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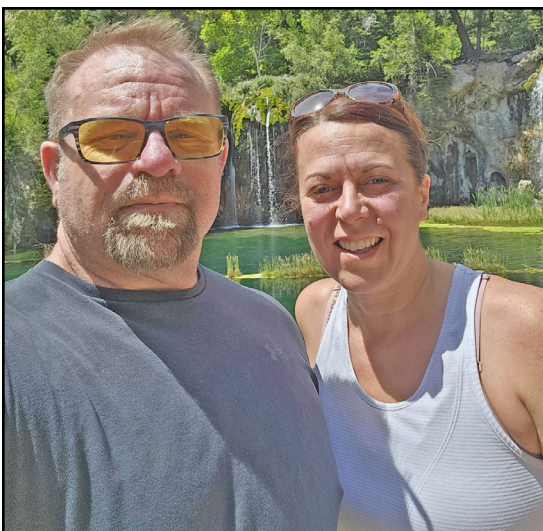
## Northwest Rural Announces New General Manager

Northwest Rural Public Power District is pleased to announce the selection of Nathan Zimmerman to serve as the District's General Manager. The NRPPD Board of Directors worked in conjunction with the NRECA Executive Search team to facilitate a nationwide search.

Zimmerman began his duties on May 18 bringing over 25 years of experience in the electric utility industry, including linework and leadership roles in beneficial electrification and management at municipal and cooperative utilities. Most recently, he served as Manager of Beneficial Electrification at Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative in Coleman, S.D., leading beneficial electrification initiatives, working with rate design, and using technologies to aid in financial analysis to strengthen long-term financial stability.

**ZIMMERMAN SAID** he was drawn to Northwest by the opportunity to serve a rural community and be part of an organization where relations, trust and service still matter. "Rural communities are important to the future of this country, and public power plays a major role in keeping those communities strong," said Zimmerman. "I also appreciated the values and direction the board shared throughout the interview process.

Zimmerman grew up and attended school in Janesville, Minn. "Most of my education through life has come through hands-on experience, military service, utility industry training, leadership development and learning directly from people in the field over the last 25-plus years.



**Nathan and Katie Zimmerman are relocating to Northwestern Nebraska from Coleman, S.D.**

**Nathan Zimmerman, Northwest Rural's new District General Manager.**



A veteran of the US Army, Nathan is a dedicated, disciplined leader, who is committed to building trust, improving financial resilience, strengthening board-management relationships, and delivering results. He has also served in key safety, rate, and governance roles regionally as well as within Sioux Valley Energy Cooperative.

Zimmerman commented, "I'm honored by the opportunity to serve the staff, board, and customers of Northwest Rural Public Power District. I look forward to learning from the team, building strong relationships, and working together to support the people and members that depend on the district.

**NATE AND HIS WIFE KATIE** are looking forward to putting down roots in northwestern Nebraska. The Zimmermans have adult children in Minnesota and Iowa. "My wife spent over 20 years in elementary education and most recently worked in retail where she enjoys helping people and being part of a strong team environment," said Zimmerman.

He has served on several utility-related boards and committees over the years involving safety, governance, rates and region utility collaboration.

In his spare time he enjoys strength training, hiking, being outdoors, and spending time with his wife Katie and dog Creed. He also enjoys studying leadership, history and personal growth.

# NRPPD FEATURE

## Seussical

Opens Friday, May 22, 2026  
Rating: G



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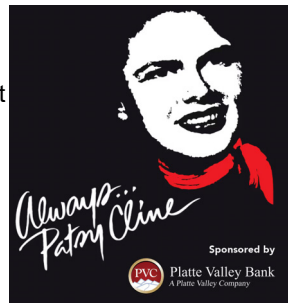
The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many “thinks.” Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant. Seussical is fun for the whole family!

**MAY: 24\*, 26, 27,**  
**JUNE: 2, 11, 14\*, 23, 27**  
**JULY: 8\*, 10, 15, 18\*\*, 23, 31\* • AUGUST: 1\*\*, 9\***

## Always... Patsy Cline

Opens Friday, May 29, 2026  
Rating: G

Always...Patsy Cline is more than a tribute to Patsy who died tragically at age 30 in a plane crash in 1963. Based on true events, it gives you an inside look at her personal life through her enduring friendship with an adoring fan—a friendship that started in a Texas honky-tonk in 1961 and continued until Patsy’s death. This musical play, complete with down-home country humor, true emotion and even some audience participation, includes many of Patsy’s unforgettable hits such as “Crazy”, “I Fall to Pieces”, “Sweet Dreams” and “Walking After Midnight”—27 songs in all. The show’s title was inspired by Patsy’s numerous letters, which she signed “Love ALWAYS...Patsy Cline.”



