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Chadron Woman Finds 'Kismet' in Doggy Daycare

It was "kismet"! Definition: "when you encounter something by chance that seems like it was meant to be." This is how Kelli Willey of rural Chadron explains her new adventure.

Willey hit the ground running when she heard Terri Lemmon was relocating and would no longer offer "Playful Pastures", a popular doggy daycare located south of Chadron.

"A dear friend had called me last fall, when Terri stopped boarding, thinking it would be a great idea for me, and a needed service. I contacted Terri, possibly the day after they excepted an offer on their place and it spiraled from there."

Kelli lives nine miles east of Chadron along the Little Bordeaux, which would continue to give the dogs the opportunity to play in a creek. She bought the place 11 years ago where she raises cows and has her dog Sam Hoot in addition as working as a independent crop adjuster. She grew up in the Harrison area where she graduated from Sioux County High School. She went on to



All the dogs love treat time especially one is celebrating it's Birthday at the new dog daycare.



Kelli Willey of rural Chadron was just approaching her first month of the Dawgy Dude Ranch, but you'd never know it by all the dogs reactions when she approached them.

study at the University of Wyoming where she earned her degree in Agriculture Education. She worked for Farm Service Agency for 18 years, first as the County Executive Director in Harding County in Buffalo, S.D., then in Dawes County.

Kelli was able to work for Terri for almost eight weeks, six weeks longer than she had intended to continue to operate. "I just can't thank her enough for giving me the experience and getting to know the dogs. Just shows how much she loves the dogs and wanted for them to continue to get to have their time in the country," explained Kelli.

Besides working with the dogs, Kelli had to do a little other prep for the new "Dawgy Dude Ranch". She removed a small lot that was used for calving in order to add three (Continued on Page 2)

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Dawgy Dude Ranch-



Kelli's boyfriend, Sterling Brunson of Edgemont, S.D. together with her dad during the preparation for the Dawgy Dude Ranch included removing a small lot to add three large runs, to keep the dogs from running the fence, and added hydrants to each run.

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large runs, . "The west side of each run is super steel, which provides additional shade and keeps the dogs from running the fence, and added hydrants to each run."

"Again, I can't thank Terri enough, for the experience to know what I wanted to build and how to build it. Such invaluable experience. And I was able to buy her equipment, including the Bow Wow Bus," explained Kelli.

The transition from Playful Pastures to the Dawgy Dude Ranch went smoothly with no down days. "Terri closed Friday, Aug. 11, and I was able to open Monday Aug.14," said Kelli. Her maximum capacity is 20 dogs, and she averages between 15-20 daily. She transports daily and says she is fortunate enough that the bus is at maximum capacity. There is a minimal fee for transportation each day with availability and approval. Proof of vaccinations are required, including Rabies, Bordetell and DA2PPVL2 or equivalent (Distemper, Parvavirus, Adrenavirus, Parainfluenza and Leptospirosis). Recommended health protocol include flea and tick preventative and internal parasites.

Daycare is offered Monday thru Friday with pickup between 6:15 and 7:30 a.m., with dropoff between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Client forms are available upon request and be required the first day services are provided. Daycare services may not be offered on major holidays. It is also subject to change due to availability and inclement weather Daycare and/or transportation may be limited during the month of March for calving, and various times throughout the year for herd health.

The Dawgy Dude Ranch continues the birthday celebrations of all the dogs. "I try to celebrate the dogs and make it fun for them," said Kelli.

Although she doesn't offer boarding, she said Michelle Rickenback of rural Chadron will be opening a boarding facility mid-October, "Cresent Ridge".

Kelli is completely content being a stay at home dog mom! "I love everything. The dogs are so happy!"

For more information about Dawgy Dude Ranch, LLC, contact Kelli at 308-430-5499 or dawgyduderanch@gmail.com. They also have a Facebook page where you can watch the dogs' daily adventures.





The pooches all loaded up (below) in the "Bow-Wow Bus" are ready for transport from Chadron out to the ranch east of town.



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Fall Energy Savings and Heating Tips for your Home

These fall energy saving tips can help you lower your heating bill and reduce wear and tear on your heating system. When you turn the heat on in the fall, you want to make sure your home is winter ready. From giving your heating system a thorough checkup to beefing up your insulation, we share these energy saving ways to heat your home and cut energy use.

Tips for energy-efficient heating this fall

These energy-saving tips for fall will not only keep your home running efficiently, they will also make your home more comfortable.

