

# Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

September 2021

## Northwest Rural PPD Board Approves EV Purchase

**By Chance Briscoe**

After five months of consideration and deliberation from February to June of this year, the NRPPD Board of Directors approved the purchase of an electric vehicle. There were many, many questions from the Board to management and many factors considered by the Board prior to approval. Two of the main questions were how much “extra” it might cost and what benefits NRPPD would gain from such a purchase.

As to the first part of that discussion the Board insisted management provide detailed financial analysis of the upfront costs to acquire a vehicle but also the on-going costs associated with maintenance, electric consumption, and insurance. Currently the majority of meeting expenses associated with travel costs are reimbursed at the IRS mileage rate for use of personal vehicles. The consideration is whether replacement of personal mileage with costs of ownership from an EV is a net positive or negative effect. This determination mainly comes down to the value at the end of use which was assumed to be four years. If the vehicle is worth 50% of original price the net savings are approximately \$3,000 (below 40% valuation results in a net negative).

Since the majority of the Board was comfortable that a loss, if any, would be minimal, the Board voted to approve the purchase with one dissenting vote. Initially the Board was provided options from Ford, Tesla, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Hyundai and Honda. Ultimately the choice came down to the new Mustang Mach-e and a Tesla Model 3. For a variety of reasons including



charging network and vehicle history (or lack thereof related to the Mustang) the Tesla was selected. The vehicle has been ordered and is expected for delivery in October.

**UPON RECEIPT** of the vehicle NRPPD will begin to accumulate information to pass along for interested customers related to charging station availability, reliability or unforeseen maintenance issues, range reduction in cold weather, among other experiences of interest. In addition to company use and data acquisition, the vehicle will be available for those customers interested in driving an electric vehicle. When not being used the vehicle will be parked at the office and available for test drives (after signing a waiver and providing proof of a driver's license).

Many of you were able to participate in the Ride and Drive events during 2020 where NRPPD was granted access to a couple electric vehicles provided by our wholesale power supplier, Tri-State G&T. Those vehicles were a Chevy Bolt and a Tesla Model 3. There were over 200 customers and employees able to drive one of the electric vehicles. If you were unable during 2020 events, please keep in mind to drive the NRPPD vehicle when you are in the Hay Springs area.

If you are interested in purchasing an electric vehicle for your own use there are federal tax incentives up to \$7,500 available for most electric vehicles and NRPPD has a rebate available up to \$500 for installation of a home charging station. For other information check [nrppd.com](http://nrppd.com) and the ChooseEV link.



**NRPPD's new Tesla Model 3 will be similar to the one shown for test driving this past July.**

## Is an Electric Vehicle Right For You?

### Is your daily commute under 330 miles?

Most of today's electric vehicles have a driving range-per-charge between 50 to 330 miles. If your daily commute is under 250 miles per day, there is likely an affordable EV model that will fit your needs.

**BUYER TIP:** When you're looking at EVs, be sure to check the "range-per-charge" for the vehicle. This is the number of miles the car can typically drive between full charges. For example, if the range per charge for an EV is 100 miles and your daily commute is 30 miles, you should be able to go about 3 days between charges (30mi + 30mi + 30mi = 90mi). EV range varies significantly between models.

### Do you frequently take long road trips?

Long road trips can present challenges for today's electric vehicles. Public charging infrastructure and battery technology is continually improving, but planning is still required for long trips. There are many EV models available with a range-per-charge of 150 to 250 miles. There are some high-end EVs that can get over 330 miles on a single charge.



### Does your household have more than one car?

If you live in a household with more than one car, an EV likely represents a big opportunity for your family to save a lot of money, while improving the quality of our environment. Use an EV for commuting and use the other vehicle for long distance drives... it's just that easy!

### Do you have off-street parking at your home?

Plug-in electric vehicles require charging. Charging can be done with a standard 120V outlet or you can have a 240V charger installed in your garage or driveway. Known as "Level 2 EVSE equipment," 240V charging reduces charging time substantially, is more energy efficient and some EVSE models allow you to schedule charging times, which may allow you to take advantage of special electric rates.



