with a 38-6 victory over the Crawford Rams in the D1 state semifinals. The win set them up to face five-time defending champion Howells Bobcats in the D1 finals.

Members of the Minden High School FBLA met with city of Minden mayor Lathan Thompson at city hall. Thompson signed an American Enterprise Day proclamation.

National Guard PFC Jennifer Kleeb spoke during the Salute to Veterans Assembly held at C.L. Jones Middle School.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

The Wilcox-Hildreth FFA Chapter received a generous donation of \$20,000 to help fund the future agriculture education building at Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools. The donation was initiated by Cooperative Producers, Inc., with contributions from Land O'Lakes, Inc., and CoBank.

The Minden Special Olympics #1 & #2 teams competed in a flag football competition in Lincoln. Our unified teams played teams within Nebraska and a team from Oklahoma. Minden Team #1 took gold in their division. Minden Team #2 took silver in their division.

The Minden Rotary Club presented the entire third grade class at East Elementary each a dictionary. The Rotary Club has been giving dictionaries to every third grade student in Minden, Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth since 2006.

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Sunday, Nov. 23: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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Sunday, Nov. 23: Fellowship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship service, 10:30 a.m.

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Matthew Snell, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 23: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Craig Richardson, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 23: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Campbell

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Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Saturday, Nov. 22: Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23: Mass, 8 a.m.

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Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Thursday, Nov. 20: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23: Contemporary Worship with First Communion, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Healing Services at both services Stay connected with our website, Bethanyminden.org

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Fredericksburg Lutheran

616 33 Road

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Communion served 2nd Monday each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic
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Father Evan Winter

Saturday, Nov. 22: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

Sunday, Nov. 23: Mass, 10:30 a.m.; (in Spanish at 12:30 p.m.); confessions before Mass

St. Paul Lutheran
206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Friday, Nov. 21: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23: Bible

Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 28: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist
340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 23: Worship, 10 a.m.; Confirmation, 11:15 a.m.

Westminster United Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 23: Worship & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;

Hanging of the Greens & Coffee Fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; Community Choir Practice, 4 p.m.;

Communion 1st Sundays

Wilcox

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Kenton Birtell, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 23: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist
203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 23: Worship, 9 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday every month

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106 W. Detroit St.

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SPORTS

Jorgensen Named NGA Girls Golfer of the Year

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One more honor rolled in for Minden senior KayLynn Jorgensen this year as she was recently named the Nebraska Golf Association's 2025 Girls Golfer of the Year.

KayLynn secured her first NGA title this summer and ran away with the points race to earn her first postseason award. She also won four other junior tournaments, and finished in the top three 10 times during the summer season.

Committed to South Dakota, she broke through to win the 63rd Nebraska Girls' match Play Championship at Riverside Golf Club in Grand Island in July.

That win put a cap on an already impressive year for KayLynn. She finished tied for third at the Nebraska Girls' Amateur in June, and followed that up with a win at the Nebraska Junior PGA Championship. She also finished 17th at the 51st Nebraska Women's Amateur in June.



KayLynn was a force on the Nebraska Junior Golf Tour as well, winning two spring events and the NJG Tour Championship. She finished runner-up in two other NLJG events.

Last month she put a bow on her prep career by winning the NSAA Class C individual title--which counts toward the 2026 points race--while also leading the Whippets to the team championship.

KayLynn, who is captain of the NGA honorary all-star team as well, will be honored at the Nebraska Golf Association's Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, November 21 at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln.

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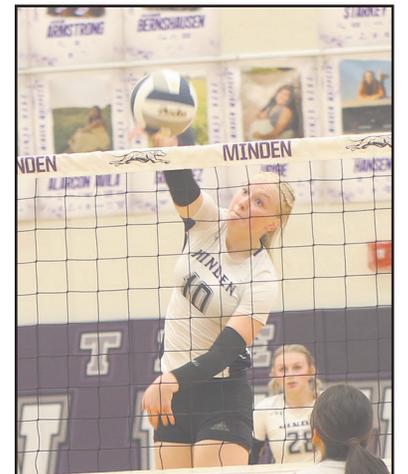
Lady Whippets Break School Records

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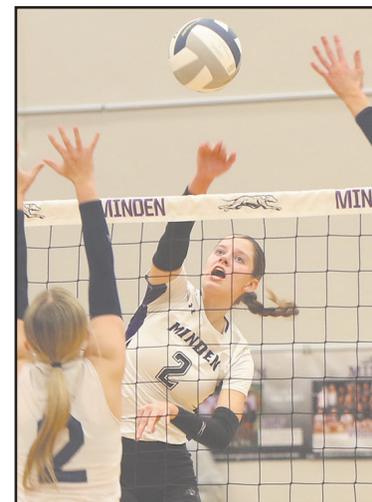
A couple members of the 2025 Minden volleyball team added their names atop some statistical categories.

