

Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

July 2024

NRPPD Announces 2024 Scholarship Winners

Northwest Rural Public Power District recently recognized the 2024 scholarship recipients on May 23 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 Cody Kahl, a 2024 Chadron High Graduate.

Cody will be attending Wayne State College this fall where he will major in Rangeland and Watershed Ecology and minor in Agricultural Business.

At CHS, was involved in FFA all four years where he was a Silver Medalist in Environment & National Resources and all a State Champion in Environmental & Natural Resources in addition to several other awards. He was also active in Pep Band, Cross Country and Speech. He was named One Act District Outstanding Actor two years. He was in Boy Scouts from 2017-2021. His community involvement included a History in Action Parking Guide, St. Patrick's Church, Meals for Hungry and Yard Clean up for Elderly.

Cody has worked at Chadron State Park in the



Chadron High graduate, Cody Kahl, is presented the \$1000 Basin Scholarship Award by NRPPD Office Manager Tony Hindman.

Abigail Russell, of Hay Springs is \$500 Tri-State Scholarship recipient. She is pictured here with Board Member Lee Ahrens.



Shooting Range the past two summers, and Wedemeyer Ranch the two previous summers at Chugwater, Wyo.

Cody is the son of Bryan and Cindy Kahl, who live south of Chadron.

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One of two \$500 scholarships were awarded to Abigail Russell, a 2024 Hay Springs High School graduate, and the daughter of David and Sarah Russell.

Abigail plans attend Chadron State College where she will major in Business Finance/Agribusiness and minor in Equine Science. "I plan to get a bachelor's degree in both Business Finance and Agribusiness, as a lot of those classes coincide, so that I will be able to work in a rural area as an accountant or financial advisor," noted Abigail.

At HSHS she was active in FFA for four years where she was a three time State Qualifier placing three times; fifth in Creed Speaking, Junior, Prepared Public Speaking, and in Farm & Ranch Management. She also served as Parliamentary and Secretary.

Abigail was a member of the Future Business Leaders where she was also at State Qualifier. She played in band where was selected for the Oregon Trail Honor Band, Class D Sall State and Fall Festival of Winds.

Her favorite activity is probably High School Rodeo where she was a state qualifier three years in addition to a national qualifier where she placed 31st at the National Finals Rodeo. If that wasn't enough to keep her busy, as a 4-H'er she assisted at the Sheridan County Beef Show for

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NRPPD FEATURE

Northwest Rural's second \$500 Scholarship goes to Alexa Tonjes, a 2024 Hay Springs graduate.



Northwest Rural announces Caleb Heck, as the third \$500 Scholarship Award recipient.



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four years.

Abigail works as a cashier at Farm to Family Cooperative. She also has been employed by Ken & Tammy Wellnitz as a day worker, in addition to Jess & Seth Badje as a hired hand.

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The second \$500 scholarship was presented to Alexa Tonjes, a 2024 Hay Springs High School graduate, and the daughter Brianna Tonjes of rural Gordon.

This fall she will attend Wayne State College and plans to major in Elementary Education and later earn a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. "There are so many people who go through things they never should have to. I want to make a positive impact," said Alexa.

At HSHS, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Volleyball, Track, Basketball and Golf. She has also been a member of Nebraska High School Rodeo the past four years. She has also been active in Future Business Leaders of America, FFA for four years and served as a Class Officer all four years. She has been a member of the Catholic Youth Group in addition to pitching in many community events.

Outside of school, Alexa works as a CNA at Gordon Countryside Care, and previously worked at Pioneer Manor and Butlers Daylight Donuts.

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A fourth \$500 scholarship was presented this year, Caleb Heck, a 2024 Gordon-Rushville graduate and the son of Michele and Josh Heck. Caleb will be attending Southeast Community College at Milford where he will study to be a John Deere Diesel Tech. "I plan on working for 21st Century this summer and going to Milford this Fall. 21st Century sponsors kids to attend diesel mechanic school. After I finish school, I want to come back to Gordon and work there until I can start farming for myself. Then, if I can I will stay part time as long as I can," said Caleb.