### Do you want to save money AND pollute less?

EVs cost less to drive and pollute less, period. An EV uses electricity that is typically generated from sources that are cleaner than burning gasoline or diesel in a vehicle.



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## Along The Garden Path

-by Karen Runkle, Master Gardener

### September Garden -- We Are Not Done Yet

As September rolls around we often think of the garden as being done. The kids are in school. The flowers and planters probably look fine until the first frost and then they are done. Not much work to do in that area. Let's move on to fall activities.

Truthfully, if you could just hang in there a little while longer with some gardening chores, next spring could be much easier. Look at it as a list of chores to make life easier.



- **HARVESTING** - Of course, we want to finish up the harvest. Pick the last tomatoes and apples, pull the root crops - carrots, beets, potatoes and store them away. As you pick these last vegetables, clean the debris out of your garden. Bugs nest overwinter in the debris left in your garden so clean up the debris and throw it into your compost pile.

- **COMPOST PILE** - Before you put new compost in the pile use up any remaining compost in your bins to make room for the leaves and garden debris that you will soon add.

- **PLANT GARLIC** - Now is the time to plant a small patch of garlic for next year. Cover the area with straw to protect it. I usually put a pallet over the straw to keep it secure through the winter.

- Clean the debris and straighten up your perennial beds. Now is a good time to look over your perennial bed and consider whether you need to move some of the plants, buy some new plants next spring, and assess whether you like the overall appearance. Taking a picture of your flower beds now will help you remember what you want to do next spring before the plants are up. An example, I am planting some daffodils and tulips between some of my later blooming perennials for spring color.

- Move your tender houseplants indoors before the frost. Rinse your houseplants off and repot them into new con-

tainers as you bring them in. They will appreciate a little extra care at this time and reward you with new growth through the winter. The rinsing off will also eliminate any bugs that might want to winter over in your plants.

- Clean and restock your birdfeeders.

- Dig up and store tender bulbs and tubers, such as cannas and dahlias. You will enjoy them again next year.

- Pick the seed pods and heads of any open pollinated flowers you want to grow again next year. You can save the seeds from marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, and 4 o'clocks to mention a few.

- Protect tender plants - Get out your row covers and blankets, as well as protective cones for the roses, so you are ready for the cold weather that will be coming.

- Plant some fall color - Clean out a couple of planters or an area of your flower garden and plant pansies, mums and kale for later fall color.

- Green Tomatoes - If your tomato vines are covered with green fruit, pull up whole plants and hang them in a basement or garage until fruits ripen. OR - You can pick the green tomatoes and wrap them in newspaper. Place the wrapped tomatoes in a flat in a cool place and check periodically for ripening.

- Horseradish - You can dig and grind horseradish during any month with an R in the name. September is the first month for this activity so you might as well get it done before the snow falls.

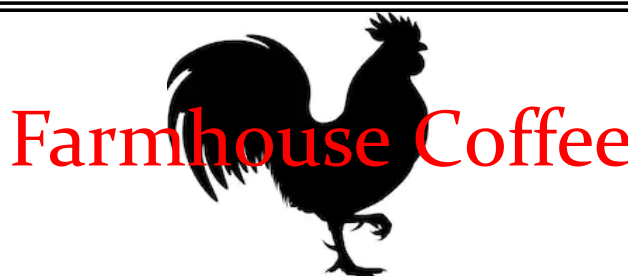
- Cure your onions - After onion tops have fallen over, dig the bulbs and let them cure on the ground in a shaded spot or on your garage floor for about a week before you store them.

- Plant spring-blooming bulbs - If you want to force some bulbs for Easter or early plants in the house put them in the refrigerator now.

Now that list might look long but it won't take too long and will save you tons of time next spring.

