

Northwest Rural Public Power District

Special Wedding Band Leads Soldier to Life in Nebraska

A request from a friend lead a US Air Force man on a 20 year unforeseen career path. The Winston, Ore.. native was serving a six year stint that lead him to Yukon, Okla. Jason Olsen had been stationed in Korea, Utah and had three tours in Saudi Arabia where he specialized as a CNC Programmer and Machinist at ProFab Inc. (aerospace industry).

He had a friend getting married and asked him if he would be able to fabricate a ring from titanium. Olsen already had all the tools so he decided to give it a try. He had worked for Max Machine & Titan Machine in the Oil Field Industry. "While at ProFab I was on a team of people who fabricated the docking ring for the International Space Station," explained Olsen.

After making his friend's wedding band, he liked the finished product so he went on to make his own wedding ring. "Pretty soon, others were asking about rings and wanted one. I realized I was onto something and "Venture Custom Shop" was launched and it wasn't long before I began mass fabricating custom bands."

It was the same friend's wedding that was held in Clinton, Neb. that would change his life in several



Jason Olsen of rural Gordon models one of his latest creations.

ways. "It was at the little red Church in Clinton that I met my future wife, Leah Van Kerrebrook.

Six years ago in August, he and his wife Leah relocated to Sheridan County from Yukon, Okla. because of her father's failing health. Leah graduated from Rushville and attended Chadron State and is currently employed at The First National Bank of Gordon. They now have a 12 year old daughter, Jordan, who began the seventh grade this fall.

"Never would I have believed that 20 years ago that I would be making wedding bands in rural Nebraska," said Olsen, who admits he is not missing the traffic at all and is enjoying the quiet life.

Olsen's business grew rapidly and he is now producing a little over 700 rings per year, so it became a full time job in no time. His customers are literally from all over the world including clients as far away as Australia.

Olsen started with a small lathe he converted in to a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machine in which he writes a program and then a machine runs the program to make the ring. About five years ago he built a new machine that took quite a bit of engineering. There wasn't anything available that was close to what he wanted and the large ones were close to \$75,000. He was able to make a custom machine for around \$5000. It was about that same time frame he began experimenting with carbon fiber. "I had gotten a mountain bike that needed some

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Wedding Bands--

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repair and I thought carbon fiber would be the perfect solution for the repair in which it worked. After that success, I wondered about making rings out of carbon fiber. He said he has had a lot of trial and error along the way in perfecting his craft which in turn made great learning lessons. He has 15 different tools which all have a different purpose beginning from carving out the original hole, some for smoothing, others for engraving. During this interview, he chose a skull and cross design that had over 5000 codes for the engraving. "I've had some designs that have required half a million," said Olsen.

On the designs that have color he uses an enamel paint which is baked on. His rings run from size five all the way up to 15. He has had a few requests for his and her bands, but the majority of the orders are for men.

Today still approximately 70 percent of his orders are for carbon fiber. He continues to wind his own fiber. The titanium he orders comes in cylinders, he also offers black titanium which he believes is good choice for the "handy guys".

The rings became so popular he started up an Etsy store for them with his most popular being a blue line, which showed support for law enforcement. Today, he still prefers to titanium over carbon fiber because the titanium



Jason Olsen selecting all the proper codes on the computer before sending them to the "robot" to be carved/engraved.

is much stronger whereas the carbon fiber is lighter and wears out more easily.

His first big seller was with "The Thin Blue Line". "I designed a ring for a Fire Department Award Ceremony that incorporated the Maltese Cross," he explained. He's since designed rings for Auto/Motorcycle racers along with athletes. "I have a total of 140 designs to choose from. I make all the rings to order and once they are cut they can be resized. It can take from 20 minutes or up to two and half hours to produce a ring with a price range of \$140-\$400.

