

September 2011

Northeast Connection

Seven nominated during district meetings



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Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative's district meetings were held this year in Districts 1, 3 and 5. Seven individuals were nominated for trustee seats on the co-op board at the three meetings, including three incumbent trustees and four challengers. Five of these individuals await confirmation at the annual meeting general election on September 17.

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SEPTEMBER 2-4 • Miami

Ottawa Tribal Pow Wow
Adawe Park
918-542-1536

SEPTEMBER 2-4 • Grove

Jana Jae Fiddle Camp & Music Festival
Grove Civic Center & Snider's Camp
1-800-526-2523

SEPTEMBER 3 • Vinita

Oklahoma Grape Pie Festival
Summerside Vineyards
918-256-3000

SEPTEMBER 3-5 • Bernice

End of Summer Bash
Bernice State Park Nature Center
918-257-8330

SEPTEMBER 6-9 • Wyandotte

Wyandotte Nation Culture Days/Green Corn Feast
Various locations
918-678-2297 ext. 244

SEPTEMBER 8-10 • Jay

Delaware County Free Fair
Delaware County Fairgrounds
918-253-4332

SEPTEMBER 8-12 • Pryor

Mayes County Fair
Mayes County Fairgrounds
918-825-4332

SEPTEMBER 10 • Jay

Jay Farm Fest
Delaware County Fairgrounds
918-253-4235

SEPTEMBER 10 • Pryor

Dam Jam Bicycle Tour
Whitaker Park
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SEPTEMBER 10 • Jay

Roadkill Chili Cookoff
Delaware County Fairgrounds
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SEPTEMBER 10-12 • Wyandotte

Wyandotte Nation Tribal Pow Wow
Wyandotte Nation Tribal Pow Wow Grounds
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Cedar Oaks RV Resort
918-786-4303

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Eastern Shawnee Tribal Pow Wow
Eastern Shawnee Tribal Pow Wow Grounds
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SEPTEMBER 17 • Grove

REC Annual Meeting
Grove Civic Center
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SEPTEMBER 17 • Chouteau

Black Buggy Day
Chouteau City Park
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SEPTEMBER 23-25 • Grove

Pelican Festival
Grove Community Center
918-786-2289

SEPTEMBER 24 • Afton

18th Annual Hook N' Cook Off & Car Show
Pelican Landing RV Resort
918-782-3214

SEPTEMBER 24 • Pryor

Pryor Fever 5K & Mud Run
Location TBA
918-825-0157

SEPTEMBER 24-25 • Vinita

Battle at Cabin Creek Re-enactment
Dean Farm
918-256-7133

SEPTEMBER 25-30 • Pryor

Northeast Oklahoma Art Show
Graham Community Building
918-824-2787

SEPTEMBER 30-OCT. 1 • Jay

Jay Centennial Celebration
Citywide
918-253-8698

SEPTEMBER 30-OCT. 2 • Grand Lake

18th Annual Mahogany & Chrome Boat Show
Arrowhead Yacht Club
918-633-7153

Co-op membership to gather September 17 in Grove

The hero in you

The term “hero” gets tossed around a lot and the true meaning of the word is often lost in translation. Our intent is not to diminish what can be accomplished when an individual goes above and beyond, but we like to consider our members—that is, members of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative who take an active role in the direction of the organization—nothing less than heroes. To put it simply, without this spirit of cooperation, there is no cooperative.

The Grove Civic Center will be full of heroes on Saturday, September 17, 2011. That’s the site of the cooperative’s 73rd annual meeting and most important day of the year for our electric cooperative. Member registration runs from 8 a.m. until noon.

We hope you are planning on stopping by for a visit, if only for a brief moment. After all, this day is set aside for you to meet with co-op trustees and employees and to take part in a tradition-rich process that has been influential in the advancement of rural Oklahoma over the past three-quarters of a century.

As member-owners of the cooperative, each person receiving service has a unique opportunity to have a voice in the direction of the organization by participating at annual meeting. Members can vote for the leaders of their choice in the yearly trustee election. They can hear a progress report and learn about the future plans of the co-op from its board and management team during the business meeting.

