



Service to Community is a Cooperative Principle.

Niobrara Electric is pleased to contribute to a number of organizations yearly, allocating dollars and donating our employee's time; for example, both Niobrara County and Sioux County Fairs, Wyoming State Fair, and Cody Hotline School. We also routinely contribute to various community functions and organizations, as requested.

The NEA Board of Directors has chosen to support the newly established **Cooperative Family Fund** once a year. The mission of the Cooperative Family Fund is to strengthen the bonds of cooperative families by helping cooperative employees and their children deal with grief and the loss of a loved one. This fund is a standalone 501(c)3 nonprofit with no employees, it operates solely by volunteers from cooperatives across the country.

The President of the Cooperative Family Fund is an NEA alumni, previous NEA General Manager Tony Anderson.

To find out more about the Cooperative Family Fund, visit www.cooperativefamilyfund.com

Grassroots Networking - Your Voice Matters.

We have been talking for a while about the trying times we as your local cooperative and all other energy providers are facing finding the balance between producing renewable, clean energy and keeping that energy reliable and affordable.

Political administrations, both at the federal and state level, are pushing hard for the elimination of coal for use as a fuel source. They have several approaches to attempt to accomplish this, one is trying to impose rules which are unattainable. An example is a rule proposed by the EPA limiting carbon dioxide emissions or requiring the use of carbon capture and sequestration technology which is currently unable to meet the proposed standards. The failure to meet these requirements means fines will be assessed; those costs will likely be passed on to the member which will increase our energy costs at the local level.

This is where the Grassroot networks are a valuable tool. Grassroot networks or campaigns as they are frequently referred to, have been around for many years. Essentially it is a group of local level people who collectively take action to try and influence change on important political issues.

Wyoming Rural Electrical Association (WREA) which NEA is affiliated with, has a Grassroots Network and is encouraging our members to use their voice to help get the messages to the appropriate officials regarding these important issues.

Therefore, we are asking anyone who is willing to be a part of any Grassroots effort to sign up so we can notify you when we believe contact with our policy makers is necessary.

You can sign up at www.action.coop, at the WREA office at 2312 Carey Ave. Cheyenne, WY or at NEA 3951 US Hwy 20, Lusk, WY.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office at 307-334-3221 or the WREA office at 307-634-0727 for more information.

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The NEA 1st Annual Golf Tournament for the NEA Scholarship Fund was held on July 14, 2023, in 4 person scramble format at the Niobrara County Golf Course and Country Club. A total of 14 Teams participated in the event.

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Top 3 Teams:

1. Ryan Rapp, Brandon Rapp, Stuart Skibiki, Doug Lytle
2. Hunter Dockery, Travis Miller, Coe LeLeux, Desi Leleux
3. Rick Shaw, Justin Collins, Greg Matney, Tabitha Nelson

Eagle Shootout Winner was Brian Clark.

\$2,875.00 added to the Scholarship Fund!

We are already looking forward to hosting the event again next year!