Olsen currently doesn't have any local vendors. "I have my Etsy store which allows me the freedom to sell all of my ring designs. I also wholesale thru titaniumbuzz.com but then only offer a limited variety of my ring collection," he explained. To check out his etsy shop, go to <https://www.etsy.com/shop/VentureCustomShop>

Although the Olsens live in the country they don't farm or ranch themselves. "My mother-in-law rents out the pastures to a local cattle rancher," said Olsen. When he is not busy with rings, he helps maintain the family ranch. "I enjoy off-roading and working on a custom truck project. I love to play bass guitar especially at our church and spend time with family and friends," he ended.



The engraver removing excess titanium to shape the ring to the precise shape.



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NRPPD Sponsored Youth Named 2022 Ambassador

The 2022 NREA Youth Energy Leadership Camp was held July 18 to 22 at the 4-H Camp in the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey. There were 46 campers from 22 member systems with eight counselors and five junior counselors. Member-systems that provided counselors were Cornhusker PPD, KBR RPPD, Loup Valleys RPPD, Niobrara Valley EMC, Norris PPD, Perennial PPD, and South Central PPD.

Through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program, campers depart after five days far more knowledgeable than when they arrived. A tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provided a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

It was another great camp, with hot temperatures this year and plenty of water in the Middle Loup River for canoeing. Presentations during camp were provided by Custer PPD, NREA, Central Irrigation and Public Power District and NPPD. Midwest PPD also helped by providing a bucket truck for the group photo.

A special thanks to Custer PPD director Wayne Licking and his wife, Terri, and Custer PPD General Manager Rick Nelson for attending the camp banquet on Thursday evening.

The 2022 Ambassadors were Delaney Rogers of Dunning (Custer PPD), James Doyle of Osmond (Northeast Power), and Alexa Tollman of Crawford (Northwest RPPD). The 2022 Good Eggs were Lenora Kester of Clearwater, Neb. (Elkhorn PPD) and Braden Bruha of Ord, Neb. (Loup Valleys RPPD).

ALEXA TOLLMAN was selected as one of the ten Ambassador finalists at Youth Energy Leadership Camp in July and she earned one of the top three Ambassador spots. She will get to attend the 2023 NRECA Youth Tour and she will also get to return next year as a Junior Counselor a camp.

Tollman is a 16 year old junior at Crawford High School this fall and is the daughter of Justin and Tami Tollman. "My dad had encouraged me to attend a Leadership Camp and then someone mentioned NREA Youth Leadership Camp to him and he was sold on sending me to it," said Alexa.



The three 2022 Ambassadors from left, Delaney Rogers of Dunning (Custer PPD), James Doyle of Osmond (Northeast Power) and Alexa Tollman of Crawford (Northwest RPPD).

"I hoped to gain some Leadership qualities and confidence in myself. And of course at summer camp, a little bit of summer fun," said Alexa.

Her highlights of the Camp included touring the Gerald Gentleman Station and Kingsley Dam. "The banquet and dance were a lot of fun. At Gerald Gentlemen Station we were shown the process energy is produced and learned a ton from that experience," noted Alexa.

"I would highly recommend this camp to others. If you love learning about power and sharpening your leadership skills this camp is for you! You learn about all the different careers within the NRPPD and explore the different jobs," she added.

At Crawford High, she participates in volleyball, basketball, FFA, Student Council, Cheerleading and History Day. Outside of school she is involved in 4-H and The Crew-Farm Bureau. During the summer, she is employed at Fort Robinson State Park as a wrangler and lifeguard.

Her future goals include attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and study ag, either Ag Education or Agribusiness.

Tollman has a younger brother, Garrett Tollman, 13. She notes that her dad, Justin Tollman and Moni Hourt are her mentors.

"Thanks for sending such a great representative for Northwest RPPD to camp," stated Wayne Price, Camp Director.

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Northwest Welcomes New Lineman from Oshkosh

Northwest Rural recently welcomed a new lineman, Cole Coss, from Oshkosh where he grew up and graduated from Garden County High School in 2021. He recently graduated from Mitchell Tech Powerline Construction and Maintenance.

He previously was employed at D & Investments for two years in addition to Decock Construction also for two years.

Coss applied to NRPPD because he believed it would be a great location with multiple opportunities. "I wanted a career where I could help people and work outside," explained Coss. He is enjoying meeting new people while working at different job sites.



