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Wilkinson wins District 8 board position

The members of District 8 elected Marvin Wilkinson as their representative in a meeting held on Feb. 24 at the Buffalo High School. Two candidates—Wilkinson and J. R. Dies—filed for the position.

Wilkinson is a Buffalo native. He graduated from Buffalo High School and attended one year at Panhandle Oklahoma State University. He is a farmer/rancher and also runs a used car lot. He and his wife, Jan, have three children in the Buffalo schools—Marissa, Thad and Jadin.

Wilkinson is not a stranger to serving on boards and being involved in the community. He is on the school board and has served as the vice president for the Harper County Round Up Club. When he is not attending one of his children's school activities, he likes to team rope.

Wilkinson likes the cooperative way of doing business and hopes as



Marvin Wilkinson will begin his duties as the representative for District 8 immediately following the annual meeting on April 10. He and his wife, Jan, live in Buffalo.

a board member he can do his part to help keep electric rates affordable. He officially begins his duties as the District 8 director after the annual meeting on April 10.

Lee Huckaby, District 7 director, and Gil Perkins, District 9 director,

were unopposed for their board positions. Members in both districts elected Huckaby and Perkins by acclamation during their respective district meetings.

Annual Meeting, Apr. 10, Woodward County Fairgrounds



- **Grand Prize - Kubota RTV 400 sponsored in part by Arnett New Holland/Kubota**
- **Registration begins at 5 p.m.**
- **Free barbecue meal from 5-6:30 p.m.**
- **Registration Gift - LED worklight (one per membership please).**
- **Kids drawing for a Wii game, iPod, and other prizes.**

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Major, Woods and Woodward
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Kenny Knowles, Pres..... Arnett
- Ray Smith, Vice-Pres..... Taloga
- John Bruce, Jr., Sec.-Treas. Sharon
- Dean Stone..... Buffalo
- Clair Craighead..... Woodward
- Wayne Hall..... Mooreland
- Duane Henderson..... Mooreland
- Lee Huckaby..... Selman
- Gilbert Perkins..... Gate

- Jonna Hensley..... Editor
- Michael W. Mitchel..... Attorney

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st to 10th of Each Month—
Pay electric service bill

20th of Each Month—
-Delinquent collections begin.

**IN CASE OF TROUBLE CALL:
24 HOUR EMERGENCY
1-877-9NOPOWER
877.966.7693.**

If no answer call:
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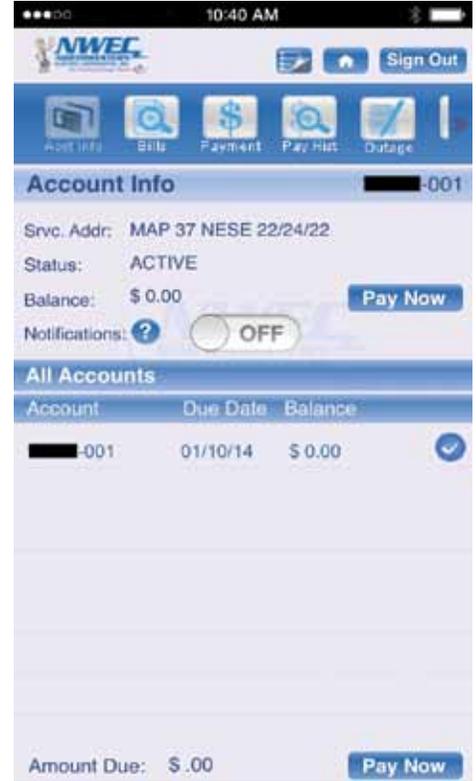
A copy of NWEC Bylaws will be made available for any member upon request.

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The smart app is available for both Apple and Android™ products. The app for iPhone®, iPad® and iPod® touch can be downloaded from the App Store™. The Android App is available on Google Play™. To locate the app, type “NWEC” in the search bar. You will need your account number(s) to set up your login information. (12864002)

January 2014 Operating Report

	2013	2014
Revenue - Billing	2,823,585	2,980,767
Cost of Power.....	1,617,104	1,853,401
Miles of Lines	4,926	4,952
Members Connected	11,647	11,809
Density per Mile	2.36	2.38
Average Member KWH	2,748	2,706
Average Bill	242	252
KWH Purchased.....	32,251,438	33,728,942
KWH Sold.....	32,004,570	31,959,369
Income per Mile.....	577	608
Expense per Mile	500	578

Hidden treasure contest winner

Janet Lively won a \$50 gift card by finding the most Northwestern Electric items in our hidden treasure contest. Lively found 25 assorted NWECE giveaways.

