

Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

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Hay Springs Couple Find Perfect Fit with Lumber Yard

Caleb and Sammy Milne of rural Hay Springs weren't quite sure what they wanted to do, but they were ready for a change. "We were ready to do something around home, and our family was right for this opportunity" said the young father of two boys and now a daughter. Caleb, a 2013 Hemingford High School graduate, had been away from home a lot on his previous job as a signalman for Burlington Northern Sante Fe.

It became official on July 23, 2021, Caleb and Samantha Milne together with his parents, Jim and Tami Milne became the new owners of Hay Springs Lumber & Hardware. The previous owners, Dave and Mary Hansen, had owned and operated the family business for over 50 years.

Caleb was a good fit for the hardware store, with experience in a variety of trades. After graduating from Northeast Community College at Norfolk in 2015 where he earned an Associates in Science Agronomy, he went on to UNL and earned his Bachelor's degree in Agronomy in 2017. While he was in school, he worked part time at Menard's where he received some post frame experience.

While he was in high school and attending school in Norfolk, he was employed by Sorensen Irrigation where he gained electrical knowledge. When he returned from



Caleb and Sammy Milne have been in their new business, Hay Springs Lumber and Hardware, for two and half years this January.



Sammy Milne next to their large selection of Benjamin Moore paint color cards.

Lincoln, he went back to work for Sorensen for a couple of years before going to work for BNSF in 2019 and was away in Wyoming quite often.

He and his wife, Sammy, live nine miles south of Hay Springs. She continued to work for Mobius in Hemingford until March 2022 in addition to doing the bookwork for their new business. She resigned her job to focus completely on the lumber yard and their expanding family. Their youngest, daughter Emelia was born that following August. "We hired my brother, Kendall, that May to help over the summer while I was on maternity leave with Emelia," explained Sammy. "He resigned this September and moved to Montana," she added.

Immediately after they purchased the business, they started making some basic renovations starting with the office space. They installed new flooring and painted, a phone system with updated internet service, and added a water heater which they never had before!

They have updated the north corner which contains rolled vinyl samples, carpet samples, and click-together plank flooring and trim options, as well as back-splash tile samples. "The opposite corner will display our main siding offerings, shingles, and product literature for those as well as garage (Continued on Page 2)

Hay Springs Lumber-

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doors, windows, interior and exterior doors, and specialty products from our various suppliers,” said Sammy.

Last winter, the Milnes rebuilt the paint aisle to make it more easily accessible and installed a new Benjamin Moore paint chip display. In addition to Benjamin Moore Paints, some of their other popular brands in stock include: Diamond Kote, LP Smartside and Hardieboard siding; Crescent hand tools; Diablo blades; Freud router bits; Gerkin windows; Simonton windows; Triversa and Congoleum flooring; in addition to Malarky shingles to name a few. Some of their newer items include a fishing section.

“Our most requested products are paint and general building supplies. We have so many different products that it is hard to narrow it down more than that! Benjamin Moore is an exceptional paint, and people like we can store their

color choice for projects for future use/touch-ups,” explained Sammy. “We do sell a lot to contractors. They like that we have a lot of options for suppliers and can get in most anything that they need,” she added.

Caleb is almost exclusively in charge of ordering any special orders and all of the lumber, windows, doors, etc. Both he and Sammy run the register, mix paint, ship out UPS packages and get things out of the lumberyard for people. Sammy takes care of the accounting, marketing and advertising. Tami comes in occasionally to help run the register and



Caleb Milne is always ready and willing to help customers with their projects and hardware needs.

help with our main deliveries in the middle of the week. Jim usually does not work in the store; he does help with our projects when needed- like the display corners.

In addition to their products, Caleb has begun smaller in home handyman repairs. “We hear all the time how people need help with small jobs and cannot get anyone to help them. A lot of contractors just don’t have the time to take on these small jobs alongside their large projects,” noted Sammy. The Milnes decided since Caleb was definitely capable of doing a lot of these things, it would be helpful for the community. “He has replaced some skylights, replaced a faucet, reinstalled base trim, installed several doors, screen doors, and windows, and he is currently working on several garage door repairs,” said Sammy. They also offer free deliver on orders of 5 gallons or more of paint and other items within a 40 mile radius.

