

Northwestern Electric News

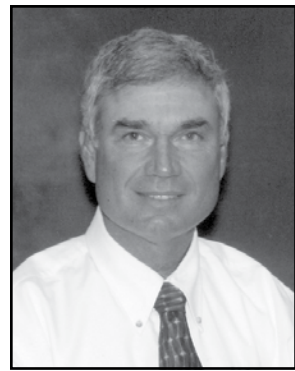
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Directors seek re-election to board

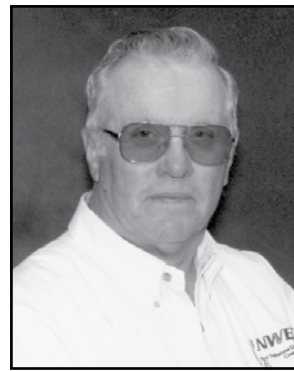
Northwestern Electric has scheduled three board member elections for February. The districts are one, three and five. They are highlighted on the map pictured below.

District One, represented by Kenny Knowles, will meet at the Arnett First Baptist Church on Monday, Feb. 13. The District Three meeting is Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, at the Mooreland Community Center. Duane Henderson is the current director. Ray Smith has set the District Five meeting for Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Lenora Methodist Church.

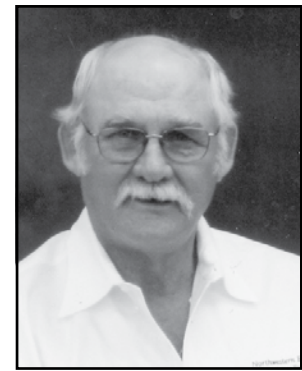
According to Tyson Littau, Northwestern's CEO, all three directors are expected to file for re-election. The portion of the Bylaws pertaining to director nominations and elections was published in the December 2011 Northwestern Electric News. Interested candidates should contact Tyson Littau or Rhonda McMakin at the Woodward office for complete details



Kenny Knowles



Duane Henderson



Ray Smith

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

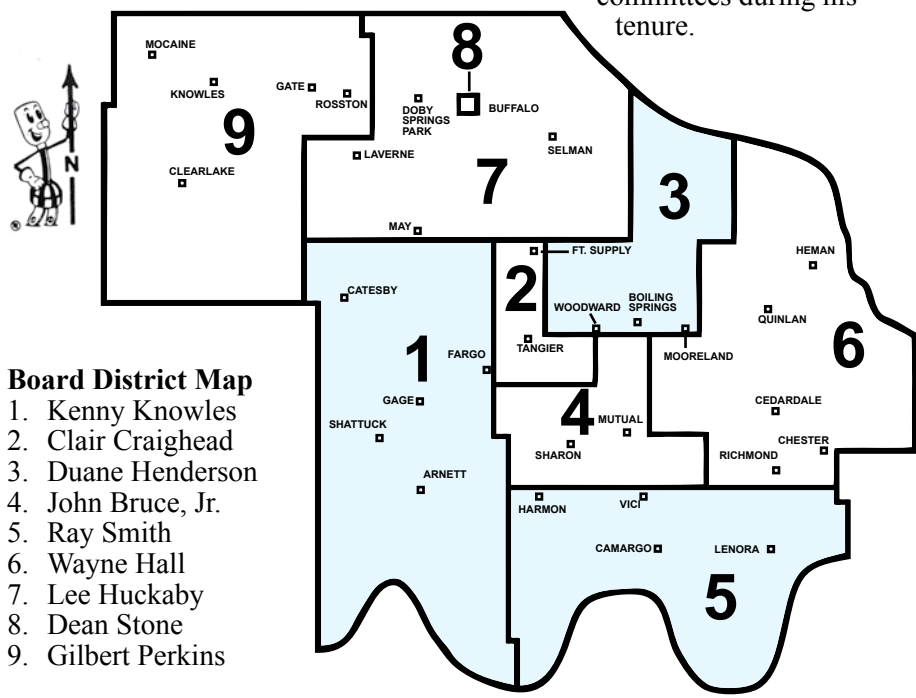
Kenny Knowles and his wife, Charlene, farm and ranch in Ellis county. He currently serves as the board president and is seeking his eighth term as director.