At GRHS he was in football playing quarterback and linebacker receiving all conference awards. He also wrestled and was on the track team. Caleb was in FFA, One Act and All School Play. Outside of school he was a Church Lector and belonged to 4-H in which he was named Ultimate Teen Leader in 2023.



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Summer Farm Safety Tips

As temperatures soar and school lets out for the season, be sure you and your loved ones are prepared to stay safe.

Before you start to tackle your summer to-do list, take steps to keep the kids on your farm safe, review the signs and dangers of heat illness, and know how to protect yourself from the sun.

Farm kid safety

While children look forward to being home on the farm for the summer, now is an important time to have conversations about safety, both with youngsters and farm employees.

Remind your children where it is safe to play outside. You may consider installing a fence or other boundaries to separate them from the farm work site. Make sure they know what areas are off-limits without an adult's supervision.

Playing around machinery or livestock can be extremely dangerous. Teach them to look out for moving trucks or tractors that might not be able to see them easily. Confined spaces and are never a good place for games like hide-and-seek.

Let farm employees know if your children will be around more often this summer. They should know to never give young children rides, including in the beds and buckets of equipment. Everyone who operates machinery on the farm should be especially careful when backing up. Double-check your surroundings and slow down when passing through the farm yard.

Before the kids are home from school, take a few hours to double-check that hazardous chemicals are stored safely and not accessible to children. Make sure all keys are removed from vehicles and machinery when it is not in use.

Heat illness

Working outside is a daily reality for many who make their livelihood farming or ranching. In the summer that can mean long hours in hot, humid conditions. Know the signs of heat illness and ways to prevent it to make sure you can be productive this summer.

"Heat illness occurs when the body can no longer cope and the body's physical and mental functions break down," explains the Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center.

The National Ag Safety Database (NASD) says your ability
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Farm Safety Tips--

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to sweat declines with age, so people over 40 should take extra precautions when it is hot. In humid conditions, perspiration can't evaporate as readily to cool you off.

Staying hydrated is one of the most important ways to reduce the risk of heat illness. "The rate of water intake must equal the increased rate of water loss by perspiration to keep body temperature normal," explains one NASD resource.

Hard work in hot conditions can result in a range of heat illnesses. Take breaks to hydrate and cool off. Don't push yourself if you feel ill. You could put yourself or coworkers at a higher risk of having an accident or deadly heat stroke.

Keep an eye on coworkers. If someone is weak, confused, or behaving strangely, they may be suffering from heat stroke.

"Symptoms include heavy sweating, cool, moist skin, body temperature over 100.4°F., weak pulse, and normal or low blood pressure. The victim is likely to be tired, weak, clumsy, upset, or confused. They will be very thirsty, and will pant or breath rapidly. Their vision may be blurred," a NASD resource says.

You should call for help immediately. Heat stroke can be deadly. Once help is on the way you can move the person to a cool area and offer them cool, lightly-salted water. Loosen or remove excess clothing, fan, and gently spray the victim with cool water.

Sun damage

It can be tempting to wear less protective clothing or work on your tan in the summer, but in addition to the risk of sunburn, consequences can be long term. Chronic sun exposure can increase the risk of skin cancer. While fair skinned people may have a greater risk, people with darker hair and skin can also be in danger.

Wear light-color clothing and waterproof sunscreen rated SPF 15 or greater to reduce your risk of skin damage. Don't forget to apply sunscreen to your ears and neck. Your face and scalp are the most prone to burn. Skin cancer is also common on the hands and forearms.

The National Ag Safety Database says solar radiation is the greatest between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., so if possible, schedule your outside work for early morning or evening. If you must be outside in that time frame, make sure you regularly reapply sun protection.

If you have moles that change in size, shape, or color, consult your doctor. Irregularly shaped and colored moles could indicate a problem. Sores that bleed and don't heal or red patches or lumps could also be signs of skin cancer.

The sun can damage your eyes after prolonged exposure too. Wear sunglasses that filter out at least 90% of ultraviolet rays to protect yourself.



