

Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

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Northwest Presents Four Scholarships to Area Grads

Northwest Rural Public Power District recently recognized the 2025 scholarship recipients on May 22 at their regular board meeting. The scholarship committee selected very worthy students for their scholarships provided through Northwest Rural.

The student applications were selected based on ACT scores, grade point average, motivation and or leadership qualities, goals, character, financial need and care taken in preparing the application. This program is designed to recognize and encourage the achievements of rural students residing within Northwest Rural's service area.

THE FIRST APPLICANT selected for this year's Basin Electric \$1000 scholarship is Jace Lien, a 2025 Chadron High Graduate, and the son of Jeffery and Kayla Lien. The 4.0 graduate plans to attend Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture to attain an Associates Degree in Agribusiness Management. "While at college I plan to participate in college rodeo as a team roper or calf roper," noted Lien, who plans to work for an online livestock auction company as a field representative as well as have a personal business in Artificial Insemination Technician for beef cattle.

Lien has worked as a ranch hand for Peddicord Cattle Company and currently for Lesmeister Ranch.

At Chadron High he was a member of FFA, High School



NRPPD Board President Christopher Garrent presents Jace Lien of Chadron the \$1000 Basin Scholarship.

Rodeo Assoc., National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Lien submitted an impressive essay on the importance of electricity especially in rural areas.

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One of two \$500 scholarships were awarded to Paityn Homan, a 2023 Crawford High School graduate, and the daughter of Shane and Keri Homan of rural Crawford. She has been attending Fort Hays State University in Kansas where she will be a junior. She is majoring in Animal Science with a minor in Chemistry. At Hays she is also involved in Intramural Sports and Chemistry Club. She volunteers at the Hays Cold Weather Shelter three nights a week, volunteers at her Church's Food Bank on Thursdays. "Throughout my time at Fort Hays I have been a Dean's Honor Roll recipient through all previous semesters. I was invited to join SCLA Honor Society, a.along with being certified in bovine artificial insemination," noted Homan. Following college, she hopes to attend Veterinary School to get her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. Over the summer she is working on increasing her clinic hours and starting to gather material to apply for her next chapter. "I plan to

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Paityn Homan of Crawford was presented her \$500 scholarship at the May NRPPD Board Meeting by Chris Garrett.

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study both large and small animals and eventually come back to practice around the Crawford area," said Homan.

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The second \$500 scholarship was presented to Rhett Flack, a 2025 Crawford High School graduate, and the son of David and Jessica Flack.

Flack will be attending Western Nebraska Community College where he will study Powerline Construction and Maintenance. "I plan to become a lineman because I want to get a hands-on job and get out into the workforce as soon as I can. My long term goal is to have a good job with a stable income to support myself and a family that I hope to start," ended Flack.

Flack has a variety of work experience including working at Fort Robinson Information Booth last season in addition to working part time at Tailgate Bar and Grill as a cook. He has also worked as a farmhand the past four years while maintaining a 4.0 grade average. Throughout high school he participated in basketball, football, golf and rodeo for four years. Flack was also on the National Honor Society.

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A fourth \$500 scholarship from Arbor Wealth Management was presented this year to Owen Wess, a 2025 Chadron graduate, and the son of Heidi and Marc Wess. He will begin his studies at Chadron State this fall where he will study pre-dentistry and business. "I am interested in dentistry because many rural



Rhett Flack of Crawford being presented a \$500 scholarship by NRPPD Board President Chris Garrett.

regions of Nebraska lack dentists. I have grown fond of dentistry in my shadowing and assisting hours," noted Wess, who will further his education at the College of Dentistry at Lincoln. At CHS, he served as Captain on the Football team, a NHS member, FFA where he was the Reporter, was a Cardinal Singer, on the Interact Club, Math Club.

He also participated in Basketball, Track, Health Professions Club, Student Council, Cardinals Committed, Cardinals Connect. He was employed at the US Forest Service the past two summers, owned his own Mowing Business and was employed by Gary Bieganski.



**Countryroad Shot:
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Owen Wess of Chadron was presented the Arbor Wealth Management scholarship in May.

NRPPD EVENTS

SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIR & RODEO 2025

FRIDAY, JULY 18

9 a.m.-Noon Construction/Quilt Judging – Extension Office
 2 p.m. Public Review of Const. – Nursing Home
 6:30 p.m. Public Review of Const. & Music/Poetry. Ext. Office

SATURDAY, JULY 19

7 a.m. 4-H Horse Show Check In
 8 a.m. 4-H Horse Show-McGinley Arena

SUNDAY, JULY 20

7-9 a.m. Jr. Rodeo Check-In
 9 a.m. SCF&R Princess Competition
 10 a.m. Jr. Rodeo Starts at McGinley Arena
 4 p.m. Color Run
 6:30 p.m. Scavenger Hunt

MONDAY, JULY 21

2 p.m. Cat Show, Followed by Dog Show

TUESDAY, JULY 22

9 a.m.-2 p.m. - 4-H Static Judging & Interview Judging
 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Open Class Check In
 5:30-6 p.m. Mutton Bustin' Entries
 Contestants must weigh 50 lbs. or less
 6 p.m. Mutton Bustin' begins at McGinley Arena
 Followed by: Ranch Event/Ranch Bronc Riding
 McGinley Arena \$20 for Adults

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

7:30 a.m. Swine Weigh-In
 9 a.m. Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
 9 a.m. Small Animal Check-In – Rabbit & Poultry Building
 10 a.m. Beef Weigh-In
 1 p.m. Rabbit & Poultry Show – 4-H Show Ring
 5 p.m. Family Fun Night BBQ (*sponsored by 4-H Foundation*)
 5:30 p.m. Clover Bud Pet Parade
 7 p.m. Business Showmanship – Beef –4-H Show Ring