Duane Henderson and his wife, Ollie, live north of Mooreland. Henderson has represented his district for 24 years and has served on several committees during his tenure.

Ray Smith is a farmer/rancher and also works in the oil field. He and his wife, Ruth, live in the Lenora area. He serves as vice-president on Northwestern Electric's board of directors.

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



- Board District Map**
1. Kenny Knowles
 2. Clair Craighead
 3. Duane Henderson
 4. John Bruce, Jr.
 5. Ray Smith
 6. Wayne Hall
 7. Lee Huckaby
 8. Dean Stone
 9. Gilbert Perkins

District One
Monday, Feb. 13, 2012
Meal at 6 p.m. - Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Arnett First Baptist Church

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Mooreland Community Center

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Lenora Methodist Church

**NORTHWESTERN
ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

Woodward, Oklahoma
Operating In
Beaver, Dewey, Ellis, Harper,
Major, Woods and Woodward
Counties in Oklahoma

**TYSON LITTAU
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kenny Knowles, Pres. Arnett
Ray Smith, Vice-Pres. Taloga
John Bruce, Jr., Sec.-Treas. Sharon
Dean Stone Buffalo
Clair Craighead Woodward
Wayne Hall Mooreland
Duane Henderson Mooreland
Lee Huckaby Selman
Gilbert Perkins. Gate

Jonna Hensley Editor
Michael W. Mitchel Attorney

DATES TO REMEMBER

1st to 10th of Each Month—
Pay electric service bill

20th of Each Month—
-Delinquent collections begin.

**IN CASE OF TROUBLE CALL:
24 HOUR EMERGENCY
1-877-9NOPOWER
(1-877-966-7693)**

If no answer call:
John Kirkwood 866-3245
Bob Appell 273-4088

NOTICE

A copy of NWEK Bylaws will be made available for any member upon request.

**Web page: www.nwecok.coop
E-mail: nwec@nwecok.coop**

Postmaster: Send address changes to:
NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC NEWS
2925 Williams Ave.
P.O. Box 2707
Woodward, OK 73802.

Protecting our silent sentinels

It's easy to take something for granted when you see it every day. We drive by row after row of them, but how often do we think about utility poles? Yet these silent sentinels—often under attack in our community—are critical to Northwestern Electric's mission of delivering safe, reliable, and affordable power.

Electric cooperatives like Northwestern Electric own and maintain more than 2.5 million miles of distribution lines stretching across two-thirds of America. Some of these lines can be found underground, but for the most part they stretch above ground, chasing after us on roadsides and doggedly climbing through harsh terrain to deliver power to homes.



Co-ops rely on more than 41 million utility poles to deliver these lines, and these staunch supporters of electricity are under constant attack from the elements—storms, woodpeckers, insects, moisture, and harsh soils. But people play

a part in pole erosion, too.

I can't tell you how many times I've driven by a pole and noticed yard sale signs or ads tacked to the base. It's illegal to attach unauthorized items to poles.

When a lineworker is responding to an outage and climbs a pole, abandoned nails or tacks can rip through protective gloves, leaving the lineworker potentially exposed to thousands of volts of energy. And even when nails are removed, the leftover holes provide easy entry for bugs and water, causing a pole that should have lasted for decades or more to weaken much faster.

We need your help. If you notice anyone trying to attach something to a utility pole, let them know it's dangerous and against the law. (135303) Whenever we see an illegal attachment—whether it's a satellite dish, a birdhouse, a basketball hoop, deer stand, or anything else—our employees will remove it and are not responsible for any damage caused to the unauthorized item.

