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After the newsletter had already gone to the publisher, it was recognized that Tiffany Thurston was not eligible to run for a Director seat in District 1.

The April newsletter contained Thurston's interest statement for candidacy. We apologize for any confusion regarding the matter.

Voting ballots at Annual Meeting will have the following members listed for District 1: Bradyn Bruegger, Chris Jensen & Joe Kruse.

Audits on Irrigation Systems

Irrigation season will soon be starting, and over the next few months, NEA will be conducting audits on customers irrigation systems.

Our purpose in conducting these audits is mainly to look for missing and damaged equipment, like capacitors. Crew members will also check fuse sizing, confirm total horse power on pumps and towers, and evaluate/rectify any safety issues revealed in the process of our audits.

Please note that if capacitors are damaged or missing we will not energize the service.

McCumbers

If you have questions or concerns about your irrigation system or this auditing process, please feel free to call and visit with Operations Manager Rick Bridge 307-334-3221.



Photo by Vidar Nordli-Mathisen



Appreciation is the theme during the month of April and our own Chance Wilder (left) and Jason Fish (right) were at the Capital during Governor Gordon's recognition of the Nationally recognized day.



New Digger Truck

ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH



Top 10 Home Electrical Safety Tips



 <p>use a qualified electrician for repair work</p>	 <p>repair loose outlets; replace cracked, worn electric cords</p>	<p>watch for hot or discolored switch plates, flickering lights, or buzzing sounds.</p> 
 <p>get regular check-ups for older homes</p>	<p>use bulbs with correct wattage for the fixtures</p> 	<p>if children are present install tamper resistant outlets to protect against shock</p> 
<p>use extension cords temporarily, not as permanent wiring</p> 	<p>unplug electrics if you smell something burning</p> 	<p>keep cords out of walkways and high traffic areas</p> 
<p>educate the household on electrical safety</p> 		

Learn more about home electrical safety at

 **Safe Electricity.org**

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hours a day.

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during office hours and SRS
will take all other calls and
dispatch NEA personnel.

Management Report:

The Oneok project is winding down and we will put Podolak substation back to normal on the 29th of April. We will also be doing the reclamation portion of the project very soon.

Tri State will be removing the T1 transformer in Podolak Substation the end of this month so they can begin construction for the new 60 MVA transformer that will be installed in June or July. We will need to be taking a middle of the night outage to cut the new transformer in, and remove the mobile. We will be notifying everyone when the time gets closer. The town will be taking a brief outage in a couple of weeks, as Western Area Power will be moving some metering equipment on the Town of Lusk, and the Lusk Rural circuit.

The office staff have been very busy with year-end reports, annual fiscal audits, keeping up with day-to-day business at hand and the planning of the upcoming Annual Meeting.

We will be publishing a list of members who have outstanding Capital Credit balances, if a check has been returned as undeliverable or has not been cashed a year after the issue date, it is voided. If you see your name on the list please contact us and we can issue a replacement check.

The office staff also assists with outages, planned or unplanned, and we have had our share since "Spring" has arrived. Wet heavy snow (although we are very thankful for the moisture) and a windy day caused up to ten broken poles and outages scattered all over our territory. Thank you to the many members who call in with words of support for the NEA crew as they work to get the power restored!

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in Harrison, NE, it has been a long time since we were able to get together and your vote is important as we have three good candidates to choose from for District 1! If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at 307-334-3221.

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Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

Board Minutes

- Ops Manager Rick Bridge gave a Safety Report—no accidents or near misses. Reported on contractor's work. Discussed metering project, windstorm damages and Border States training.
- Office Manager Shawna Glendy discussed Annual Meeting-Capital Credits, cash flow and guidelines.
- Director Keener spoke on NREA business.
- Director Greer spoke on WREA business.
- Director Wilson spoke on Tri-State business.

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