

Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

February 2024

Hay Springs Welcomes Steakhouse with Familiar Faces

The feeling is pretty much mutual from the community of Hay Springs and former Silver Dollar owners, Julie and Dana Haugen. "We missed our customers, and they evidently missed us," said Julie which brought the decision to purchase the former Bar J Steakhouse.

The Steakhouse, formerly owned by Don and Mary Vannatta, closed in October 2017 and remained vacant for nearly six years. The Vannatta's purchased the steakhouse in 2009 from Jerry Turman who operated the business under the name T-Hawks. The Haugens closed the Silver Dollar Bar & Grill on July 1, 2022 and sold the building to the Pioneer Manor Daycare. They had owned and operated The Dollar for approximately a quarter of a century.

Since then Julie recouped from a couple of knee surgeries and sought different employment, but the idea of owning the steakhouse kept popping back in their heads. Julie admits she misses the cooking and in October they came to a purchase agreement with Don Vannatta and the ball started rolling from there.

The Haugens' focus will primarily be on serving food, and yes Julie's notorious cheeseburgers, that locals are anticipating sinking their teeth back into. It was Dana that



Dana and Julie Haugen of Hay Springs officially opened their new steakhouse, Julie's Hay Town Grill, located Main Street in Hay Springs on Tuesday, Jan. 2



The Hay Springs Area Chamber of Commerce kicked off the debut of Julie's Hay Town Grill just an hour before they officially began welcoming their first customers on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Julie's Hay Town Grill -

came up with the new name, "Julie's Hay Town Grill". "We have set a goal to open on Jan. 2. It's taking longer to get everything done and ready including state inspections," she explained.

Unlike the Silver Dollar where Julie did most the cooking, both Julie and Dana will be at the grill. "I think it's gonna take both of us with a larger menu as a restaurant," noted Julie. They continue to look for another part-time cook in addition to wait-staff. Anyone interested is encourage to stop in or call.

There are several perks to their new location, especially a larger kitchen with dishwasher, a bigger walk-in, more storage downstairs, and a beer garden. "We will be able to offer keg beer here as well," said Julie, something they didn't have previously. On the other hand, they won't carry as many beer brands and high end liquors, but will offer most all the popular beverages in addition to have carry-out. Liquor sales will be on hold since the Haugens had to reapply for a liquor license which could take from as long as 60 to 120 days.

They are unsettled on several things at this time, but are for sure know what kind of service they are going to provide. "We want to offer an affordable menu and have our customers feel comfortable. We won't be a high class steak house," she said. There are many things they will just have to play by ear in the beginning and adjust accordingly, such as carry-out orders. Julie's Hay Town



Just a couple of samples of what's on the menu at Julie's.



Grill will not require reservations in the beginning, but may have to later on. "We don't want customers driving several miles only to have to wait three hours," said Julie.

Business hours will be Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. and will be extended until 10 p.m. in the Summertime. There may be special occasions when they are open longer, because of possible sporting events or Friendly Festival.

Their menu include steaks, burgers and prime rib on Saturday nights. Other nightly items will include hamburger steak, ribeyes, chicken fries and shrimp.

Daily lunch specials will be offered which may include, hot beef sandwiches with mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade soups, fried chicken, Indian tacos just too name a few examples. "There will definitely be more homemade items then we offered at the bar," said Julie.

Anticipation.... yes the Silver Dollar burger made a come back and something else will be the same, they were able to get their previous phone number, 638-7100.



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FERC issues order on Contract Termination Payment

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has issued a ruling in a proposed Contract Termination Payment (CTP) submitted by Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc. (Tri-State) of which Northwest Rural Public Power District (NRPPD) has protested. The Commission sided with NRPPD finding that the CTP proposed by Tri-State was unjust and unreasonable.

NRPPD currently has an electric wholesale power supply contract with Tri-State, based out of Westminster, Colorado. NRPPD has given notice to terminate that contract effective May 1, 2024.

NRPPD is situated in the Eastern Interconnection (Nebraska) as opposed to the majority of Tri-State's service territory in the Western Interconnection (Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming).

NRPPD protested Tri-State's calculation of the amount due under Tri-State's proposed CTP, more than \$43M, which attempted to recover funds through a Lost Revenue Approach. NRPPD claimed no amount should be paid to Tri-State to cover stranded assets as Tri-State has no generating assets in the Eastern Interconnection serving NRPPD.