The Milnes are enjoying their new business adventure. Sammy loves the ability to choose what we carry to best serve the people in addition to interacting with their customers as well. “I also enjoy the accounting side of my duties and find analyzing our sales to plan out future purchases or sales patterns very interesting,” said Sammy.

Caleb likes being the problem solver. “I like being able to solve problems that people have without asking permission or worrying whether I should or not. I can do it, so I just get it done. I also like the flexibility we have so I can be with our family more than I did at previous jobs,” noted Caleb.

Hay Springs Lumber & Hardware is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon. You can visit their facebook page to see their new additions and featured specials. Call 308.638.4404 for more information.



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- **Overburdened circuits from extra appliance usage:** During winter, people tend to use more electrical appliances like space heaters, holiday lights, and electric blankets. This increased demand can overload circuits, leading to fires or tripped circuit breakers.
- **Use of portable heaters and electric blankets:** Portable heaters and electric blankets, if used improperly, can cause overheating, sparks, or even fires. They should be used according to manufacturer guidelines to minimize these risks.
- **Snow and ice can damage outdoor electrical systems:** Snow and ice accumulation on outdoor electrical components like power lines, meters, or outlets can cause damage, leading to electrical hazards or power outages.
- **Water exposure to outdoor electrical components is risky:** Snowmelt or rainwater can come into contact with outdoor out-

lets or wiring, increasing the risk of electrical shock or short circuits.

- **Frozen pipes may cause issues:** Frozen pipes can burst and cause water damage, potentially reaching electrical systems, creating hazards, or causing appliances to malfunction.
- **Wet or damp conditions increase shock hazards:** Wet or damp areas in and around the house can increase the risk of electrical shock, especially when using electrical equipment in these conditions.
- **Inadequate insulation can lead to heat loss and wiring problems:** Poor insulation in walls or attics can result in heat loss, causing electrical systems to work harder. Additionally, cold temperatures can affect wiring insulation, potentially leading to electrical faults.
- **Tree branches near power lines can cause outages:** Overhanging tree branches can come into contact with power lines during winter storms, causing power outages and posing a risk of electrocution.
- **Improperly maintained generators pose fire risks:** Backup generators, if not maintained or operated correctly, can lead to fires, carbon monoxide leaks, or electrical hazards.
- **Carbon monoxide from faulty heating systems is dangerous:** Malfunctioning or poorly maintained heating systems, such as furnaces or space heaters, can release carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that is toxic when inhaled, posing a severe health risk.



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- Jan. 1:** Apple Gifting Day, Commitment Day, Bloody Mary Day, New Year's Day, Polar Bear Plunge Day.
- Jan. 2:** National Buffet Day, National Personal Trainer Day, Swiss Cheese Day, Science Fiction Day.
- Jan. 3:** Festival of Sleep Day, National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day, Fruitcake Toss Day.
- Jan. 4:** National CanDo Day, Missouri Day, National Spaghetti Day, Trivia Day, Weigh-In Day.
- Jan. 5:** National Bird Day, Keto Day, Screenwriters Day, National Whipped Cream Day, Harbin Ice Festival.
- Jan. 6:** Apple Tree Day, Dry Bean Day, National Bean Day, Smith Day, Take Down the Christmas Tree Day.
- Jan. 7:** Golden Globe Awards, Harlem Globetrotter's Day, National Pass Gas Day, Bobblehead Day.
- Jan. 8:** National 4th Graders Day, Bubble Bath Day, Clean Your Desk Day, Snuggle a Chicken Day.
- Jan. 9:** National Apricot Day, Faith Day, National Law Enforcement Day, Static Electricity Day.
- Jan. 10:** National Cut Your Energy Costs Day, Take the Stairs Day, Bittersweet Chocolate Day.
- Jan. 11:** **Arkansas Day, Healthy Weight, Healthy Look Day, Hot Toddy Day, National Milk Day.**
- Jan. 12:** Kiss a Ginger Day, Hot Tea Day, National Pharmacist

