

Minden School Board Met Oct. 13

CINDY RAMSEY

The October 13 regular meeting of the Minden Public Schools Board of Education was joined by a group of special guests as several East Elementary first grade students helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minden High School and C.L. Jones librarian and media teacher Collin Nichols delivered a presentation about the high school and middle school libraries. Nichols explained the importance of a staffed school library with a diverse collection that meets the needs of the students. He explained steps he has taken during his time at MPS to increase student engagement and the use of the library space and resources.

In his report to the board, Superintendent Jim Widdifield noted it was national principal's month and gave thanks to the school principals and administration for the work they do throughout the year.

Getting down to business, the board approved the consent agenda including minutes from the September 8 meeting, financial reports, and expenditures and claims for payment. The board was informed the district has received the handicap van and student transport van that were purchased previously.

Second reading of amendments to two policies was approved. Amendments to Policy 4221 Leaves of Absence creates consistency among all employees in the district and aligns with new legislation. Amendments to Policy 3132 Internal Controls also align the policy with changes in legislation.

The board took action on 2026-27 capacity limits for Policy 5006. This action used to be taken in March, but school districts are now required to set capacity limits much earlier. Capacity limits are based on the square footage of space available. Numbers for East Elementary are based on the smallest space available due to option enrollment standards. The 2026-27 capacity limits for Policy 5006 were approved as presented.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the MPS School Board will be held on Monday, November 10 at 7 p.m. in the MHS Media Center.



A group of East Elementary first grade students attended the October 13th meeting of the Minden Public Schools Board of Education to help lead the board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. (Courtesy photo)

Weather Forecast

Oct. 24:	62/46	
Oct. 25:	62/46	
Oct. 26:	62/48	
Oct. 27:	59/40	
Oct. 28:	60/40	
Oct. 29:	58/39	
Oct. 30:	59/39	



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News Briefs

Paws Up Kearney County

Paws Up Kearney County has several upcoming events. 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.

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.

A t-shirt will be provided to all 5K participants who pre-register by November 1. 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.mindenncourier.com on the event page.

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

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 Meeting

Minden Public Schools will be sharing information regarding the proposed construction of a new elementary school building and the upcoming special bond election during an informational meeting. 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/>.

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.

Purple Pinky Fundraiser

The Interact Club of Minden (a Rotary sponsored youth group) will hold its annual "Purple Pinky" fundraiser at the Minden v. Cozad football game on Friday, October 24, 2025. Funds raised will go toward Rotary International's worldwide fight against polio. Every year Rotary Inter-

national sends volunteers around the planet to administer millions of polio vaccines to children. The fundraising event in Minden is called "Purple Pinky" after Rotary's practice of temporarily staining each child's finger with purple ink to signify that the child has been inoculated. The Interact Club will have a table outside of the bleacher entrance where people can make donations to the cause and have their fingers temporarily marked with purple (not required)

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, November 10 and Monday, December 8.

Poll the Vote

Kearney County wants your opinion! The courthouse dome needs repairs. Please follow the links below to complete a survey to tell us your feeling on the matter. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SaveChristmasCity> or scan the QR code. You do not need to create an account to take the survey. Simply click "Poll Pass" which is a temporary guest pass to PolltheVote.com.

Paper copies are also available at the courthouse, Jensen Memorial Library, Axtell Village Office, Wilcox Village Office and City Minden Office.

Poll open October 15 - November 15.



Weather Recap

Date	High	Low	Precip.
10/11/25	71	57	-
10/12/25	82	63	-
10/13/25	58	51	.21
10/14/25	60	53	.88
10/15/25	79	60	-
10/16/25	77	60	-
10/17/25	69	56	-
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Nov. 17 – 24: Local Drop-off Locations Opening Soon For Operation Christmas Child

PRESS RELEASE

Nebraska, Oct. 13, 2025—Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 17 – 24. Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November, and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations in Nebraska.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach another 12 million children in 2025 with the hope of Jesus.

Shoebox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups! Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

"Samaritan's Purse works around the world to help people in need, but it's not about good works— it's about the Gospel," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "Please prayerfully consider packing a shoebox this year with Operation Christ-

mas Child. These simple gifts open the door for us to share the true meaning of Christmas."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.



Area Sophomores Explore Careers



On October 14 and 15, 2025, 240 sophomore students from across the ESU 11 region took part in Connecting the Dots, an engaging, hands-on career exploration workshop aimed at helping students link their current education to future career paths. Hosted in partnership with Nebraska Extension, the program provided an interactive simulation designed to guide students through the process of identifying career interests and understanding how high school coursework, postsecondary education, and long-term goals all interconnect. The event was coordinated by Nebraska Extension Educator, Calvin DeVries, and sponsored by Educational Service Unit 11. Through a variety of stations and activities, students explored career clusters, examined potential career paths, and gained insight into the real-world applications of their education. Participating districts included Arapahoe, Axtell, Alma, Bertrand, Elwood, Franklin, Loomis, Minden, Southern Valley and Wilcox-Hildreth.

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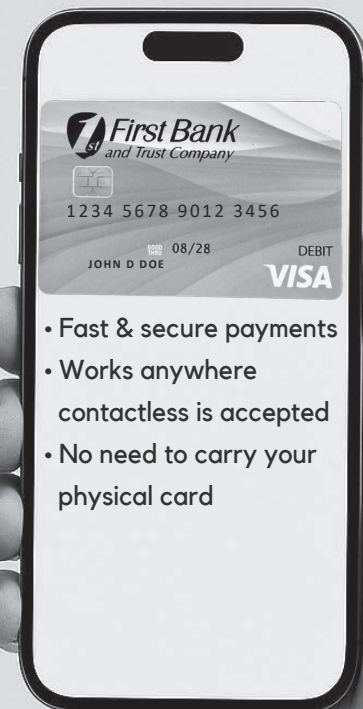
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The Rotary Club of Minden will hold its annual fund raiser, Pints for Polio, at Thunderhead Brewing Company in Axtell on Thursday, October 30th, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Rotary started its quest to eradicate polio worldwide in 1979 in the Philippines. Rotary volunteers have administered over 3 billion vaccines around the globe since that time.

"Polio is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of 5," quoted project chairman, Luke Poore. "In the 1950s parents in the United States were keeping their children from going to parks for fear of contracting the disease. Today, there are only a handful of cases detected each year, primarily in Pakistan and Afghanistan where Rotary volunteers have limited access. If our work were to stop tomorrow it is estimated that 200,000 children would be paralyzed every year."

Poore went on to explain that the Gates Foundation provides a 2 to 1 match for every dollar raised. "One vaccine costs about \$3" said Poore. "That means if we raise

\$500 the Gates Foundation will match it with \$1000 and we can protect 500 children from this horrible disease."

Tickets, which include two pints of beer and light appetizers, are on sale for \$20 each in advance (or \$23 at the door), and can be purchased by emailing info@mindenrotary.com. Donations for any amount are also

welcome.

The Rotary Club of Minden, which will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2026, 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.

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Potter's Wheel

By Lori Potter

On a perfect fall day Oct. 10, my friend and former Kearney State College journalism teacher Glennis Nagel and I drove from Kearney to Red Cloud to set up rooms at the Hotel Garber for the Nebraska Press Women Fall Conference.

As we traveled Highway 10 through Kearney and Franklin counties, and Highway 136 from Franklin to Red Cloud, we enjoyed seeing fields of soybeans and corn already harvested or with harvest still in progress. Large trucks were arriving and leaving grain elevators in towns, and we slowed down for a few miles behind a tractor pulling a grain cart north of Minden.

We also marveled at how green the pastures were that late into fall. Contented cattle of various sizes, shapes and colors were in many of them.

The scenery reminded me of growing up on a Franklin County farm 11 miles southeast of Wilcox. And also of the decades I spent as a Kearney Hub reporter-photographer covering agriculture, natural resources and rural community issues that included crops, irrigation, water compacts and conservation, livestock, ethanol, rivers, groundwater, endangered species, farming history, and new technologies.

I also interviewed local leaders, including state senators and officers of state or national farm organizations. I lost count of how many times I caught up with former Nebraska Farm Bureau President Steve Nelson at his farm south of the KAAPA Ethanol plant and at ag events. I also invited myself to ride along in his truck so we could talk during harvest while he hauled corn to area elevators.

Great American Desert

The Red Cloud road trip also reminded me of a story I recently read about the long-lived "Great American Desert" label given to Nebraska and much of the Great Plains by early explorers and settlers. It's in the Summer 2025 issue of Nebraska History, the quarterly magazine of the Nebraska State Historical Society that my brother James edited and contributed stories to during many of his 49 years at the historical society.

Writer H. Jason Combs, an instructor in South Dakota State's Department of Geography and Geospatial Science, said Major Stephen Long's early 1800s expedition set the tone for many reports about the "Great American Desert."

Even President Thomas Jefferson, at the time of the Louisiana Purchase, called what's now the Great Plains "an immense area" filled with "trackless deserts," despite a lack of information about the place.

After Long led another early 1820s expedition west, he wrote that the entire country was "wholly unfit for cultivation" and "uninhabitable by a people depending upon agriculture for their subsistence."

John C. Fremont, who led five western expeditions from 1842-1854, gave mixed reviews. "The valley of the Platte was like a garden; so rich was the verdure of the grasses, and so luxuriant the bloom of abundant flowers," he wrote.

Francis Parkman wrote in 1849 about the mix of landscapes, with areas beyond the river - the Sandhills - still fitting the "Great American Desert" description.

Changes came after the Civil War as railroads, small towns and other promoters tried to entice more people to head west. However, Combs wrote that the "Great American Desert" remained a popular phrase for more than a century after its first use.

Garden Now

Our Nebraska ancestors who arrived in the mid- to late 1800s and early 1900s, and



decided to stay, learned by observation that some years are too dry and some are too wet. The explorers made short visits and decided that's how every year must be.

So their opinions depended on the particular year. Was it dry like 1935, extremely wet like early spring and summer in 2019 or something in between?

Today's weather records span all or parts of centuries. Meteorologists are usually right with their seven-day forecasts and even with seasonal expectations based on El Nino or La Nina features and other data. Continuing climate change makes their forecasts and our expectations more uncertain each year.

Technology advancements in irrigation, from siphon tubes to pipe to pivots; plant hybrids; planting methods, from horse-drawn plows to tractors to no-till to field mapping; and measurements of soil components, water quality and uses, and plant nutrient needs have aided farm management, helped to protect natural resources, and often improved soil and water quality and sustainability.

It would be interesting if Major Long or others who took a quick look at Nebraska all those years ago and saw a desert could return to watch farmers finish the 2025 fall harvest.

Lori Potter of Kearney is a Wilcox area native and co-owner of her family's farm. She has been a Nebraska newspaper journalist for 47 years, including as a freelancer since March 2021.

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35th Annual Minden Bandfest 2025 Results

PRESS RELEASE

Windy conditions helped carry the music made during the 35th Annual Minden Bandfest on October 18th.

A total of 37 school marching bands from across the state participated in the Minden Chamber of Commerce sponsored competition. Thirty-six bands participated in the parade competition and seven performed in the field competition at Kuper Field.

