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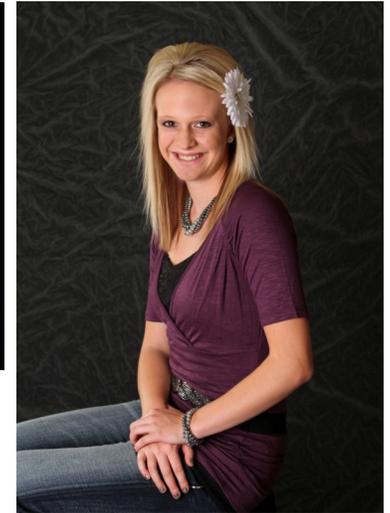
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Retired NEA Lineman Tuffy Schrader is turning 70 in April. All friends and family are invited to the party!

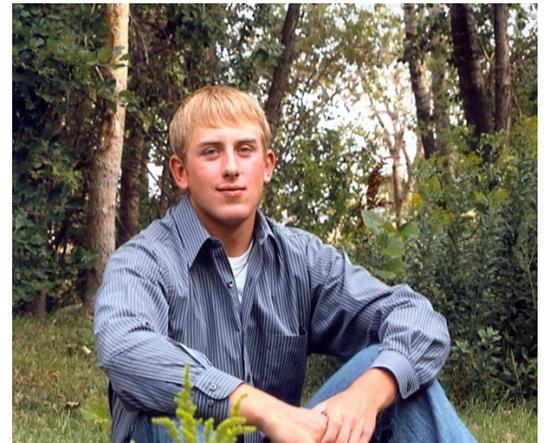
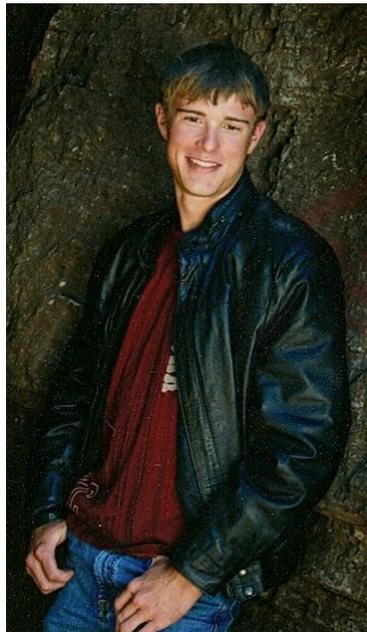
Come to the Lusk Elk's Club on April 6th, at 2 p.m. to celebrate.



Join us May 16th, at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds for Annual Meeting.



(Top left) **Desiree Gray** (Top right) **Michelle Keener**, (Lower left) **Jerit DeGering** & (Lower right) **Colter Larson**



Photos continued on pg. 2. Not pictured Kevin Christianson, Deneese Stone and Jonny Dunn.

Niobrara Electric, along with Basin Electric and Tri-State G&T, are very proud to each year offer our scholarship program which pays out over seven thousand dollars annually. Every year the response is strong, with many quality submissions. The ever increasing price of an education means financial need is a constant and the selection process can be difficult. Our selection committee, consisting of two NEA Directors and two school Counselors work diligent through the selection process to determine the successful applicant.

Congratulations to all our 2013 winners!!

\$1000.00 Wyoming High School (Basin Electric funded)

Cotler Larson

\$1000.00 Nebraska High School (NEA funded)

Jonny Dunn

\$1000.00 Wyoming College (NEA funded)

Jerit DeGering

\$1000.00 Nebraska College (NEA funded)

Michelle Keener

\$500.00 Wyoming Jerry Scott Memorial (Tri-State funded)

Ian Zerbe

\$500.00 Nebraska Jerry Scott Memorial (Tri-State funded)

Meggan Federle

\$500.00 At Large (NEA funded)

Jared Thomsen

\$500.00 At Large (NEA funded)

Aime Gutierrez

\$500.00 At Large (NEA funded)

Deneese Stone

\$500.00 At Large (NEA funded)

Kevin Christianson

\$500.00 At Large (NEA funded)