Sophomore Aly Cederburg broke the school record for blocks in a season with 87. The previous record was held by Kyla Swanson with 84 in 2015.

Senior Myla Emery established a new Minden record for career aces with 256. Mattie Kamery was the previous record holder with 250. Additionally, Myla holds the season record for aces with 78. She (in '24) and Carlie Bauer (in 2011) held the previous benchmark with 77.



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Obituaries

Randolph A. Groothuis, 82 - Rural Hildreth Resident



Randolph A. Groothuis, 82, of rural Hildreth, passed away on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at Accura Health-Care in Franklin. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at Zion Lutheran Church, west of Macon, with Rev. Marcia Dorn officiating. Interment was held following the service at the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery. Visitation with family present was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Randolph's honor are kindly suggested to Zion Lutheran

Church in Macon. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Randolph Albert Groothuis was born on January 29, 1943, in rural Bloomington, NE to Ed and Sophia (Fegter) Groothuis. He grew up eight miles south of Hildreth, and attended District 22 grade school, Wilcox High School and Milford Trade School. He entered the Kansas National Guard where he faithfully served from February 14, 1966, to February 11, 1972.

He was baptized and confirmed at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ash Grove and later became a member at Zion Lutheran Church in Macon. Randolph continued to live on the family homeplace and worked for Blank Motor Company in Franklin as a mechanic. After his father passed away, he began working solely on the family farm.

Randolph was a hard worker and enjoyed tending to the livestock. He could fix or build anything and always had a project he was working on. He loved spending time with family visiting, especially with his nieces and nephews.

Those left to cherish his memory include his brother, Fred Groothuis of rural Hildreth; sister-in-law, Ruby Groothuis of Funk; nephews, Joel (Traci) Groothuis and family of Wilcox, and Brad (Carla) Groothuis and family of Funk; nieces, Leta (Scott)

Weibold and family of North Bend, Sharon (Tony) Krueger and family of Blue Hill, Michelle Groothuis of Kearney, Myrna (Collin) Emmons and family of Lincoln, and Michelle Screen and family of Florida; as well as a host of great-nephews, great-nieces, extended

relatives and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Erwin (Evon), Marvin, Kenneth, Arnold and Ralph.

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

Julienne M. Gasseling, 56 - Minden Resident



Julienne M. Gasseling, 56, of Minden, passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at her home following a seventeen-month battle with cancer. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials in Julienne honor are kindly suggested to the family for an education fund for her three grandsons. Craig Funeral Home in Minden is assisting the family.

Julienne Marie Gasseling was born December 6, 1968, to Sylvester and Judy (Stower) Gasseling of Hemingford Nebraska. Julienne graduated from Hemingford High School in 1987 and Chadron State College in 1991 with a degree in Business Administration. After graduation Julienne went to work for the Alliance Times Herald, in

Alliance Nebraska until 1993 when she moved to Minden NE, where she was the editor of the Minden Courier until 1997 when she took a position at Baldwin (Parker) Filters. She worked there for 27 years.

Julienne was blessed with two amazing sons and a bonus daughter. These children provided her with six grandsons who were the light of her life, she loved spending time with them.

Julienne spent many hours leading her son's Scouting groups and coaching their baseball.

Julienne loved to travel, even though she had to work she managed to squeeze in a few fun trips here and there, she loved Alaska, Charleston and Yellowstone.

In June of 2024 Julienne began her courageous battle with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. She did it with a smile on her face and was a true thriver. On August 30th of 2025, Julienne and Tim Head celebrated their love with a commitment ceremony after nine years of being together.

