Filing period for board opens Jan. 2

Districts one, three and five up for election

The filing period for three Northwestern Electric board member seats opens Jan. 2. The seats up for election are: District 1, Kenny Knowles of Arnett; District 3, Duane Henderson of Mooreland; and District 5, Ray Smith of Taloga.

Kenny Knowles is seeking his 10th term as director and currently serves as the board president. He and his wife, Charlene, farm and ranch in Ellis County near Arnett.

Duane Henderson and his wife, Ollie, live north of Mooreland. He is seeking his 11th term as director for District 3. (14626001)

Ray Smith is a farmer/rancher and also works in the oil field. He is seeking his 11th term and serves as vice-president on NWEC’s board of directors and as NWEC’s representative on the Western Farmers Electric Cooperative’s board. Ray and his wife, Ruth live in the Lenora area.

Members wishing to place their names on the ballot should contact the administrative assistant, Robyn Medina, for an official nomination form. Members seeking nomination must be a bona fide resident in the district in which they are a member.

Candidates must obtain the signature of three other qualified members from the same district on the nomination form. The forms must be completed and returned to Medina or the secretary of the Cooperative, John Bruce, Jr., no later than Feb. 1, 2018.

NWEC will publish the dates and locations for the meetings next month. To announce their intentions to run in the February newsletter, candidates should contact NWEC before Jan. 8.

Questions should be directed to the CEO, Tyson Littau, or Medina, at 580.256.7425 or 800.375.7423. An article concerning the director qualifications, nominations and elections is printed on page 4.
‘Tis the season to give

If you are looking for ways to give this holiday season, Northwestern Electric can help you.

Instead of an “angel” tree, we display an “energy” tree in our main lobby. Adorning the tree are light bulbs with account numbers of NWEC members who are in need of assistance during the holiday season. Only account numbers are listed, as the names are to remain anonymous. (6995001)

Anyone may pick out a light bulb and make a donation to help make the holiday a little brighter for someone in need. All donations are appreciated no matter how big or small.

Member Appreciation Day

Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
2925 Williams Avenue, Woodward, Okla.

Enjoy hot wassail and cookies

Register for a $100 gift card

Children receive a free ticket to ride the Kiwanis train at Crystal Christmas

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Looking for missing members

If your name is on our missing member list for capital credits, please submit a Capital Credit Update Form. If you are the heir or executor for someone listed below, please submit the Estate Refund Form. Some of the estates listed have already received their capital credits from NWEC. They are listed again because the estates are due capital credits from Western Farmers Electric Cooperative. Forms are available at www.nwecok.coop. Click on the Capital Credit tab under Account Services, or you can request a form by contacting our office at 800.375.7423, 580.256.7425 or emailing cc@nwecok.coop.

Hidden account number contest

Last month’s account numbers went unclaimed. They belonged to Victor Hernandez and Ashley Ryel.

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 $75 each. Happy hunting!

Country cooking

Christmas Breakfast Sausage Casserole

1 pound ground pork sausage
1 teaspoon mustard powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 eggs, beaten
2 cups milk
6 slices white bread, toasted and cut into cubes
8 ounces mild Cheddar cheese, shredded

Crumble sausage into a medium skillet. Cook over medium heat until evenly brown; drain.

In a medium bowl, mix together mustard powder, salt, eggs and milk. Add the sausage, bread cubes, and cheese, and stir to coat evenly. Pour into a greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for 8 hours, or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cover and bake 45 to 60 minutes. Uncover and reduce temperature to 325 degrees F. Bake for an additional 30 minutes, or until set. Yield: 8 servings.
Nominations and Election of Trustees

The following information is being published to comply with REA Bulletin Number 20-19 in the interest of NWEC members.

ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS
Section 7. Nomination and Election of Trustees

• 7.1.1. Nominations
  During the month of January before the district meeting, candidates desiring to be nominated must pick up an official nomination form which may be secured at the headquarters office of the Cooperative. Candidates must obtain the signature of three other qualified members from the same district on said form and be delivered back to the Secretary of the Cooperative or his representative not less than the first business day in the month of February prior to the date of the district meeting.

• 7.2 District Meetings
  Not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days before the annual meeting, the Board of Trustees shall call a separate meeting of the members of each district in accordance with Article IV Section 2 of these Bylaws, at a suitable place in or near such district for the purpose of electing a Trustee to represent the members located within such district. The meeting shall, however, be open for discussion of any other matters pertaining to the business of the Cooperative, regardless of whether or not such matters were listed in the notice of the meeting. Recommendations with respect thereto may be submitted to the Board of Trustees or the entire membership.

• 7.3 Order of Business of District Meetings
  The district meeting shall be called to order by the Trustee representing the district, or by another designated representative of the Board of Trustees, or in their absence, by any member residing within said district. The members shall then proceed to elect a chairman, who shall be someone other than the Trustee, and who shall appoint a secretary to act for the duration of the meeting. Five percent of the members residing in the district present of such a duly called district meeting shall constitute a quorum. Members of other districts present at the meeting may be heard but shall have no vote. Candidates must be members residing in the district and must possess the qualifications for Trustee as specified in Section 2 of Article IV of these Bylaws.

• 7.4 Voting and Minutes
  Voting shall be by ballot. Each member may vote for one candidate. The candidate from such district receiving the majority of votes present shall be considered elected as Trustee. The minutes of such district meeting shall set forth, among other matters, the name of each person nominated and the number of votes received by each, and shall specify the person elected as Trustee from such district. A certified copy of the minutes, signed by the Secretary and the Chairman of the district meeting, shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Cooperative within five days after such district meeting.

• 7.5 When Quorums Cannot Be Obtained at District Meetings
  In the event a quorum cannot be obtained at a district meeting provided for herein, said Trustee’s position shall be declared vacant for the forthcoming three year term by the Board of Trustees at their next regular board meeting, and said vacancy shall be filled in accordance to the terms and qualifications listed in ARTICLE IV, Sections 2 and 4 of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV TRUSTEES
Section 2. Qualifications and Tenure

• 2.1 Eligibility for Trustees
  No person shall be eligible to become or remain a trustee or to hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who:
  (2.11) is not a member of the Cooperative.
  (2.12) is not a bona fide resident of the particular district of which that person is a member.
  (2.13) does not purchase from the Cooperative electric energy at that person’s principal place of residence.
  (2.14) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative.
  (2.15) is the incumbent for candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary or compensation in excess of one thousand dollars per annum is paid.
  (2.16) has been employed by the cooperative within five years of his/her employment termination date and the scheduled district meeting for which member desires to run.

Section 4. Vacancies

• 4.1 Vacancy Occurring Due to Failure of Quorum
  In the event a vacancy was caused by the failure of a quorum at a district meeting called for the purpose of electing Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees at the next regular board meeting. The member elected as Trustee to serve the upcoming full term must meet the qualifications in ARTICLE IV, Section 2 of these Bylaws, and reside in the same district as the Trustee to whose office he succeeds.