Judging the event were Dave Klein of Kearney, Paul Ramp of Friend, and Janet Palmer of Holdrege. Bands were scored in three areas: Music (40 points possible), Marching (30 points possible), and General Effect (30 points possible). Bands earning 80 points or more were awarded Superior ratings, 60 to 79 points scored an Excellent rating, and 40 to 59 points earned a Good rating. All bands receiving a Superior received a trophy.

Results from the 2025 Minden Bandfest competition are as follows:

JUNIOR HIGH — Superior: Arapahoe-Holbrook, Blue Hill, Faith Christian, and Minden. Excellent: Medicine Valley, Palmer, and Holdrege.

CLASS D — Superior: Pleasanton, Gibbon, Wilcox-Hildreth, Chambers, Litchfield, Kenesaw, SEM, Arapahoe-Holbrook, Medicine Valley, Axtell, and Bertrand. Excellent: Overton, Elm Creek, Loup City, and North Platte Catholic.

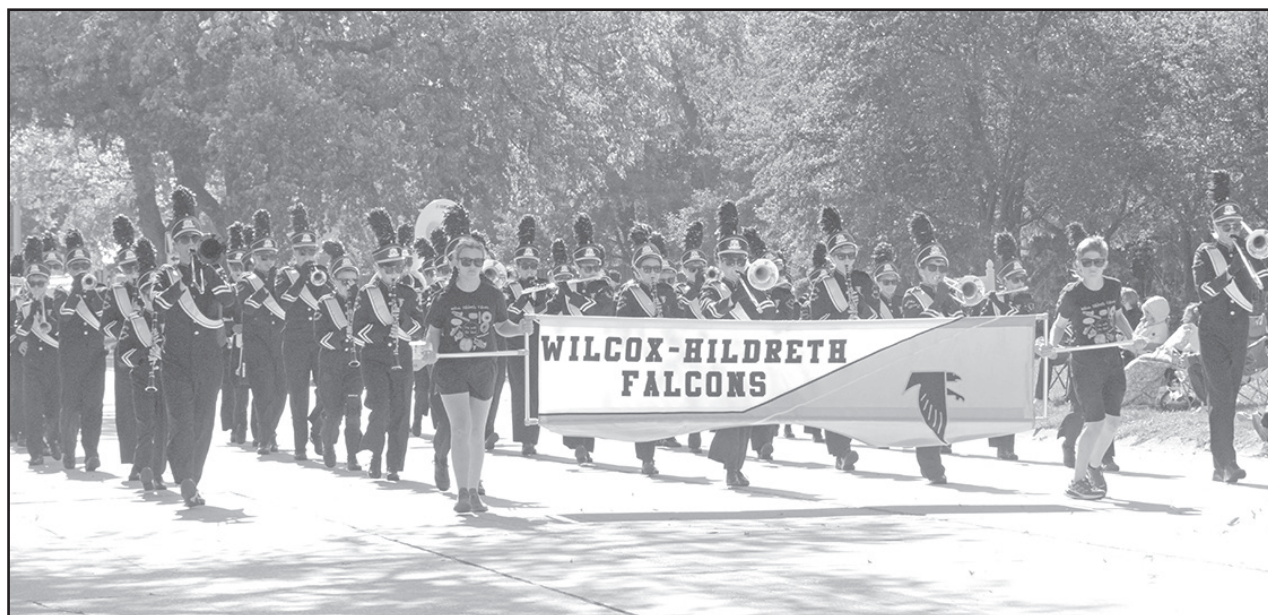
CLASS C — Superior: Hastings St. Cecilia, Amherst, Centura, Ravenna, Sandy Creek, St. Paul, and Alma. Excellent: Superior and Wood River.

CLASS B — Superior: Kearney Catholic, Adams Central, Holdrege, and Minden.

CLASS A — Superior: McCook.

FIELD COMPETITION — Superior: Hershey and Holdrege. Excellent: Superior, Kearney Catholic, Adams Central, Minden, and McCook.





A windy October 18th day carried music from the 35th Annual Minden Bandfest all through town. 37 school marching bands participated in the parade and seven bands competed in the field competition at Kuper Field. (Courier photos by Carrie Conner and Lily Ramsey)

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FFA Students of the Month



MINDEN

Name: Owen Hostetler

Grade: Freshman

Supervised Agricultural Experience: Tractor Restoration

Involvement in the chapter: Owen began his membership in the Minden FFA Chapter this year. So far, he has attended several chapter activities such as meetings, highway cleanup, and the Southwest Area Land Judging Contest. In November, he will be competing in livestock judging.

Recent successes: Owen placed the highest from Minden in the Southwest Area Land Judging Contest and qualified for the state contest.



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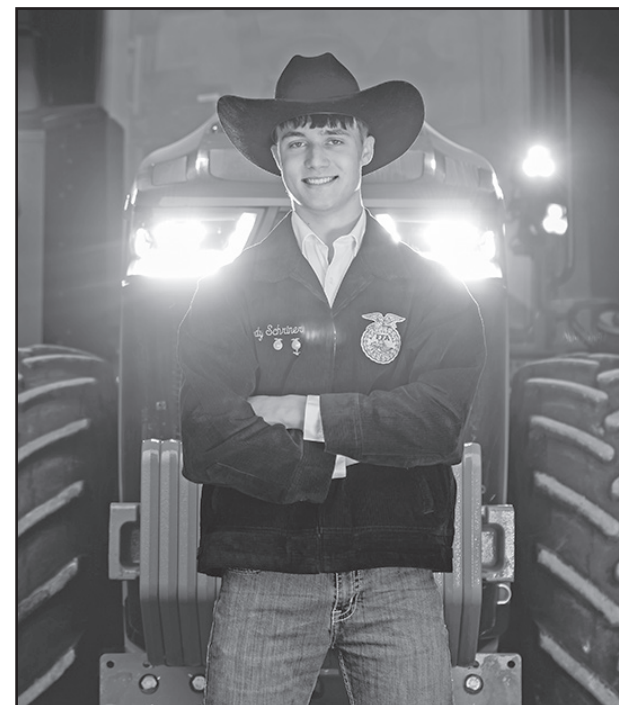
Name: Morgan Hawkins

Grade: Junior

Supervised Agricultural Experience: Morgan works as a lifeguard at the Axtell Aquatic Center for her SAE. As part of her SAE, Morgan ensures that swimmers are being safe and she also teaches swimming lessons.

Involvement in the chapter: Morgan serves as the Axtell FFA reporter, where she is responsible for helping inform the public about what our FFA chapter is doing. She helps create social media posts and various other informational items to help tell the story of our FFA chapter.

Recent successes: Morgan recently competed in the District Land Judging contest which was held in Imperial this year. As part of the land judging contest, students evaluate soil texture, slope, and land capability, as well as how the land should be used and conserved. Morgan has the top score for the Axtell FFA team. She is looking forward to participating in Fall CDE's which will be in November.



WILCOX-HILDRETH

Name: Cody Schriener

Grade: 12th Grade

Supervised Agricultural Experience: My SAE is working for my father on the family farm where I help with planting and harvesting crops, along with all the other daily tasks.

Involvement in the chapter: I am the 2025-2026 Vice President for the Wilcox-Hildreth FFA Chapter. I have been involved in many different FFA competitions such as Land Judging, Range Judging, Welding, Natural Resources, Poultry Judging, Livestock Judging, Creed Speaking, AG Demo, and Farm Business Management.

Recent successes: I had recent success competing at the State FFA Ag Demo Competition with my teammates Brooke Casper and Cheyenne Lieb. Our Ag Demo project was freeze-drying colostrum, and we received a Silver Emblem.



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Do You Remember

Eighty Years Ago — 1945

Gordon Hedges accepted the position as manager of the Minden Terminal. Hedges had recently been discharged from the United States Army and was former blockman in the South Platte territory for the John Deere Plow Company.

Orval Layton was elected vice commander of the 10th District American Legion.

The Christensen Service Station, formerly the Stadler Service Station, opened on Highway 10 on the south end of Brown Avenue.

Seventy Years Ago — 1955

The Minden Exchange National Bank bought the assets and assumed the liabilities of the Heartwell State Bank, forming a consolidation which ended 50 years of service by the Heartwell bank.

With a convincing 54 to 14 victory over Superior, the Minden High School Whippets took possession of the South Central league title and kept the Whippets unbeaten for the season.

Senator Carl Curtis was one of the Nebraskans elected to the degree of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council of the Masonic Lodge in session in Washington, D.C.

Sixty Years Ago — 1965

Clyde Christensen, manager of the Farmers Union Store, presented Grace Tarkington a \$5 check from Molly McKay for her winning recipe, "Chicken With Rice."

Senator Carl T. Curtis crowned Leland Anderson and Geraldine Deisley as Minden High School's Homecoming king and queen.

Neighbors and friends, including Marvin Dallas, Ernest Nelson, Dick Schwenka, Leroy Smith, Edwin Smith and Roger Palmblade, helped Jim Lynn with his harvest as Lynn had been notified to report to the Army.

Minden sixth graders concluded their basic study of Mexico with a Mexican fiesta. Students dressed in Latin American costumes and enjoyed refreshments including tortillas, Mexican wedding ball cookies, pizzas and Spanish rice.

Fifty Years Ago — 1975

Minden High School students Shelly Krueger, Cathy Hove, Brenda Latter, Audrey Beck, Craig Lowell, Greg Olsen and David Bunger competed in the Hastings State Music Clinic.

Candidates for Homecoming queen were Nanci Ehrlich, Sherilyn Jameson, Peggy Kopf, Jan Manchester, Lynn Miller and Julie Ryan. Candidates for Homecoming king were Steve Extrom, Don Miller, Mark L'Heureux, Paul Nielsen, Charles Schnoor and Kirk Thompson.

The Whippets stunned the unbeaten Ogallala Indians with a 20-14 victory in the last four seconds of the game. Defensive efforts were led by Kurt Van Norman, Paul Nielsen, Don Miller and Andy Tomsen. Offensive standouts were Van Norman, Bentley Benson, Miller, Allen Anderson and Dale Johnson.

Forty Years Ago — 1985

Jeremy Glenn, son of Jim and Dorothy Glenn, was the state champion in the Optimist Tri-Star football contest, 12-year old division.

Minden's Homecoming candidates were Sara Ramsey, Shari Nielsen, Annette Eckhoff, Tracy Rehtus, Stephanie Jameson, Sarah Norton, Dwight Bender, Kurt Nielsen, Eric Carlson, Rob Vitera, Matt Alberts and Kevin Jameson.



2015 — Honored guests including Heath Boddy, Lisa Nelson, Mayor Ted Griess, Maxine Moul, Delvin Schmidt, Lt. Governor Mike Foley, Bethany Home Administrator Bob Tank and Todd Crawford for the ceremonial ground breaking of Bethany Home's \$6.1 million expansion project.

Two classes from Bethphage Child Care Center enjoyed a bus trip to the Johnny Fritson farm near Macon. Staff members Phyllis Freeland, Tammy Lewis and Jean Rush accompanied and sponsored the trip.

Thirty Years Ago — 1995

Burlington Railroad began tearing up the railroad crossing on Colorado Avenue in order to "smooth out the bump and make a gentle slope."

