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Hay Springs, NE 69347

May 2023

Rural Hay Springs Couple Bring Scooter's to Chadron

A rural Hay Springs couple, Jay and Jessamyn weren't searching for career changes, when an investment idea came to mind after going thru a Scooter's in Scottsbluff in 2017. "We thought it would work well in Chadron," said Jay. "We called Scooter's corporate, and the Chadron location had been taken." Then in 2021, they were attending a birthday party for one of Jay's bank colleagues when they were told the Chadron location was available. "We jumped right on it. Signed our franchise agreement towards the end of 2021 and opened for business earlier this year," explained Jay.

The Vosses continue with their prior daily routines, Jay as the Executive Vice President at First National Bank of Gordon, where he has worked since 2009. He attended Chadron High School where he graduated in 2005 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Chadron State in 2009. He then attended the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, CU Boulder in 2013. Together, they own JV Cattle Company - Registered and Commercial Angus Cattle since 2011.

Jessamyn grew up in rural Sidney on a farm then moved to Kimball, Gering and Mitchell, Neb. where she graduated from high school in 1995. She earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from WNCC and went on to earn her bachelor's in Criminal Justice from CSC in 2009. Jessamyn is the



Jay and Jessamyn Voss are the owners of Chadron's newest business, Scooter's located on West Hwy. 20 where the former Lariat Liquor was.



Scooter's has a large variety of hot and cold coffee beverages in a variety of flavors

owner/designer of JC Ranch Designs since 2000. She was previously an active, but currently a lease, cooperater with Pieper Red Angus.

While working on the Scooter's franchise agreement, the Vosses decided the former Lariat Liquor location along West Third Street would be a good central location in Chadron.

THE CONSTRUCTION went up quickly and by Feb. 13, 2023 they were ready for business with a soft opening and had their grand opening on March 10. "We had a total of 410 tickets and sold 838 items. Opening was probably our biggest day not only sales wise, but also because it was new and everyone wanted to try it," explained Jessamyn. The weekends tend to be their best days for sales and number of customers.

Along with the initial construction, training was taking place for the new Scooters employees. Jessamyn attended a required three day immersion program for all new franchises in Omaha. She also was required to attend barista training in Omaha at the corporate offices for a week and then was sent to Jacksonville Texas to train in a certified training

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Chadron's New Scooters--

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Kiosk for a week. Their Manager, Phaedra Victory of Crawford, attended with Jessamyn but was required to stay two more weeks for more training. "Corporate trainers were sent in a week prior to opening to help us train our team and then stay to help us our opening week," said Jessamyn. There is a total of 30 employees. Most are part time, but we have some that are full time.

"We are very grateful for our manager Phaedra... She gives us the ability to continue ranching, catalogs and banking. She is a great leader of our team," said Jessamyn.

The staff have continual training especially for new limited promotional/seasonal drink or products. "They have a digital training area called Scootiversity that all employees have access to," said Jessamyn. "We also are updated by email on all new products and procedures that we pass on to our team.

Thus far, Jessamyn enjoys the core values of their new adventure. "Courage, Love, Humility and Integrity. This is reflected in our employees. We have an amazing group of individuals, and it is wonderful to see them serve our community with such a positive experience and touching people's lives," said Jessamyn.

Scooter's is open seven days a week - Monday thru Friday 5:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. They encourage customers to download their app. "You can order and pay on your phone and when you get to the speaker box you just give them your name and we start your order, so it is made fast and fresh," explained Jessamyn. "The app also



One of Scooter's friendly employees, Audrey Greenwood serving a refreshing drink on one of the first warm spring days.

has a loyalty program that gives you free drinks after so many smiles, as well as a free drink for your birthday. It also will remember your past orders to help streamline your experience."

There are currently over 100 Scooter's across the state of Nebraska and 600 locations in the United States. The "Carmamelicious" is the most popular beverage at Scooter's. Jessamyn notes that their Everything Bagel Sandwich and infusions are also very popular.

When and if they get spare time they like to golf and travel. Otherwise they keep pretty busy raising registered Angus cattle and AQHA Quarter Horses. They also enjoy spending time with family. Jessamyn has two adult sons, Taylen Pieper, 24 a 2017 Gordon-Rushville High School who currently works full time as a ranch foreman at Pieper Red Angus and raises registered Red Angus cattle of his own. Jarret Pieper, 22 a 2019 Hay Springs High School graduate is currently a senior at Chadron State College. He also raises registered Red Angus cattle.