Cole Coss

He is now living in Hay Springs and enjoys hunting,

fishing and camping in his free time.

FUN FACTS:

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Movie: Grown Ups

Favorite Music: 90s Country

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

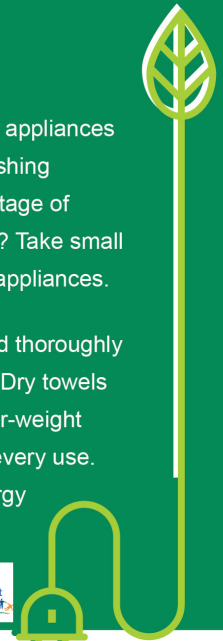
Did you know the combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average U.S. home? Take small steps to save energy when using these appliances.

Only run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food from dishes before loading. Dry towels and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing, and clean the lint screen after every use.

Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.



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Know and Teach Electrical Safety During Harvest

To help keep those who work or do business on your farm safe not only during harvest but year-round, follow these electrical safety tips:

- Educate everyone that potential electrical hazards include both direct and indirect contact with an overhead power line or pole. Indirect contact (coming too close to a power line or pole), could cause electricity to arc/jump.
- Both direct and indirect contact can change electricity's path to ground. Once that path changes, the stray voltage can energize anything in its path, such as a truck, a tractor, an extension, the ground, or a person.
- Start every workday with a safety meeting. Discuss all operations for the day and go over power line/pole locations. Emphasize safety above speed to everyone on the farm, especially during busy seasons like harvest.
- Never assume that because someone grew up on the farm that they understand the potential of stray voltage or other electrical hazards. In fact, do not assume this for anyone. For example, teens who have moved irrigation pipes to free an animal have been seriously hurt or electrocuted.
- Encourage drivers and operators to position grain augers in their lowest position or to lower truck bed boxes before moving. Be especially cautious of overhead lines when using augers in the field to load trucks on the road.
- Review potential hazards with grain/dump truck drivers and spot them when possible. Also:
 - Encourage drivers to load and unload all materials away from overhead power lines.
 - Even better, create a dedicated drop zone away from all overhead power lines.
 - Post 10-foot clearance rule and "look up and look out" reminders.
- If you see that a hydraulic truck bed, extensions or other equipment gets within 10 feet of or contacts a power line, utility pole



or guy wire, instruct the driver to stay in the cab. Call 9-1-1 to have your electric cooperative or utility dispatched to deenergize the power. Give instructions from 50 feet away and inform everyone else to stay back.

Know how to instruct someone to properly exit a cab if necessary due to fire (do so from at least 50 feet away). The person should cross their arms close to their chest and make a solid jump out of the cab. Then, the person should make deliberate hops, with feet together, hopping away as far as they can. When people walk or run in an area with stray voltage, they could be exposed to two different voltages at the same time and become electricity's path to ground. This is known as step potential.

Encourage folding and unfolding to be done well into the field, not at the field's edge, which could have power lines running next to it.

Do not store irrigation pipes, hay bales, machinery or anything else under power lines.

Be aware of power line locations in the proximity of grain bins. Always load and unload on the side without a power line. Contact your electric cooperative or utility with questions about grain bin power line clearance/OSHA regulations.

Contact Northwest Rural about damaged or downed power lines or poles. Utility crews would much rather check out an issue than risk a potentially dangerous situation.

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Northwest Rural Territory Activities

Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

Thurs., Sept. 1 VB (C-JV-V) vs. Chadron, 5 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 2 XC at Gering, 11 a.m.
 FB at Alliance, 7 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 6 Girls Golf at Chadron, 9 a.m.
 FB (JV) at Hemingford, 6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8 Girls Golf at Mitchell, 9 a.m.
VB (JV-V) vs. Bayard, 5 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9 FB vs. Sidney, 6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 10 G-R VB Invite, 9 a.m. (Hay Springs, Crawford, Lakota Tech, Hyannis)
 XC at Chadron, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 12 Girls Golf at Gering, 9 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 13 XC at Bridgeport, 4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 14 GRHS School Photos
Thurs., Sept. 15 Girls Golf at North Platte, 9 a.m.
GES School Pictures
 VB Tri at Ainsworth (Cody-Kilg), 4 p.m.
 FB (V) at Ord, 7 p.m. CDT
Sat., Sept. 17 XC at Alliance, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 19 FB (JV) vs. Bridgeport, 5 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20 Girls Golf at Valentine, 9 a.m.
 VB (C-JV-V) vs. Alliance, 4 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22 Girls Golf WTC at Bridgeport,
 XC at Gordon Golf/Country Club, 4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 23 FB vs. Chase County, 6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 24 VB (V) at Mitchell Invite, 9 a.m.

Mon., Sept. 26 Girls Golf at Alliance, 9 a.m.
 XC at UNK, 1 p.m. CST
 FB (JV) at Alliance, 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27 VB (C-JV-V) at Chadron, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 29 XC at Bayard, 2:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30 FB (V) at Valentine, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 1 VB at Lead-Deadwood Invite
Oct. 3-4 Girls Golf Districts, tba
Mon., Oct. 3 XC WTC at Hemingford, 11 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6 FB (V) vs. West Holt, 4 p.m.
 VB (JV-V) at Valentine, 5 p.m. MST
Sat., Oct. 8 VB (9th-C) G-R Invite, 9 a.m.
Oct. 10-11 State Girls Golf at Columbus

Crawford Rams

Thurs., Sept. 1 VB (JV-V) vs. Lusk, 5 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 2 XC at Gering, 11 a.m.
 VB (JV-V) at Potter-Dix, 4 p.m.
 FB at Potter-Dix, 7 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 5 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
Tues., Sept. 6 FB (JH) vs. Edgemont, 3 p.m.
 VB (JH) vs. Edgemont, 3 p.m.
 VB (V) Tri at Hemingford (Hay Springs), 5 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8 VB (JH) at Chadron, 4 p.m.
 FB at Creek Valley, 6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 10 VB (JV) Sheridan Co. Invite at Rushville
 VB (V) Sheridan Co. Invite at Gordon-Rush.



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NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES

Mon., Sept. 12 XC at CSC, 10 a.m.
VB (JH) vs. Garden County, 3 p.m.
FB (JH) vs. Garden County, 4:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15 Life Touch Pictures
 Sat., Sept. 17 XC at Alliance, 9 a.m.
 Tues., Sept. 20 VB (JV-V) at Edgemont, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., Sept. 22 XC at Gordon-Rushville, 4 p.m.
 Fri., Sept. 23 **FB (JH) vs. Sioux County, 2 p.m.**
VB (JH) vs. Sioux County, 2 p.m.
VB (JV-V) vs. Sioux County, 7 p.m.
 Sat., Sept. 24 VB (JH) PanCo at Hay Springs, 9 a.m.
 VB (V) at Potter-Dix Invite, 9 a.m.
 Tues., Sept. 27 VB (JH) at St. Agnes, 3 p.m.
 VB (JV-V) at Morrill, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., Sept. 29 XC at Bayard, 2:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30 **FB (JH) vs. Cody-Kilgore, 11 a.m.**
 VB (JH) at Cody-Kilgore, 11 a.m.
 FB at Cody-Kilgore, 1 p.m.
 VB (JV-V) at Cody-Kilgore, 4 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 1 VB (JH) at Hemingford, 9 a.m.
 VB (V) at Morrill Invite, 9 a.m.
Oct. 3-8 Homecoming Week
 Mon., Oct. 3 VB (JH) at Hemingford, 4 p.m.
 FB (JH) at Hemingford, 5 p.m.
 VB (JV-V) at Hemingford, 6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6 Early Out for Students at 12:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7 NO SCHOOL - Staff In-Service
FB (JH) vs. Hay Springs, 2 p.m.
VB (JH) vs. Hay Springs, 2 p.m.


VB (JV-V) vs. Hay Springs, 4 p.m.
FB (V) vs. Hay Springs, 7 p.m.