Brent Johnson led the rushing attack and Chris Reiss led the defense as the Minden Whippets downed Ogallala 29-6.

The Minden golf team was crowned the Class B state golf runner-up. Christina Yant led Minden on the opening day firing a 94. Courtney Etzelmiller topped all the Whippets on day two, carding a 91.

Twenty Years Ago — 2005

The Axtell Wildcat football team scored a 49-12 victory over the visiting Overton Eagles holding onto their 7-0 undefeated season with one final game to play.

Hastings College freshman Leo Boman visited Minden Head Start to speak about life in Ghana and playing football. Boman brought clothes and art from Ghana and some football gear for the children to see and touch.

A new communication tower was assembled in south Minden. The free-standing 198 foot tower just west of Highway 10 is owned by the wireless cell phone company Viaero and was assembled in one afternoon by a three man crew and a crane company out of Kearney.

Ten Years Ago — 2015

The Wilcox-Hildreth Lady Falcons were the 2015 Fort Kearny Conference champions. The Lady Falcons rallied from down two sets to win the final three to win their the FK title. The Axtell Lady Cats finished third in the tournament.

The Axtell Wildcats football team handed the visiting Elm Creek Buffaloes a 62-37 loss behind the offensive line and the running of Cody Nickel. Nickel rushed for a season-high 341 yards on 31 carries with four touchdowns.

Minden's cross country boys captured the district championship at the C-3 meet. The Whippets last won a district title in 2007 and this year's win meant having to knock off three-time defending state champ Milford to earn the first place hardware. Minden scored 22 to runner-up Milford's 41 and third place Adams Central's 58. 11 schools comprised the district.

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Calendars and Menus

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

Friday, Oct. 24: BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza; LUNCH: Sweet & sour meatballs over rice

Monday, Oct. 27: BREAKFAST: Egg bites, cereal, fruit; LUNCH: Chicken crispito with cheese

Tuesday, Oct. 28: BREAKFAST: Pancake on a stick, fruit; LUNCH: Taco pizza

Wednesday, Oct. 29: BREAKFAST: Biscuits, sausage gravy; LUNCH: Oriental chicken, rice

Thursday, Oct. 30: BREAKFAST: Breakfast pizza; LUNCH: Super nachos

Friday, Oct. 31: BREAKFAST: Long John; LUNCH: Cheeseburger, chips

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 24: State CC @ Kearney; V FB Parent Night vs. Cozad, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25: State Bandmasters Marching Competition

Tuesday, Oct. 28: VB Subdistricts

Wednesday, Oct. 29: FFA National Convention; Lion's Club Screening; VB Subdistricts

Thursday, Oct. 30: FFA National Convention; Lion's Club Screening; ASVAB Testing-Juniors, 8 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 31: FFA National Convention

Axtell Community School

MENUS:

Friday, Oct. 24: LUNCH: Pizza, green beans OR ham sub
Monday, Oct. 27: LUNCH: Scalloped potatoes, ham, dinner roll, peas & carrots

Tuesday, Oct. 28: LUNCH: Walking taco, black beans OR chicken Caesar salad

Wednesday, Oct. 29: LUNCH: Cooks Choice

Thursday, Oct. 30: LUNCH: Chicken strip wrap, corn OR blueberry parfait

Friday, Oct. 31: LUNCH: Halloween Dinner

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 24: State XC @ Kearney

Monday, Oct. 27: VB Districts

Tuesday, Oct. 28: VB Districts

Wednesday, Oct. 29: One Act School Performance

Thursday, Oct. 30: One Act Community Performance, 7 p.m.

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. 24: BREAKFAST: Monte Cristo; LUNCH: Bosco Bostix

Monday, Oct. 27: BREAKFAST: Muffins; LUNCH: Chicken nacho boat

Tuesday, Oct. 28: BREAKFAST: Waffles; LUNCH: Beef pizza

Wednesday, Oct. 29: BREAKFAST: Banana Chunk; LUNCH: Crisritos

Thursday, Oct. 30: BREAKFAST: Yogurt; LUNCH: Sloppy Joe

Friday, Oct. 31: BREAKFAST: Funnel cakes; LUNCH: Mandarin orange chicken

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, Oct. 24: State XC @ Kearney, 12 p.m.; JH Halloween Dance Party, 8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 27: VB Subdistricts

Tuesday, Oct. 28: FFA National Convention; Make Up Day for School Portraits; VB Subdistricts; One Act-all team members, 7 a.m.; 7-12 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: FFA National Convention; One Act-all team members, 7 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30: FFA National Convention; One Act-all team members, 7 a.m.; PK-6 Team meeting, 7:45 a.m.; FCA Lunch meeting, 11:40 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 31: FFA National Convention; FB 2nd Round Playoffs

Community Services

Dinner Menus

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Tuesday, Oct. 28: Swiss steak, baked potatoes, winter blend, dinner roll & fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Breakfast casserole, salad, fruit & dessert

Thursday, Oct. 30: BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad, 3 bean salad & fruit

Friday, Oct. 31: Halloween Dinner

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(308) 743-2597

Marcia Dorn, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 26: Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian
406 A Avenue

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

Keene Evangelical Free

662 F Road
308-743-2611

Matthew Snell, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 26: Worship service, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran, LCMC
104 E. Fifth St.

Craig Richardson, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 26: Donuts/Juice & Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 27: Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: High School Supper/Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Campbell

St. Anne Catholic
Father Adam Sparling, Pastor

Saturday, Oct. 25: Mass, 5 p.m.

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

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360 So. Stewart

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Greg Volsky, Vacancy Pastor

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

United Westminster Presbyterian
Broad and Main Street

Mark A. Diehl, Pastor

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

Funk

Fridhem Lutheran

401 Lake Street

Daren Popple, Pastor

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

Communion offered 1st & 3rd Sunday each month

Heartwell

God's Lighthouse, Full Gospel

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

Holy Family Catholic Mission Parish

287 Jefferson Street

Father Evan Winter

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

Hildreth

Trinity Lutheran

502 Sanders Avenue

Caroline Schenk, Pastor

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

Holdrege

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day

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112 W 11th Ave

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

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Marcia Dorn, Pastor

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

Minden

Bethany Lutheran

437 E. Fourth St.

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Julie Schmidt, Parish Ministry Associate

Thursday, Oct. 23: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 25: Walking, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26: Contemporary Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Blended-Traditional Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Healing Services at both services; LWR Quilt Display

Tuesday, Oct. 28: Piece Corps Quilting, 1 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Church Club, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Night Supper, 6 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

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

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Evangelical Free

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616 33 Road

Julie Schmidt, Parish

Ministry Associate

Don Hunzeker, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 26: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Coffee, 10:30 a.m.

Communion served 2nd Sunday of each month

Saint John The Baptist Catholic

628 N. Garber

Father Evan Winter

Saturday, Oct. 25: Mass, 5:30 p.m., confessions before Mass

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

St. Paul Lutheran

206 N. Colorado

Rev. William Zwick

Friday, Oct. 24: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.; Game Night, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26: Bible Study/Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship/Communion, 10:15 a.m.

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

p.m.;

Thursday, Oct. 30: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Church Council, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 31: Breakfast & Prayer, 7 a.m.

United Methodist

340 N. Newell Ave.

Kayla M. Mangrich,

Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 26: Worship, 10 a.m.; Confirmation, 11:15 a.m.

Westminster United

Presbyterian

109 N. Colorado

Sharon Rees, Pastor

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

Wednesday, Oct. 29: Fellowship Friends, 1:30 p.m.

Wilcox

St. John's Lutheran

102 S. Stockton St.

Kenton Birtell, Pastor
Sunday, Oct. 26: Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion every other Sunday

United Methodist

203 S. Sapp St.

Candance Miller,

Pastor

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

Communion 1st Sunday every month

Wilcox Community

106 W. Detroit St.

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

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Obituaries

Norris John aka 'Norry' or 'Poke' Christensen



Norris "Norry" John Christensen of Minden was born to Martha and Chester Christensen who farmed east of Minden on October 25th, 1925. Norry died on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 at the age of 96. We as a family decided we would give our bodies to UNMC in Omaha for medical education. It has been three years and it's time for a Celebration of Life memorial service for Norry that will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24th, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden, with a military service at the Minden Cemetery directly following. We will be celebrating the life and 100th birthday of a wonderful son, father, husband and a friend to all.

When Norry was 14 years-old, the almost impossible life of working a small farm during the dirty '30s forced the Christensen family to move into Minden in 1939.

Norry was baptized at the Christian Church in Minden on August 8, 1940. He was then confirmed into the Bethany Lutheran Church on December 18, 1955. I think wife Norma had something to do with that. Norry graduated from Minden High School in 1943 where he had become a very good athlete. He was contacted by area colleges and a couple minor league teams about playing baseball but as he was making up his mind. Uncle Sam came calling and Norry enlisted into the Navy and was stationed on the troop transport carrier the USS General E.T. Collins. Their assignment for the next three years was to distribute roughly 4,000 soldiers per trip to different fighting "Hot Spots" in the Pacific Theatre and then pick up all the wounded and dead on the way back to headquarters in Hawaii or the USA. When he wasn't dodging bullets, planes and torpedoes, he played on both the men's baseball and basketball teams in the service league. Norry attained the rating of 3rd Class Petty Officer and his main duty was fire control. When the war ended they were sent to collect troops that were still abroad. When finished with this enormous task Norry was decommissioned from the Navy in Seattle, Washington in 1946. He had traveled over 134,000 miles on his tour of duty.

When he returned to Minden he married Norma Jensen, the girl of his dreams since they started dating at the age of 14, and they remained sweethearts to the end. Through this marriage were born three boys: Robert, Mark and Jim. After returning from the war Norry had very little money so he found a job for awhile in house construction until he bought the milk delivery service in the Minden area from Vic Silvrants and it became "Norry's Delivery", and was the first pasteurized milk sold in Minden. The "Milk Man" continued delivering milk for over 20 years. During this time he continued to play baseball and basketball for Minden in the Kansas-Nebraska League and town team ball. Area teams would recruit him for tournaments and play-off games. Norry was a competitive golfer as well and had many thrilling tournaments against friends old and new. At times his temper got the best of him and at one tournament he was seen climbing a tree to retrieve his putter. He got pretty good at climbing trees.

In 1972 Norry and Norma were hired to run the Pioneer Village Motel. In 1982 they decided to visit their boys who all worked in or around Casper, Wyoming. They ended up staying for 11 years. They joined Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Norry became their "handy man/janitor" for the entire church and pre-school. They made a million friends and truly loved Wyoming.

Norry decided to retire and they moved back to Minden to rekindle old friendships

and live out the rest of their lives. He played a lot of golf, cheered on the Whippets and the Huskers every weekend, and enjoyed painting on canvas as well as houses. He did this well into his 80s and played golf until he was 92.

Norry also loved music, had a good voice and liked to sing. He sang in school and then in the Navy. He sang for the Bethany Lutheran Church choir, a barbershop quartet, and the Minden Chorus who were fantastic and entertained thousands in south central Nebraska and were loved by all who heard them sing. There were many things going on in Norry's life and these were but a few.