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Northwest Rural Welcomes New District 2 Board Member

Northwest Rural Public Power is pleased to introduce their newest board member, Ethan Skinner, who represents District 2. His first Board Meeting was on April 24.



Ethan Skinner

Skinner became interested in being a board member because he feels like it is an important role that needs to be filled. "I felt that being a young person in agriculture it is important to be a part of our local electric company because it affects us and so many of my family members," said Skinner, a 2015 Hemingford High School graduate and Chadron State grad with a degree in Business Administration and emphasis in Agribusiness he completed in the spring of 2022.

"I wanted to make sure we continue to have a great and reliable source of electricity in our community," added Skinner. "I hope to gain more knowledge

and insight on how we get our electricity in our area and I am excited to get to work with the other board members and people in our community."

He and his wife Kylee have been married for two and half years. She is a native to Chadron and the daughter of Chris and Julie Garret. The Skinners are actively running a ranch south of Hay Springs. "We currently raise cattle, show pigs and irrigated hay."

Skinner was born and raised south of Hay Springs and has never really left. "I have always been a part of that community," he noted.

In his spare time he really enjoys hunting and fishing. "When we get the chance we try to spend as much time doing one of those two things," ended Skinner.

Skinner replaces Lynden Smith.



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Help Avoid Electrical Injury With These Safety Tips

Contact with or exposure to electricity is one of the leading causes of workplace fatalities. **Follow these tips to avoid electrical injury:**

Overhead Power Line Contact

- 46% of all electrical fatalities are caused by contact with overhead power lines
- 57% of overhead power line fatalities were in non-electrical occupations
- Always assume all lines are live and dangerous
- Always look up; be aware of overhead power lines
- Keep yourself and equipment at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines
- Do not touch anything that is in contact with overhead power lines
- Carry equipment, including ladders, horizontally to avoid contact with power lines
- Stay at least 35 feet away from downed lines

Accidental Contact with Energized Conductors or Parts

- 45% of all electrical fatalities were caused by working on or near energized conductors or parts
- 74% of these fatalities were in electrical occupations
- Always test for voltage before you perform work. Be sure to also test the area around the equipment you are working on to avoid accidental contact with energized equipment
- Always perform a site and risk assessment before conducting work. Hazards exist on and near the equipment you are working on
- When possible, turn off power before conducting work
- Follow proper lockout / tagout procedures
- Avoid complacency. Every job is different, make sure you follow the hierarchy of controls and other electrical safety work practices on every job

Electrical Safety in the Workplace

- 69% of all electrical fatalities involved non-electrical occupations
- Know when to say when. If you feel unsafe performing a job, say something
- Be aware of potential electrical hazards in the workplace.

Avoid electrical rooms and other potentially hazardous areas

- All electrical work should be completed by qualified workers with proper training
- GFCI protection should be installed where electricity and water may come in contact
- 5 sources accounted for 92% of all electrical fatalities
 - Overhead power lines
 - Unexpected contact with electricity
 - Working on energized parts
 - Ground faults
 - Damaged wiring

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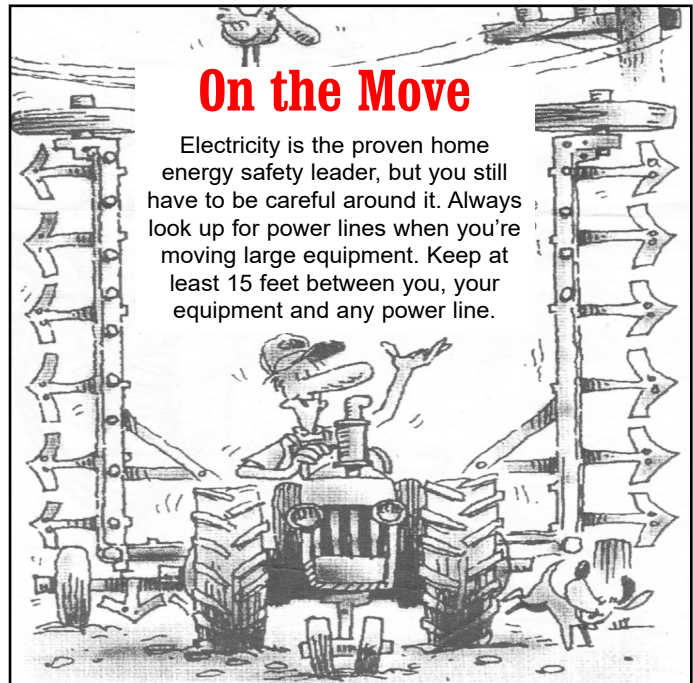
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Northwest Rural Territory Activities

Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

Mon., May 1 GRHS Sports Awards, 5:30-8 p.m., HS
Tues., May 2 Track (MS) at Morrill Invite, 9 a.m.
Wed., May 3 5th Grade Conservation Field Trip
Thurs., May 4 1st Grade Field Trip - Dawes Co. Museum.
 Boys Golf at Kimball, 9 a.m.
Fri., May 5 Track (MS-HS) at Valentine Invite, 9 a.m.
Mon., May 8 7th Grade Invention Day, 9 a.m.
Tues., May 9 **GES K-1st Ag Safety Day**
 Golf at Bayard, 9 a.m.
GRHS Fine Arts Awards, 6 p.m.
Thurs., May 11 Boys Golf at Crawford, 8 a.m.
 District Track
Sat., May 13 **Graduation, 10:30 a.m.**
Mon., May 15 Boys Golf Districts at Kimball, 9 a.m.
Moneyevent 8th Grade, 9 a.m.
Wed., May 17 8th Grade Visit to HS
Thurs., May 18 **Gordon Pre-K Fun in the Park**
4th-5th Spring Concert, 6 p.m., Rush. Elem.
 State Track at Omaha Burke Stadium
 May 19-20
Mon., May 22 **Going Bananas F.D. K-2nd**
GES PreK Graduation, 6 p.m.
Tues., May 23 **GES/RES Field Day at GRHS**
PreK Graduation, 6 p.m., Rush. Elementary
 Boys State Golf in Columbus
 May 23-24
Wed., May 24 **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
May 25-26-30-31 **Teacher Work Day**
June 17-18 **Cheer Camp at GRMS**

Crawford Rams

Mon., May 1 **Golf PanCo at Crawford, 9 a.m.**
Tues., May 2 Track (JH) at Morrill, 9 a.m.
Wed., May 3 Golf at Gering
 Track (JH) at Morrill, 9 a.m.
Thurs., May 4 **FFA Banquet, 6 p.m.**
Fri., May 5 Track at Bayard (B-C-D)
Tues., May 9 Golf at Bayard, 9 a.m.
Activities Banquet, 6 p.m., Gym
Wed., May 10 District Track, tba
Thurs., May 11 **Golf Best Ball at Crawford, 9 a.m.**
Honors Night, 6 p.m., Gym
National Honor Society Induction, 7:30 p.m.
Bump Up Day
Fri., May 12 **Graduation, 2 p.m., Gym**
Sat., May 13 Golf Districts, tba
 May 15-16
Tues., May 16 **Elementary Awards & Field Day**
Wed., May 17 **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS, Early Dismissal**
 State Track at Omaha Burke Stadium
 May 19-20
 May 23-24
 State Golf, tba

Hemingford Bobcats

Mon., May 1 **Golf at home**
HHS Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m.
Tues., May 2 Track (JH) at Morrill
Seniors Last Day
Thurs., May 4 **Graduation Practice, 8 a.m.**

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Thurs., May 4 Honors Day, 10 a.m.
 Fri., May 5 Track (V) at Bayard
Sat., May 6 Graduation, 2 p.m.
 Tues., May 9 Golf at Bayard, 9 a.m.
 Thurs., May 11 Golf at Crawford
 Track (V) at Perkins County, 9 a.m.
Fri., May 12 FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
 Sat., May 13 Track (JH) at Gothenburg
 May 15-16 Golf Districts, tab
 May 19-20 State Track at Omaha Burke
Tues., May 23 STUDENTS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
 May 23-24 State Track, tba
May 24-25 Teacher Inservice Day
Sat., May 27 HHS Alumni Banquet
 May 27-31 World Strides Trip

Chadron Cardinals

Mon., May 1 Track (V-JV) at Alliance, 3 p.m.
 Wed., May 3 Golf at Gering Monument Shadows, 9 a.m.
 Fri., May 5 Track (V) at Bayard, 8:30 a.m.
 Sat., May 6 Track (MS) at Gering, 10:30 a.m.
Sun., May 7 Baccalaureate, CHS, 7 p.m.
Mon., May 8 Honors Night, HS Aud., 7 p.m.
 Tues., May 9 District Track at Ogallala, 9 a.m.
Wed., May 10 Seniors Last Day
 Thurs., May 11 Golf at Ogallala Crandell Creek, 9 a.m.
Sat., May 13 Graduation, 1 p.m., HS Gym
Mon., May 15 Golf at Sidney Hillside, tba
Tues., May 16 District Golf, tba

