

# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER



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## LREC Celebrates Another Record-Breaking Annual Meeting

### 1,797 Members Registered

Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) proudly hosted its 2025 Annual Meeting in a convenient drive-through format at the Hulbert High School, welcoming a record-breaking **1,797** members under sunny skies and ideal weather conditions. The turnout marked the largest attendance in LREC's history, highlighting the continued engagement of its member-owners and the convenience of a drive-through-style meeting.

The meeting featured the cooperative's annual trustee election, with four candidates vying for three at-large board positions. After votes were tallied, Randall Shankle received 1,425 votes, Gary Cooper earned 1,197, and James Walls received 1,129, securing their spots on the board. Stanley Young received 640 votes. LREC board members are elected at large, with the top three vote-getters filling the open positions.

In addition to the trustee election, members from across LREC's seven-county service area—including Cherokee, Wagoner, Muskogee, and surrounding communities—who attended received a \$30 bill credit and enjoyed the chance to win \$3,500 in cash prizes. The grand prize of \$1,000 was awarded to David Spears of Tahlequah. The first prize, \$500, went to Douglas Parent of Wagoner, and the second prize, \$250, was awarded to Erlene Cieloha of Porter.

"Our Annual Meeting is an important opportunity to connect with our members and celebrate the cooperative business model," said Glen Clark, Assistant General Manager. "LREC makes a difference because we are different. We are member-owned and locally operated. Our members have a direct voice through board elections, and unlike investor-owned utilities, our goal isn't to generate large profits for far-off shareholders. When revenues exceed costs, we return the money to our members locally."



Deidra Terrell working the drive-through board election.

As a nonprofit rural electric cooperative, LREC serves more than 26,400 meters across seven counties in northeast Oklahoma. The cooperative remains committed to delivering reliable electric service while staying true to its values of accountability and transparency and providing our members safe, reliable, and competitive services for today and tomorrow. 689200

Any member who did not make our meeting and would like to view our 2024 Annual Report financials can do so by visiting our website at [www.lrecok.coop/annual-report](http://www.lrecok.coop/annual-report)

### 2025 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



- **1,797** registered members were in attendance.
- **Randall Shankle, Gary Cooper, James Walls** were elected to remain on the board (3 year term).
- LREC business meeting shared the financial results of 2024. Including non-operating revenues, LREC closed the fiscal year with \$122,227 in margins.



# Annual Meeting Prize Winners

If you did not attend this year's Annual Meeting, you missed a great chance to win CASH! Every year, Lake Region randomly chooses prize winners after the Annual Meeting. This year's top prize winners are listed below. Be sure to attend LREC's Annual Meeting every April to get your chance to be the next big cash winner. Prize winners do not need to be present to win; they must be registered members at the Annual Meeting to be entered in the prize drawing. Thank you to everyone who attended this year.



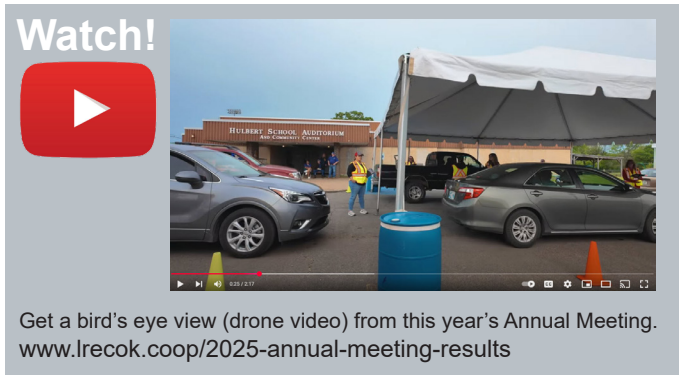
\$1,000 David Spears of Tahlequah



\$500 Douglas Parent of Wagoner



\$250 Earlene Cieloha of Porter



Get a bird's eye view (drone video) from this year's Annual Meeting.  
[www.lrecok.coop/2025-annual-meeting-results](http://www.lrecok.coop/2025-annual-meeting-results)

## CONCERN *for* COMMUNITY Indian Capital Technology Center

Marilyn Mike, a Lake Region employee, had a blast at last month's ICTC campus career fair. Lake Region is always ready to step in and help our community events succeed and share more about our industry. We love talking about electric distribution and fiber internet. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table and discussed career paths.

**Careers** > [www.lrecok.coop/careers](http://www.lrecok.coop/careers)





# Lineman Appreciation Coloring Contest Winners

After judging hundreds of submissions, LREC is happy to announce the winners of our National Lineman Appreciation Coloring Contest, *left to right*: Charli Fields, Karlee Pryor, and Jackson Wyatt.