At the end of Norry's life he would sit by his picture window and gaze at the sky, the trees, his lawn, the neighbors working and playing outdoors, the kids coming and going to and from school and watching them play on the school playground. In his eyes you could see him looking back on 96 years of life. And what a life. I couldn't imagine a better father.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester & Martha Christensen, his wife Norma Jensen Christensen, his sister Luann and husband Roger Johnson, two sons Bob and Jim, his daughter-in-law Janet Christensen, his grandson-in-law Shawn Duncan, his great-granddaughter Kristian Duncan Morgan, and his childhood dog Rover, who after 90 years he still cherished and brought a tear to his eye when he told stories of their years and journeys together on the farm.

Family left to cherish his memory include his son and daughter-in-law John Mark & Jane (Jensen) Christensen of Minden; daughter-in-law Karla Fandry and husband Jim of Grand Island; granddaughter Heather Thesenvitz and husband Tom and their children Kylie, Tarah, Tucker Norris, Elizabeth, Max and Molly, and great-great grandsons Bently and Austin and great-granddaughter Amelia; granddaughter Megan Duncan and great-granddaughters Arianah and Madison; granddaughter Dana Fетters and her husband Donnie, and great-grandchildren Mary and her husband Alex, James, Ruth and Anna, all from Colorado; granddaughter Brooke Graham and husband Eric, and their children Elijah and Isaac; granddaughter Robin Mortenson and husband Ty, and their children Ryleigh and Brynlee; grandson Jon and wife Maddie and daughter Murphy; and daughter-in-law Eddie Christensen and son John, all of Wyoming. Also many Bogaard, Christensen and Jensen cousins in the USA and Denmark, as well as numerous friends.

Expressions of caring, kindness plus memories and experiences with Norry, and memorials, can be sent to jmchris@rcom-ne.com or to Mark & Jane Christensen at 917 Q Road, Minden. Memorials will be sent to local children's charities. We also thank Craig Funeral Home for all their help.

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Dr. James R. Madsen, 78 - Minden Resident



Dr. James "Doc" R. Madsen, 78, of Minden, passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at CHI Health – Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services were held on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Minden United Methodist Church with Rev. Kayla Mangrich. The service was streamed to the church's YouTube and Facebook pages. Inurnment was held following the service at the Minden Cemetery with military honors presented by the Minden American Legion, Heartwell Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Campbell American Legion in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps Funeral Honors Team. A celebration of life open house was held later that day at Windmill Studios in Minden. A memorial book signing with family present was held on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Memorials in Jim's honor are kindly suggested to the Kearney County Veterans Memorial Fund or to CHI Health – Good Samaritan Cancer Center in Kearney. Arrangements are under the care of Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Dr. James "Doc" Robert Madsen was born on January 20, 1947 to Robert and Marjorie Madsen in Minden, Jim was the only child of Robert and Marjorie. He was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Minden. Jim received the highest honor in the Boy Scouts, which is Eagle Award. Jim loved golf so he helped organize a golf team in 1963 for Minden High School with Coach Sam Somerhalder. The team went on to win the Nebraska Class B State Championship for Minden in 1964. To this day Minden has not had another boys' team win the championship for the school. Golf always remained a lifelong passion in Jim's life.

Jim was so proud of his parents; Bob was a mason and laid the bricks in the front of Pioneer Village back in the 1950's. His mom Marge was the secretary to the Chamber of Commerce for over 26 years. They also owned a shoe store in Minden for many years.

Jim attended the University of Nebraska for a couple years before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in September of 1967. He became a member of the 3rd Tank Battalion for the 3rd Division and served 10 months on tour duty in Vietnam. He served as a field radio tech.

After returning to the United States, Sgt. Madsen married his lovely wife, Lola Gregg, in March of 1970 in Las Vegas, NV. Jim, Lola and her son Clark were sent to New Mexico for burial duty for the Marine Corps.

Sgt. Madsen also was involved with the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center until 1971 when he received his honorable discharge. On January 29, 1972, Jim received the terrible news that his father had passed at the young age of 49 years old.

In 1973 Jim enrolled in the pre-veterinary program at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Besides his studies, Jim had many part time jobs in Lincoln to help him get through the program, along with Lola working too.

In 1977, Jim enrolled at the graduate school of Veterinary Medicine for another three years of studies at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

In 1980, Jim became Dr. James Robert Madsen, DVM; all his hard work paid off, his dream came true. He became a veterinarian in the field of large animals. Lola and Jim returned to Minden and built their home and business near Norman, NE.

After starting up his business Jim became one of the Board of Directors for Glenwood Telephone Company in Blue Hill for over 27 years.

The Madsen Veterinary Service was up and running for 25 years, 24 hours a day, 12 months of the year, until he retired after the passing of his loving wife, Lola, from cancer.

He wanted to make the world a better place through cattle and agriculture. He worked in the Campbell area from the age of 14, farming with Ned and Rob Raun and Del Kopf. After the passing of Lola, Jim once again worked for Ned Raun with farming and the feed lot.

In 2003, Jim saw again a former high school classmate from the class of 1965. Virginia (Virgin) McIntyre who was living in Hastings. Virginia was one of the Art Teachers at Hastings High, where she taught for 17 years until she retired.

Jim and Virginia (Ginny) were married August 20, 2006, at the Minden United Methodist Church at 6pm after the Minden Country Club Member Guest Golf Tournament, which Jim won that day, so a win, win for all.

Ginny's family includes a daughter, Jill Shipley and her husband Scott, along with their children, Jacey and husband Christopher Hill, and Raleigh Shipley; son, Alexander McIntyre and wife Michelle along with their children, Richard and Patrick. Both Scott and Alex are retired Corporals in the U. S. Marines. We are a proud family of 3 Marines who have served their country with Honor and pride.

Later on, Jim worked for the Minden Country Club mowing their course for many years. This was the perfect job for Jim, when he finished work, he could play golf. Golf was not just a game, it was serious business for Jim. He made lots of friendships over the years playing golf. If you ever needed Jim, he was usually at the golf course.

In 2023 his beloved mother, Marjorie, passed at the age of 99 years old.

Jim was always active and involved with various organizations: A lifetime member with the American Legion in Campbell Post #619 for 55 years as of 2025, was a member of the Kearney County Veterans Service Board and served as a Chairman for 10 years, Nebraska Veterinarian Medical Association for 48 years as of 2025, Lifetime Member of the Kansas State Veterinarian College, and Franklin Cattleman's Assoc. of Kearney County, and was a member of Minden Country Club.

He served as Color Guard for the Memorial Day in Minden and surrounding communities for over 20 years. He was proud of serving his country as a Vietnam Marine, that he honored this by having his pickup truck license plate read "Danam". Jim would always say what was on his mind, like it or not. He was very stubborn at times but always honest, loyal and a great member of our family. Give him a job and he gave 110%. Very intelligent but very rigid with his ideas, a loyal friend and would do anything for them. He was very kind and loving to Ginny and his mother and family, a very responsible and caring protective husband, son, step-father, step-grandfather, and step-great grandfather.

Jim was one of a kind, he will be missed by his wife, family, friends, many nieces and nephew. So now go play a lot of golf in heaven, Jim, with your friends and family. A final hoorah to our Marine with all our love, until we meet again.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marjorie and Bob Madsen; wife, Lola Madsen; step-sons, Clark Gregg and Mark Gregg; grandparents, Sara and Mads Madsen, Theo and Ora Parker; aunt and uncles, Betty Witte, Glenn Witte, and Royce Parker.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Virginia; step-children, Jill (Scott) Shipley of Shickley, Alexander (Michelle) McIntyre of Orlando, FL; step-grandchildren, Jacey (Christopher) Hill, Raleigh Shipley, Patrick McIntyre, Richard McIntyre, Destini (Jose) Flores; 5 step-great-grandchildren; as well as a host of extended relatives and close friends.

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

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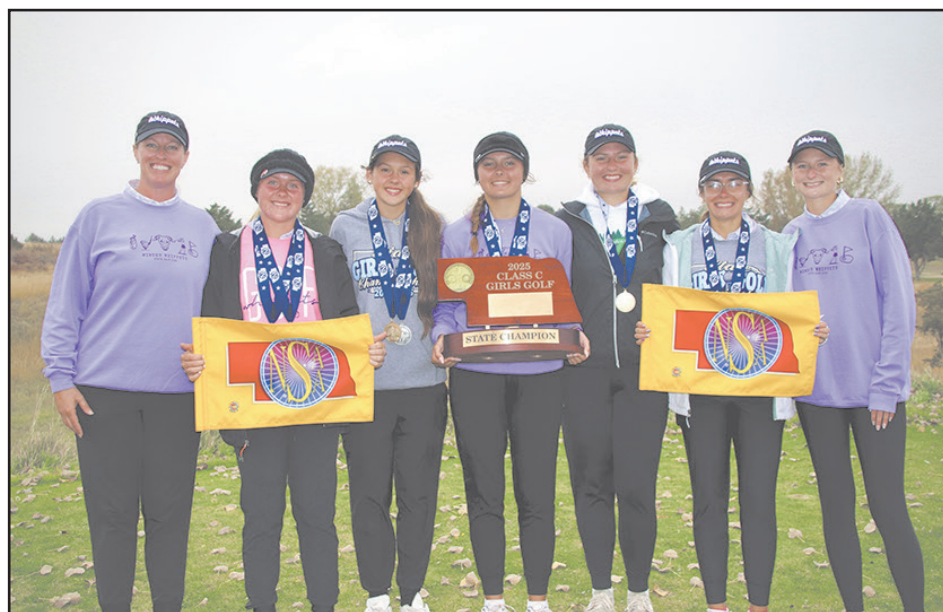
They did it! STATE CHAMPS! The Whippet girls are atop the Class C golf world for the first time in 11 years and their 2025 win was quite sweet as the recent spate of three straight runner-up finishes came to an end. There was no drama this season as there was in 2024 when Wayne beat Minden by one stroke. The girls were undefeated as a team this year.

The margin of victory at the meet at the Lake Maloney course near North Platte on October 13-14 was a resounding 63 strokes. Minden led by 34 strokes after the first day (Monday) and added 29 more to the margin on Tuesday. The Whippets 649 two-day score is Class C's all-time best. The previous best was also a Minden foursome (675 in 2003).

The team championship was Minden's 12th, tied for second for any class all-time. Previous titles came in 1979, 1980, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2013 and 2014. Senior KayLynn Jorgensen's individual class title was the sixth in school history and followed Jan Houston in 1979 and 1980, Kristen Kosch in 2002 and 2003 and Kara Suchsland in 2024.

KayLynn had rounds of 74-69(143) on the par 72 course to finish at one under par and was the only golfer in any of the three classes to break par. She bettered Kosch's previous school record 36-hole score of 153.

Her Tuesday round included an eagle on a par 5 and her 32 on the front nine was a career-best. The 143 is tied for the third best Class C round ever and in top 10 all-class



The Minden girls golf team concluded an undefeated season as the Class C State Champions. Senior KayLynn Jorgensen also earned individual state champion status. (Courier photos by Arabella Reed)



all-time. The 69 is one of only six rounds ever in any class to go under 70 at State. Her State finishes previously had been 3rd, tie-4th, tie 2nd.