## Northwest Rural P.P.D.

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### Northwest Rural Sponsors Two Youth Energy Campers

The 2021 NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp was held from July 19 to 23 at the 4-H Camp in the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, Neb. There were 41 campers from 20 member systems with eight counselors and six junior counselors. Member-systems that provided counselors were Dawson PPD, KBR RPPD, Midwest Electric, Norris PPD, Perennial PPD, South Central PPD and Twin Valleys PPD.

Through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program, campers depart after five days far more knowledgeable than when they arrived. A tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provided a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

It was another great camp, with slightly cooler temperatures this year and plenty of water in the Middle Loup River for canoeing. Presentations during camp were provided by Custer PPD, NREA, Central Irrigation and Public Power District and NPPD. Midwest PPD also helped by providing a bucket truck for the group photo.

A special thanks to Custer PPD directors Wayne Licking and Tom Roberts and Custer PPD General



NRPPD sponsored campers, Jordyn and Jahrett Anderson, began their week long activities almost immediately after they were dropped off at the Nebraska State Camp in Halsey.

Manager Rick Nelson for attending the camp banquet on Thursday evening.

The 2021 Ambassadors were Isaak Hogeland of Denton, Neb. (Norris PPD), Violet Schwager of Atkinson, Neb. (Continued on Page 5)

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Jahrett in front of the turbines at NPPD's Gerald Gentleman Station in Sutherland.

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## Energy Campers--

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(Niobrara Valley EMC), and Cheve Lutz of Benkelman, Neb. (Southwest PPD). The 2021 Good Eggs were Hailey Hunzeker of West Point, Neb. (Cuming County PPD) and Tucker Stagemeyer of Page, Neb. (North Central PPD).

This year Northwest Rural sponsored two sophomores, Jordyn Anderson and Jahrett Anderson, both from Hay Springs.

The 16 year old twin sons of Justin and Kelli Anderson of rural Hay Springs were mostly inspired by their two older siblings, Austin and Jaiden, that had previously attended the camp. Jahrett said he was also interested to learn about energy and about how it is made and to meet and make new friends. His favorite parts included "The dance, it was fun to laugh and have a good time and relax with friends. His other highlight was seeing the amount of coal used at the Gerald Gentleman Station in Sutherland.

Jahrett recommends the camp to anyone that has the opportunity. It was a fun time where I met new friends while learning a lot about energy and job opportunities.

At Hay Springs High School, Jahrett participates in football, wrestling, track and band. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing, riding the razor in the mountains. His current goal is to become a heavy equipment operator or a fishing guide following high school. He spends quite a bit of time helping on the family farm. His mentors include his parents, Chuck McCance and Larry Johnson.

Brother Jordyn said he was inspired to attend the camp by the chance to meet new people and chance to visit Washington, D.C. His highlights included "Canoeing down the river ... we flipped about six times, only one time on purpose. The dance was also really fun," said Jordyn.

Jordyn also recommends to others to apply to attend the camp because it was very fun meeting new people while enjoying the outdoors.

At Hay Springs High School, Jordyn is a member of the Hawk football, wrestling and track teams. He also enjoys hunting and fishing outside of school. He has worked at the Hay Springs Swimming pool as a lifeguard and helps on the family farm. Following high school, he would like to pursue a career as a game warden.



Hay Springs sophomore brothers Jordyn Anderson (left) and Jahrett Anderson (right), get a little training in pole climbing at the 2021 NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp in Halsey in July.

