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NEWSLETTER



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SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS

Co-op tax dollars contribute more than \$883,000 to local education

It is a new school year. The importance of a good education cannot be underscored enough and Lake Region has long been a supporter of school districts within our coverage territory. Lake Region pays schools a gross receipts tax every year and many schools also participate in our Operation-Round Up grant process. www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up

Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit businesses. This does not mean LREC is tax exempt. Electric co-ops pay gross receipts tax to the Oklahoma Tax Commission every year. The Tax Commission distributes 95 percent of these funds to schools based on the number of miles of cooperative electric lines in each school district.

In 2021, Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) paid \$883,879.96 in gross receipts tax. These funds benefited 33 local schools in LREC's service territory.

The chart (on the right) shows the allocation of school funds in LREC's area. Tax distribution varies from school to school because some school districts have more miles of Lake Region electric lines.

On a percentage basis, electric cooperatives and their members contribute more tax dollars to local school districts than other utilities.

LREC wants to make members aware of a couple of ways our members, like you, support our schools.

School	Miles of Line	Amount
Wagoner	382.05	\$107,553.81
Tahlequah	355.02	\$99,942.91
Hulbert	266.90	\$75,138.76
Coweta	253.30	\$71,310.20
Keys	220.91	\$62,192.64
Porter	192.60	\$54,222.17
Locust Grove	158.68	\$44,671.60
Peggs	154.95	\$43,621.21
Grandview	136.72	\$38,490.65
Lowery	131.66	\$37,065.15
Fort Gibson	121.45	\$34,191.59
Norwood	96.53	\$27,177.62
Oaks Mission	86.69	\$24,407.16
Braggs	76.12	\$21,431.60
Briggs	74.75	\$21,043.78
Inola/Gregory	69.64	\$19,606.30
Shady Grove	69.53	\$19,575.53
Okay	65.82	\$18,530.17
Woodall	65.47	\$18,431.28
Kansas	49.84	\$14,031.17
Haskell	19.97	\$5,622.03
Broken Arrow	19.93	\$5,612.90
Catoosa	18.85	\$5,307.75
Chouteau/Mazie	17.04	\$4,798.39
Westville	14.47	\$4,074.87
Webber Falls	12.59	\$3,547.08
Muskogee	3.24	\$913.68
Wickliffe	1.61	\$454.54
Leach	1.26	\$355.89
Gore	0.89	\$250.24
Tenkiller	0.79	\$222.93
Jay	0.16	\$45.69
Moseley	0.14	\$38.68
33 Schools	3139.70	\$883,879.96

LRTC to Sunset Traditional Cable TV Service

After much consideration, Lake Region Technology & Communications (LRTC) is planning to sunset its traditional cable TV service. No new TV installations will happen moving forward. We will continue supporting our active TV subscribers for as long as possible.

LRTC will lose backend network support in January 2023 for our TV headend equipment. This is a significant task to bring on another headend IT support provider for TV. Cable TV service is expensive and accounts for low revenue. If we cannot find a vendor to support our TV equipment, we will be forced to terminate TV accounts once we lose our backend network support. It is unknown at this time exactly when this will be.

LRTC has always been mindful of our rates and costs to provide service. The TV network programmers constantly raise prices for their channel lineups. These costs are out of LRTC's control. We would have to pass this cost on to continue this business, and it is challenging to change rates often on our TV subscribers.

John Lee, CEO, said, "This notice will give our current subscribers a chance and time to make the switch and establish a new TV service. We will not penalize TV customers for early-term cancellation. We ask that you return the Lake Region TV cable boxes, if you cancel your TV service. Change is hard, but we encourage TV subscribers to look at other options. Come next year; we do not want to leave our paying TV subscribers in the dark. We are now offering unlimited internet for all internet subscribers. This move has opened up the bandwidth to stream all TV services and move away from traditional linear video services."

Lake Region is committed to delivering competitive fiber services for today and in the future.

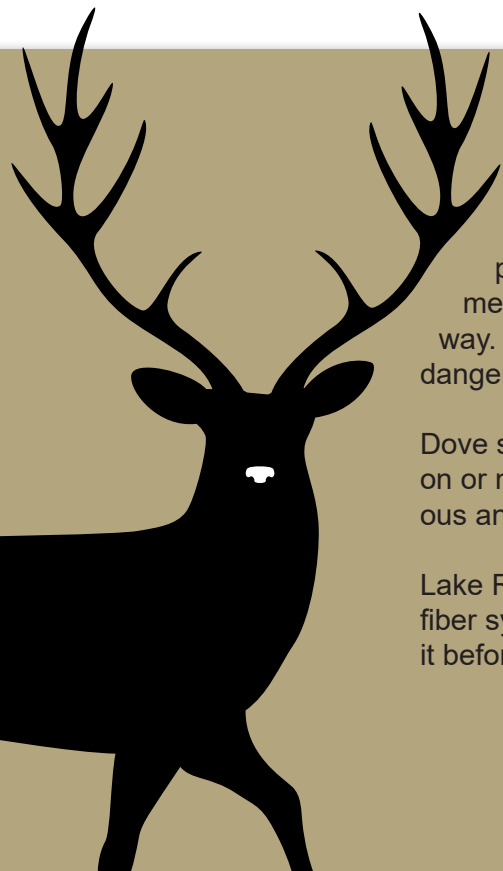
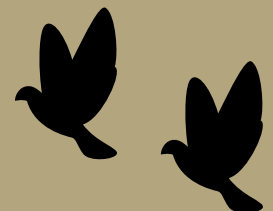


Be Sure of Your Target

Lake Region's right-of-ways can provide attractive hunting grounds and easy passage, but they also contain our power lines, fiber optic lines, and line equipment. There is also a chance of line crews working day and night in the right-of-way. Accidentally shooting and damaging our electric or fiber lines and equipment is dangerous to you and our workers and can result in costly outages.

