

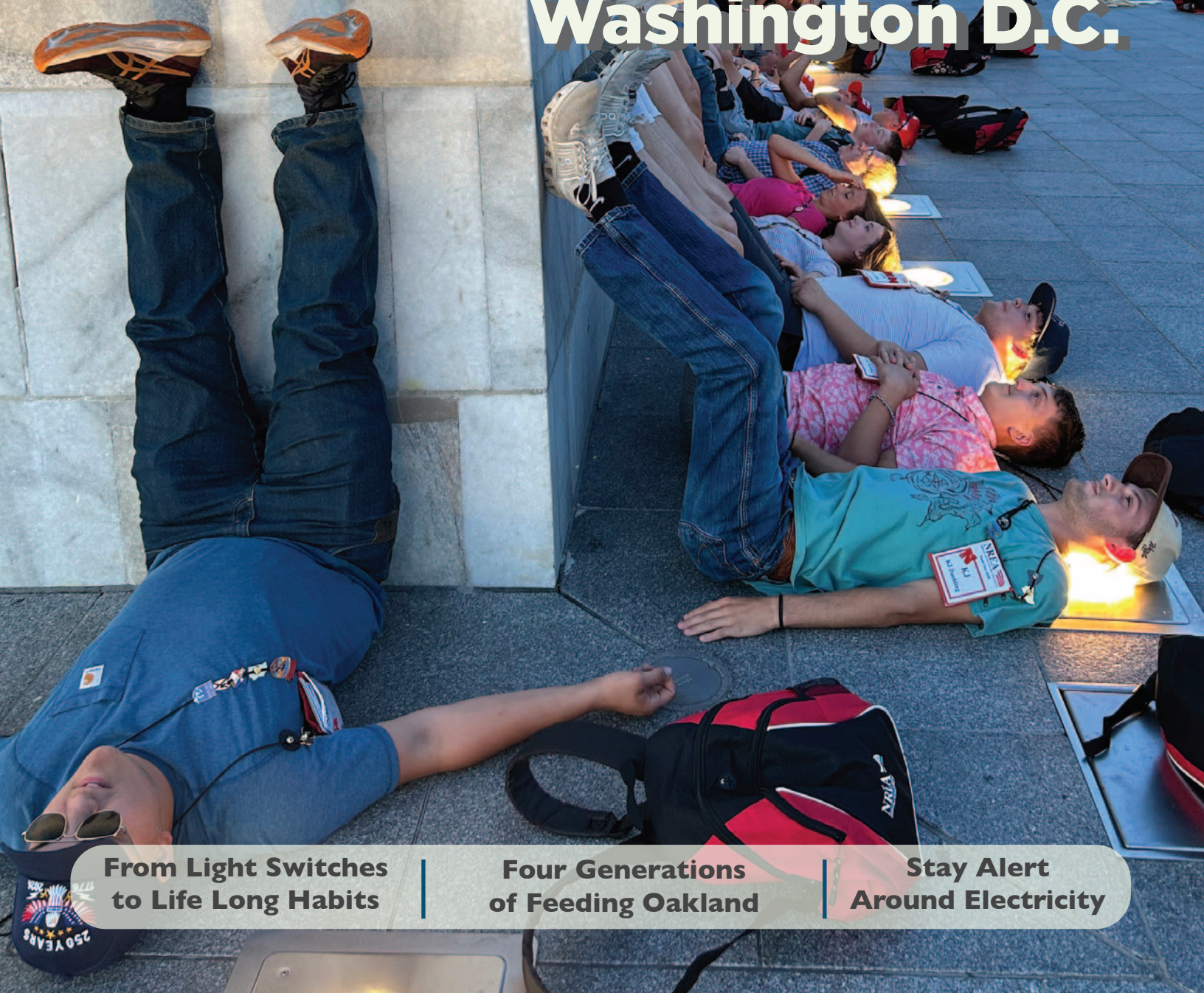
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Students visit the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. during the 2026 Youth Tour. See the related article on Page 6. Photograph by James Dukesherer



Wayne Price

How Public Power Supports Rural Nebraska

I grew up on a small farm in Richardson County. The house and farm were served electrically by Omaha Public Power District, something I didn't give much thought to at the time. Now that I'm older, I understand that living in rural Nebraska depends on reliable electricity. Nebraska is unique because it is the only state in the nation served entirely by public power. That means the people who receive the service also have a voice in how it is provided.

