

Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

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New Rural Chadron Gun Shop Offers Unique Collection

A rural Chadron couple have taken their passion for guns to another level opening up their own gun shop, "Rancho Deluxe" east of Chadron about three months ago.

JF Policky and his wife Cathy moved to the Chadron area ten years ago from North Platte. They wanted to get away from the crime along the interstate and were drawn to the beauty of northwest Nebraska. Policky grew up around Broadwater and graduated from Bridgeport. He is a retired rancher and trucker spending several years in Douglas, Wyo. hauling oil.

Both he and his wife have shared an interest in guns for as long as they can remember. "Both my wife and I have been gun enthusiasts and have collected all of our adult lives," said JF, who noted he wasn't fond of his given name and chose JF, jokingly says the initials stand for "Just Fine"! JF and Cathy even have some guns that are identical, his and her rifles.

The "mom and pop shop" offers a unique collection of guns and ammunition. "You're not going to find a selection like this at any big box store," said JF. They have some of the models you will find there, but for the most part Rancho Deluxe offers something out of the ordinary, a different niche than gun stores all around the area.

"We have everything, but try to stock hard to find,



JF and Cathy Policky of rural Chadron recently opened up a new gun shop, "Rancho Deluxe".

both new and used guns. We probably have more lever action rifles than anyone in western Nebraska, the same might be true for revolvers... but also stock hunting rifles ,shotguns and handguns, self and home defense...target, long range target and extreme long range target," said JF. "Also have good selection of semi automatic handguns, AR's, etc."

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Rancho Deluxe offers a nice selection of rifles and typically have between 250-300 guns of all styles to choose from.

Rancho Deluxe--

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"Because half our inventory is used firearms, we are always looking for good trade-ins or to buy out-right," said J.F.

He says the gun market is always changing, the demand for different guns is never the same. "Some guns can be very difficult to get these days, however we do have and do get hard to find guns that's a lot of what we are about," said JF.

Rancho Deluxe carries vintage, modern and maybe the latest hot thing. "We try to keep only quality inventory," said JF, who made a point to mention that they have ammunition for every gun they carry. "We do not have any guns for sale that we do not have ammo for. We are dealers for several major ammunition manufacturers and try to keep most ammo on hand including popular handgun ammo."

And you can't have a gun shop without a Federal Firearms License or FFL. They have went through background checks, fingerprinting, pictures, inspection and etc., in order to maintain a license which has to be renewed every five years. All gun purchases will require some paperwork. They will ship guns and they literally have had customers from every where.

When he was asked what his favorite part of the business is, he responded "What's not to like!"



J.F. Policky explains some of the differences between the various models of rifles they have on hand at their new shop just three miles east of Chadron.

He often refers to his wife as his little "Annie Oakley" because of her love for guns and marksmanship.

The Polickys don't have any livestock, but have three dogs and numerous barn cats they were in need of homes for. They enjoy hunting when given the time and opportunity and some fishing.

As Cathy puts it, "We have guns for hunters, long range shooters, collectors and plinkers. If you want to play cowboy, we've got your gun."

For more information, call (308) 660-4682. Rancho Deluxe is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are located three miles west of Chadron near the airport on Hwy. 20, just turn north on Deadhorse Road and you will find their shop on the right.



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Along The Garden Path

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Companion Planting with Herbs

Boost your garden this season with the right pairing of plants.



Companion planting is a fantastic addition to any garden. By placing specific plants next to certain fruits, flowers, and vegetables, you can boost their health and increase their production. Of course, knowing what pairings work best is key, especially when it comes to herbs.

Here is how it works. Companion planting improves growth in a number of ways. To start, some plants serve to repel unwanted pests while providing shelter and safety for beneficial insects. Others encourage pollination, which is especially needed for those fruits and vegetables that don't have noticeable flowers. Species with bright shades of blue, white, or yellow and/or with high concentrations of nectar can attract bees to these lesser-flowered plants. Larkspur, sunflowers, sweet peas, cosmos, zinnias and mints all do well in vegetable gardens (though the mint does spread quickly). Companion planting is a wonderful tool for organic gardens, too, since it reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers and chemical herbicides and pesticides.

Herbs, in general, make excellent companion plants. They're often responsible for increasing vegetable bounty by attracting bees and beneficial insects with their blossoms and fragrance. They grow easily between rows of vegetables without causing harm to the vegetable plants, and as light feeders, they don't rob important nutrients from the soil that vegetables need.

