

Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

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Rushville Greenhouse a 'Happy Place' for Gardeners

"It's a happy place!" About everyone would have to agree when they enter the Rustic Rose Greenhouse north of Rushville. The greenhouse is in full bloom with 100s of beautiful flowers and plants. But it doesn't happen over night.

Owner Becky Haller notes, "March we turn the heat on, the flowers are growing and it may be blizzarding outside and it's spring inside!" They actually start planning in August and start with seeding in February, the hybrid plants start arriving in March.

This year marks the fifth year for Becky and her husband John's season for the greenhouse. When they bought their farm located 2.5 miles north of Rushville on 330th Lane (which is also Chamberlain Street in Rushville), the greenhouse was part of the farm, which had been closed for years and needed some repairs to get it going again. "The previous owner was Gladys Petersen. Her brother built the greenhouse, she purchased it from him and we learned the trade from her," said Haller, who has always enjoyed raising flowers and vegetables. The business is primarily family operated. "John does most of the seed planting, my daughters Connie Livingston and Lindsey Livingston help with everything from planning to final sales. Jean Trucano along with Joann Drummond and various other friends and relatives pitch in throughout the season.

The greenhouse is 96 ft long and 30 ft wide and thermostatically controlled to heat and cool. "We have a Nebraska Nursery Stock license and have received favorable inspections from the state each year," said Haller. "We work hard to provide healthy, vibrant plants."

This time of year it's a wonderful warm humid place to



The main entrance into the greenhouse were dozens of plants are soaking up sun.



Rustic Rose Greenhouse Owner, Becky Haller (center) with her daughters, left, Connie Livingston and Lindsey Livingston.

hang out and enjoy spring. "This year we are looking to have approximately 12,000 plants when we open on April 25th," said Haller. Rustic Rose Greenhouse hosts a wide variety of annual flowers along with many Proven Winner items ordered in. "The Proven Winner Supertunia is a petunia that does not require deadheading making it a beautiful hassle free addition to your space," explained Haller.

Rustic Rose has a wide range of flowers from perennials to annuals and continue to grow their vegetable selections each year. "We have a nice selection of ornamental grasses both perennial and annual for this area that fit most landscaping needs," said Haller. Their vegetable selection has a wide variety of tomatoes and peppers along with many herb plants. "We also have cucumbers, watermelon, pumpkins, cantaloupe, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce bowls, and other vegetable mix options many of them are suitable for container gardening or raised beds."

Their most popular item is most likely their custom containers. "Bring in your planters and we will put it together for you," said Haller. They will also design and plant your Memorial Day planters. The greenhouse does have limited quantities of planting supplies such as planting soil and mulch.

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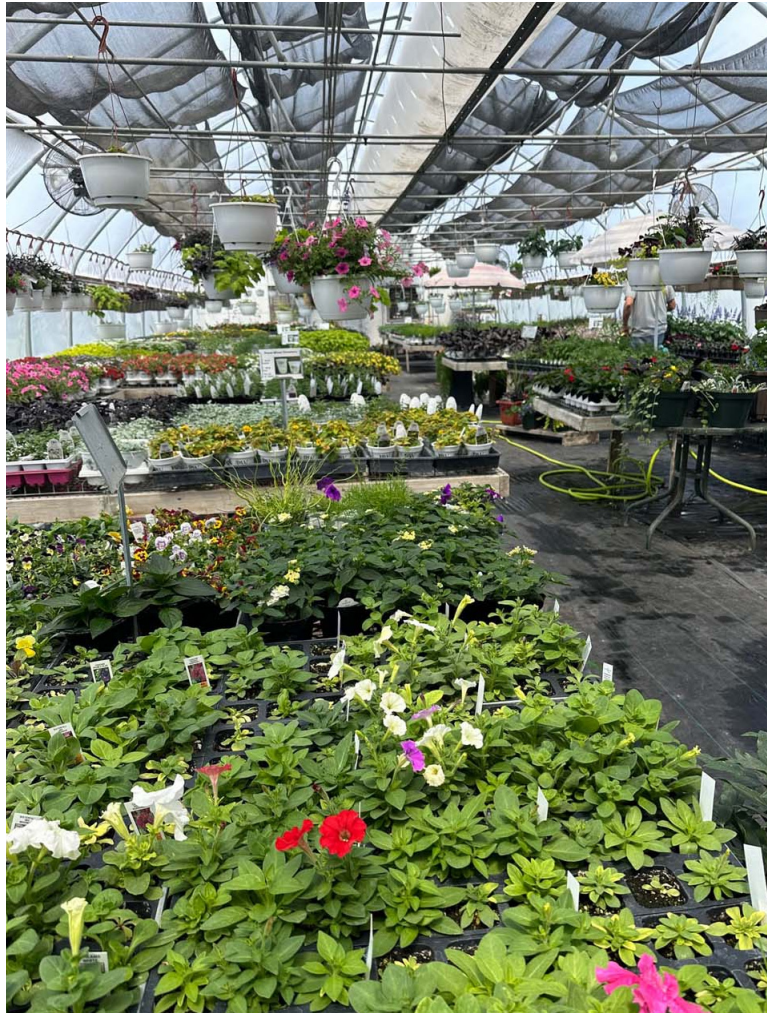
Rustic Rose Greenhouse--

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As much as Haller loves her greenhouse, it is not her primary job, she has worked in the insurance industry for about 20 years and is employed at Nielsen Insurance in Gordon. "I'm fortunate that the amazing staff at the agency in Gordon and remote-capable technology gives me the flexibility to be available at the greenhouse during our busy season. It truly is a team effort to put this all together," noted Haller, who grew up on farm in South Dakota. Husband John grew up south of Gordon and loves farming and ranching.