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**JUNE: 3, 11, 14\*, 23, 27**  
**JULY: 11\*\*, 14, 18\*, 23, 31\***  
**AUGUST: 1\*\*, 9\***



**JUNE: 7\*, 10, 12, 16, 25.**  
**JULY: 8, 10\*, 12\*, 17, 25\*\*, 26\*, 31**  
**AUGUST: 1, 4, 6,**

## Grease

Opens Friday, May 19, 2026  
Rating: H



Adult themes, sexual references and innuendos, mild language, drinking and smoking.

Here is Rydell High’s senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding “Burger Palace Boys” and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking “Pink Ladies” in bobby sox and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950s in this rollicking musical. Head “greaser” Danny Zuko and new (good) girl Sandy Dumbrowski try to relive the high romance of their “Summer Nights” as the rest of the gang sings and dances its way through such songs as “Greased Lightnin’,” “It’s Raining on Prom Night” and “Alone at the Drive-In Movie,” recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. An eight-year run on Broadway and two subsequent revivals, along with innumerable school and community productions, place Grease among the world’s most popular musicals.

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**JUNE: 19, 20, 26, 30**  
**JULY: 11\*, 15\*, 18\*\*, 21, 24, 25\***  
**AUGUST: 5\*, 7\*, 8**

## Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Opens Friday, July 3, 2026  
Rating: H



Mild adult themes: adult language, innuendos, adult humor

Lawrence Jameson makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. Freddy Benson more humbly swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother’s failing health. After meeting on a train, they attempt to work together, only to find that this small French town isn’t big enough for the two of them. They agree on a settlement: the first one to extract \$50,000 from a young female target, heiress, Christine Colgate, wins, and the other must leave town. A hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep audiences laughing, humming and guessing to the end!

**JULY: 3, 4, 5\*, 7, 11, 16, 19\*, 22\*. 24\*, 28, 30**  
**AUGUST: 1, 2\*, 7,**

## Oklahoma!

Opens Friday, June 5, 2026  
Rating: G

Rodgers & Hammerstein’s first collaboration remains, in many ways, their most innovative, setting the standards and rules of modern musical theatre. In a Western territory just after the turn of the 20th century, a high-spirited rivalry between local farmers and cowboys provides a colorful background for Curly, a charming cowboy, and Laurey, a feisty farm girl, to play out their love story. Their romantic journey, as bumpy as a surrey ride down a country road, contrasts with the comic exploits of brazen Ado Annie and hapless Will Parker in a musical adventure embracing hope, determination and the promise of a new land.



## Recipe Corner

### Best Taco Casserole

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 cups salsa
- 1 (16 ounce) can chili beans, drained
- 3 cups tortilla chips, crushed
- 2 cups sour cream
- (2 ounce) can sliced black olives, drained
- ½ cup chopped green onion
- ½ cup chopped fresh tomato
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9x13-baking dish with cooking spray.

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir ground beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 8 to 10 minutes.

Stir in salsa, reduce heat, and simmer until liquid is absorbed, about 20 minutes. Stir in beans; cook until heated through.

Spread crushed tortilla chips over the bottom of the baking dish; spoon beef mixture on top. Spread sour cream over beef, then sprinkle olives, green onions, and tomatoes on top. Cover with Cheddar cheese.



### Countryroad Shot:

Howard County, Neb., May 2018

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### General Outdoor Electrical Safety

**Call Before You Dig:** Planning to plant trees or install a fence? Dial 8-1-1 to have underground utility lines marked—this helps prevent accidental contact with buried electrical or gas lines.

**Watch for Overhead Lines:** Be mindful of power lines when using ladders, trimming trees, or handling long tools outdoors.

**Store Cords Properly:** When not in use, unplug and store extension cords indoors to prevent weather-related damage.

### Storm and Power Outage Preparedness

Summer storms can bring powerful winds, lightning, and unexpected power outages.

**Use Surge Protectors:** Protect sensitive electronics from lightning-induced surges by plugging them into surge protectors.

