

# Northwestern Electric News

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## NWEC schedules board elections for February

Northwestern Electric has scheduled three board member elections for February. The districts are seven, eight and nine and are highlighted on the map pictured below.

District 7, represented by Lee Huckaby, will meet at the First Baptist Church in Buffalo on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The District 8 meeting is Monday evening, Feb. 24, at the Buffalo High School auditorium. Dean Stone is the current director. Gil Perkins has set the District 9 meeting for Monday, Feb. 17, at the Victory School south of Logan.

According to Tyson Littau, Northwestern's CEO, Huckaby and Perkins plan to file for re-election. Stone has announced he is not seeking another term on the board. The portion of the Bylaws pertaining to director nominations and elections was published in the December 2013 Northwestern Electric News. Interested candidates should contact



Lee Huckaby



Dean Stone



Gil Perkins

Tyson Littau or Rhonda McMakin at the Woodward office for complete details on filing. The filing period is open during the month of January. To announce their intentions to run in the February newsletter, candidates need to contact NWEC before Jan. 8.

Lee Huckaby and his wife, Edith, live in the Selman area. He designs heating and air conditioning systems for a wholesale distributor and works for Harper County District 3. Lee is seeking his eighth term as director for District 7.

Dean Stone is a retired lineman. He is stepping down from the board after serving four terms as director for District 8.

Gil Perkins is a U.S. Mail carrier. He and his wife, Mary, farm in the Gate area. Gil is looking to serve a sixth term as director for District 9.

The purpose of the meetings is to elect a director to serve a three-year term on the board of Northwestern Electric and report on information concerning the operations of the business. The meetings are also an excellent time for members to ask questions since several staff members and directors will be present.

Each of the meetings begin with a meal at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30. The three district meetings and their locations are:

### District 7

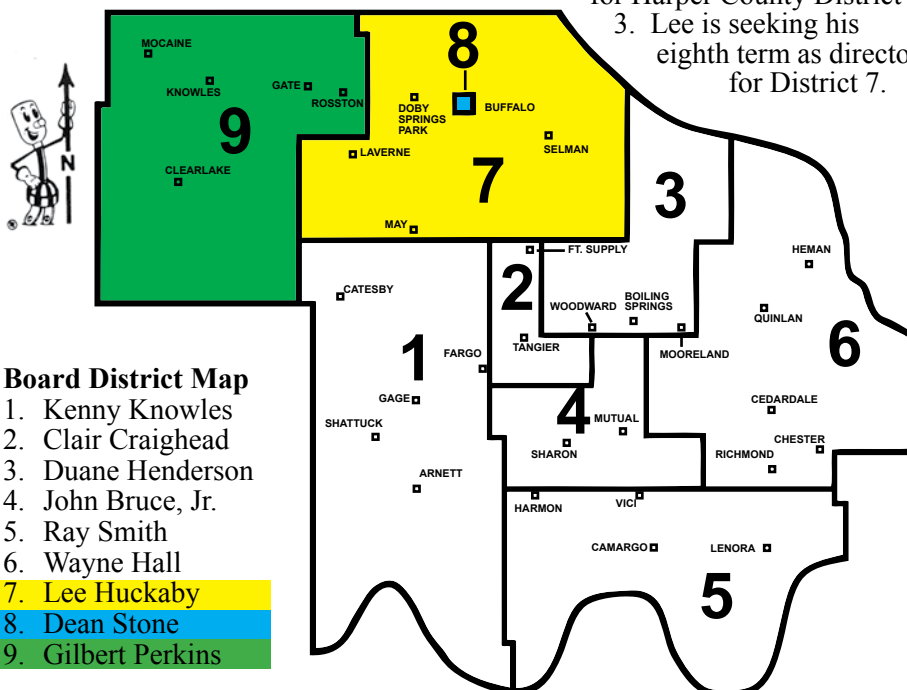
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014  
Meal at 6 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church, Buffalo

### District 8

Monday, Feb. 24, 2014  
Meal at 6 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Buffalo High School Auditorium

### District 9

Monday, Feb. 17, 2014  
Meal at 6 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Victory School south of Logan



### Board District Map

1. Kenny Knowles
2. Clair Craighead
3. Duane Henderson
4. John Bruce, Jr.
5. Ray Smith
6. Wayne Hall
7. Lee Huckaby
8. Dean Stone
9. Gilbert Perkins

# The power of storm preparation

Oklahoma weather is hard to predict and so is the damage it can do to our distribution system. We hope the weather will spare us but odds are we will receive some type of freezing precipitation before winter is over.

