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LOCAL BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING
IN THE CO-OP CONNECTIONS ®

SAME AS IT ONCE WAS - 10% off store
items.

HERREN BROTHERS - 10% off True
Value items not otherwise marked for
discount.

THE FINE GRIND LLC - 10% off.

MILLER SOAP COMPANY LLC - 10%
off products (does not include shipping)

COUNTRY CORNER HAIR SHOP -
10% off products.

LICKETY STICHT QUILT SHOP - Free
pattern with purchase.

Help us recruit local business by encour-
aging your favorite business to contact
us to learn about joining the program.
There is no charge to the business and
all advertising is done through us - it is a
FREE service to connect businesses
and members for a mutual benefit!

When you call in an outage, please have the **meter number(s)** you are calling about handy so the correct service is identified. Make a list of your meters and hang them on your refrigerator or if you have only one or two, commit the numbers to memory. Whatever suits you, but have **meter number(s)** when you call.

Example: You have 3 meters listed under XYZ Ranch. Power is lost at one service so you call in to report an outage only giving your name, John Doe, and say you want to report that the old Anderson house is without power.

This example is common and frustrating for everyone involved. All the problems with this type of call can be solved by giving the **Name of account the service is listed under**, XYZ Ranch, and then giving the **METER number of the service without power**, the old Anderson house, meter #1234. Finally, always share what **phone #** you can be reached at if we need to get back with you.

The more precise the information, the better the response that can be delivered. Also, please consider whether all your **current contact** information has been shared with us.

If you have special arrangements - say you have an account with us but you live out of area and you employ a hired hand who has only a cell phone for contact, please call in and share this with us in **advance** of the next emergency or outage.

Congratulations, Levi
Clark!!!

In early June, Levi ad-
vanced from Apprentice
to Journeyman. Work
well done, Levi.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE? PLEASE HELP US DELIVER CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS!

ARCO OIL & GAS CO.
BAR WY CONSTRUCTION / DEGNAN TOM
BATTEY, AILEEN
BELL, NORMAN
BETTS, CHERYL
BLAKEMAN, DAVID R.
BLUE DANE SIMMENTAL / BRENNI GIANLUCA - PRES.
BOESPFLUG, R. A.
BREWSTER, DAVE D.
BROWNE, SHARON / % ROBERT H. DAVIS
BURGETT, GLENN H.
BUTLER, BECKY
CABOT OIL & GAS PRODUCTION CORP.
CALLAHAM, LOREN & MARY
CALLAHAM, SABRINA
COBURN, MIKE
COLE, RANDY
CROSS ROADS / ELBERT HEINE
DEBOER, NORMAN
DEFORD, RALPH
DUNN, TOM
E. DOYLE HUCKABAY LTD
FORNEY, JOSEPH W. / JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INS.
GERMANN, JOHN P.
GILLESPIE, NEIL D.
GLANDT COMMON TRUST / RONALD GLANDT
GOLICH DAN / MARATHON OIL CO
GUERNSEY STONE & CONSTRUCTION
HAAHEIM, WANDA
HALE, ROBERT A.
HALF CIRCLE CORP / X A RANCH
HARVEY, JOHN & DONNA
HEIMBAUGH, ROBERT S.
HONDO OIL & GAS CO
HOUSER, MARTY
HYTREK CATTLE COMPANY/ DALE HYTREK
INDIAN HILLS INC.
JACK BRADLEY EXEMPT TRUST / LOLLY MARTIN TRUSTEE
JOHNSON, EDWIN W.
JOHNSON, GAIL S.
KANE, THOMAS F
KIMES, D
KLEEMAN, RICHARD J.
KLENK, LAURA
LANE, MICHAEL A.
LEE, CLIFFORD A.
LEWIS, ERNIE & FERN
LULF, DAVID
MATHIS, CAMERON
MCDANIEL, ADA
MCRAE & HENRY / JOES MAC PRES.
MORRISON, GLADYS
MOSIER, WINIFRED & BEN
OSBURN, SHANE
PAUL REED CONSTRUCTION
PIKLAPP, KATHY
PIXLER, RICHARD N. & SHARON J.
PLATTE RIVER VALLEY CABLE
POLLAT, MARK E. / LIGHTNING CREEK RANCH
POWELL, FRED R. / MILDRED KENNEDY
POWERS, KERRY
PRICKETT, BRIAN
REES, RANDALL & JUNE
RILEY SAND & READY MIX
RIDDLE, BRENT A.
ROBERSON, RON
RYDER, DALE D. & PATRICIA G.
SASSMAN, RONALD
SCHNEE, DAVID
SCHNEIDER, HENRY E.
SCHOOL DIST #65 / KAREN JOHNSON
SHULTZ CORPORATION / SHULTZ-THOMPSON

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CAPITAL CREDITS CONT.