Public power is built on the idea of serving people, not making profits. Any extra revenue is invested back into the electric system. This helps keep power affordable while improving service for the future. Local boards, made up of community members, make decisions with the needs of their neighbors in mind.

Nebraska's agricultural economy depends heavily on dependable electricity. Modern farms and ranches rely on electric-powered irrigation systems, grain dryers, livestock facilities, and equipment to operate efficiently. When the power supply is consistent, farmers and ranchers can focus on production rather than downtime, contributing to a food supply that reaches families well beyond Nebraska's borders.

Rural Nebraska also benefits every day. Schools, hospitals, grocery stores, and local businesses all rely on safe and dependable electric service. For families, electricity supports basic needs, heating, cooling, cooking, and connectivity, that make modern life possible. Public power plays a quiet but essential role in sustaining these routines.

Providing electric service across wide open spaces is not always easy. Utility crews work year-round, regardless of weather, to maintain power lines, respond to storm damage, and plan for future infrastructure needs. Their consistent effort ensures that even the most remote homes and farms receive the same level of reliable service as more populated areas.

Public power has helped shape Nebraska for generations. It supports agriculture, strengthens local communities, and encourages economic growth. As technology evolves and electricity demand rises, Nebraska's public power utilities remain committed to their founding mission, providing safe, affordable, and reliable service to every corner of the state.

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Brining History to Life

Nebraska Students Join National Youth Tour in D.C.



In June, 26 high school students from across Nebraska joined more than a thousand of their peers from across the U.S. for the 2026 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.—an immersive week that brought American history, government, and leadership to life.

Sponsored by Nebraska's rural public power districts and electric cooperatives, the students and their two chaperones explored some of the nation's most iconic landmarks, including the Lincoln, Jefferson, and Washington Memorials. Their itinerary also took them to Capitol Hill, where they met with U.S. Senators Deb Fischer and Pete Ricketts to discuss current issues and experience government in action.

Beyond the monuments, the

delegation discovered powerful exhibits in the Smithsonian Museums—from the Hope Diamond to the groundbreaking Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer. They walked the hallowed grounds of Gettysburg, stood in George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, and took in the deeply moving exhibits at the National Holocaust Museum.

"Our rural electric utilities are an important part of the communities they serve," said James Dukeshner, NREA Director of Government Relations and Youth Tour Director. "They invest much more than time and energy in the next generation. They invest in opportunities that help young people grow, learn and become leaders. Programs like Youth Tour give students the chance to learn about their communities, experience new places and cultures, and gain knowledge that can shape

their future."

The Youth Tour is more than a trip—it's a transformative experience. It connects students with the past, inspires their future, and builds friendships with fellow young leaders from across the country.

Some Youth Tour alumni can earn college scholarships through the Glen English Scholarship Foundation, while others are selected to participate in a Youth Leadership Council program.

The idea for the Youth Tour was sparked in 1957, when then-Senator Lyndon B. Johnson addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and urged electric cooperatives to send young people to Washington to experience their democracy firsthand. "If one thing comes out of this meeting," Johnson said, "it will be sending youngsters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents."





2026 Youth Tour Participants

Kyptin Collier, Cedar Knox PPD
 Cora Bartos, Cornhusker PPD
 James Hunzeker, Cuming County PPD
 Aiden Field, Cuming County PPD
 Ramsey Arduser, Cuming County PPD
 Eli Rogers, Custer PPD
 Daniel Wright, Custer PPD
 Steven Vasquez, Dawson PPD
 Luke Kester, Elkhorn RPPD
 Chase Holm, Midwest Electric
 Lydia Friesen, Midwest Electric
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 John Wendt, Niobrara Valley EMC
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 Emerson Hogeland, Norris PPD
 Sydney Kumm, North Central PPD
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 Cyrus Davenport, Polk County RPPD
 Karsten Daehling, South Central PPD
 Fyn Fasbender, Southern PPD
 Maci Schellpeper, Stanton County PPD
 Jasper Gulbranson, Wheat Belt PPD
 Samuel Fehringer, Wheat Belt PPD



NREA is proud to share that Eli Rogers of Dunning, Neb., is the student selected as this year's Nebraska Youth Leadership Council (YLC) representative. Eli is sponsored by Custer Public Power District in Broken Bow, Neb. All members of the YLC, including Eli, will participate in the 2027 NRECA Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.