While we can't predict if and when we might experience outages, it never hurts to be prepared. Here are some steps you can take to be prepared for any unavoidable winter power outages.

- Listen to weather forecasts every day so you'll know when ice, heavy snow or high winds are on the way. These are the weather conditions that are most likely to affect power lines.
- Program NWEC's outage number in your cell phone in case you need to report an outage: **1.877.966.7693**. Keep the number handy by posting it on the refrigerator. Or sign up for our outage texting service. Simply go to [www.nwecok.coop](http://www.nwecok.coop) and click on the **outage texting icon** and enter your information.
- Prepare an outage kit that contains the following: a battery-powered radio, flashlight with fresh batteries, candles and matches, a wind-up clock, bottled water, paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Keep a stock of canned food in your cupboard, along with a manual can opener. Consider buying a camp stove and fuel (outdoor use only), if you can't cook on your electric stove.
- Make sure to order or refill any prescriptions that family members may need. Roads may be inaccessible for several days due to a winter storm. Try to have a least a week's worth of medicines on hand.
- Pile a few extra blankets and sweaters together so you can find them easily if the heat goes off. Dress in layers to stay warm.
- Have a backup plan in place as to where you might go if the power is off for an extended period of time.
- Stay away from fallen or sagging power lines. They could be dangerous even if the power is out. (950800001)
- If you have a portable generator, be sure the generator is located outside of your house for proper ventilation and read your owner's manual. Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they can be hazardous. The primary hazards? Carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution and fire.

## NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Woodward, Oklahoma  
Operating In  
Beaver, Dewey, Ellis, Harper,  
Major, Woods and Woodward  
Counties in Oklahoma

**TYSON LITTAU**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### 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 ..... Quinlan  
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:  
John Kirkwood ..... 866.3245  
Bob Appell ..... 273.4088

### NOTICE

A copy of NWEC Bylaws will be made available for any member upon request.

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## October 2013 Operating Report

	2012	2013
Revenue - Billing .....	2,282,205	2,407,992
Cost of Power .....	1,423,515	1,564,717
Miles of Lines .....	4,921	4,948
Members Connected .....	11,573	11,762
Density per Mile .....	2.35	2.38
Average Member KWH .....	2,135	2,213
Average Bill .....	197.20	204.73
KWH Purchased.....	26,700,240	27,760,516
KWH Sold.....	24,712,954	26,026,092
Income per Mile.....	468	491
Expense per Mile .....	470	514

## Stone announces plans to retire from board

After serving four terms on Northwestern Electric's board of directors, Dean Stone has announced he is not seeking another term on the board. His duties will officially end on Apr. 10 after the annual meeting. Members in District 8 will elect his replacement on Feb. 24. (*See related article on page 1.*)

Dean has been involved with Northwestern Electric most of his life. He retired in April 2001 from NWECC after working 41 years as a lineman.



Dean in his younger years as a lineman.

Then in February 2002, he was elected to the board of directors as the representative for District 8.

When describing Dean, one would have to say he is a co-op man,

always has been and will always be a co-op man. As a lineman, he faced many challenges over the years. He recalls working during the record breaking snow storm of '71 and the ice storm of '84.

Being a director has presented a different set of challenges for Dean. "Keeping up with changes to all the rules and regulations governing a co-op is a never ending job," he said. "Sometimes you have to make tough decisions that affect the members, including yourself, your friends and families."

Dean has enjoyed serving as the representative for District 8 and attending meetings around the country. "It's been interesting to see how other co-ops operate," he said.

When asked what he will miss most about serving on the board, Dean replied, "I'll miss coming to the board meetings every month."



During Northwestern Electric's annual awards banquet held last November, Rhonda McMakin presented Dean Stone with a clock in recognition of his upcoming retirement.

Northwestern Electric honored Dean at its annual award banquet held last November. He received an engraved wall clock to commemorate his years of service as District 8 director.