Submissions were reviewed for overall appeal, accuracy and creativity in three levels: Pre-K and first, second and third grade and fourth to sixth grade. Thank you to everyone who participated in the coloring contest and helped show our linemen appreciation for the work they do. Also be sure to stay on the lookout for other contests throughout the year on our website or Facebook page. Congratulations to our winners!



## FIVE ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR MEMBERS

As warmer weather arrives and more members are outside, there's no better time to remind our members how to stay safe around electric equipment and power lines. Here at LREC, we talk about safety every day. It's just what we do, and it's easy to assume that our members know just as much about electrical safety as co-op employees. Here are our top five electrical safety tips for members.



1. Never touch a power line. High-voltage electricity flows through our power lines 24/7/365, but you can't see, smell, or hear it. You already know to stay clear of our overhead lines, but in some cases, those lines are brought down by trees, auto accidents, or weather. Even then, a power line may still be energized, and touching it could lead to severe injury and death.



2. Don't play on electrical equipment. Teach your children never to climb trees or fly kites and drones near power lines. Additionally, keep kids from climbing or sitting on the 'green boxes' electric transformers in your yard. This ground equipment provides access to high-voltage electricity and is not a safe place to play.



3. Call before you dig. Not only is it required by Oklahoma law to locate underground utilities before any digging project, but it will also keep you safe. Whether you are planting a few trees or getting ready to excavate a pond, call 811 at least two days before your project. Oklahoma 811 will locate all underground utilities free of charge, and you'll avoid damaging underground power, gas, fiber, and water lines. Visit <https://okie811.org/>



4. Water and electricity don't mix. Water is an excellent conductor of electricity, which means if water is sprayed or pooled where electricity is present, there is the potential for dangerous shock. A new risk entered the scene with smartphones, too. Never plug your phone in to charge and use it while bathing or in a swimming pool.



5. When in doubt, give us a shout. See a tree growing into a power line? Call us. Notice a leaning power pole? Call us. Or maybe you just watched your neighbor back their trailer into the pad-mounted transformer near the corner or their driveway. Call us. Never try to troubleshoot or fix issues with LREC equipment yourself. We're here to help.

# INTERNET FOR ALL *Lifeline* DISCOUNT

Affordable, reliable internet is essential in today's world, but some families struggle to afford this modern necessity. At Lake Region, we are committed to providing every citizen in our rural communities with high-speed internet, so we created the Lake Region Lifeline discount to ensure every household stays connected and thrives in our increasingly digital society.

## DISCOUNT DETAILS

Eligible residential customers can get a monthly discount of either **\$34.25 for internet** or **\$30.25 for phone service**. The discount can only be applied to one service—not both. If you choose to have both internet and phone, **the discount must be applied to the phone service**.

Fast Internet	Regular price	Discount price
100 Mbps	\$58.94/mo	<b>\$10/mo +WiFi router included</b>
500 Mbps	\$108.94/mo	<b>\$74.69/mo</b>
1,000 Mbps	\$118.94/mo	<b>\$84.69/mo</b>

**LIFELINE  
DISCOUNT  
as low as  
\$10/MO  
for Internet**

## HOW TO QUALIFY

Apply for Lifeline at [www.lifelinesupport.org](http://www.lifelinesupport.org) and provide official application ID number. Once approved from the FCC please call Lake Region as we have additional paperwork to apply the benefits to your account. Participants will be required to renew annually.

### SNAP

### Medicaid

### Veterans Pension & Survivors Benefits

### Federal Housing Program (FPHA)

### Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

### Tribal Specific Programs

(BIA) General Assistance | (TANF) Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | (FDPIR) Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation | Tribal Head Start

### *is your income less than the amount listed?*

How many live in your household	
1	\$21,128
2	\$28,553
3	\$35,978
4	\$43,403
5	\$50,828
6	\$58,253

### Your Board of Trustees

Scott Manes.....President  
Lynn Lamons.....Vice-President  
Randall Shankle.....Secretary-Treasurer  
Jack Teague.....Asst. Secretary-Treasurer  
James Walls ..... Trustee  
Gary Cooper ..... Trustee  
Dianna Mayfield.....Trustee  
Tina Glory-Jordan .....Attorney

### Staff

Hamid Vahdatipour.....CEO  
Glen Clark .....Asst. General Manager  
Leisa Walker.....Director of Finance & Admin  
Jarrod Welch.....Director of Fiber & IT  
Larry Mattes .....Director of Marketing

### Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Telephone

**800-364-LREC or  
918-772-2526**

### Website:

[www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop)  
[www.lakeregionfiber.com](http://www.lakeregionfiber.com)

### Locations

Hulbert, Wagoner &  
Tahlequah, OK.

### Main Office Address

P.O. Box 127  
Hulbert, OK 74441

### Hidden Account Number

Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the *Powerline Press*. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill. To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone during the month of publication.

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.