Thanks for your help as we work together to prolong the lifespan of these silent sentinels that provide us with safe, reliable, and affordable electric service.



Tyson Littau, CEO

October 2011 Operating Report

	2010	2011
Revenue - Billing	2,048,800	2,161,838
Cost of Power	1,229,458	1,356,412
Miles of Lines	4,892	4,903
Members Connected	11,301	11,359
Density per Mile	2.31	2.32
Average Member KWH	1,939	1,949
Average Bill	181.29	190.32
KWH Purchased	22,874,765	23,436,712
KWH Sold	21,911,888	22,137,730
Income per Mile	420.82	444.29
Expense per Mile	427.32	459.22

We're still 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 an Estate Refund Form. These forms are available on our Website at 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, 256-7425 or emailing cc@nwecok.coop. All requests must be made in writing.

FERGUSON HAL	FIELDS TOM AND BETTY	FLEMING TOM	FOLK H A	FOSTER JEFF
FERGUSON JOHN L	FIFIELD GAYLE	FLETCHER BENNIE	FOLMER JACK	FOSTER JOHN
FERGUSON LLOYD	FIFIELD RONALD R	FLETCHER JERRY	FOLTZ DOUG	FOSTER KARLA
FERGUSON O L	FIFIELD VERNON	FLETCHER TIM	FOLTZ TOMEY L JR	FOSTER M E
FERGUSON TED	FIFIELD WILLIAM	FLINT HOWARD	FONDREN ELLIS LEE	FOSTER MARLOW
FERGUSON VERNA	FIGLEY GEORGE	FLINT J H	FONT JAMES L	FOSTER PEGGY
FERGUSON WM C	FINCH SANDRA	FLOCK CLIFFORD	FOOS BRIAN	FOSTER ROBERT L
FERNANDEZ JOSE	FINDLEY GEORGE	FLOCK JULIE	FOOS ERROL	FOSTER ROGER
FERRELL KAREN	FINDLEY TONYA	FLOCK MARK	FORD BACON DAVID	FOSTER THOMAS
FERRELL L B	FINLEY DONNETTA L	FLOCK ROLAND	FORD DOYLE	FOTHERGILL JOHN
FERRELL TOM L	FINLEY LELAND	FLORA ANDREW	FORD DWAYNE	FOUNTAIN VEVA
FERRIS W R	FINLEY LESLIE	FLORES ARMANDO	FORD EVA	FOUQUET WILMA M
FETZER LEON	FINNEGAN PAT	FLORES ELENO	FORD HENRY F	FOUTCH DONALD L
FEUERBORN DWIGHT N	FINNEY BILL	FLORES HILARIO	FORD MRS BELLE	FOWLER JOHN A
FEUERBORN LARRY	FIPPS ALBERT	FLORES JUAN	FORD OLEN	FOWLER NADINE
FEVERBORN RANDY	FIPPS ALLEN	FLORES PETE B	FOREMAN LEROY	FOX CLARENCE E
FIEDLER WILLIAM	FISCUS RUTH	FLORES RAYMOND	FOESMAN CONNIE	FOX SANDRA KAY
FIEL LINDA	FISHER DOLL	FLOYD BARRY	FORESTER WESLEY	FRAIRE LAURENCIO
FIELDER CHARLES	FISHER EVELYN M	FLOYD ELSIE H	FORNEY JUNIOR M	
FIELDER KEVIN	FISHER MARK	FLOYD EULA	FORREST DON	More names will be
FIELDER MRS J F	FISHER TED	FLOYD JOE	FORREST JOHNNIE	published in future issues.
FIELDS C L	FITZGERALD ALFRED	FLYNN HUGH	FORT GLENN	For a complete list of
FIELDS C W	FLACK VALERIA	FLYNN JOHN	FORT JOHN	names go to www.nwecok.coop
FIELDS HARRY E	FLEMING CLAUDETT	FLYNN MARVIN	FORTNER DAVID T	and click on the
FIELDS JANET D	FLEMING JAMES	FOALE GLADYS	FOSTER CLIFFORD	Capital Credit tab under
FIELDS KENT L	FLEMING JOHN	FOLAND TODD	FOSTER DUWAYNE	Account Services or on the
FIELDS LARRY	FLEMING LEE	FOLDES JOSEPH J	FOSTER F L	"Former Members" article
FIELDS RAYMOND	FLEMING RICHARD	FOLEY JOHN B	FOSTER GREG	under News and Events.