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NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

2024 Fur Trade Days events

Event times are tentative and subject to change

Thursday, July 11, 2024

- All Day - Buckskinners primitive camp, open to visitors (3 Miles East, ~8 miles south from Museum of the Fur Trade)
- 6-9 p.m. - Bands on Bordeaux - The Bar Flies (First Street, between Main & Bordeaux streets)
- 6 p.m. - Midnight - Mac's Carnival (East Second & Bordeaux streets)
- 9 p.m. - Midnight - TBA - Live music, (Downtown Plaza, Second & Main streets)

Friday, July 12, 2024

- All Day - Buckskinners primitive camp, open to visitors (3 Miles East, ~8 miles south from Museum of the Fur Trade)
- 10 a.m. - noon - Nerf blaster war, by Thermopolis Nerf (Dawes County Courthouse Lawn)
- Noon - 7 p.m. - Traders' Market Officially Opens (Courthouse Lawn)
- 12:30 p.m. - Black Hills Raptor Center (Courthouse Lawn)
- 1 - 5 p.m. - Inflatables! Slip 'n' Slide, Waterslide, Mini Golf (Courthouse Lawn)
- 2 - 6 p.m. - Nerf blaster war, by Thermopolis Nerf (Courthouse Lawn)
- 5 - 7 p.m. - Classics in the Park Cruise (315 W Third Street, FNBO Parking Lot)
- 6 - 8 p.m. - Pete Butler (Dawes County Courthouse Gazebo, Fourth & Main streets)
- 6 p.m. - Midnight - Mac's Carnival (E. Second & Bordeaux streets)
- 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. - Live Entertainment, Eight Second Ride (Downtown, Second & Main streets)
- 10 p.m. - Fireworks! Great views from the downtown street dance, East First Street (between Main & Cedar streets), the Carnival

(100-200 block of Bordeaux St.), or Roger Eaton Soccer fields (Main Street & Norfolk Ave).

Saturday, July 13, 2024

- All Day - Buckskinners primitive camp, open to visitors (3 Miles East, ~8 miles south from Museum of the Fur Trade)
- All Day - 10th Annual Rob Brown Memorial Softball Tournament (Mens), (Shumway Fields)
- 7:30 a.m. - Rotary Colter Run, 2-mile, 5k, 10k (CSC Nelson Physical Activity Center) must register in-person from 6:30-7:29 a.m. July 15
- 8 a.m. - Classics in the Park Registration (Wilson Park)
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Traders' Market Opens (Courthouse Lawn)
- 9:15 - 9:40 a.m. - Parade of Historic Fur Trade Flags (400 Block of Main Street)
- 9:45 - 10 a.m. - Parade of Puppies (400 Block of Main)
- 10 a.m. - 48th Annual Lion's Club Parade (10th & Main to First & Main streets)

FOLLOWING THE PARADE--

- 11 a.m. - The String Beans, family friendly music (Courthouse Gazebo)
- 11 a.m. - Chadron Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's BBQ (Courthouse Lawn)
- 11 a.m. - Ice Cream Social - First Congregational Church of Chadron (4th Street & Chadron Ave.)
- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Classics in the Park, Show and Shine (Wilson Park)
- 1 p.m. - Rotary World Championship Buffalo Chip Throw (400 Block of Main Street)
- 1 - 5 p.m. - Inflatables! Slip 'n' Slide, Waterslide, Mini Golf (Dawes County Courthouse Lawn)
- 2 p.m. - Classics in the Park, Judging Deadline (Wilson Park)
- 3 p.m. - Bump and Run (Dawes County Fairgrounds)

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- 3 p.m. - Classics in the Park, Awards Presentation (Wilson Park)
- 4 p.m. - Historical Cemetery Tour (Greenwood Cemetery, 1588 US Highway 20, \$10 admittance, under age 15 free!)
- 6 p.m. - Midnight - Mac's Carnival (E. 2nd & Bordeaux Streets)
- 7 p.m. - Historical Cemetery Tour (Greenwood Cemetery, 1588 US Highway 20, \$10 admittance, under age 15 free!)
- 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. - Live Entertainment, Jessica Loobey (Downtown, Second & Main streets)

Sunday, July 14, 2024

- All Day - Buckskinners primitive camp, open to visitors (3 Miles East, ~8 miles south from Museum of the Fur Trade)
- All Day - 11th Annual Rob Brown Memorial Softball Tournament (Co-ed), (Shumway Fields, E Niobrara Ave)
- 12:30 p.m. - Lions Club Horseshoe Tournament (N. Main

SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIR

SATURDAY, JULY 13

- 7:00 am 4-H Horse Show Check In
- 8:00 am- 4-H Horse Show
- McGinley Arena

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Construct. Judging
- 6:30 p.m. - Public Revue/Music/Poetry Contest at Lister-Sage Building, Hay Springs

SATURDAY, 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 SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 7:30 a.m. - Swine Weigh-In
- 9 a.m. - Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
- 10 a.m. - Beef Weigh-In
- 11 a.m. - Small Animal Check-In
- 4 p.m. - Color Run
- 6:30 p.m. - Scavenger Hunt

MONDAY, JULY 22

- 9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Static Judging
- 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Open Class Check In
- 1-4 p.m. - Rabbit Show, Poultry Show
- 5 p.m.- Family Fun Night/
- Businessman Showmanship
- 6 p.m. - Cake & Cookie Jar Auction

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- 7:30 a.m. -Swine Show
- 11 a.m. - Unified Showmanship
- 1 p.m. - Sheep & Goat Show
- 5:30-6 p.m. - Mutton Bustin' Entries
Mutton Bustin' Contestants must weigh 50 lbs or less
- 6 p.m. -Mutton Bustin' begins at McGinley Arena
- Immediately Following: Ranch Event/Ranch Bronc Riding
McGinley Arena \$10 for Adults


WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- 6 a.m.-Legacy Coop Breakfast
- 9-11 a.m. -Beef Shows
- 11:30 a.m. - Animal Clinic
- 1 p.m. - Livestock Judging
- 4-5 p.m. - Buyer Bonanza
- 5-7 p.m. - Livestock Auction

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NRPPD ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- 6:30 a.m. - Beef Check-In
- 7 a.m.- Security First Doughnuts
- 9 a.m.- PRCA Rodeo Slack
- 9 a.m. - Breeding Beef, Stockers, Dairy, Showmanship, Bucket Calves, Fitter's Competition
- 10:30 a.m. - SCF&R Queen Competition
- 1 p.m.- Cat Show
- 2 p.m. - Dog Show
- 5-10 p.m.- INFLATABLES
- 7 p.m. - Tailgate Party McGinley Arena
- 8 p.m. - PRCA Rodeo McGinley Arena
- 8-11:30 p.m. - Teen Dance
- 7:30-11:30 p.m. - Rodeo Dance @ Gordon Country Club with Twisted 20

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- 9 a.m. - Rodeo Slack
- 9 a.m. - Clover Bud Parade
- 10 a.m. - Small Animal Round Robin
- 1 p.m. - Large Animal Round Robin
- 3 p.m. - Packer Load Out
- 4 p.m.- Project Pick up
- 5-10 p.m. - INFLATABLES
- 7 p.m. - Tailgate Party McGinley Arena
- 8 p.m. -PRCA Rodeo
- 9 p.m. -Rodeo Dance @ Gordon Legion with Victory Underground

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- 7 am-Cowboy Breakfast, Gordon Park
- 9 a.m. - 4p.m. -Quilt Show-Next to Daylight Donuts
- 10 a.m.- Parade on Main St
"Stars, Stripes & County Fair Nights"
- 11 a.m. -Family Project & Open Class Pick Up
- 1 p.m. - Sponsor Meal
- 5-1 p.m. - INFLATABLES
- 7 p.m. - Tailgate Party McGinley Arena
- 8 p.m. - PRCA Rodeo
- 9 p.m. -Rodeo Dance @ Gordon Legion with Westbound

Dawes County Fair 2024

THURSDAY, JULY 25 (all events at Chadron High School)

- 8:30 a.m – 9:30 a.m. – 4-H Clothing Check-in, followed by Modeling Practice at 9 a.m.
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4-H Construction Judging
- 10-11 a.m. 4-H FCS Life Challenge Contest
- 7 p.m. 4-H Fashion Show Public Welcome