The Commission upheld NRPPD's protest and determined, "Under the Adopted Balance Sheet Approach, withdrawing members must pay their pro rata share of generation-related assets, debt and other obligations." The Commission further concluded, "Based on cost causation principles, this pro rata share will be among Tri-State members in the Western Interconnection." And that, "...Northwest Rural, as an Eastern Interconnection member, would pay its proportion of Purchase Power Agreements that are used to serve its load..."

Tri-State currently serves NRPPD through Purchase Power Agreements between Tri-State and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, based in Bismarck, N.D. and from federal hydro-power contracts with the Western Area Power Administration, based in Lakewood, Colo..

General Manager of NRPPD, Chance Briscoe,

says, "We appreciate the Commission's clear recognition that NRPPD and other Eastern Interconnection members receive no benefit from assets owned by Tri-State serving those members in the Western Interconnection and that NRPPD is not responsible to cover the stranded cost of those assets." Briscoe continued, "While this isn't the final step in securing NRPPD's alternate future power supplier and left a few questions to be answered, the Commission provided a stark rebuke of Tri-State's position that NRPPD owed Tri-State in excess of \$43M to exit and helped to clear the way for our transition."

Additionally, the Commission determined, "We uphold the Modified Balance Sheet Approach's treatment of patronage capital..." This treatment will allow NRPPD to choose between the normal retirement schedule of patronage capital or a lump sum withdrawal upon exit at net present value. Briscoe says, "NRPPD currently has over \$6M of patronage capital in Tri-State and this order will provide the option to receive approximately \$4M immediately, rather than waiting 50 or 60 years to receive those funds for the benefit of our customers in the rural Panhandle of Nebraska."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Wear Proper Clothing

- Dress in layers. It's important to start the day with your body warm. While working throughout the day you may warm up and can shed a layer. OSHA recommends at least three layers, including a base layer such as thermal wear to keep moisture away from the body and an outer layer that is rain and wind protectant.
- Wear appropriate hand coverings for the task you are performing, whether that be mittens, gloves, or work gloves. Ideally, find gloves with good insulation and flexibility. Depending on the wind chill, frostbite can occur in as little as 10 to 30 minutes on exposed skin.
- Remember a hat that covers your ears. Almost half of your body heat is lost through your head and neck. Cover it up!
- Wear insulated and waterproof boots to keep your feet warm and dry. Make sure boots have proper traction to avoid slips and falls on icy surfaces. Depending on your work, it may be best to not wear steel toe boots in the winter as they don't conduct the cold as much, therefore your feet are likely to stay warmer. In addition, you can add hand and foot warmers if needed for extra warmth.

Take Breaks

- Listen to your body and take breaks when you need. Go inside and warm up, have a snack or drink a warm beverage. When working in the cold weather, eat foods that are high in protein which will give your body more energy to keep warm throughout the day in the cold temperatures. Drink a lot of water to stay hydrated and avoid beverages with caffeine and alcohol.

Be Aware of Cold Stress

- What is cold stress? Cold stress occurs by driving down the



skin temperature, and eventually the internal body temperature. When the body is unable to warm itself, serious cold-related illnesses and permanent tissue damage may result. Types of cold stress include: trench foot, frostbite and hypothermia.

- Symptoms of cold stress can include shivering, confusion, slurred speech, heart rate/breathing slow, and loss of consciousness. Outdoor workers exposed to cold and windy conditions are at a higher risk of cold stress. Train employees on the signs of cold stress and what to do in each situation so they can monitor themselves and their co-workers.
- To prevent cold stress, the best thing you can do is to prepare for working in cold conditions by wearing appropriate clothing, taking breaks, eating nutritiously and hydrating, as mentioned above. If possible, try to prioritize the jobs that need to get done based on the weather conditions.

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NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

Thurs., Feb. 1 B WR at WTC in Bridgeport
B BB (MS) at Hay Springs, 4 p.m.

Feb. 1-2 WTC Conf. at WNCC

Feb. 2-3 G WR at Sub-Districts at Perkins Co.

