

November Newsletter

Minden Chamber of Commerce

With the end of the year closing in on us it is time to elect new Board Members and say goodbye to President *Angie Finn, Rhonda Ellis, Andy Knott & Dawn Thompson.*

This will leave us with four (4) vacancies for the 2015–2018 term. Nominees for new Board Members are Dena Beck/REAP, Jene Hill/Jensen Memorial Library, Jeremiah Holmes/LandMark, Jannie Jons/Hair Designer and Card Loschen/First Bank & Trust. Please watch for an email ballot to vote for new board members coming soon.

Thank you Angie, Rhonda, Andy & Dawn for your hard work & dedication to the Minden Chamber of Commerce over the past three years was amazing. We will miss you.

2014
Board of Directors

President
Angie Finn
First Bank & Trust

Vice President
Kevin Krull
Krull Agency

Marcy Brandt
Minden Opera House

Carolyn Bunger
Windmill

Rhonda Ellis
Big John's Ford

Amy Fuqua
Big John's Ford

Jordan Patterson
Patterson Chiropractic

Sally Jurgensmier
Sculptures by Sally

Andy Knott
Landmark

Don Phillips
Joy's Floral

Riley Space
Mason's Market


Dawn Thompson
Rhynalds Auction & Realty, LLC

Administrator:
Marcia Davis
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mindenne@gtmc.net



Wine, Wreaths & Whimsy 2014
A Benefit Auction for Kearney County Health Services
Sunday, November 2

Appetizer Buffet 4:00
Auction 5:00

Kearney County 4-H Building
North Hwy 10
Minden, Nebraska



The Kearney County Medical Foundation presents
"Scanning for Answers"
Hosted by KCHS Auxillary Col. Rusty Rhynalds Auctioneer



October Minutes

Chamber of Commerce meeting

Oct 1, 2014

Present: Carolyn Bunger, Angie Finn, Amy Fuqua, Rhonda Ellis, Sally Jurgensmier, Kevin Krull, Jordan Patterson, Don Phillips, Riley Space, Dawn Thompson and Marcia Davis

Absent: Marcy Brandt and Andy Knott

Don moved to approve Sept. minutes, Jordan seconded. Motion passed. Kevin moved to approve Sept. financial statement. Dawn seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

July 4th Celebration (2015): Sally J. is working on a donation box, Rhonda E. will monitor the box during the Homecoming tailgate dinner at Minden High on Oct. 3rd. We will also have it at the Oct. 4 Car auction.

Homecoming Parade: Carolyn B. will work with Rita Crooks to put together a float for the Homecoming parade. Sally will continue to work with Minden Machine on the courthouse silhouette for upcoming parades.

Car Sale/Big John's Ford (Oct 4): Hamburgers, Hotdogs, chips, Pepsi/Diet Pepsi, water, popcorn, candy bars, pizza, donuts & coffee will be sold at the concession stand. Volunteers are signing up but we could use more, two shifts, 8am-noon & noon-4pm. We have two people who will transport visitors to & from parking areas. We will start dropping off supplies, tables etc. at Big John's on Thursday. Sally will deliver signs to Big John's, Riley will deliver supplies from Mason's, Marcia will pick up supplies from IGA and get them to Big John's Saturday AM.

New Business:

2015 Budget: A rough draft of the 2015 budget was viewed. Marcia asked members to look over and email or call with any questions or suggestions. The By-laws require the budget be approved at the December meeting. A final draft will be available before the next meeting. Kevin asked about 100 year light account, Firework & Christmas Tradition events. Marcia will breakout these line items.

Nominations: Angie asked for ideas for nominations for new board members. Suggestions included Jeremiah Holmes from Landmark, Dawn T. will contact him. Lori Climent from 1st Bank, Angie F. will ask, Scott or Rob Johnson, Jordan will contact, Marcia will contact Pat Peterson/CHS, Troy Sticklers/Glenwood & Janene Hill/Jensen Library and Don P will contact Jeannie Jons. Marcia asked everyone to email replies and we need this information in the Nov. newsletter. The elections will be held in November.