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# Northwest Rural Territory Activities

## Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

**Thurs., Sept. 2** VB (C-JV-V) vs. Chadron, 5 p.m.  
**Fri., Sept. 3** Cross Country at Gering 11 a.m.  
 CC (MS) at Gering Invite, 11 a.m.  
**FB at Chadron, 6 p.m.**

**Mon., Sept. 6** Labor Day  
**Tues., Sept. 7** GG at Chadron, 9 a.m.  
 FB (JV) at Hemingford, 6 p.m.

**Thurs., Sept. 9** VB (MS) vs. Bayard, 5 p.m.  
 VB (JV-V) at Bayard, 5 p.m.  
 GG at Bayard (WTC), 9 a.m.

**Fri., Sept. 10** FB at Mitchell, 6 p.m.  
**Sat., Sept. 11** CC (V-MS) at Chadron Invite, 9 a.m.  
**VB (JV-V) G-R Invite, 8 a.m.**

**Mon., Sept. 13** Homecoming Week  
 GES School Pictures  
**FB (JV) vs. Chadron, 6 p.m.**

**Tues., Sept. 14** VB (MS) vs. Bennett County, 5 p.m.  
 GG at Gering, 9 a.m.  
 VB (JV-V) at Crawford, 5 p.m.

**Wed., Sept. 15** GRHS Picture Day, 7:30 a.m.  
**Thurs., Sept. 16** VB (MS) at Valentine Tri, 4 p.m.  
 VB (V) Tri at G-G (Ainsworth/  
 Cody-Kilgore, 4 p.m.  
 FB (MS) at Hemingford, 5 p.m.

**Fri., Sept. 17** VB (C-JV-V) vs. Bennett County, 2 p.m.  
**FB vs. Bennett County, 6 p.m.**

**Sat., Sept. 18** CC (MS-V) at Alliance Invite, 9 a.m.  
 VB (MS) at Alliance Invite, 9 a.m.

**Mon., Sept. 20** VB (MS) vs. Hemingford, 4:30 p.m.  
 FB (JV) at Bridgeport, 5 p.m.

**Tues., Sept. 21** VB (MS) at Chadron, 4:30 p.m.  
 GG at Valentine, 9 a.m.  
 VB (JV-V) at Alliance, 5 p.m.

**Thurs., Sept. 23** CC (MS) at G-R Invite, 4 p.m.  
 CC at G-R Invite, 4 p.m.

**Fri., Sept. 24** FB at Hershey, 6 p.m.  
**Sat., Sept. 25** FB (MS) vs. Bridgeport, 9 a.m.  
 VB at Mitchell Invite, 9 a.m.

**Mon., Sept. 27** GG at Alliance, 9 a.m.  
 CC at UNK (tentative), 3 p.m.  
 FB (JV) vs. Alliance, 6 p.m.

**Tues., Sept. 28** VB (MS) at Cody-Kilgore, 4 p.m.  
 VB (C-JV-V) at Chadron, 5 p.m.

**Wed., Sept. 29** Connect the Dots - Fresh & Soph, 8 a.m.  
**Thurs., Sept. 30** VB (MS) vs. Valentine, 4 p.m.  
 VB (V) WTC at Mitchell, 10 a.m.  
 CC WTC at G-R, 11 a.m.

**Mon., Oct. 1** FB at Bridgeport, 6 p.m.  
**Sat., Oct. 2** VB (V) at Lead-Deadwood, 8:30 a.m.  
 VB (MS) at Hemingford Invite, 9 a.m.  
 FB (MS) vs. Bennett County, 9:30 a.m.  
 GG Districts, tba

**Mon., Oct. 4** CC (HS-MS) at G-R WTC, 11 a.m.  
 FB (JV) vs. Pine Ridge, 6 p.m.

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# NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Tues., Oct. 5 GG Districts, tba  
**FB (MS) vs. Valentine, 4 p.m.**  
**VB (MS) vs. Hay Springs, 5 p.m.**  
 Thurs., Oct. 7 **VB (C-JV-V) vs. Valentine, 5 p.m.**