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open Class Check-in (Judging at 2 p.m.), Dixie Eaton/Henkens Roberts Buildings
- 2 p.m. Closed for Judging
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Cat Show (Check-In 7:30 a.m.), Vetter Building
- 1 p.m. 4-H Dog Show (Check-In 12 PM), Vetter Building

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- 7 a.m. Breakfast- Security First Bank Chadron, ARENA (Horse show participants, families, and spectators only)
- 7:30 a.m. 4-H Working Ranch & Performance Horse Show, Arena - (Check-In; Show to begin at 9 a.m.)
Working Ranch Horse, Dummy Roping, Breakaway

- Roping, Trail, Halter, Showmanship, Green Broke, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Poles, Barrels.
- 8 a.m. -1 p.m. 4-H Hippology Challenge Contest, Stage Area
- 6 p.m. Ranch Rodeo Contestant Check In
- 6:30 p.m. Ranch Rodeo Cowboy Auction , Grandstand
- 6:30 p.m. FFA Hay Auction – Sponsored by FNBO, Grandstand
- 7 p.m. Ranch Rodeo & Bronc Match (Check-in 6 p.m.), Arena
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SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 2 p.m. Dawes County Hall of Fame, Grandstand
Century Farm and Ranch Family Good Neighbor Award
Chairmen: Con Marshall
- 3 p.m. Tractor Weigh-in, Grandstand
- 3 p.m. Lawn Mower Association Races, North 40 Track
Chairmen Roger Eaton and Team
- 4 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull, Grandstand, Highway 20 Antique Tractor Association, *Chairmen: John & MaryAnn Schleicher 308-432-3140, Neal Soester 308-672-8675*
- 4 p.m. Hall of Fame Awards Reception, 4-H Dining Hall

MONDAY, JULY 29

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. DAWES COUNTY HAY CONTEST (\$50/entry, \$1,000 added payout, Sponsored & tested by Legacy Coop & Cargill Contact Casey Schuhmacher: 308-430-4346)
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Static Exhibit Check-in, 4-H Building
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging, 4-H Building
- 2 – 4 p.m. 4-H Decorated Cakes Judging, 4-H Building
- 2:30-4 p.m. Stick Horse Races Ages 6 & Under-No Fee, Arena & Grandstand
- 5 p.m. Youth Rodeo (Ghmkhana) Ages 7-10, 11-13, 14-18, Arena
- 5-7 p.m. 4-H Creative Chefs Silent Auction, 4-H Building
- 5:30 p.m. 4-H Live Cake & Pie Auction, Grandstand
- 5:30 p.m. Free Popsicles courtesy of Nebraska Bank, Grandstand
- 5:30 p.m. 3-D Archery Shoot Open to ANY AGE, East End Racetrack

TUESDAY, JULY 30

- 8 a.m. 4-H Static Exhibits Open, 4-H Building
- 8 a.m. 4-H Static Exhibit Silent Auction Open, 4-H Building
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Companion Animal Show, Vetter Building (Check-in at 8 a.m.)
- Followed by: 4-H Exotic Animal Show, Vetter Building
- Followed by: 4-H Rabbit Show, Vetter Building
- 11 a.m. 4-H Poultry Check-in, Vetter Building
LUNCH BREAK IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 4-H RABBIT SHOW
Followed by: 4-H Poultry Show, Vetter Building
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. 4-H Swine Weigh-in & Check-in, North Side Vetter Building
- 3:30-5 p.m. 4-H Goat & Sheep Weigh-in & Check-in, North Side Vetter Building
- 4:30 p.m. 4-H Static Award Photos (Champions & State Fair), 4-H Building
- 5-6 p.m. 4-H Beef Weigh-in & Check-in, North Side Vetter Bldg.
- 5:30 p.m. Free Snow Cones courtesy of Chadron Federal Credit Union, Grandstand
- 6 p.m. Dawes County Fair Board Hog Wrestling & Pig Wrangler Auction, West of Arena
Contestants need to check-in by 6:00 p.m.
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• 6:30 p.m. FFA Hay Auction Sponsored by FNBO