I learned so much about American history and civics through the activities we did during the week. This was truly a life changing opportunity and I hope a lot more kids like me get to experience all that Youth Tour has to offer!

**Emerson Hoagland,
Norris PPD**



Not only did I meet and make new friends, I got to do so while visiting some of the most beautiful and fascinating places our country has to offer, from the Washington Monument to the Catholic Basilica.

**Fyn Fasbender
Southern PPD**



I'm so glad I've had this amazing opportunity to go on this impactful trip to Washington, D.C., as a Nebraska ambassador. This trip has truly opened my eyes to all the amazing opportunities that are possible in big cities like that.

**Brielle Hladky
Norris PPD**



My trip to Washington, D.C., was a wonderful experience. I particularly enjoyed exploring the city and using the metro system. It was also a privilege to meet our state senators and have them answer our questions.

**Steven Vasquez
Dawson PPD**



My favorite part of the trip was visiting the town of Gettysburg, and seeing the battlefield where the Civil War turned around. The tour guide made the battlefield come to life.

**Sam Fehringer
Wheat Belt PPD**



Although I have seen countless pictures of the White House, the Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, in movies and on the news, the beauty of these buildings in real life was astounding and very convincing of our nation's dignity.

**Cora Bartos
Cornhusker PPD**



I had a great time and learned so much. My favorite places were Mount Vernon and Gettysburg because I enjoyed learning about history and seeing where important events happened. This trip was an unforgettable experience.

**KJ Daehling
South Central PPD**



My favorite experiences on this trip were visiting the Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorial. Seeing all the names written down was the first time I actually realized how big of a sacrifice people made for us to be free.

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NPPD celebrates groundbreaking for Princeton Road Station

Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) celebrated the groundbreaking for Princeton Road Station, the district's newest generation facility July 17, 2026, just north of Hallam, Neb.

State and local officials and stakeholders were in attendance, alongside NPPD staff, to recognize the start of construction on what will become the largest natural gas generation facility in NPPD's fleet.

"Today marked a truly historic moment for NPPD. Utilities nationwide are experiencing unprecedented surges in electrical demand, and Nebraska is no exception. Princeton Road Station is an asset we need now, to ensure we continue reliably serving our current customers as well as supporting the new industries bringing an economic boost to our local communities. We do this while keeping a strict focus on maintaining the reliability and affordability of our whole system," said NPPD President and CEO Tom Kent.

Princeton Road Station is anticipated to begin operating in 2029 and will generate approximately 694 megawatts of electricity, which can serve an estimated 318,000 average residential homes. In addition to natural gas, the plant will have the capability to use diesel fuel.

"These units are extremely flexible and strengthen our diverse generation mix that provides the reliability and resiliency our customers count on. I want to extend my gratitude to our customers, community partners, state and local stakeholders, and the many teams within NPPD who have worked tirelessly to bring this project forward," added Kent.

NPPD serves approximately 530,000 Nebraskans through retail and wholesale electric service. Consisting of 81 retail communities and 35 municipalities and 23 public power districts and/or cooperatives served through wholesale power contracts.

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But buying a new washer is not something in everyone's household budget. Not to worry. There are many low and no-cost things you can do to make the most of your clothes-cleaning energy without a huge investment!

1

Use cold water

While you may have been taught that certain stains and soils require hot water, about 90 percent of energy needed for that cycle setting is consumed in heating the water. Some new detergents are made to tackle those same stains using warm or cold water. Not only will this save energy, but cold-water washing will also keep colors bright, reduce wrinkling and won't set stains.