Of course, lots of freebies await those who attend. Members will be treated to doughnuts and coffee in the morning and, as lunchtime approaches, grills will be fired up for a co-op-style cookout with hot dogs, chips and soda served up to satisfy appetites.

A goodie bag will be presented to members just for registering. Each goodie bag contains a pair of hats and some useful gifts.

Big prizes like flatscreen televisions, a washing machine, dryer, and refrigerator are also big draws, and let’s not forget about those \$500 electric credits (one for each of our nine co-op districts) to be awarded to lucky members following the business meeting. As always, members who register for the meeting need not be present during the drawings to win a prize.


Members can look forward once again to the availability of a health fair, hosted by Craig General Hospital medical staffers. Screenings will be performed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. A fee may apply to cover the cost of certain tests.

There is something for everyone at annual meeting. Browse arts and crafts displays outside and visit various trade show booths inside the civic center. Talented groups like *Western Standard Time* and *From the Heartland* hit the stage at 9 a.m. to provide some toe-tappin’ entertainment.

Kids won’t want to miss the Kid Zone, where they can don safety equipment and experience the job of a cooperative lineman. They will enjoy a safety demonstration and receive a coloring book and pencil, as well as their very own hard hat.

Kids who are accompanied by a parent or guardian who is a member and registered for the meeting can also sign up at the REctec Technology & Communication booth to win one of five (5) free laptops computers that will be given away during the meeting.

Parking is plentiful and Pelivan shuttles will bring members right up to the front doors from the large lot west of the civic center. Handicapped parking, meanwhile, is available in the lot in front of the civic center for those with handicap stickers.

So mark it on your calendars and plan to attend. After all, it is a meeting of heroes, so you’ll fit right in. 

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Seven nominated

Run-offs to decide two districts seats; one incumbent running unopposed

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative members in three districts met this summer and exercised their right to democratic member control. In doing so, they took care of some important cooperative business.

Democratic member control is a unique component of the cooperative process. It is not just a longstanding tradition, but one of the founding principles on which the cooperative form of government was built.

By registering at district meetings and nominating individuals who they feel are best qualified to represent them on the board of trustees, cooperative members do their part to ensure the stability of the entire organization for the foreseeable future.

Seven individuals received nominations to serve as trustees at NEOEC's 2011 district meetings—held in Districts 1, 3 and 5. The names of five of these nominees will appear on the ballot at this year's annual meeting, where the entire membership can vote to determine which nominee will represent the district on the board.

In instances where more than one person is nominated at a district meeting, a vote is required to narrow the field of nominees to two. This vote also determines the order in which names are placed on the general election ballot for annual meeting. The name of the individual receiving the most votes at district meeting is listed first on the ballot at annual meeting.

District 5

The District 5 meeting convened July 18 at Ketchum High School with 39 members present. Board president Dandy Risman hosted the meeting and drew no opposition to his trustee seat, thus accepting nomination by acclamation.

District 1

Members in District 1 gathered July 19 at First United Methodist Church in Miami with board vice-president Harold Robertson presiding. A total of 41 registered at the meeting which produced two nominations. Robertson accepted a nomination, as did challenger Jim Fry.

A vote was held to determine the placement of names on the general election ballot at annual meeting. As a result



NEOEC members participate in the important initial stage of the cooperative political process by registering at district meetings and nominating the candidate of their choice for the board of trustees. Meetings were held this summer in Districts 1, 3 and 5.

of this vote, Robertson received 25 votes and Fry received 16 votes.

District 3

The final district meeting, held July 21 at the Welch Civic Center, saw 124 members register from District 3. Four individuals received nominations, including incumbent trustee Everett Johnston and challengers Tim Andris, Todd Small and Frank Weicht.

A vote was used to both narrow the field of contenders to two—in accordance with the bylaws—and determine the placement of names on the annual meeting ballot. Ballots were cast by members present with the following results: Everett Johnston received 59 votes, Tim Andris 31 votes, Todd Small 24 votes and Frank Weicht nine votes.

