We’re thankful for your membership

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

— William Arthur Ward

In the spirit of the above quote by author William Arthur Ward, we’d like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your membership in our electric cooperative. Because of your connection to NWEC, we are able to make our community a better place.

During this season of giving thanks, we think it’s important to let you and other members of NWEC know just what an impact you have on our co-op and the greater community, likely in ways you may not even realize.

As part of the co-op business model, one of our core principles is “Concern for Community.” While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good.

We are purposeful in supporting local organizations such as the United Fund and the American Red Cross to help raise funds for their programs that benefit our communities.

We work closely with our local schools to provide safety demonstrations, award college scholarships and support their various activities and events. NWEC also participates in an annual Youth Tour where we take our community’s brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action. The trip is inspirational for many students, and we are both humbled and honored to be a part of this leadership development journey.

Ultimately, our local communities benefit from these programs because of you! You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

When you attend co-op events, alert us to problems, or provide suggestions to our employees, you help us improve operations and thereby better serve the larger co-op membership.

Because we are locally governed by members of our community, we are able to get a first-hand perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as community solar programs and equipment and technology upgrades.

We are thankful that our co-op board members carve out time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in better informed advisors that serve the co-op’s interests in a way that our members expect and deserve.

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our lineworkers and other employees receive when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations and prolonged periods. (6881001)

NWEC was originally established 78 years ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. The cooperative is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs. Together, let’s continue making our corner of the world a better place. We can’t do it without you, and for that, we’re thankful for your membership.

Happy Thanksgiving
— NWEC board, staff & employees
SAFE DÉCOR FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

It’s almost time to deck those halls! Statistics show that home fires and electrical accidents typically increase during winter months, so keep these holiday lighting tips in mind for a safe holiday season.

Carefully inspect all electrical decorations before you use them. Cracked or damaged sockets and/or loose or exposed wires can cause serious shock or start a fire.

Consider purchasing LED lights, which use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights.

Never mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord’s insulation.

Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord’s insulation.

Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.

Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International

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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

Congratulations to Everett Stotts for recognizing his account number in last month’s newsletter. The other number belonged to Nathan Winters.

We have hidden two account numbers somewhere in the articles in this newsletter. If you recognize your account number, 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

3 Ingredient Peanut Butter Cookies*

1 cup white sugar
1 cup peanut butter
1 egg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Stir the ingredients together until smooth. Roll into 1” balls with your hands and place on parchment lined baking sheet. Press down with the back of a fork and then press again from the opposite direction to form the crisscross pattern on top.

Bake 6-8 minutes. Do not over bake! These cookies are best when they are still soft and just barely brown on the bottom. Let cool for 1-2 minutes before removing to a wire rack to finish cooling. Store in an airtight container.

* These cookies are gluten-free!
NWEC will pay a cash rebate to qualifying members who replace or install new energy efficient heat pumps or electric water heaters.

Rebates for electric water heaters are being paid for tanks of 40 gallon or larger with an energy rating of .93 or greater. First time installation of a high efficient model, new or conversion from gas, qualifies for a $100 rebate. Replacement of an existing electric tank qualifies for a $50 rebate.

Once the new water heater is purchased and installed, contact NWEC. Jonna Hensley will come out and verify the installation. She will need to see the old tank and will ask for information pertaining to your purchase. After she verifies the new tank qualifies for the rebate, NWEC will mail a check directly to the homeowner.

Heat pumps, both air source and ground source, qualify for varying amounts of cash rebates.

For an air source heat pump unit to qualify, it must have a minimum rating of 16 SEER, 13.4 EER and an 8.5 HSPF. The rebate for a new unit or gas conversion is $250 per ton. If you are replacing an old electric unit, the rebate is $150 per ton.

Ground source heat pumps must meet a minimum rating of 16.1 EER and a 3.3 COP for closed loop systems and an 18.2 EER and 3.6 COP for open looped systems. New units and gas conversions qualify for a rebate of $250 per ton. Replacement units qualify for a rebate of $150 per ton.

The verification process for heat pumps is similar to the water heater process. Jonna will need to verify the installation and see the information pertaining to the purchase. After the verification process has been completed, NWEC will mail the check to the homeowner.

Rebates can not exceed $1,000 per application and all units must be AHRI certified. A rebate application form for heat pump installations is available on our website at www.nwecok.coop or you can call the office to request a form. All requests for rebates must be made within 30 days after the installation is completed. (990078002)

Additional funds may be available for heat pump installations from our power supplier. Contact Jonna at 580.256.7425 or 800.375.7423 for more information.

Say “Thank You” to a Vet

In honor of Veterans Day, we would like to recognize and thank our current employees and directors who have served in the armed forces. The next time you see these men, please take a moment to thank them for their willingness to serve our country.

Chris McGraw, Army
T. J. Province, Marine Corps
John Bruce, Jr., National Guard
Clair Craighead, National Guard
Wayne Hall, Army
Duane Henderson, National Guard
Ray Smith, Army

NWEC will close Nov. 22-23 to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. For emergencies, call our outage hotline number 877.966.7693.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don’t forget to fall back on November 4! Set your clocks back by one hour.