SILVER KING MINES INC.

SIMONS, BERNARD D. & HELEN L.

SKINNER'S RESOURCES & EXPLORATION

SMITH, PAM

SMITH, RAYMOND P.

SOUKEY, NELSON L.

SPRACKLEN, CATHY

STOLDT, ERNEST

TEEN CENTER / JERRY ASCHWEGE

THERMAL EXPLORATION

THRASHER, PAUL S. & JOANNE C.

TRIDLE, SUSANNE C.

UPDIKE BROTHERS

URBANEK, JERRY & MAE

VENCILL, DENNIS / PLUS FOUR RANCH

VENCILL, TODD

VONTZ, CATHY

WARNOCK, STAN

WARREN, DALE (FAMILY MEMBERS)

WATERFORD PRODUCTION CO.

WEBER, LARRY D.

WILLIAMS, EMMA C

YOUNG, ALICE

ZEILINGER, DAVID

ZEPHYR EXPLORATION

Friendly Reminders:

PLEASE be sure to cash all General Retirement Capital Credit checks BY December 31, 2015. If the check has a date from a previous year on it please throw it away as that check was previously voided and the amount was added to the next General Retirement check. Any checks voided on December 31, 2015 will be added to next year's check.

If you missed last month's newsletter and/or Annual Meeting, it was announced that the General Retirement of Tri-State G&T Capital Credits will discontinue as of this year. We will retire G&T Capital Credits to Estate Retirements through the end of the year. These monies will now be used toward system maintenance. If you have an Allocation Statement, these monies appear as code 02.

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Touchstone EnergySM

Office Hours

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7:30 am—5:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am—
4:00 pm

Electricians Department

7:00 am—5:30 pm (M-F)

Outages1-800-322-0544
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.

By the time you are reading this, the Legend of Rawhide, county fairs and most of the rest of all the summer excitement will have passed and fall will be near.

As you saw earlier in the newsletter, Levi Clark satisfied all of the requirements of the journeyman lineman program. I want to take a moment to congratulate him for his hard work on the studies, testing, and field work involved in the process. If you see him out and about, pass along a congratulations as well.

Looking to the future, we have implemented an outage tracking system that will help with reports we do for the PSC, as well as our own needs, and for transition times between the Sheriff's office and our office. The critical piece of information that we need is the meter number at the location of the outage, particularly for after hours outages that the Sherriff's department takes. If you are a customer with only 1 service point, it is not as big of a deal, but for those with many locations it is important to have a unique identifier of the specific point.

One of the other things that will make this system perform well is call volume, so be sure to call in when you have an outage. That goes equally for the outage system as it does for when the lineman are troubleshooting the outage. Recently one of the guys got called out for an outage to one service; one call came in. When he got there it turned out to be an outage that reached back to the substation. There were almost 250 meters out. I'm not sure how many were stock wells, or other sites that don't have a person at them most of the time. Don't be bashful about calling in, if you're the first one out in an area, we may ask if you've checked your breakers, just to be sure, but then we'll get the guys going and take care of the problem as soon as we can.

Much of the obvious damage from the floods this summer is cleaned up. A FEMA disaster was declared so the FEMA process is in the works. For NEA, this is mostly paperwork, as the damage was repaired within a few weeks. Please be sure to keep the folks that were touched by the floods in mind; the recovery process for them will be months if not years in the works. There will be needs for them ranging from the visible material things all the way to the emotional scars that are hard to spot.

Kenny Ceaglske

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

Boardroom News

May Board Meeting

- Director Greer spoke on WREA business.
- Director Hammond reviewed Tri-State business.
- Director Keener spoke on NREA business.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge updated the Board on vehicles and metering issues.
- Manager Ceaglske spoke on personnel issues, flood damage and better than expected sales for the year.