Check your home's insulation

If you haven't checked your insulation in a few years, take the time to do it now. Believe it or not, insulation does wear out. Over time it settles and loses the air pockets that make it effective.

Manufacturers are always working to improve their products, so you have plenty of new attic insulation types that are worth the investment of time and money. Adding to or replacing existing material can help you with attic insulation cost savings that make your entire home more efficient and comfortable year round.

Reverse the direction of your ceiling fans for fall

Improving the circulation of heat is another way to reduce the time your heating system operates. Which way a ceiling fan should turn in the summer is different than in the winter. Warm air rises, making the warmest air in the room near the ceiling. Reversing that is one of the common energy saving tips for fall.

Adjust the fan to run clockwise at a low speed in the winter



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to draw cold air up from the floor. As it flows upward, it pushes the warm air out toward your walls and down into your living space.

Check your fireplace for drafts

Your fireplace could be a source of cold drafts more often than a source of heat. The chimney and flue open to the outside and thus can be a major source of lost heat. Rising heat could rush up through your chimney and out of your home.

When thinking of ways to heat your home and save energy, stopping this heat loss is vital. Repair a loose or damaged damper so your chimney will not suck heat from your room. Keep it closed when you don't have a fire. Adding glass doors over your fireplace opening will let you enjoy the fire and its heat, while preventing warm room air from going up the chimney. You can also cover the fireplace opening when you're not using it to put a stop to drafts.

Use smart LED lights for lamps and decorations

Fall energy saving tips include replacing inefficient incandescent light bulbs. LED lights use far less energy. When you connect them to smart home systems that automate their operation, you can really save money. Smart lighting can be used with holiday decorations to ensure you are making the most efficient use of electricity in your home.

Switch off kitchen appliances when not in use

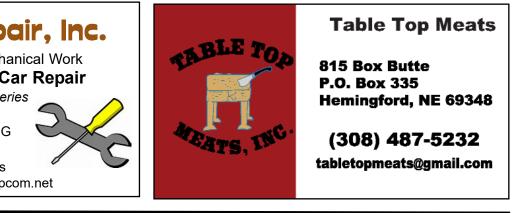
Modern appliances often continue to draw power, even in the off position. Unplug appliances to save energy and stop these electricity vampires from running up your electric bill.

Keep oven doors closed when cooking

One of the easy ways to save energy in your home is to change your habits. Resist the temptation to check on your food by opening your oven, air fryer or microwave during cooking. Keeping the doors closed helps the appliances evenly maintain the proper cooking temperature and prevent the wasteful loss of heat that increases their energy use.

Take advantage of the sun for natural heat and lighting

Sunlight is a natural and powerful source of energy all year round. In the fall, you can capture and use its power by letting its light into your windows. Adding solar panels is another of the home energy options that can make your house more efficient. You don't have to invest in an expensive house-wide system. Connect small portable solar panels to power stations that can run small appliances. These low investment and low commitment systems are also nice to have around if a winter storm knocks out power.



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ELECTRICAL SAFETY: CHECKLIST

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

• Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers

- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- Flickering or dimming lights
- Sparks from an outlet

Inspect your home for hidden electrical hazards.

Check electrical cords to make sure the wires are not damaged, cracked or loose. If the cords need to be repaired, take the item to a professional repair shop, hire an electrician or replace with a new item.

Make sure cords are not running across doorways or under carpets. If they are, have a qualified electrician install more outlets.

Keep children away from electric cords and outlets. Cords placed in the mouth can cause a burn and objects

placed in a receptacle can cause a shock, burns or electrocution.

Make sure that all receptacle outlets and switches have face-

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☐ Never put more than one plug in each receptacle. An outlet may have one or more receptacles — one to receive each plug.

Be sure that the bulbs in

your lights match what is safe for the lamp. There should be a sticker that indicates the



maximum wattage for the light bulb — such as use maximum of a 60 watt bulb.

Light bulbs in the living area of your home, including closets, should have a shade or globe for protection. Light bulbs can get very hot and cause a fire if something that can burn is too close.

Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) reduce the risk of shock by shutting off an electrical circuit when the circuit could be a shock hazard. Your home should have GFCIs in the kitchen, bathroom(s), laundry, basement, garage, and outdoor areas.

Heat producing appliances such as a toaster, coffee maker, iron or microwave oven draw a lot of electricity.

