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In one of our largest turnouts ever for Annual Meeting, we enjoyed a crowd of over 300 people.

Hickory Creek Catering fed the membership an excellent meal and numerous door prizes were handed out.

The large number of scholarship winners able to attend the meeting was particularly nice to see and voting for Directors went quickly and smoothly.

Business information packets were handed out at registration— with no questions or concerns about the information raised, the business portion moved swiftly. Incumbent Directors were reelected and the one open seat in District 1 was filled by Bradyn Bruegger. Service awards were presented and the name drawn for the big money was not in attendance so next year's meeting will have a \$1300.00 drawing—plan to attend!



In the United States, there are approximately 1,000 deaths per year as a result of electrical injuries.

Of these, approximately 400 are due to high-voltage electrical injuries, and lightning causes 50 to 300.

There are also at least 30,000 shock incidents per year that are non-fatal.

Each year, approximately 5% of all burn unit admissions in the United States occur as a result of electrical injuries.

Approximately 20% of all electrical injuries occur in children. The incidence is highest in toddlers and adolescents.

In adults, these injuries occur mostly in occupational settings (and are the fourth-leading cause of workplace-related traumatic death), whereas, in children, electrical injuries occur most often at home.

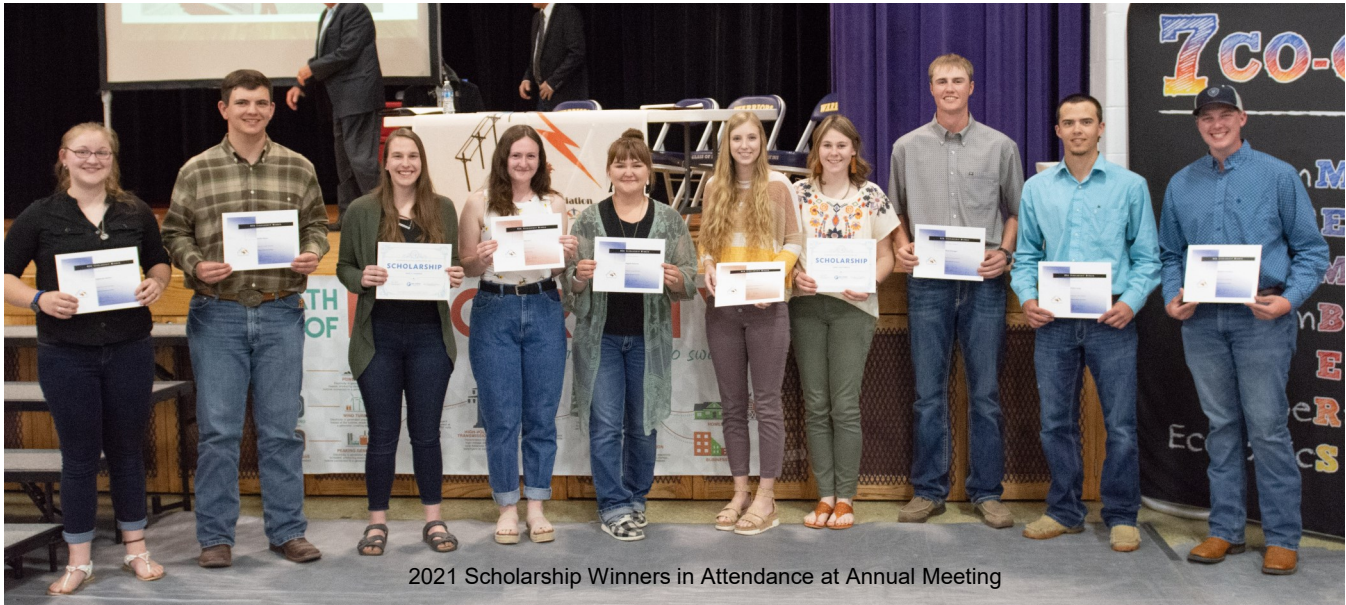


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2021 Scholarship Winners in Attendance at Annual Meeting

#### A Letter by Art Brozovich.

The Brozovich Ranch, which sits at the foot of the Rawhide Buttes, has had the privilege of becoming the stage for a team working together, as only a great team can do, to install a new transformer pole at the main ranch house. The pole was rotting at the bottom, causing the pole to sway in the wind. I have included pictures to go with my story on how the N.E.A. crew went about the job of changing out the probably 50-year-old transformer pole.

First, they arrived with three trucks to do the job. One went down the line to where they disconnected the power so the work at the pole could be done safely!!! As he was doing that, the other two trucks readied the new pole to reinstall the transfer. The third truck was then moved to have the equipment facing the standing pole in readiness to pull it out of the ground after the wires and transformer had been removed.

It was amazing to watch each of these 4 men working on this crew. After setting all the trucks in their place (each needed for a separate operation) get out of their trucks and do a different job. First up was tree removal. While one crew member working from a bucket to cut limb by limb, the other crew members picked up the branches and stacked them in a neat pile. Now, out of the way for me to cut up for firewood at a later date. While those two crew members were doing that, two other crew members were readying the new pole from their flatbed. At this point the tree was removed, by the way the tree was a cottonwood which was half dead and rotting, it had to go!!

Now they were ready to remove the transformer and wires so they could be laid on the ground. Things were really

starting to pick up as the truck with the pole grabber (sorry I do not know what the real name of the truck is called) started to extend the boom out to grab the old pole and pull it out of the ground. As it was pulled out of the ground and being swung onto the trailer to be hauled away, two other crew members were finishing installing the transformer on the new pole. All was ready and waiting for the post digger to clean the hole for the new pole. Now the new pole was placed in the ground and carefully packed. While that was going on, the other crew members were getting ready the tools that would be needed once the pole was setup to their standard. Next up, the crew members were placing their tools in the proper place, ready for the next job.

Like I said at the beginning, at every moment, each member was doing something so as to be ready once the power was turned on. They checked to make sure we had power before moving on to another job!!! I tried to talk to each of the crew members at one time or another. For two reasons they did not have but a second or two to visit, and safety of having me near where I was not equipped with proper safety clothes.

After all was done, we shook hands all around and I thanked a crew that is just one of the great N.E.A. crews out there. I want to thank the 4 crew members; Levi Clark, Chance Wilder, Chuck Kleinberg and Jeff Simon for a job well done. As I said before, I have not got to see people work as a team since I was in the military!! Thank you to all crewmen who work so hard to keep us cool in the heat, warm in the cold, and me dancing on my deck in the evening to music on my radio!!!

See next page for pictures

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Photos taken by Art Brozovich of our  
Wyoming line crew working on his prop-  
erty.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **Board Minutes**

No regular Board Meeting in May due to Annual Meeting

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