### Hidden account number contest

Congratulations to Roper Slavin for recognizing his number in last month's newsletter. The other number belonged to Brad Ashpaugh.

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!

### Country cooking

#### Baked Chicken Wings



**2 pounds chicken drumettes (24)**  
**2 tablespoons honey**  
**2 tablespoons ketchup**  
**1 tablespoon red pepper sauce**  
**1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce**  
**Paprika**  
**2/3 cup ranch dressing**

Heat oven to 350° F. Line jelly roll pan, 15 1/2x10 1/2x1 inch, with aluminum foil. Remove skin from chicken.

Mix honey, ketchup, pepper sauce and Worcestershire sauce in resealable plastic bag. Add chicken. Seal bag and refrigerate, turning occasionally, at least 15 minutes but no longer than 24 hours.

Place chicken in pan; sprinkle with paprika. Bake uncovered about 30 minutes or until crisp and juice of chicken is no longer pink when centers of thickest pieces are cut. Serve with dressing.

Makes 24 servings.



## Attention seniors! Apply now to get cash for college

Northwestern Electric is pleased to announce the opportunity for graduating seniors to apply for the Fanning-Fussell Scholarship. NWECC's scholarship committee will award scholarships in the amount of \$500 per semester each to five individuals pursuing a four-year university or college academic degree program or a two-year associate degree or technical institute certificate program. The scholarship is for one year and can only be used for tuition, books, and room and board.

To be eligible, students must be a senior in one (5612003) of the high schools in Northwestern Electric's service territory and reside in a household served by NWECC.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements and an application, contact Jonna Hensley or Melissa Washmon at 580.256.7425 or 800.375.7423. You can also access the information at [nwecok.coop](http://nwecok.coop) under the Youth Programs tab. The deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.



## Northwestern Electric sponsors annual youth contests

Each year, Northwestern Electric Cooperative sponsors two contests for area school students in the 8th and 11th grades. The students do not have to be members of the Cooperative to enter the contests.

The YouthPower Energy Camp is for students enrolled in the 8th grade in our service territory. The schools

include Arnett, Buffalo, Fargo, Ft. Supply, Gage, Laverne, Mooreland, Sharon-Mutual, Shattuck, Vici and Woodward.

The Washington Youth Tour is open to students enrolled in the 11th grade in the schools listed. The top two prizes are all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C. Also up for grabs

are two \$500 scholarships plus the opportunity to attend the Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit.

The rules for each contest are outlined below. More information and forms are also available online at [www.nwecok.coop](http://www.nwecok.coop). Once you log on to the site, look under the Youth Programs tab for the links.

### YouthPower Energy Camp

Northwestern Electric will send five students to Energy Camp at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Okla., May 27-30, 2014. While at camp, the students will form a coke and candy cooperative, climb a utility pole, watch safety demonstrations, and tour a generation plant, among many other exciting activities.



Students who wish to enter the contest must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Students must be in the 8th grade in NWECC's service territory.
- 2) Submit an essay of 200 words or less on "What I would miss the most without electricity and why."
- 3) Include a cover sheet with your name, your parents' or legal guardian's name, home address, telephone number, and name of your school.
- 4) Mail the essay and cover sheet to:  
Jonna Hensley  
Youth Tour Coordinator  
Northwestern Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 2707  
Woodward, OK 73802-2707

**Entry deadline is March 28, 2014**

### 2014 Washington Youth Tour

Two students from this area will win all-expense-paid trips to the nation's capital, June 13-19, 2014, and two others will win \$500 scholarships and the opportunity to participate in the Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit.

The thrill packed days in Washington, D.C., will include lunch with the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, tour of Mount Vernon, a boat trip on the Potomac River, and many other points of interest.

Northwestern Electric representatives will select the winners for the contest from students who take a written test over materials furnished by Northwestern Electric about rural electrification.

Based on the test scores, the top four students will compete in a final judging which will be held at Northwestern Electric's headquarters in Woodward. A panel of judges will select two students for the trip based on subject knowledge, originality, appearance and personality.

Representatives from Northwestern Electric will visit with interested juniors at their schools during January and February. For more information and dates for the school visits, contact the youth tour coordinator, Jonna Hensley, at 256.7425 or 800.375.7423.

