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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](#)
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Left: Taryn experiencing the Van de Graaff electrostatic generator.

Below: Taryn's team working on their Group Lock Box design and construction project.

In July, NEA sponsored local member Taryn Platt (in both photos above) to attend the Youth Energy Leadership Camp coordinated by Nebraska Rural Electric Association and held in Halsey, NE.

YELC is a fun, educational experience for member youth with energy and leadership interests. There are opportunities for personal growth as well as team work building activities, like the lock box challenge pictured above where teams build circuits to keep other groups out of their box while competing teams try to break in.

Camp applications are available each year in the Spring. Check the newsletter, website and/or the NEA Facebook page for information.



AROUND THE COUNTRY, CO-OP CONNECTIONS DAY IS CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 6TH.

We want to thank our local business participants in the Co-op Connections program for providing savings to members all year long.

THANKS!!!

Bloomers, LLC

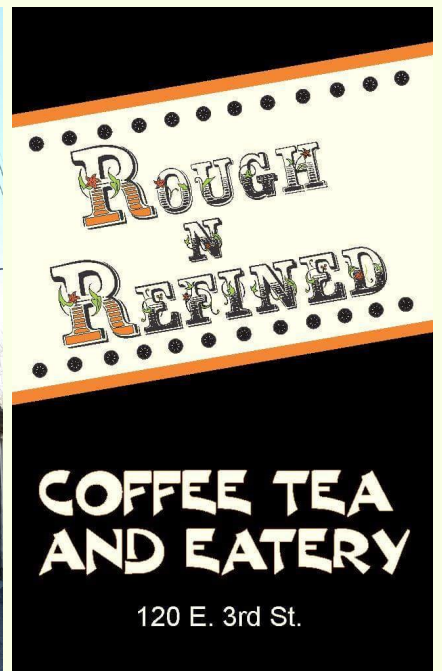
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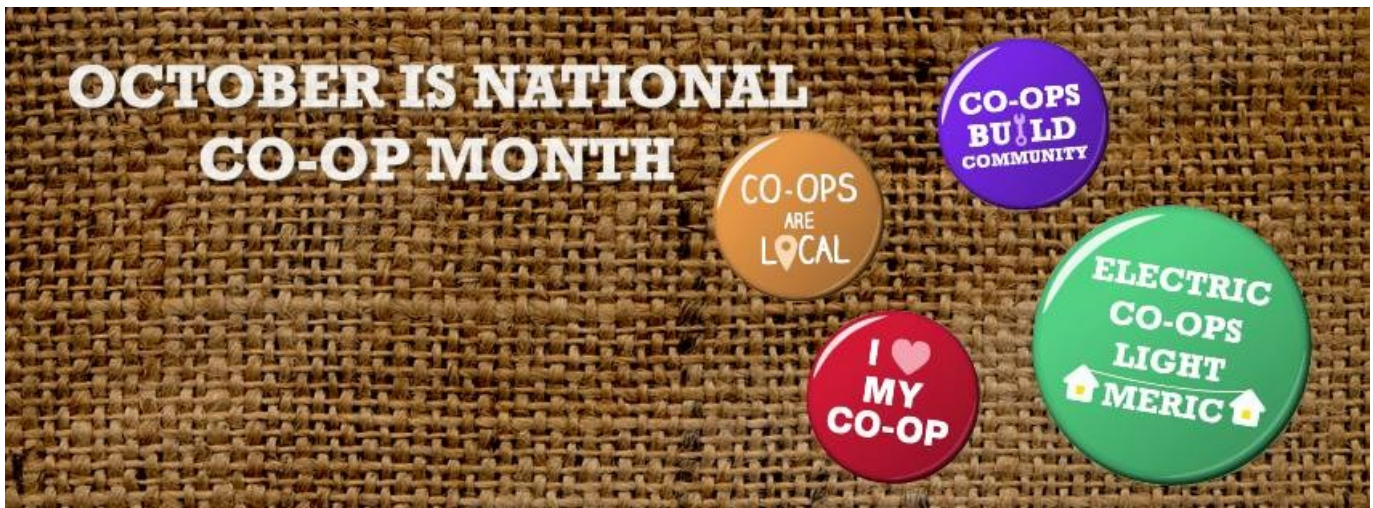
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The Co-op Connections card allows you access to national program discounts as well as local business store discounts. It's free to use so go to these local businesses and enjoy the savings. Check out other discounts at connections.coop



As a matter of good business practice and part of our updated rules and regulations with the PSC, we will be having Chapman Meter Testing on the system periodically.

They typically will be in white vans with the Chapman name on the side, Iowa license plates and with NEA magnetic signs on them, when possible.

For this year, the focus is on the large users with intricate metering. We may progress into the basic single-phase meters as time goes by, but that will depend on how the meters that are out there hold up. As it has been going, we have been changing out meters with bad displays fast enough to comply with the testing standard of 16 years.

It all came together quickly this year, and the crews will be off the system before this newsletter goes to print. We will try to give a little advance notice next year.



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We've had a change of due date for when our part of the WREN magazine needs to be in the hands of the publisher. It has been moved up and consequently we won't be having the board meeting highlights section this month due to the change. It will return next month.

With that said, we will be having preliminary budget and rates discussion at this meeting. Last year, you may recall Tri State's rate increase was greater than the increase we passed along. This year they have proposed no rate increase, but we may very well try to catch up with the rate increase from last year and keep up with other increasing operating costs. We try to smooth out the bumps in the increases if we can, but with the bulk of our revenue coming from weather dependent irrigation and market dependent oil services, it can be a bit of a roller coaster ride. We try to set our budget based on reasonable, but low sales versus hoping for a banner year. Stay tuned to the WREN for further updates.

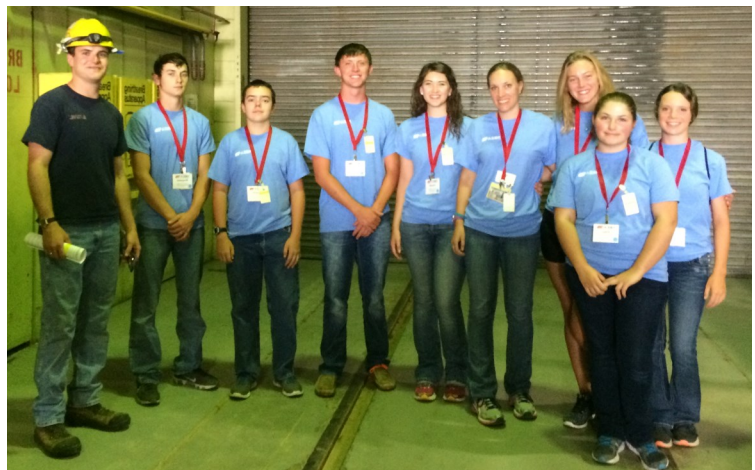
Progress on the Lance Creek to Manville project continues at a good pace. The crews will continue to make steady progress through the fall and maybe into winter. After that project is complete, we will continue working our way through the 4 year work plan that was developed, with activity likely in the Van Tassell area.

Kenny Ceaglske

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NEA sponsored Brooke Herren to attend YELC as a camp counselor again this year. Photo above of Brooke with her team members touring the Gerald Gentleman Hydro Station.