Plug only one heat producing appliance in each outlet to prevent

Buy only appliances that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) protect against fire by monitoring the electrical current in a circuit and shutting off the circuit when unintended arcing occurs. AFCIs should be installed in your home. If not, have a qualified electrician install them for you.

Keep ladders away from overhead power lines, including the electrical service into your home.

Think Green! Turn off lights when you are not in the room. Unplug appliances when not i



NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

Mon., Oct 2	Girls Golf at NSAA Districts
Tues., Oct. 3	FB (MS) vs. Valentine 9-man
	XC (V-MS) at Kimball WTC, 10 a.m.
	VB (MS) at Alliance St. Agnes, 4 p.m.
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Wed., Oct. 4	FFA Livestock Judging at Hemingford
Thurs., Oct. 5	VB (JV-V) vs. Valentine
	VB (MS) vs. Hay Springs, 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 6	FB (V) at West Hole, 6 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	VB (MS) at Bennett Co. Invite, 9 a.m.
Mon., Oct. 9	FB (JV) at Valentine, 5:30 p.m. MT
Tues., Oct. 10	Girls Golf at NSAA State
	VB (C-JV-V) at Gering
	Gordon Elementary P-T Conf, 4-7 p.m.
	VB (MS) at Bridgeport Tri (A Team), 4 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11	GRES/MS No School - Staff Inservice
Thurs., Oct. 12	XC (V) Districts
	VB (C-JV-V) vs. Rapid City Christian, 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 13	FB (V) at Hershey, 5 p.m. MT
Sat., Oct. 14	VB (JV) at Alliance Invite, 9 a.m.
	VB (V) at Valentine Invite, 9 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 17	JV/V vs. Morrill, Parents Night, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 19	VB (JV-V) vs. Bennett Co., 5 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 20	First Quarter Ends, Noon Dismissal
	XC State Championship, Karney
	FB (V) vs. Mitchell (Parents Night, 6 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 23	VB Subdistricts
	U Bowling at Alliance
Wed., Oct. 25	CSC Scholastic Contest

Thurs., Oct. 26	Parent-Teacher Conf., 4-7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	Fall Break - No School
Sat., Oct. 28	VB District Finals
	U Bowling Squad at Alliance
Thurs., Nov. 2	WR (MS) at GR MS Invite, 1 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 4	GBB (MS) at Bennett Co. Jamboree, 9 a.m.
	U Bowling Quad at G-R, 10 a.m.

CrawfordRams

Mon., Oct. 2	VB (JH) vs. Hemingford, 3 p.m. FB (JH) vs. Hemingford, 5 p.m. VB (JV-V) vs. Hemingford, 5, 6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 5	XC (V) Girls at Hillside Golf Course, 3 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 6	FB (JH) at Hay Springs, 2 p.m.
·	VB (JH) at Hay Springs, 2 p.m.
	VB (V) at Hay Springs, 4 p.m.
	FB (V) at Hay Springs, 7 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 9	FB (JV) at Hay Springs, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 12	XC (V) Districts, tba
Fri., Oct. 13	VB (JV-V) vs. Minatare, 4, 5 p .m.
	FB (V) vs. Minatare, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	VB (V) PanCo at Hay Springs, tbd
Mon., Oct. 16	VB (JV) at Alliance Quad, 4 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 17	VB (V) Crawford Triangular, 4 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 19	VB (JV-V) at Banner Co., 4, 5 p.m.
	FB (V) at Banner Co., 6 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	WR (JH) at Banner Co. Invite, 9 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 2	WR (JH) at Gordon-Rushville Invite, 1 p.m.





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HemingfordBobcats

Mon., Oct. 2	XC (JH-V) at Kimball, 11 a.m.
	VB (JH) at Crawford, 4 p.m.
	VB (JV-V) at Crawford, 4, 6 p.m.
	FB (JH) at Crawford, 5 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 4	FFA JrSr. Livestock Selection (tentatively)
	Walk and Roll to School Day, 7:30 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 5	VB (V) at Hay Springs, 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 5	FB (V) at Kimball, 7 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 9	VB (JH) vs. Hay Springs, 4 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 10	VB (JV-V) vs. Bayard, 4, 5 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11	FFA Area Land Judging
	Mini Cheer Clinic Practice, 3:45 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 12	XC (V) Districts, tbd
Fri., Oct. 13	End of Quarter 1
	Mini Cheer Clinic Perf. at Halftime of FB
	FB (V) vs. Morrill, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	VB (V) PanCo at Hay Springs
Tues., Oct. 17	FFA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	NO School - PT Conf., 1 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 19	NO SCHOOL
	VB (V) at Minatare 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 20	XC (V) State at Kearney
	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
Mon., Oct. 23	VB (V) Sub-Districts, tbd
Wed., Oct. 25	FCCLA District Conference
Fri., Oct. 27	WR (JH) at Banner Co., 9 a.m.
	Vb (V) Districts, tbd