WEDNESDAY, July 31

- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Show, Vetter Building
- Followed by: 4-H Meat Goat Show, Vetter Building
- 1-3 p.m. 4-H Bottle Lamb Interviews, Show Barn
- 3 p.m. 4-H Swine Show, Vetter Building
- 5:30 p.m. Tough Truck Registration, entries close at 6:45, Stage
- 5:30 p.m. Free Root Beer Floats courtesy of Security First Bank Chadron, Grandstand
- 6:30 p.m. Drivers' Meeting, Arena
- 7 p.m. Tough Truck Competition, Arena/Grandstand

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1


- 7 a.m. Free Breakfast courtesy FNBO, Open Air Shelter
- 8-10 a.m. 4-H Bucket Calf Interviews, Vetter Building
- 8:30 a.m. ALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SALE PHOTOS
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Sheep Show, Vetter Building
- Followed by: 4-H Bottle Lamb Awards, Vetter Building
- 11 a.m. 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, Vetter Building
- Followed by: 4-H Beef Showmanship, Vetter Building
- LUNCH BREAK FOLLOWING BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**
- Followed by: Bucket Calf Awards, Breeding Beef, Stocker-Feeders
- Followed by: 4-H Market Beef Show, Vetter Building
- Followed by: Livestock Sale Photos for Beef, Vetter Building
- 5 p.m. 4-H Youth Pizza Night, Vetter Building
- 5:30 p.m. Free Snow Cones courtesy Platte Valley Bank, GS
- 6 p.m. Rubber Check Race & Team Auction, Grandstand/Arena
Please pre-register by Tuesday, July 30th
- 7-9 p.m. Free Fair Dance, Open Air Shelter
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Open Class Check-out, Dixie Eaton/Henkens Roberts
- 9 a.m. Small Animal Round Robin, Vetter Building
- 11 a.m. Large Animal Round Robin, Vetter Building
- 4 p.m. 4-H Council Fundraiser, Vetter Building
- 5-6 p.m. Livestock Buyers' Social, Vetter Building
- 5:45 p.m. Clover Kids' Parade, Vetter Building
- 6 p.m. 4-H Foundation Market Livestock Sale, Vetter Building
- 6 p.m. 4-H Static Exhibit Silent Auction Closes, 4-H Building
- 6 p.m. 4-H Small Animal Check-out, New Building

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

8 a.m.-10 a.m. 4-H Exhibit Check-out/Animal Projects Released/Fairgrounds Clean-up – EVERYONE SHOULD HELP!



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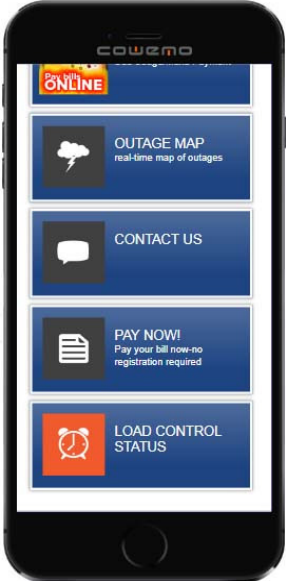
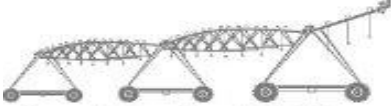
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Load Control Status

Recipes



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

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Honey Lime Fruit Salad

- 2 large bananas, sliced
- 1 (16 ounce) package fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced
- ½ pound fresh blueberries
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/3 cup pine nuts

Combine bananas, strawberries, and blueberries in a bowl. Drizzle honey and lime juice over fruit; stir to coat. Sprinkle with pine nuts.

S'mores Brownies

- 1 (18.3 ounce) package fudge brownie mix (such as Betty Crocker®)
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons water

S'Mores Topping:

- 6 graham crackers
- 1 ½ cups miniature marshmallows
- 8 (1.5 ounce) bars milk chocolate, coarsely chopped

Gather the ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Make the brownies: Stir brownie mix, oil, eggs, and water together in a medium bowl until well blended. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes.

While the brownies are baking, make the topping: Break graham crackers into 1-inch pieces and place into a bowl. Add marshmallows and chopped chocolate and toss to combine.

Remove brownies from the oven and sprinkle with topping ingredients. Return to the oven and continue to bake until a toothpick inserted 2 inches from the side of the pan comes out clean, 7 to 10 more minutes.