Hemingford Bobcats

Thurs., Sept. 1 VB (JV-V) at Mitchell, 5 & 6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 2 XC at
 FB (V) at Sutherland, 6 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 5 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Tues., Sept. 6 VB Home Invite, 4 p.m.
 FB (JH) at Kimball, 4 p.m.
 FB (JV) at Gordon-Rushville, 6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8 VB at Banner Co. Invite, 4 p.m.
 FB (V) at Hyannis, 7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9 XC (JH-V) at Kimball, 1 p.m.
FB (JH) vs. Hyannis, 2 p.m.
VB (JH) vs. Hyannis 3 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 12 VB (JH) at Morrill, 4 p.m.
 VB (JV) at Morrill Invite, 5 p.m.
 FB (JH) at Morrill, 5 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 13 XC (JH-V) at... tba
 VB (JV-V) at Edgemont, 5 & 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15 VB (JH) at Bridgeport, 4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 16 FB (V) vs. Bridgeport Jr-Sr., 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 17 VB (V) Home Invite, 9 a.m.
 XC (JH-V) at Skyview, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 19 VB (JH) vs. Gordon-Rushville, 4 p.m.
 FB (JV) at Morrill, 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20 VB (V) Home Invite, 4 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22 VB (JH) vs. Bayard, 4 p.m.
 XC (JH-V) at Gordon



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AREA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fri., Sept. 23 **FB (JH) vs. Bayard, 5 p.m.**
Sat., Sept. 24 **FB (V) vs. Maxwell, 6 p.m.**
 VB (JH) PanCo at Hay Springs
 VB (JV-V) at Mitchell, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 26 XC (V) at Kearney, 12 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27 **FB (JV) vs. Leyton, 6 p.m.**
 VB (JH) at Garden Co., 3 p.m.
 FB (JH) at Garden County 4 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 29 VB (V) at Morrill Invite, 12 p.m.
 XC (JH-V) at Chimney Rock Invite, 2:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30 FB (V) at Bayard, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 1 **VB (JH) Home Invite, 9 a.m.**
Mon., Oct. 3 **XC (JH-V) Home Invite, 11 a.m.**
VB (JH-JV-V) vs. Crawford, 3, 5 & 7 p.m.
FB (JH) vs. Crawford, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6 VB (V) at Lakota Tech Invite, 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7 **FB (V) vs. Kimball, 7 p.m.**

