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Trustee slots open in Districts 5 & 7



Joe
Waggoner
from District
5 is pictured
at far left.



Joe Hise
representing
District 7 is at
left.

Members are again reminded that Trustee Filing will soon be open in two districts.

District 5 (Jet/Nash/Pond Creek) is presently represented by Joe Waggoner who is completing four terms or 12 years experience on the Board.

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Youth Tour launched for 2014

Every January AEC offers the opportunity of a lifetime to high school juniors throughout the service area.

Ask Kelsey Conaway from Ringwood High School and Ami Adkisson from Timberlake about their trip to Washington, D.C. These girls will still savor memories of that trip when they become grandmothers.

Carter Stewart of Burlington and Casee Cole from Pond Creek/Hunter

attended the Youth Energy Camp in Eden Valley, Colorado, near Steamboat Springs.

Where else can you win all-expense trips for writing a 500-word essay? And that's not all...two Burlington students received \$400 scholarships for their placement in the contest. Jenna Maltbie and Heather

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ALTERNATING CURRENTS...

Major Winter Storm Forecast

By Ron Shafer

These may well be the scariest words in the world! We know from experience that every time the local weather forecasters say them on TV, we are overwhelmed with calls about generators. We get requests to sell generators, help connect them, help consumers get the proper size units, etc. Usually, there isn't enough time before the storm hits to provide them with much help in this area. Our advice to you is get prepared right now before those weather prognosticators get your adrenaline boiling.



Although we do not sell generators, AEC is a dealer for GenerLink™, a transfer switch that is quick and easy to install and safe to use. This transfer switch will allow consumers to connect generators rated at up to 10,000 watts (40 amps) continuous load on their home or farm electric service without posing a safety threat to equipment damage or bodily injury.

For more information or to check about purchasing and having a Generlink™ installed on your service, contact Terry Ryel at 580-596-3333, extension 111 or 1-888-736-3837.

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Joe Hise is the Trustee for District 7 (Carmen/Aline). Hise is completing five terms of service at AEC or 15 years as Trustee.

District No. 5

That portion of Oklahoma in Garfield and Grant Counties served by Alfalfa Electric Cooperative, Inc.

District No. 7

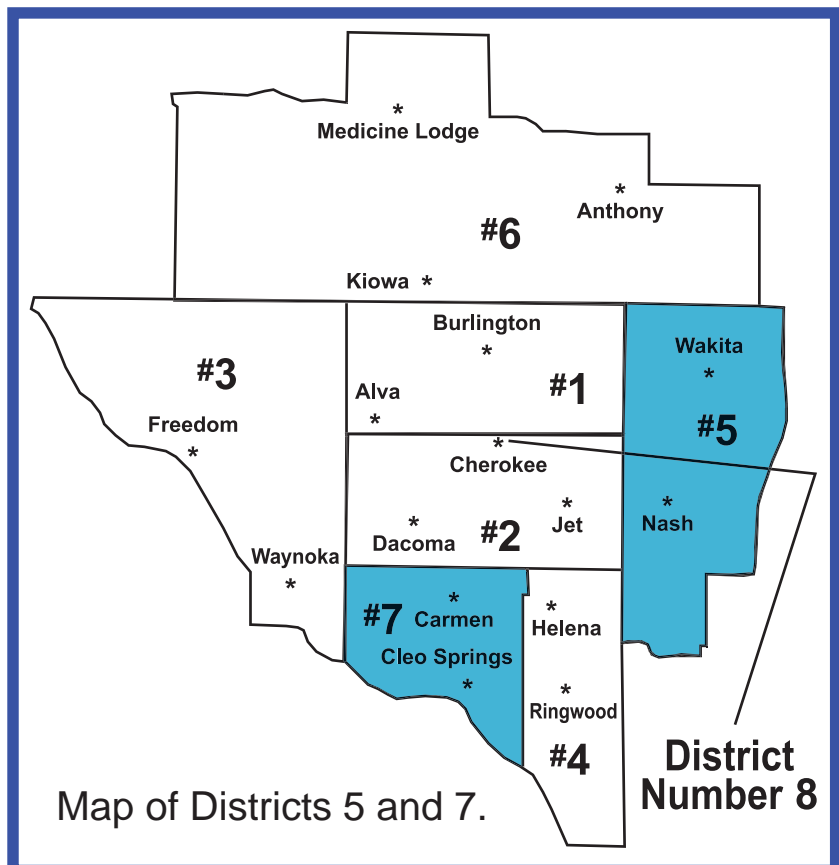
That portion of Oklahoma in Alfalfa, Major and Woods Counties served by Alfalfa Electric Cooperative, Inc., within the following Townships:

Townships 21, Range 11
Township 22, Ranges 11, 12, 13
Township 23, Ranges 11, 12, 13, 14.