## Crawford Rams

Thurs., Sept. 2 VB at Lusk, 5 p.m.  
 Fri., Sept. 3 XC at Gering, 11 a.m.  
**Mon., Sept. 6 No School - Labor Day**  
 Tues., Sept. 7 **FB (JH) vs. Edgemont, 3 p.m.**  
**VB (JH) vs. Edgemont, 3 p.m.**  
 VB Tri w Hemingford/Hay Springs, 5 p.m.  
**Thurs., Sept. 9 VB (JH) vs. Chadron, 4 p.m.**  
 Fri., Sept. 10 FB at Banner County, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Sept. 11 VB (JV) at Sheriday County Invite, V at Gordon; JV at Hay Springs, 9 a.m.  
 XC at Chadron State, 10 a.m.  
**Sept. 13-18 Missoula Theatre**  
**Thurs., Sept. 16 Life Touch Pictures, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**Sat., Sept. 18 VB (JH) vs. Hay Springs, 9 a.m.**  
 XC at Alliance, 9 a.m.  
**FB (JH) vs. Hay Springs, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tues., Sept. 21 VB vs. Edgemont, 5 p.m.**  
**Thurs., Sept. 23 Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2 p.m.**  
**Fri., Sept. 24 No School for Students - Staff In-Service**  
 VB at South Platte, 4 p.m.  
 FB at South Platte, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 25 VB (JH) PanCo at Edgemont, all day  
 VB at Potter-Dix Invite, all day  
 Mon., Sept. 27 XC at Kearney, tba  
 Tues., Sept. 28 VB (JH) vs. St. Agnes, 3 p.m.  
**VB vs. Morrill, 5 p.m.**  
 Thurs., Sept. 30 VB at Hay Springs, 4 p.m.  
 FB at Hay Springs, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Oct. 2 VB at Morrill Invite, 9 a.m.  
**Mon., Oct. 4 HOMECOMING WEEK**  
**VB (JH) vs. Hemingford, 4 p.m.**  
**FB (JH) vs. Hemingford, 5 p.m.**  
**VB (V) vs. Hemingford, 6 p.m.**  
**ASVAB - Juniors**  
 Wed., Oct. 6 XC at Sidney, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., Oct. 7

## Hemingford Bobcats


Fri., Sept. 3 FB (V) at Anselmo-Merna, 1 p.m.  
**Mon., Sept. 6 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day**  
**Fri., Sept. 10 FB (V) vs. Maxwell, 1 p.m.**  
 Fri., Sept. 17 FB (V) at Morrill, 7 p.m.  
**Fri., Sept. 24 FB (V) vs. Sutherland, 5 p.m.**  
 Fri., Oct. 1 FB (V) at Perkins County, 6 p.m.  
**Thurs., Oct. 7 FB (V) vs. Bayard, 7 p.m.**  
**Chadron Cardinals**  
 Thurs., Sept. 2 VB (7th-8th) at Hot Springs, 4 & 5:30 p.m.  
 VB (C-JV-V) at Gordon-Rush, 5, 6, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., Sept. 3 CC at Gering Monument Shadows, 11 a.m.  
**FB (V) vs. Gordon-Rushville, 7 p.m.**

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# NRPPD AREA ACTIVITIES

## Chadron--

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Sat., Sept. 4 Softball (V) at McCook, 9 a.m. CT

Tues., Sept. 7 GG Invite at Ridgeview Country Club, 9 a.m.

Softball (JV-V) at Gering, 4 & 6 p.m.  
VB (MS) at Alliance St. Agnes, 4 p.m.  
(Grade 8 A&B)  
FB (JV) vs. Valentine, 5 p.m.  
VB (C-JV-V) at Alliance, 5, 6, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 9 Golf at Mitchell Invite, Scenic Knolls, 9 a.m.  
**VB (C-JV-V) vs. Gering, 4, 5, 6 p.m.**  
VB (7th A-B) at Crawford, 4 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 10 Softball (JV-V) at Scottsbluff, 9 a.m.  
FB (V) at Valentine, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 11 Softball (JV-V) at Scottsbluff Invite, tba  
VB (8th Gr.) at Sidney Invite, 8:30 a.m.  
VB (7th Gr.) at at Gering Invite, 8:30 a.m.  
CC (V) at Chadron State, 9 a.m.  
FB (MS) at Mitchell, 9 a.m.  
VB (JV) Quad at Home, 9 a.m.