Other: Angie read an email from Marcy B. outlining a discussion Marcy had with a concerned citizen about the upcoming potential increase in sales tax to 7.5%. This will make our tax .5% higher than Kearney & Holdrege they are concerned this will give people another reason to shop out of town. Another concerned is that we as businesses are not promoting/helping each other. Angie highlighted the upcoming Chamber lunch with speaker Matt Cederburg about the water issue, hopefully questions will be answered at the lunch. Kevin asked if we could film and post on YouTube. Marcia will contact Matt and seek permission to film and post.

Marcia outlined upcoming events Halloween parade, Thursday, Oct. 30. Businesses not on the square will be invited to set up a table and hand out candy. 100 yr. lights committee continues to meet monthly and is working on a calendar, advertising and promotional items. Information will be out soon about the event and asking for organizations to participate. A Chamber Lunch will be held on Oct. 15th at the Country Club from 12-1:00pm with Matt Cederburg as the speaker (Water Issue), lunch will be \$9.00, Lasagna, salad & garlic bread will be served. Promotions Committee is working on Halloween Parade, Christmas Traditions & Crane Fest.

Don moved to adjourn. Riley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Next regular meeting: Nov. 5 - 12:00 pm, Cozy Corner Cafe



Christmas Traditions, Friday, Nov. 28

**Photos with
Mr. & Mrs. Santa**

Nov. 28

Minden Opera House

11:30-1:00

Bring you camera

Free Movie
Sponsored by First
Bank & Trust

FROZEN

1:30pm

Minden Opera House

Bring a non-perishable
food item for the
Minden Food Pantry

Minden Senior Center

**Soup & Pie Feed
Gift Wrapping**



Hosted by Holy Family Catholic Church
10:00am-5:00pm

Cookie Walk

Hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church
Proceeds will be donated to Pilger, NE
10:00am-4:00pm



Kids Christmas Carnival

3:00-5:00pm

Windmill

Kids come enjoy a Christmas carnival
filled with games, crafts and prizes!

Family Carnival Prize

Shop participating businesses
Nov. 17-28 for a chance to win
\$500.00 in Chamber Bucks
Watch for more information.

Family prize donated by Big John's Ford



Christmas City Parade

Nov. 28, 5:30pm

Minden Downtown Square

Float registration due Nov. 21

Return registrations to Big John's Ford or
Chamber Office



Get Caught Shopping in Minden

Nov. 28- Dec. 24

*You could win \$20.00 in Minden
Chamber Bucks just for shopping
in Minden this Holiday season.*

MISS CHRISTMAS CITY.....TIME TO NOMINATE NOW!



Miss Christmas City 2009
Nikki Tidd



Mrs. Christmas City 2009
Morgan Kristensen



Miss Christmas City 2011
Cherysse Thompson



Miss Christmas City 2012
Amy Nelson



Miss Christmas City 2013
Jessica Ruffalo



Miss Christmas City 2014

Who will it be
?????????

Pick up a nomination form at
the Chamber of Commerce
office.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS 2014

Minden Community Players present

**A Christmas
Revue**

Friday, Dec. 5, 7:30pm

Sunday, Dec. 7, 2:30pm

Minden Opera House

Contact the Minden Opera House for tickets



MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HONOR VETERANS

The students, faculty, and staff of Minden Public Schools cordially invite you to a Veterans Day assembly, November 11, 2014, at 10:50 A.M. in the C.L. Jones gymnasium.

Order of Events:

7:30-8:30 A.M. -- A breakfast provided by the FCCLA and high school student council will be served in the high school gym. Veterans and guests will enter through the front doors of the high school.

10:15-10:40 A.M. -- Coffee and cookies will be served in the C.L. Jones Media Center provided by C.L. Jones Student Council.

10:50-11:35 A.M. -- An assembly will be held with MSgt. Mike Pittner as the featured speaker.

Big John's Car Auction, Oct. 4, 2014
Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the car auction. Also Mason's Market, 5th Street IGA, Casey's & Daylight Donuts for our large orders of food. It was a great day to promote the Minden Chamber.



