Why you should attend your district meeting

It’s that time of year again—district meeting time! On behalf of NWEC, we’d like to personally invite the members residing in districts seven, eight and nine to join us at their district meetings. We look forward to gathering with you to catch up, hear what you have to say and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

The meetings are not only a chance to visit with members of our co-op community—it’s also a great opportunity to learn about programs offered by NWEC and to get to know your co-op staff. Our district meetings make it possible for us to gather feedback from you by providing a forum where you can let us know how we can better serve you and your family.

At the meetings, you will learn more about the issues affecting our local communities. It’s also an opportunity for you to exercise one of the greatest benefits of being a member of an electric co-op, by voting for your board of directors representative.

NWEC is not owned by far away investors, and it is not run by an appointed board of directors. We are run by a democratically elected board of directors—a board who is given the privilege to serve because of your vote. (7440001)

Our directors are members of your community. They are concerned with the issues you face every day because they face them too.

Having a voice in who makes the major decisions that directly affect your life and your family is a right we all share as Americans. We all vote for our state and federal Congressional representatives, but not every American has the right to vote for those who will represent community interests within their electric utility. You have that right, so why not exercise it?

Rest assured, no matter what happens, we remain dedicated to providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electric service, but we encourage you to take part in helping us improve how we deliver that service. So make it a point to join us at your district meeting. We promise we will make it worth your while!

— REMINDER —

Your district meeting notice should arrive in the next few days. Be sure and check what district you are in as it may have changed. You can also refer to the map below.

Important dates

District 7 Meeting
Darla Young
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020
Meal at 6 p.m.
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Harper County Fairgrounds

District 8 Meeting
Marvin Wilkinson
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020
Meal at 6 p.m.
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo High School

District 9 Meeting
Gil Perkins
Monday, Feb. 17, 2020
Meal at 6 p.m.
Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Fairview Methodist Church

* District 8 includes the Town of Buffalo
What does five dollars get you?

Five dollars doesn’t seem to buy much anymore. But when you become a member of NWEC, five dollars allows you access to several benefits.

When you first established electric service with NWEC, you filled out the membership application and paid a $5.00 membership fee. This fee means you are provided reliable and safe power from a company that is dedicated to member service.

You also have the opportunity to elect your board representative at your district meeting every 3 years. You get a say on policy issues NWEC supports or opposes. And you are always welcome to attend NWEC’s annual meeting each April where you can let your voice be heard. (16539002)

The best part about being a member of NWEC—you are actually an owner, and that is the power of a $5.00 co-op membership.
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 John Hazelbaker for recognizing his number in last month’s issue. The other number belonged to Mickey Gregory.

We have hidden two account numbers somewhere in the articles in this newsletter. 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!

No-Bake Cheesecake Bites

8 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
4 tablespoons butter, room temperature
1/2 cup crushed graham cracker crumbs
4 cups powdered sugar
10 oz. chocolate chips or candy coating

In a large bowl, mix the cream cheese and butter together until it’s all well combined. Fold in the graham cracker crumbs and mix well. Blend in the powdered sugar, 1 cup at a time. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour.

Place a piece of wax paper on the counter. Scoop batter into balls and roll in between palms if necessary to form a ball. Place on wax paper. Return to refrigerator for 10-20 minutes if they are too soft to dip.

Melt the chocolate in the microwave, stirring every 15 seconds to make sure it doesn’t harden up. It should take about 1 minute for the chocolate to completely melt.

Dip balls into chocolate, covering completely. Place back on wax paper and let cool until chocolate has hardened. Store in the fridge.
Representatives from area fire departments received a $1,000 donation each from NWEC during a banquet held in their honor. NWEC hosted the banquet and gave the donations as a way of saying thank you in person and showing appreciation for the services the fire departments offer its members. The volunteer fire departments in NWEC’s service territory include Arnett, Buffalo, Camargo, Catesby, Fargo, Freedom, Fort Supply, Gage, Gate, Harmon, Laverne, May, Mooreland, Mutual, Rosston, Seiling, Selman, Sharon, Shattuck, Taloga, Slapout, Vici and Woodward.

EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

WEATHERIZE
Seal doors and windows with caulk, weather stripping and/or plastic film.

SEAL IN WARMTH
Close blinds and curtains during the night to keep cold air out. Open them during the day to let sunlight in.

COOK UP SAVINGS
Use smaller appliances, like microwaves, toaster ovens and slow cookers when possible.