This is arguably Class C's best team ever. There are some apples-to-oranges comparisons (different courses, different weather conditions) but it's hard to dispute that this might be the cream of the crop. And the heroes went well beyond KayLynn.

Freshman Macy Jorgensen had already emerged as a name to watch in future years and her second place finish at 78-76(154) certainly cemented that assertion.

Senior Shelby Nelson's back-to-back rounds of 82-79 (161) for the sixth place medal were personal bests and a huge boon to the prolific effort put forth by Minden.

Seniors Lauren Starkey (94-98-192, tie-36th) and Isabelle Martin (100-97-197, tie-46th) played some of their best golf of the season at a most opportune time.

TEAM SCORES: Minden 328-321-649, Scotus Catholic 362-350-712, West Holt 377-364-741, Adams Central 365-378-743, GICC 383-366-749, Sutton 376-386-762, Battle Creek 780, Valentine 796, Wayne 800, EMF 801, Boone Central 804, Lincoln Christian 816, Chadron 828, Central City 835, Gothenburg 879

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2025 Minden girls' golf team, Head Coach Whitney Maulsby and Assistant Coach Callie Whitten!

An appreciation goes out to the Hastings Tribune and writer Will Reynolds for its outstanding coverage of the State Meet.

Cats Topped By Flyers

ROGER HANSEN

The season ended for Axtell on October 16 in an 8-62 loss at Franklin. The Cats closed at 0-8.

Axtell seniors playing their last game for the Cats were Easton Bergstrom, Reece Hunt and Landen Eckhoff. Prior to this season, the records for the previous three years that these three young men competed for Axtell were 4-5 in '22, 7-3 in '23 and 5-5 in '24--a 16-13 composite record.



Axtell Wildcat football played their final regular season game on Oct.16 against Franklin. The final score of the game was 8-62. Pictured: (above) The Axtell Wildcats defensive line engages with the offensive line at the snap of the ball. (left) Connor L'Heureux, Nick Dahl and Easton Bergstrom line up on defense (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

NICK DAHL - FOOTBALL

School - Axtell Community School

Grade - Sophomore

Achievements - Dahl will lead the team in tackles and rushing yards this year. He is the leader of the team, hard working, never takes a play off, always willing to do what the coaches ask of him. He has played the last five games with cracked ribs and never asked to be taken out. - *Coach Mike Branstad*
Nick is a versatile athlete. He plays multiple positions on both sides of the ball.

Challenges he has overcome: He has battled multiple injuries this year and still gives full effort. He and his twelve teammates have faced significant adversity this year and continue to play every game.

Nick is resilient and a hard worker. -
Asst. Coach Craig Lorenz



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Whippet Defense Can't Hold Back Swedes

ROGER HANSEN

Gothenburg topped Minden 27-6 at Gothenburg on October 17 as the Whippets fell to 2-6.

Indications are that Minden played pretty good defense against the Swedes, allowing only 212 yards (169 rushing, 43 passing) while producing three sacks and nabbing two interceptions. But the Whippets' offense continues to struggle, in no small part due to a number of key players being sidelined with injuries.

Minden trailed 13-0 at halftime and 27-0 in the fourth quarter before Logan Verbeck got the Whippets on the board with a 25-yard TD run.

MINDEN Offense: Rushing-63 yds., Passing-38 yards, 101 Total.

RUSHING: Verbeck 20-69, 1 TD; Caleb Schwenka 3-5; Cole Schwenka 4- (-11)

PASSING: Cole Schwenka 6-13, 38 yds.

RECEIVING: Andrew Runions 3-29; Bo Lutkemeier 1-8; Cohen Schmidt 1-2; Verbeck 1- (-1)

TACKLES (solos-assists): Kanin Heath 12-4, B. Lutkemeier 5-4 (1 for loss), Drew Seiler 2-5 (1 for loss), Cole Schwenka 6-1 (1 for loss), Cael Smith 4-1 (1 for loss), Cohen Schmidt 4-2, Verbeck 3-2, Runions 3-1, Caleb Schwenka 3-1, Morgan Johnson 1-2, Kellan Conyers 1-2, Christian Sorenson 2-0, Dalton Pasbrig 1-1, Lukas Labenz 0-1, Luke

Livingston 1-0

SACKS: B. Lutkemeier, Smith, Seiler

INTERCEPTIONS: Runions, Caleb Schwenka

PUNTING: B. Lutkemeier 9-33.3 ave.

KICKOFF RETURNS: Verbeck 1-17

Score By Quarters- Minden 0 0 0 6- 6 (2-6)
G-Burg 13 0 7 7- 27 (7-1)

Scoring Summary-

G- 8 run

G- 3 run (kick)

G- 29 pass (kick)

G- 1 run (kick)

M- Verbeck 25 run

The Whippets close out the season hosting Cozad at Kuper Field on Friday, October 24 On Senior Night. The Haymakers are 4-4 with wins over Ogallala, Chase County, Broken Bow and Holdrege and losses to Sidney, Central City, Gothenburg and Adams Central. They average 24.2 offensively and yield 25.6 on defense. They are coached by former Husker and NFL defensive lineman Jared Crick, a Cozad native.



Cael Smith waits for the snap. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Falcons Fall Short of District Title

PHIL SERRONE

Wilcox-Hildreth hosted Elm Creek High School on Oct.17 in their final regular season game with the winner earning the D2 District 5 Championship. This was a highly competitive game that featured multiple lead changes.

Despite the Falcons best efforts, it was Elm Creek standing tall as district champion after securing a one-score victory by a score of 42-34. Wilcox-Hildreth surrendered 320 total yards on defense. No individual stats were provided by the time of publication.

Despite the loss, Wilcox-Hildreth (4-4) is still playoff bound as the team will travel to Wolbach to face off against Central Valley who has an undefeated record on the season so far at 8-0. The first round will take place on Oct.23 with kick-off time slated for 7:00 p.m.

No quarter by quarter breakdown was provided, keep an eye on our website themindencourier.com for any stat additions.



The Falcons football team lost their chance at a district championship when the team was defeated by Elm Creek High School on Oct.17. The final score of the game was 34-42. Pictured: Quarterback Drew Blank throws the ball down the field. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

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Lady Cats and Lady Falcons Compete at FKC Tourney

PHIL SERRONE

The Fort Kearney Conference volleyball tournament was held throughout last week beginning on Oct.13 and concluded with the championship round on Oct.16. Games were played at various locations with the one-seed and two-seed hosting round one. Kearney Catholic hosted the second round and consolation play while Kearney High School hosted the championship.

Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth were both in action with the Lady Cats traveling to Overton High School for round one play while the Lady Falcons took a road trip to Amherst High School.

The Lady Cats faced off against five-seeded Sumner-Eddyville-Miller in round one and were defeated in two sets. Set scores were 11-25 and 20-25.

Emily Danburg and Addyson Skaggs had a strong presence on the offensive side and defensive side of the contest. Danburg finished with seven kills and eight digs while Skaggs collected a final stat line of four kills, one ace and a team-high 12 digs. Madison Wells and Leah Stritt combined for 13 assists.

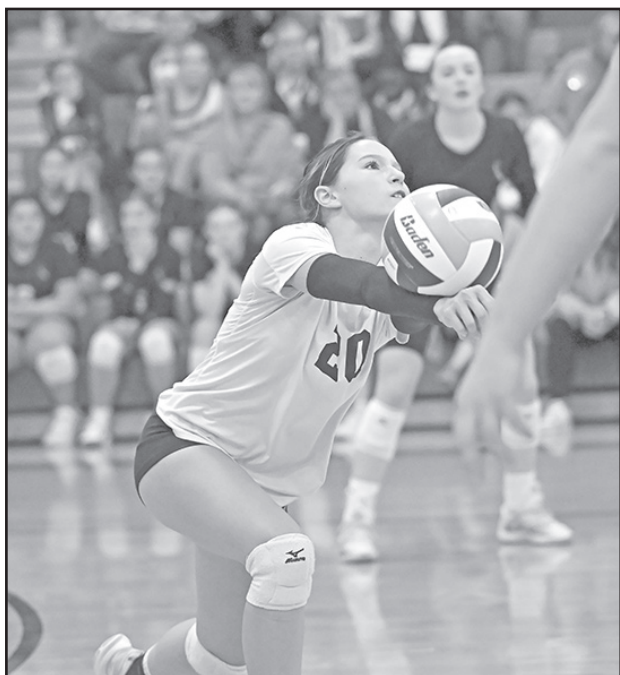
Heading into the consolation bracket, Axtell was matched up against five-seeded Pleasanton High School. The matchup itself was highly competitive and needed three sets to decide a winner. Unfortunately, the Lady Cats were defeated 25-16, 22-25 and 19-25. No individual stats were provided.

Wilcox-Hildreth began their first round with a matchup against eight-seeded Elm Creek High School. It was an identical end for both sets as the Lady Falcons were defeated 16-25. No individual stats were provided from the game.

In the consolation bracket, Wilcox-Hildreth faced off against seven-seeded Loomis High School. The Lady Falcons gave it their all in the first set and almost came away with the victory but were defeated 21-25. Closing out the final set, it was a larger deficit for Wil-Hil to overcome losing 13-25. No individual stats were provided.

Axtell (12-14) closed out their regular season with a road trip to Silver Lake for a triangular on Oct.21. Wilcox-Hildreth (2-23) traveled to Pleasanton High School on Oct.20 for a triangular. The Lady Falcons will conclude the regular season in an away contest at Southern Valley on Oct.23.

We will have a full recap from each of these games in next week's paper including the schedule for subdistricts. Keep an eye on our website themindencourier.com for any stat additions.



Axtell Lady Wildcats volleyball team lost both their FKC tournament games on the week against SEM and Pleasanton. Their record on the season now stands at 12-14. Pictured: Mina Schilling collects a dig. (Courier photo by Rachel Hawkins)



The Wilcox-Hildreth Lady Falcons competed at Amherst High School in the first round of the FKC tournament on Oct.21 against Elm Creek. Wil-Hil lost that game as well as their consolation round game against Loomis. Pictured: Elin Patterson flies to the ground to prevent a point. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Here are the following stats from Axtell vs SEM:

Kills: Emily Danburg 7, Addyson Skaggs 4, Bristol Thorell 2, Ashlynn Nelson 1, Morgan Hawkins 1; Aces: Skaggs 1, Leah Stritt 1; Digs: Skaggs 12, Danburg 8, Madison Wells 5, Hawkins 5, Nelson 4, Stritt 4, Mina Schilling 3, Jerzey Ramirez 1, Thorell 1; Assists: Wells 8, Stritt 5, Schilling 1

No individual stats were provided for either Wilcox-Hildreth game or the Axtell/Pleasanton game

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Dawgs Clean Sweep Rematch Against Dusters

PHIL SERRONE



The Lady Whippets (21-7) had a fantastic week coming away with two victories over SWC foes Cozad and Holdrege. Next up is the SWC Tournament for the Lady Whippets held in Cozad. Pictured: Rilynn Johnson puts the ball over the net with precision. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Fresh off a victory over a SWC rival earlier in the week, the Lady Whippets faced off against another conference rival when the team traveled to Holdrege High School on Oct.16.

This was a highly competitive matchup with both teams potentially revving up for a state tournament appearance. Holdrege won the first matchup this season on Sept.27 in two sets 23-25 and 20-25.

