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**CO-OP CONNECTIONS LOCAL BUSINESS PARTICIPANTS:**

- Herren Brothers True Value
- Same As It Once Was
- Country Corner Hair Shop
- Rough and Refined
- Miller Soap Company

**(CHECK WEBSITE FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL DISCOUNTS)**

Want to be a Business Participant?  
Call our office for more information.



**Niobrara Electric Association, along with Basin Electric and Tri-State G&T, are very pleased to announce our 2017 scholarship winners!**

**Monte Wade** Basin Electric  
\$1000.00 WY High School

**Deyvn Sanderson** NEA \$1000.00  
NE High School

**Lexie Dockery** NEA \$1000.00 WY  
College

**Taylor Rempp** NEA \$1000.00 NE  
College

**Samantha Starkey** Tri-State \$500.00  
WY Jerry Scott Memorial

**Joel Parker** Tri-State \$500.00 NE  
Jerry Scott Memorial

**Remington Southwick** NEA \$500.00  
At Large

**Garrett Dixon** NEA \$500.00 At Large

**John Murphy** NEA \$500.00 At  
Large

**Jebb Ginkens** NEA \$500.00 At  
Large

**Trey Thayer** NEA \$500.00 At Large

**Abigail Meidell** NEA \$500.00 At  
Large

**Cindy Mansfield** NEA \$500.00 At  
Large

**Claire Buhr** NEA \$500.00 At Large

**Rachel Ellis** NEA \$500.00 At Large

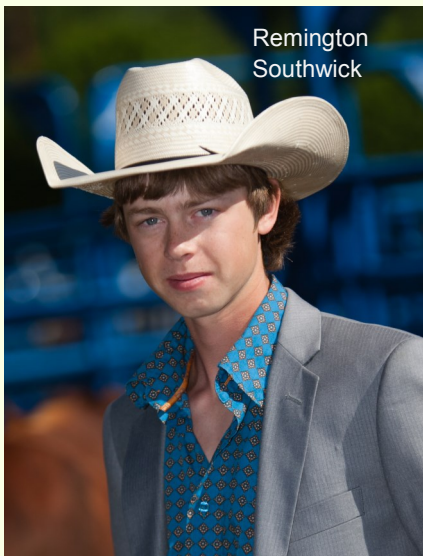
**George (Monty) Adams** NEA  
\$500.00 Non-Traditional

# Nebraska Rural Electric Association



## Youth Energy Leadership Camp

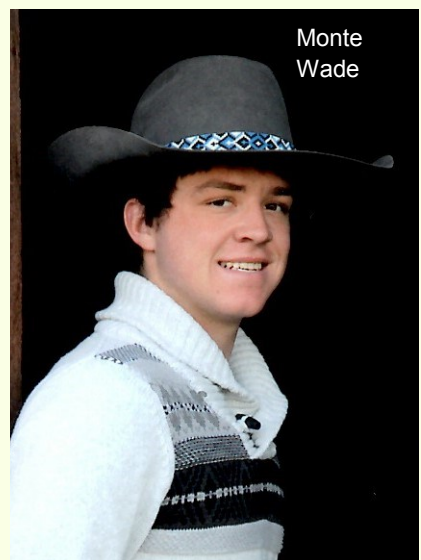
Are you currently in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade and interested in attending the highly interactive and all expense paid YELC? Please pick up an application at either Niobrara County High School or Sioux County High School. You can also download the application from our NEA website or call the office and speak with Twyla. Application deadline is May 18th.



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Southwick



Abigail  
Meidell



Monte  
Wade

Photos unavailable: Rachel Ellis & George (Monty) Adams



Lexie Dockery



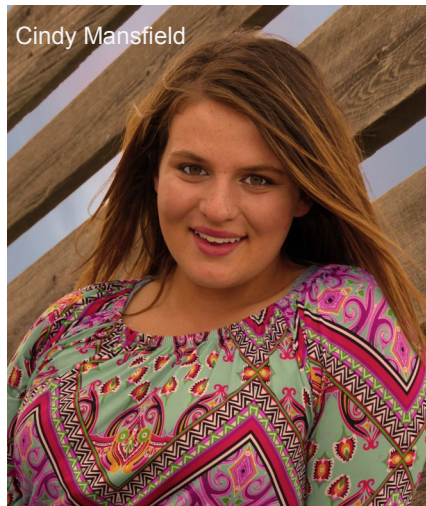
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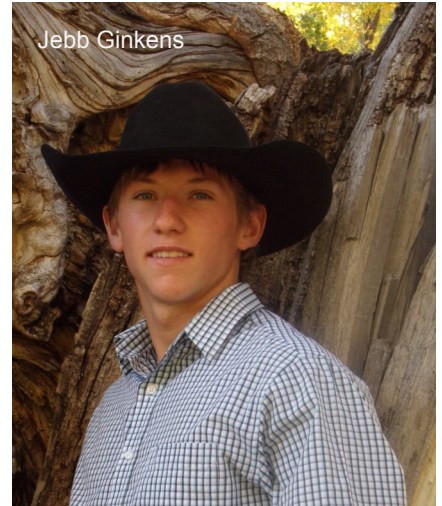
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### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:30 am—5:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am—  
4:00 pm

**Electrician Department**

**7:00 am—5:30 pm (M-F)**

**Outages** ....1-800-322-0544  
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.

As you begin to make plans for spring activities, please save the date of May 18, and plan on being at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds that evening for our annual meeting. Last year we had a great turnout over in Harrison. I look forward to seeing many of you in Lusk this year. We'll have the usual financial presentation, as well as upcoming projects, updates from our state-wide association and Tri-State G&T.

We need to be sure to do our best to meet the quorum to have an "official" meeting. We've had a few years where we were close to not making it. How can you help? Watch for your annual meeting notice mailing. If you are attending, bring your own notice, and ask your neighbors if they are attending. If not, see if you can be their proxy.

If you do not plan to attend, please fill out the proxy card and get it to someone who will be there. Any one member is allowed to be a proxy for up to 5 others if they have the proper proxy cards.

This year's meeting doesn't have any contested races that I know of at this time, or major issues, but I'd hate to see us get into a situation where we need quorum and can't make it. A few co-ops in the state have had the issue of not making quorum in past years. We have been close but never missed.

I do want to thank the dedicated members that show up to support the NEA in this business function of your electric co-op.

Kenny Ceagelske

### 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	
Jack Hammond	1	Lance Creek, WY	
Jim Dunn	3	Harrison, NE	
Kenny DeGering	2	Lusk, WY	
Andy Greer	1	Lance Creek, WY	
JD Wasserburger	2	Lusk, WY	Vice President

### **February Board Meeting**

- Director Hammond reviewed Tri-State business.
- Director Greer shared WREA business.
- Director Keener spoke on NREA business.
- General Manager Kenny Ceaglske discussed the 2017 budget, the 2016 audit and radio system upgrades.
- Line Superintendent Rick Bridge spoke about recent safety meeting topics, the sectionalizing study and the upcoming work plan project between Manville and Lance Creek.