2

Run a full load

Your washer will use about the same amount of mechanical energy, regardless of how full it is. Set the water level for the amount of laundry you are running to keep from using more water than necessary.

3

Consider cycle times and other setting options

Some lightly-soiled loads only need 10 minutes of washing. To compensate, adjust to a "delicates" setting or advance the cycle half-way through to reduce wash time. If you have a "high spin" option, use it to cut down on drying time.

4

Get smart about drying

According to EnergyStar the average U.S. home spends about \$100 a year in electricity using their clothes dryer. Drying is all about moving air through your fabrics to take moisture away. So, before you start every load, clean lint out of the filter to ensure air can circulate more freely.

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Dry loads of similar fabrics together

Start with a load of fast-drying fabrics. If your dryer has a moisture sensor, use it. This will automatically reduce the amount of drying time and shut off the machine when it senses clothes are dry. By the way, this also reduces wear and tear on your clothes in addition to saving lots of energy.

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Generations of Feeding Oakland



Dillon Johnson and Julie Nelson Johnson in the Swedish import aisle at Nelson's Food Pride, which has been owned by the family for 116 years.

Opposite, from top: "Welcome to Nelson's Grocery Store" in Swedish. An early photo of Gust Nelson at one-room mercantile in the early 1900s. The photo appeared in the Oakland Independent newspaper. The Star Mercantile sign is part of the family's store history outside the Food Pride. Nelson's Groceteria, which was the second name of the store. The original Nelson's Jack and Jill logo design. The store's name was changed to Nelson's Food Pride in 1998, as the Jack and Jill moniker disappeared from stores.

Photographs by Tim Trudell

Standing in front of the red-and-white soda vending machine, a nine-year-old boy inserts a dime and opens the door. Looking at the selection, he pulls the cold bottle out from its tight slot, the clink of glass knocking together as the next bottle slides into place. Popping the cap off with the machine's attached bottle opener, he glugs down 10 ounces of pure soda heaven at the back of the store, rather than pay the nickel deposit to take it outside.

Life was simpler 50 years ago. Memories of childhood visits to Nelson's Jack and Jill easily flow from almost any Oakland resident. From fresh cow brains and hooves in the meat department to the pick-and-mix Brach's candy display, the market has been a constant in the Burt County community for more than a century. Even more so, the grocery has been owned by the same family for more than a century, since Gust Nelson started his one-room mercantile in 1910.

At one time, Oakland had five family-owned groceries. It was a period when Swedish immigrants to the community worked jobs they knew. The markets usually consisted of a single room, offering everything from canned goods and flour to haberdashery items, such as men's overalls, women's clothing and household items.

Gust Nelson started in the Oakland grocery business in 1910, opening Star Mercantile, a one-room shop, near the corner of 5th Street and Oakland Avenue.

"In that little, teeny, tiny store you had groceries and dry goods," said Julie Nelson Johnson, Gust's granddaughter. "That's kind of unreal."

In 1926, Nelson, a first-generation Swedish-American, opted to rename the store to Nelson's Groceteria, Swedish for grocery store. It was a nod to his family's lineage, as well as the town's strong Scandinavian influence.

When the Great Depression hit Oakland in the early '30s, Nelson displayed his humanitarian side.

"Grandpa must have had a good heart and must have had enough money to feed his four boys, but he would forego those bills," she said. "Back in the Depression days, everybody was dirt poor."

Gust's four sons helped with running the store. Merlin, better known as Curly and Johnson's father, eventually partnered with his father to run the Groceteria.

Realizing Oakland's growth - the town eventually

topped 1,300 residents during the 1970s - he believed the townspeople deserved a supermarket. With Gust now in his mid-70s, he was ready to let Curly buy the store. After 50 years in the business, it was time for the 76-year-old to call it a career.

So Curly, along with wife Sara, moved to a new building, opening Nelson's Jack and Jill supermarket in 1961, a block north of his dad's grocery.

As he planned the new store's layout, Curly decided to add a freezer section, where he could keep ice cream, which would become a winner with customers. Gust wasn't keen on the modern convenience, telling his son it was a big mistake.