Dove season starts September 1st. Please do not shoot doves (or other game fowl) on or near utility lines. Not only can it cause extended outages, but it is also dangerous and illegal.

Lake Region reminds our members: For the safety of our workers, our power and fiber system, other hunters, and yourself, be sure of your target and what lies beyond it before you take your shot this season.



NOW OFFERING **UNLIMITED DATA** ON ALL INTERNET PACKAGES



LRTC has moved away from data caps on our internet plans for both residential and business internet plans. Pricing will stay the same. www.LakeRegionFiber.com

Lake Region subscribers will reap the benefits of the new unlimited data. Our customers will no longer have to worry about data cap slowing down their speed or overage fees.

Internet usage is necessary for our customers to work, educate, and entertain from the comfort of their homes. Customers will not see any data caps published on any pricing information moving forward.

Lake Region's fiber internet can handle countless connections, such as gaming consoles, twitch broadcasts, 4K movie streaming on multiple TVs, downloading and uploading large files, and video conferencing.

Lake Region would only impose a data cap on an individual "for the purposes of reasonable network management or managing network congestion."

"Demand for fast internet with unlimited data has continued to increase over the years, among other ISPs offering unlimited data plans. LRTC will compete and stay ahead of our subscribers' needs and offer unlimited data on all plans moving forward. Lake Region is committed to proactively meeting the needs of our members/subscribers. We do not foresee any issues on our network by offering unlimited data; our network is constructed to grow along with our customers' demand," said Jarrod Welch, Director of Fiber Operations and IT.

Since day one, Lake Region has been committed to delivering the best internet connection available. Unlimited Data is the next step our local fiber internet company is taking to fulfill that promise to the communities.

THE INTERNET YOU DESERVE

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3 BEST SMART HOME DEVICES TO INSTALL WHEN KIDS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Back-to-school shopping isn't just paper, pencils, and a backpack. Now is the perfect time to pick up smart home devices to make the school year a little more seamless.

1 DOOR LOCK

A keyless **smart door lock** will ensure your kids are never locked out, and you'll always know when they get home.

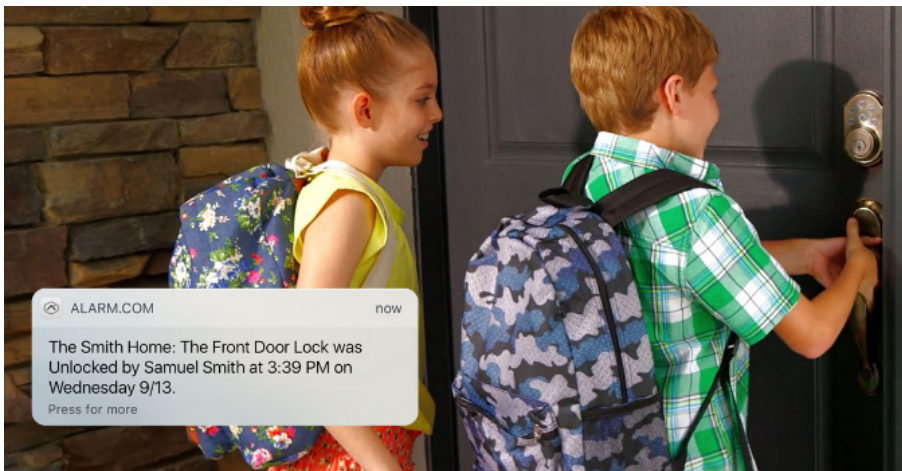
There is no key to lose, and the dead-bolt can be unlocked with a unique user code or via the smartphone app. Plus, if you are not home, you can use your smartphone app to unlock the door from anywhere.

Program your system to receive a notification every time the door is locked and unlocked so you know your kids are safe inside.

2 DOORBELL CAMERA

Doorbell cameras are perfect for showing who is on your porch and who is going into your home. Set the doorbell camera to record on motion, and you will always see who is coming into the house. Is it just your child or your child plus friends?

When the doorbell rings, it will ring your phone, so you don't need to worry



about your child answering the door and not knowing it happened. Plus, you can talk to the person at the door, so you can tell friends if your child is available to play. No one will ever know if you are inside the house or at work.

3 GARAGE DOOR CONTROLLER

Does your child use a keypad to open the garage door and go into the house? It is so easy to open the garage door and forget to close it, and it can be very unsafe!

With a **programmable garage door** controller, your smartphone app will always tell you if the garage door is open or closed. Plus, you can receive a notification when the garage door has been left open for a certain period of time. So, then you can remind your child to close the door, or you can close it from your smartphone app! 781400

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