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District No. 5

Ketchum resident Bud Long (right) was the lucky winner of a \$250 grand prize electric credit at the District 5 meeting of cooperative members held July 18 at Ketchum High School. Board president Dandy Risman presented the credit to Long.



District No. 1

Ray Davis (left) of Fairland was all smiles after discovering he held the winning ticket in the drawing for the \$250 grand prize electric credit during the District 1 meeting held July 19 at the First United Methodist Church in Miami. Presenting the credit to Davis was NEOEC District 1 board trustee Harold Robertson.



District No. 3

Co-op member Nick Sutton (right) of Vinita departed the District 3 meeting pleased after having won the grand prize drawing for a \$250 electric credit. District 3 trustee Everett Johnston was on hand to congratulate Sutton on his good fortune. The meeting was held July 21 at the Welch Civic Center.



Meet the candidates

Deciding votes to be cast during general election at 73rd annual meeting

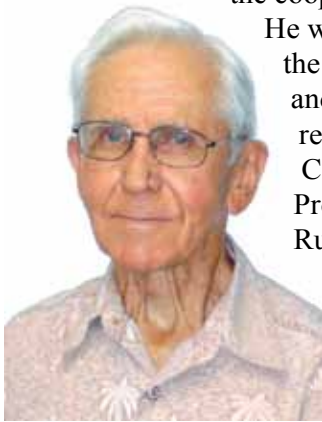
Five individuals will be vying for three spots on the Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative board during upcoming trustee elections. The elections will be held at the Grove Civic Center during the cooperative's 2011 annual meeting on Saturday, September 17.

In addition to three incumbents, two challengers emerged following this year's round of district meetings held during the month of July in Districts 1, 3 and 5.

Below is a brief bio for each of the five candidates.

Harold Robertson (District 1 incumbent)

A lifelong resident of northeast Oklahoma with 51 years of NEOEC patronage, Robertson has served on the cooperative board since 1975.



Harold Robertson

He was elected vice-president of the board in September 2003 and has completed certification requirements of the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Robertson and wife Betty are retired from a real estate business they owned and operated for many years in Miami. They have one daughter, Emily Ruthann

Allred of Springfield, Missouri; two grandchildren: Cray and Darcy Allred; and one great-granddaughter: Lydia Allred.

Robertson is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Miami and the Miami Masonic Lodge. He is also an active supporter of the Ottawa County 4-H and FFA programs.

Robertson is a graduate of Northeast Oklahoma A&M College in Miami.

Jim Fry (challenger for the District 1 seat)

A resident of Quapaw, Fry has 31 years of cooperative patronage. He and wife Kathy have been married 31 years. They have raised four children and have eight grandchildren.

Fry graduated high school at Columbus, Kansas. He attended Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, and Missouri Southern State College in Joplin.

Fry worked as a machine operator and later in the

quality department for Joplin-based Vickers, a division of Sperry-Rand Corporation, from 1969-1987. He worked in assembly, as a metallurgist and as quality auditor for F. A. G. Bearing in Joplin from 1990-2009. He completed requirements to become certified as a quality auditor from American Society of Quality Certification.

Fry has served as union representative at Vickers, representative on the Southwest Missouri Labor Council, and F.A.G employee committee representative. He also built his own 3,240 square-foot, semi-underground home.



Jim Fry

Everett Johnston (District 3 incumbent)

Johnston is retired from a 38-year career in product research for Conoco-Phillips in Bartlesville, where he was senior product technician. He was born and raised in Welch, attended and graduated from Welch High School and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami.

Johnston and wife Connie have been married 40 years. They live on a 540-acre farm in rural Welch where they raise wheat and soybeans.



Everett Johnston

The Johnstons have four daughters—including Tracy Allman of rural Miami; Tricia Scott of Springfield, Missouri; Tina Norton of Ardmore; and Pamela Rowland of Owasso—and seven grandchildren.

The Johnstons attend church at Welch Baptist and have been NEOEC members since 1991.