THURSDAY, JULY 24

6:30 am Legacy Coop Breakfast
 7:30 am Swine Show – 4-H Show Ring,
 Followed by- Unified Showing
 9:00 am PRCA Rodeo Slack- Arena
 1:00 pm Sheep Show – 4-H Show Ring
 Followed by- Goat Show – 4-H Show Ring
 5:00 pm Small Animal Round Robin – 4-H Show Ring
 6:00 pm Livestock Judging Contest
 7:00 pm Tailgate Party McGinley Arena
 8:00 pm PRCA Rodeo McGinley Arena
 9 pm-12 a.m. Teen Dance
 8-12 a.m. Rodeo Dance @ Gordon Country Club with
 Grant Pickrel & The Broken Diamonds

FRIDAY, JULY 25

7:00 am- Breeding Beef Check-in
 7:30 am Security 1st Bank of Rushville Free Donuts
 8:00 am - Dairy Show – 4-H Show Ring
 9:00 am- PRCA Rodeo Slack- Arena
 8:30 am - Breeding Beef Show
 Followed by- Beef Showmanship
 Followed by- Market Beef Show
 10:30 am- SCF&R Queen Competition
 2:00 pm - Fitter's Competition
 5:00 pm- Large Animal Round Robin
 7:00 pm- Tailgate Party McGinley Arena
 8:00 pm-PRCA Rodeo

Followed by-Rodeo Dance in the Arena- Jim Rice Band

SATURDAY, JULY 26

7 a.m. Cowboy Breakfast – Gordon Park
 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Quilt Show
 10 a.m. Parade, Main Street "Sew It, Grow It, Show It"
 1 p.m. Sponsor Meal
 1-7 p.m. INFLATABLES
 1-7 p.m. Stallion Showcase - South of Dance Hall
 3- p.m. Cake & Cookie Jar Auction – Pavilion
 4:30 p.m. Buyer Meal – Fair Pavilion
 5 p.m. Livestock Sale – Fair Pavilion
 7 p.m. Tailgate Party McGinley Arena
 8 p.m. PRCA Rodeo

Followed by-Rodeo Dance in the Arena- Jim Rice Band

SUNDAY, JULY 27

7 a.m. Animal Load out
 8-10 a.m. Clean up and Check-out, Static Check out

DAWES COUNTY FAIR 2025

SATURDAY, JULY 26

6 p.m. Dawes County Fair Board Hog Wrestling &
 Pig Wrangler Auction

SUNDAY, JULY 27

2 p.m. Dawes County Hall of Fame
 4 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull

MONDAY, JULY 28

5 p.m. Youth Rodeo

TUESDAY, JULY 29

6:30 p.m. Ranch Rodeo Cowboy Auction & FFA
 Hay Auction
 7 p.m. Ranch Rodeo & Bronc Match

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7 p.m. Tough Truck

THURSDAY, JULY 31

6 p.m. Rubber Check Race & Team Auction

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

5-6 p.m. Livestock Buyers Social

Cucumber and Onion Salad

- 7 cups sliced cucumbers
- salt as needed
- 1 cup thinly sliced onions
- 1 cup sliced green bell pepper (Optional)

Dressing:

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon celery seed (Optional)
- 2 teaspoons salt, or to taste

Place cucumbers in a colander and liberally sprinkle with salt. Set aside until water starts to release from cucumbers, about 15 minutes. Drain and rinse cucumbers.

Mix together cucumbers, onions, and green bell pepper in a serving bowl.

To make the dressing: Whisk sugar, vinegar, celery seed, and salt together in a medium bowl until smooth. Pour dressing over cucumber mixture; stir until evenly coated.

On the Lighter Side....

- My biggest fear is that when I die, my husband will sell all my craft supplies for what I told him they cost.
- Why do they call it "beauty sleep" when you wake up looking like a troll!
- Packs two hours before leaving for a trip. Unpacks three months after returning home.
- Having other tourists recognize you as a tourist is the worst part of being a tourist. -- Russell Baker.
- Where do math teachers like to go on vacations? Times Square.
- Where do bees stay while on vacation? Air Bee and Bee.
- Teacher: Johnny, please use the words "letter carrier" in a sentence.
Johnny: Yes, ma'am. "My dad said that after seeing how many things my mom was bring on vacation, he would letter carrier own luggage."
- When you start looking like the person in your driving license, you know it's time for a vacation.
- What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish? Swimming Trunks!
- in the summer, I can remember my three-year-old brother scaring the living daylights out of everyone by disappearing one day. We all looked through the shoreline and forest. After a couple of hours, we saw him chasing butterflies in the woods. My mother told him sharply, "Now, Jack, every time you want to go somewhere, you have to tell me first. Is that okay?" Jack thought it over and said "Okay, I wat to go to Disney World tomorrow!"

July Special Days....

- **July 2** - National Wildland Firefighter Day
- **July 4** - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.
- **July 5** - National Hawaii Day
- **July 6** - National Fried Chicken Day
- **July 7** - National Dive Bar Day
- **July 13** - National Delaware Day
- **July 15** - National I Love Horses Day
- **July 20** - National Pennsylvania
- **July 23** - National Vanilla Ice Cream Day
- **July 27** - National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

July Birthstone: The ruby, one of the most traditional jewelry stones. Rubies have long been connected with physicality and strength. Favored by warriors, rubies were thought to be intimately connected with the human body. They were credited with increasing the strength and stamina of the wearer.

July's Birth Flower: Larkspur & Water Lily. Larkspurs are a symbol of positivity and dedication. They make a great addition to any garden, given their height and beautiful purple-blue blooms, but beware: these plans are poisonous! The water lily presents purity and innocence while boosting aquatic ecosystems and serving as an inspiration for one of the world's great painters.



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