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#### **Congratulations to Dylan Haas:**

The month of May was a happy and eventful time for the Haas family.

Dylan and his wife, Cody, announced the birth of their second child—Bryndle—during the month, Dylan also completed his 4th year apprenticeship testing and has now advanced to Journeyman.







Some of our scholarship winners in attendance receiving awards.





### Accidents That Involve Power Lines

Instincts can help us to avoid danger but in some situations, our natural inclinations can lead to tragic results. If your vehicle/machinery hits a utility pole or otherwise brings a power line down, getting out, with few exceptions, is the **wrong** thing to do until the line has been de-energized. Know the right steps to take to save your life:

You are almost always better off to stay in the vehicle, especially if the line is in contact with it.

Call or signal for help. It is safe to use a cell phone.

Warn others who may be nearby to stay away, and wait until the electric utility arrives to make sure power to the line is cut off.

If the power line is still energized and you step outside, your body becomes the path to ground for that electricity, and electrocution is the tragic result. Wait until the electric utility arrives and shuts off the power.

The only exception would be if fire or other danger, like the smell of gasoline, is present. In that case, the proper action is to jump—not step—with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Jump clear. Do not allow any part of your body to touch the vehicle and ground at the same time. Hop to safety, keeping both feet together as you leave the area. Like ripples in a pond or lake, the voltage diminishes the farther out it is from the source. Stepping from one voltage level to another allows the body to become a path for that electricity.

Even if a power line has landed on the ground, there is still the potential for the area near your car to be energized. Stay inside the vehicle unless there is fire or imminent risk of fire.

The same rules apply with situations involving farm equipment and construction equipment that comes in contact with overhead lines. Those working with large equipment should stay inside the vehicle if equipment extensions come in contact with power lines.

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during office hours and SRS  
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dispatch NEA personnel.



Service Awards (left to right)

Jason Fish 20 years, John Hester 20 years, Bill Wilson 40  
years, David Keener 25 years and Will Smith 5 years.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### District

|                 |   |                 |                |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| John Hester     | 1 | Keeline, WY     | President      |
| Andy Barnette   | 2 | Lusk, WY        |                |
| David Keener    | 3 | Marsland, NE    | Sec./Treas     |
| Bill Wilson     | 3 | Harrison, NE    |                |
| Jack Hammond    | 1 | Lance Creek, WY |                |
| Jim Dunn        | 3 | Harrison, NE    |                |
| Neal Wurdeman   | 2 | Lusk, WY        |                |
| Bradyn Bruegger | 1 | Lance Creek, WY |                |
| JD Wasserburger | 2 | Lusk, WY        | Vice President |

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the Membership has been  
accomplished.

On May 20th the membership meet in Harrison NE.  
Hickory Creek Catering served a wonderful meal and the  
Co-ops business was conducted.

Results of the voting for District 1 resulting in Bradyn  
Bruegger joining the NEA Board of Directors for a 3 year  
term.

A full report of the meeting will be in the next newsletter.

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