AND IT DOESN'T end there, she is very active volunteering in the community in her my free time. "I am the Rushville Ambulance Chief and a Licensed EMT which will find me coordinating various tasks at the Fire Hall or City Hall," said Haller. In addition to the Fire Dept. she often helps at the Rushville American Legion Club with activities and other community events. John also has a long standing membership with the Rushville Fire Dept. Their family has grown and off with adventures of their own.

Rustic Rose Greenhouse opens daily the last weekend of April and closes Father's Day weekend or open by appointment. Their hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. "Our Open house is Mother's Day each



A peek inside the large Rustic Rose Greenhouse which opened at the end of April.



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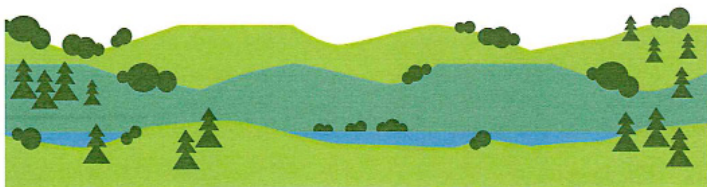
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NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP



July 21-25, 2025

High school students, grades 9 - 11
Camp Comeca, Cozad, Neb.

If you are interested in applying for this all-expense paid camp, complete the application form and return it to your local electric system.

NO, IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER CAMP

I bet right now you are thinking that this is the zillionth camp flyer you have seen and that this camp is just like all the rest. It costs a bunch, you won't know anyone there, it's going to be awkward, and you won't get anything out of going, except maybe a sunburn.

THINK AGAIN!

It's free, you are going to make life-long friends, and learn about the electric industry through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program. There's also swimming, sports, a banquet and a dance. A tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide for a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

So don't delay...apply today!

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Now that you know this isn't just another camp, you may be asking yourself, "should I go?"

You should if you have:

- Leadership potential
- An awesome personality
- A strong academic record
- An interest in meeting new people



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Name _____

Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____

Phone number (____) _____

City _____ State _____

Name of parents _____

Name of your sponsoring rural electric system _____



NRPPD ENTERTAINMENT

Words of Wisdom from Children

- Never trust a dog to watch your food. --Patrick, age 10
- When dad is mad and asks you "Do I look stupid?" Don't answer him. --Michael, 14
- Never tell your mom her diet's not working. --Michael, 14
- Stay away from prunes. --Randy, 9
- Never pee on an electric fence. --Robert, 13
- Don't squat with your spurs on. --Noronha, 13
- Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. --Emily, 10
- When your mom is made at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. --Taylia, 11
- Never allow your three year old brother in the same room as your school assignment. --Traci, 14
- Don't sneeze in front of your mom you'r eating crackers. --Mitchell, 12
- Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. --Andrew, 9
- Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. --Kyoyo, 9
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. --Amie, 9
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. --Kellie, 11.
- If you want a kitten, start out for asking for a horse. --Naomi, 15
- Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick. -- Lauren, 9
- Don't pick on your sister when she is holding a baseball bat. --Joel, 10
- When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. --Alyesha, 13
- Never try to baptize a cat. --Eileen, 8

May Historical Anniversaries....

- **May 1 - May Day.**
- **May 5 - Cinco de Mayo** This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.
- **May 11 - Mother's Day.** Don't forget!
- **May 17 - Armed Forces Day,** which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.
- **May 19 - Victoria Day in Canada.** This holiday celebrates the birth of Queen Victoria, who was born on May 24, 1819.
- **May 26 - Memorial Day**
A poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It's a tradition to raise the flag on this day.

May Birthstone: The emerald. Once a favorite of Cleopatra and today celebrated as May's birthstone, emeralds are classic and current -- and increasingly a go-to choice for engagement rings.

May's Birth Flower: Lily--of-the-Valley and Hawthorn

Fried Asparagus Sticks

- 1 cup vegetable oil, or as needed
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 ½ lemons, zested
- 1 teaspoon ground paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 bunch fresh asparagus, trimmed



Heat 1-inch vegetable oil in a deep-sided skillet over medium heat.

Whisk buttermilk, lemon zest, paprika, and black pepper together in a wide bowl. Pour flour into a separate wide bowl. Place a paper towel-lined plate near the stovetop.

Dip 1/3 of asparagus into buttermilk mixture. Dredge in flour; coat thoroughly. Repeat with a second layer of buttermilk mixture and flour. Place coated asparagus, unstaked, onto a baking sheet. Repeat with remaining asparagus.

Fry coated asparagus, in three batches, in hot oil until golden brown, 2 to 4 minutes. Transfer to the paper towel-lined plate. Repeat frying until all the sticks are cooked. Serve immediately.

Add a 1-inch cube of bread to the hot oil to check if it is ready. If it turns deep golden brown in color after a count of 40, the oil is ready. If the bread cube browns too quickly, turn down the heat and wait a few minutes for it to cool.

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