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Mon., Oct. 2	Girls Golf Districts at Crandell Creek
	NO SCHOOL - Staff In-Service
	Girls SB Districts, tbd
	VB (MS), 8th vs. Alliance, 4 p.m.
	VB (MS), 7th at Alliance, 4 p.m.
	FB (JV) at Alliance, 5 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 3	VB (C-JV-V) at Rapid City Christian, 4, 5, 6 p.m.
	FB vs. Alliance, 7th-5 p.m., 8th-6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 5	XC (V) at Hillside Golf Course, 3 p.m.
	VB (7th) vs. Gering 4 p.m.
	VB (8th) at Gering, 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 6	FBLA Chili Feed
	FB (V) vs. Ogallala, 6 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 7	VB (V) at Sidney Conf. Tourney, tbd
	FB (MS) at Sidney, 7th-9 a.m., 8th-10:30 a.m.
Oct. 9-10	Girls State Golf , tbd
Tues., Oct. 10	VB (C-JV-V) at Sidney, 4, 5, 6 p.m.
Oct. 11-23	Girls State Softball at Hasting, tbd
Thurs., Oct. 12	XC (V) Districts
Fri., Oct. 13	FB (V) at Alliance, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	VB (JV) at Alliance Invite, 9 a.m.
	VB (V) at Valentine Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Mon., Oct. 16	SB Finals at UNO Claussen Field, tbd
	VB (C) at Alliance Quad, 4 p.m.
	FB (JV) at Gering, 5 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 17	6-12 Band Concert, HS Aud., 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 19	VB (C-JV-V) vs. Alliance, 4, 5, 6 p.m.



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NRPPD ELECTRIC TIPS

Fri., Oct. 20	XC (V) State at Kearney, tbd
0-1-02-04	FB (V) vs. McCook, 5 p.m.
Oct. 23-24	VB (V) Sub-Districts, tbd
Thurs., Oct. 26	6-12 Music Concert, HS Aud., 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	FB (V) Playoffs, tbd
Sat., Oct. 28	VB (V), tba
Nov. 1-4	State Volleyabll at UNL, tbd
Thurs., Nov. 2	WR (MS) Gordon-Rush. Invite in Rush, 1 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 3	FB (V) Playoffs, tbd
Sat., Nov. 4	Old West Choir Festival, Gering High School
	WR (MS) at Scottsbluff Invite, 9 a.m.
Hay SpringsHawks	
Mon., Oct. 2	HOMECOMING WEEK
Tues., Oct. 3	Coronation, 2:30 p.m.
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Mon., Oct. 9 Tues., Oct. 10	FB (JV) vs. Crawford, 5 p.m. PreK-Elementary Pictures VB HS Tri (Hyannis/Morrill), 4 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 11	ML-HS Pictures
	Hawk Talk at Senior Center, 8 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 12	XC Districts
	First Quarter Ends
Fri., Oct. 13	FB (JH) at Sioux Co., 11:30 a.m.
	VB (JH) at Sioux Co., 11:30 a.m.
	FB (V) at Sioux County, 2 p.m.
	VB (V) at Sioux County, 4:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 14	VB (V) PanCo at Hay Springs, 9 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 17	Dental Day, 8:30 a.m.
	VB (V) at Bridgeport, 5 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 18	Quarter Assembly, 3:15 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 19	FB (JH) vs. Cody-Kilgore, 4 p.m.
	FB (V) vs. Cody-Kilgore, 7 p.m.
	Senior Parent's Night/Pink Out
Fri., Oct. 20	State XC
	Teacher-Inservice
	HS Hal Trip
Wed., Oct. 25	CSC Scholastic Day
Thurs., Oct. 26	K-1, GR 2-3 Fall Concert, 7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	FB Playoffs Begin, tbd
	WR (JH) at Banner Co. Tourney, 9 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 28	VB District Playoffs begin
Wed., Nov. 1	PanCo Music Clinc
Nov. 1-4	State Volleyball
Thurs., Nov. 2	National FFA Conv. in Indianapolis
	Picture Retake Day
	WR (JH) at Gordon-Rushville, 1 p.m.



