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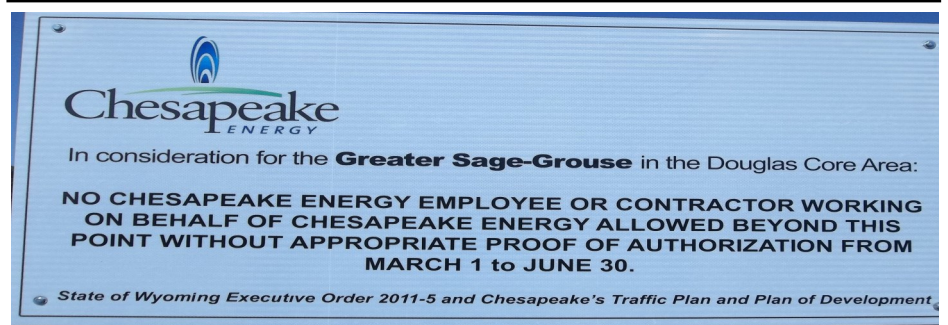
There is an open comment period currently available on the EPA carbon capture rule. We encourage you to participate. Become aware, educate yourself, be involved; you can make a difference. Go to www.action.coop for information with Cooperative Action Network.



NEA Apprentice Lineman Rick Scott recently completed his third year testing and has now moved on to his fourth and final year of apprenticeship. Congratulations, Rick! We appreciate you and your work!

NEA's western territory is full of construction projects, with jobs underway for Anadarko, RKI, and Chesapeake. There is, however, limited work time in these areas due to the nesting & mating season of the Sage-Grouse. Time restricted stipulations have project completion dates at around a year.

Along with perch guards on cross arms, so raptors don't have an unfair advantage over sage grouse, another design accommodation is that much of the NEA line is going underground, to minimize intrusion. Recently, 2 miles of overhead and 2.5 miles of underground was completed for the Pale Horse compressor station.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE? PLEASE HELP US DELIVER CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS!

ANDERSON, MIKE
ARCO OIL & GAS CO.
BALDWIN, LOREN & CHRISTINA
BAR WY CONSTRUCTION / DEGNAN TOM
BATTEY, AILEEN
BELL, NORMAN
BLAKEMAN, DAVID R.
BLUE DANE SIMMENTAL / BRENNI GIANLUCA - PRES.
BOESPFLUG, R. A.
BREWSTER, DAVE D.
BROWNE, SHARON / % ROBERT H. DAVIS
BRUEGGER, JOANN
CALLAHAM, LOREN & MARY
COBURN, MIKE
COLE, RANDY
COX, LES L.
CROSS ROADS / ELBERT HEINE
DEBOER, NORMAN
DEFORD, RALPH
DIETRICH PETROLEUM
DUNN, TOM
E. DOYLE HUCKABAY LTD
FORNEY, JOSEPH W. / JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INS.
GERMANN, JOHN P.
GILBERT, KEVIN
GILLESPIE, NEIL D.
GOLICH DAN / MARATHON OIL CO
GREEN, TOME
GROPP, JUANDA A. & GORDON
GROTE, CONNIE
GUERNSEY STONE & CONSTRUCTION
HAAHEIM, WANDA
HALE, ROBERT A.
HALF CIRCLE CORP / X A RANCH
HARVEY, JOHN & DONNA
HEIMBAUGH, ROBERT S.
HONDO OIL & GAS CO
HOUSER, MARTY
HYTREK CATTLE COMPANY/ DALE HYTREK