Mon., Sept. 13 FB (JV) at Gordon-Rushville, 6 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 14 Girls Golf at Gering Monument, 9 a.m.  
Softball (JV-V) at Alliance, 4 & 6 p.m.  
VB (JV) at Bridgeport Tri, 4 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 17 VB at Gothenburg Invite, tba  
Softball (V) at Chase Co. Doubleheader, 3:30 p.m.

**FB (V) vs. Gering, 7 p.m.**

Sat., Sept. 18 CC (V) at Alliance, tba  
VB (V) at Gothenburg Invite, tba  
**FB (8th Gr.) vs. Torrington, 10 a.m.**  
SB (V) at North Platte Dowhower Complex, 12 p.m. CT

**Mon., Sept. 20 FB (JV) vs. Gering, 5:30 p.m.**

Tues., Sept. 21 FF at Ogallala West Winds, 8:45 p.m.  
**SB (JV-V) vs. Gering, 4 & 6 p.m.**  
**VB (7th-8th) vs. Gordon-Rush, 4 & 5:30 p.m.**

Diamond

Sports Complex, 3 p.m.  
VB (C-JV-V) at Scottsbluff, 4, 5, 6 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 24 FB (V) at Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 25 SB (V) at Scottsbluff Tourney, 9 a.m.  
SB (JV) at Scottsbluff Tourney, 4 p.m.  
VB (JV) at Scottsbluff Invite, 10 a.m.

Mon., Sept. 27 VB (7th Gr.) at Scottsbluff Invite, tba  
VB (8th Gr.) at Mitchell Invite, tba  
**Girls Golf vs. Alliance at Skyview, 9 a.m.**  
**FB (JV) vs. Torrington, 5 p.m.**

Tues., Sept. 28 **SB (JV-V) vs. Scottsbluff, 4 & 6 p.m.**  
**VB (C-JV-V) vs. Gordon-Rush, 5, 6, 7 p.m.**

Thurs., Sept. 30 **FB (7th-8th) vs. Hot Springs, 4:30 & 6 p.m.**

Fri., Oct. 1 VB (V) at Scottsbluff Invite, tba  
CC (JV-V) at Scottsbluff (Conf), 3:15 p.m.  
**FB (V) vs. Sidney, 7 p.m. - Parents' Night**  
VB (V) at Scottsbluff Invite, tba  
VB (7th-8th) at Torrington, 9 a.m.  
Softball at Chase Co. Tri., 12 p.m.  
Golf Districts (tba)  
Softball Districts (tba)  
**VB (7th) vs. Alliance, 4 p.m.**  
FB (JV) at Alliance, 5 p.m.

## Hay Springs Hawks

Thurs., Sept. 2 **Health Screening**  
VB (JH) at St. Agnes, 4 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 3 Girls CC (JH-V) at Gering, 11 a.m./1 p.m.

**Mon., Sept. 6 No School - Labor Day**

Tues., Sept. 7 VB Tri at Crawford (Hemingford), 5 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 10 FB (V) at Arthur County HS, 2 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 11 VB (V) at Gordon-Rushville Tourney, 8 a.m.  
CC (JH) at Chadron High, 9 a.m.  
CC (V) at Chadron State, 9 a.m.

**Mon., Sept. 13 HOMECOMING WEEK**  
VB (JH) at Banner County, 2 p.m.  
FB (JH) at Banner County, 3 p.m.  
VB (V) at Cody-Kilgore Tri, 4 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 14

**Thurs., Sept. 16 PT Conferences**

Fri., Sept. 17 **FB (V) vs. South Platte, 12 p.m.**  
**VB (V) vs. South Platte, 3 p.m.**  
CC (JH-V) at Alliance Meet, 9 a.m.  
VB (JH) at Crawford, 9 a.m.  
VB (V) at Hemingford, 9 a.m.  
FB (JH) at Crawford, 10:30 a.m.

