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#### LOCAL BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING IN THE CO-OP CONNECTIONS ®

SAME AS IT ONCE WAS - 10% off store items.

HERREN BROTHERS - 10% off True Value items not otherwise marked for discount.

THE FINE GRIND LLC - 10% off.

MILLER SOAP COMPANY LLC - 10% off products (does not include shipping)

COUNTRY CORNER HAIR SHOP - 10% off products.

LICKETY STICHT QUILT SHOP - Free pattern with purchase.

Help us recruit local business by encouraging your favorite business to contact us to learn about joining the program. There is no charge to the business and all advertising is done through us - it is a FREE service to connect businesses and members for a mutual benefit!

The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Membership was held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on May 21st; turn out was above average. Ninety six (96) in person registrations and seventy (70) proxies were submitted. We exceeded our 10% of membership needed for a quorum by 50 registrations. We're extremely pleased with participation this year and hope to continue with these kind of numbers in the future.

No elections were held this year. All incumbent Directors will extend their service another term, three (3) years. Jessie Bonsell, JoAnn Moore and Levi Clark all received five (5) year service awards and retiree, Barbara Crofutt, was acknowledged for her forty (40) years of service.

Pictured below: random pictures taken during 2015 Annual Meeting.



**Notice of Capital Credit Allocation**  
**THIS IS NOT A BILL, DO NOT PAY**

CAPITAL CREDIT STATEMENT			
	Year	Capital Credit No.	
Page 1 of 1	2014	5028	
Acct. No	Total Billing	Capital Credit	Code
5028101	967.53	47.65	1
		47.24	2
5028105	358.76	.36	1
		.36	2
		17.31	1
		17.16	2
5028106	1,871.40	40.08	1
		39.73	2
		52.10	1
		51.65	2
Totals	\$3,197.69	\$313.64	
Accumulative balance of your capital credits		\$3,279.23	

**EXAMPLE**

**CAPITAL CREDIT STATEMENT**

The capital credit earnings reflected on this statement represent your share of the operating margins realized by your cooperative for the year indicated. These margins have been equally allocated to all participating members based upon total dollar billing or usage.

These margins (payments in excess of expenses) become patronage capital and are used by your cooperative for operating capital, necessary reserves, storm damage, and other contingencies. The amount credited to your account may in the future be paid in full or in part. Should the Board of Directors determine that a refund of patronage capital credits be made, they will be refunded in accordance with the by-laws of the Cooperative.

Should you cease to purchase electric service from the cooperative and change your present address, you should notify the cooperative of any address changes. By so doing, you will be assured of receiving your refund check if and when a refund is made.

**CAPITAL CREDITS SHOWN ON THIS STATEMENT CAN NOT BE APPLIED TO YOUR ENERGY BILLS.**

**CODES**

01 - Niobrara Electric Coop  
 02 - G & T

Keep this statement for your records.

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If you attended Annual Meeting, you received your 2014 Capital Credit statement that evening. If you did not attend, your statement was mailed the last week of May. It was announced at Annual Meeting that Capital Credit G&T funds (code 02) would begin going into system maintenance rather than individual returns starting this year, 2015. Niobrara Electric Capital Credit funds (code 01) will continue to be distributed to the member.

REMINDER for those members who received Capital Credit checks in addition to statements, please cash or deposit your check BY DECEMBER 31. Capital Credit checks are null and void after this date. All voided checks will be added to the next check.





Pictured Left:

Charles Kleinberg and Levi Clark. At Annual Meeting, these two Apprentices did a wonderful job running the Safety Demo.

Pictured Below:

Five of our thirteen scholarship winners were able to make Annual Meeting. (L-R) Zach Venable, Levi Wilson, Brady Thurston, Chelsea Baars and Kyle Litzel. Each received recognition, a 7 Cooperative Principles t-shirt and their certificate awards. Each winner addressed the membership describing their education plans and expressing gratitude for the scholarship program.



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### Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday**

**7:30 am—5:00 pm**

**Fridays 7:30 am—  
4:00 pm**

**Electricians Department**

**7:00 am—5:30 pm (M-F)**

**Outages** ....1-800-322-0544  
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.

I want to thank everyone who turned out for the annual meeting. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you and tell you how we are doing, and some of what the future holds. I hope that you found the event informative and interesting.

The other big news from the past month would have to be the weather in May. Yikes! NEA got through all of the snow and flooding with minimal damage, a dozen or so poles damaged from the flooding in spots where we were close to the creek beds. The initial challenge of the flooding was how to just get out of town. With the repairs made to the places we could access by mid-day, the crews set to work assisting the Town of Lusk to make repairs on their system and get as much restored as possible. In at least one case, we were able to use our contacts and personnel to help locate a transformer that is fairly unique to the small municipal utility, allowing the town crews to keep on the more major tasks.

I was glad to see the outpouring of support from local folks and from outside our area offering assistance in the cleanup or offering supplies, clothes or whatever they could. Cleanup from the flooding will continue to take time, my thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by the mess.

General Manager Kenny Ceaglske

P.S. Pole testing season is in full swing again. John Thayer has been testing for NEA over the past three years and is scheduled to test the Node Sub area going South and West of Lusk throughout the Summer. John primarily uses his 4 wheeler, riding in our easement area, to accomplish his testing. If you have questions or concerns regarding poles on your property feel free to contact us.

### **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

## Boardroom News

### **May Board Meeting**

- Director Greer spoke on WREA business.
- Director Hammond reviewed Tri-State business.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge and Manager Kenny Ceaglske presented a joint discussion and report on vehicle replacement plans, pole change outs and west load development. Authorization was given for purchase of new bucket truck for WY.