May 17-18 State Track at Omaha Burke High
May 23-24 State Golf at Gering Monument Shadows


Hay Springs Hawks

Mon., May 1 \$5 Sport Physicals
 Golf at Morrill
 Tues., May 2 \$5 Sports Physicals at Chadron
 Track (JH) at Morrill, 9 a.m.
Spring Concert, 4th-5th, 7 p.m., HS Aud.
2nd Grade Field Trip
 Golf at Gering
Wed., May 3 WCHR Immunization Clinic, Lister Lobby
 Track (JH-V) at Valentine Meet, 9 a.m.
Fri., May 5 KG-1st Grade Field Trip
 Golf at Bayard
Tues., May 9 Kindergarten Round-up
 District Track, tba
Wed., May 10 Golf at Crawford
Thurs., May 11 ML-HS Awards Night, 7 p.m.
Sat., May 13 Graduation, 2 p.m.
 Mon., May 15 District Golf
 Thurs., May 18 State Track
Preschool Graduation/Ice Cream Social
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Mon., May 22 Elementary Track & Field, and Awards
Tues., May 23 Last Day of School - Noon Dismissal
 Wed., May 24 Teacher Inservice
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Ten Energy Tips to Save Money Around the Home

Spring officially began in March, but the warmer temperatures were delayed by Mother Nature. Here are just a few simple things you can do to improve the energy efficiency and comfort of your home as warmer temperatures arrive:

1. Service your air conditioner. Easy maintenance such as routinely replacing or cleaning air filters can lower your cooling system's energy consumption by up to 15 percent. Also, the first day of spring could serve as a reminder to check your air conditioner's evaporator coil, which should be cleaned annually to ensure the system is performing at optimal levels.

2. Open windows. Opening windows creates a cross-wise breeze, allowing you to naturally cool your home without switching on air conditioners. This is an ideal tactic in spring when temperatures are mild.

3. Use ceiling fans. Cooling your home with ceiling fans will allow you to raise your thermostat four degrees. This can help lower your electricity bills without sacrificing overall comfort.

4. Cook outside. On warmer spring days, keep the heat out of your home by using an outdoor grill instead of indoor ovens.

5. Install window treatments. Energy efficient window treatments or coverings such as blinds, shades and films can slash heat gain when temperatures rise. These devices not only

improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.

6. Caulk air leaks. Using low-cost caulk to seal cracks and openings in your home keeps warm air out -- and cash in your wallet.

7. Bring in sunlight. During daylight hours, switch off artificial lights and use windows and skylights to brighten your home.

8. Set the thermostat. On warm days, setting a programmable thermostat to a higher setting when you are not at home can help reduce your energy costs by approximately 10 percent.

9. Seal ducts. Air loss through ducts can lead to high electricity costs, accounting for nearly 30 percent of a cooling system's energy consumption. Sealing and insulating ducts can go a long way toward lowering your electricity bills.

10. Switch on bathroom fans. Bathroom fans suck out heat and humidity from your home, improving comfort.

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Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

Fruit Layer:

- 3 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 3 cups diced rhubarb
- 1 cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Crunch Topping:

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup butter

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Make the fruit layer: Mix strawberries, rhubarb, white sugar, and flour together in a large bowl. Place the mixture in a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Fruit and sugar mixture resting in a white baking dish.

Make the topping: Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, brown sugar, oats, and butter and mix until crumbly. You may want to use a pastry cutter for this. Sprinkle on top of the rhubarb and strawberry layer.

Fruits and sugar mix in a white baking dish with pasty crumble being poured on top with extra crumble off to the side.

Bake in the preheated oven until crisp and lightly browned, about 45 minutes.

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Baby Back Ribs

- 2 pounds pork baby back ribs
- aluminum foil
- cooking spray
- 1 (18 oz.) bottle barbecue sauce

Cut ribs into 4 equal portions.

Tear off four pieces of aluminum foil big enough to enclose each portion of ribs. Grease each piece of foil with cooking spray.

Brush ribs liberally with barbecue sauce; place each portion of ribs on a piece of foil. Wrap tightly and refrigerate for 8 hours to overnight.

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F.

