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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
- Miller Soap Company
- Bloomers



Had you noticed?

Back in the mid 90's, a lighted sign for the NEA headquarters was added at the drive entry.

These many years later, an update was needed for the weathered and faded original.

As spring weather turned nice, the old sign came down and the new sign went up.





Congratulations to all our employees with service awards this year. We value each of you and appreciate all your work keeping NEA operations running.

Jessie Bonsell, 10 year

JoAnn Moore, 10 years



Doug Lytle, 5 years

Jim Pontarolo, 5 years

Levi Clark, 10 years





Since publishing the cancellation of our Annual Meeting in March, we have heard concerns from some members on how elections of directors and other business for the year will be handled. Our attorney is working on a resolution addressing these issues and we will publish it on all our mediums when it is completed.

We had hoped that the Youth Energy Leadership Camp held every year in Halsey, Nebraska in July would escape the list of cancellations due to COVID 19 concerns. However, it did not. We apologize to our affected campers and encourage participation next year.

Capital Credits checks have been mailed directly to members. Please make sure you deposit or cash your check in 2020 as they become null and void after December 31, 2020. If you do not receive your allocation statement and or check, contact Julie in the Billing department.

The month of March saw the arrival of three new NEA employees.

NEA's new General Manager, Kevin Inman, arrived from Colorado early in the month and has been going non-stop since with all the many projects slated for 2020.

Shawn Leimser and Jeff Simonsen, both Lusk locals, also started their respective duties in early March. Leimser, taking over busy warehouse operations and Simonsen joining the line crews as a groundsman and equipment operator.

Dylan Haas, from Nebraska, became the fourth new hire in late April. Dylan filled the much needed outpost position in Harrison, bringing the Nebraska line crew up to three men.

We welcome all the new hires and are extremely happy with their work performance. It takes a team to run this cooperative effectively—Go Team!



Jeff Simonsen



Kevin Inman



Dylan Haas



Shawn Leimser



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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

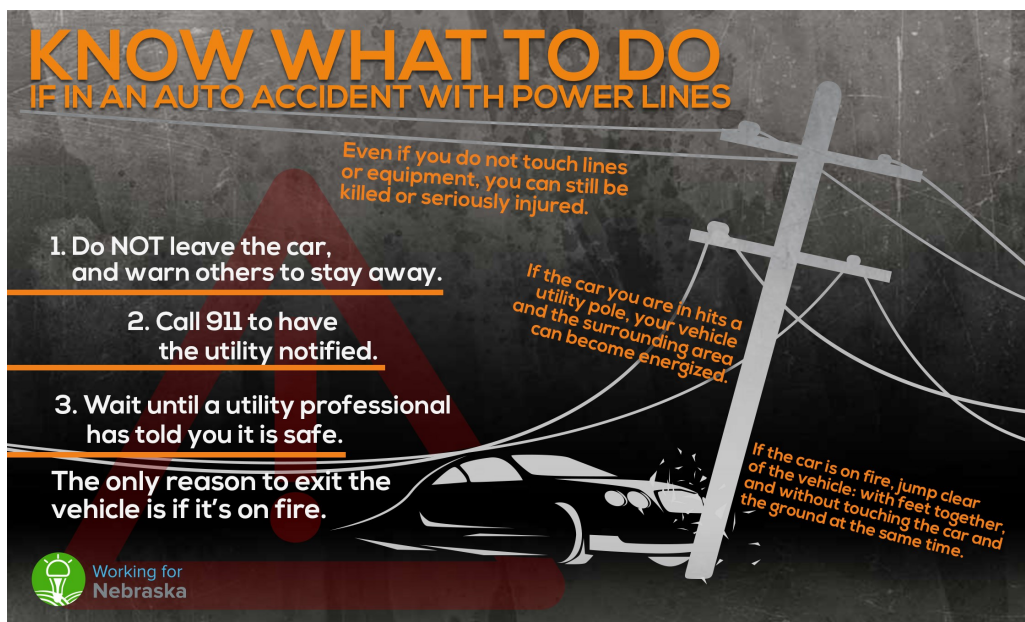
Fridays 7:30 am—  
4:00 pm

**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 SRS will take all other calls and dispatch NEA personnel.



With the summer season comes the potential for powerful storms and the damages to power lines and poles that they can bring. As with motor vehicle accidents with power lines and poles, weather related damage to our system may bring members into dangerous situations with energized equipment.

In every situation involving electricity, personal safety comes first.

If you can call for assistance, do so.

Stay calm and if in a vehicle, stay where you are. It is not recommend that you try to investigate your surroundings, or clear debris and or line.

Any time you see damage on the system, we appreciate your letting us know. If you notice low hanging or broken lines, broken insulators, tipped cross arms and damaged poles, we want to know about it.

### **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    |                |
| Neal Wurdeman   | 2 | Lusk, WY        |                |
| Andy Greer      | 1 | Lance Creek, WY |                |
| JD Wasserburger | 2 | Lusk, WY        | Vice President |

### Board Minutes

- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge spoke on new hires and the line north of Kirtley road being on hold due to the economy. No accidents or incidents to report. Updated the Board on the line from Podolak substation.
- Manager Kevin Inman spoke on financials, PPP program, ROWs, and gave an update on the office during COVID 19 pandemic. Discussion on Executive Assistant position, update on Oneok and CFC budget.
- Director Keener spoke on NREA business.
- Director Greer spoke on WREA business.
- Director Wilson spoke on Tri-State business.