INDIAN HILLS INC.
JACK BRADLEY EXEMPT TRUST / LOLLY MARTIN TRUSTEE
KANE, THOMAS F
KIMES, D
KLEEMAN, RICHARD J.
KLENK, LAURA
LANE, MICHAEL A.
LEE, CLIFFORD A.
LEWIS, ERNIE & FERN
LULF, DAVID
MACK CHARLES G.
MADER, VIRGINIA M.
MATHIS, CAMERON
MCRAE & HENRY / JOES MAC PRES.
MILKE, CLARENCE
MOORE, RAYMOND A.
MORRISON, GLADYS
MOSIER, WINIFRED & BEN
OBER, DELLA A.
PIKLAPP, KATHY
PLATTE RIVER VALLEY CABLE
POWELL, FRED R. / MILDRED KENNEDY
REES, RANDALL & JUNE
RIDDLE, BRENT A.
ROBERSON, RON
SAILER, DUANE A.
SASSMAN, RONALD
SASSMAN, RONALD
SCHNEE, DAVID
SCHNEIDER, HENRY E.
SCHOOL DIST #65 / KAREN JOHNSON
SEMROSKA, BEULAH
SHULTZ CORPORATION / SHULTZ-THOMPSON
SILVER KING MINES INC.
SIMONS, BERNARD D. & HELEN L.
SKINNER'S RESOURCES & EXPLORATION
SMITH, PAM

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CAPITAL CREDITS CONT.

SMITH, RAYMOND P.

SOUKEY, NELSON L.

STAUDENMAIER, OLETA

STOLDT, ERNEST

THERMAL EXPLORATION

THRASHER, PAUL S. & JOANNE C.

UPDIKE BROTHERS

URBANEK, JERRY & MAE

VENCILL, TODD

WAHL, FRANCES

WARREN, DALE (FAMILY MEMBERS)

WATERFORD PRODUCTION CO.

YOUNG, ALICE

ZEILINGER, DAVID

ZEPHYR EXPLORATION

Get signed up with the SmartHub website on your PC!

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Contact the NEA office if you have any questions concerning the SmartHub. The Billing Department is happy to assist.

Office: 1-800-322-0544 or 1-307-334-3221

Current payment options are EFT Auto payment & E-Checks. Sorry, no Credit or Debit Cards at this time.

We encourage all members to sign up on SmartHub, even if you never intend to pay your bill online. With SmartHub access you can view your bill and the details of your account at any time rather than waiting on postal delivery and having to call and ask for account information. You can check usage, follow your own history and print information, as needed.

If you are an irrigator, we highly recommend using the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). This is a convenient way to make sure your bill is paid on time, every time. Your other accounts can be set up as EFT as well, or you can keep them separate. EFT accounts are automatically drafted on the 20th of the month, or if the 20th falls on a weekend, the next business day. This ensures irrigation payments always meet with irrigation payment due dates.

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or 307-334-3221

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.

In this issue, you will notice the long list of unclaimed capital credits accounts. This is a list of former members that for one reason or another have not cashed past capital credits checks. Maybe they moved and didn't give us a forwarding address, maybe they passed away and no family came forward to claim the account, maybe they see the envelope, think it's junk mail and just don't open it. Whatever the case, they end up on the list of unclaimed capital credits.

This is more than just a list, there is money associated with it and where there is unclaimed money, rules get attached to it. Most times this sort of unclaimed money may be required to be turned over to the state, but as an electric coop we are allowed to retain it on the condition we do something for the public good, not just run it back into the general funds checkbook and use it for company expenses.

We must run this list annually to see if there is any one to claim it, and set the money aside in case they do. Occasionally, we find somebody, but usually it is the same names year after year. We have invested this money into an account that grows with time, and that is where we fund the scholarships from, as well as using it to make donations to local community organizations, such as ambulance, fire or rescue services, fair boards, or other charitable organizations.

In recent months, the money has gone to help pay for lockers in the new Sioux County/Harrison Fire Hall, purchase some equipment for the Niobrara County Ambulance, co-sponsor the meal at the Sioux County Fair, and sponsor a uniform for little league baseball and football. All of the good coming from unclaimed money, without coming from general funds or having an effect on rates. Another case of local electric coops working for the benefit of the communities they serve.

NEA General Manager Kenny Ceaglske

Boardroom News

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jim Dunn	3	Harrison, NE	
Kenny DeGering	2	Lusk, WY	
Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

July Board Meeting

- Director Hammond spoke regarding Tri-State business.
- Director Keener discussed NREA business and NREA Grassroots Coordinator James Dukesherer gave a grassroots presentation.
- Director Greer shared WREA information.
- Attorney Skavdahl spoke on collection matters.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge gave an operations report with updates on multiple construction projects underway.
- Manager Ceaglske gave the managers report.
- A donation of \$3740.00 was approved for the Niobrara ambulance service.