Sat., Feb. 3 Speech at Chadron

Mon., Feb. 5 B BB (MS) at Valentine, 4 p.m. MT

Feb. 5-6 High Plains Band & Choir

Tues., Feb. 6 GRHS Blood Drive
B BB (MS) vs. Bennett Co., 4:30 p.m.
FFA CDE Competition at G-R, 8 a.m.

Wed., Feb. 7 B BB (MS) vs. Cody-Kilgore, 4 p.m.
GES PreK Winter Concert, 6 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 9 G WR at Districts in Broken Bow, 1 p.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Bridgeport, 4, 5:30, 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 10 Speech - Gordon-Rushville Invite
B WR at Districts in Broken Bow, 10 a.m.

Mon., Feb. 12 G BB Sub-Districts
Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 15 GRMS Inventure Day - 7th Grade

Feb. 15-16 State Wrestling in Omaha

Fri., Feb. 16 B BB (JV-V) at Valentine

Sat., Feb. 17 NSIAA/NCA Cheer Competition at Grand Island
B BB (MS) Gordon-Rushville Invite, 8 a.m.

Mon., Feb. 19 B BB Sub-Districts,
GES Inservice - NO SCHOOL
GES Pre-K P-T Conference

Feb. 22-23 G BB District Finals

Fri., Feb. 23 B BB District Finals

Sat., Feb. 24

Feb. 28-March 3 State Basketball at Lincoln

Tues., March 5 End of Third Quarter
March 6-8 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
Boys State Basketball

Wed., March 6 FFA Ag Ed Contest in Kimball

Mon., March 11 Board Meeting

Tues., March 12 Honor Band at Gordon-Ruhville

Crawford Rams

Thurs., Feb. 1 WR (V) at Bridgeport, 8 a.m.

Fri., Feb. 2 G-B BB (V) vs. Cody-Kilgore, 3 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 3 Speech at Chadron
Wrestling at Yoder
G-B BB (V) at Lingle, Wyo., 1 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 5 B BB (JH) at Hay Springs, 3 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 6 B BB (JH) vs. Sioux County, 3 p.m.
G BB (JV-V) vs. Banner Co., 4, 6 p.m.
B BB (JV-V) vs. Sioux Co., 5, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 7 PanCo Speech at Hemingford

Feb. 9-10 District Wrestling, tbd

Sat., Feb. 10 Speech at Gordon

Mon., Feb. 12 G BB Sub-Districts, tbd
School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 13 Girls BB Sub-Districts, tbd

Thurs., Feb. 15 Girls Sub-District Finals, tbd

Feb. 15-16 State Wrestling at Omaha

Fri., Feb. 16 Speech "Twilight" at Gering

Sat., Feb. 17 B BB (JH) at Rushville Tourney, 8 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 18 National FFA Week

Mon., Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 19-20 Boys BB Sub-Districts, tbd

Thurs., Feb. 22 Boys Sub-District Finals

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NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Fri., Feb. 23 Girls BB District Finals
 Sat., Feb. 24 Speech District Warmups at Gering
Crawford Federation Wrestling Tourney
 Mon., Feb. 26 First Day of Spring Sports Practice
 Boys BB District Finals
Tues., Feb. 27 FFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commons
 Sat., March 2 Speech at Mitchell
Tues., March 5 Parent-Teacher Conf.,
12:30 Dismissal Students
 Wed., March 6 FFA District CDE's in Kimball
 Sat., March 9 District Speech at Gering

Fri., Feb. 16 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
B BB (JV) vs. Crawford, 5:30 p.m.
B BB (V) vs. Crawford, 7 p.m.
 Sat., Feb. 17 B BB (JH) at Bayard, 8:30 a.m.
 Feb. 19-20 G-B BB Sub-Districts
NO SCHOOL
Sat., Feb. 24 Winterfest Dance, 8 p.m.
 Feb. 25-26 FCCLA Peer Education Conf. at Kearney
 Feb. 28-March 2 Girls State Basketball at Lincoln
 March 6-9 Boys State Basketball at Lincoln.
 Wed., March 6 FFA Ag Ed Contest, 9 a.m.
Fri., March 9 End of Third Quarter