Tues., Sept. 21 CC (V) at Hot Springs, 9 a.m.  
CC (JH) at Hot Springs, 10 a.m.

Thurs., Sept. 23 VB (V) at Leyton Triangular, 2:30 p.m.  
CC (JH-V) at Gordon-Rush Meet, 4 p.m.  
**VB (JH) vs. Edgemont, 4 p.m.**  
**FB (JH) vs. Edgemont, 5:30 p.m.**  
FB (V) at Minatare, 2 p.m.  
VB (V) at Minatare, 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 25 VB (JH) at Edgemont Tourney, 9 a.m.

Tues., Sept. 28 VB at Edgemont Tri., 4 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 29 4-H Connecting the Dots at Gordon

Thurs., Sept. 30 CC (JH-V) at Bayard Meet, 2:30 p.m.  
**VB (V) vs. Crawford - Parents Night, 4 p.m.**  
**FB (V) vs. Crawford - Parents Night, 7 p.m.**  
VB (JH) at Cody-Kilgore, 1 p.m.  
FB (JH) at Cody-Kilgore, 3 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 2 VB (JH) at Hemingford Tourney, 9 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 5 VB (JH) at Gordon-Rushville, 4 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 7 One Act, Theatre Day at CSC  
CC (JH-V) at Sidney Meet, 2 p.m.  
**VB (V) Hay Springs Tri, 4 p.m.**



## Recipes

**Do you have a recipe  
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### **Creamy Tomato-Chicken Pasta**

- 1 pound Chicken, broilers or fryers, thigh, meat only, raw
- 1 pinch chili powder, or to taste
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, or as needed
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (16 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 (8 ounce) package fresh spinach
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil, or to taste
- 1 (16 ounce) package penne pasta

Pat chicken dry and season with chili powder, salt, and pepper.

Heat oil in a pan over medium-high heat. Sear chicken in the hot oil until browned, about 3 minutes per side. Remove to a clean plate.

Place garlic in the leftover juices in the pan and saute over medium heat until aromatic, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Stir in tomato sauce and heavy cream; reduce heat to low. Add spinach and basil and cook and stir until spinach wilts. Add chicken to the sauce and cook until chicken is no longer pink in the centers.

While chicken mixture cooks, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add penne and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 11 minutes. Drain.

Serve chicken mixture on top of pasta.

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### **Fresh Tomato Salad**

- 5 tomatoes, diced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cucumber, sliced

- ½ cup chopped fresh basil
- ½ cup chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoons crushed garlic
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

In a large bowl, combine the tomato, onion, cucumber, bell pepper, basil, parsley, garlic and vinegar. Toss and add salt and pepper to taste. Chill and serve.

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### **Apple Betty**

- 4 cups thinly sliced apples
- ¼ cup orange juice
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 pinch salt
- ½ cup butter

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9 inch pie plate.

Mound sliced apples in the pie plate. Sprinkle with orange juice.

In a medium bowl, mix the flour, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Scatter over the apples.

Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes. Serve warm.

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## Need Something to Celebrate in September?

**September 1** - National Acne Positivity Day, Chicken Boy's Day, No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day