It was interesting to see what items were found. Here's a brief list of giveaways that were tucked away in drawers and closets:

- cookbook
- serving spoon
- spatulas
- thermometer
- screwdriver
- kitchen scissors
- step stool
- insulated mug
- coaster
- knife sharpener
- manicure set
- cutting board
- car safety kit
- spoon holder
- insulated bag
- insulated coffee mug

Hidden account number contest

Congratulations to Keisha Cox for recognizing her number in the February issue. The other number belonged to Robert Malone.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the contest, this is how it works. We have hidden two account numbers somewhere in the articles in this newsletter. The numbers will always be enclosed in parentheses and will look similar to this example (XXXXXX).

If you recognize your account number, all you have to do is give us a call on or before the 8th of the current month and we'll give you a credit on your bill for the amount stated.

This month's numbers are worth \$25 each. Happy hunting!

Rena Charmasson included a note with her list saying she recalls in the early 1950s when Northwestern Electric held its annual meeting in the afternoon at the old Woodward convention hall and gave light bulbs as the registration gift. She said ever so often during the meeting someone would drop one and you could hear it explode!

Thank you to all who participated in the contest. It's not too late to start your collection of NWECE items. We are giving away an LED worklight at this year's annual meeting. Hope to see you there!



The A Bar Bunkhouse Band

Annual Meeting

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- Entertainment provided by The A Bar Bunkhouse Band

Country cooking

Goose and White Bean Stew

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 1/2 cups cooked ham, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
 2 cups skinless goose breast fillets
 1 large onion, roughly chopped
 2 stalks celery, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
 2 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
 1 green bell pepper, seeded and roughly chopped

1 jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced (seeds may be intact or removed before slicing)
 4 cloves garlic, minced
 1 quart chicken broth
 1 15-ounce can diced tomato, with liquid
 3 tablespoons tomato paste
 2 cups cooked white beans
 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 salt

Heat the oil in a stockpot over medium heat. Add the ham and cook for two to three minutes. Add the goose and cook, stirring often, until evenly browned. Then add the chopped onion and the next five ingredients. Cook for five minutes or until the onions are translucent.

Next, add the chicken broth and diced tomato. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 2 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally. Stir in the tomato paste and continue cooking until the meat is tender.

When the goose meat breaks apart easily, stir in the white beans, pepper, and salt to taste. Cook to warm the beans and then serve.

Brining (optional): If you have an extra day to plan this dish, you can improve the flavor of the cooked goose breast fillets by soaking them in a brine made from 1/2 gallon water and 1/2 cup kosher salt. This infuses the meat with a mildly salty solution and helps remove the goose blood. Refrigerate the meat in the brine for 8 to 12 hours, rinse, pat thoroughly dry, and proceed with the recipe.

Storm safety: When thunderstorms, tornadoes strike

By B. Denise Hawkins

Beware. Spring can usher in more than April showers. Now through the summer months, thunderstorms can quickly roll in and tornadoes can touch down, often during the afternoon and evening hours, according to researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Severe Storms Laboratory.

Follow these tips from NOAA and the American Red Cross to keep you and your home safe when tornadoes and severe thunderstorms come your way. (14400001)

- Prepare for high winds by removing diseased and damaged tree limbs.
- Listen to local news or National Weather Service broadcasts to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings.
- If possible, take shelter in your home's basement, a small interior

room, or under stairs on the lowest level. Also, have a battery-operated weather radio handy along with emergency supplies.

- If in a mobile home, immediately head to a sturdy shelter or vehicle. Mobile homes, especially hallways and bathrooms, are not safe places to take shelter during tornadoes or other severe winds.

- Unplug your electronics. Avoid using electrical equipment and corded telephones.

- Move or secure lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants or anything else that can be picked up by the wind and become a projectile.

- If you are caught in a storm while on the road, the American Red Cross urges drivers to turn their headlights on, try to safely exit the roadway, and park. Stay in the vehicle with your seat belt on and turn on the emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends.



Supercell thunderstorms rolling in over the plains provide a backdrop for power lines.

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

- Stay safe after a storm. Remain indoors at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. Also, stay away from downed power lines. Report them to us at 580.256.7425 immediately.

Sources: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Severe Storms Laboratory, and American Red Cross

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Membership has its benefits

NWEC returns \$853,613 in capital credits

Your electric cooperative belongs to you and the other members who receive electric service from Northwestern Electric. Your ownership interest in the Co-op is known as capital credits.

At the end of each year, after financial obligations have been met, the Co-op determines if there are excess revenues called margins. These margins are allocated to the members as capital credits based upon their pay-

ments for electricity during that year.

When the Co-op's financial conditions permit, your Board of Directors votes to refund the capital credits to you, our members. This year, NWEC will pay back \$853,613 to members who paid for electric service in 1992 and 1993.

Active members will receive a credit on their April bill unless the amount is over \$600, then a check will be mailed. Inactive members will receive a check in the mail if

their amount is over \$10 or it is their final capital credit check.

Some checks go unclaimed due to addresses that are not current for former members. If you know someone who has moved, please ask them to update their address with us. Forms may be obtained from our website at www.nwecok.coop, by emailing us at cc@nwecok.org or giving the office a call at 256.7425 or 800.375.7423.