Johnston has completed certification requirements of the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

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Tim Andris (challenger for District 3 seat)

Andris is a 1995 graduate of Welch High School and a 2000 graduate of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Andris and wife of ten years Mandy are residents of Bluejacket and have nine years of cooperative patronage. The have a two-year old daughter, Georgie, and are expecting their second child in October. They attend the First Christian Church in Big Cabin.

Andris has been self-employed since 2003 as the owner/operator of Ace Silver Jewelry. He is a two-time recipient of the Traditional Cowboy Arts Association Scholarship (2006 and 2010).

Andris has worked part-time for United Parcel Service since 2006.



Tim Andris

Dandy Risman (District 5 incumbent)

Serving the cooperative currently as president of the board of trustees, Risman is also president of both Serenity Hospice and Lifespan Home Health, and president and owner of Grand Lake Fast Lube. He has served as Vice-President of Operations for Pharmcare of Oklahoma since 1999.


Risman is a licensed respiratory care practitioner. He obtained a degree in respiratory therapy from Tulsa Community College following graduation from Ketchum High School and Northeastern State University.

Risman and wife Joyce have two children. Son Parker is eleven years old and daughter Madison is eight. Both attend Ketchum Public Schools.



Dandy Risman

Risman is a member of AARC and the Grand Lake Lions Club. He also serves on the board for both the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce and Ketchum Public School Board.

Risman has twelve years of cooperative patronage and has completed certification requirements of the Credentialed Cooperative Director Program through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. 

Seven nominated...

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Prize winners

Over \$1,000 in combined electric credits were awarded to nine lucky members during the three meetings. Bud Long had his name drawn as the winner of the grand prize \$250 electric credit at the District 5 meeting, while Joe Johnson took home the \$100 credit. A third credit of \$50 went to Jennifer Pool.

At the District 1 meeting, Ray Davis of Fairland won the grand prize \$250 electric credit, Lonnie Davis of Miami was the lucky winner of the \$100 credit and Wyandotte resident Ronald Barr took the \$50 third place credit.

In District 3, Nick Sutton of Vinita had his name drawn as the winner of the \$250 grand prize electric credit. Ruth Branam of Welch won the \$100 credit and Miami's Preston Curry pocketed the \$50 credit.

NEOEC staff members took time during district meetings to provide updates on various projects throughout the cooperative. Members attending the meetings also received complimentary refreshments and energy efficiency gifts before helping the co-op take care of business.

Each district meeting closed with an opportunity for members to ask questions and make comments. 

Lucky Account Number

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A look back at the 2010 annual meeting

Meeting minutes provided for review

The 72nd annual meeting of the members of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held in the Civic Center, Grove, Oklahoma, Saturday, September 18, 2010.

President Dandy Risman called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. and announced that a quorum of members had registered. Lindey Leforce delivered an invocation.

As master of ceremonies, Craig Hendrickson introduced the board of trustees and their spouses, the credentials and election committee, and special guests attending annual meeting.

Mr. Hendrickson introduced general manager Robert Echenrode. Mr. Echenrode welcomed members and thanked them for coming to participate in the annual meeting process.

Secretary-treasurer Benny Seabourn provided his report to the membership. The affidavit of mailing of the annual meeting notice was printed in the September issue of the *Northeast Connection*; the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting were included in the same issue. Mr. Seabourn requested a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept them as published. The motion was made by Don Warstler. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Seabourn then reported that the cooperative received a clean audit for the 2009 financial statements from the independent accounting firm of Briscoe, Burke and Grigsby.


Mr. Hendrickson returned to the podium to update the membership on the efforts of Operation Round-up and thank them for their commitment.

Leonard Logan, attorney for the cooperative, came forward to provide the election results as follows:



Attorney Leonard Logan announces election results.

In District 2, incumbent Benny Seabourn received 1,449 votes; In District 7, incumbent Jim Wade received 1,439 votes; and in the race for the District 7 seat, incumbent Jack Caudill received 1,091 votes and challenger Billy Hubbard received 519 votes.

