

Scholarship winners in attendance at NEA's 79th Annual Meeting of the membership



Left to right: Cory Bruegger, Melody Zumbrunnen, Kort Bannan, Rachel Krein, Jamie Turbiville, and Hattie Nelson.

The 79th NEA Annual Meeting was held on May 23, 2024 at the Fairgrounds in Lusk, WY.

Attendees enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Hickory Creek Catering, the national anthem preformed acapella by Kodi Smith, numerous door prize drawings for adults and kids, a short business meeting with review of financials and reports from the General Manager, Board President, Youth Programs, Nominating Committee and the Board's Tri-State Representative.

Five services awards were recognized: Neal Wurdeman 5 years, Julie Hageman 10 years, Charles Kleinberg 10 years, Twyla Barker 30 years and Chris Rejda 35 years. All scholarship winners were announced, those in attendance received certificates and recognition. Co-op Spirit award recipient, Justen Miller, was recognized for his embodiment of the Co-op Spirit.

The all member drawing for cash increases to \$700.00 in 2025 as the member drawn was not in attendance, as is required to claim the prize.



Member Justen Miller accepting the Co-op Spirit award presented by Board President John Hester.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

In December of 2015, Doug Lytle, joined NEA in the Warehouse department. His first day on the job plunged him into a hectic yearly inventory—the work load hasn't slowed since.

Enthusiastically digging into finding the right working process, Doug lined out a well functioning warehouse and continually added knowledge and duties to his routine.

Working closely with the former NEA operations manager on jobs, it became clear Doug needed to take on staking/design duties. Aptitude for member relations facilitated this transition and the development of his current role as Project Manager.

Complexities with infrastructure, reliability needs and feeds, territorial issues, supply chain problems, and the oil/gas growth on the NEA system have been real challenges. Never one to stop looking for a solution, Doug immerses himself in the work to produce the best overall outcome.