To be qualified and elected to serve as a Trustee, all candidates for the position of Trustee must meet the qualifications as outlined in Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws of Alfalfa Electric Cooperative, Inc. The qualifications were published in the December 2013 issue of *Hotlines*.

Potential candidates must file during the period of February 1-10, 2014 with a special form obtained at the AEC Office in Cherokee.

Both Waggoner and Hise have indicated intention to file.



Map of Districts 5 and 7.

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Youth Tour 2014

Armbruster will receive their prizes after they graduate from high

school and enroll in any college, university or training school.

If there are high school juniors in your family, ask them about AEC's visit to their high school this month. They will

learn all the particulars when Susie Koontz comes to give the rules of the contest. This year's theme will be detailed during school visitations.

Driving on ice and snow...

The following tips for driving on ice came from Radio/TV Station KSL in Salt Lake City, Utah. Studies show that nearly 1/4 of weather-related vehicle crashes occur on snowy, slushy or icy pavement. "Flatlanders" don't always choose the safest method. Reviewing this brief list could save some regret later.

First, remove ice and snow from your vehicle! Check tires, wiper blades, fluids, lights, belts and hoses.

- 1. Reduce your speed. Allow extra time to arrive at your destination.
- 2. Keep windows clear. Switching on the air conditioner can actually reduce moisture and improve defroster performance.
- 3. Give the car ahead of you extra space. Braking on slippery roads requires more distance--allow 3 to 4 seconds on dry roads and 8 to 10 seconds on icy roads.
- 4. Don't power up hills--it makes your wheels spin.



- 5. Use lower gears to keep traction.
- 5. Make smooth, careful movements. Anticipate lane changes, turns and curves. If your vehicle starts to skid, steer in the direction of the slide.
- 6. Accelerate and decelerate slowly, especially when pulling out of the driveway. Anticipate intersections and allow for long, slow and steady stops.
- 7. Know your brakes. For anti-lock brakes, press and hold them down. (It will vibrate and pulse against

- your foot, which is normal.) Do not pump the pedal or remove your foot. It is designed to work this way. If you do not have anti-lock brakes, still apply firm, steady pressure.
- 8. Do not use cruise control! You want to be able to respond quickly.
- 9. Use extra caution on bridges, ramps and overpasses. They freeze first and stay frozen longer.
- 10. Stay focused, alert and aware. Be sensitive to what's going on around you so you can react quickly.

Button up that overcoat--Hypothermia kills

Early on a bitter cold morning, think twice before sneaking out to retrieve the newspaper clad only in flannel pajamas. One slip on the ice and you become a frosty casualty.

Lying there on the cold cement, regret comes too late. Just last month several individuals perished from bitter temperatures in Oklahoma City.

Cold exposure brings hypothermia quickly when the body is not fully protected with layers of clothing.



Winter athletes point the way to warm clothing--dressing in layers with warm hats and gloves.



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Of course, a frail, older adult is at greater risk but infants and young children are vulnerable too, depending upon general health and amount of exposed skin.

Those with the greatest risk for hypothermia also include the mentally ill and people who are outside for extended periods of time. Workers who must labor during bad weather conditions are warned to dress in many layers.

Silk liners and 100% wool socks will keep feet warm and dry.

Those people whose judgment is impaired by alcohol or drugs are especially vulnerable as are individuals with medical conditions such as diabetes and thyroid conditions. Certain medications also increase the risk of hypothermia.

Head and hand coverings are important since much of the body's heat will escape through exposed areas.

Confusion quickly comes hampering a victim's judgment in seeking shelter to protect the body's

temperature. Fatigue changes the ability to make an intelligent choice.



Since young children are vulnerable, dressing appropriately can avoid hypothermia.

Take a frequent look out your kitchen window on cold days to make sure neighbors or delivery personnel aren't sprawled on the sidewalk.