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We hope you enjoy a safe and fun Independence holiday!!!

Our office will be closed on Monday, July 4th for the holiday observance.

We welcome a new Director to the Board at NEA.

During our Annual Meeting held in May, A. W. Manning was voted to the Board, representing District 1.



As a lifelong resident of this community I think being on the NEA board would be a great opportunity to bring some positive ideas and input for the future of the organization. I am looking forward to learning more about this so I can better represent the members of this community.

In the cooperative world we work daily to abide by the Seven Cooperative Principles. Many of you may have heard of them but for those who have not they are:

1. Open and Voluntary Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for the Community

In accordance with principle number seven, which goes on to say, "while focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members", NEA has worked hard to help develop our communities. In 2021 NEA donated more than \$50,000 to community organizations and youth scholarships. Some of the organizations or projects which received donation were Sioux County Fair Family Meal, Sioux County Fair Board Show Barn Upgrade, Sioux County Fire Department, Niobrara County Fair Board Foundation for Fairground Improvements, Niobrara County Cattle Woman for Fair Meal, Niobrara County Achievement Day, and the South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation.

The scholarship winners were Jaden Stauffer, Kailey Klein, Kodie Rempp, Riley Shaw, Larissa Johnson, Bethany Krein, Skylar Edmund, Sadie Sturman, Emily Parker, Hannah Rudloff, Richard Gutierrez, Megan Comstock, Leif Meidell and Dalton McDaniel.

We also assist the communities in many ways by donating time and equipment to projects such as hanging Christmas lights, assisting in the set up of the Legend of Rawhide pageant and other needed services. Our employees and board members are proud to be active members of our communities and believe in all the cooperative principles. If your organization is need of a donation or assistance, please do not hesitate to write a request and emailed or mail it to:

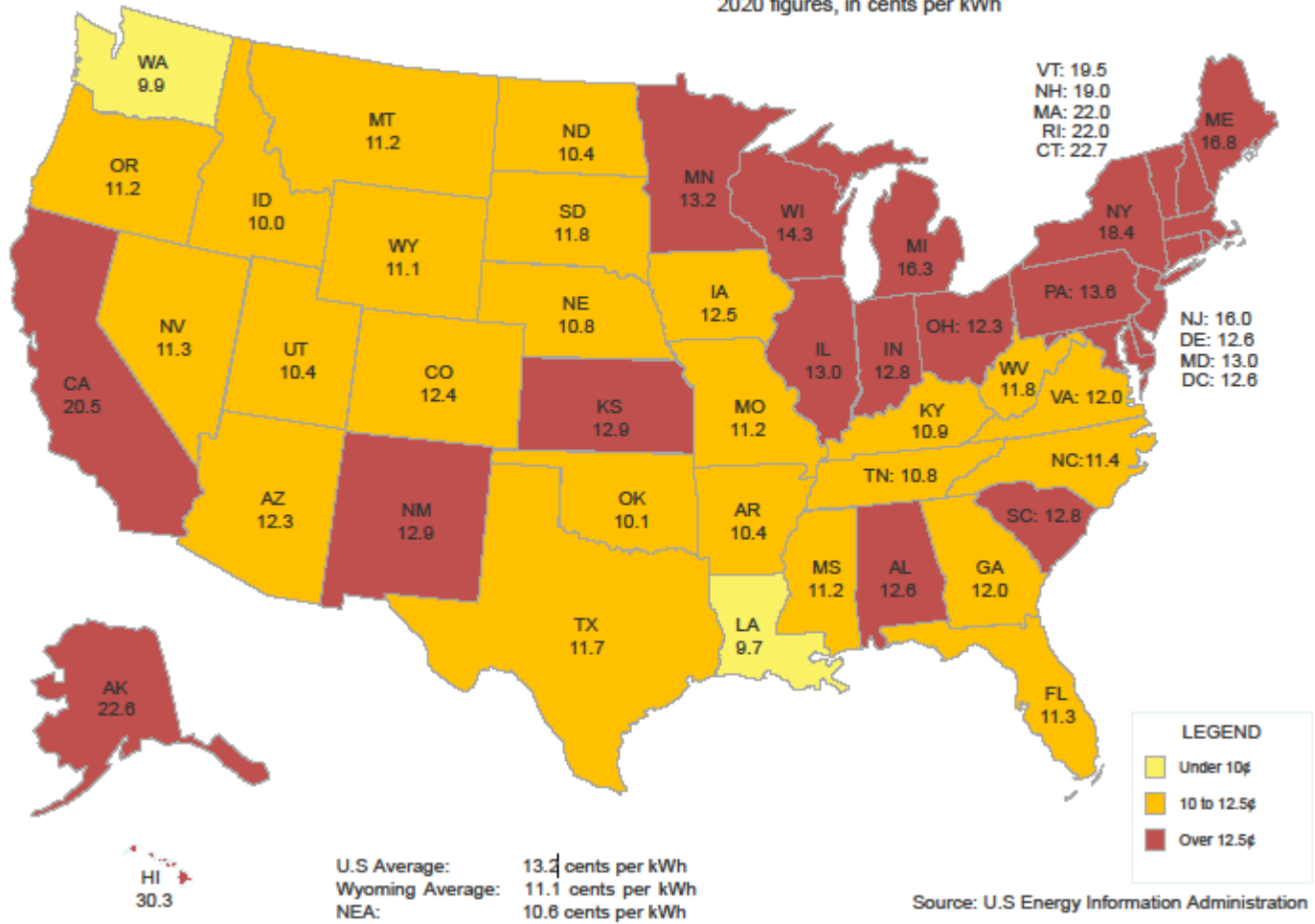
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### Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2020 figures, in cents per kWh