Those left to cherish her memory include her spouse, Tim Head; father, Sylvester Gasseling; sister, Kathleen (Verlin) Downing-Schaefer; sons, Evan (Isabella) Gasseling and their sons: Jason and Henry, and Andrew Gasseling and his son, Weston; bonus daughter, McKenna Wilcox and her children: Kamdyn, Korbyn, and Keisyn; nephews,

Jacob (Megan) Downing and their daughter, Jubilee Downing; Matthew Downing, and Michael Downing and fiancé Lexi; brother-in-law, Scott Downing and partner, Terri; as well as a host of extended relatives and close friends.

She was preceded in death by mother, Judy Stower Gasseling.

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

The family of John Maxon would like to say "Thank You"

to everyone who touched John's life during these difficult past 20 months. John's cancer treatment was blessed by the care of wonderful people at Kearney County Health Services, Mary Sanning Hospital, University of NE Medical Center, Morrison Cancer Center, and Tabitha Hospice.

We extend a special thanks to the staff of Craig Funeral Home. A special thank you goes out to all of his coworkers and customers at Boggarts in Kearney. Everyone respected, cared for, and looked out for John when he was not able to fulfill his work schedule but did his best to be there. We would also like to thank all of our customers at our family business, Auto Way Bowl. You all continually asked, cared, and prayed for him, and we so appreciate you all.

And last, we would like to thank all our family and friends and everyone who brought food or sent a memorial.

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Kearney County District Court

Long Agronomics, et al Pat Long, Upland vs. 5T Agronomy, et al Steven Turecek, Minden; contract dispute, 10-31-25

Amanda E. Schulz, Axtell vs. Joshua M. Darrigan, Axtell; dissolution of marriage, 10-30-25

Kearney County County Court

Emma J. Talkington, Axtell, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 7-23-25

Lucio Abril S. Medrano, Monument, New Mexico, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 10-25-25

Dawn Theer, Lawrence, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 9-30-25

Justin J. Sindt, Elm Creek, speeding 16-20 MPH County/State, fine \$200, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Clark, 9-30-25

Crystal M. Hess, Hastings, speeding 11-15 MPH County/State, fine \$125, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Bauer, 10-3-25

Andrea Tobaben, Axtell, no valid registration-car/

pickup/step van, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 10-1-25

Gabryel N. Darnell, Minden, no valid registration-car/pickup/step van, fine \$25, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 10-2-25

Macenzie Heckman, Minden, speeding 6-10 MPH County/State, fine \$75, Nebraska State Patrol Officer Margritz, 10-2-25

Minden Fire & Rescue

10-31-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched.

11-1-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Bethany Home for a fall.

11-3-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Midwest Meat Company for a 2 vehicle accident.

11-4-25—The Minden Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Minden High School for an automatic fire alarm.

11-7-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to R Road for difficulty breathing.

11-9-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to S. Nebraska Avenue.

11-10-25—The Minden Emergency Unit was dispatched to Brown Avenue for a lift assist.

Axtell Fire & Rescue

11-2-25—The Axtell Fire & Rescue was dispatched to 25

Road for a 2 vehicle accident with injuries.

Kearney County Sheriff

10-31-25, A vehicle driven by Desirae Nicole Hale, Minden was westbound on Highway 6, when a vehicle driven by Angel Gabriel Madriz-Navarrete, Minden who was stopped at the stop sign, pulled in front of Hale while making a left turn. Estimated damage, Hale: \$5,000. Estimated damage, Madriz-Navarrete: \$5,000.

11-2-25, A vehicle driven by Joseph Wayne Evans, Holdrege and a vehicle driven by Nolan Victor Meyers, Arapahoe, were traveling south on Highway 44. Evans slowed because a vehicle in front of it was slowing to turn east onto a private drive. After the vehicle turned, Evans began to accelerate when Meyers impacted the rear of Evans. Estimated damage, Evans: \$10,000. Estimated damage, Meyers: \$10,000.

11-6-25, A vehicle driven by Aliena M. Osterbuhr, Minden, was heading north on Highway 10 when it struck a raccoon. Estimated damage: \$2,000.