Hemingford Bobcats

Feb. 1-3 G-B BB (V) WTC at WNCC, tbd
 Thurs., Feb. 1 B WR at Bridgeport Tourney, 9 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 2 NO SCHOOL - In-Service
 Feb. 5-6 CSC High Plains Choir Festival
 Mon., Feb. 5 B BB (JH) at St. Agnes, 5 p.m.
 Tues., Feb. 6 G-B BB (JV-V) at Morrill, 3, 4:30, 6, 7:30 p.m.
Hemingford Speech Meet
Thurs., Feb. 8 BB (JH) vs. Alliance, 4 p.m.
 Feb. 9-10 G-B District Wrestling
 Fri., Feb. 9 G-B BB (JV-V) at Kimball, 3, 4:30, 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 10 B BB (JHY) vs. Bridgeport, 9 a.m.
JH Winter Dance, 8 p.m.
 Feb. 12-13 Girls BB Sub-Districts
Mon., Feb. 12 School Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 13 FFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Feb. 15 G-B State Wrestling at Omaha

Chadron Cardinals


Thurs., Feb. 1 B BB (C) at Gering, 6:30 p.m./
 Fri., Feb. 2 G-B BB (JV) at RC Christian, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30
 Sat., Feb. 3 G Wrestling Sub-Districts at West Point Beemer
 B WR at Southeast High School, 9 a.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Valentine, 2, 2, 3:30, 5 p.m.
 Feb. 5-6-8 Girls BB (C) at Gering Tourney, tba
 Boys BB (C) at Alliance Tourney, tba
Mon., Feb. 5 B BB (7th) vs. Scottsbluff, 4 p.m.
 B BB (8th) at Scottsbluff, 4 p.m.
 Tues., Feb. 6 Girls BB (C) at Gering
 Thurs., Feb. 8 High School Parents-teacher Conf., 5-8:30
 Feb. 9-10 Girls Wrestling Districts at York
 Boys Wrestling Districts at Broken Bow
 Fri., Feb. 9 G-B BB (JV-V) at Sidney, 4, 4, 5:30, 7 p.m.
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Sat., Feb. 10 G WR (MS) at Scottsbluff Invite, 9 a.m.
Feb. 12-13-15 Girls BB Sub-Districts, tba
Feb. 12-13-15 B BB (7th) at Mitchell Tourney, tbd
B BB (8th) at Scottsbluff Tourney, tbd

Feb. 12-16

Feb. 15-17 Boys- Girls State Wrestling at Omaha
Fri., Feb. 17 B BB (JV) at Lakota Tech, 5 p.m.
B BB (V) at Lakota Tech, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 19

Feb. 19-20-22 **NO SCHOOL - Staff In-service**
Boys BB Sub-Districts, tbd
Fri., Feb. 23 Girls BB District Finals, tbd

Feb. 28-March 2 Girls State BB at Lincoln

March 1-2

Musical Production, CHS, 7 p.m.

Sun., March 3

Musical Production, 2 p.m.

March 6-9 Boys Stage BB at Lincoln

March 6-8

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

Hay Springs Hawks

Thurs., Feb. 1 B WR at Bridgeport Invite, 9 a.m.

Parent-Teacher Conf., 4:30-8 p.m.

Feb. 2-3 Girls Wrestling Sub-Districts, tbd

Fri., Feb. 2 G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Hyannis, 3, 4, 5, 7 p.m.

Senior Parents Night

Sat., Feb. 3 Chadron Speech Meet

B WR at Southeast Goshen Co., 9 a.m.

Girls Wrestling Districts

G-B BB (JV-V) at Bennett Co., 2, 3, 5, 7 p.m.

High Plains Honor Band & Choir at CSC

Feb. 5-6

Mon., Feb. 5 B BB (JH) vs. Crawford, 3 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 6 B BB (JH) at Alliance St. Agnes, 4 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 7 FFA District Contest at Gordon

PanCo Speech Meet at Hemingford

Hawk Talk at Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Thurs., Feb. 8 G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Crawford, 2, 3, 5, 7 p.m.