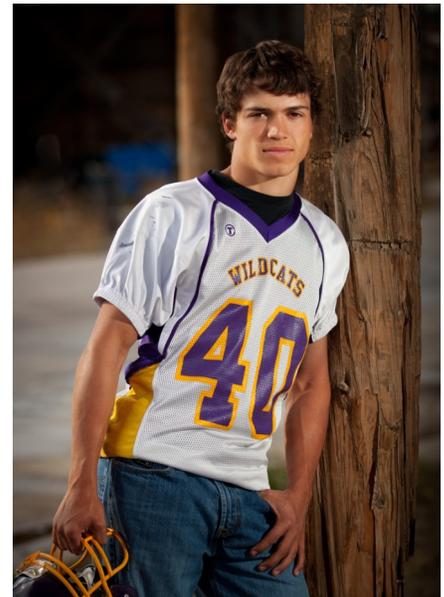
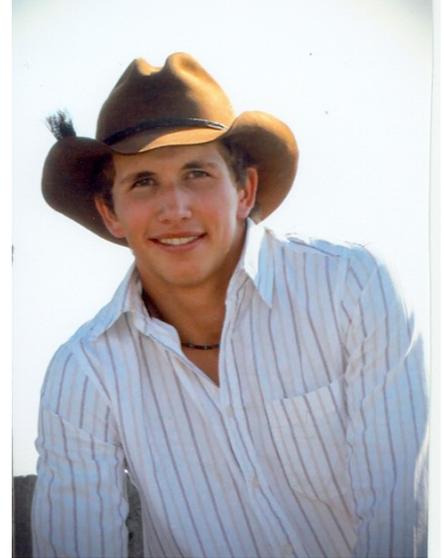
Zachary Stephens

\$500.00 Non-Traditional (NEA funded)

Desiree Gray

\$500.00 Non-Traditional (NEA funded)

Megan McGuire



Top to bottom, left:

Aime Gutierrez, Meggan Federle and Zachary Stephens.

Top to bottom, right:

Ian Zerbe, Jake Thomsen and Megan McGuire.

**Niobrara Electric Assn.
Presents**



**YOUTH ENERGY
CAMP**

JULY 15 - 19, 2013



**NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP
HALSEY, NEB.**

2013 Youth Energy Camp

If you are currently in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade, are highly motivated, eager to try something new and interested in a fantastic, fun-filled learning opportunity, then consider turning in an application form for YOUTH ENERGY CAMP.

Niobrara Electric wants to sponsor a representative youth from our system to this worthwhile camp. Attendees of the camp will have the opportunity to compete for a trip to Washington, D.C., in addition to the Halsey camp fun of canoeing, sports, a banquet and a dance. Also, a tour to the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant. Campers gain valuable insight into electric coops and work together on learning projects.

Campers are guided by Camp Counselors; all Counselors have something to do with Coops, be they a Safety Instructor, a Manager, or in Accounts Payable, like our own, Brooke Herren, who attended last year's camp. Having access to insight from different levels within the Coop, gives campers an excellent opportunity to explore any interest they may have in pursuing an electric coop career.

Deadline for submission to the NEA office is April 22, 2013. If you have questions contact Twyla Barker in the NEA office, 334-3221 or 800-322-0544. You can also view/download information/application off the NEA website.

2013 YOUTH ENERGY CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____ Phone number (____) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Name of parents or guardian _____

Sponsoring rural electric system _____



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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.

Spring is coming and our outdoor activities, both work and fun, will be getting into full swing shortly. If you are out and about and see a pole or line that doesn't look quite right, please give us a call and let us know.

NEA tries to patrol most of our lines on a regular basis, but occasionally a section of line can get missed, or conditions can change over time. Some of our lines have been out there since the early 1950's and have served us very well, but time, weather and even the cattle take their toll on our equipment.

Besides patrols on the line, NEA also does scheduled pole inspections on a portion of the system each year, typically in the summer. We typically pick about 5-10% of the system and check the conditions of every pole on that section of line. The inspection includes digging around the base of the pole and drilling into the pole to look for rot in that area, as well as a visual inspection of the pole and hardware above ground.

As time goes by, some lines age enough that the whole line needs to be replaced. In this case we schedule them for replacement on our four year work plan. This plan is reviewed and rewritten every four years to include line improvements for old line, areas of growth that need to be upgraded, or relocation of lines to locations that are better for maintenance. Last year we did a project in Nebraska on Cottonwood Road for a line that was deteriorated and causing reliability problems. This year we will be looking at the line that runs along Highway 20 from Lusk through Manville. This line ties two substations together and is difficult to patrol due to the line being off the road. Also, there is a lot of new load on the western end of the system and we will be upgrading the capacity as well.

Again, as you go about your activities near our lines take a quick look at our facilities and let us know if you see anything that doesn't look quite right. If you see any broken poles or lines on the ground do not approach them as they could still be energized & notify NEA as soon as you can. Be safe out there near our equipment and with whatever activities you do as well.

Manager Ken Ceaglske

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Kenny DeGering	2	Lusk, WY	
Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
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Boardroom News

February Board Meeting

- Attorney John Skavdahl discussed collections and the FED EX claim.
- Manager Ceaglske reported on various personnel issues, new lineman hiring, budget and rates, upcoming manager meetings, FR clothing policy, manager evaluation, NRECA retirement prepayment, electrician labor rates, the house project, the SEL relay project, work plan jobs, Nominating Committee results, shelter belt plans and west load options.
- Director Greer discussed WREA issues. Director Keener reported on NREA. Director Hammond reported on Tri-State issues.