Before you grow anything, make sure to research your plant's moisture, nutrient, and shade/sunlight needs. Obviously, growing conditions must be met for both plants in order for them to succeed and help each other out.

More than 300 years ago, the Iroquois introduced early American colonists to the "Three Sisters" which was a technique of planting corn, beans, and squash together. Tall corn provides trellis support to beans, which in turn take important nitrogen from the cells of bacteria in the soil. This helps feed the squash or pumpkins which are considered heavy feeders. The squash and pumpkin plants keep the weeds at bay by shading the growing area, and they leave important nutrition for the sister plants. This is a perfect example of companion planting.

So let's look at some perfect pairing that we could try in our garden this year.

Tomato/Basil - When basil leaves are rubbed or disturbed, they release the chemical compounds nerolidol, citronella, limonene, and stragole, which repel mosquitoes and flies and also act as fungicides. Basil helps more than tomatoes. Its chemical compounds also deter asparagus beetles, as well as aphids, milkweed insects, and flies. (Just don't plant it by rosemary or sage; these herbs make poor companions.)

Chives - Plant chives near carrots in the garden and they will deter the carrot rust fly, thanks to their sulfuric odor, which repels these damaging bugs. Additionally, their large purple flower heads attract good insects such as butterflies and bees, which help pollinate nearby companions.

Chives do well with strawberries. Their odor masks the sweet scent of the berries, deterring would be insect pests. Chives also provide calcium and potassium, which strawberries need for growth. (Chives are not helpful to beans or peas.)

Marigolds - If you are growing basil, tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, squash, eggplant, kale, gourds, carrots, or beets, don't forget the marigolds. This invites pollinators to the garden. Certain species of marigold also release compounds from their roots that are toxic to root nematodes, which ruin plants by feeding on this part of the plant.

Dill - Dill is recommended as a wonderful companion plant for a wide range of garden vegetables. It benefits corn, onions, cucumbers, asparagus, lettuce, and all vegetables in the cabbage family, such as brussel sprouts and broccoli. Plants by tomatoes, dill will keep hornworms away while at the same time encouraging beneficial insects, including praying mantis and ladybugs.

Scented Geraniums - Corn, roses, cabbages, and grapes all thrive when planted near geraniums. Cabbageworms, Japanese beetles, and earworms pose a threat to these plants, but scented geraniums keep them away. They also repel spider mites, which can devastate a vegetable garden in the heat of summer. For best results, intersperse geraniums among your plants or create a border around the perimeter of the garden.

Planting these herbs in your garden not only helps protect your crops but you end up with some great tomato-basil sauce, cucumber-dill salad, or chives in cottage cheese. Yumm! Hopefully, you will find success with some of these herb-crop pairings this season.

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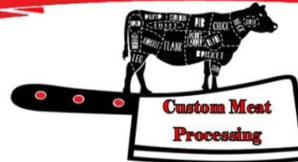
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- June 2:** National Rocky Road Day, Rotisserie Chicken Day, National Leave the Office Early Day.
- June 3:** National Chocolate Macaroons Day, Egg Day, National Doughnut Day, National Repeat Day.
- June 4:** National Cheese Day, Hug Your Cat Day, National Trails Day & Prairie Day (First Saturday in June)
- June 5:** National Gingerbread Day, Moonshine Day, Veggie Burger Day, Cancer Survivor's Day
- June 6:** D-Day, National Applesauce Cake Day, Drive-In Movie Day, Gardening Exercise Day.
- June 7:** National Boone Day, Chocolate Ice Cream Day, Oklahoma Day, VCR Day.
- June 8:** National Best Friends Day, Name Your Poison Day, National Upsy Daisy Day.
- June 9:** National Donald Duck Day, National Earl Day, Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day.
- June 10:** National Black Cow Day, Egg Roll Days, Herbs & Spices Day, National Iced Tea Day.
- June 11:** National Corn on the Cob Day, German Chocolate Cake Day, Making Life Beautiful Day.
- June 12:** National Jerky Day, Peanut Butter Cookie Day, National Red Rose Day, Children Day (2nd Saturday)
- June 13:** National Sewing Machine Day, Kitchen Klutzes of America Day, National Weed Your Garden Day
- June 14:** Army Day, National Flag Day, New Mexico Day, Strawberry Shortcake Day, Forklift Safety Day.
- June 15:** National Photography Day, Megalodon Day, National Smile Power Day.
- June 16:** National Fudge Day, National Career Nurse Assistants' Day
- June 17:** Global Garbage Man Day, National Eat Your Vegetables Day, Flip Flop Day, Cherry Tart Day
- June 18:** National Go Fishing Day, Splurge Day, National Wanna Get Away Day.
- June 19:** Father's Day, National Garfield the Cat Day,