- Day, Youth Day, Quitters Day, Remembrance Day.
- Jan. 13:** Make Your Dream Come True Day, Rubber Ducky Day, Public Radio Broadcasting Day, Vision Board Day.
- Jan. 14:** Dress Up Your Pet Day, Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day, Sunday Supper Day, Organize Your Home Day.
- Jan. 15:** Blue Monday, Brew Monday, Martin Luther King Day, Bagel Day, National Hat Day, Strawberry Ice Cream Day.
- Jan. 16:** International Hot and Spicy Food Day, Fig Newton Day, Printing Ink Day, National Nothing Day.
- Jan. 17:** Benjamin Franklin Day, Cable Car Day, Ditch the New Year's Resolution Day, Kid Inventors' Day.
- Jan. 18:** Michigan Day, Winnie the Pooh Day, Gourmet Coffee Day, Get to Know Your Customers Day.
- Jan. 19:** Brew a Potion Day, Gun Appreciation Day, National Popcorn Day, Tin Can Day, Robert E. Lee Day.
- Jan. 20:** Inauguration Day, National Cheese Lover's Day Coffee Break Day, Penguin Day, Soup Swap Day.
- Jan. 21:** Grandma Day, Playdate Day, International Sweatpants Day, Hug Your Puppy Day, Hugging Day.
- Jan. 22:** Celebration of Life Day, Come in From the Cold Day, Blonde Brownie Day, Grandpa Day, Hot Sauce Day.
- Jan. 23:** National Handwriting Day, Rhubarb Pie Day, Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day, National Pie Day.
- Jan. 24:** "Just Do It" Day, Change a Pet's Life Day, Peanut Butter Day, Mobile Phone Recycling Day.
- Jan. 25:** Clashing Clothes Day, Florida Day, Fish Taco Day, IV Nurse Day, Irish Coffee Day, Observe the Weather Day.
- Jan. 26:** Australia Day, Dental Drill Appreciation Day!, Big Wig Day, Peanut Brittle Day, National Spouse Day.
- Jan. 27:** Holocaust Memorial Day, Quilt Shop Day, Chocolate Cake Day, Seed Swap Day, Vietnam Peace Day.
- Jan. 28:** Christa McAuliffe Day, Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day, Lego Day, Blueberry Pancake Day.
- Jan. 29:** Kansas Day, Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day, Carnation Day, Corn Chip Day, Puzzle Day.
- Jan. 30:** National Draw a Dinosaur Day, Plan a Vacation Day, Yodel for Your Neighbors Day, Storytelling Week.
- Jan. 31:** Appreciate Your Social Security Check Day, Backwards Day, Zebra Day, Hot Chocolate Day.

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NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

Fri., Jan. 5 School Resumes
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Mitchell, 3 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 6 G WR at Garden Co. Invite
 Speech at Gering
 G-B BB (JV-V) at Bayard, 1, 1:45, 2:30, 4 pm

Mon., Jan. 8 **GES PreK Back to School**
Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 9 **1st Semester Awards Ceremony, 1 p.m.**
Rushville Elementary
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Hay Springs, 3:30 p.m.
 FFA at District Ag Ed Contest at Scottsbluff

Fri., Jan. 12 G-B WR at Bennett Co. Quad
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Gering, 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 13 G-B WR at Bennett Co. Invite
 Speech at Scottsbluff
 G-B BB (JV-V) at Kimball, 1 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 16 G-B BB (JV-V) at Alliance, 3 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 18 G-B WR at Alliance

Fri., Jan. 19 G WR at Hemingford WTC
 G WR (MS) at Hemingford
 G-B BB (JV-V) at Mullen, 3 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 20 G-B WR at Chadron Invite
 Speech at Alliance
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Chadron, 2 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 22 B BB (MS) at Bayard, 3 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 23 **B BB (MS) vs. Alliance St. Agnes, 4 p.m.**

