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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
- Bloomers



A lot of wear and tear is pounded out on our road from constant vehicle entry and exit . Frequent truck traffic is the way of it at our busy little Co-op, with NEA crews & contractors coming and going throughout the day.

In June, when weather co-operated, the over haul of our shop drive area and the entry road to our headquarters building took place.

The much needed replacement project was completed after several days. Access was sometimes limited to

customers, and we appreciated your patience.

Doing replacement rather than patchwork will, hopefully, last longer and produce a better road for our members, contractors, crews and others using the NEA facility.

Discussion for inclusion in the budget next year is placement of concrete between both shop buildings.







## Tornado Damage

June storms were abundant and dangerous this year. On June 19th, a tornado in the Lance Creek area caused damage to homes and land. NEA had a number of poles torn down and crews working to restore electricity in the effected areas.

Photos on this page were taken at the Wallace residence in Kaye field, WY. On the right is a photo of the trailer house's roof wrapped around a pole.

Outages attributed to the tornado as well as other storms in June required roughly 150 hours of over-time in addition to regular work days.



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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am—  
4:00 pm

**Electrician Department**

6:00 am—4:30 pm (M-TH)

**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.

Thank you again to all that attended the Annual Meeting back in May. We have been discussing how to improve the meeting and possibly speed it up a bit. There are many parts of the meeting that we feel are valuable to the members that are able to make it to the meetings, but we recognize that it can get a little long by the time we are done, particularly in an election year. We haven't made any firm decisions on these yet, but here are some of the things we are considering:

**Door prizes:** The drawings for all of the door prizes takes a lot of time, we may reserve a few of the larger items for the live drawings and pre draw tickets for the smaller items and have them on a table to be picked up by the winners.

**Checks:** We have an option of sending the checks out by mail prior to the meeting. That would free up employee time during the meeting to assist with registration and other duties.

**Meal:** We may have the meal line open just after the registration and people can pick up their meal after they register.

**Earlier start:** With the above adjustments, we could get the actual business meeting started a little earlier, leaving the folks who come in on the later side of things possibly still eating as we are getting started.

I'm throwing these items out to you as a heads up that change may be in the works, and also as a request that if there is other input, you are welcome to call, email, or just stop on by and visit.

Recently there was an article in the WREN about the new cooperative education class being offered at UW in Laramie. The board authorized a special \$500 scholarships to any student who takes the course. Contact our office if you have someone that attends UW and is interested in the course.

Kenny Ceaglske

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### District

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Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
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#### Board Minutes

- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge spoke to the Board about outage updates, work plan updates, new services, PCB reporting and safety activities.
- Manager Kenny Ceaglske gave policy updates, building and grounds maintenance, Co-op class, donation requests and new large loads.
- Director Keener spoke on NREA business.
- Director Greer spoke on WREA business.
- Director Hammond spoke on Tri-State business.