- Juneteenth, Turkey Loves Day.
- June 20:** American Eagle Day, Ice Cream Soda Day, National Hike with a Geek Day, Vanilla Milkshake Day
- June 21:** National Arizona Day, Summer Solstice, Longest Day of the Year, Daylight Appreciation Day.
- June 22:** National Chocolate Eclair Day, HVAC Tech Day, Kissing Day, National Onion Rings Day.
- June 23:** National Detroit-Style Pizza Day, Hydration Day, Pecan Sandies Day, National Pink Day.
- June 24:** National Pralines Day, Take Your Dog to Work Day.
- June 25:** National Catfish Day, Strawberry Parfait Day, Summersgiving - Saturday after Summer Solstice
- June 26:** National Barcode Day, Beautician's Day, Chocolate Pudding Day, National Coconut Day.
- June 27:** National Ice Cream Cake Day, Orange Blossom Day, National PTSD Awareness Day, Sunglasses Day
- June 28:** National Alaska Day, Insurance Awareness Day, Logistics Day, National Paul Bunyan Day.
- June 29:** National Camera Day, Waffle Iron Day, Almond Buttercrunch Day, Parchment Day.
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Damn Yankees

Opens May 27, 2022

Rating: G

MUSIC & LYRICS BY:

Jerry Ross, Richard Adler

BOOK BY: Douglass Wallop,

George Abbott

Would you do anything to help your favorite baseball team win the pennant? In the Faustian baseball musical, *Damn Yankees*, Joe Boyd sells his soul to the devil to be the home run hitter that will guide his favorite team, the Washington Senators, to win against those "damn Yankee". Featuring the classical musical theatre selections, "Heart" and "Whatever Lola Wants", follow Joe in his quest to save his team... and his soul.

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MAY: 27, 28, 29*, 31; JUNE: 7, 15, 18, 28

JULY: 6, 9, 10*, 15*, 21, 23*, 30**

AUG: 4, 6**, 9, `3



When the dangerously handsome Johnny Blood's life is on the line, he must put his fate into the hands of a colorful cast of characters including a mysterious sheriff, an eccentric priest, an authoritarian governor, a saloon girl gone good, and a nun out of the habit. Before the sun sets, will they rise up and pull off the greatest caper yet, or will Johnny be left hanging?

This witty and wild new musical comedy takes the Bard's Measure for Measure and shakes things up!

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JUNE: 3, 4, 5*, 8, 14, 17, 21, 29

JULY: 8, 9*, 16*, 22, 29* AUG: 5, 12*

The Sound of Music

Opens June 10, 2022

Rating: G

Music by Richard Rodgers

Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Book by Howard Lindsay &

Russel Crouse

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Desperate Measures

Opens June 3, 2022

Rating: H

Book & Lyrics by Peter Kellogg

Music by David Friedman



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NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Church Basement Ladies

Opens June 24, 2022

Rating: G

MUSIC & LYRICS BY

Drew Jansen

LIBRETTO BY

Jim Stowell, Jessica Zuehlke

INSPIRED BY THE BOOK

Growing Up Lutheran by

Janet Letnes Martin & Suzann Nelson



A celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, Church Basement Ladies features four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and the problems of a rural Minnesota church. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride-to-be learning the proper order of things, the book and music give us a touching, funny look at their lives as we see them handle a record breaking Christmas dinner, the funeral of a dear friend, a Hawaiian Easter Fundraiser, and a steaming hot July wedding. They stave off potential disasters, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the Pastor on due course while thoroughly enjoying, (and tolerating) each other. Funny and down to earth, you will recognize these ladies as they begin to see the Church year unfold from below the House of God. This is most certainly true!

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JUNE: 24, 25, 26*

JULY: 5, 8, 13, 15, 20*, 23, 24*, 27, 29, 30*

AUG: 3, 5*, 10*, 12

Something Rotten!

Opens July 1, 2022

Rating: H

BOOK BY: Karey Kirkpatrick,

John O'Farrell

MUSIC & LYRICS BY:

Karey Kirkpatrick &

Wayne Kirkpatrick



Two brothers set out to write the world's first musical in this hilarious mash-up of sixteenth-century Shakespeare and twenty-first-century Broadway!

Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing, and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical.