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NOTICE

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Agendas for the November 10, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education were posted locally. Included in the notification were the time, place, date, and items on the agenda. Notice of meeting was published in the paper. Approved by the

board were minutes from the meeting held October 13, financial reports, claims against the General Fund, and District audit. Also approved was interlocal agreement to become a member of Nebraska Educational Building Association. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office. NOVEMBER 2025 - GENERAL FUND CLAIMS - CenturyLink, \$464.97; Minden Exchange Bank, \$34.90; Wright Express Fleet Services, \$1,302.75; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, \$758.77; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$1,227.68; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$197,273.82; Fiduciary Trust Company, \$2,000.00; Horace Mann Life Insurance Company, \$1,275.00; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$2,577.68; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., \$7,160.78; Minden Public Schools, \$117,640.71; Mps Payroll, \$149,300.69; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$21,337.34; All American Sewer & Drain, LLC, \$144.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$1,001.81; Aurora Cooperative, \$5,738.73; Bill's Plumbing, \$195.00; Black Hills Energy, \$3,976.71; Carter Electric, \$196.85; City Of Minden, \$19,909.56; Clearfly, \$823.88; Colorado/West Equipment, Inc., \$372.49; Communications Engineering, Inc., \$220.10; Cornerstone Electric, \$180.50; Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, \$5,500.00; DAS State Accounting - Central Finance, \$1,038.37; Eakes Office Solutions' \$3,847.03; Educational Service Unit #10, \$51.20; Educational Service Unit #11, \$4,194.92; Elan Financial Services,

\$1,423.79; Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C., \$6,412.35; Grizzly Industrial, Inc., \$103.90; Home-town Leasing, \$3,855.49; Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC, \$112.50; John Deere Financial, \$48.18; Jura, Michelle L, \$29.96; JW Pepper & Son, Inc., \$84.19; Kearney County Health Services, \$35.00; Lampe's Clean Air Specialists, \$1,434.40; Landmark Implement Carquest, \$48.57; Lee H. Jacobsen, \$500.00; Mason's Market, \$1,641.86; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., \$190.74; Medtox Laboratories, \$40.93; Menards - Kearney, \$289.61; Minden Hardware, \$491.42; Minden Machine Shop, Inc., \$130.79; Mps Lunch Fund, \$75,000.00; Napa Auto Parts, \$396.02; NCSA, \$1,205.00; One Source, \$198.00; Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O., \$2,666.00; Pony Express Ford, \$2,207.42; Presto-X Company, \$203.40; Protex Central, Inc., \$319.54; REK Enterprises, LLC, \$14.28; Richard Widdifield, \$1,894.32; Schumacher Fencing, LLC, \$571.65; Shane Schmidt Construction, Inc., \$1,015.00; Syndicate Publishing, LLC, \$340.77; TAESE/USU, \$915.00; Tri-County Glass, Inc., \$2,588.60; Verizon Wireless, \$160.04; Village Uniform, \$992.22; Wesley T. Tjaden III, \$500.00; Widdifield, James T, \$392.43; Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc., \$62.50; WorkMed Midwest PA, \$40.00; Yanda's Music, \$1,201.38; November Net Payroll - \$474,658.42; Subtotal - \$1,134,161.91; LUNCH

FUND CLAIMS - Nebraska School Nutrition Association, \$171.50; Mason's Market, \$20.46; LinPep-Co Partnership, \$1,253.15; Village Uniform, \$281.58; Midwest Restaurant Supply, LLC, \$1,912.36; Cash-wa Distributing Co., \$37,651.16; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$52.12; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$4,991.47; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$48.63; Minden Public Schools, \$2,896.52; Mps Payroll, \$3,245.91; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$403.84; November Net Payroll - \$14,417.09; Subtotal - \$67,345.79; BUILDING FUND CLAIMS - Rasmussen Mechanical Service, \$280,950.00; TOTAL CLAIMS - \$1,482,457.70
Nov 20, 2025
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NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Kearney County Board of Commissioners will accept sealed bids for one (1) new 2025 or newer, tandem axle dump truck with 1,000 miles or less with snowplow and hydraulic tailspin sander. Bids will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025, in the Commissioners Room of the Kearney County Courthouse.

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By Order of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners

Nov 13, 2025

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF RUSTIC BEAUTY SALON & GIFTS, LLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the dissolution of Rustic Beauty Salon & Gifts, LLC, under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. Any person with a valid claim against the company shall submit their written claim and proof thereof to the attorney of the LLC named below. Unless a creditor had received written notice of an earlier deadline, any claim against the company shall be barred unless a proceeding to enforce said claim is commenced within five years after the publication of this notice.