Minden used their prior downfall as motivation and rebounded with a dominant three set victory over the Lady Dusters. The Lady Whippets blindsided the home team with a dominant first set win by a score 25-16. Holdrege tried their best to force

extra set play but the Lady Whippets were too much, winning set two and three by a score of 25-23.

Myla Emery was tremendous in front of a packed house as she finished with 19 kills, 13 assists, one ace and three blocks. Aly Cederburg and Kaleigh Carr combined for 14 kills. Minden collected four aces as a team led by Carr's two. Victoria Hansen showcased strong ball placement throughout the three sets as she finished with a team-high 20 assists.

The Lady Whippets made it difficult on the Lady Dusters' offense with 72 digs and seven blocks as a team. Makenna Anderson and Rebecca Lempka paced the team with 16 digs each. Rilynn Johnson shut down multiple kill attempts with a team-high four blocks.

As we head towards the end of the regular season, the Lady Whippets record now stands at 21-7. Minden faced off in a rematch against Cozad on Oct.20 to kick off the first round of the SWC tournament. We will have a full coverage of Minden's quest for another SWC title in next week's paper!

Here are the stats from Minden vs Holdrege:

Kills: Myla Emery 18, Aly Cederburg 8, Rebecca Lempka 6, Kaleigh Carr 6, Rilynn Johnson 1, Bailee Fries 1; Aces: Carr 2, Grace Hansen 1; Digs: Makenna Anderson 16, Rebecca Lempka 16, Emery 11, Victoria Hansen 10, Carr 9, Johnson 4, Cederburg 3, Olivia Armstrong 2, G.Hansen 1; Assists: V.Hansen 20, Emery 15, Johnson 1, Carr 1; Blocks: Johnson 4, Emery 3, Cederburg 3, Fries 1, Lempka 1, Carr 1

Lady Whippets Dominate SWC Foe Cozad 3-0

PHIL SERRONE

It was an SWC volleyball clash when the Minden Lady Whippets hosted the Cozad Lady Haymakers on Oct.14. All three sets were dominated by Minden by a score of 25-14, 25-5 and 25-13.

Overall as a team, the Lady Whippets were able to get strong contributions across the roster especially on the offensive end. Myla Emery led the team with 16 kills along with 11 assists and eight digs. Kaleigh Carr had a strong performance attacking the ball as she collected 10 kills. Rebecca Lempka and Aly Cederburg combined for 17 kills.

Setting up the offense perfectly all evening was Victoria Hansen as she finished with a team-high 22 assists. As a team, Minden had four aces led by Carr's three.

Defensively, the Lady Whippets remained resilient throughout the three sets totaling 51 digs. Makenna Anderson and Carr tied for the team lead with 11 digs each. Lempka added eight digs. Bailee Fries and Cederburg each had one block in the contest.

Here are the following stats from Minden vs Cozad:

Kills: Myla Emery 16, Kaleigh Carr 10, Rebecca Lempka 9, Aly Cederburg 8, Rilynn Johnson 1, Bailee Fries 1; Assists: Victoria Hansen 22, Emery 11, Carr 4, Lempka 1; Aces: Carr 3, Olivia Armstrong 1; Digs: Makenna Anderson 11, Carr 11, Emery 8, Lempka 8, Hansen 4, Armstrong 4, Johnson 2, Myka Petersen 2, Sophia Birkestrand 1; Blocks: Cederburg 1, Fries 1

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CHEYENNE LIEB - VOLLEYBALL

School - Wilcox-Hildreth Public School

Grade - Senior

Achievements in past seasons

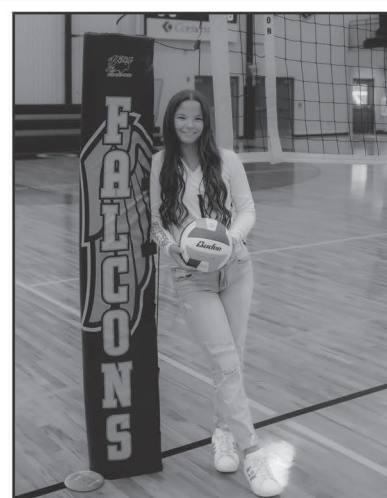
and this season: Cheyenne has been team captain her junior and senior year. She is a leader on and off the court. She totals 139 assists this season so far.

Challenges she has overcome:

FKC Conference is brutal, and these teams are tough. Cheyenne grinds every practice and continues to grow. This is something that our record does not reflect, but she is a great athlete.

Attributes that have led to her

success: She is a player who wants to improve. She pushes herself and her teammates to be the best they can be. - Coach Emersen Lauder



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Minden Boys Place Third at C-5 District Meet

ROGER HANSEN

Minden's cross country teams were looking for State Meet qualifications at the 12-school C-5 District Meet at Ogallala on October 15 and they got some but not all they were hoping for.

The boys placed third to earn their State credentials as the top three advance. The top seven BOYS' team scores: Holdrege 31, Gothenburg 36, Minden 59, Kearney Catholic 83, Cozad 107, Chase County 108, Chadron 110, Sidney 134.

The top individual was Tyler Hetz of Gothenburg in 16:23. Minden medalled two in the top 15--junior Gage Thull, 8th, 17:35 and freshman Javi Perales, 10th, 17:43. The other Whippet runners were junior Trystan Sharkey, 19th, 18:30; sophomore Isaac Reed, 22nd, 18:42; junior Holt Aschenbrenner, 46th, 20:11; junior Steve Rhodes, 47th, 20:21. 69 boys ran.

The top seven GIRLS' scores: Chase County 35, Gothenburg 45, Kearney Catholic 58, Minden 62, Chadron 63, Sidney 103, Broken Bow 126.

The top individual girl was Scout Bell of Gothenburg in 20:00. Minden was led by two medalists and qualifiers--freshman Adelyn Whitten, 3rd, 20:36 and junior Alexa Warner, 7th, 21:07. Also for the Whippets were sophomore Aclynn Osterbuhr, 17th, 22:22; sophomore Evie Sharkey, 37th, 23:56; sophomore Cristal Gonzalez, 39th, 24:10; sophomore Adaire Crane, 40th, 24:21. 62 girls ran.

The Minden girls had an excellent season and were anticipating a return trip to State but they fell a few points short of moving on.

For the boys, Thull and Sharkey will be making their third State Meet appearance, Reed his second. Perales, Aschenbrenner and Rhodes are State newbies.

For the girls, Warner will run at State for the third consecutive year. She was 16th as a freshman and 11th in 2024. Whitten, as a 9th grader, is an inaugural qualifier.

The State Meet is again at the Kearney Country Club, as it has been for 50 years, on Friday, October 24. Whitten and Warner will compete in the Class C race at 12:30 while the Minden boys will run at 1:30.



The Minden boys cross country team placed third at the C-5 District Meet at Ogallala on Oct. 15. Minden medal winners were Alexa Warner, Adelyn Whitten, Gage Thull, and Javi Perales. (Courtesy photos)



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Axtell Boys D-5 District Runners-up

ROGER HANSEN

Axtell qualified its boys team and one individual girl and Wilcox-Hildreth qualified one boy out of the D-5 District Meet at Cambridge on October 16. 19 schools were represented with 14 full boys teams and 12 full girls squads. 69 boys and 51 girls ran.

BOYS TEAM SCORES (top 6): South Loup 19, Axtell 37, Alma 38, Elm Creek 46, Amherst 60, Cambridge 67. Wilcox-Hildreth was 9th at 87.

Individual boys' winner was Kael Garrett of Medicine Valley at 17:21.

The Cat boys were paced by freshman Micah Houchin (3rd, 18:21). Felix Lopez also medalled (15th, 18:58). The other Axtell runners: Aydan Houchin (19th, 19:29), Isaiah Sinachack (23rd, 19:50) and Kyler Kolbo (30th, 20:22). Aydan also qualified for State in 2023 and this is the first time for the other Cat boys.

Alex Klatt-Terabelian of Wil-Hil moved on to State finishing 8th at 18:44. Four other Falcons ran: Jacob Jezbera (28th, 20:18), Cooper Woollen (56th, 23:50), Craig Bunker (57th, 23:51) and Brett Woollen (62nd, 24:58). Coach Dustin Johnson indicated that the results (order of finish) for some of his runners may be incorrect. This is Alex's initial State qualification.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES (top 8): Elm Creek 21, Cambridge 39, Brady 43, Pleasanton 45, Hi-Line 46, Amherst 64, Axtell 66, Wil-Hil 73

Individual girls' winner was Aysha Neal of Alma at 22:02. For the Cats, Emma Hall medalled at 5th and qualified for State at 22:42. Others for Axtell: Sadie Lorenzo (31st, 26:24), Kali Philippi (36th, 27:11). Emma is back at State for the second year in a row.

Running for the Falcons were: Allegra Johnson (23rd, 25:42), Chloe Johnson (24th, 25:49) and Ayva Bendorf (35th, 26:56).



The Axtell and Wilcox-Hildreth cross country teams competed in the D-5 District Meet at Cambridge on October 16. Axtell qualified its boys team and Emma Hall and Wilcox-Hildreth qualified Alex Klatt-Terabelian for the state competition. (Courtesy photos)

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Kearney County Sheriff

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10-6-25, A vehicle driven by Louis Scott Dornhoff, Minden was traveling southbound on Highway 10 when it

swerved to miss a deer on the road. Dornhoff lost control and crossed the centerline into the northbound lane and was struck by a vehicle driven by Jamie R. Lieb, Franklin, which was traveling north on Highway 10. Estimated damage, Dornhoff: \$30,000. Estimated damage, Lieb: \$10,000.



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Fatal Crash at Hwy 6/34 & 44

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday October 13, 2025 at approximately 1241 hours the Kearney County 911 received a report of a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 6&34 and 44 North.

A 2013 Volkswagen Jetta Se 4 door Sedan driven by 17 year old Guadalupe Solorio of Santa Fe New Mexico was traveling East bound on Hwy 6 &34 attempting to make a left turn to go North on HWY 44 when it was struck by a westbound 2019 Peterbuilt truck pulling an empty tanker trailer driven by 60 year old Daniel Shoemaker of O’Neil Nebraska.

A 13 year old female passenger in the Volkswagen was air lifted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney by Air Care where later she was pronounced deceased.

Both Drivers were also transported by Ambulance to Kearney Hospitals and treated and released for injuries. Seatbelts were in use by all occupants.

The accident is under investigation by the Kearney County Sheriff’s Office and Nebraska State Patrol and Kearney County Attorney’s Office.

The Sheriff’s Office and State Patrol received assistance from the Nebraska Department of Roads, Axtell Fire and Rescue, Good Samaritan Ambulance and Air Care.

Minden Courier Football Contest Winners Week 8

ROGER HANSEN

Week 8 of the Courier Football Contest saw five pickers with just one miss, all attributed to loyalty to the Big Red. The tie-breaker was needed to determine money winners and honorable mention pat-on-the-back entrants.

Karl Detmers of Minden came closest on the tie-breaker (Michigan 24, Washington 7, Total 31) and reaps the first prize spoils of \$25. Coming in second with the next closest prediction was Lisa Fries of Minden who wins the \$15 windfall.

