To start the new year, NWEC is pleased to announce it has added a generator incentive to its rebate program. Along with heat pump and water heater rebates, members can get cash back on the installation of a whole house generator.

NWEC prides itself on providing reliable service, but there are times when outages may occur. Regardless of the reason for the outage, being without the power you depend on can be frustrating. To help members stay as comfortable as possible during outages, NWEC is offering the new incentive to lessen the cost of a whole house generator.

To qualify for the rebate, the generator must be large enough to power the entire house and the HVAC system must be all electric. To handle the sizeable load, most homes will require around a 16kW or larger backup generator. The unit will need to be permanently installed. Portable generators aren’t eligible for the rebate. NWEC will pay $1,000 each to the first 12 eligible applicants for 2019.

Rebates for heat pumps and water heaters remain the same as last year and can not exceed $1,000 per application. Qualifications for the rebates are outlined below. Please contact Jonna Hensley or Melissa Washmon at 580.256.7425 or 800.375.7423 for more information.

### Ground Source Heat Pump
- $250/ton new or gas conversion
- $150/ton electric replacement
- Minimum 2nd stage specifications:
  - Closed or Open Loop
    - > 15.9 EER & 3.3 COP
  - Split System
    - > 15.5 EER & 3.3 COP

### Air Source Heat Pump
- $250/ton new or gas conversion
- $150/ton electric replacement
- Minimum specifications:
  - 16 SEER
  - 13.4 EER
  - 8.5 HSPF

### Electric Water Heater
- $100 new unit or gas conversion
- $50 electric replacement
- Minimum specifications:
  - 40 gallon storage tank
  - Energy Factor (EF) of .93 or greater

### Whole House Generator
- $1000 per application
- Minimum specifications:
  - 16kW
  - Permanently installed
  - All electric HVAC system

All units must be AHRI certified. Maximum rebate of $1000 per application.
Hall announces retirement from board

Following the regular board meeting held on Nov. 28, 2018, Wayne Hall announced he will not be seeking his fourth term as the representative for District 6.

Hall has enjoyed serving on the board, but he feels now is the right time to retire. “Serving on the board is a big commitment and, at my age, I am ready to take life a little easier,” he said. “I want to thank the members in my district for the support they have given me during my time on the board.”

Hall was elected to the board in 2010, replacing retired board member Charles Harper. He has served two full terms and his third term will end on Apr. 11, 2019. Hall has scheduled the District 6 meeting for Tues., Feb. 19, 2019, at the Quinlan Methodist Church.

Members living in District 6 who would like to seek nomination to the board should contact NWEC’s administrative assistant, Robyn Medina, for an official nomination form. Members seeking to fill the vacated seat must be a bona fide resident in District 6.

The candidates must obtain the signature of three other qualified members from the same district and the forms must be completed and returned to Medina no later than Feb. 1, 2019. An article outlining director qualifications, nominations and elections was published in the December 2018 edition of Northwestern Electric News. Any questions should be directed to the CEO, Tyson Littau, or Medina, at 580.256.7425 or 800.375.7423.

A list of the upcoming district meeting dates and times is listed below.

— District Meeting Dates —

**District 2**

- Tues., Feb. 12, 2019
- Meal at 6 p.m.
- Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Woodward First Christian Church

**District 4**

- Mon., Feb. 11, 2019
- Meal at 6 p.m.
- Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Sharon United Methodist Church

**District 6**

- Tues., Feb. 19, 2019
- Meal at 6 p.m.
- Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Quinlan Methodist Church

October 2018 Operating Report

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Hidden account
number contest

Congratulations goes to Beverly Marston and Richard Bayliff for recognizing their account number in last month’s newsletter.

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!

Member Appreciation Day winner

Martin and Wanita Ketron were the lucky winners of the $100 gift card NWEC gave away during Member Appreciation Day. They decided to pay it forward and donated the money towards our Give a Watt Energy Tree program.

We thank everyone who joined us for Wassail and cookies and those who donated to the Energy Tree. Your generous donations helped make the holidays a little brighter for others who are struggling financially.