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Fri., May 27	Chadron	Gering, Neb.	10 a.m.	Gering Srs. Tourney
Fri., May 27	Casper, Wyo.	Gering, Neb.	12 p.m.	Gering Srs. Tourney
Sat., May 28	Chadron	Modisett Park, Rushville	1 p.m.	Prep - 7 Inning Game
Sun., May 29	Buckley	Gering, Neb.	4:30 p.m.	Gering Srs. Tourney
Sun., May 29	Alliance	Modisett Park, Rushville	12 & 2 p.m.	Prep DH
Tues., May 31	Sidney	Sidney, Neb.	tba	Conference Jr/Sr. DH
Wed., June 1	Alliance	Kiwanis Field, Gordon	5 & 7 p.m.	Conference Jr/Sr DH
Tues., June 7	Chadron	Chadron, Neb.	5 & 7 p.m.	Jr/Sr Double Header
Wed., June 8	Bridgeport	Modisett Park, Rushville	5 & 7 p.m.	Conference Jr/Sr DH
Thurs., June 9	Chadron	Chadron, Neb.	5 p.m.	Jr/Sr Double Header
Sun., June 12	Martin, S.D.	Kiwanis Field, Gordon	12 & 2 p.m.	Jr/Sr Double Header
Mon., June 13	Alliance	Alliance, Neb.	5 & 7 p.m.	Conference Jr/Sr DH
Wed., June 15	Torrington Srs.	Torrington, Wyo.	4 & 6 p.m.	Seniors DH
Sat., June 18	Wisner-Pilger	Wisner, Neb.	12 & 2 p.m.	Seniors DH
Sun., June 19	O'Neill	O'Neill	11 a.m. & 1 p.m.	Seniors DH
Tues., June 21	Gering	Modisett Park, Rushville	5 & 7 p.m.	Conference Jr/Sr DH
Wed., June 22	Bridgeport	Bridgeport, Neb.	tba	Conference Jr/Sr DH
Thurs., June 23	Alliance	Alliance, Neb.	5 & 7 p.m.	Prep DH
June 24-26	tba	Ryder Park, Grand Island	tba	USave Pharmacy Tourney
June 24-26	tba	Chadron, Neb.	tba	Chadron Jrs. Tourney
Wed., June 29	Douglas	Douglas, Wyo.	4 & 6 p.m.	Srs. only
Thurs. June 30	Valentine	Kiwanis Field Gordon	5 & 7 p.m.	Jr/Sr Doubleheader
July 1-3	tba	Alliance, Neb.	tba	Prep League Tournament
Tues., July 5	Gering	Gering, Neb.	tba	Conference Jr/Sr DH
July 8-12	Juniors Area	Imperial, Neb.	tba	Junior Area Tourney
Wed., July 13	Torrington Srs.	Modisett Park, Rushville	4 & 6 p.m.	Seniors DH
July 15-19	Junior State	tba	tba	Junior State Tourney
July 22-27	Senior Area	Kiwanis Field, Gordon & Modisett Park, Rushville	tba	Senior State Tourney

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No-Bake Banana Pudding

- 1 (5 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 ounce) package vanilla wafers
- 14 bananas, sliced

In a large mixing bowl, beat pudding mix and milk 2 minutes. Blend in condensed milk until smooth. Stir in vanilla and fold in whipped topping. Layer wafers, bananas and pudding mixture in a glass serving bowl. Chill until serving.

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Perfect Summer Fruit Salad

- 2/3 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups cubed fresh pineapple
- 2 cups strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 3 kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced
- 3 bananas, sliced
- 2 oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 1 cup seedless grapes
- 2 cups blueberries

Bring orange juice, lemon juice, brown sugar, orange zest, and lemon zest to a boil in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla extract. Set aside to cool.

Layer the fruit in a large, clear glass bowl in this order: pineapple, strawberries, kiwi fruit, bananas, oranges, grapes, and blueberries. Pour the cooled sauce over the fruit. Cover and refrigerate for 3 to 4 hours before serving.

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Baked Ham and Cheese Sliders

- 3/4 cup melted butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 1 tablespoon dried minced onion

- 24 mini sandwich rolls
- 1 pound thinly sliced cooked deli ham
- 1 pound thinly sliced Swiss cheese

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

In a bowl, mix together butter, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce, poppy seeds, and dried onion. Separate the tops from bottoms of the rolls, and place the bottom pieces into the prepared baking dish. Layer about half the ham onto the rolls. Arrange the Swiss cheese over the ham, and top with remaining ham slices in a layer. Place the tops of the rolls onto the sandwiches. Pour the mustard mixture evenly over the rolls.

