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PREMA

80th Annual Meeting

Where: PREMA Office Conference Room, Alliance

When: 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 20, 2025

The annual meeting will continue to be a basic format. We believe staying with the basic format is a wise use of the member's money while providing an informative annual meeting.

- The meeting will last about 25 minutes and will consist of: introduction of directors, announcement of election results, and presentation of brief reports.
- In-person seating at the PREMA office will be limited.
- The meeting will be live on the Zoom remote meeting platform. Please check PREMA's Facebook page or website prema.coop for a Zoom link and login information closer to the meeting.
- All names of in-person or Zoom attendees will be put into a drawing for a 65" Vizio Smart TV and a Milwaukee 2-Tool Combo Kit.



2025 Youth Energy Leadership Camp

Nebraska State 4-H Camp, Cozad, NE

July 21-25, 2025

This camp is FREE to children of PREMA members who are currently in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade.

Please contact our office by May 23rd for an application.



PREMA Summer Hours went into effect on Monday April 28th.

Just as a reminder the office hours are as follows:

Monday-Thursday 6:30am-5pm

Friday - Closed



Enter For A Chance To Win!

80TH
ANNUAL
MEETING
GIVE AWAY



\$200 VALUE



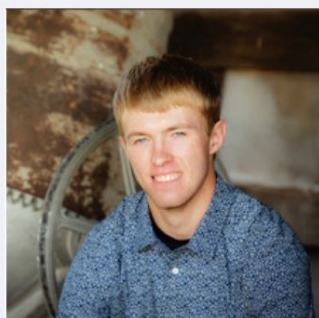
\$348 VALUE

80th

ALL ATTENDEES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM, WILL HAVE THEIR NAME PUT IN THE DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THE TWO PRIZES: A MILWAUKEE 2-TOOL COMBO KIT OR A 65" VIZIO SMART TV.



Seven area students will receive scholarship funds from PREMA and its power suppliers. Zac Bryant, General Manager of PREMA, announced that Aiden Benda and Kyra Jespersen of Hemingford, Delaney Childers, Avy Knapp and Ryan Swanson of Alliance, Macala Hood of Lakeside, and Ben Connell of Hyannis will all receive scholarships from PREMA, Basin Electric Power Cooperative of North Dakota and Tri-State Generation and Transmission of Denver, Colorado.



Aiden Benda

Aiden Benda, son of Brian and Kim Benda of Hemingford, will be a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While at the university he plans to obtain a Finance Degree. Aiden will receive \$1,000 from Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

*Photograph by Clicks by Kim Haas

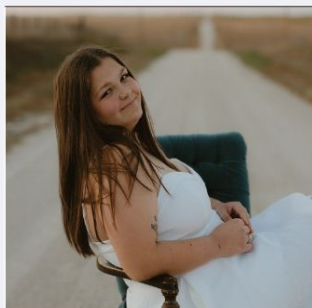
PREMA Awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Delaney Childers and \$500 each to Avy Knapp and Kyra Jespersen.



Delaney Childers

Delaney Childers, daughter of Jim and Katie Childers of Alliance, will be a junior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is working towards obtaining her bachelor's degree in animal science.

2025-2026 Scholarship Winners



Avy Knapp

Avy Knapp, daughter of Dale and Michelle Knapp of Alliance, will be a freshman at Laramie Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She plans on majoring in Radiology.

*Photograph by Kelsey Ramos Camera & Co.



Kyra Jespersen

Kyra Jespersen, daughter of Derrick and Cassie Jespersen of Hemingford, will be a freshman at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, Nebraska. While at Curtis she plans on studying Agronomy.

*Photograph by Macee Michele Photography

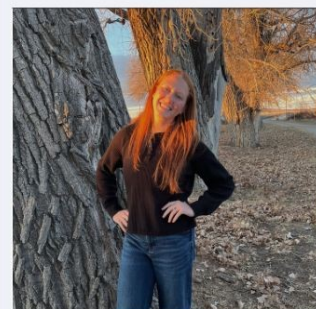


Ryan Swanson

Ryan Swanson is the son of Matt and Danielle Swanson of Alliance. He was awarded the \$1,000 WNCC Powerline Scholarship, sponsored by PREMA. Ryan will be attending the WNCC Powerline School the end of May.

*Photograph by Kelsey Ramos Camera & Co.

The **Tri-State Scholarships**, \$500 each, were awarded to Macala Hood and Ben Connell.



Macala Hood

Macala Hood, daughter of Rob and Colleen Hood of Lakeside, will be a senior at Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota. She is obtaining a degree in Business Administration.




Ben Connell

Ben Connell, son of Zane and Susan Connell of Hyannis, will be a freshman at Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado. He is planning on getting his degree in Mechanical Engineering.

*Photograph by Audrey Powles Photography

CONGRATULATIONS!



The PREMA, Tri-State and Basin Scholarship winners were chosen at random from 8 applicants who met all of the qualifications. All entrants are dependents of PREMA members or PREMA employees with the exception of the Powerline Scholarship. The scholarships are offered annually to students in PREMA's service territory.



Notes from Load Management

The Load Management program is in place for the 2025 irrigation season. The control season begins May 1st and ends September 30th. Control hours are 12:35PM to 9:15PM. There is no control on Sundays and Holidays. Accounts dropping off in May will be charged a \$30 fee. Accounts can drop off and re-enroll for September with no penalty. You can see the load control status of your group at www.prema.coop under Irrigation and Load Control Status.

If you have any questions regarding Load Management, please call Nick at 308-762-1311, after hours calls will be forwarded to dispatch. Please have your meter number or load control switch number ready to give to them.

Listed below are two options for participants in Load Management:

1. The RiCA program allows irrigators to remotely shut off a pivot. If interested in the RiCA program log on to www.prema.coop under the *Irrigation* tab, read the disclaimer and accept the risk.
2. Participants in Load Management can receive a text when PREMA is in active control. If interested in receiving the text call the office or email Nick Paradeis at nickp@prema.coop. Information needed will be your phone number and phone carrier.



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