



NEA invited the SkillsUSA team to our Annual Meeting in May and enjoyed their excellent PowerPoint presentation on the Lusk dirt bike track improvements. A donation of \$1500.00 was approved by the NEA Board of Directors in support of this group's work.



The Niobrara County SkillsUSA Chapter hosted the "Flag My Yard Fundraiser" the first week of July, just in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The fundraiser was simple: for a set price, community members purchased flags for either their yard, or a friend's yard. The members of the SkillsUSA club then distributed flags leading up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. A total of 75 addresses were "flagged" with over 1,400 flags distributed. Community feedback was overwhelmingly positive as to this being a fun and fast way to show support for the club and add a little extra patriotism to the town.

SkillsUSA is the nation's leading workforce development organization for students, empowering students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. Recently, Niobrara County brought home a history-making Gold Medal and National Championship from the SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championship held in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Step potential,** when a person walks from one voltage "ripple" to another and their feet experience a difference in voltage.

**Touch potential,** when someone touches something at one voltage and steps on or contacts something else at a different voltage.



#### DO YOU KNOW?

Energy can spread like ripples on a pond. Storms and car accidents can damage energized power lines/poles and padmount transformers (green boxes).

The damage can cause energy to spread like ripples on a pond, causing **potential** differences.

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Having dual memberships in both of our service area's statewide associations, Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA) and Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA), has advantages in terms of information and opportunities.

Traditionally, NEA has participated in the Youth Energy Leadership Camp (YELC) administered by NREA.

NREA has conducted this camp, promoting industry education, personal growth and teamwork experience since the early 1980's. Until the devastating fire of 2022 consumed the Halsey 4-H camp, it had been used for YELC. Since then, the camp has been held at Camp Comeca, near Cozad, NE.

Surrounded by some 40 campers, sponsored by their respective PPDs/Coops, 35 year veteran, Herb Anderson, leads the group in exercises developed and honed over his many years as a certified Adventure-Based Therapist and Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Health Facilitator (among his many certifications and degrees in Mental Health and Psychology). Coops and PPDs send employees as counselors to support the camp as well.

During the week, campers have many opportunities to step-up in leadership roles. The General Manager position is the first official position filled—the applicants go through an interview process before selection. Also, each camp group selects a member to serve on the Board of Directors. Ambassador positions are also competed for by interested campers. Other positions and awards are decided at the end of the camp week.

Information/applications are available at the NEA office or the high schools by March of every year. We encourage our member youth to apply—you can win a free trip to Washington D.C.

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