"He said it was the dumbest decision he could ever make," said Dillon Johnson, Julie's son and heir apparent to the store.

"He goes, 'Curly, that's not gonna work,'" Julie said. "Dad said it was one of the best decisions he made."

Unfortunately, Gust didn't get to see his son's success. The elder Nelson died in June 1960, a few months before Curly opened the supermarket.

Jack and Jill revolutionized the grocery market in Oakland, with expanded food choices. The 20th century came fast to Oakland's grocery shopping.

One thing remained a throwback: the Nelson children had to manually bag potatoes to be sold at the store. Potatoes were delivered by train in the early '60s, so Julie and sister Marilee would head to the tracks with empty bags to load.

Whether or not they wanted.

"It wasn't 'If you wanted to work at the grocery store,'" Julie said. "My dad would come home at noon and say, 'Get ready. You're going to go to work.'"

There weren't any questions asked. That's what you did."

As graduation from Oakland-Craig High School approached in the early '70s, Julie set her sights on getting out of town.

"When I was a senior in high school, I was going to get the Hell out of Oakland, and I was never coming back," she said. "Then you go away, and you find out, 'Oh, it's not so nice out there.'"

Joining the family business in the mid-1970s, Julie was groomed to eventually take over, becoming the third-generation owner.

In 1989, Curly handed the baton to Julie. The Jack and Jill named eventually faded from the grocery landscape, replaced by Nelson's Food Pride.

Julie changed the store's operation over the years, adding an alcohol section, following the closure of the town's liquor store. She and Dillon modernized the meat department, as well as adding a kitchen area, serving freshly-baked pizza, broasted chicken and other meal options.

Nelson's Food Pride is known for its selection of imported Swedish food and home décor. Each December, Julie makes bulk servings of ostkaka, a Swedish cheesecake-style dessert. The store is decorated in traditional Swedish holiday fare.

As they meet challenges head-on, Julie knows her days of running the store are nearing the end.

"Terry (her husband) and I would like to do some traveling while we're still healthy enough," she said.

When it's time, she'll happily pass the baton to Dillon, like her dad did for her. It will then be Dillon's time to develop the next generation of Nelsons to serve the Oakland community.



There are many hazards on a farm or ranch, and most producers work hard to avoid them. One danger that is easy to overlook is electricity. Because it cannot be seen or heard, electrical equipment and overhead power lines can blend into the background. Staying alert and following a few simple safety practices can help prevent injuries, equipment damage, and power outages.

Take time to inspect your property for exposed electrical parts or damaged equipment that could become energized without warning. Check electric fences often to make sure wires are secure, well supported, and free of frayed sections. Keep fences clearly marked with warning signs or fence tape, and place protective caps on metal T-posts to help prevent injuries to people and livestock.

Always pay close attention to overhead power lines when moving large equipment or stacking hay bales.



Always be aware of overhead power line locations and use a spotter when working close to lines or poles.

Never store hay beneath power lines, and secure tarps so strong winds cannot blow them into electrical lines. If you are working near power lines or utility poles, use a spotter to help maintain a safe distance.

Irrigation systems also require careful attention. Inspect pumps, center pivots, and wiring on a regular basis. Turn off the power before making repairs, and check equipment after storms to make sure lightning has not damaged the grounding system. Keep irrigation pipes and water spray at least 15 feet away from overhead

power lines.

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If any of these issues exist, repair as necessary.



WEATHERIZATION

Check the condition of weatherstripping for a tight fit. Shut the door on a dollar bill—if it can be easily pulled through, air leakage can occur.

Note: Using too much weatherstripping can prevent the door from sealing entirely.

The bottom of exterior doors need a durable seal that can stand up to daily use. These options can be installed on their own or together depending on your needs:

1 DOOR SWEEP



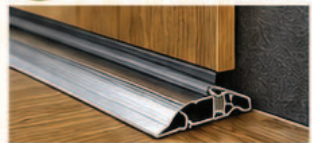
A door sweep attaches to the bottom of the door. The rubber gasket seals the space between the door and the threshold, keeping conditioned air in and outside air out.

