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**U DRIVE. U TEXT. U PAY.**  
**DON'T DRIVE DISTRACTED**

For your safety and the safety of roadside crews, other drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists, do not drive distracted. Put all your attention on driving, and the rest can wait. As the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) promotes in its safety campaign, "U Drive. U Text. U Pay."

**DISTRACTED DRIVING CRASH STATISTICS ON U.S. ROADS:**

- Nine people die each day in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver.
- Distracted driving claimed 3,522 lives in 2021.
- Texting diverts attention from driving for approximately 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's enough time to travel the length of a football field.
- Many states have laws against texting, talking on the phone and other distractions while driving.

**THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF DRIVING DISTRACTIONS:**

1. Visual, when you take your eyes off the road.
2. Manual, when you take your hands off the wheel.
3. Cognitive, when you take your mind off driving.

*Distracted driving is preventable. Use apps to help you avoid using your cell phone and do not multitask while driving.*

Sources: NHTSA, CDC

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**AFTER**

**PUTTING IN THEIR TIME, THESE FOUR HAD**

**145 YEARS**

**OF COMBINED  
SERVICE**

**WE WERE ABLE TO CATCH UP RECENTLY TO CELEBRATE GUY'S RETIREMENT. THE FOUR OF THESE MEN BROUGHT A LOT OF KNOWLEGE TO PREMA AND IT'S GOOD TO SEE ALL OF THEM DOING SO WELL!**



**DUSTY PETERSON**

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**GUY SWARTZ**

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**PAUL GROSZ**

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**ATTENTION**



# SCHOLARSHIP IS DUE FEBRUARY 13TH!

- ✓ Due in office by February 13th, 2026 @ 4:30pm
- ✓ Scholarship can be found on our website @ [prema.coop](http://prema.coop)

**YOU CAN CALL THE OFFICE @ (308)762-1311 OR EMAIL [KATIEC@PREMA.COOP](mailto:katiec@prema.coop) WITH ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP**

### Help PREMA Serve You Better!

Please update your contact information. This helps us contact our members when planned outages are necessary or we have billing questions. Please let us know if you have a medical condition that is compromised with a power outage.

We have several ways for you to update your contact information.

1. Log into your smarthub account.
2. Call the office at (308) 762-1311.
3. Email [billing@prema.coop](mailto:billing@prema.coop).
4. Mail to PREMA, P.O. Box 677, Alliance, NE 69301.

Thank you for your help. We appreciate your membership!





YOU'RE AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Happy Valentine's Day



FROM OUR CO-OP FAMILY TO YOURS!

### Notes from Load Management

The 2026 irrigation season is approaching soon. The guideline letter for Load Management was sent out the first week of January. If you are an irrigator and have not received this letter, contact the office and ask to speak with Nick. Please call or stop in to sign up for Load Management. Signup deadline is Friday March 6th.

If you are an owner or operator of an irrigation account, please notify Customer Accounting (Allison) of any changes to the bill. Changes can also be emailed to Allison at [billing@prema.coop](mailto:billing@prema.coop) or by calling the office at 308-762-1311.



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