With election results complete, Mr. Logan asked if there was any new business to address. There being no further business, a motion was made by Gerry Nevils to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m. 

Highley to speak at REC annual meeting

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is honored to have Duane Highley as its guest speaker at annual meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Grove Civic Center. Highley is Director of Power Production at Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. (AECI), in Springfield, Missouri, and will share with us his expertise in the field of renewable resources as a means to help fuel our energy future.

AECI is owned by and provides wholesale power to six regional and 51 local electric cooperative systems. These cooperatives serve more than 875,000 customers in Missouri, northeast Oklahoma and southeast Iowa. AECI




Duane Highley

has provided reliable wholesale power generation and transmission to its owner-members for 50 years.

Highley joined AECI in 1983. Since then, he has held a number of positions within the cooperative, including transmission planner; supervisor of resource planning; plant manager; and director of plant operations, maintenance and construction.

Highley has led the development of over \$1.4 billion in new plant projects and leads the cooperative's nuclear partnership efforts.

Highley has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from the Missouri University of Science and Technology. He has completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Missouri and serves on the boards of the Ozarks Science and Engineering Fair, Ozarks New Energy, and the Cooperative Research Network. He is past chair of Southwest Missouri Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and was recently inducted into the Academy of Electrical Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology. 

Western Standard Time sets the stage for entertainment at 73rd annual meeting

Howe returning to northeast Oklahoma

Country music will be in full swing during Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative's 73rd annual meeting.

Literally.

Western Standard Time will put a new spin on traditional swing music when it hits the stage at the Grove Civic Center on September 17.

The collection of highly skilled musicians from around the region pays tribute to swing icons the likes of Hank Thompson, Bob Wills and Ray Price.

On the fiddle for *Western Standard Time* is none other than Shawn Howe. The 34-year-old Howe is originally from Miami, Oklahoma, and is a 1995 graduate of Miami High School.



Shawn Howe

Howe has lived in Cleveland for several years, but is planning a permanent return to northeast Oklahoma.

"We're selling our place over here in Cleveland and getting ready to move back to Welch," explained Howe who affectionately refers to the northern Craig County town as "God's Country."

Said Howe: "I'll tell you, the drought's about ruined me over here. I've had to put my horses up in a lot because I've got cracks in my pasture big enough for 'em to break a leg in. I'm used to northeast Oklahoma where it's at least somewhat green all the time."

Howe began playing fiddle at age seven and won his first state fiddle championship at the age of 13. He punctuated his later career by adding a 2008 world championship to his resume of musical accomplishments.

Mentors for Howe include his father, along with fiddling greats Ace Sewell and Monte Gaylord. He has played for Hank Thompson and David Frazell.

Joining Howe under the *Western Standard Time* banner are Dewayne Bowman on guitar, Monte Gaylord on fiddle, Terry Day on pedal steel, and Gary Hill on bass.


Gaylord, an Oologah resident, played 15 years for Clint Black and also played for Brooks and Dunn.

An album is in the works for *Western Standard Time*, according to Howe.

"We're working on it," he said. "We've started one, it's just not finished yet."

Cooperative members will also be treated to some high-energy bluegrass gospel music from a hard-working band known as *From the Heartland*.

From the Heartland keeps a busy schedule that includes touring festivals in eleven states from Florida to New Mexico and from Texas to Iowa. The band also spends considerable time in the recording studio. It has produced seven albums and has had several songs reach Top 100 on the European charts.

From the Heartland began playing and touring in 2004 with a combination of original songs and bluegrass favorites, mixed with a little country, blues and some old-time rock and roll. 

73rd Annual Meeting

September 17 • Grove Civic Center

Schedule of Events:

8 a.m. - 12 noon Registration and voting opens

Arts & crafts
Trade show
Kidszone

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Health fair

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Musical Entertainment

From the Heartland
Western Standard Time

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lunch served

12 noon - Registration closes

Business meeting begins

Call to order
Declaration of quorum
Invocation & flag salute
Welcome
Introduction of board members & guests
Introduction of general manager, employees & retirees
Guest speaker Duane Highley
Report of president
Report of secretary-treasurer
Motion to waive reading and approve 2010 minutes
Treasurer's report
Introduction of Operation Round-Up board
Other business
Election results
Adjournment

Prize Drawings


(This agenda is tentative and is subject to change)



Arts and crafts booths available

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is inviting area arts and crafts vendors to participate in its 2011 annual meeting September 17 at the Civic Center in Grove.