Rustic Beauty Salon &
Gifts, LLC

Zachary K. Gray #27047

Gray Law Firm, LLC

P.O. Box 855

Holdrege, NE 68949

P: (308) 995-0522

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Its Attorneys

Nov 6, 2025

Nov 13, 2025

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NOTICE

AXTELL COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 7:00 PM LIBRARY

Board members reserve the right to move agenda items to accommodate the flow of the meeting. AGENDA: 1. Call meeting to order, roll call. 2. Open meetings law is posted and recognized. 3. Recognition of guests and request for public comment. 4. Approval of minutes from the October 13, 2025 board of education meeting and the October 13, 2025 LB 399 Committee meeting. Motion Passed: Motion to approve minutes from the October 13, 2025 board of education meeting and the October 13, 2025 LB 399 Committee meeting. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt Behrhorst, Yes. 5. Presentation: NRCSA, Dan Bird & Mike Cuning, Superintendent Search. 6. Discussion and action of financial reports. Motion Passed: Motion to approve financial reports. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Matt Strolberg. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt Behrhorst, Yes. 7. Discussion and action for district claims. Motion Passed: Motion to approve district claims as presented. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Jeff Halvorsen. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt

Behrhorst, Yes. 8. Administrative Reports. a. Jenn DeBord, Elementary Principal. 1. Thanksgiving Break: November 26-28. b. Craig Lorenz, Secondary Principal. 1. Stop Arm Report. 2. Winter Music Program. c. Rob Gregory, Superintendent. 1. Update: State School Board Conference November 19-21. a. Event registration: last month. b. Rooms: Hilton, arrive Wednesday evening, rooms under both our names, parking available. c. Invites: Northland & Facility Advocates. d. Packet Check in: I'll pick up all materials when I arrive. e. Thursday AM Meeting: 7:30 AM hotel lobby. 2. EHA: Insurance rate for 2026-27. 3. Negotiations Update: Next Mtg, November 12, 2025 @ 3:45 PM Library (IV-IG). 4. ALICAP: Annual Safety Inspection. 5. NDE: Rule 10 Compliance Visit. 6. Auditor Materials. 7. Christmas Pies: your order please? Delivery on the 18th or 19th. 9. Discussion Items. a. Staff: Salary Advancement Application. b. Staff: MS SPED Contract. c. Walk In Refrigerator. d. Carpet Replacement: Middle School hallway. 10. Executive Session: 11. Action Items. a. Approval of salary advancement for Jessica Gebel. Motion Passed: Motion for the approval of salary advancement for Jessica Gebel. Proposal passed with a motion by Ty Fickenscher and a second by Matt Strolberg. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt Behrhorst, Yes. b. Approval of Cale Urmacher teaching contract beginning on January 5, 2026 for MS Special

education. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt Behrhorst, Yes. c. Approval of new walk-in refrigerator for kitchen in the amount of \$10,673.48. Motion Passed: Motion for the approval of new walk-in refrigerator for kitchen in the amount of \$10,673.48. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt Behrhorst, Yes. d. Approval of carpet and carpet tabs in the amount of \$8,215.76 for middle school classrooms. Motion Passed: Motion for the approval of carpet and carpet tabs in the amount of \$8,215.76 for middle school classrooms. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Ty Fickenscher. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt Behrhorst, Yes. 12. Information Items. a. Nov/Dec calendar. b. Next board meeting is Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM. c. NRCSA: Superintendent Interview Selection. 13. Motion to adjourn. on Passed: Motion to adjourn at 9:45. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Almquist and a second by Bette Dimon. Linda Almquist, Yes; Bette Dimon, Yes; Jeff Halvorsen, Yes; Matt Strolberg, Yes; Ty Fickenscher, Yes; Kurt Behrhorst, Yes. Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND: A-1 REFRIGERATION, HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, 206.76; ACTIVITY FUND, 175.00;