Chadron Cardinals

Sat., Sept. 3 SB (V) at McCook Jaycee SB Complex, 9 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 6 **Golf at Ridgeview, 9 a.m.**
 VB (8th) at Alliance St. Agnes, 4 p.m.
 FB (JV) at Valentine, 6 p.m. CT
 SB (JV-V) at Gering, 4, 6 p.m.
VB (JV-V) vs. Alliance, 6, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 8 Golf at Scenic Knolls, 9 a.m.
 VB (C-JV-V) at Gering, 4, 5, 6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9 **XC at CSC, tba**
Sept. 9-10 Softball (V) at Scottsbluff Invite
FB (C) vs. Mitchell, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 10 VB (7th A & B) at Gering, 8 a.m.
 VB (8th A & B) at Sidney, 8:30 a.m.
FB (MS) vs. Mitchell, 7th-9 a.m., 8th-10:30
VB (JV) Chadron Quad, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 12 Girls Golf at Gering Mon. Shadows, 9 a.m.
FB (JV) vs. Gordon-Rushville, 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 13 **VB (V) Chadron Tri. (Sidney, Bridge.) 4 p.m.**
SB vs. Alliance, JVs-4 p.m., V-6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15 SB at Bayard, 4 p.m.
Sept. 16-17 VB (V) at Gothenburg Invite, tba
Fri., Sept. 16 SB at Chase County, 3:30 p.m.
 FB (V) at Valentine, 7 p.m. CT
Sat., Sept. 17 XC at Alliance, 9 a.m.
 VB at Alliance, 7th A at MS, 8th A-HS, 9 a.m.
FB (MS) vs. Torrington, 7th at 10 a.m.
home; 8th at 10 a.m. at Torrington
 SB Tourney at North Platte, 12 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 19 FB (JV) at Gering, 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20 Girls Golf at Ogallala Crandell Creek, 9 a.m.
 VB (MS) at Rushville, (7th-8th), 4 p.m.
SB vs. Gering, JVs-4 p.m., V-6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22 XC at Ogallala Crandell Creek, 3 p.m.
 SB at Ogallala Optimist, 3 p.m.
 XC (MS-JV) at Gordon Country Club, 4 p.m.
VB (C-JV-V) vs. Scottsbluff, 4, 5 & 6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 23 FB (V) at Gothenburg, 3 p.m. CT
Sat., Sept. 24 SB (V) at Gering Tourney, 9 a.m.
 VB (JV) Tourney at Scottsbluff, 10 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 26 Girls Golf Invite at Skyview Club, 9 a.m.
 VB (7th & B) at Scottsbluff, 4 p.m.
 VB (8th A only) at Mitchell, 4 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 27 FB (JV) at Torrington, 5 p.m.
VB (C-JV-V) vs. Gordon-Rush, 5, 6 & 7 p.m.
SB vs. Scottsbluff, JVs-4 p.m., V-6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 29 FB (MS) at Hot Springs, 7th-4:30, 8th-6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30 VB (V) at Scottsbluff Invite, tba
 XC at Scottsbluff, MS-1 p.m., V-3:30 p.m.
FB (V) vs. Sidney, 7 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 1 VB (V) at Scottsbluff Invite, tba
 VB (MS) at Torrington, 7th at HS/8th
 A team only, 9 a.m.
SB (V) Chadron Tri, 12 p.m.
 Girls Golf Districts, tba
 SB Sub-Districts, tba
 VB (MS) at Alliance, 4 p.m., 7th at AMS A-B,
VB (MS) at Chadron, 4 p.m., 8th A -B
FB (JV) vs. Alliance, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 4 Girls Golf Districts, tba
 FB (MS) at Alliance, 7th-5 p.m.;
8th at Chadron, 5 p.m.
VB (JV-V) vs. Rapid City Christ. 5 & 6 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6 XC at Sidney Hillside Golf Course, 3 p.m.
VB (MS) vs. Gering, 7th A-B;
 Grade 8 A-B at Gering, 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7 SB Districts, tba
 FB (V) at Ogallala, 6 p.m.

Hay Springs Hawks

Tues., Sept. 6 VB (V) at Hemingford, 4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 9 VB (V) at Potter-Dix, 4 p.m.
 FB (V) at Potter-Dix, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 10 XC (JH-V) at Chadron State, 9 a.m.
 VB (V) at Gordon-Rushville, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 12 VB (JH) at Hay Springs, 3 p.m.
 FB (JV) at Hay Springs, 4 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 13 VB (V) at Hyannis, 4 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 15 FB (V) at Hay Springs, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 17 XC (JH-V) at Ainsworth, 9 a.m.
 VB (V) at Hemingford, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 19 FB (JV) at Hay Springs, 5 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 20 XC (JH-V) at Hot Springs, 9 a.m.
Thurs., Sept. 22 XC (JH-V) at Gordon-Rushville, 4 p.m.
 VB (V) at Hay Springs, 4 p.m.
 FB (JH) at Edgemont, 5 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 23 FB (V) at Garden Co., 2 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 24 VB (JH) at Hay Springs, 9 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 26 VB (JH) Tri at Hyannis, 2 p.m.
 FB (JV) at Edgemont, 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 27 **VB (V) HSHS Tri. (Edge./Oelrichs), 4 p.m.**
Thurs., Sept. 29 XC (JH-V) at Bayard, 2:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 30 **FB (JH) vs. Minatare, 2 p.m.**
VB (JH) vs. Minatare, 2 p.m.
VB (V) vs. Minatare, 4 p.m.
FB (V) vs. Minatare, 7 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 4 VB (JH) vs. Gordon-Rushville, 4 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 6 XC (JH-V) at Sidney, 3 p.m.
VB (V) HS Tri (Hemingford/Lakota T.), 4 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 7 FB & VB (JH) at Crawford, 2 p.m.
 VB (V) at Crawford, 4 p.m.
 FB (V) at Crawford, 7 p.m.