2014 BandFest

Thank you Todd Jensen and all the volunteers for helping host the 24th Annual Minden BandFest.

Thank you to 5th Street IGA & Mason's Market for the concessions supplies.



PANCAKE FEED

& bake sale

Saturday, December 6th
Westminster Presbyterian Church
8:00am - noon

Special thanks to:
Phillips Moving
Lansing Center
Health Services
Cargill
The Bowers

Proceeds will go to fund Minden Rotary Club's local service project, "Dictionaries for 3rd Graders"

Every 3rd grade child in Laramie County will receive a free picture dictionary.



Christmas City 5K Fun Run & Little Elves 1 Mile Run

Saturday, December 6th

Westminster United Presbyterian Church

1 mile at 8:30am—5K run 9:00am

** Free will pancake & sausage breakfast will be served by the Minden Rotary Club**

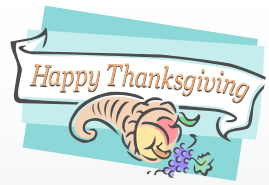
\$20.00 registration fee

Call Chamber Office, 832-1811 or download the registration form at mindenne.org

Register by November 20 to guarantee a race t-shirt!



November Calendar



- 2 Daylight Savings ends, *turn your clocks back 1 hour*
- 2 Wine, Wreaths & Whimsy, Kearney CO Fairgrounds, 4:00pm
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 15 Dueling Pianos, Minden Opera House, 7:30pm
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving
- 28 Christmas Tradition, *see detailed schedule*
- 29 Light of the World Pageant, Downtown Square, 7:00pm

Upcoming Dates:

- Dec. 5 A Christmas Revue V
- Dec. 6 Christmas City 5K & Little Elves Run
- Dec. 6 Rotary Pancake Feed
- Dec. 7 A Christmas Revue V
- Dec. 7 Light of the World Pageant
- Dec. 14 Light of the World Pageant



Premium Partners

Platinum



Gold



Silver



Daylight Saving ends



November 2

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



Light of the World Pageant

on the Square

Nov. 29th

Dec. 7th

Dec. 14th

7:00 pm

Come enjoy the pageantry of the Christmas story

The Minden Opera House Presents

DUELING PIANOS



Saturday, November 15th
7:30 pm Tickets \$20



Christmas Traditions

Friday, November 28

- 10am-5pm Soup/Pie & Gift Wrapping, *Senior Center, sponsored by the Holy Family Catholic Church*
- 10am-4pm Cookie Walk, *Senior Center, sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church Sunday School*
- 11:30am-1pm Photos with Mr. & Mrs. Claus
Minden Opera House, bring your own camera
- 1:30-3:00pm Free Movie, *Minden Opera House, Sponsored by First Bank & Trust, bring a nonperishable Food item for the Food Bank*
- 3-5:00pm Kids Carnival, *Windmill*
- 5:30pm Parade, *Downtown Square*

Saturday, November 29

- 7:00pm Light of the World Pageant, *Courthouse Square*

Friday, December 5

- 7:30pm A Christmas Revue, *Minden Opera House*

Saturday, December 6

- 8:00am-Noon Rotary Pancake Feed
Westminster United Presbyterian Church
- 8:30am Christmas City 1 mile Little Elf Run
- 9:00am 5K Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, December 7

- 2:30pm A Christmas Revue, *Minden Opera House*
- 7:00pm Light of the World Pageant, *Courthouse Square*

Sunday, December 14

- 7:00pm Light of the World Pageant, *Courthouse Square*

***Get Caught Shopping at Minden Businesses
November 28 - December 24 &
WIN \$20.00 in Chamber Bucks!***



“Get Caught Shopping in Minden”

Nov. 28–Dec. 24

- • Fee is \$25 to participate. \$20 of every fee is given to shoppers who are “caught.” \$5 goes back to the Chamber to help cover costs.
- • “Caught” shoppers will be given Christmas City Cash and photographed on the spot. Winner’s + Business employee photo will be published in the Minden Courier WEEKLY.
- • Christmas City Cash is only redeemable at participating businesses and only valid through 1/31/15. This limitation increases the value of this promotion for your business and increases the chances that the money you spent to participate will come back in your door!
- • Each participating business will be guaranteed a winner.

