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Outstanding Representation—Doug Lytle is the reigning champion at the Electrical Co-op booth for bringing in Fair attendees to visit about the cooperative model and registration for the raffle. He would love to visit with you on August 20th!



Did you know the WREN Magazine is available digitally?

Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA) posts the magazine digitally on their website. Members can access this digital copy via www.wyomingrea.org and search Wyoming Rural Electric Association on Facebook for more content. The digital magazine does not carry NEA’s insert. However, that feature is coming soon! We would like to hear your preference on digitally accessing the WREN magazine with our insert or do you wish to continue receiving paper copies?

In addition, if you are receiving multiple copies of the magazine by mail currently, please let us know so we can make sure we are not publishing and mailing unnecessary copies.

Member engagement is important to us. We encourage you to drop by the office or call us with your thoughts.

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Join us at the Wyoming State Fair on Saturday, August 20th.

NEA attends the Wyoming State Fair on the final day of events. Our employees join with Wheatland REA to close out the Fair week working at the Electrical Cooperatives booth, conducting demonstrations, answering questions, taking photos with the kids and gathering raffle entries for the “grand prize” drawing Saturday afternoon. We hope to see you there!

Greetings! I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer so far! I just wanted to provide an update on what is happening (a couple of the many issues actually) in the political world for Niobrara Electric.

As you no doubt have heard us mention before, NEA currently has another utility serving an oil load in our territory causing significant losses in revenue. There is a state statute which addresses certificated territories for Wyoming utilities, however, although it is frowned upon it is not actually against the law to serve in another's territory as is happening to us. The Public Service Commission has the right to order the invading utility to cease and desist serving in another territory but if that order is not issued there is nothing to stop them from continuing.

Shawn Taylor, Executive Director of WREA proposed Senate File 95 Public Utilities-Service in Other Territory which would make it illegal for one utility to serve in another's territory without an agreement and that file is currently in the interim study phase. The NEA along with our attorneys and the other Wyoming coops are working with Shawn to produce language the Petroleum Association of Wyoming also agrees with to try and get this bill approved, so we have recourse.

Director JD Wasserburger and I attended the Corporations Committee Meeting last month where they heard testimony from myself, PAW and the PSC Commissioners regarding SF95. My testimony was provided to attempt to explain NEA's situation and the impact it is having on our small non-profit coop. To date we have paid over \$100,000 in legal fees and much more than that in lost revenues by not being able to serve the load in our territory. If you would like to read SF95 you can do so at <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2022/SF0095>.

Another major concern regarding territories is Senate File 71 Deregulated Industrial Power Zones, this too is in the interim study phase. This bill in essence deregulates state lands to allow industrial and commercial companies such as crypto miners to be able to set up on the 640-acre parcels and not be required to purchase electricity from the utility whose certificated territory they are in. This bill is in front of the Minerals Committee and you can read more at <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2022/SF0071>. Again, we have been working with Shawn Taylor to **oppose** this bill and attended a technical conference hosted by the Public Service Commission to explain why this type of deregulation is not good for the coops and our members.

NEA is burning the candle at both ends trying to protect our certificated territory and our members. You can also listen in or attend the next scheduled meetings where these bills will be discussed. The next Corporations Committee Meeting will be Oct. 13th and 14th location TBD and the Minerals Committee will be meeting on Oct. 27th and 28th in Casper.

Please feel free to contact me, Shawna Glendy, with any questions.

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Community involvement and safety education are priorities to NEA.

We look forward to school programs and other events where electrical safety demonstrations and discussions about our industry can take place.

If you have an event you would like to have us be a part of, or if you would like to make arrangements to visit our facility, please call our office.

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

When extreme hot temperatures put stress on the electrical grid, there are ways we can all help by being more efficient in our use of electricity. Cooling costs can soar during this time, and being more energy efficient help cut back on energy expenses.

The Energy Education Council provides tips on efficient ways to keep cool in hot weather:

- Trim back foliage at least two feet around the air conditioner, and remove debris from nearby the unit. This will ensure that airflow to the unit is not blocked.
- While your air conditioner is in use, replace your filter each month.
- While the air conditioner is running, always close windows and doors to increase efficiency.
- Use ceiling fans to make use of the wind chill effect while you are home. Set them to spin counterclockwise during warmer months so that they push air down and make you feel cooler.
- Use the outside air to your advantage. Open your windows at night to let cooler air in. Avoid unnecessary trips outside that would let in midday heat.
- Use curtains and blinds to keep sunlight out on hot days.
- Dress in loose, lightweight clothing.
- Set your thermostat as high as is comfortable when you are home. The smaller the difference between the thermostat and the outside temperature, the less energy used. Use a programmable thermostat to adjust your home's temperature based on your schedule. It can automatically keep your home cooler while you are there and warmer when you are away. Check for cracks and gaps around windows and doors and seal them with caulk and weather stripping.

Source: Safe Electricity.org

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Board Minutes

Management reported no injuries or near misses. Manager spoke on Occidental/Silver Creek Load & Lost Dog Rates. Federated Safety & Loss Prevention Assessment reviewed. Guidelines 702 and 705 reviewed.

Director Wilson report on Tri-State business.

Director Keener report on NREA business.

Director Wasserburger gave the WREA report.

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