**September 2** - Blueberry Popsicle Day, V-J Day

**September 3** - U.S. Bowling League Day, National Lazy Mom's Day – First Friday in September

**September 4** - Spice Blend Day, Wildlife Day, Newspaper Carrier Day, Macadamia Nut Day, Tailgating Day

**September 5** - Cheese Pizza Day, National Be Late For Something Day

**September 6** - Coffee Ice Cream Day, Read A Book Day,

National Labor Day – First Monday in September

**September 7** - Beer Lover's Day, National Grandma Moses Day, National Acorn Squash Day, National Salami Day,

**September 8** - National Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Day, National Ampersand Day

**September 9** - Teddy Bear Day, Care Bears Share Your Care Day, Wiener Schnitzel Day

**September 10** - National Swap Ideas Day, National TV Dinner Day

**September 11** - Make Your Bed Day, Hot Cross Bun Day, Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

**September 12** - Video Games Day, Chocolate Milkshake Day, Hug Your Hound Day, Grandparent's Day.

**September 13** - Kids Take Over The Kitchen Day, Peanut Day, Uncle Sam Day, Bald is Beautiful Day,

**September 14** - Cream Filled Donut Day, Eat a Hoagie Day, Live Creative Day, Sober Day, Ants on a Log Day.

**September 15** - Cheese Toast Day, Linguine Day, Felt Hat Day, Double Cheeseburger Day, Neonatal Nurses Day

**September 16** - Play-Doh Day, Cinnamon Raisin Bread Day, Guacamole Day, Step Family Day, Mayflower Day

**September 17** - Professional House Cleaners Day, Apple Dumpling Day, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

**September 18** - Air Force Birthday, Cheeseburger Day, Dance Day– Third Saturday in September

**September 19** - Butterscotch Pudding Day, Talk Like A Pirate Day, Wife Appreciation Day.

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## NRPPD ENTERTAINMENT

### National September Days--

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**September 20** - Care for Kids Day, Fried Rice Day, Pepperoni Pizza Day, Punch Day, String Cheese Day

**September 21** - Pecan Cookie Day, New York Day, IT Professionals Day-- Third Tuesday in September

**September 22** - American Business Women's Day, Car Free Day, Centenarian's Day, Ice Cream Cone Day

**September 23** - Checkers/Dogs in Politics Day, Great American Pot Pie Day, Snack Stick Day.

**September 24** - Cherries Jubilee Day, Punctuation Day, National BRAVE DAY-- Fourth Friday in September

**September 25** - Open the Magic Day, Quesadilla Day, Daughter's Day, Lobster Day

**September 26** -, Dumpling Day, Johnny Appleseed Day, Shamu the Whale Day, National Pancake Day

**September 27** - Chocolate Milk Day, National Crush a Can Day, Corned Beef Hash Day, National Family Day.

**September 28** - Drink Beer Day, Good Neighbor Day, Strawberry Cream Pie Day, voter Registration Day

**September 29** - Coffee Day, VFW Day, National Women's Health & Fitness Day.

**September 30** - National Love People Day, Chewing Gum Day, Mud Pack Day, Hot Mulled Cider Day

*\* This is not a complete listing, there are several other National Days in September*

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## Bits 'n Pieces...

- The best thing about being over 50? We did all our stupid stuff before the invention of the internet so there is no proof!
- **If you ever catch me staring, I am:**
  1. Admiring your piercing/tattoo/hairstyle/outfit.
  2. Trying to figure out if I know you.
  3. Think you're gorgeous and I can't help myself.
  4. I am tired as hell and spacing out and just happen to be staring in your general direction.

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### John Wayne. His Five Rules to Life...

1. Money cannot buy happiness but it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard's name.
3. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you again when they are in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk!

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### KARMA SAID:

- A time will come in your life when some people will regret why they treated you wrong. Trust me, it will come.
- The evil you do remains with you. The Good You Do Comes Back to you.
- When someone betrays you, It is a reflection of their character.
- If you ever tasted a bad apple, you wouldn't appreciate a good apple. You have to experience life to understand it.
- Could you please explain to me why good things happen to bad people, and bad things happen to good people. Didn't you say, you get what you deserve.

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- Bad karma is like instant coffee these days. You don't have to wait long enough.
- Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you made. If you want a different result, then make a different choice.
- Never be afraid to try something new. Because life gets boring when you stay within the limits of what you already know.
- Beauty catches the attention, but character catches the heart.
- We all are broken, But the last time I checked that broken crayons color the same.
- Cheating is the most disgusting, hurtful and disrespectful thing you can do to someone you say you love.
- Be good to forgive people, but don't be stupid enough to trust them again.
- Instead of wiping your tears, wipe away the people who created them.
- If someone treats you badly, just remember that there is something wrong with them, not you. Normal people don't go around destroying other people.

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