2 DOOR SHOE



With a door shoe, the rubber gasket is on the bottom edge of the door. It fits snugly against the threshold to block air leakage.

3 DOOR THRESHOLD



Special metal thresholds with rubber gaskets seal the door from the bottom up. They withstand foot traffic and work great with a door shoe for larger gaps.

Do you have energy-saving helpers at home? Teaching your children to build good energy habits saves money on your electric bill today and sets them up for a lifetime of smart energy use. Here's how to get your family started on a household energy-saving adventure.

Safety First

When it comes to electricity, start with safety basics. Secure cords so appliances, lamps or other plugged-in items can't be pulled down. Use outlet covers and safety plugs to keep little hands from getting injured.

As they get older, teach children not to stick things in outlets. When they are old enough to use outlets, let them know they should never unplug by pulling the cord. When playing outside, educate them to stay away from downed power lines, keep a safe distance from all electrical equipment and avoid the dangers of electricity near water.

Teaching Energy Habits

Keeping safety in mind, you can teach age-appropriate energy habits.

Turning off fans and lights when you leave rooms is always a good habit to instill. Fully powering down TVs, computers and gaming systems reduces energy waste.

Keeping the refrigerator door open is a common energy waster for kiddos—and some adults. Show them they can take a quick look inside and scan their options. If they need time to decide what they want, they can close the fridge while making up their minds.

Closing your home's doors is another tip to keep heated or air-conditioned air inside the home. I wonder how



Reduce energy waste at home by teaching children how to fully power down electronics, such as gaming systems and TVs. Photograph by Mark Gilliland, Pioneer Utility Resources

many kids these days are asked if they were born in a barn or if they would even know what you mean?

Hot water is another saver to consider. In addition to reducing wasted water, using less hot water helps you save on your energy bill. Heating water is typically the second-highest energy use in a home, behind heating and air conditioning. Reduce energy use by turning off the water while hand-washing dishes, taking short showers and not overfilling the bathtub.

Gamify Your Bill

Review the electric bill with older children. Be sure to focus on energy use, which is shown in kilowatt-hours on your bill.

It's also a good opportunity to teach budgeting and household finances. If you save money on

the electric bill, you may be able to do something fun with that money instead. Consider a trip to mini golf, getting ice cream or choosing a longer-term goal to fund a weekend family trip.

Make it a game. Consider a family reward for using less energy than the previous month or the same month of the previous year, or an individual reward for the one who guesses how many kilowatt-hours you used that month. The winner gets to pick the movie for family night.

Exploring energy efficiency and conservation with your children doesn't have to be a chore. Find fun ways to build lifelong energy habits and save energy around your home.



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HOMETOWN EATS

PIONEERS INN GILEAD, NEB.



On Highway 136 in Gilead, Neb., you'll find a restaurant where the food is homemade, the welcome is warm and the front door has seen a lot of history. In a village of about 30 people, the Pioneers Inn Restaurant is more than a place to grab a meal. It's a gathering place, a landmark and, for owners Karen and Kyle Keilwitz, a second home.

Karen and Kyle have owned the restaurant since 1985. They stripped the old building down to its bare walls, added insulation and discovered something hiding behind the boards: windows in the front of the building.

The building itself dates to 1887. Originally built to house and feed railroad workers, it has also served as a general store, barbershop and post office. At one time, citizenship classes were even held upstairs. Today, the limestone building is filled with the sounds of conversation, clinking dishes and plenty of laughter.

Karen does a little bit of everything, but cooking is her specialty. She makes the salads and desserts from scratch, while her sister-in-law, Mary Flagle, keeps customers happy with homemade pies. Ten part-time employees help keep things moving, and Karen's three sons pitch in when needed.

The Pioneers Inn Restaurant has plenty of regulars, but its reputation reaches well beyond Gilead. Sunday is especially busy, with close to 100 people stopping in for the buffet. Cruise nights are another favorite, sometimes bringing 25 to 40 cars to town.