Deadline to sign up is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7!

Christmas City Fun Run & Little Elves Run Dec. 6 2014

Sponsor Packages:

GOLD	SILVER	Bronze
\$150.00	\$75.00	\$25.00
Large Advertisement on shirt	Medium Advertisement on shirt	Small Advertisement on shirt
2 Free Shirts	1 Free shirt	Recognition on Race Day
2 Free participants	1 Free participant	
Adv. On Website	Recognition on Race Day	
Recognition on Race Day		



Deadline to sign up to sponsor the Run is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.

Christmas Carnival

Friday, Nov. 28

3:00-5:00 pm—The Windmill

- Provide a carnival game and person to “man” the booth & run the game.
*The games should be suitable for kids age preschool-6th grade.
Depending on how your game is set up, the kids can win one or more tickets as prizes .*
- Provide a prize with a value of at least \$25.00 for the prize table.
The prize can be for either a boy or girl.
- A “passport” will be given to all participants, passports will be stamped as each booth is visited.
*Once their passport is stamped by every booth the child will be given a prize.
The tickets won at each booth will be deposit in the box in front of the donated prizes.
If there is a prize the child would REALLY like to win, they can deposit all their tickets in that box.*
- To encourage shopping in your business a “Family Prize of \$500.00 Minden Chamber Bucks will be giving away. *Prize donated by Big John’s Ford. Entry tickets will be available Nov. 17-27 for you to hand out to your customers. Prize entries will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 28th.*
- Following the carnival winners will be drawn for all the prizes.
Winners will be announced following the Christmas Parade.



Deadline to register for the Carnival: Friday, Nov. 7th. Carnival Prize due to Chamber Office by Nov. 24



Miss Christmas City Nomination Form

As part of the Christmas Traditions festivities, the Minden Chamber is asking for nominations for the designation of the 6th annual Miss Christmas City to be crowned during the Christmas parade the evening of Friday November 28th, 2014. The ideal candidate will be a young woman from grades 9-12 attending Minden High School who exhibits any of the following qualities: volunteerism, care and compassion for others, determination and hard work, leadership, community involvement, or other desirable qualities you feel make this person a good candidate. Please keep in mind that this is a community event, therefore beginning this year – the Community will vote for and select the new Miss Christmas City. More details will be published later. Please return your completed nomination form to the Minden Chamber Office at 325 N. Colorado by Wed. November 14th. Or via email to mindenchamber@gtmc.net

*****IT REALLY IS QUITE AN HONOR FOR A YOUNG LADY TO BE NOMINATED TO REPRESENT HER COMMUNITY AS "MISS CHRISTMAS CITY". NOMINEES WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING THE CHRISTMAS PARADE. Thank you for taking time to nominate a deserving young lady.***

Name of Nominee: _____

Parents: _____

Community/Volunteer Involvement: _____

Why are you nominating this person for Miss Christmas City?

Nominated by: _____

Phone or email: _____



CHRISTMAS CITY PARADE



Friday, November 28, 2014 5:30 pm

Minden Downtown Square

Registration is free and entry forms are due
November 21. Registrations may be turned in at
Big John's Ford, Minden Chamber Office or faxed to 308-832-1811.
Chamber Bucks will be awarded for
1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75) and 3rd (\$50) place.

We prefer lighting of your entry but it is not required

**We encourage each organization, business, Church and individuals to put an entry
together and come and join in the fun under the lights on the downtown square.
Make it your "Tradition"**

2014 Christmas Parade Entry Form: Please turn in by November 21.

Name of group/business/individual _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Phone # & email address _____

Short Bio to be announced as your entry goes by: _____

Please line up on 4th Street between Colorado Ave and Nebraska Ave. at approx. 5:00 pm
and we will travel east around the outside of the square.

If you have any questions, please contact Big John's Ford, 308-832-1640