

September

Minden Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



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# Welcome



Please welcome new board members Kim Snively and Melanie Buehler. Both work at State Farm here in Minden. Kim has been a State Farm agent since 1994 and grew up in the Doniphan/Trumbull area. She and her husband Larry are active in our community.

Melanie Buehler is originally from Kansas and has called Nebraska home for the last 16 years. She loves being a TeamMates mentor and apparently has a soft spot for horses and donkeys.

We are thrilled to have them on the Minden Chamber of Commerce board and look forward to how they will enhance our community. If you see them out and about in the community, please give them a round of applause!

### *Chamber News: New Chamber Partner Benefits Coming Soon!*

The Chamber is thrilled to reveal a new design for the 2023 Chamber Membership brochure which will include additional benefits for members. These will be sent out in December just in time for 2023 membership, beginning in January. We've also got some big news but we can't share it with you just yet.

We will give you a hint: you will *want* to be a member of the Chamber to enjoy the additional benefits that will be a vital to your business and community!

Did you know you don't have to own a business to be a Chamber Member? You can be a non-profit, club, or individual who is interested in growing Minden.

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## \$2M re-employment grants available soon

The Nebraska Dept. of Labor has joined forces with the Good Life Game Changer partners (local chambers, the state chamber, and economic development groups) to host a webinar on how employers can apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for workforce training.

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Good Life. Great Connections.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

An initial \$2M in grants will soon be available to employers, nonprofits, educational institutions and other organizations that are helping Nebraskans hard-hit by the pandemic rejoin the workforce.

Employment services eligible for funding include:

- job training
- certifications
- stipends for vocational education
- career services and job coaching
- job fairs
- employer recruitment costs
- incentives to businesses to hire
- subsidized employment
- apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeship programs
- on-the-job training
- small business startup assistance
- support services that accelerate rehiring, such as childcare, transportation and incentives

See [initial guidance here](#).

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find the best plan to fit  
your health care needs.

Are you or a loved one enrolling in Medicare this year?  
 Are you thinking about retiring?  
 No matter your situation, I can help you get answers to  
 your Medicare questions at a neighborhood meeting.

10/04/2022, 10:00 AM  
 Minden Opera House  
 322 E 5th St  
 Minden, NE 68959

10/04/2022, 2:00 PM  
 Hastings Area Chamber  
 301 S. Burlington Ave  
 Hastings, NE 68901



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more Medicare information.

Evan Volzke; Joelle Knott  
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## Sweet September Jazz with Camille

September 24th at 7:00 pm



Featuring signature fall cocktails and specialty beer tasting.

The Camille Metoyer Moten Jazz and Pop Quintet will bring music to life in cabaret or concert style. Well known songs coupled with new songs will delight all ages.

Songs made popular by artists such as Billie Holiday, Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand, Lena Horne, Etta James and more recent artists are in the repertoire.

Presented with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

Tickets are on sale for \$18 per person at the [Minden Opera House](#).

## Building a Better Culture

# better culture

The Chamber recently partnered with BetterCulture to bring more benefits to businesses and the community. Have you considered what it means to create a better culture? The BetterCulture's latest blog ([link here](#) or visit: [www.betterculture.com/blog/empowering-leaders-at-every-level-the-20-tenets-of-culture](http://www.betterculture.com/blog/empowering-leaders-at-every-level-the-20-tenets-of-culture)) takes a unique and fresh look at what it means to build company culture inside your organization.

For years the narrative has always been that culture starts with leadership. And, while that is true, it isn't the whole story. Dive into BetterCulture's 20 Tenets outlook to see how company culture is the responsibility of ALL and what you can do to help every employee be better in the workplace and in life.

Stay tuned for more free resources, webinars, and workshops that can help you create a better working environment and cultivate better leadership.



## Financial Aid Planning for High School Seniors

SENIORS & Parents: The EducationQuest will be hosting Financial Aid Planning webinars in September. It's a great way to become acquainted with the financial aid process. Follow this link to register:

<https://educationquestfoundation.clickmeeting.com>

For more information, contact Minden High School.

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## Upcoming Events

- Labor Day – September 5th
- Puppy Plunge - September 5th, 4:30-5:30 pm
- Garbage Pick-up will be on September 6th
- Recycle Pick-up will be on September 12th
- Jazz with Camille at the Minden Opera House on September 24th.
- MINDEN HOMECOMING PARADE - September 30th.
- October 15—Bandfest.
- October 31, —Kiddie Halloween Parade.
- November 25-December 18, Christmas Traditions.