The restaurant has also weathered some literal storms. In 2023, powerful winds tore away almost the entire roof. Karen temporarily served coffee and lunch from the town hall across the street. Then something remarkable happened: the community rallied. Neighbors showed up to



clean up, and local support helped get the restaurant back on its feet. They helped to raise more than half of the funds needed to replace the roof.

"It's just amazing what can happen when a community comes together," Karen said.

After 40 years, Karen knows the secret to keeping the Pioneers Inn Restaurant going isn't complicated. Serve good food, welcome your neighbors and make sure nobody leaves hungry. In Gilead, that recipe has worked beautifully.



Sheet Pan Chicken & Little Potatoes

- 1 1/2 pounds Little Potatoes
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 bell pepper
- 1 red onion
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2-3 teaspoons of your favorite seasoning blend
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- fresh parsley or cilantro (optional)
- lemon wedges (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 F and line baking sheet with parchment paper or foil.

Slice Little Potatoes in half. Slice broccoli florets, bell pepper and onion into bite-sized pieces.

In mixing bowl, toss veggies with 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1-1 1/2 teaspoons seasoning.

Spread veggies evenly on baking sheet. In same bowl, add chicken, remaining seasoning and remaining olive oil. Toss to combine then place chicken between veggies in single layer.

Roast 30-35 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through to internal temperature of 165 F and potatoes are tender. Flip veggies and chicken halfway through cooking to ensure even browning.

Let chicken rest 2-3 minutes. Divide Little Potatoes, veggies and chicken into bowls. Garnish with fresh parsley or cilantro and squeeze of lemon juice, if desired.

Reader Submitted Recipes

Apple Pie Bars

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| 2 1/2 cups flour | 3 - 4 cups sliced apples |
| 1 cup shortening (Crisco) | 2 tablespoons flour |
| 2/3 teaspoon salt | 4 tablespoons tapioca |
| 1 egg yolk in enough milk to make 2/3 cup liquid (save whites for later use) | 1 1/3 cups sugar |
| | 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon |

Mix the first four ingredients together with a pastry blender. Roll 1/2 of dough to cover a large cookie sheet and place in the pan. Cover with enough sliced apples to thoroughly cover dough, then sprinkle with a mixture of flour tapioca, sugar and cinnamon. Roll out the rest of the dough and put on top of apples, sealing the edges together.

Beat egg white until foamy and brush over top of dough. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes then finish at 375 degrees for 20-25 more minutes. Cut into bars.

Sherry Weatherly, North Platte, Nebraska

Over the Stove Zucchini Supper

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| 1 lb. sausage | 8-10 eggs, beaten |
| 2-3 cups chunked zucchini (peeled) | salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 green pepper, chopped | 1 can green chilies |
| 1/2 small onion, chopped | Shredded cheese, Mexican blend or cheddar |

In a large skillet fry sausage, zucchini, green pepper and onion, draining off excess grease when done cooking. Beat eggs, add salt and pepper to taste, then pour over the sausage mixture. Cover and cook over very low heat till eggs are set. Pour green chilies and cheese, your choice of Mexican blend or cheddar, over cooked egg mixture. Cover and return to heat until cheese has melted.

Barbie Christensen, St. Libory, Nebraska

Caramel Apple Salad

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| 3 1/2 oz box butterscotch instant pudding | 1 cup mini marshmallows |
| 1 cup dry roasted peanuts | 3 cups apples, unpeeled and chopped |
| 8 oz can crushed pineapple with juice | 8 oz whipped topping |

Combine pudding and pineapple. Add peanuts, marshmallows and apples. Fold in whipped topping. Chill and serve.

Diane Cerny, Shelby, Nebraska

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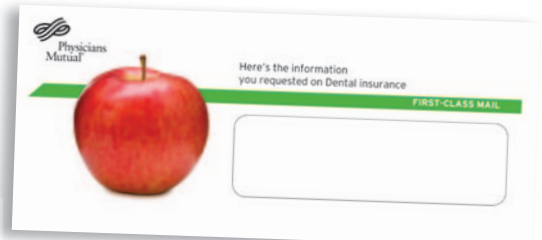
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