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Co-op Connections Participating Businesses:

- **The Fine Grind** (10% off purchase)
- **Country Corner Hair Shop** (10% off retail products)
- **Miller Soap Company LLC** (10% off purchase. Does not include shipping)
- **Same As It Once Was** (10% off purchase)
- **Herren Brothers** (10% off True Value items not currently on sale or marked at discount)
- **Lickety Stitch Quilts** (Free pattern with purchase)

Each year NEA representatives meet with Sioux and Niobrara County High School Counselors at the end of February to review scholarship submissions.

Applications are always plentiful and the selection process can be a challenge; one that NEA is happy to have the opportunity to meet because it is providing valuable funds for worthy applicants. NEA scholarship dollars come from uncollectable Capital Credits.

Basin Electric and Tri-State G&T contribute a total of \$2000.00. We have designated Basin's contribution for the Wyoming High School winner and Tri-State money is divided between one Wyoming \$500.00 and one Nebraska \$500.00 Jerry Scott Memorial winner.

A combined total of \$8500.00 in scholarships are being awarded in 2015:

Zach Venable - Wyoming HS

Katlynn Kling - Nebraska HS

Samantha Starkey - Wyoming College

Levi Wilson - Nebraska College

Meghan Proctor - Wyoming JSM

Trevor Ginkens - Nebraska JSM

Riley Ellis - NEA At Large

Kyle Westover - NEA At Large

Brady Thurston - NEA At Large

Chelsea Baars - NEA At Large

Nathan Woodrum - NEA At Large

Kyle Litzel - NEA At Large

Frank Falcon - NEA Non-Traditional



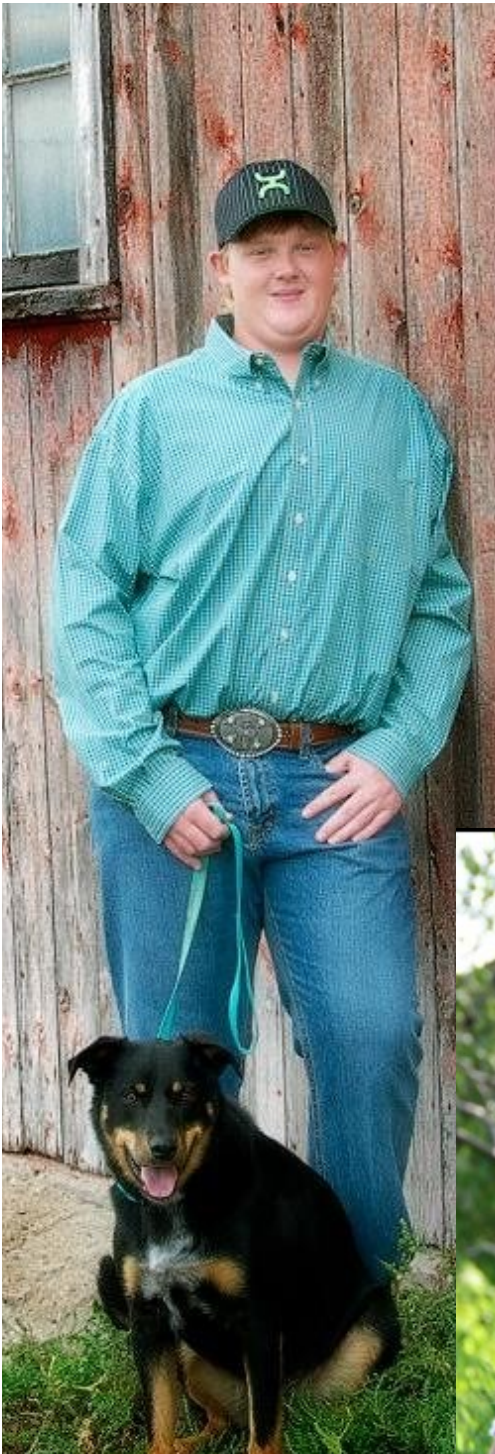


**Brady Thurston,
Chelsea Baars,**



**Katlynn Kling and
Kyle Westover**





Pictured above:
Kyle Litzel, Levi
Wilson, Zach Vena-
ble and Samantha
Starkey.

Photos unavailable
for : Nathan Wood-
rum, Riley Ellis and
Trevor Ginkens.

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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.

Annual Meeting time is coming up in May and we need to be sure to do our best to meet the quorum to have an "official" meeting. Over the last few years, we have just barely made it over the number of members, in person or by proxy, 10% of our 1160 members. How can you help? Watch for your annual meeting notice mailing. If you are attending, bring your own notice with you and ask your neighbors if they are attending. If they are not attending, see if you can be their proxy. If you do not plan to attend, please fill out the proxy card and get it to someone who will be there. Any one member is allowed to be a proxy for up to 5 others if they have the proper proxy cards. This year's meeting doesn't have any contested races, or major issues, but I'd hate to see us get into a situation where we need quorum and can't make it. A few coops in the state have had the issue of not making quorum in past years. We have been close, but never missed. I do want to thank the dedicated members that show up to support the NEA in this business function of your electric coop.

Spring is also on the way, with that means more activity in the pastures and back country. Please keep an eye open when working near NEA lines and poles. Winter brings many stresses to our lines, including ice and wind that can cause insulators, poles or anchors to break or come loose. The 70+ MPH winds we had in some parts of the system in early February did the obvious damage of breaking some poles, causing outages, but it also damaged some less critical parts that we continue to see minor issues with. If you see something that doesn't look right, please keep yourself and any livestock a safe distance away and notify the office as soon as you can.

Kenny Ceaglske

Boardroom News

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District

John Hester	1	Keeline, WY	President
Andy Barnette	2	Lusk, WY	
David Keener	3	Marsland, NE	Sec./Treas
Bill Wilson	3	Harrison, NE	
Jack Hammond	1	Lance Creek, WY	
Jim Dunn	3	Harrison, NE	
Kenny DeGering	2	Lusk, WY	
Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

February Board Meeting

- Director Hammond spoke regarding Tri-State business. Director Keener discussed NREA business and Director Greer shared WREA information.
- Attorney Skavdahl spoke on collection matters.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge reported on high wind outages and pole change out progress near Harrison.
- Manager Ceaglske reported on Capital Credit retirement and gave the board a west load update.