

Jacob Pettit's original plan for college was to pursue a degree in music education. However, after spending some time in a middle school music classroom, he decided to rethink his career path.

"I still devote a lot of time to music." Jacob said. "But I found it wasn't the right path for me."

Jacob thought back to how much he enjoyed his high school calculus class and realized not many people feel that way about advanced math. He took it as a sign that engineering might be a good fit.

Jacob is now studying mechanical engineering at South Dakota State University and is spending the summer working as an intern with NorthWestern Energy in Brookings, South Dakota. During his internship, Jacob has been working with new natural gas customers, figuring out how to run natural gas service to their home or business.

"I like it because I don't have to stay in the office all day," Jacob said. "I want to do something where I get to interact with people."

Aside from music and math, Jacob also enjoys making homemade meals. But not just any homemade meals. He prefers the kind that take a lot of effort.

"It's kind of a fun weekend thing to do." Jacob said.

That's how he started making bread and then transitioned to pizza crust. He decided to focus on deep-dish Chicago-style pizza because it seemed like a challenge and something unique.



Jacob's Pizza Crust

INGREDIENTS

11/4 cups of water

2 tbsp melted butter (unsalted)

1 packet of instant yeast

1 tbsp sugar

1¼ tsp salt

3-4 cups flour

Optional (style points): basil and/or oregano

DIRECTIONS

→ Combine water, butter and sugar, and then add yeast to activate it. Room temperature water plus the melted butter often results in the right temperature to activate the yeast.

Add other ingredients and slowly mix in the flour until Leverything in combined and the dough forms an elastic ball and pulls away from the sides of the bowl. Add additional flour if necessary. Cover and let rise 1-2 hours until doubled

3Pick your ingredients for the pizza. Toppings I chose for this one: a little bit of olive oil, a mix of mozzarella, Romano and provolone cheeses, garlic, chicken, bacon, tomatoes, spinach and feta cheese. Sundried tomatoes can be substituted for fresh tomatoes.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} 4 \text{ Shape the dough into a large circle using your hands or} \\ a \text{ rolling pin. Transfer to a baking sheet or cast iron skillet} \\ \end{tabular}$ and pinch the edges to make the crust.

Add toppings as desired. Bake at 425° for 25 minutes.

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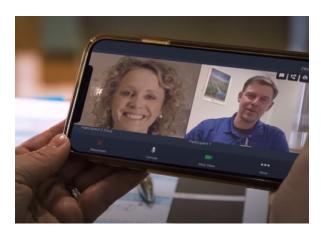
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Improve energy efficiency with E+ Home EnergyCheck

Learn ways to spend less on your utility bill so you can spend more money on things you want

As costs are increasing, we offer a chance for you to get a handle on your energy bill. A home energy assessment can help you understand the whole picture of your home's energy use, comfort and safety.

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Guard against CO

Be sure to have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors inside vour home, in a central location outside separate sleeping areas and on every level of your home, to provide early warning of CO.

If your detector goes off, get out of your house quickly and call 911.

Remember to replace the batteries in your CO and smoke detectors at least once a vear.



Internship program is a boost to students and NorthWestern

NorthWestern Energy hired a record 20 interns this summer. This is the largest class of interns since we started our internship program in 2015. Since then, 87 college students have interned with the company, and 18 have gone on to become permanent employees.

NorthWestern interns do not file paperwork or get coffee. Each intern has a meaningful project assignment, something that will both beef up their resume, but is also incredibly helpful to the company. It is a mutually beneficial relationship.

What to do if you smell natural gas

NorthWestern Energy makes it easy to detect natural gas leaks by adding an unpleasant rotten egg or skunklike smell to natural gas. If you smell this odor:

- Leave the area immediately.
- Do not use phones, matches, light switches or anything else that could trigger the ignition of the gas.
- When at a safe distance, call 911.

Excess Gas Flow Valve Notice

If a gas service is installed to your home, you have the option to purchase an Excess Flow Valve (EFV) to be installed by NorthWestern Energy. An EFV is intended to stop the flow of gas if the service line is severed. The valve is placed in the service line where it leaves the

An EFV will stop the flow of gas only if the service line is severely damaged. It is important to note that an EFV will not protect you from a leak or broken line inside your home, or a small leak on the line in your yard. An example of when the valve provides protection is in the event the gas service is damaged from digging or extreme ground movement.

As required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), we are notifying you that an EFV that meets the minimum prescribed DOT performance standards, is available for installation on your natural gas service line.

The cost of installing the EFV will need to be evaluated by an engineer. If you are interested, please contact your local NorthWestern office to set up an appointment. Payment is required prior to installation of the EFV.

Understanding the hazards of a natural gas release

Natural gas is very safe. However, if a natural gas leak occurs, you need to be aware of the hazards. Natural gas is highly flammable and easily ignited by heat, sparks and static electricity. If you smell natural gas, do not operate any electrical devices (TVs, lights, garage doors, etc). If they're on leave them on; if they're off leave them off.

Natural gas is lighter than air and can migrate into enclosed spaces. If you smell natural gas, evacuate the area on foot and move upwind of the leak.

When at a safe distance, call 911 and NorthWestern Eneray.