Hidden account number contest

Congratulations to Shelby Jones for recognizing his account number in last month's newsletter. The other number belonged to Todd Stoll.

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!

Countryside Cooking

Party Cream Cheese Roll-ups

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| 1 pkg. large flour tortillas | 1/2 c. diced pimento |
| 2 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened | 1/2 c. celery, finely diced |
| 1 pkg. ranch dressing mix | 1/4 c. black olives, chopped |
| 2 green onions, chopped | 1/4 c. mayonnaise |
| | 1/2 c. ground or finely chopped ham |

Combine cream cheese, dressing mix, onions, pimento, celery, olives and mayonnaise. Stir in ham. Spread thin layer of mixture on tortilla. Tightly roll up tortilla and wrap individually in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight.

When ready to serve, cut into 3/4 inch slices.

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 each to five individuals pursuing a four-year university or college academic 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 (180304) of the high schools in Northwestern Electric's service territory and reside in a household served by NWECC.



For a complete list of eligibility requirements and an application, contact Jonna Hensley or Melissa Washmon at 256-7425 or (800) 375-7423. You can also access the information at nwecok.coop under the Youth Programs tab. The deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 3, 2012.

Simplify bill-paying with automatic draft

Changes proposed by the U.S. Postal Service may cause the delivery of stamped mail to become slower. A letter that used to reach its destination the next day might start taking two days. Plan now to start mailing your payment two days earlier so it will reach us by the due date.

To ensure your bill is paid on time and simplify bill-paying, call Northwestern Electric to sign up for automatic draft. You can also pay online at nwecok.coop. Another option is to pay your bill at Walmart using the CheckFreePay system.

Give us a call today at 256-7425 or (800) 375-7423 to have your account automatically drafted or to learn about the different payment options we offer.

Northwestern Electric sponsors annual youth contests

Each year, Northwestern Electric Cooperative sponsors two contests for area school students in the 8th and 11th grades. The students do not have to be members of the Cooperative to enter the contests.

The YouthPower Energy Camp is for students enrolled in the 8th grade in our service territory. The schools

include Arnett, Buffalo, Fargo, Ft. Supply, Gage, Laverne, Mooreland, Sharon-Mutual, Shattuck, Vici and Woodward.

The Washington, D.C., Youth Tour is open to students enrolled in the 11th grade in the schools listed. The top two prizes are all-expense-paid trips to Washington, D.C. Also up for grabs

are two \$250 scholarships plus the opportunity to attend the Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit.

The rules for each contest are outlined below. More information and forms are also available online at nwecok.coop. Once you log on to the site, look under the Youth Programs tab for the links.

YouthPower Energy Camp

Northwestern Electric will send five students to Energy Camp at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Okla., May 29-Jun. 1, 2012. 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 in NWECC's service territory.
- 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 February 24, 2012

Washington, D.C., Youth Tour

Two students from this area will win all-expense-paid trips to the nation's Capitol, June 15-21, 2012, and two others will win \$250 scholarships and the opportunity to participate in the Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit.

The thrill packed days in Washington, D.C. will include a luncheon 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.

Representatives from Northwestern Electric will visit with interested juniors at their schools during January and February. For more information and dates for the school visits, contact the youth tour coordinator, Jonna Hensley, P.O. Box 2707, Woodward, OK 73802 or call (800) 375-7423.