Brett Weaver of Axtell (51), Pat Duntz of Minden (57) and Sharon Bruening (picked Washington) were the also rans.

Most missed game besides Minnesota’s win over Nebraska were Iowa over Penn State and Notre Dame over USC.

Bowling Standings

Classey Lassies 10-9-25

Team Standings:	W	L
Split Happens	26	10
Pony Express Ford	21.5	14.5
Dobish Dumpsters	19.5	16.5
Aurora Coop-Keene	17	19
Larson Bros Construction	16	20
Platte River BBQ	16	20
Skye’s The Limit Salon	14	22
Upland Bar & Grill	14	22
High Individual Game: Chelsey Oltman, 199; Skye Beckman, 177; Kristi McDowell, 152		
High Individual Series: Chelsey Oltman, 435; Skye Beckman, 420; Erica Wilkins, 398		
High Team Game: Split Happens, 432; Pony Express Ford, 404; Skye’s The Limit Salon, 398		
High Team Series: Split Happens, 1121; Skye’s The Limit Salon, 1100; Platte River BBQ, 1078		

Minden Unified Association 10-16-25

Team Standings:	W	L
Miller Body	106	94
Joyce Farms	104.5	95.5
First Bank	90	109
APEX	89.5	95.5
High Individual Game: Kevin Reed, 213; Spencer Mills, 206; James Miller, 203		
High Individual Series: Kevin Reed, 610; Shaun Johnson, 541; James Miller, 540		
High Team Game: Miller Body, 700; First Bank, 694; APEX, 693		
High Team Series: Miller Body, 1959; APEX, 1942; First Bank, 1910		

Monday Maniacs 10-13-25

Team Standings:	W	L
Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm	20	8
Minden Exchange Bank & Trust	16	12
Children First Daycare	12	16
Budget Heating & Air	8	20
High Individual Game: Rendy France (2), 182; Theresa Ciemnoczolowski, 178; Theresa Ciemnoczolowski, 171		
High Individual Series: Rendy France, 504		
Theresa Ciemnoczolowski, 489; Ashley Osterbuhr, 438		
High Team Game: Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 401; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 397; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, 393		
High Team Series: Minden Exchange Bank & Trust, 1166; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz Law Firm, 1163; Children First Daycare, 1101		

Legal Notices

NOTICE

**AXTELL COMMUNITY
SCHOOL LB 399
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13,
2025**

**8:00 AM
LIBRARY**

AGENDA: 1. Roll Call (Committee: Jeff-Matt-Bette-plus- Jenn-Craig-Brad- & Rob) 2. Minutes 3. Request for Public Comment 4. Discussions. a. Curriculum. b. Alignment to state standards. c. Civics. 5. Next LB 399 Committee Meeting/Hearing. a. April 13, 2026 TBA. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10. Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10. 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.

**AXTELL COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13,
2025
8:15 AM
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. Presentation: 2026 Graduation details, May 16, 2026, Emily Danberg. 5. Approval of minutes from the September 8, 2025 September board meeting. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2025 board 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. 6. Discussion and action for district financial reports. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the district financial reports as presented. 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 of district claims. Motion Passed: Motion to approve district claims as presented. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Bette Dimon. 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. Veterans Day Program. 2. PBIS Team behavior focus point. b. Craig Lorenz, Secondary Principal. 1. Digital Citizenship. 2. Red Ribbon Week. c. Rob Gregory, Superintendent. 1. Negotiations Committee: Matt, Linda, Kurt. a. Legally we must meet before November 1. (1st mtg – Wed. Oct 22 @ 7:30 AM). b. District letter to AEA. c. 2027-28 AEA Letter to district (Action needed below). 2. Updated staff assignments. 3. State School Board Conference Update: November 20-21-22, CHI Event Center Omaha. a. Rooms – covered parking – meals – conference registration # – event registration. 9. Discussion Items. a. Mid States Service Agreement. b.

Discussion on request from the Axtell Education Association (AEA) for recognition as the exclusive bargaining unit for the 2027-28 contract year teacher negotiations. c. Policy #5006: option enrollment and student capacity + resolution. d. Stage Curtains Update: new quote including hardware. e. New Addition Classroom Furniture. 10. Executive Session. Motion Passed: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:54 am. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Ty Fickenscher. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. The regular board meeting resumed at 9:08. 11. Action Items. a. Approval of senior graduation requests for the class of 2026. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the senior graduation requests for the class of 2026. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Linda Almquist. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. b. Approval of request from the Axtell Education Association (AEA) for recognition as the exclusive bargaining unit for the 2027-2028 contract year teacher negotiations. Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Axtell Education Association (AEA) for recognition as the exclusive bargaining unit for the 2027-2028 contract year teacher negotiations. Proposal passed with a motion by Kurt Behrhorst and a second by Bette Dimon. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. 12. Informational Items. a. Calendars. b. Article. c. Plumbing Update. d. Next Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 7pm. 13. Motion to adjourn. Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn at 9:35. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Alm-

quist 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 Policy #5006 capacity of enrollment and accompanying resolution for student option enrolment for the 2025-26 school year. Motion Passed: Motion to approve Policy #5006 capacity of enrollment and accompanying resolution for student option enrolment for the 2025-26 school year. 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. d. Approval of Eakes quote for new classroom furniture in the amount of \$54,200.93. Motion Passed: Motion for approval of the Eakes quote for new classroom furniture in the amount of \$54,200.93. Proposal passed with a motion by Jeff Halvorsen and a second by Bette Dimon. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. e. Approval of Omaha Stage Equipment quote in the amount of \$29,289 to replace stage curtains and hardware. Motion Passed: Motion for the approval of Omaha Stage Equipment quote in the amount of \$29,289 to replace stage curtains and hardware. Proposal passed with a motion by Matt Strolberg and a second by Kurt Behrhorst. Linda Almquist Yes, Bette Dimon Yes, Jeff Halvorsen Yes, Matt Strolberg Yes, Ty Fickenscher Yes, Kurt Behrhorst Yes. 12. Informational Items. a. Calendars. b. Article. c. Plumbing Update. d. Next Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 7pm. 13. Motion to adjourn. Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn at 9:35. Proposal passed with a motion by Linda Alm-

quist 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: ACS CAFETERIA PLAN(FLEX) ACCT, 34,200.00; ACTIVITY FUND, 1,135.00; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 1,100.16; AMERICAN RECYCLING, 100.00; AREA SERVICES, 1,095.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, 684.84; BRUCE FURNITURE, 673.00; BUILDERS WAREHOUSE INC, 101.95; CAPITAL ONE - WALMART, 119.02; CENGAGE LEARNING, 247.50; CLEAR LIVE LLC, 97.37; CODECOMBAT INC, 910.00; COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS INC, 4,235.31; DANA F COLE & COMPANY, LLP, 150.00; DECKER EQUIPMENT, 56.85; DUG'S SHOP, 3,554.08; E&E TURF INC, 63.00; EAKES OFFICE PLUS, 9,645.56; ECHO GROUP, INC, 383.56; ESGI, LLC, 274.00; ESU #10, 1,434.72; ESU #11, 725.92; ESU #7, 88.00; FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL, 25.00; GRAPHIC ARTS SHOP INC, 308.00; HAMILTON LONG DISTANCE, 1,508.44; HARVEST RIGHT, 3,357.04; HIRERIGHT LLC, 469.70; HOLLIDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 25.00; KAT'S KORNER MARKET, 336.28; KEARNEY HUB, 581.99; KIDS & DREAMS FOUNDATION, 120.00; KINDSCHUH CONSTRUCTION, CO, 70.00; LUNCH FUND, 1,373.02; MENARDS-KEARNEY, 610.89; MID-STATES AUTOMATION & CONTROL, INC, 1,120.50; MIDWEST AUTO FIRE SPRINKLER CO, 780.00; MYSTERY SCIENCE, 1,040.00; NEBRASKA COUNCIL OF SCHOOL

ADMINISTRATORS, 1,671.00; NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER, 270.00; NEBRASKA.GOV, 100.00; NRCSA, 2,750.00; ONE SOURCE, 126.00; PERRY GUTHERY HAASE & GESSFORD, PC, LLO, 320.00; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, 126.50; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC, 600.00; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 68.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 4,339.62; SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC, 75.35; SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY, THE, 150.32; SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, 857.30; SOUTHERN POWER DISTRICT, 9,679.55; SOUTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS, 25.00; STATE OF NEBRASKA, 1,805.53; SYNDICATE PUBLISHING, 448.82; TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, 174.00; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-KEARNEY, 340.00; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, 127.00; VILLAGE OF AXTELL, 982.93; VISA, 488.33; Vendors Listed: 60; Total: 98,325.95; October Payroll: 413,286.36; Total: 511,612.31. Fund: 08 SPECIAL BUILDING FUND: BD CONSTRUCTION, INC, 489,202.72; GSI ENGINEERING, LLC, 253.00; Vendors Listed: 2; Total: 489,455.72. Fund: 10 COOPERATIVE FUND: AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 22.55; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, 114.99; ESU #10, 662.98; HOMETOWN LEASING, 99.81; LUNCH FUND, 611.60; RELIABLE PEST CONTROL SERVICES, INC, 55.00; REVOLVING CASH ACCOUNT, 1.00; Vendors Listed: 7; Total: 1,567.93; October Payroll: 20,322.42; Total: 21,890.35. Oct 23, 2025 (329) znez



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NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE MINDEN CITY COUNCIL ON THE CREATION OF A CLEAN ENERGY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Minden will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 3rd, 2025 at 6:00PM. The purpose of the hearing will be for the purpose of receiving public comment on the creation of a Clean Energy Assessment District. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 325 N. Colorado Avenue, Minden, Nebraska.

A copy of the ordinance is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk at Minden City Hall, 325 N. Colorado Avenue, Minden, Nebraska.

All interested parties shall be afforded at such public hearing a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting the proposed ordinance.