S'more brownie mixture in baking dish with marshmallow topping.

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Watermelon Cake

- nonstick baking spray
- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons watermelon-flavored gelatin mix (Jell-O®)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened

- 2 cups white sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups whole buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon red gel food coloring
- 1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

Frosting:

- 1 ½ cups unsalted butter, softened
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 6 cups powdered sugar
- 6 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- red food coloring gel
- green food coloring gel
- miniature semisweet chocolate chips for decoration



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat three 8-inch round cake pans with baking spray; set aside.

Whisk together 2 1/2 cups flour, gelatin, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in a medium bowl.

Beat butter at medium speed with a stand mixer, fitted with the paddle attachment, until creamy, about 3 minutes. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until blended and stopping to scrape down sides of bowl after each addition.

Add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture, beating at low speed until just blended after each addition.

Beat in vanilla and red food coloring gel until blended. Toss chocolate chips with remaining 1 tablespoon flour in a small bowl. Gently fold into batter.

Divide batter evenly among prepared cake pans.

Bake in the preheated oven until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean, 28 to 32 minutes.

Cool in pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans and cool completely on wire rack.

Prepare Frosting: Beat butter and salt with a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until creamy, about 3 minutes; beat in vanilla.

Gradually add powdered sugar alternately with 6 tablespoons cream, beating on low speed, until completely incorporated and smooth, about 2 minutes. Increase mixer speed to medium-high and beat until mixture is smooth and fluffy.

Remove 1/3 cup of the frosting to a small bowl. Remove 2 cups of the frosting to a medium bowl; stir in enough red food coloring until desired shade of red. Tint remaining frosting with green food coloring gel until desired shade of green.

Assemble Cake: Place 1 cake layer on a serving platter or cake stand. Spread top with 2/3 cup red frosting. Top with a second cake layer; spread top with 2/3 cup red frosting. Top with remaining cake layer; spread top with remaining red frosting, leaving a 1/2-inch border around edge.

Frost sides of cake with green frosting. Place reserved 1/3 cup plain frosting into a piping bag or zip-lock bag with a 1/4-inch hole cut in the corner.

Pipe plain frosting around top edge of cake, filling in the 1/4-inch border. Sprinkle top with miniature chocolate chips to resemble seeds.

Find Something to Celebrate in July

- July 1:** National Gingersnap Day, National Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day, U.S. Postage Stamp Day, Postal Worker Day.
- July 2:** National Wildland Firefighter Day, Anisette Day.
- July 3:** International Plastic Bag Free Day, Fried Clam Day, Chocolate Wafer Day, Eat Your Beans Day.
- July 4:** Alice in Wonderland Day, Independence Day, Caesar Salad Day, Barbecued Spareribs Day.
- July 5:** National Hawaii Day, Bikini Day, Graham Cracker Day, Apple Turnover Day, Workaholics Day.
- July 6:** National Hand Roll Day, Hop-a-Park Day, Fried Chicken Day.
- July 7:** National Koi Day, National Day of Rock n' Roll, Dive Bar Day, National Macaroni Day, Strawberry Sundae Day.
- July 8:** National Raspberry Day, Freezer Pop Day, Chocolate with Almonds Day.
- July 9:** National Dimples Day, Cow Appreciation Day, Sugar Cookie Day.
- July 10:** Chronic Disease Day, Pina Colada Day, Kitten Day, Clerihew Day.
- July 11:** National 7-Eleven Day, Mojita Day, American Pet Photo Day, Blueberry Muffin Day, Rainier Cherry Day.
- July 12:** National French Fry Day, Eat Your Jello Day, Collector Car Appreciation Day, Paper Bag Day.