**32<sup>ND</sup>**  
ANNUAL

MINDEN  
**BANDFEST**

SATURDAY, OCT. 15, 2022

1:00 Parade    3:00 Field Competition

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The 32nd BANDFEST is ready to roll down the streets of Minden.

If you would like to help with concessions and tending the gates, we would love to have you; please contact Todd Jensen.

Join us at 1pm for the parade with over 30 bands from all over the state.

The Field Competition will begin at 3 pm.



# Christmas Traditions

The Christmas Traditions planning committee will be having their first meeting in September. If you would like to be a part of it, contact the Chamber.

The more, the merrier!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

WHY don't people have TAILS?  
WHERE do thoughts come from?  
WHERE do babies come from?  
What does SANTA smell like?  
How do BIRDS fly?  
WHY can't I see my EYES?  
Where does THE SUN go when it gets dark?  
Does GOD sleep?  
Why do we have to WEAR PANTS?  
If I plant a SESAME SEED will it grow a CHEESEBURGER?  
What does God look like?  
Is the MOON really made of CHEESE?

**Preschoolers ASK an average of 300 QUESTIONS per day.**

**IF YOU'RE A MOM, you know.**  
WE KNOW HOW YOU FEEL AND MOPS IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED.

Meeting at the Minden EFree Church  
Every other Friday 9-11am

hot breakfast & free childcare  
**MORE INFORMATION ON FACEBOOK**



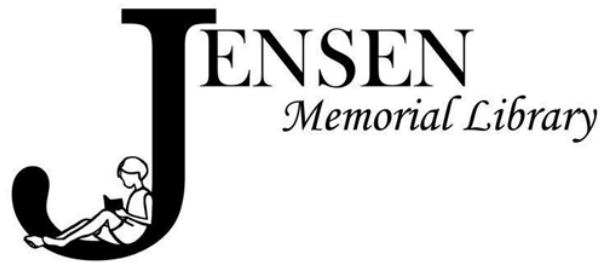
**Spark Joy  
Charlotte** 

A part of the KonMarie (organizer Marie Kondo) universe, consultant, organizer and speaker Shannon Huneycutt provides an inspiring presentation on what it means to lead a life that Sparks Joy.

You will learn the KonMarie philosophy and guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all and leave feeling motivated in your home, office, and life.

This live virtual program will take place at the library but will be available for 48 hours afterward.

Registration required. Scan the code below to register.



**Library Playdate: Mondays, 10:00 a.m.**

Babies through preschoolers are invited to join in a play and social time. Possible activities may include stories, Busy Bags, videos, puppets, Duplos, or other fun.

**Storytime: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**

Stories are accompanied by puppets, songs, and activities during this 30-minute program designed to help Preschoolers develop literacy and social skills.

**Tuesdays w/ MJ: Tuesdays 4 p.m.**

An hour of stories, activities, crafts, games, and snacks focused on a seasonal theme.

**Chapter Chat: Wednesdays, 4 p.m.**

Book club for middle schoolers. Book reading and discussion, a craft or game, and a snack. This season's book: "Escaping the Giant Wave" by Peg Kehret. Books provided. Registration required. (<https://tinyurl.com/2dacpcen>).

**Lego Club: Fridays, 2:30-4:00 p.m.**

A time to create and share. Some weeks are free-builds while others focus on a theme or concept.

**Teen Night Saturday, September 24, 6-9 p.m.**

After-hours for teens 7th grade through High Schooler. Games, activities, food, and lots of fun! Registration required. (<https://tinyurl.com/mwr84pf2>).

**Adult Crafts: Monday, September 26 6:30 p.m.**

Get ready for fall with a Fall Gnome Door Hanger. Registration required. (<https://tinyurl.com/2p995vb9>).



## Become A Chamber Member

### Basic Partnership Investment

POP Up Shop - Seasonal \$25

Individuals \$50

Associate (non profit or club) \$50

Individually Owned Business (no employees) \$100

### A business with:

1 - 5 Employees \$150

6 - 10 Employees \$200

11 - 25 Employees \$250

26+ Employees \$300

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## MINDEN FREE LITTLE PANTRY

For items needed,  
visit their Facebook  
page at:  
[facebook.com/Minden-Little-Free-Pantry](https://facebook.com/Minden-Little-Free-Pantry)



Donations can be  
dropped off at the  
southwest corner of 5th  
and Nebraska St.

SHARE WHAT YOU CAN

**Now that school has started, donations are needed  
more than ever!**

## 2022 Chamber of Commerce Board

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