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**Celebrate National Lineman
Appreciation Day on April 9th
or the 18th. Both dates are offi-
cial observances.**

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
- Bloomers



**Congratulations to all the
2018 Basin Electric, Tri-
State G&T and Niobrara
Electric scholarship win-
ners!!!**

**A combined total of \$10
thousand dollars was
awarded this year to our
area youth.**



Top: Jacob Heil \$1000.00 WY
HS (Basin Electric)

Middle: Abigail Meidell \$1000.00
NE College \$1000.00 (NEA)

Bottom: Angela Johnson \$750.00
NE Jerry Scott Memorial (Tri-
State G&T and NEA)



Top left: Madeline Meidell
\$1000.00 NE HS (NEA)



Top right: Rebecca Watson
\$750.00 At Large (NEA)



Middle: Megan Lovitt \$750.00
At Large (NEA)



Bottom left: Traylin Bruegger
\$750.00 At Large (NEA)



Bottom right: Garrett Wurde-
man \$750.00 (NEA)



Top left: Dylan Miller: \$1000.00 WY HS (NEA)

Top right: Trisha Hales: \$750.00 Jerry Scott Memorial (Tri-State & NEA)

Bottom left: William Fish: \$750.00 At Large (NEA)

Bottom right: Emma Ceagske \$750.00 At Large (NEA)

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4:00 pm**

Electrician Department

6:00 am—4:30 pm (M-TH)

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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.

As you begin to make plans for spring activities, please save the date of May 17, and plan on being at the Sioux County High School in Harrison that evening for our Annual Meeting. Last year we had an amazing turnout for some really bad weather. I have placed an order for better weather this year, we'll see how it works out. I look forward to seeing many of you in Harrison this year, where we'll have the usual financial presentation, as well as upcoming projects and updates from our state-wide association and Tri-State G&T.

We need to be sure to do our best to meet the quorum to have an "official" meeting. We've had a few years where we're close to not making it. How can you help? Watch for your annual meeting notice in the mail. If you are attending, bring your own notice with, and ask your neighbors if they are attending. If they are not, 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. Proxy cards really helped make the difference in 2017 with the snowy weather. 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 that I know of at this time, 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.

A quick update on the Lance Creek to Manville work plan job, the contractors are just about finished with the first part of the project, and will be starting on the south end shortly, so look for activity from Manville North to just below the breaks. The other major project out there is to bring in the new feed from the West. It is moving along slow and steady, but plans are in the works for completion in 2019 or 2020 which is coming sooner than it seems.

Manager Kenny Ceagske

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Kenny DeGering	2	Lusk, WY	
Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
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Board Room News

- Manager Ken Ceagske covered territory issues, financials, preliminary audit reports and upcoming Tri-State Annual meeting.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge reported on the work plan jobs and recent crew activities.
- Director Greer updated everyone on WREA business.
- Director Hammond gave a Tri-State business report.
- Director Keener spoke on NREA business.