ALMQUIST, MALTZAHN, GALLOWAY & LUTH, PC, 11,750.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 1,039.47; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 1,028.14; BUILDERS WAREHOUSE INC, 88.26; CAPITAL ONE - WALMART, 34.42; CHEMWORLD, 1,384.99; CITY GLASS, 2,029.55; COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC, 2,764.78; DANA F COLE & COMPANY, LLP, 630.00; DECKER EQUIPMENT, 86.05; DUG'S SHOP, 513.54; E&E TURF INC, 60.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 10,614.32; ECHO GROUP, INC, 4,204.25; EGAN SUPPLY CO, 2,895.00; ESU #10, 1,394.72; ESU #11, 958.05; ESU #16, 75.00; ESU #9, 20,086.88; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER, 6,311.90; Gilbreath, William, 150.00; GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP, 238.45; GROOTHUIS & SONS PLUMBING LLC, 2,523.00; GROOTHUIS SERVICES, 500.00; HAMILTON LONG DISTANCE, 1,508.44; HIRERIGHT LLC, 163.10; HUFFMAN CONSTRUCTION, 582.89; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, 38.85; JOHNSTONE SUPPLY, 1,267.13; JOSTENS INC, 41.50; JW PEPPER & SON, INC, 229.75; KAT'S KORNER MARKET, 347.36; KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, 35.00; KINDSCHUH CONSTRUCTION, CO, 70.00; KULLY PIPE & STEEL SUPPLY, 287.49; LANDMARK IMPLEMENT CARQUEST, 434.69; LITERACY RESOURCES, LLC, 101.00; LOCKMOBILE, THE, 249.80; LUNCH FUND, 834.18; MCKENNA'S RAE OF HOPE FOUNDATION, 3,000.00; MENARDS-KEARNEY, 983.23; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC, 493.50; NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, 259.00; NEBRASKA U.C. FUND, 1,900.00; NEBRASKA GOV, 135.00; ONE SOURCE, 24.00; PERRY GUTHERY HAASE & GESSFORD, PC, LLO, 158.00; POPPLERS MU-

SIC INC, 153.60; QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC, 354.00; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 68.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 66.00; SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT, 6,772.24; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING, 170.15; SYSCLOUD, INC, 336.00; TEACHER SYNERGY, LLC, 89.60; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, 177.00; VILLAGE OF AXTELL, 982.93; VISA, 479.78; Vendors Listed: 61; Total: 94,575.74; November Payroll: 425,558.61; Total: 520,134.35. Fund: 07 BOND FUND: BOKF, NA, 285,450.00; Vendors Listed: 1; Total: 285,450.00. Fund: 08 SPECIAL BUILDING FUND: BD CONSTRUCTION, INC, 427,762.33; GSI ENGINEERING, LLC, 664.70; Vendors Listed: 2; Total: 428,427.03. Fund: 10 COOPERATIVE FUND: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 845.88; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, 114.99; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 220.17; ESU #10, 662.98; FAMILY PHYSICAL THERAPY & SPORTS CENTER, 1,483.30; HOMETOWN LEASING, 99.81; KAT'S KORNER MARKET, 40.85; LUNCH FUND, 503.78; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 55.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 1.00; Vendors Listed: 10; Total: 4,027.76; November Payroll: 25,087.92; Total: 29,115.68. Nov 20, 2025 (277) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: SARAH CHAPIN

You are hereby notified that on September 24th, 2025, the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number CI25-265 the object

and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$6,705.80 plus court costs, sheriff fees and pre-judgment interest pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 45-103.01.

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

/s/ James H. Truell

By: Attorney for Plaintiff

James H. Truell #14258

(308) 381-1423

Nov 20, 2025

Nov 27, 2025

Dec 4, 2025

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA ESTATE OF RACHEL JOSEPHINE ADAMS, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 25-35

Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Jana Renee Adams, whose address is 524 E. 8th Street, Cozad, Nebraska 69130, was informally appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 13, 2026, or be forever barred.

/s/ Laura B. Tobiassen

Registrar of the County

Court

P.O. Box 377

Minden, Nebraska 68959

Nov 13, 2025

Nov 20, 2025

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NOTICE

VILLAGE OF WILCOX

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

The Wilcox Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 11, 2025. Notices of the meeting and One & Six Street Improvement Hearing were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Post Office and High Street Insurance, as well as, published in the Minden Courier. Agendas were mailed to each member of the Village Board. Chairman Gardels called the One and Six Street Improvement Plan Hearing to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: B. Gardels, K. Norman, R. Nash, W. Johnson and L. Adam. Others in attendance were: A. Greene, M. Latter, C. Bennett and D. Fecht. C. Bennett of Miller and Associates presented the board with our current One and Six Improvement Plan. The board discussed armor coating of N. Everett St. at a later date. Also discussed if more improvements need to be made to streets around the former trailer court. At this time, those streets will be listed as normal maintenance. Resolution #686 was reviewed. Motion by Adam to keep our One & Six Street Improvement Plan as is with no changes. Second given by Nash. Motion carried. Mr. Bennett also discussed updating our comprehensive plan. Miller and Associates could assist us with that. The board proceeded with the regular order of business. The minutes of the October 10, 2025 meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Norman

