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Our February WREN insert included the Nominating Committee's announcement of 3 candidates to run for election to the NEA Board of Directors.

The District 1 (West) nomination of Richard A. Ladwig will not go on the ballot for voting at Annual Meeting. The candidate has chosen to have his name removed from consideration.

District 1 resident and member, A.W. Manning, has presented a petition of at least 15 eligible voting NEA members (per Bylaw rules) to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for District 1 (West).

Skylar Edmund



Riley Shaw

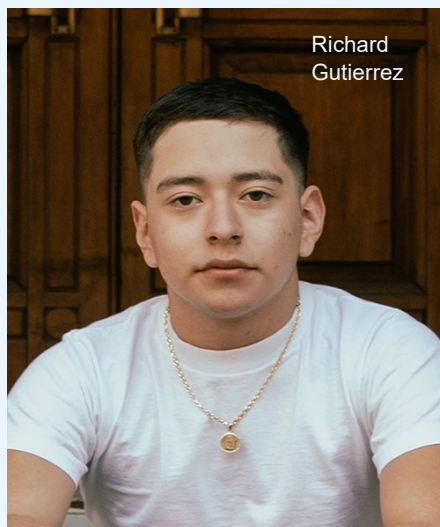


Congratulations 2022 Scholarship Winners



Everyday is a good day to appreciate the unique contributions lineworkers bring to modern society's power demands. The national designated day of recognition is April 18th.

**Lineworkers go
above and beyond.**



Photos unavailable at time of print:
Larissa Johnson, Dalton McDaniel and
Kodie Rempp.

ELECTRIFY AND SAVE PROGRAM

Since 1985, our power supplier, Tri-State G&T, has partnered with distribution members like NEA to promote the wise use of electricity, energy efficiency and implementation of new electric technologies. Today, Tri-State and the distribution members are moving forward to promote beneficial electrification to increase efficiency and productivity, create sustainable load growth, reduce carbon emissions, and enhance safety for members.

Product eligibility and rebate incentives are subject to change. The 2022 information is on our www.niobrara-electric.org website under services and rebates. If you are considering new energy saving equipment, please verify program participation information on the web or by calling our office, Shaylee Hladky or Twyla Barker will assist you with incentive information. Attendance at Annual Meeting is another great way to learn about incentives from Tri-State member relation managers.

Check out some of the incentives below:

Residential LED lamps and fixtures:

LED light bulbs, lamps or fixtures 500 lumens or greater—Lower of \$8/lamp or 50% of the lamp/fixture cost.

Medium, GU24 or other residential/light commercial oriented base or fixtures with integrated LEDs—Member-owner account cap of 50 lamps per year.

Energy Star appliances, induction cooktops, refrigerator/freezer and recycling:

Eligible appliances include: induction cooktops, refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, and recycling—\$30/unit, full sized refrigerators or freezers, \$60/unit for refrigerator/freezer recycling, \$40/unit for front load clothes washers, \$30/unit for clothes dryers (electric only), \$90/unit for heat pump clothes dryers (vent-less), \$100/unit for induction cooktop replacing electric, \$350/unit for induction cooktop replacing propane/natural gas or new construction.

Low income weatherization:

Package may include: insulation, windows/doors, caulking, sealing and weather-stripping. If Energy Star Appliances and other eligible residential measures are included in the project, they can also be submitted on the low income weatherization application and will not count towards the weatherization incentive limits.

Tri-State will reimburse local weatherization agency approved installation measures up to—\$500 single family with electric heat source, \$250 single family with non-electric heat source.

Smart Thermostat:

Thermostat must be WiFi network capable and installed at member consumer account. Limit of 2 thermostats per member account for standard/low-voltage applications. Limit of 5 thermostats per member account for line-voltage applications—\$25/thermostat, \$50/thermostat if enrolled in a managed program, Managed programs include member system led demand response control or time of use electric rate.

Whole house fan:

Replacement or new installations. Attic ventilation systems do not qualify—\$100/unit.

Electric resistance and heat-pump water heaters:

30 gallon minimum size requirement. Electric resistance units replacing propane or natural gas. Electric resistance units in a member system managed program. Heat-pump units must be Energy Star rated. Electric resistance for new construction—\$50/electric resistance unit, Managed programs include member system led demand response control or time of use electric rate, \$350/unit for air source heat pump units, \$30 electric resistance for new construction.

Commercial and industrial motors:

New or replacement electric motors from 10hp to 1500hp. Commercial and industrial motors only.

Used and rewound motors are not eligible—\$8/hp, \$1.5/hp wiring assistance if the motor replaces a fossil-fueled engine, or is a new installation, Per project cap of \$20,000.

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am—4 pm

Outages1-800-322-0544
or 307-334-3221

Phones are answered 24
hours a day.

Phones will be answered by
Niobrara Electric Association
during office hours and SRS
will take all other calls and
dispatch NEA personnel.

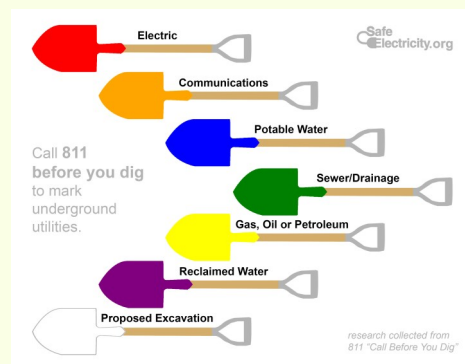
Safe Digging

About 811:

- 811 is the national "Call Before You Dig" phone number. It was created to help prevent people from coming into contact with underground utility lines during digging projects.
- The first step in safe digging is to call 811, so before ever starting any digging project, make sure to call 811.
- Always call a few days before a digging project. It takes a few business days for a professional to come mark your utilities with flags and/or spray paint.
- Make sure to tell the operator where you plan to dig and what type of work you will be doing. The 811 operator will route you to a local utility locating service.
- After calling 811, a professional will then be sent to your digging location to mark the areas where public utility lines are buried, free of charge.
What utilities are buried underground:

Electricity is not the only utility that can be located underground. Gas, water, sewer, communications, and telephone lines can also be buried beneath the earth. When located the following utilities are marked with the following colors:

- Red – Electric
- Orange – Communications, Telephone/CATV
- Blue – Potable Water
- Green – Sewer/Drainage
- Yellow – Gas/Petroleum Pipe Line
- Purple – Reclaimed Water
- White – Pre-mark site where digging/excavation is planned



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

Board Minutes

Management Reported on Budget. No accidents to report. Capital Credits were discussed. Reliable's inspection of work orders mentioned. Report from management on recent meeting with a Crypto Mining Company representative.

Director Wilson report on Tri-State business.

Director Keener report on NREA business.

Directors Barnette and Wurdeman attended WREA Annual Meeting.

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