Oct 23, 2025

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NOTICE

VILLAGE OF WILCOX MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2025

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 14, 2025. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Wilcox Town Hall, Cornerstone Bank, Post Office and High Street Insurance. Agendas were delivered to each member of the Village Board. Chairman Gardels called the meeting to order and noted the Open Meetings Act. Trustees present: Gardels, Norman, Nash, Johnson and Adam. Others in

attendance were R. Carey, J. Lyons and D. Walker. The utility customer who requested the utility hearing canceled the hearing as their representation could not be at the meeting. The board reviewed the unpaid bill. The minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting and budget hearing were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Adam with second given by Norman. Motion carried. The following claims were presented for payment: Syndicate 73.97; Great Plains Com 241.50; Verizon 179.74; Cline Williams 276.00; NE Dept. of Rev. (Quarterly) 741.83; Dana F. Cole 1000.00; One-Call Concepts 34.94; CPI 347.01; Town & Country 286.50; Buffalo Outdoor 561.75; Wilcox Utilities 715.63; Black Hills 99.52; ASAP 31.10; NE Public Env. Lab 808.00; League of NE Municipalities 65.00; Municipal Supply 133.76; SPPD 617.43; SPPD 2180.04; LARM 28,762.00; Johnson Service 3069.00; NPPD 23,213.36; Larsens ACE 24.97; Visa 71.54; SCS 4294.70; Vestis 176.25; Central Dist. Health Dept. 104.00; Village of Axtell 500.00; Moore's Irrigation 175.00; Counsel 175.00; Salaries 5829.43; NE Dept. of Rev. (sales tax) 870.92; EFTPS 1616.42; NYLife 1103.31; Transfers 6582.75; USDA Loan 91-02 31,982.00; USDA Loan 91-04 8449.00; USDA Loan 91-06 1,686.00. Motion by Johnson with second by Nash to approve all claims for payment. Motion carried. Delinquent utilities: Only one delinquent utility bill was noted. Nuisance properties were discussed. We have a District Court order and lien

on the 305 E Franklin Street property. The board will consider bids for clean up of this property in spring if nuisance still exists, in which case this will be another lien on this property. Board chairman was in contact with owner of the camper trailers that remain on this property stating they must be removed. Board discussed scheduling a Board of Health meeting to review the 305 E Franklin St property. Further discussion was tabled until November meeting. The board reviewed the NPPD 2026 Wholesale Power Contract. Motion by Adam with second by Nash to enter into this contract. Motion carried unanimously. Contract was signed. Building permit application #418 was reviewed by the board, J. Lyons building an addition to east side of residence. This application was approved by the Wilcox Planning Commission after their review and site inspection. Motion by Adam with second by Johnson to approve building permit #418. Motion carried. Action for closing of the trailer court to move forward in developing this property was discussed. Attorney D. Walker, will send letter to the one remaining tenant. The board discussed action to prepare trailer court regarding changes needed in water and sewer lines for re-development. Trustee Adam will contact Miller and Associates to draw up a plan for this project. The board reviewed a draft ordinance on living in campers/RV's, etc. Discussion was tabled until the November meeting. In other discussion, B. Johnson discussed the possible removal of an electric pole

requested by a customer, electric gloves and sleeves will be taken in for testing and our lead & copper water testing has been completed. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Melinda Ferree

Village Clerk

APPROVED:

Brad Gardels, Chairman

Wilcox Village Board of

Trustees

Oct 23, 2025

(152) znez

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Millwright Mechanical LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, has been organized under the laws of the state of Nebraska, with its initial designated office at 9735 S West Ave, Holstein NE, 68950. The initial agent for service of process of the company is David Lewis, 1106 N Juniata Ave, Juniata NE 68955.

Oct 23, 2025

Oct 30, 2025

Nov 6, 2025

(13) znez

NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, the 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,

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Oct 9, 2025

Oct 16, 2025

Oct 23, 2025

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NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Trade Name: Larson Brothers Construction

Name of Applicant: Roger Larson

Address: 306 N Main Street Axtell, NE 68924

Applicant is: a Partnership If other than an Individual,

state under whose laws entity was formed: Nebraska

Date of first use of name in Nebraska: 1978

General nature of business: Masonry Contractor

/s/ Roger Larson

Roger Larson

Oct 23, 2025

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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF KEARNEY COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF
MARCELE D. SCHMIDT,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR25-19

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

MINDEN EXCHANGE BANK
& TRUST COMPANY,
Petitioner
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308-832-1600

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Oct 9, 2025
Oct 16, 2025
Oct 23, 2025
(35) znez

NOTICE
MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Agendas for the October 13, 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 the meeting was published in the paper. The board approved minutes from the meeting held September 8, financial reports, claims against the General Fund, amendments to Policy 4221 Leaves of Absence and Policy 3132 Internal Controls, and 2026-27 capacity limits for Policy 5006. Detailed minutes of the meeting are available in the superintendent's office.
OCTOBER 2025 - GENERAL FUND CLAIMS - CenturyLink, \$450.82; Minden Exchange Bank, \$34.90; Wright Express Fleet Services, \$1,299.25; Accelerated Receivables Solutions, \$895.70; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$1,227.68; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$196,430.15; Fiduciary Trust Company, \$2,000.00; Horace Mann Life Insurance Company, \$1,275.00; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$2,593.51; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.,

\$7,048.04; Minden Public Schools, \$116,457.11; Mps Payroll, \$148,465.17; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$21,166.81; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$4,277.36; Aurora Cooperative, \$5,446.10; Black Hills Energy, \$3,718.64; Blick Art Materials, \$1,063.99; Buffalo Outdoor Power, \$361.12; Carter Electric, \$170.00; City Of Minden, \$48,351.39; Clearly, \$823.88; Coach Masters, Inc., \$51,000.00; Colonial Research Chemical Corp., \$174.22; Colorado/West Equipment, Inc., \$106.13; Computer Hardware, Inc., \$645.00; Consolidated Concrete Co., \$84.99; Cornerstone Electric, \$2,326.05; Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, \$5,500.00; Eakes Office Solutions, \$2,209.19; Educational Service Unit #10, \$3,548.82; Educational Service Unit #11, \$995.60; Educational Service Unit #7, \$176.80; Elan Financial Services, \$174.43; Ellis, Erin A, \$143.00; Engineered Controls, Inc., \$1,692.50; Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C., \$4,596.75; Heartland Refrigeration, LLC, \$1,410.59; Heartland Scenic Studio, Inc, \$307.50; Hometown Leasing, \$3,855.49; Jim's OK Tire Min-

den, LLC, \$2,390.00; John Deere Financial, \$30.10; JW Pepper & Son, Inc., \$169.99; Kearney County Treasurer, \$20.00; Kearney Powersports, \$45.90; Kearney Quality Sew & Vac., Inc, \$89.98; Mason's Market, \$263.63; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., \$1,487.59; Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc., \$4,371.00; Miller Body Shop, \$360.00; Minden Hardware, \$359.41; Minden Lumber, \$15.14; Mission Plumbing, LLC, \$6,761.30; Mps Petty Cash, \$87.01; Napa Auto Parts, \$192.74; NCSA, \$475.00; Nebraska Speech Language Hearing Association, \$250.00; Nebraska Department of Education, \$750.00; Novus Windshield Repair, \$75.00; Omnify Benefits, \$300.80; One Source, \$364.00; Pearson Clinical Assessment, \$193.93; Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O, \$1,340.00; Pony Express Ford, \$638.03; Presto-X Company, \$203.40; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, \$305.00; Richard Widdifield, \$4,429.50; Schindler Elevator Corporation, \$274.95; Superior Van & Mobility, LLC, \$49,582.00; Syndicate Publishing, LLC, \$528.94; Teachers Pay Teachers, \$162.99; Travis Dassing-er, \$536.25; Turf Tank, \$1,562.54; Verizon Wireless, \$160.04; Village Uniform, \$1,014.27; Widdifield, James T, \$407.81; Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc., \$62.50;

Yanda's Music, \$1,481.63; Ziemba Roofing Company, \$284.00; October Net Payroll - \$472,032.72; Subtotal - \$1,196,562.77; LUNCH FUND CLAIMS - Midwest Meat Company, \$154.35; Mason's Market, \$77.77; LinPepCo Partnership, \$1,046.05; Amazon Capital Services, Inc, \$1,249.09; Cash-wa Distributing Co., \$29,809.13; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., \$52.12; Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$4,991.47; Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., \$48.63; Minden Public Schools, \$2,809.70; Mps Payroll, \$3,109.65; Mps Payroll NE Income Tax, \$385.14; October Net Payroll - \$13,878.46; Subtotal - \$57,611.56; BUILDING FUND CLAIMS - A&L Leveling, Inc., \$9,480.00; TOTAL CLAIMS - \$1,263,654.33
Oct 23, 2025
(151) znez

NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT
OF KEARNEY COUNTY,
NEBRASKA
ESTATE OF
PHYLLIS ANN GASTON,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. PR25-30

Notice is hereby given that on October 7, 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 Roger B. Gaston, whose address

is 1395 Country Club Drive, Sidney, Nebraska 69162 and Robert T. Gaston, whose address is 1215 E. Assumption Road, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-7746, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before December 16, 2025, or be forever barred.

/s/Laura B. Tobiasen
Registrar
Kearney County Court
Kearney County Courthouse
Minden, NE 68959

Remington S. Slama #27389
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Oct 16, 2025
Oct 23, 2025
Oct 30, 2025
(44) znez

NOTICE
NOTICE OF
ORGANIZATION OF
TIRARE CONNECT LLC

Notice is hereby given that TIRARE CONNECT LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

1. The name of the limited liability company is TIRARE CONNECT LLC.
 2. The address of the designated office is 200 S 21st ST STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510.
 3. The name and street and mailing address of the initial agent for process is Northwest Registered Agent Service Inc, 200 S 21st ST STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510.
- Oct 23, 2025
Oct 30, 2025
Nov 6, 2025
(21) znez

To all Kearney County landowners and tenants. It is illegal to install temporary fencing on County right-of-way. This is in direct violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-301. Violators will be prosecuted. Normal maintenance and snow removal operations may damage fencing. Kearney County will not be liable for any destruction or damage to or caused by livestock that gets through illegally placed fencing. Kearney County Road Department employees have been instructed to properly maintain the road.

BY ORDER OF THE
KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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NOTICE

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

\$27,285,000

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 PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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- Ability to obtain and maintain a Nebraska Commercial or non-commercial applicators license with category 09.
- Valid Driver's License.

To Apply:

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to the Village of Campbell PO BOX 215 Campbell Ne 68932, or Campbell Clerks office. A full job description is available at the Clerk's office.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Remark
- Upper body part
- Expression of dismissiveness
- Alternate name
- Popular beverage
- Swiss river
- Step-shaped recess
- Rocker Stewart
- Bright shade of color
- Popular "street"
- Wrath
- Heat units
- Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
- Fall back into
- Remove from the record
- Sound a splash made
- Popular Dodge pickup model
- Jamaican river
- Notable event in Texas history
- Cool!
- Subset of Judaism
- Newly entered cadet
- Duct in urinary system
- Exterminator
- Snatch quickly
- Have already done
- Less healthy
- Therefore
- What couples say on the altar
- Mysteriously
- Look angry or sullen
- Bird's beak
- Taco ingredient
- Square measures
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Singer Hansard

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CLUES DOWN

- Pubs
- Wings
- Popular BBQ dish
- Small sponge cake
- Open-roofed entrance halls
- Organize anew
- Type of wine
- Forums
- North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)
- Pond dwellers
- Large integers
- Signaled
- Brief
- Type of student
- Tibetan monasteries
- Revolutions per minute
- NY Giants great Manning
- Local area network
- Residue from burning
- Illuminated
- Vasopressin
- Notable space station
- Wood sorrel
- Adhering to laws
- Chose
- Hovel
- Stood up
- European city
- Works ceaselessly
- Mistake
- Sun-dried brick
- Sicilian city
- A steep rugged rock or cliff
- Murder
- Other
- "Deadpool" actor Reynolds

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Pickin’ Pumpkins

Minden East Elementary PreK-3 grade students took a field trip to Nielsen Kids U-Pick Pumpkin Patch southeast of Minden on October 16. Students were able to scour the fields for the perfect pumpkin to take home. This annual field trip has been held for nearly 30 years and is a highlight of the season for students and the Nielsens. The one rule that must be followed, ‘if they can carry it, they get to take it’. (Courier photos by Cindy Ramsey)