**Generator Safety:** Whether you're using a generator during a power outage, while camping, or for another outdoor activity, always operate it safely and according to the manufacturer's instructions. Only run generators outdoors and away from windows, doors, and vents to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.

**Downed Power Lines:** Stay far away from downed power lines and report them to your utility company immediately or call 911. Assume all downed lines are live and dangerous.

**Emergency Kit:** Inventory emergency kits and keep flashlights, batteries, and bottled water handy in case of extended outages. For a complete list of items that should be included in an emergency kit, visit <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.

### Outdoor Extension Cord Safety

**Use the Right Cord:** Only use extension cords labeled for outdoor use. These are designed to withstand moisture, sunlight, and temperature changes.

**Check Before You Plug In:** Inspect cords for fraying, cracks, or damaged plugs before each use. Replace any damaged cords immediately—never try to repair them with tape.

**Choose the Correct Gauge and Length:** Longer cords can't handle as much current as shorter ones of the same gauge. Always select a cord rated for the power needs of your equipment.

**Keep Cords Dry:** Never let extension cords sit in water or damp grass. Wet cords can cause electric shock or short out your devices.

**Avoid Overloading:** Don't plug multiple high-powered tools/devices into one cord or connect several extension cords together. This can cause overheating and fire hazards.

**Temporary Use Only:** Extension cords are for temporary tasks. If you need a permanent solution, consider having additional outdoor outlets installed by a licensed electrician.

### Landscaping and Lawn Equipment Safety

**Cord Management:** Keep power cords away from mower blades, trimmers, and other moving parts to prevent accidental cutting and shock hazards.

**Unplug Before Servicing:** Always unplug electric tools before  
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## Outdoor Electrical Safety--

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cleaning, adjusting, or changing accessories.

**Dry Hands and Equipment:** Only operate electric lawn equipment with dry hands and on dry grass to avoid electric shock.

**Store Properly:** After use, unplug and store equipment and cords indoors to protect them from weather damage.

### Safe Outdoor Lighting

**Weatherproof Fixtures:** Use only weatherproof, outdoor-rated lighting and extension cords for patios, decks, and gardens.

**GFCI Outlets:** Ensure all outdoor outlets are protected by Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of electric shock.

**Timers and Smart Plugs:** Choose outdoor-rated timers or smart plugs for automated lighting, and avoid overloading circuits.

**Inspect Regularly:** Check outdoor lights and cords for signs of wear or damage before each use.

### Efficient Use of Electricity

Electrical safety goes hand-in-hand with efficiency. Here are a few reminders for using electricity wisely this summer:

**Unplug Devices:** Unplug tools and appliances when not in use to save energy and reduce fire risk.

**Use Energy-Efficient Products:** Choose ENERGY STAR®-rated appliances and LED lighting for outdoor and indoor use.

**Maintain Airflow:** Keep vents and air conditioning units clear of debris and obstructions for optimal performance.

**Seal Air Leaks:** Check doors and windows for leaks and

### June Trivia....

- June 5 is World Environment Day - a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.
- June 14 is Flag Day
- June 19 is Juneteenth (also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day). On this day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas, effectively liberating enslaved people in the state, which had thus far been beyond control of the Union Army.
- June 21 is the summer solstice, which heralds the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the day with the most hours of daylight. In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins at this time.
- June 21 is Father's Day this year.
- June 24 brings Midsummer Day, also St. John the Baptist's Feast Day. Traditionally, this was the midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting. It is celebrated in many cultures on the night of June 23, as Midsummer Eve!

## Funny Quotes...

- The safe way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket. -- Kin Hubbard
- Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society. -- Mark Twain
- Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow. -- Mark Twain
- The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he is a baby. -- Natalie Wood
- Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back. -- Oscar Wilde
- The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory. -- Paul Fix
- A lot of fellows nowadays have a B.A., M.D., or Ph.D. Unfortunately, they don't have a J.O.B. -- Fatz Domino
- "Be yourself" is about the worst advice you can give some people. -- Thomas Lansing Masson
- Older people shouldn't eat health food, they need all the preservatives they can get. -- Robert Orben
- My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I want a second opinion. He said okay, you're ugly too. -- Rodney Dangerfield
- John Lennon funny quote "Love means having to say you're sorry every fifteen minutes" - John Lennon

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