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CO-OP CONNECTIONS LOCAL BUSINESS PARTICIPANTS (CHECK WEBSITE FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL DISCOUNTS):

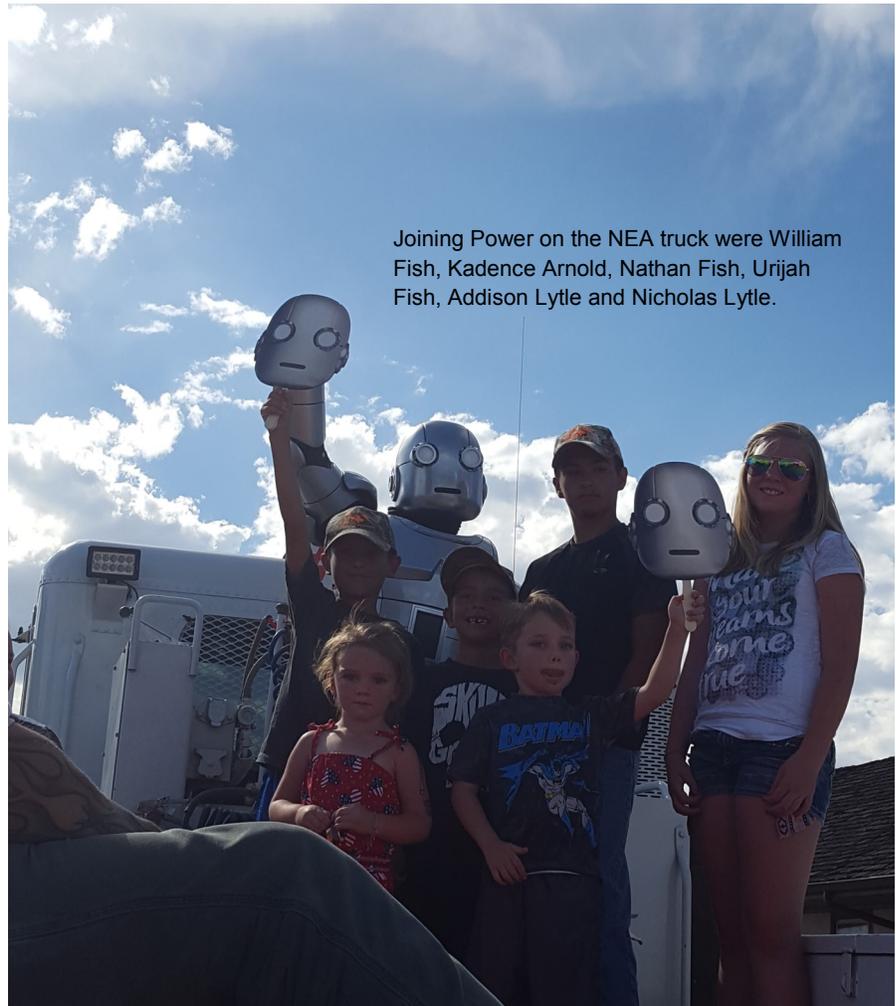
- Herren Brothers True Value
- Same As It Once Was
- Country Corner Hair Shop
- Rough and Refined
- Miller Soap Company

Over the Rawhide Pageant weekend, our friends at Tri-State G&T were busy working with NEA employees and some of our members to gather video and photos in a project to showcase Niobrara Electric.

According to Twyla Barker who coordinated with the Tri-State team, "Response to our survey in 2015 revealed spotlighting NEA in the community as highly desirable. Tri-State has a gifted team of professionals assembled and eager to help us accomplish that".

In addition to the production team, Power, iconic ambassador of safety & education within the cooperative community, made the trip up from Colorado and joined in the parade on one of NEA's trucks; much to the delight of his fans.

Power also visited local Co-op Connections Business Partners (Same As It Once Was, Herren Brothers True Value and Rough and Refined), interacting with patrons and having his picture taken for later advertising.



Joining Power on the NEA truck were William Fish, Kadence Arnold, Nathan Fish, Urijah Fish, Addison Lytle and Nicholas Lytle.