Bake ribs wrapped tightly in foil in the preheated oven for 2 1/2 hours. Remove ribs from foil and serve with more sauce, if desired.

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Sweet Restaurant Slaw

- 1 (16 ounce) bag coleslaw mix
- 2 tablespoons diced onion
- 2/3 cup creamy salad dressing (such as Miracle Whip™)
- ½ cup white sugar
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- ½ teaspoon poppy seeds
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Combine coleslaw mix and onion in a large bowl.

Whisk salad dressing, sugar, vegetable oil, vinegar, poppy seeds, and salt together in a medium bowl until blended. Pour dressing over coleslaw mixture and toss to coat.

Chill for at least 2 hours before serving.

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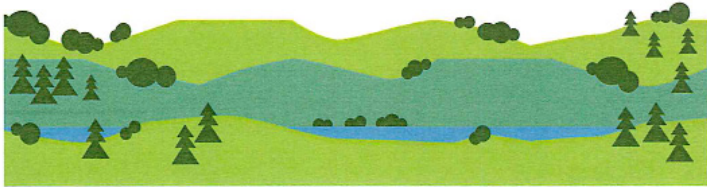
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- May 2:** World Tuna Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, National Foster Care Day, Life Insurance Day, National Truffle Day.
- May 3:** World Press Freedom Day, National Montana Day, Textiles Day, Bike to School Day, Garden Meditation Day.
- May 4:** National Self-Employed Day, Bird Day, Weather Observers Day, National Day of Prayer, Star Wars Day.
- May 5:** Cinco De Mayo, National Astronaut Day, School Lunch Hero Day, Cartoonists Day, Totally Chipotle Day.
- May 6:** National Play Outside Day, Kentucky Derby, National Fitness Day, National Nurses Day, National Beverage Day.
- May 7:** National Tourism Day, Lemonade Day, Packaging Design Day, Roast of Leg of Lamb Day, National Paste Up Day.
- May 8:** World Ovarian Cancer Day, World Red Cross Day, Student Nurse Day, Have a Coke Day, Coconut Cream Pie Day.
- May 9:** National Home Front Heroes Day, Alphabet Magnet Day, Sleepover Day, Butterscotch Brownie Day, Europe Day.
- May 10:** World Lupus Day, Washington Day, Clean Up Your Room Day, School Nurse Day, National Receptionists Day.
- May 11:** National Eat What You Want Day, National Foam Rolling Day, National Twilight Zone Day.
- May 12:** International Nurses Day, Nutty Fudge Day, Odometer Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Provider Appreciation.
- May 13:** National Dog Mom's Day, Archery Day, National Train Day, Babysitter's Day, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day.
- May 14:** Mother's Day, Buttermilk Biscuit Day, Dance Like a Chicken Day, Underground America Day.
- May 15:** International Kangaroo Care Awareness Day, Chocolate Chip Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day, Nylon Stocking Day.
- May 16:** International Day of Living in Peace, International Day of Light, Mimosa Day, National Barbecue Day, Love a Tree Day.
- May 17:** World Hypertension Day, Idaho Day, Graduation Tassel Day, Cherry Cobbler Day, National Pack Rat Day.
- May 18:** International Museum Day, Cheese Souffle Day, No Dirty Dishes Day, Visit Your Relatives Day.
- May 19:** Nascar Day, National Pizza Party Day, Bike to Work Day, Devil's Food Cake Day, Endangered Species Day.
- May 20:** National Streaming Day, World Bee Day, Rescue Dog Day, Be a Millionaire Day, Learn to Swim Day.
- May 21:** National Take Your Parents to the Playground Day, Memo Day, Strawberries & Cream Day, Waitstaff Day.
- May 22:** International Being You Day, Solitaire Day, Buy a Musical Instrument Day, Vanilla Pudding Day.
- May 23:** National Taffy Day, Lucky Penny Day.
- May 24:** National Wyoming Day, Brother's Day, Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, Scavenger Hunt Day.
- May 25:** Geek Pride Day, National Wine Day, Brown-bag-it Day, Missing Children's Day, Tap Dance Day.
- May 26:** National Road Trip Day, Cooler Day, Blueberry Cheesecake Day, National Don't Fry Day.
- May 27:** National Grape Popsicle Day, National Cellophane Tape Day.
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- I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a season veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.
- How dows Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.
- This girls said she recognized me from the vegetaran club, but I'd never met herivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.
- A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- PMS joes aren't funny. Period.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!
- What do you call a dinosaur with the extensiv vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

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