



Our 80th Annual Meeting of the Membership will be extra special with the presence of previous NEA General Manager, Tony Anderson, in town to share the occasion.

Since his time with NEA, Tony has worked as CEO of cooperatives in Wisconsin and Michigan, he also served on the NRECA Board of Directors for 16 years. Though he recently retired from Cooperative management, he will never lose his heart for the cooperative family and was key player in the establishment of the Cooperative Family Fund, which he continues to advocate for.

Tony has often spoken of his time with NEA in fond remembrance and we look forward to listening to him present at this year's gathering.

Hickory Creek Catering will once again feed our hungry group and we'll be honoring the 2025 Coop Spirit Award winner.

Remember to bring your registration card with you. We will begin scanning registration cards at 5:00 p.m.

When outage calls come in, NEA linecrews respond.

Some calls have nasty weather conditions; like the night apprentice lineman Shawn Leimser (pictured below) worked overnight in driving rain and snow mix to restore power between the HWY 270 and HWY 85 area. In this photo he is disconnecting a section of line, in order to isolate the outage .

Photo credit to apprentice lineman Peyton Call, one of the crew members also out working on that night.



### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays and Holidays

(New Years Day, Memorial Day,  
Independence Day, Labor Day, Vet-  
erans Day, Thanksgiving and  
Christmas)

Phones numbers for outages.

After hours:

SRS Dispatch

1-800-322-0544

During Business Hours

307-334-3221

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

Julie Hageman and Peyton Call represented the cooperative at Adult Day held at the Niobrara County High School.

At this “career day” type event, they interacted with local students, sharing career opportunities available at cooperatives and answering questions about what they did in their respective positions. This was the first event of this nature the two had ever participated in.

“I think it went well and the kids enjoyed learning what it takes to pursue a lineman career. We had three gentlemen who are considering going to line school when they graduate and asked quite a few questions. They learned a little about what it’s like to wear the high voltage gloves that linemen wear on a daily basis. I think it’s important for the kids to know how lucrative this career can be if they come back and serve the community that they grew up in!” Hageman commented. She went on to say, “I wasn’t really sure what kind of interest we would see the kids have but it was rewarding to see a few of them ask questions and be serious about starting a career as a lineman.”

Call had the interested students pick up a penny while using a set of line worker gloves before signing their bingo cards (proof of booth attendance). This fun activity demonstrated how even in the best of conditions, mobility is impacted. Call shared that the student asked him why he chose linework and he responded, “It’s in my blood, and there’s nothing else I would rather be doing.”

This was a positive experience for employees and students. Look for NEA at the next Adult Day.