NEOEC will designate booth space to vendors on the south perimeter of the Grove Civic Center parking lot. Space is available free of charge but must be reserved prior to the meeting day. Set-up must take place by 7:30 a.m. the morning of September 17.

For more information or to make booth reservations, call Amy Claborn at 918-256-9392. 

Taking alternative route to civic center encouraged on Sept. 17th

Members will gather September 17 at the Grove Civic Center for North east Oklahoma Electric Cooperative's 73rd annual meeting. The civic center is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 18th and Main in Grove. Due to anticipated heavy traffic, members are being asked to avoid the direct highway approach to the civic center altogether in order to ensure improved traffic flow.

Please follow the alternative routes detailed below. These routes will bring you behind the civic center. There, traffic attendants will be stationed to point out designated parking areas. NEOEC will provide free shuttle service from the designated off-site parking area. Those with special needs will be required to have handicap stickers in place for designated handicap parking.



Photo credit: Vern Spain

Due to its rough terrain and inaccessibility by golf cart, the parking area northwest of the civic center is restricted to cooperative employees only.

FROM JAY: Travel north on Highway 59 to State Park Road (just past Dairy Queen) and turn left. Turn right (north) on Broadway.

FROM MIAMI (Highway 10/Elk River approach): Travel south and west on Highway 10. At second stoplight, go straight two blocks on Highway 59 and turn left (south) at Broadway, just before the former Grand Lake Bank building.

FROM VINITA OR MIAMI (Highway 59 approach): Travel southbound on Highway 59 to first stoplight (Leisure Lane). Turn right on Leisure Lane, left on Har-Ber Road, and right on Broadway. 

Health screenings available for co-op members

Cooperative members can ensure their good health by taking advantage of convenient health screenings during the 2011 annual meeting.


Thanks to a partnership between NEOEC and Craig General Hospital, a battery of screenings will be made available to members during the event, scheduled September 17 at the Grove Civic Center.

Hospital staff will perform screenings at the civic center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on September 17.

Screenings to be offered include: lipid panel (HDL,

LDL triglycerides and blood sugar), PSA (prostate screening), blood pressure, blood sugar (glucose test), and pulse ox. Due to the high cost of the equipment involved, a \$5 charge will apply to the lipid panel and PSA tests. All other screenings will be performed free of charge. Additional testing, as well as valuable informational materials, may also be offered by hospital staff.

It is important for those participating in the health screenings to fast for at least 12 hours to ensure accurate results.


Results will be mailed to participating members in the days following annual meeting. 



Consolidated Financial Information: 2009-2010

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is pleased to report another financially successful year. Patronage capital (margins) totaled \$4,737,964 for 2010 and the co-op is in compliance with the guidelines set forth by its lenders.

Net utility plant increased 5.6 percent during 2010 and kWh sales increased nine percent over 2009.

The certified public accounting firm of Briscoe, Burke & Grigsby, LLP, prepared this year's audit. Statements are available for review at NEOEC's headquarters in Vinita. 