G-B BB (JV-V) at Garden Co., 3, 3, 5, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 10

Gordon-Rushville Speech Meet

Boys Wrestling Districts, tbd

Mon., Feb. 12

Feb. 15-17

Sat., Feb. 17

Mon., Feb. 19

Sat., Feb. 24

Mon., Feb. 26

Sat., March 2

Wed., March 6

Mon., Feb. 19

Sat., Feb. 24

Mon., Feb. 26

Sat., March 2

Wed., March 6

Thurs., March 7

Fri., March 8

FFA Labor Auction

HS Hal Trip

Board Meeting

Girls & Boys State Wrestling at Omaha

B BB (JH) at Gordon-Rushville Tourney, 8 a.m.

Boys (JV-V) BB at Mullen, 3 p.m.

NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service

Speech District Wrap-up Invite at Gering

Start of Spring Practice

Mitchell Speech Invite

FFA District Contest at Kimball

Hawk Talk at Senior Center, 8 a.m.

FFA Labor Auction

HS Hal Trip

Recipes



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Ultimate Potato Soup

- 1 pound bacon, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 cups chicken stock, or enough to cover potatoes
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon
- 3 teaspoons chopped fresh cilantro
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Place bacon in a Dutch oven and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, 5 to 10 minutes. Drain bacon pieces on paper towels. Drain off all but 1/4 cup of the bacon grease.

Cook celery and onion in the reserved bacon drippings until onion is soft and translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic, and continue cooking for 1 to 2 minutes.

Add cubed potatoes, and toss to coat. Sauté for 3 to 4 minutes. Return bacon to the pan, and add enough chicken stock to just cover the potatoes. Cover, and simmer until potatoes are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a separate skillet over medium heat. Whisk in flour. Cook, stirring constantly, 1 to 2 minutes. Whisk in heavy cream, tarragon, and cilantro.

Bring cream mixture to a boil, and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 5 minutes. Add cream mixture to the potato mixture; stir to combine.

Transfer about 1/2 of the soup to a blender and purée. Return to the Dutch oven. Adjust seasonings to taste.

Serve hot and enjoy!

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Chunky Cheesecake Brownies

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder

- ¼ teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-inch square baking pan.

Combine cream cheese with 1/4 cup sugar and 1 egg in a mixing bowl; beat until smooth. Stir 1 cup chocolate chips into the cream cheese mixture. Set aside.

Fill a saucepan with water and bring to a boil. Turn the heat off, and set a heatproof mixing bowl over the water. In the mixing bowl, combine butter with the remaining cup of chocolate chips; stir until just melted and blended together. Stir in the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and 2 eggs, then sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; stir into chocolate until evenly blended.

Pour half of the batter into the prepared baking pan. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the chocolate layer. Top with remaining chocolate mixture (this doesn't need to completely cover the cream cheese layer). Using a knife, swirl the top chocolate layer into the cream cheese to make a marble pattern.

Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 25 to 30 minutes, or until top is crinkled and edges pull away from sides of the pan. Cool thoroughly. Cut into 12 to 16 squares. Store in the refrigerator or freeze.

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Valentine's Day Strawberry Muffins

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract
- ½ teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 ½ cups chopped fresh strawberries
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips (Optional)
- 12 slices fresh strawberry
- 1 tablespoon white sugar

Mix lemon juice with as much milk as needed to measure 1 cup; let the soured milk stand for 5 minutes before using.

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Line 24 muffin tins with paper liners.

Cream together the butter and 1 1/2 cups sugar in a large bowl. Beat in the eggs, one at a time; add the lemon extract.

Gradually stir in the lemon zest and soured milk. Gently fold in the chopped strawberries.

Mix the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in another bowl.

Stir the butter mixture into the flour mixture until dry ingredients are just moistened. Fold in the chocolate chips. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups to about 2/3 full.

Place a strawberry slice atop each muffin and sprinkle with some of the 1 tablespoon white sugar.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in the pans for 5 minutes before serving warm.

Northwest Rural Welcomes New Lineman

Northwest Rural Public Power District is pleased to introduce their newest lineman, Brenton Abbott, formerly of Dalton, where he graduated from Leyton Public Schools in 2022. From there he enrolled at Mitchell Tech in 2023



Brenton Abbott

where he received his Powerline Certificate.

Abbott said he was attracted to this area because of family here and liked living in a small town. He liked the idea of working outside and with his hands, and being able to help the community at the same time. So far he noted his new career is very welcoming and offers interesting work. He currently resides south of Hay Springs. He was previously employed at Watts for six months.