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NRPPD ENTERTAINMENT



Recipes

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

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Unstuffed Cabbage Roll

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 small head cabbage, chopped
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- ½ cup water
- · 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat a Dutch oven or large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir beef and onion in the hot Dutch oven until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes; drain and discard grease.

Add cabbage, tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, garlic, salt, and pepper and bring to a boil. Cover Dutch oven, reduce heat, and simmer until cabbage is tender, about 30 minutes.

Kid's Favorite Pizza Casserole

- 2 cups elbow macaroni
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 (14 ounce) jar pizza sauce
- 1 (4 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (4.5 ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 pound shredded mozzarella cheese Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook elbow macaroni in the boiling water, stirring occasionally, until cooked through but firm to the bite, 8 minutes. Drain.

Cook and stir ground beef in a skillet over medium heat until meat is crumbly and browned, about 10 minutes; drain excess grease.



Mix cooked ground beef, macaroni, pizza sauce, tomato sauce, and mushrooms in a bowl. Layer half the macaroni mixture into a 9x12-inch baking dish; top with 1/2 the mozzarella cheese. Layer remaining macaroni mixture over the top; sprinkle remaining mozzarella cheese over macaroni mixture. Cover dish with aluminum foil.

Bake in the preheated oven until cheese has melted and casserole is bubbling, about 35 minutes. Let cool for 3 to 5 minutes before serving.

King Ranch Chicken Casserole

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium white onion, diced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, diced
- 1 medium green bell pepper, diced
- 1 (10.5 oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10.5 oz.) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 (10 oz.) can Rotel
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ancho chile powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- ¹/₄ teaspoon chipotle chile powder
- 1 (3 lb.) cooked chicken, torn into shreds or cut into chunks
- 1 (8 oz.) package shredded Cheddar cheese
- 10 (6 inch) corn tortillas, cut into quarters Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Heat oil in a large skillet over high heat. Saute onion and bell peppers in the hot oil until warmed through, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl.

Add both cans of condensed soup, diced tomatoes with chile peppers, chicken broth, sour cream, cumin, ancho chile powder, oregano, and chipotle chile powder; mix until sauce is well-combined.

Spread a few tablespoons of sauce in the bottom of a 9x13inch baking dish. Layer with 1/2 of the chicken, 1/2 of the sauce, 1/2 of the Cheddar cheese, and 1/2 of the tortillas.

Spread the remaining chicken over the tortillas. Spread all but 1/2 cup of the remaining sauce over the chicken, then top with another 1/3 of the Cheddar, and the remaining tortillas. Spread the remaining 1/2 cup over top, and sprinkle with the remaining Cheddar.

Bake casserole in the preheated oven until bubbling, about 40 minutes. Turn on the broiler and broil until the top is golden, 2 to 3 more minutes.



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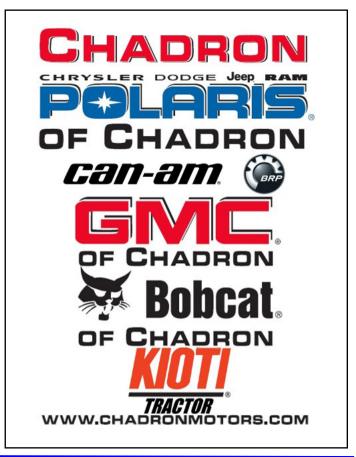


