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NEA WISHES YOU A HAPPY  
AND SAFE HALLOWEEN



As a service to our members, Niobrara Electric Association (NEA) sends a complimentary issue of the WREN Magazine to each member every month.

These subscriptions are based on memberships therefore if you have multiple memberships, you may receive multiple copies of the magazine; NEA is charged for each issue that is mailed out.

In an effort to reduce costs we are asking If you receive multiple issues and would like to reduce the amount of copies,

do not receive a copy but would like to, or would like to stop receiving the magazine each month to please call our office at 307-334-3221, ask for Shaylee and she will be happy to assist you!

You can also call her with any updated contact information you may have to insure we have the most accurate information.

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

We celebrate the cooperative difference and operate based on the Seven Cooperative Principles of Voluntary and Open Membership; Democratic Member Control; Members' Economic Participation; Autonomy and Independence; Education, Training and Information; Cooperation Among Co-operatives; and concern for Community.



In above photo, the setting of a 5 MVA substation transformer, weighing approximately 23,000 lbs on a trailer owned by Miller Enterprises. This transformer will have to be untanked before an evaluation can be conducted at T&R Electric; a process that will take approximately 6 months. R and C crane did the lift of the transformer. Justen Miller hauled the transformer to T&R Electric in Coleman, SD to be evaluated. We are hoping simple repairs can be made.



NEA linemen, Dylan Haas and Caleb Antelope, doing the switching and reconnecting of a substation circuit out of Van Tassell substation.

This work was conducted in order to set up the crane to remove the transformer that a bull snake took out earlier this summer.



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Phones are answered 24  
hours a day.

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



Homecoming parade 2022

Shaylee Hladky, Laikynn Hladky and  
Aspen Hageman.

### UPDATE ON SUPPLY CHAIN:

Supply chain delays continue to be of concern. However, we are experiencing periodic availability in certain items. Unfortunately, brand new transformers are still 100 plus weeks out. Rebuilt transformers are 20 to 50 weeks out. New poles are 4 to 6 weeks out, and new bucket and digger trucks are up to 5 years out. Please understand these time issues complicate our scheduling and construction projects. Please plan accordingly and stay in contact with Doug Lytle in our Staking department on all service requests.

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### Board Minutes

Management reported no injuries or near misses. Budget, staffing and training discussion. Guideline update discussion.

Management and the Board continue work on language for Senate File 95.

Director Wilson reported on Tri-State business.

Director Keener reported on NREA business.

Director Wasserburger reported on WREA report.

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