Recipes



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

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Lemon Zucchini Brea

- 1 ½ cups shredded zucchini
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease an 8x4 inch loaf pan.

In a bowl, beat together the zucchini, sugar, egg, and oil. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder; stir in the cinnamon and lemon zest. Stir the flour mixture into the zucchini mixture just until blended. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake 45 minutes in the preheated oven, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from heat, and cool about 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Quick Chicken Piccata

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- cayenne pepper to taste
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- all-purpose flour for dredging
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon capers, drained
- ½ cup white wine

- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice
- ¼ cup water
- 3 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut in 1/4-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley

Place chicken breasts between 2 sheets of heavy plastic on a solid, level surface. Firmly pound chicken breasts with the smooth side of a meat mallet to a 1/2-inch thickness.

Season both sides of chicken breasts with cayenne, salt, and black pepper; dredge lightly in flour and shake off any excess.

Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Place chicken in the pan, reduce heat to medium, and cook until browned and cooked through, about 5 minutes per side; remove to a plate.

Cook capers in reserved oil, smashing them lightly to release brine, until warmed through, about 30 seconds.

Pour white wine into the skillet and bring to a boil while scraping the browned bits of food off the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Cook until reduced by half, about 2 minutes.

Stir lemon juice, water, and butter into the reduced wine mixture; cook and stir continuously to form a thick sauce, about 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low and stir parsley through the sauce.

Return chicken breasts to the pan and cook until heated through, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve with sauce spooned over the top.

Zucchini, Corn and Tomato Pie

- 1 ½ cups grated zucchini
- ¾ cup buttermilk baking mix
- 1 tomato, chopped
- ½ cup fresh corn kernels
- ½ cup diced onion
- ¾ cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly butter one 9 inch pie plate.

In a medium bowl mix zucchini, buttermilk baking mix, tomato, corn, onion, cheese and eggs together.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes. Do not cover the dish while it is cooking. Serve warm.

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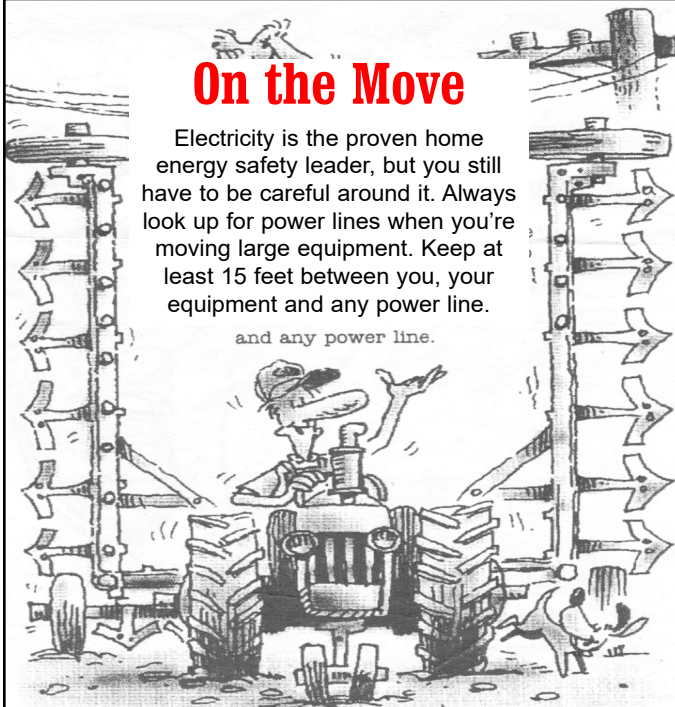
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Sept. 3: National Welsch Rarebit Day, U.S. Bowling League Day, Tailgating Day, World Beard Day.
Sept. 4: National Macadamia Nut Day, Newspaper Carrier Day, Spice Blend Day, National Wildlife Day.
Sept. 5: National Be Late for Something Day, Cheese Pizza Day, Labor Day 2022
Sept. 6: National Coffee Ice Cream Day, Read a Book Day, National Another Look Unlimited Day.
Sept. 7: National Acorn Squash Day, Beer Lover's Day, Grateful Patient Day, New Hampshire Day, Salami Day.
Sept. 8: National Ampersand Day, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Day, School Picture Day.
Sept. 9: Care Bears Share You Care Day, Teddy Bear Day, National Wiener Schnitzel Day.
Sept. 10: National Swap Ideas Day, National TV Dinner Day.
Sept. 11: Patriot Day, Hot Cross Bun Day, Pet Memorial Day, Hug Your Hound Day, Grandparent's Day.
Sept. 12: National Chocolate Milkshake Day, Day of Encouragement, Hug & High 5 Day, Video Games Day, Boss/Employee Exchange Day.
Sept. 13: National Bald is Beautiful Day, Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day, Peanut Day, Uncle Same Day.
Sept. 14: National Cream Filled Donut Day, Eat a Hoagie Day, Live Creative Day, Parents Day Off, Virginia Day.
Sept. 15: National Cheese Toast Day, Double Cheeseburger Day, Neonatal Nurses Day, Tackle Kids Cancer Day.
Sept. 16: Mayflower Day, Cinnamon Raisin Bread Day, Guacamole day, Play-Doh Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day.
Sept. 17: National Apple Dumpling Day, Constitution Day & Citizenship Day, CleanUp Day 2022, Dance Day 2022.
Sept. 18: Air Force Birthday, National Cheeseburger Day, HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, Wife Appreciation Day.
Sept. 19: National Butterscotch Pudding Day, Talk Like a Pirate Day.