	2010	2009
ASSETS & OTHER DEBITS		
Total Utility Plant in Service	\$ 165,547,226	\$ 157,802,136
Construction Work in Progress	2,895,623	2,054,408
Total Utility Plant	168,442,849	159,856,544
Acc. Prov. for Depreciation	(54,263,509)	(51,711,126)
NET UTILITY PLANT	114,179,340	108,145,418
Investment in Subsidiary Companies	7,624,855	7,757,920
Invest. Assc. Patronage Capital	3,027,087	2,584,769
Invest. Assc. Other - General Funds	2,000	2,000
Invest. Assc. Other - NonGen Funds	1,998,620	2,018,154
Other Investments	9,257,774	8,126,214
TOTAL OTHER PROPERTY & INVESTMENTS	21,910,336	20,489,057
Cash-General Funds	97,466	358,758
Special Deposits	8,285	985
Temporary Investments	508,680	837,892
Notes Receivable	0	200,000
Accounts Receivable	6,635,198	6,950,253
Accounts Receivable - Other	1,538,290	2,032,289
Materials & Supplies	820,034	769,918
Prepayments	39,696	39,902
Other Current & Accrued Assets	16,200	16,204
TOTAL CUR. & ACC. ASSETS	9,663,849	11,206,201
Deferred Debits	450,694	474,798
TOTAL ASSETS & OTHER DR	\$ 146,204,219	\$ 140,315,474
LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS		
Patronage Capital	46,955,776	43,847,928
Operating Margins - Current Year	4,365,547	2,976,868
Non-Operating Margins	372,417	148,738
Other Margins & Equities	(1,763,977)	(2,484,699)
TOTAL MARGINS & EQUITIES	49,929,763	44,488,835
Long-Term Debt CFC	21,263,746	23,262,949
Long-Term Debt - Other	45,749,547	39,493,775
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	67,013,293	62,756,724
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	14,047,147	13,726,801
Notes Payable	2,100,000	4,700,000
Accounts Payable	4,948,281	6,725,586
Consumers Deposits	1,144,061	918,881
Current Maturities Long-Term Debt	3,346,670	3,174,787
Other Current & Accrued Liabilities	2,882,566	3,022,359
TOTAL CUR. & ACC. LIAB.	28,468,725	32,268,414
Deferred Credits	792,438	801,501
TOTAL LIAB. & OTHER CR	\$ 146,204,219	\$ 140,315,474

	2010	2009
OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 63,025,579	\$ 57,351,303
EXPENSES		
Purchased Power	37,234,113	32,716,981
Transmission Expense	15,081	46,734
Distribution Expense - Operation	2,246,027	2,300,148
Distribution Expense - Maintenance	3,857,333	3,477,934
Consumer Accounts Expense	2,907,300	2,933,592
Customer Service Expense	1,039,554	1,004,355
Sales Expense	52,875	38,081
Administrative and General Expense	3,001,570	3,124,422
Depreciation Expense	4,962,926	4,590,366
Tax Expense - Property	1,185,300	1,074,901
Tax Expense - Other	53,305	48,957
Interest on Long-Term Debt	4,505,542	4,660,904
Interest Expense - Other	67,024	44,336
COST OF ELECTRIC SERVICE	61,127,950	56,061,711
Operating Patronage Capital	1,897,629	1,289,592
Non Operating Margins - Interest	324,003	338,262
Income (Loss) from Equity Investments	1,590,689	976,021
Non Operating Margins - Other	48,414	(189,524)
Generation & Transmission Capital Credits	168,603	50,318
Other Capital Credits	708,626	660,937
TOTAL PATRONAGE CAPITAL	\$ 4,737,964	\$ 3,125,606



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Official Notice

Annual Meeting

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of members of Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held at the Grove Civic Center in Grove, Oklahoma, on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at 12 noon. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 12 noon. The purpose of this meeting is to take action on the following items of business in addition to those provided by Article III Section 3.07 of the bylaws. The following members have been nominated for election as trustees at their respective meetings, to wit:

2011 Annual Meeting Election

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>NOMINATED</u>
1	3 years	Harold W. Robertson
1	3 years	Jim R. Fry
3	3 years	Everett L. Johnston
3	3 years	Timothy J. Andris
5	3 years	Dandy A. Risman

Authorized by: Benny L. Seabourn
Secretary-Treasurer
September 1, 2011

Members who register at the meeting need not be present to win a special prize. Bring the mailing label above in person to the registration table to be eligible for one of the registration prizes to be given away at annual meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Grove Civic Center. **Registration is open from 8 a.m. to noon.** Those in line at noon will be given a card ensuring their opportunity to register.