Bake in the preheated oven until the rolls are lightly browned and the cheese has melted, about 20 minutes. Slice into individual rolls through the ham and cheese layers to serve.

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Steak Marinade

- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons dried basil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (Optional)
- 1 teaspoon dried minced garlic (Optional)

Place the soy sauce, olive oil, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, basil, parsley, and pepper in a blender. Add hot pepper sauce and garlic, if desired. Blend on high speed for 30 seconds until thoroughly mixed.

Pour marinade over desired type of meat. Cover, and refrigerate for up to 8 hours. Cook meat as desired.



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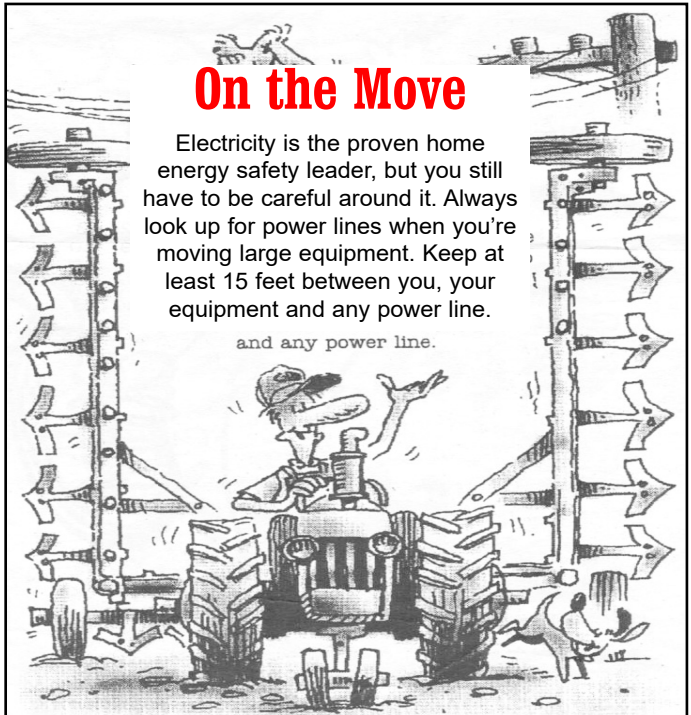
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Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher in the summer to reduce your electrical usage by three to five percent for each degree above 78.

Block the sun

Close shades and drapes during the heat of the day to help keep your house cool. Plant shade trees and shrubs on the south and west sides of your home to help provide natural shade. Place air conditioning units in shaded areas to improve operating efficiency.

Upgrade your thermostat

Set a programmable thermostat to increase the desired temperature by five degrees or more while you're away and three degrees or more while you're asleep. This will help to reduce your electric use and save money on your energy bill. Did you know customers in Iowa and Illinois can take advantage of a \$75 rebate for qualifying smart thermostats?

Keep it up

Check your air conditioner filters monthly and clean or replace them as needed. Wash outside air conditioner coils with mild soap and water to remove dust and dirt to improve operating efficiency.

Clear the way

Keep registers clean and clear of furniture and other obstructions to make sure air can circulate freely in your

home. Keep your air conditioner unit clear of grass, weeds and shrubs to allow air to flow over its cooling coils.

Keep it cool

Fans use less energy than air conditioners and can boost the comfort from an air conditioner, increasing cooling efficiency throughout your home. A portable fan set several feet away from a window air conditioning unit can spread cool air into other rooms and down hallways. Reverse the direction of ceiling fans to run counter-clockwise to draw air upward to cool the room.

Let it wait

Use heat-generating appliances, like ovens, dishwashers and clothes dryers early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Hang clothes to dry and use outdoor grills to avoid turning on appliances.





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You Might be a Farmer or Rancher if

You have ever worn pajamas with rubber boots for midnight calf checks.

- You think that the five gallon bucket is the greatest invention ever made. Really, the greatest ever.
- You learned to drive a tractor or feed pickup loooong before you took driver's ed.
- Your idea of neighborhood watch is someone calling you to let you know your bulls are out.
- Your family instantly becomes silent when the weather comes on the news.

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"Having children is like living in a frat house. Nobody sleeps, everthing's broken and there's a lot of throwing up." --Ray Romano

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"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



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"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get."

--Tim Russert

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"Raising kids may be a thankless job with ridiculous hours, but at least the pay sucks."

--Jim Gaffigan

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"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong."

-- Charles Wadsworth

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"Buying your kid a goldfish is great way to teach them about responsibility for 24-36 hours.

--Conan O'Brien

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"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

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