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- Feb. 1:** National Dark Chocolate Day, Optimist Day, Texas Day, Bubble Gum Day, National Wear Red Day.
- Feb. 2:** Groundhog Day, Heavenly Hash Day, Four Chaplains Day, Play Outside Day.
- Feb. 3:** Ice Cream for Breakfast Day, Missing Persons Day, National Women Physicians Day, Carrot Cake Day.
- Feb. 4:** National Hemp Day, Homemade Soup Day, Create a Vacuum Day, Thank a Mail Carrier Day.
- Feb. 5:** National Weatherperson's Day.
- Feb. 6:** National Chopsticks Day, Frozen Yogurt Day, Lame Duck Day.
- Feb. 7:** National Periodic Table Day, Fettuccine Alfredo Day, Send a Card to a Friend Day, Giving Hearts Day.
- Feb. 8:** National Iowa Day, Kite Flying Day, Boy Scouts Day.
- Feb. 9:** National Cut the Cord Day, No One Eats Alone Day, Pizza Day, Bagel and Lox Day, Toothache Day.
- Feb. 10:** National Home Warranty Day, Cream Cheese Brownie Day, Umbrella Day, Pork Rind Day.
- Feb. 11:** National Inventor's Day, Peppermint Patty Day, Shut-In Visitation Day, Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day.
- Feb. 12:** National Plum Pudding Day, Clean Out Your Computer Day, Red Hand Day, Galentine's Day, Fat Tuesday.
- Feb. 13:** National Tortellini Day, Ash Wednesday.
- Feb. 14:** Cream-Filled Chocolates Day, Valentine's Day, Ferris Wheel Day, National Organ Donor Day.

- Feb. 15:** National Wisconsin Day, Flag of Canada Day, Singles Awareness Day, National Gumdrop Day.
- Feb. 16:** National Almond Day, Do a Grouch a Favor Day, National Red Sock Day.
- Feb. 17:** National Cabbage Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day.
- Feb. 18:** National Drink Wine Day, Crab Stuffed Flounder Day.
- Feb. 19:** Arabian Horse Day, Vet Girls Rise Day, National Lash Day, Chocolate Mint Day, Presidents Day.
- Feb. 20:** National Leadership Day, Comfy Day, National Muffin Day, Love Your Pet Day, Cherry Pie Day.
- Feb. 21:** National Grain-Free Day, Stick Bun Day.
- Feb. 22:** Supermarket Employee Day, California Day, Cook a Sweet Potato Day, Margarita Day, Skip the Straw Day.
- Feb. 23:** National Tile Day, Dog Biscuit Day, Banana Bread Day.
- Feb. 24:** National Tortilla Chip Day.
- Feb. 25:** National Clam Chowder Day, Chocolate Covered Nut Day.
- Feb. 26:** Letter to an Elder Day, Set a Good Example Day, Tell a Fairy Tale Day, National Pistachio Day.
- Feb. 27:** Anosmia Awareness Day, National Retro Day, Polar Bear Day, Strawberry Day, Kahlua Day.
- Feb. 28:** National Chocolate Souffle Day, Tooth Fairy Day, Floral Design Day, Public Sleeping Day.
- Feb. 29:** Time Refund Day, National Toast Day, National Leap Day, National Chili Day.

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Notes to Myself...

- Stop spending more money to get free shipping.
 - Your coffee is still in the microwave.
 - Don't throw the box with the directions away until it's 100 percent done.
 - Glasses are on top of your head.
 - Wearing headphones does not make your farts silent.
 - Just because it pops in your head doesn't mean it should come out your mouth.
 - Don't use your phone as a flashlight to look for your phone.
 - You're never going to remember to do that thing later. Do it now.
- * * * * *
- Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard.
Choose your hard.

- Obesity is hard. Being fit is hard.
Choose your hard.
 - Being in debt is hard.
Being financially disciplined is hard.
Choose your hard.
 - Communication is hard.
Not communicating is hard.
Choose your hard.
- Life will never be easy. It will Always be HARD.
But we can choose our hard.
Choose Wisely*
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Fun Facts:

1. You can't wash your eyes with soap.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3.
6. When you did no. 3 you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5.
9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5!



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