Wed., Jan. 24 FFA at State Degree Interviews at Alliance

Thurs., Jan. 25 G WR at Plainview

Fri., Jan. 26 B WR at Ord Invite
 G WR (MS) at Mitchell
 G-B BB (JV) at Morrill, 4 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 27 G-B WR at Boone Central Invite
 Speech at Valentine
 B BB (MS) at Valentine Invite, 9 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 29 B BB (MS) at Chadron, 4 p.m.
G-B BB (JV) vs. Valentine, 5 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 30 G WR (MS) at Bayard, 9 a.m.

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

Feb. 1-2 G WR at Districts

Fri., Feb. 2 Speech at Chadron

Sat., Feb. 3 B BB (MS) at Valentine, 4 p.m. MT

Crawford Rams

Thurs., Jan. 4 **G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Edgemont, 4, 5, 6, 7:30 p.m.**
School Resumes

Sat., Jan. 6 WR at Garden Co. Invite, 9 a.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Morrill, 1, 2, 3, 4:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 9 **B BB (JV) vs. Hemingford, 5 p.m.**

Thurs., Jan. 11 G-B BB at Guernsey, Wyo., 4 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 13 Speech at Scottsbluff
 WR (V) at Imperial, 9 a.m.
 G BB (V) 1st Rd. PanCo, tbd

Mon., Jan. 15 B BB (JH) at Edgemont, 3 p.m.
 BB (V) 1st Rd. PanCo, tbd

Tues., Jan. 16 **FFA Meeting, Commons, 6:30 p.m.**

Thurs., Jan. 18 G-B BB (V) PanCo Semi-Finals, tbd

Fri., Jan. 19 Speech at Alliance

Sat., Jan. 20

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NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Tues., Jan. 23 G-B BB (V) PanCo Finals, tbd
WR (V) at Chadron, 9 a.m.
B BB (JH) at home
G BB vs. Hemingford, 6 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 24 FFA State Degree Interviews &
Proficiency Awards in Alliance, 8 a.m.

Thurs., Jan. 25 **B BB (JH) vs. St. Agnes, 4:30 p.m.**
WR (V) at Morrill, 5 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 26 **G-B BB (V) vs. Hyannis, 4 p.m.**

Sat., Jan. 27 G-B BB (V) at Potter-Dix, 1 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 29 **B BB (JH) PanCo at home, 9 a.m.**

Tues., Jan. 30 **WR Triangular at home, 5 p.m.**

Wed., Jan. 31 FFA District CDEs in Gordon, 8 a.m.

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

Mon., Feb. 5 G-B BB (V) at Lingle, Wyo., 1 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 6 B BB (JH) at Hay Springs, 3 p.m.
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.

Hemingford Bobcats

Tues., Jan. 2 **G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Niobrara Co., 4, 5, 6, 7:30**

Thurs., Jan. 4 **School Resumes**
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Garden Co.,
2, 4:30, 6, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 5 G-B BB (JV-V) at Minatare, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30
B WR vs. Hay Springs, 5 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 6 G-B WR at Garden County, 9 a.m.

Mon, Jan. 8 Doane's Oregon Trail Honor Band

Tues., Jan. 9 **G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Chadron, 3, 4:30, 6, 7:30**
B BB (JH) at Crawford, 5 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 10 FFA District Ag Ed Contest at WNCC, 9 a.m.

Thurs., Jan. 11 **FFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

Fri., Jan. 12 G-B BB (JV-V) at Bayard, 3, 4, 6, 7:30 p.m.
WR (V) at Hyannis, 5 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 13 G WR at Bennett Co.
B WR at Sandhills-Thedford, 8 a.m.
B BB (JH) at Hay Springs, 10 a.m.
B BB (JV-V) vs. Sioux County, 1, 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 15-16-19-20 B-G BB PanCo, tbd

Thurs., Jan. 18 B BB (JH) at Mitchell, 4 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 19 B WR at Bayard

Sat., Jan. 20 **G WR vs. Chadron**

Mon., Jan. 22 **B BB (JH) vs. Morrill, 4 p.m.**

Tues., Jan. 23 G BB at Crawford, 4, 7 p.m.
B WR at Hay Springs, 5 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 24 Spelling Bee
FFA State Degree Interviews Proficiency
Awards, at Alliance, 9 a.m.

