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Huckaby retiring from board after serving 24 years

Lee Huckaby has announced he is retiring from his seat on the board after serving 24 years as the representative for District 7. His duties will officially end on Apr. 9, after the annual meeting.

“It is time to retire,” said Lee. “We are a cooperative owned by its members. I am forever grateful for my predecessor giving me the opportunity to serve and, likewise, I would like for someone else to have that opportunity.”

Lee has enjoyed his time on the board. He learned more about the electric co-op industry and earned credentials as a certified director and board leader. Most of all he enjoyed being a part of the Northwestern family that he and his wife, Edith, have become so close to over the years.

During his tenure, Lee has seen big changes in technology and the way Northwestern Electric and its employees have adapted to them. He has been amazed since day one of being on the board of directors of what a professionally run company

Northwestern Electric is and how it just keeps getting better.

Along with the changes in technology, Lee says the board has faced several challenges over the past few years. “I think the competitiveness we face in the electric utility business is one of the biggest challenges we have dealt with,” he said. “We are constantly looking for ways to meet the competition.”

When asked what he will miss most about serving on the board, Lee said he will miss the people who make up this great company and being involved with them each month.

As he prepares for his retirement, Lee would like to pass a message on to the members in his district. “Northwestern is a wonderful company to be a part of. We have a top-notch board who works so well together with the best employees forming a wonderful team. You, the members, are so fortunate to have them in our community. Edith and I have been so blessed by being a part of the Northwestern Electric family. I thank you, the members, for giving me



Lee Huckaby

the opportunity to serve on this board, and the trust in me to do the job. It has been a wonderful experience and certainly the highlight of my life.”

Northwestern Electric honored Lee at its annual awards banquet held last November. He received a plaque thanking him for his years of service as a director for District 7.

NWEC schedules board elections for February

Northwestern Electric has scheduled three board member elections for February. The district are seven, eight and nine.

District 7, represented by Lee Huckaby, will meet at the First Baptist Church in Buffalo on Thursday, Feb. 9. The District 8 meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Buffalo High School. Marvin Wilkinson is the current director. Gil Perkins will hold the District 9 meeting on Monday, Feb. 20, at the Gate Community Center.

Interested candidates should contact Tyson Littau or Rhonda McMakin at the Woodward office for complete

details on filing. The filing period is open during the month of January.

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 light meal at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30. The three district meetings and their locations are:

District 7

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017
Meal at 6 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo First Baptist Church

District 8

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017
Meal at 6 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo High School

District 9

Monday, Feb. 20, 2017
Meal at 6 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Gate Community Center

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“NWECC is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”

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 to individuals who excel academically and are pursuing a four-year university or college 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 of the high schools in Northwestern Electric’s service territory and reside in a household served by NWECC. (1300002)



For a complete list of eligibility requirements and an application, contact Jonna Hensley at 580.256.7425 or 800.375.7423. You can also access the information at www.nwecok.coop under the Youth Programs tab. The deadline to apply is Fri., Feb. 3, 2017.

Member Appreciation Day winner



Alexander Fritzler

Alexander Fritzler was the lucky winner of the \$100 gift card NWECC gave away during Member Appreciation day.

Thank you to all our members who stopped by to enjoy the hot Wassail, cookies and sign up for our drawing. We also want to thank those who donated to our Give a Watt Energy Tree program. Your generous donations helped make the holidays a little brighter for others who are struggling financially.

October 2016 Operating Report

	2015	2016
Revenue - Billing	2,310,107	2,565,552
Cost of Power	1,395,767	1,557,355
Miles of Lines	4,982	4,995
Members Connected	11,974	11,927
Density per Mile	2.40	2.39
Average Member KWH	2,050	2,179
Average Bill	193	215
KWH Purchased.....	25,222,849	27,299,118
KWH Sold.....	24,550,440	25,988,633
Income per Mile.....	466	517
Expense per Mile	496	514

Northwestern Electric sponsors annual youth contests

Northwestern Electric will send five students to Energy Camp at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Okla., May 30-June 2, 2017. 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.
- 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 Mar. 24, 2017.

Two students from this area will win all-expense-paid trips to the nation's capital, June 9-15, 2017, 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.

NWEC representatives will visit with interested juniors at their schools during January and February. For more information, contact the youth tour coordinator, Jonna Hensley, at 256.7425 or 800.375.7423.

Hidden account number contest

Congratulations goes to Chester Vance Woods for recognizing his account number in last month's newsletter. The other number belonged to Keith Estes.

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

Slow Cooker Country Style Pork Ribs

- 3 lbs. country-style pork loin ribs**
- 1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar**
- 1 tablespoon chili powder**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- 1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper**
- 2 cups ketchup**
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar**
- 3 tablespoons spicy brown mustard**
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce**
- 1 tablespoon liquid smoke**



Spray 4- to 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Place ribs in slow cooker. In medium bowl, mix all remaining ingredients. Pour over ribs.

Cover; cook on Low heat setting 9 to 10 hours.

Stay connected by updating your contact information

Using your phone to pay your bill or report an outage is one of the easiest ways to do business with us. So it is vital that we have the correct contact information on your account. If you have changed your phone number or email in the past few months, please take a moment to fill out the form and we'll make sure you are up-to-date.

You can also update the information by logging in to your account either online or through our smartphone app. And while you are updating your account, take a look at the alerts and reminders feature under the "My Alerts" tab. You can choose which notifications you would like to receive from a due date reminder to a confirmation of payment. (9033003)

Other options include outage declared and outage restored alerts. But remember—the alerts only work if the information linked to your account is current so be sure to update your contact information.

Name on Account _____

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Other Phone # _____

Email address _____

Mail to: NWEC
P.O. Box 2707
Woodward, OK 73802

or drop by: NWEC
Woodward Office
2925 Williams Ave.
Woodward, OK

You can also send an email with the information to kaylie.cole@nwecok.org or wendy.zapata@nwecok.org. You can also fax the information to 580.254-2858 Attention: Kaylie or Wendy.

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