As you can see in the residential rate by state information above, Wyoming cents per kWh is less than the national average, and NEA cents per kWh is lower than the state’s average. Of note is the fact that NEA members have not had an increase in rates since January 2019.

The ever-increasing costs of doing business are continually evaluated. As with most industries, the supply chain crisis is affecting how we do business and driving up costs at an alarming rate.

Announcements by wholesale power providers, such as Tri-State G&T also weigh heavily in all rate decision making. We at NEA are working diligently to find ways to lessen the impact the economy is having on our industry currently. We are counting on the fact that what goes up must come down, we just hope it’s soon!

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

The Energy Education Council provides tips on efficient ways to keep cool in hot weather:

- Trim back foliage at least two feet around the air conditioner, and remove debris from nearby the unit. This will ensure that airflow to the unit is not blocked.
- While your air conditioner is in use, replace your filter each month.
- While the air conditioner is running, always close windows and doors to increase efficiency.
- Use ceiling fans to make use of the wind chill effect while you are home. Set them to spin counterclockwise during warmer months so that they push air down and make you feel cooler.
- Use the outside air to your advantage. Open your windows at night to let cooler air in. Avoid unnecessary trips outside that would let in midday heat.
- Use curtains and blinds to keep sunlight out on hot days.
- Dress in loose, lightweight clothing.
- Set your thermostat as high as is comfortable when you are home. The smaller the difference between the thermostat and the outside temperature, the less energy used. Use a programmable thermostat to adjust your home's temperature based on your schedule. It can automatically keep your home cooler while you are there and warmer when you are away.
- Check for cracks and gaps around windows and doors and seal them with caulk and weather stripping.

### **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	
AW Manning	1	Lance Creek, WY	
Jim Dunn	3	Harrison, NE	
Neal Wurdeman	2	Lusk, WY	
Bradyn Bruegger	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

### **Board Minutes**

Management presented no accident or near miss report. Van Tassel to Harrison rebuild close to finishing. Radio communications post April storm discussed. Safety demo trailer discussion. Guidelines 406 & 508 were reviewed and approved. Donation request by Cody Hotline School, Lusk ROCS and Niobrara County Cattlewomen were reviewed and approved.

Director Wilson report on Tri-State business.

Director Keener report on NREA business.

No WREA report.

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