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Government agencies are proposing legislation that, if enacted, will change what you pay for electricity. Become aware, educate yourself, be involved; you can make a difference. Go to www.action.coop for information with Cooperative Action Network.

The 69th Annual Meeting of the Niobrara Electric Association's Membership is fast approaching. Come to the Sioux County High School on Thursday, May 15th to join us for supper, awards recognition, yearly reports, director voting, industry updates and grass-roots information.

Your participation in the Coop is valuable and necessary!

Look for your Annual Meeting mailing to arrive the first week of May and remember to bring it with you to the meeting, as it serves as your registration as well as being your information book.



Niobrara Electric Assn. Presents



There is still time to turn in your Youth Energy Camp application.

We've extended our deadline to May 16th.

Print applications online by visiting the NEA website or look for information on the NEA fb page.

If you have questions, call the office and speak with Twyla.

Don't miss out on your chance to attend this fun filled & education packed opportunity sponsored by NEA.

The lineman's prayer

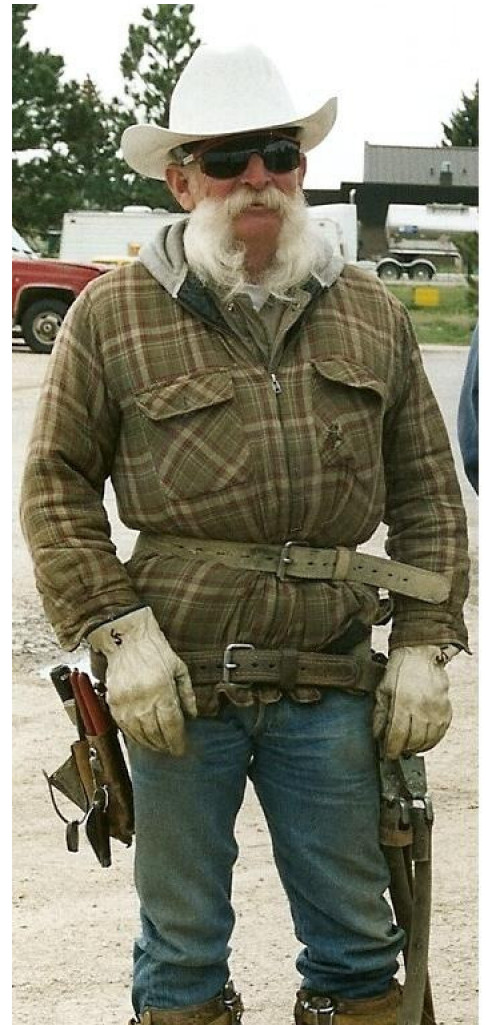
By Sherry Ann Durr

Oh dear Lord of my fate
Help me this day to keep my head on straight
Steady my hands and feet as I climb these poles
And straighten the mangled wires left by the freezing rain and cold
Keep my helper on his toes at the bottom of this forty foot pole
For my life I lie in his hands and yours
Oh Lord, though I am so tired and wet and oh so cold help me to keep my numb hands steady and bold
On top of this cold monster, Lord, we call a pole
Let me keep my customers satisfied and may these lines hold the load
Help my family get along as I work these lines so far away from home
I know my wife is filled with worry but she knows I must go on no matter what may come or go
Lord, I'm worn but shooting trouble is my life
Keep me Lord alive and safe as I handle and move this unseen killer
Fellow linemen we've lost are still so keen in our minds as only one wrong move ended their life
May they find the golden electric pole in the sky
May every lineman pray this prayer.
Be careful and quick for our lives are here running through these wires
Dear God, we love our careers conquering this unseen killer that seems to have no fear
Help me now, Lord, as I close
Keep us all alive as the wires run above our heads
Lord, I'm gonna go 10-7 as I look up into the heavens
Forgive me for my sins, Dear Lord, for these are the words of a weary and tired lineman

Leroy (Tuffy) Schrader, served Niobrara Electric for 33 years as a Lineman and several more years testing poles, helping with outages and doing maintenance at headquarters.

Though officially retired in 2004, he was a continual presence at NEA and will be sorely missed by staff and crew.

Tuffy passed away on March 25, 2014.





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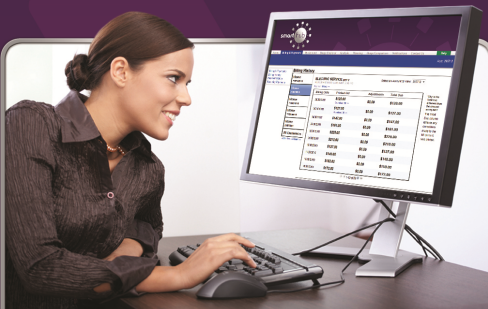
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Phones are answered 24 hours a day. Phones will be answered by Niobrara Electric Association during office hours and the Niobrara County Sheriff's office will take all other calls and dispatch NEA personnel.

May brings meeting time to NEA. This is your opportunity to hear about your co-op's activities and finances over the past year. It is also a time to cast your vote on board members and issues related to the co-op. While the board members are running unopposed, and there are no by-laws changes planned, democratic self-governance is still a key part of coop membership.

Also, it's a great time to pick up your capital credits check, another advantage of co-op membership. So, plan on being in Harrison on May 15th, doors open at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

While I never had a chance to work with Tuffy, he was a regular visitor at the office, keeping check that we were doing OK. He was the first NEA related face I met when I started, greeting me out front when I pulled in after a long drive with my belongings in tow. I seemed to run into him all around town as I got settled. His friendly smile will be missed.

Kenny Ceaglske

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
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Boardroom News

March Board Meeting

- Director Hammond spoke regarding Tri-State business.
- Director Keener discussed NREA business.
- Director Greer shared WREA information.
- Attorney Stecher spoke on collection matters.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge gave an operations report and equipment needs were addressed.
- Manager Ceaglske gave the managers report and discussed budget.