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NEWSLETTER



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LREC DONATES MONEY TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Due to the cancellation of the LREC Annual Meeting this year, two local fire departments were unable to raise funds during the annual meeting. Every year LREC partners with Spring Valley and Hulbert Fire Department to provide meals for annual meeting guests.

“LREC and the fire departments always work together to make LREC Annual Meeting a success for the community,” said Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO.

This event is a great fundraiser for the local fire departments. All members receive a meal ticket to purchase a meal from the fire departments or participating restaurants. At the end of the annual meeting, LREC buys all the tickets back from the fire departments.

“We know these fire departments look forward to this event every year, just as we do, and we could not put the meal on without them. LREC wanted to help since they missed this opportunity to raise funds,” said Glen Clark, LREC Director of Member Relations.

LREC provided checks to Spring Valley and Hulbert Fire Departments to help with their fundraising.



Left to right: Hamid Vahdatipour, LREC, CEO presents check to Kenneth (Bud) Fore, Hulbert Fire Chief along with Colt Young, Hulbert Fireman and Glen Clark, LREC Director of Member Services and Marketing.



Left to right: Glen Clark, LREC, Eli Cole, Spring Valley Fireman, and Hamid Vahdatipour, LREC, CEO.

REBATE REMINDER

You Save. We Pay.

LREC offers a variety of rebates designed to help both homeowners and business owners save money on their electric bills. This month we want to remind you about our Energy Star window unit air-conditioner rebate. Complete the application online and mail in with receipt included, and we will give you a \$50 rebate.

For more information and rebate forms visit www.lrecok.coop/rebates



UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

COVID-19 has affected many of our members financially, and LREC is available to work with our members directly affected. However, we need your contact information to be up to date for us to reach out to you. There are many reasons to let LREC know when your phone number or email has changed. By keeping your contact information up to date, you can take full advantage *1001904* of the services LREC offers.

Reasons to keep your information current include:

- ▶ If we don't have the correct phone number or physical 911 address linked to your account, it may be more difficult for you to report an outage.
- ▶ For planned outages, you may not receive the call, email or postcard we provide if your information is out of date.
- ▶ It can speed up the power restoration process. We may need to contact you for more information regarding an outage or service issue.
- ▶ Receive reminders if your bill is overdue and subject to disconnection. We may send reminders via phone call or email.
- ▶ Ensure your patronage capital accrues to the right person and that checks are mailed to the correct address when patronage capital is retired and refunded.
- ▶ Receive notices and other important information on cooperative services and programs.

Update your information one of three ways:

Complete the online form at www.lrecok.coop/update-contact-info or use the **Smarthub App**, and a member service representative will update your information.

Call LREC at **918-772-2526** between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to speak with a member service representative.



Remind your family to turn off fans when they leave the room.

Save on cooling costs by using fans wisely.

Fans are a very energy-efficient way to keep cool, the breeze they create makes you feel cooler than the A/C setting. But just like lights, fans should be turned off when no one is in the room. Together everyone can help save energy.

MORE WAYS TO SAVE > www.touchstoneenergy.com

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Home cooling makes up a large portion of your energy bills. Try to keep the difference between the temperature of your thermostat setting and the outside temperature to a minimum. The smaller the difference, the more energy you will save.



Be a smarter pet owner

Everyone is busy, but that doesn't mean you have to neglect your pets. These days all kinds of smart technology will help you take care of your pets, even when you are not home. Here are two smart pet owner tools:

1. The smart pet feeder. You know the feeling of forgetting to feed your pet, or worrying that they might be overeating? Smart pet feeders put those concerns to rest. These automated machines connect to your internet at home, let you dispense food or water from an app on your cell phone, and receive notifications when they eat. It will even track their calories! Some smart pet feeders have extra features like webcams or speakers.

2. Pet cams. Speaking of webcams, many products (like Petcube) let you put a camera (or many cameras) in your home so you can check in on your pet on your smartphone or another internet-connected device while you are away.

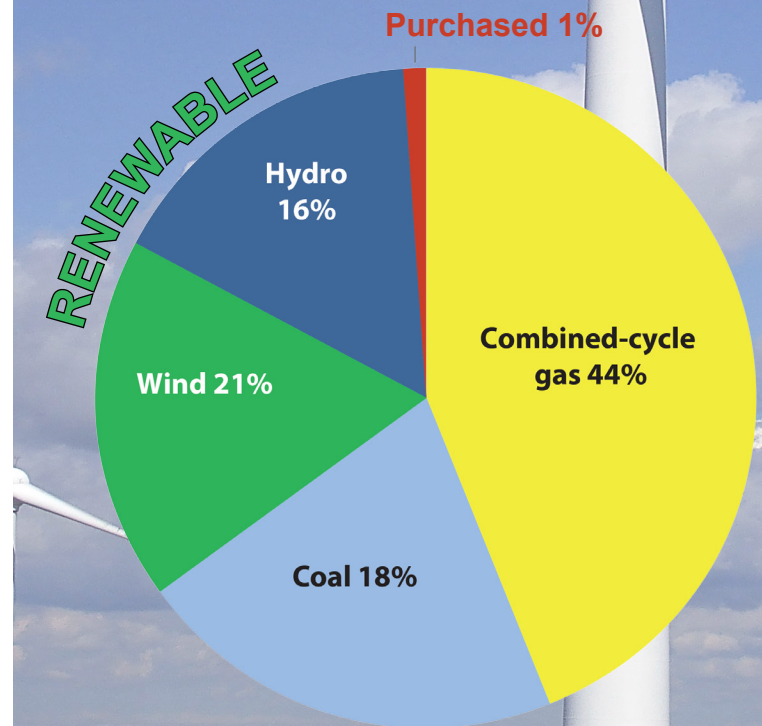
Lake Region, harnessing today's technology to help our members.

Electric Generation Report

Associated Electric Cooperative (AECI), LREC's wholesale generation power provider is a part of a three-tiered system with KAMO, transmission cooperative, which services 51 distribution cooperatives, including LREC.

AECI has an active portfolio of power sources, including wind, hydro, natural gas, coal, and purchased power. The pie chart below is April 2020 generation load.

April was an excellent month for renewable power generation at 37%



AECI uses a mix of generation resources to supply our members with the lowest possible power cost, around the clock.

Catching up on business e-mails.

Updating your website.

Ordering next week's supply shipment.

Posting the day's sale to Facebook.

Streaming the perfect playlist for customers.

Streaming favorite show after a long day's work.

HOW DO YOU CONNECT?

WHAT'S CONNECTED IN YOUR BUSINESS?

We all use the internet differently, whether it's for business, entertainment, or making our lives easier. No matter how you use the internet, you need a connection that is FAST and RELIABLE.

Fast Internet | Simple TV | Reliable Home Phone

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The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

Cooperative bylaws are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.