Attention seniors!
Apply now to get cash for college

NWEC offers the opportunity for graduating seniors wanting to further their education to apply for the Fanning-Fussell Scholarship. The $1000 scholarship is for one year. To be eligible, students must reside in a household served by NWEC.

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 Feb. 1, 2019.

NWEC seeks 8th-graders for camp

NWEC will send five students to Energy Camp at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Okla., May 28-31, 2019. Students in the 8th grade who are interested in learning about electric cooperatives, developing leadership skills and attending a fun-packed summer camp are encouraged to enter the YouthPower Energy Camp contest.

During the camp, students will learn first-hand about electric cooperatives by setting up and running their own cooperative business. They’ll even have a chance to run for a seat on the co-op board. Other highlights of the camp include the opportunity to strap on lineman gear before attempting to climb a pole and the chance to get a great view of the camp while perched 60 feet in the air inside the bucket of a utility truck.

Students wishing 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. 22, 2019.

Keeping you connected

The average home now has 10 Wi-Fi connected devices. That number is expected to explode to 50 by 2020. Technology and the gateways that keep it working use electricity, so you’ll depend on your electric co-op for more than just electric lights for years to come. Your co-op is keeping you connected to the world in ways our forefathers never imagined. (980571002)

NWEC works hard to provide service that’s reliable, keep it affordable, and make it even more valuable to our members. That’s our promise today— and tomorrow.
Annual Youth Tour contest is underway

January marks the beginning of the annual Youth Tour contest. Three students from this area will win an all-expense-paid trip to the nation’s capital, June 14-20, 2019, and two others will win $500 scholarships and the opportunity to participate in the Youth 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.

NWEC selects the winners for the contest from students who take a written test over materials furnished by the cooperative about rural electrification. (7810001)

Based on the test scores, the top five students compete in a final judging held at NWEC’s headquarters in Woodward. A panel of judges will select three 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.

Ryan Horn, Brook Pack and Nylyssa Morgan won an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in NWEC’s 2018 Youth Tour contest. The 2019 Youth Tour contest kicks off in January when NWEC representatives start visiting area schools to offer interested juniors this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Top 10 reasons to apply for Youth Tour

You could stay home next summer, or you could kick it off with a trip to Washington, D.C. On Youth Tour, you’ll laugh until your face hurts, crane your neck at tall buildings, stand humbled by national memorials and get inspired by leaders. You’ll love it so much that you’ll weep when it’s over. Need more convincing? Here are 10 reasons to apply for Youth Tour.

1. It’s free.
NWEC and Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives completely cover the cost of Youth Tour, including airfare, hotels, meals and attractions.

2. It’s fun.
You spend days touring popular attractions in D.C., including memorials, monuments and museums. You’ll go on a cruise on the Potomac River and see a show at Toby’s Dinner Theater.

3. You get to travel.
You get to leave your summer job, siblings and routine behind for seven days! No making your bed for week!

You’ll make new friends from among the more than 1,700 teens from across the nation, including more than 70 from all over Oklahoma.

5. You get a classic American adventure.
Washington, D.C., is rich in history and heritage. That’s why Youth Tour was created more than 50 years ago, inspired by Lyndon B. Johnson, to give you the opportunity to discover “what the flag stands for and represents.”

6. You learn a lot.
You are surrounded by venues that focus on science, art, history, space, American culture and so much more. You return home with a ton of newfound knowledge.

7. You can gain leadership experience.
Any Youth Tour participant can apply to be on the national Youth Leadership Council. One student selected from each state returns to D.C. in July for a leadership workshop.

8. You can make your voice heard.
You spend a day on Capitol Hill and meet with your elected officials. You get face time with some of the most powerful people in the nation and an opportunity to talk about what’s important to you and your community.

9. You can put it on your résumé.
When you apply for college or a job, Youth Tour can help you stand out. The trip offers experiences that can shape your college application, essays and career path.

10. You connect with opportunity.
You get plugged into the electric co-op community and are in a great position to learn about scholarships, internships and jobs offered through this network.

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