with second by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. The following claims were presented for payment: Syndicate 68.71; Great Plains Com. 242.10; Verizon 179.81; DWS&D 1400.00; Hometown Leasing 101.61; NE Mun. Clerk's Assn. 50.00; Town & Country 78.07; SPPD 368.58; ASAP Express 15.55; Wilcox Utilities 587.00; Black Hills 99.58; NE Public Health Env. Lab 79.00; NPPD 19,908.33; gWorks 3000.00; SPPD 2180.04; L. Clark (meter refund) 98.78; Dutton-Lainson 285.91; Vestis 117.50; SCS 4304.70; J. Berry (meter refund) 110.23; Visa 150.00; CPI 94.43; Council 175.00; Salaries 5829.43; NYLife 1103.31; NE Dept. of Rev. (sales tax) 1224.52; Transfers 1582.75. Motion to approve all claims for payment was made by Nash with second by Adam. Motion carried unanimously. The board reviewed all delinquent utility bills. Nuisance properties were reviewed. For the property at 305 E. Franklin, we will have our attorney call the owner of the two R.V.'s illegally parked there to have them removed. Discussed possible impoundment in place. Unlicensed vehicles are once again becoming a problem. Letters will be sent to owners. Discussed the abandoned trailer left at trailer court. Aaron Greene of GPC was present. Great Plains Communications would like to place pole or tower behind the GPC building. Mr. Greene distributed plans to the members of the board. A building permit application and approval from the Wilcox Planning Commission will have to be obtained prior to construction. The

board discussed having a realtor to help with the sale of lots at the West Addition. Trustee Adam was in contact with C. Gray of Clear View Realty. Motion was made by Adam with second by Nash to proceed with working through Clear View Realty for the sale of West Addition lots. A transfer of \$80,000.00 will be made from light fund to establish CDA fund. Discussed water and sewer updates to former trailer park area for development. We will work with Miller and Associates to establish a design and put out bids for this work to be completed. Passing of the ordinance regarding living in campers/R.V.'s was not discussed at tonight's meeting. This will remain on the agenda for December. Resolution #687 - Signing Year End Certificate of Village Street Supt. 2025 was read. Motion by Adam with second by Johnson to approve Resolution #687. All members voted in favor. All documents were signed by Chairman and Clerk and will be submitted to NDOT. In other discussion, M. Latter was present to request changes be made to drainage and/or culverts, etc. in the area behind her house. The board will have Miller and Associates do a storm-water study to alleviate this problem. D. Fecht was present to discuss shipping containers placed in residential areas. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Melinda Ferree
Village Clerk

APPROVED:

Brad Gardels, Chairman
Wilcox Village Board of
Trustees

Nov 20, 2025
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF

LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION OF Upper Room Brewery LLC dba 52 Taphouse FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Upper Room Brewery dba 52 Taphouse, 345 N. Colorado Ave, Suite 1, Minden, NE 68959 has filed an application with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for the issuance of a Class C Beer, Wine, Spirits On and Off Sale Liquor License and a Growler Secondary License.

The City of Minden City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the issuance of said licenses on December 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 325 N. Colorado Ave, Minden, NE 68959.

All persons desiring to give evidence verbally or by affidavit in support of or in protest against the issuance of said license may do so at the time of the hearing.

Abbey Jordan
City Clerk
Nov 20, 2024
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NOTICE

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD

OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners on the 2nd day of December 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Minden of Kearney County Nebraska, located at 424 N. Colorado Ave. The purpose of hearing

public comments regarding the following application for an Administrative Subdivision:

Said hearing is for the purpose of Administrative Subdivision application made by Warren Eckloff, an administrative subdivision further described as: A tract of land being part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 NE1/4) of Section Five (5), Township Six (6) North, Range Sixteen (16) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Kearney County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Referring to the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 5 and assuming the East line of said Northeast 1/4 as bearing S 00°34'45" W and all bearings contained herein are relative thereto; thence S 00°34'45" W on the aforesaid East line a distance of 1,107.15 feet to the ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S 00°34'45" W on the afore described course a distance of 435.87 feet; thence N 81°21'16" W a distance of 661.98 feet; thence N 03°13'19" W a distance of 159.03 feet; thence N 59°25'05" E a distance of 128.72 feet; thence N 17°40'24" E a distance of 90.85 feet; thence N 40°47'15" E a distance of 29.79 feet; thence N 80°06'29" E a distance of 55.81 feet; thence S 89°09'54" E a distance of 455.02 feet to the place of beginning to divide off a parcel of land to sell.