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

ADAMS, LLOYD	HARVEY, JOHN & DONNA	RIDDLE, BRENT A.
ARCO OIL & GAS CO.	HEIMBAUGH, ROBERT S.	ROBERSON, RON
BAR WY CONSTRUCTION / DEGNAN TOM	HONDO OIL & GAS CO	RYDER, DALE D. & PATRICIA G.
BATTEY, AILEEN	HOUSER, MARTY	SASSMAN, RONALD
BELL, NORMAN	HYTREK CATTLE COMPANY/ DALE HYTREK	SCHNEE, DAVID
BETTS, CHERYL	INDIAN HILLS INC.	SCHNEIDER, HENRY E.
BLAKEMAN, DAVID R. BLUE DANE SIMMENTAL / BRENNI GIANLUCA - PRES.	JACK BRADLEY EXEMPT TRUST / LOLLY JOHNSON, EDWIN W.	SCHOOL DIST #65 / KAREN JOHNSON SHULTZ CORPORATION / SHULTZ- THOMPSON
BOESPFLUG, R. A.	JOHNSON, GAIL S.	SCHUTT, SUE
BREWSTER, DAVE D.	KANE, THOMAS F	SIEBKEN, CLARENCE AND COLEEN
BROWNE, SHARON / % ROBERT H. DAVIS	KIMES, D	SILVER KING MINES INC.
BURGETT, GLENN H.	KLEEMAN, RICHARD J.	SIMONS, BERNARD D. & HELEN L.
BUTLER, BECKY	KLENK, LAURA	SKINNER'S RESOURCES & EXPLORATION
CABOT OIL & GAS PRODUCTION CORP.	LANE, MICHAEL A.	SMITH, PAM
CALLAHAM, LOREN & MARY	LEE, CLIFFORD A.	SMITH, RAYMOND P.
CALLAHAM, SABRINA	LEWIS, ERNIE & FERN	SMOCK, PEE WEE
CAYLOR, LOREN	LULF, DAVID	SNOCKER, BILL
COBURN, MIKE	MATHIS, CAMERON	SOUKEY, NELSON L.
COLE, RANDY	MCDANIEL, ADA	SPRACKLEN, CATHY
CROSS ROADS / ELBERT HEINE	MCRAE & HENRY / JOES MAC PRES.	STOLDT, ERNEST
DEBOER, NORMAN	MORENO, JUDITH	TEEN CENTER / JERRY ASCHWEGE
DEFORD, RALPH	MORRISON, GLADYS	THERMAL EXPLORATION
DUNN, TOM	MOSIER, WINIFRED & BEN	TRIDLE, SUSANNE C.
E. DOYLE HUCKABAY LTD FORNEY, JOSEPH W. / JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INS.	NATION, LLOYD W.	UPDIKE BROTHERS
GEODYNE / JIM SELLERS	OLIVER, RUDY	URBANEK, JERRY & MAE
GILLESPIE, NEIL D. GLANDT COMMON TRUST / RONALD GLANDT	OSBURN, SHANE	WARNOCK, STAN
GOLICH DAN / MARATHON OIL CO	PIKLAPP, KATHY	WARREN, DALE (FAMILY MEMBERS)
GRANT, LARRY F.	PLATTE RIVER VALLEY CABLE	WATERFORD PRODUCTION CO.
GUERNSEY STONE & CONSTRUCTION	POLLAT, MARK E. / LIGHTNING CREEK	WEBER, LARRY D.
HAAHEIM, WANDA	POWELL, FRED R. / MILDRED KENNEDY	WILLIAMS, EMMA C
HALE, ROBERT A.	PRDCTN CRDT ASSC OF THE MDLND /	YOUNG, ALICE
HALF CIRCLE CORP / X A RANCH	PRICKETT, BRIAN	ZEILINGER, DAVID
	REES, RANDALL & JUNE	ZEPHYR EXPLORATION
	RILEY SAND & READY MIX	

A new school year is nearly upon us. Return to school serves as a good time to go over home electrical safety with all family members.

- Don't overload outlets by plugging in multiple cords into one outlet or extension cord.
- Make sure all electric cords are out of the way so pets won't chew on them and people won't trip on them.
- Never climb the fence around an electrical substation.
- Don't play on power poles or use them for hanging anything; they are strictly for Co-op use.
- Kite flying and shooting sports should never be done around power lines.
- Never climb a tree without looking it over first to determine if any power lines are running in or near the tree.
- Water and electricity do not mix! Don't use appliances or tools in or near water.

It's that time of year again...



Educate yourself on electrical safety.



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7:30 am—5:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am—  
4:00 pm

**Electrician 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.

Late summer means increased fire dangers many years, and this year is no exception. With that, I'll take a moment and talk about safety with grass fires and what we do about it as well. The obvious things, avoid the use of open flames, if you do need to use them, be sure they are fully out before you leave. Be very cautious with putting hot things in contact with the dry grass, like car exhaust and other power tools. If possible carry a small fire extinguisher with you in your travels, a shovel, or even a broom to help put out flames if a fire should start. If you have an area where you plan on working for a while, cutting the grass can help keep it from contacting the hot exhaust. Our guys try to avoid the tall grass if they can when patrolling line or working on it, and they carry water extinguishers on most of the trucks. Also when restoring line outages, they are more likely to patrol the line in these conditions before closing the breakers, just in case the cause is something that might cause sparks.

When doing almost anything, keep the thoughts of what could go wrong in mind, and if it does pose a risk, what can you do to prevent it. That thought drives all of the safety tips that are out in the world in all of the activities. For our guys it means all of the safety gear that they wear and a conversation before each job to talk about the specific dangers of each job. As a last resort, they wear the heavy rubber gloves and sleeves just in case they make contact with the power lines. I've heard that it takes less than 3 seconds of inattention for an accident to happen. Take the 3 seconds in all that you do to make sure you get home safely after all your activities.

I typically mention this a few times a year, but it is a good reminder and we appreciated your help, please take a moment when driving around, particularly in the open grazing land, to look up at our lines to see if you see anything out of place. Time and the elements can make a situation that was OK yesterday, dangerous today. For example, a lightning strike can damage a pole, add a little wind to that and the pins that normally hold the insulators and line up in the air can tip over or fall loose from the pole allowing the line to get close enough to the ground to either contact the ground, or contact a curious passing animal and cause outages and sometimes fires.

Be safe out there.

Kenny Ceaglske

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### **June Board Meeting**

- Director Hammond reviewed Tri-State business.
- Director Keener spoke concerning NREA business.
- Director Greer shared WREA business
- General Manager Kenny Ceaglske reported on building maintenance and repairs, policy updates, upcoming events and ordering the new bucket truck.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge spoke about recent outages, pole change outs and substation voltage correction.