Thurs., Jan. 25 WR (V) at Morrill Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 26 Girls Sub-District Wrestling, tbd
B WR at Mitchell, 9 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 27 G-B BB (JV-V) at Edgemont, 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30

Mon., Jan. 29 UNK Honor Band & Choir Clinic
B BB (JH) at Crawford, 9 a.m.
G BB (JV-V) vs. Banner Co., 4, 5:30 p.m.

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Wed., Jan. 31 FCCLA District STAR Competition
FFA District Ed Contest

Feb. 1-3 G-B BB (V) WTC, 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.

Chadron Cardinals

Tues., Jan. 2 G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Hot Springs, 3, 3, 4:30, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 4 G BB (JV-V) at Lakota Tech, 5, 6:30 p.m.
G-B WR vs. Alliance Dual, 6 p.m.

Jan. 5-6 G-B WR at Douglas, 9 a.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) at Mitchell, 12, 1, 2, 3:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8 G-B BB (C) vs. Scottsbluff, 4, 5:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 9 G-B BB (JV-V) at Hemingford, 3, 4, 5:30, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 11 G-B BB (C) at Rapid City Stevens, 4, 5:30
B BB (7th) vs. Gering, 4 p.m.
G BB (8th) at Gering, 4 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 12 G WR at Schuyler Invite, 8:30 a.m.
B WR at Broken Bow, 5 p.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Alliance, 4, 4, 5:30, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 13 G-B WR at Grand Island Northwest, 10 a.m. mt
B BB (7th-8th) vs. Valentine, 11 a.m.
G WR at Valentine, 9 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 15 G-B BB (C) vs. Alliance, 5, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 16 B BB (7th) vs. Alliance, 4 p.m.
B BB (8th) at Alliance, 4 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 19 G WR (MS-V) at Alliance, 12 p.m.
B WR Dual at CSC, 12 p.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) at Gering, 4, 4, 5:30, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 20 G-B WR at CSC Invite, 9 a.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) at Gord-Rush, 2, 3:30, 5, 6:30

Tues., Jan. 23 G-B BB (C) vs. RC Stevens, 4, 5:30 p.m.
B BB (7th-8th) at Hot Springs, 4, 5 p.m.

Jan. 25-27S G-B BB (V) Conf. Tourney, tbd

Thurs., Jan. 25 FBLA Best of the West at CSC
B BB (7th) at Alliance, 4 p.m.
B BB (8th) vs. Alliance, 4 p.m.
G WR at Douglas AFB HS, 5 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 26 G-B WR at Mitchell, 1 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 27 B BB (7th-8th) at Valentine, 9 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 29 G-B BB (C) at Bridgeport, 3 p.m.

B BB (7th-8th) vs. Gordon-Rushville, 4, 5 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 30 G-B BB (JV-V) at Alliance, 4, 4, 5:30, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 1 G-B BB (C) at Gering, 5, 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.
G-B BB (C) at Gering, tba
B BB (7th) vs. Scottsbluff, 4 p.m.
B BB (8th) at Scottsbluff, 4 p.m.