Said meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend, for or against said application. Any party may appear in person or be represented by an agent or attorney. The agenda for

said meeting is kept current at the office of the county clerk and can be modified up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Zoning Administrator Office at (308)830-0589.

Craig Lupkes
Zoning Administrator
November 10, 2025

Nov 20, 2025

Nov 27, 2025

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT

OF KEARNEY COUNTY,

NEBRASKA

ESTATE OF

JORDAN J. LARSON,

DECEASED

ESTATE NO. PR25-34

Notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2025, in the County Court of Kearney County, Nebraska, Wendy L. Larson was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 7, 2026 or be forever barred.

/s/Laura B. Tobiassen
Clerk of County Court
Kearney County Court
424 N Colorado Avenue
Minden, NE 68959

Luke T. Deaver - NSBA
#23532

For: DEWALD, DEEVER,
L'HEUREUX, P.C., L.L.O.

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Arctic Express Rolls Into Minden

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As Pioneer Village prepares to be transformed into the North Pole for the arrival of the Arctic Express the weekend of December six and seven, it is appropriate to learn a little more about the locomotive that will be the star of the show.

Decorated in its finest for the holiday will be the old #697. Originally built by the Baldwin Company in 1889 for the Burlington Missouri River Railroad as a 4-4-0



with four small pilot wheels and four large drive wheels, it served that line in Nebraska as the #343 until the BMR railway was formally acquired by the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad. At that time, the physical appearance did not change, but its engine number did, with the number 1229 being painted on the cab just below the engineer.

As the nation's population spread west, the railroads became more in demand hauling people and freight through Nebraska. With the increase in weight and speed that was needed to deliver on time performance, in 1914, the 1229 was rolled into the Burlington shops on the east side of Lincoln, known as the Havelock Yards, and its boiler enlarged, which also meant the installation of another set of drive wheels, to make it a 4-6-0 configuration. This enlargement of the boiler is one of the reasons why there is so little room to stand in the cabin of the locomotive today.

Enlarged and more powerful, when coupled with a tender railcar behind to provide coal that maintained the flames in the firebox below the boiler of the locomotive, together they stood 59 feet long and carried nearly 23,000 pounds of coal and 43,000 pounds of water. Combined with the iron infrastructure of the locomotive and tender, when full, it would rumble down the tracks at a total weight of more than a quarter million pounds.

As it left the Havelock Yards, the pulling capacity of the locomotive wasn't the only thing that had changed. The twenty-five year old pufferbelly would also see a new number painted on its cab. Assigned to another affiliate of the Burlington, the Kansas City and Omaha Line, in order to fit its existing locomotive stock numbers, #967 was added to its side, which is how it is seen now at the village.

The newly rebranded engine then was attached to a consist of passenger railcars and ran the zigzagged daily route from the Republican River Valley toward Minden and onto the east-west Burlington mainline tracks.

In the mid 1950s, with automobiles and diesel locomotives becoming more common, the #967 was retired from service and placed in static storage at the Burlington yards in Lincoln. Next to it stood a similar relic of the era, another 4-6-0 that had been built at Havelock, the Burlington #710.

In early 1955, the #710 was donated to the city of Lincoln, and a flatbed truck company from McCook was hired to place the engine on a custom designed trailer and move it to Pioneer Park. It remained on public display until 1991 when it was restored in Iowa and dedicated as the centerpiece of Iron Horse Park in Lincoln's historic Haymarket district.

With that engineering feat accomplished, Harold Warp, the founder of Pioneer Village, had the #967 rolled on the line the 140 miles west to Minden, and on the week of Memorial Day, retained the same trucking firm that had moved the #710, having them pick up its sister locomotive, cross Highway 6, and lay the 100,000 pound engine on a short link of track at the west end of the village's campus.

Given a cleaning and fresh coat of paint last season, it is ready to shine as the centerpiece of the village's special Arctic Express holiday event December six and seven this year. All aboard... and, remember, you can only hear the bell ring if you believe.