Sept. 20: National Care for Kids Day, Fried Rice Day, Pepperoni Pizza Day, String Cheese Day, Voter Registration Day 2022.
Sept. 21: National Chai Day, New York Day, Pecan Cookie Day.
Sept. 22: American Business Women's Day, Car Free Day, Ice Cream Cone Day, Elephant Appreciation Day.
Sept. 23: National Checkers/Dogs in Politics Day, Great American Pot Pie Day, Innergize Day 2022.
Sept. 24: National Cherries Jubilee Day, Punctuation Day, Hunting & Fishing Day 2022, Singles Day 2022.
Sept. 25: National Comic Book Day, Daughter's Day, Lobster Day, Quesadilla Day, Gold Star Mother's Day.
Sept. 26: National Compliance Officer Day, Johnny Appleseed Day, Pancake Day, Shamu the Whale Day.
Sept. 27: National Chocolate Milk Day, Corned Beef Hash Day, Day of Forgiveness Day, Scarf Day, Crush a Can Day.
Sept. 28: National Drink Beer Day, Good Neighbor Day, North Carolina Day, Women's Health & Fitness Day.
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- A generation that went to school and walked back.
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- A generation that spent all their free time on the street.
- A generation that played hide and seek in the dark.
- A generation that made mud cakes.
- A generation that collected sports cards.
- A generation that found, washed and sold empty Coke bottles to the local grocery store for 5 cents each.
- A generation that made paper toys with their bare hands.
- A generation who bought vinyl albums to play on record players.
- A generation that played board games and cards on rainy days.
- A generation whose TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.
- A generation that had parents who were there.
- A generation that laughed under the covers in bed so parents didn't know we were still awake.
- A generation that is passing and will never return!

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Why English is Hard to Learn...

We'll begin with box; the plural is boxes,

But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.

One fowl is a goose, and two are called geese,

Yet the plural of moose is never call meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a house full of mice;

But the plural of house is houses, not hiee.

The plural of man is always men,

Put the plural of pan is never pen.

If I speak of a foot, and you show me two feet,

And I give you a book, would a pair be a beek?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,

Why shouldn't two booths be call beeth?

If the singular's this and plural is these,

Should the plural of kiss be ever called keese?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,

But though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him;

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