Hay Springs Hawks

Thurs., Jan. 4 G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Oelrichs, 2, 3, 5, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 5 Girls WR at Sidney Invite, 12 p.m.
Boys WR at Hemingford Invite, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 6 G-B WR at Garden Co. Invite, 9 a.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) at Leyton, 2, 4, 4, 5:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 8 School Resumes
Oregon Trail Honor Band

Tues., Jan. 9 G-B BB (JV-V) at Gordon-Rushville, 3:30, 4:30, 6, 7:30 p.m.
Quarter Assembly

Wed., Jan. 10 FFA District Contest at WNCC
Hawk Talk at 8 a.m., Senior Center

Thurs., Jan. 11 G-B BB (JV-V) at Cody-Kilgore, 2, 4, 5, 6:30 p.m.
B BB (JH) at Cody-Kilgore, 2 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 12 Winterball (JH), 7-9 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 13 G-B WR at Bennett Co. Invite in Martin, 9 a.m.
B BB (JH) vs. Hemingford, 10 a.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Potter-Dix, 1, 2, 4, 5 p.m.
G-B BB PanCo, tba
B WR at Crawford Tri, 6 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 19 G WR at Hemingford Invite, 11 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 20 Alliance Speech Meet
G-B WR at Chadron Invite, 10 a.m.
B BB (JH) at Oelrichs, 4 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 16 **G-B WR Hay Springs Tri., 6 p.m., Parents Night**
B BB (JH) at Crawford, 3 p.m.
FFA State Degree and Proficiency Reviews at Alliance

Thurs., Jan. 25 B BB (JH) at Sioux County, 3 p.m.
B BB (JV-V) at Sioux County, 4, 5 p.m.
G WR at Ainsworth Invite, 12 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 26 **G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Edgemont, 2, 3, 5, 7 p.m.**
B WR at Ainsworth, 10 a.m.

Sat., Jan. 27 B BB (JH) Tourney at Crawford, 9 a.m.

Mon., Jan. 29 **B BB (JH) vs. Gordon-Rushville, 4 p.m.**
B WR at Crawford Tourney, 5 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 30 FBLA Best of the West at CSC
B WR at Bridgeport Invite, 9 a.m.
Girls Wrestling Sub-Districts, tbd

Wed., Jan. 31 **G-B BB (JV-V) vs. Hyannis, 3, 4, 5, 7 p.m.**
Chadron Speech Meet
B WR at Southeast Goshen Co., 9 a.m.
G-B BB (JV-V) at Bennett Co., 2, 3, 5, 7 p.m.



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Recipes



Do you have a recipe you would like to share with our readers?

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Crab-Stuffed Mushrooms

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons minced green onion
- 1 cup cooked crabmeat, finely chopped
- ½ cup dry bread crumbs
- ¼ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon dried dill weed
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 1 ½ pounds fresh button mushrooms, stems removed
- ½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- ¼ cup dry white wine

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet; cook and stir green onion until softened, about 2 minutes. Transfer green onion to a bowl. Stir in crabmeat, bread crumbs, 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese, egg, lemon juice, and dill weed until well mixed.

Pour 1/2 cup melted butter in a 9x13-inch baking dish; turn mushroom caps in butter to coat. Fill mushroom caps with the crab mixture and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese. Pour white wine into baking dish.

Bake in preheated oven until cheese is melted and lightly brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

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Slow Cooker Taco Soup

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (16 ounce) can chili beans, with liquid
- 1 (15 ounce) can kidney beans with liquid

- 1 (15 ounce) can whole kernel corn, with liquid
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 cups water
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans peeled and diced tomatoes
- 1 (4 ounce) can diced green chile peppers
- 1 (1.25 ounce) package taco seasoning mix

Place the ground beef, onion, chili beans, kidney beans, corn, tomato sauce, water, diced tomatoes, green chile peppers and taco seasoning mix in a slow cooker.

All ingredients placed in slow cooker.

Mix to blend, and cook on Low setting for 8 hours.

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Kielbasa with Peppers and Potatoes

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 (16 ounce) package smoked kielbasa sausage, diced
- 6 medium red potatoes, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, sliced

Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Place kielbasa and potatoes in the pan. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender, about 25 minutes.

Mix bell peppers into the pan, and continue cooking until peppers are just tender, 5 minutes.

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Buttered Noodles

- 1 (16 ounce) package fettuccine noodles
- 6 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil.

Stir in fettuccine, bring back to a boil, and cook pasta over medium heat until tender yet firm to the bite, 8 to 10 minutes.

Drain and return pasta to pot. Mix butter, Parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper into pasta until evenly combined.

