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Congratulations, Chance Wilder!

Recently, Chance finished his 3rd year apprenticeship hours and testing.

Now into his 4th and final year of apprenticeship training, Chance is demonstrating he has what it takes to accomplish his Journeyman goal.

"He's a great member of the NEA team—we're pleased with his progression and happy to have him with us." said Line Superintendent, Jason Fish.

Allen

Welcome NEA's two new hires, Alicia (Lish) Murphy in Billing/Metering and Caleb Antelope as an Apprentice Line-man in Harrison, NE.

You may know Lish as she is a longtime resident in Lusk, WY and owner of the much loved Angry Irishman BBQ.

Lish has a strong background in accounting and warehousing that is serving NEA well. She has taken to her new duties so well, she's making it look easy.

Caleb relocated to our outpost in Harrison from Humboldt, SD., bringing with him experience from time with Engbarth Directional Digging and Wyoming Line Builders, as well as valuable working knowledge from employment in both automotive service and farming.

Both Caleb and Lish are welcome additions!



REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
NIOBRARA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
LUSK, WYOMING 82225

The nominating committee appointed for the purpose of nominating Directors for Niobrara Electric Association, Inc. for three year terms, met at the office of the Association on February 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., pursuant to Notice.

The members of the Committee were as follows:

District No. 1 – Richard Ladwig, Ken Dixon, Denzel Coffey & Brad Reese (alt.)

District No. 2 – Cheryl Lund, Dan Hanson, Rod Nelson & Stan Rennard (alt.)

District No. 3 – Jon Woodrum, Rodney Gray, Donald Mack & Jack Buhr (alt.)

The following members of the Nominating Committee were present:

<u>Richard Ladwig</u>	<u>Cheryl Lund</u>	
<u>Ken Dixon</u>	<u>Dan Hanson</u>	
<u>Denzel Coffey</u>		

The Nominating Committee selected Richard Ladwig as Chairman, who presided at the meeting.

Motion was made by Denzel Coffey that the following named Members:

<u>District 1</u>	<u>District 2</u>	<u>District 3</u>
<u>Joe Kruse</u>	<u>Andy Barnette</u>	<u>Jim Dunn</u>
<u>Chris Jensen</u>		

be placed in nomination for Directors of Niobrara Electric Association to serve three (3) year terms, seconded by Ken Dixon, and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Richard A. Ladwig

Chairman, Nominating Committee

Join us at Youth Energy Leadership Camp

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY**

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YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____

Phone number (____) _____

City _____ State _____

Name of parents _____

Name of your sponsoring rural electric system _____

NO, IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER CAMP

I bet right now you are thinking that this is the zillionth camp flyer you have seen and that this camp is just like all the rest. It costs a bunch, you won't know anyone there, it's going to be awkward, and you won't get anything out of going, except maybe a sunburn.

THINK AGAIN!

It's free, you are going to make life-long friends, and learn about the electric industry through interesting workshops, fascinating demonstrations and presentations by regional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program. There's also canoeing, sports, a banquet and a dance. A tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provide for a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

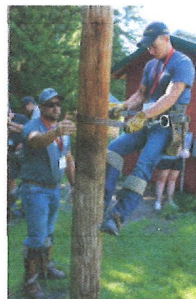
So don't delay...apply today!

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Now that you know this isn't just another camp, you may be asking yourself, "should I go?"

You should if you have:

- Leadership potential
- An awesome personality
- A strong academic record
- An interest in meeting new people



We eagerly await YELC each year and love to send our member youth to Halsey, Nebraska for this unique experience. If you are in grades 9-11 and interested in attending camp, call 307-334-3221 and visit with Twyla.

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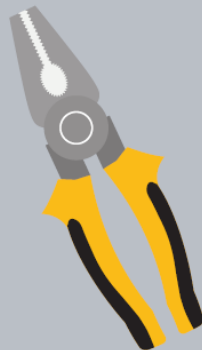
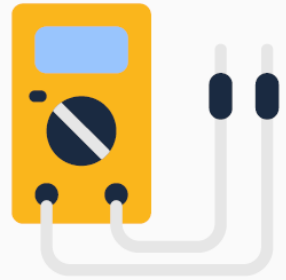
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during office hours and SRS
will take all other calls and
dispatch NEA personnel.

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FACT: Although the voltage plays a
role in how strong the current flows,
exposure to the current itself is what's
deadly. Even lower voltages can kill.



MYTH: Heavily insulated tools will
always protect against shock and
electrocution

FACT: Don't let a tool give you a false
sense of security; take all precautions
even if a tool is marketed as safe or
insulated.

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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

- Operations Manager Rick Bridge gave a Safety Report—no accidents or near misses. Operations report on Lost Dog metering point. Bob Micek from Tri-State joined the meeting to report on Cedar Springs II metering point. Shared information on apprentice new hire for Nebraska crew.
- Office Manager Shawna Glendy discussed company processes, workflow & Billing/Metering new hire. Excellence Day Care donation was discussed. Nominating Committee appointments were made.
- Director Keener spoke on NREA business.
- Director Greer spoke on WREA business.
- Director Wilson spoke on Tri-State business.