NRPPD ENTERTAINMENT Find Something to Celebrate in October

- **Oct. 1:** National Homemade Cookies Day, Police Memorial Day, Model T Day, International Coffee Day, Music Day.
- **Oct. 2:** Guardian Angels Day, Consignment Day, Custodian Day, Name Your Car Day, World Farm Animals Day.
- **Oct. 3:** National Boyfriend Day, Techies Day, Unity Day, Animal Welfare Week, Mean Girls Day, National Kevin Day.
- **Oct. 4:** National Cinnamon Roll Day, Golf Lovers Day, Pumpkin Seed Day, Truckers Appreciation Day, Habitat Day.
- **Oct. 5:** National Apple Betty Day, Be Nice Day, Do Something Nice Day, Kiss a Wrestler Day, Rhode Island Day.
- **Oct. 6:** Kids Music Day, Coaches Day, National Noodle Day, Mad Hatter Day, Transfer Money to Your Daughter Day.
- **Oct. 7:** Frugal Fun Day, National Frappe Day, LED Light Day, World Cotton Day, You Matter to Me Day, Jonathan Day.
- **Oct. 8:** International Newspaper Carrier Day, Fluffernutter Day, Heroes' Day, National Salmon Day, World Dyslexia Day.
- **Oct. 9:** Columbus Day, International Beer and Pizza Day, National Digitool Day, Kick Butt Day, Hospice Care Day.
- **Oct. 10:** Local Government Day, Angel Food Cake Day, Face Your Fears Day, Hug a Drummer Day, Handbag Day.
- **Oct. 11:** Emergency Nurses Day, It's My Party Day, Kim Day, Sausage Pizza Day, Take Your Parent's to Lunch Day.
- **Oct. 12:** Harry Potter Book Day, Pulled Pork Day, National Savings Day, Vermont Day, World Arthritis Day.
- **Oct. 13:** Ancestor's Day, Disaster Day, English Language Day, Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, M&M Day.
- **Oct. 14:** Be Bald and Be Free Day, I Love Yarn Day, Chess Day, Dessert Day, Motorcycle Ride Day, National Ryan Day.
- **Oct. 15:** International Day of Rural Women, Cheese Curd Day, National Grouch Day, I Love Lucy Day, Roast Pheasant Day.
- **Oct. 16:** Day of the Races, Dictionary Day, Global Cat Day, Heroes and Forefathers Day, Boss's Day, World Food Day.
- **Oct. 17:** Farmers Day, Pasta Day, Pay Back a Friend Day, Pharmacy Technician Day, Wear Something Gaudy Day.
- **Oct. 18:** Health Care Aide Day, Alaska Day, Chocolate Cupcake Day, Mashed Potato Day, Prayer Day, No Beard Day.
- **Oct. 19:** Conflict Resolution Day, Kentucky Day, Get Smart About Credit Day, Kentucky Day, National New Friends Day.



- **Oct. 20:** International Chefs Day, Mammography Day, Information Overload Day, National Jeff Day.
- **Oct. 21:** American Frog Day, Back to the Future Day, Everyone Writes Day, Loud Shirt Day, Apple Day, Fetch Day.
- **Oct. 22:** National Make a Dog's Day, Mother-in-Law Day, National Nut Day, Tight Ends Day, Smart is Cool Day.
- **Oct 23:** National Boston Cream Pie Day, Crock Day, National iPod Day, Mole Day, Slap Your Annoying Coworker Day.
- **Oct. 24:** National Bologna Day, Elizabeth Day, National Food Day, Kangaroo Awareness Day, World Polio Day.
- **Oct. 25:** International Artist Day, Lung Health Day, Greasy Foods Day, Punk for a Day Day, World Pasta Day.
- **Oct. 26:** Chicken Fried Steak Day, Day of the Deployed, Pumpkin Day, Tennessee Day, National Mule Day.
- **Oct. 27:** Cranky Co-Workers Day, Frankenstein Friday, American Beer Day, Black Cat Day, Breadstick Day.
- **Oct. 28:** Hug a Sheep Day, Muddy Dog Day, Chocolate Day, First Responders Day, Wild Foods Day.
- **Oct. 29:** National Cat Day, Hermit Day, Internet Day, Oatmeal Day, Visit a Cemetery Day, Polar Bear Week.
- **Oct. 30:** Mischief Night, Candy Corn Day, Checklist Day, National Text Your Ex Day, Treat Your Pet Day.
- **Oct. 31:** Halloween, Magic Day, Caramel Apple Day, Doorbell Day, Doorbell Day, Knock Knock Joke Day.



NRPPD ENTERTAINMENT

Bits 'n Pieces...

Simple Formula for Living....

- · Compliment three people every day.
- Watch a sunrise at lease once a year.
- Be the first to say, "Hello."
- Live beneath your means.
- Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
- · Forget the Joneses.
- Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
- Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
- Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
- Be kinder than necessary.
- Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
- Keep your promises.
- Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
- Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
- · Leave everything better than you found it.
- Remember the winners do what losers don't want to do.
- When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
- Don't rain on other people's parades.
- Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

My grandmother always said...

- · Don't go where you're not invited.
- Don't talk about what you don't know.
- Don't interfere with things that are none of your business.
- Do not open the fridge in someone else's house.
- Don't call after 10 p.m.
- Don't go see someone at lunchtime.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Don't enter other people's bedrooms without permission.

They were the rules of good manners and still are, because manners never go out of fashion!





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