Serve hot and enjoy!

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Fun New Year's Resolutions...

- I will eat dessert first at every meal.
- I will not act my age.
- I will use every senior discount offered this year.
- I will do something daring and scare my family to death.
- I will adopt five cats and become the crazy cat lady.
- I will binge watch my favorite show while eating a pint of ice cream all by myself.
- I will share inappropriate jokes at the most awkward moment possible.
- I vow to communicate exclusively in memes.

- I will be unashamed about the fact that I wear pajamas in public.
- I will run a half marathon backward.
- I will learn a language I never plan to use.
- I will learn to juggle and recite the alphabet backward simultaneously.
- I will dance like no one is looking when I'm in a public place.

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For Your Cat, Dog or Other Pet

- I will become an internet celebrity.
- I will make my human chase the ball next time we play fetch.
- I will only throw up on the carpet, never on the tile floor.
- I will learn how to change the TV channels during the good part.
- I will finally catch and destroy that bird.
- I will tweet out a beautiful song a half hour before the alarm clock goes off.
- I will demand only wet food and refuse the rest.
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION MEMBER COOPERATIVE

Basin Electric Power Cooperative - Member Cooperative Scholarship Program

Scholarship Submittal Requirements

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

- 1. Complete this application (*attach additional sheets if necessary*). Your name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
- 2. Recent academic transcript whether it is from a high school, college, university, or trade school. **CURRENT COLLEGE FRESHMAN** - Judges will screen and require more than one semester or quarter of grades. If this applies to you, submit your high school transcript.
- 3. Copy of your college entrance examination (*ACT and/or SAT*) scores. (*College Freshman Only*)
- 4. IEssay - What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?
- 5. Applicant appraisal.
- 6. Send this application and all supporting documentation to your member cooperative. (*Each member cooperative will be responsible for selecting finalists in these categories*).
 - Cooperative applications **MUST** be sent to the cooperative.

DEADLINE: Submit Application to NRPPD by Feb. 15, 2024 by 5:30 p.m.

Member cooperatives' must submit their finalists to Basin Electric Power Cooperative by **March 1st**.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Basin Electric Power Cooperative or member cooperative selection committee.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:	Home Phone:	College Phone:	Last 4 Digits of SSN#:
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Permanent Address (<i>Street/PO Box</i>):	City:	State:	Zip:	Email:
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Mother's Name:	Father's Name:
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Student's Parent is: Member Cooperative Employee
 Member Cooperative Consumer

Cooperative System Name:

Cooperative Location (*City, State, Zip*):

High School Name and Address from which you graduate or will be graduating this spring:

Activities, Community Involvement, Achievements, and/or Honors:

Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. **DO NOT** repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address, and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

Work Experience

Describe your work experience (*e.g. food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work*). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Employer/Position	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours per Week

Goals and Aspirations

Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

Education

High School Seniors - must include a transcript and complete this section.
Students currently or previously enrolled in college or vocational-tech schools - must include college transcripts of grades. Completion of ACT and/or SAT tests is not necessary.

GPA: _____

ACT Scores:

English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Comp: _____

SAT I Scores:

Verbal: _____ Math: _____

School

Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year:

Name	City	State

4-Yr. College or University 2-Yr. Community or Junior College Vocational-Technical School

What will your class status be this fall? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Major Course of Study:

Minors:

Essay Question (Required)

As part of the application, you are required to compose and submit an essay. The essay should be no more than one page, typed with a font size no smaller than 12 point, and double-spaced on 8 ½ X 11" size paper. Include your name on the top right-hand corner of the essay.

Essay - What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think _____ challenges should be addressed?

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

Applicant Appraisal (Required)

To the applicant: This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school or college counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.

To the adult appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to the applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. **A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.**

The applicant's choice of a post-secondary educational program is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
The quality of the applicants commitment to school and/or community is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant's respect for self and other is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Comments:

Appraiser's Name:

Title:

Organization:

Phone No.:

(Appraiser Signature)

(Date)