- July 13:** Barbershop Music Appreciation Day, Beans n' Franks Day, Delaware Day.
- July 14:** National Mac and Cheese Day, Nude Day, Tape Measure Day, Grand Marnier Day.
- July 15:** Social Media Giving Day, Get Out of the Doghouse Day, Gummi Worm Day, Tapioca Pudding Day, I Love Horses Day.
- July 16:** National Personal Chef Day, Corn Fritters Day, National Hot Dog Day.
- July 17:** National Lottery Day, Tattoo Day, World Emoji Day, Yellow Big Day, Wrong Way Corrigan Day, Peach Ice Cream Day.
- July 18:** National Tropical Fruit Day, Get to Know Your Customers Day, Sour Candy Day, Caviar Day.
- July 19:** National Daiquiri Day, International Retainer Day, Words with Friends Day.
- July 20:** National Moon Day, Pennsylvania Day, Lollipop Day, Fortune Cookie Day.
- July 21:** National Be Someone Day, Junk Food Day, Lamington Day, National Ice Cream Day.
- July 22:** National Penuche Fudge Day, Mango Day, Hammock Day, Rat Catcher's Day.
- July 23:** Gorgeous Grandma Day, Vanilla Ice Cream Day.
- July 24:** National Thermal Engineer Day, Drive-Thru Day, Cousins Day, Amelia Earhart Day, Tequila Day.
- July 25:** National Wine and Cheese Day, Hire a Veteran Day, Refreshment Day, Hot Fudge Sundae Day.
- July 26:** National Bagelfest Day, Coffee Milkshake Day, All or Nothing Day, Aunt & Uncle's Day.
- July 27:** National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, Day of the Cowboy, Scotch Day, Creme Brulee Day, New Jersey Day.
- July 28:** National Waterpark Day, Buffalo Soldiers Day, Milk Chocolate Day.
- July 29:** National Lipstick Day, Chicken Wing Day, Lasagna Day.
- July 30:** Climb a Mountain Day, Whistleblower Day, Father-in-law Day, Cheesecake Day, Avocado Day.
- July 31:** Raspberry Cake Day, National Mutt Day (and Dec. 2).

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A Little Father's Day Humor...

- "You can tell what was the best year of your father's life because they seem to freeze that clothing style and ride it out." -- Jerry Seinfeld
- "When you're young, you think your dad is Superman. Then you grow up, and you realize he's just a regular guy who wears a cape." -- Dave Attell
- "I gave my father \$100 and said, 'Buy yourself something that will make your life easier.' So he went out and bought a present for my mother." -- Rita Rudner
- "My daughter got me a 'World's Best Dad' mug. So we know she's sarcastic." -- Bob Odenkirk
- "Even though I'm proud my dad invented the rearview mirror, we're not as close as we appear." -- Stewart Francis
- "Father's Day is important because, besides being the day on which we honor Dad, it's the one day of the year that Brookstone does any business." -- Jimmy Fallon
- "Me and my dad used to play tag. He'd drive." -- Rodney Dangerfield
- "We wondered why when a child laughed, he belonged to Daddy, and when he had a sagging diaper that smelled like a landfill, 'He wants his mother.'" -- Erma Bombeck
- "The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents, the second half by our children." -- Clarence Darrow
- "Four-year-old: Tell me a scary story! Me: One time little people popped out of your mom, and they never stopped asking questions. Four-year-old: Why?" -- James Breakwell
- "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." -- Mark Twain.
- "Fatherhood is great because you can ruin someone from scratch." -- Jon Stewart
- "Remember: What Dad really wants is a nap. Really." -- Dave Barry

- "I never got along with my dad. Kids used to come up to me and say, 'My dad can beat up your dad.' I'd say, 'Yeah? When?'" -- Bill Hicks
- "Men should always change diapers. It's a very rewarding experience. It's mentally cleansing. It's like washing dishes, but imagine if the dishes were your kids, so you really love the dishes." -- Chris Martin
- "I want my son to wear a helmet 24 hours a day. If it was socially acceptable, I'd be the first one to have my kid in a full helmet and, like, a cage across his face mask." -- Will Arnett
- "When I was a kid, I said to my father one afternoon, 'Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?' He answered, 'If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you.'" -- Jerry Lewis
- "Having children is like living in a frat house. Nobody sleeps, everything's broken, and there's a lot of throwing up." -- Ray Romano
- "Raising kids may be a thankless job with ridiculous hours, but at least the pay sucks." -- Jim Gaffigan
- "A father carries pictures where his money used to be." -- Steve Martin
- "To be a successful father, there's one absolute rule: When you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years." -- Ernest Hemingway



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