

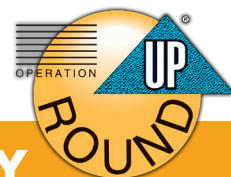
# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER



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## Operation Round-Up Helps Hulbert Band March Closer to Goal



### CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE #7



*Hulbert band playing fight song and cheering on team.*

The Hulbert Rider High School marching band is \$5,000 closer to reaching its goal of purchasing brand-new marching uniforms, a first in the school's history. Hulbert Rider Band has never had its own set of uniforms. The young musicians began by performing in street clothes, then moved on to matching band t-shirts purchased by supportive parents.

About seven years ago, the band gratefully received used uniforms from Broken Arrow. Though appreciated, the black-and-white uniforms never truly represented Hulbert's identity. With dedication and creativity, the band worked to improve the look of the uniforms, adding embellishments sewn on by

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## HULBERT LOBBY AND DRIVE-THRU NOW OPEN!

### *Welcome Back, Members*

We are excited to announce that our lobby and drive-thru at our Hulbert headquarters are now open! You can find us at **516 S Lake Region Road, Hulbert, Oklahoma.**

Members can easily access our parking lot and drive-thru north or south bound via Lake Region Road. We appreciate your patience during this time and look forward to welcoming all of our valued members back at Lake Region Headquarters!



*Left to right: Phyllis Johnson and Shelly Calhoun.*

# Operation Round-Up “

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volunteers, including Hulbert Public School Superintendent Jolyn Choate and her family. Unfortunately, after being stored in a leaky room, many of the uniforms became unusable.

Despite these challenges, the Hulbert band continues to shine; showing resilience, pride, and talent with every performance. This progress toward new uniforms was made possible thanks to the generosity of our members who choose to round up their electric or internet bills each month. These small contributions make a big difference, supporting opportunities like this for students across our community.

A heartfelt thank you to all who give, and a huge congratulations to the talented young artists and musicians of Hulbert Rider Band. Your passion and creativity inspire us all!

On behalf of the entire Hulbert Rider Band program, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the Operation Round Up Program's generous donation of \$5,000 towards our new uniforms. LREC's commitment to supporting the arts in our school is truly inspiring, and this funding will allow our students to represent our school and community with pride. We are honored to have LREC as a Community Partner and look forward to sharing our successes with you this school year and those to come.

Jolyn Choate, Superintendent Hulbert Public Schools

## How You Can help?

Call us today at **918-772-2526** and make sure you are rounding up your monthly electric or fiber internet bill to the nearest dollar through Operation Round-Up. Those extra cents may not seem like much, but together, they add up to thousands of dollars that go directly to local organizations.

# Fiber Internet Is on the Way!

## Spot Us Around Town

Look out, Fort Gibson and neighboring communities! If you see us at your local events, it means we're hard at work bringing fiber to your area. We invite you to stop by and meet our friendly staff to learn more about our internet and phone services, all powered by our state-of-the-art fiber infrastructure. Plus, don't miss the chance to grab some free Lake Region swag! 2156400

Thank you to all our customers and everyone who pre-registered in our new service areas. Your support has been essential in making our fiber internet service a success. We're committed to providing the high-speed, reliable, LOCAL internet that has long been needed and overlooked in our rural communities. Help us spread the word to your friends and family, and encourage them to sign up!



Left to right: JuaNita Keener and Larry Mattes at Fort Gibson Chamber of Commerce Historic Auto Show.



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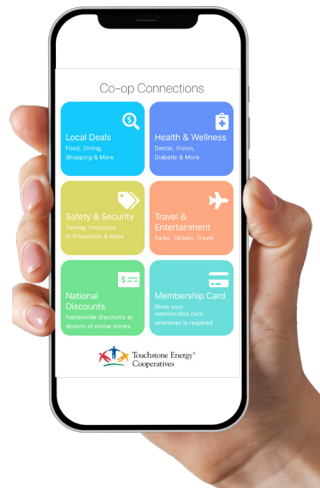
## LREC Offers Members Added Value Through *Co-op Connections Program*

Did you know that Lake Region has a program designed to help you save on a variety of goods and services? The Co-op Connections program offers discounts on hotel stays, theme parks, events, movie tickets, and even prescription drugs. Best of all, this program is available to our members at no additional cost, and it's just one of the many ways we give back!

Members can access Co-op Connections through a mobile app, which is available for both Apple and Android devices. The program is also accessible online at [connections.coop](https://connections.coop), where members can browse discounts and search for deals in their area. To get started, members need to register through the app or website using their name, email address, and ZIP code. Once registered, you can begin using discounts immediately.

We are dedicated to serving our members by not only keeping the lights on and providing high-speed internet, but also by helping you save money with Co-op Connection added discounts. For more information about the Co-op Connections program, members are encouraged to visit our website or contact Member Services Representative Juanita Keener at 918-772-6940.

Scan the  
QR code to  
connect!!



# ON THE HUNT FOR SAFETY

**LREC's right-of-way (clearing between power lines) can provide attractive hunting grounds and easy passage, but it also contains our power lines, fiber lines, substations, and workers, day and night.**

- ▶ Before you begin a hunt, note the location of power and fiber lines and other equipment. Dense trees can make them hard to see.
- ▶ Never shoot at electrical equipment, power or fiber lines.
- ▶ Obey all signs or postings that advise electrical safety.
- ▶ Before you shoot, be sure of your target and what's beyond it. Never shoot birds on lines.
- ▶ A single shot can cause damage to our system, which can result in internet interruptions. Damage to co-op property can lead to expensive repair costs or legal action against the individual who fired the shot.

**Report damage of electrical or fiber equipment to LREC immediately by calling 918-772-2526.**

# 4 KEY FACTORS

## IMPACTING YOUR ENERGY BILL

You pay for the electricity you consume each month, but there are additional factors that impact your energy bill.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

### FUEL COSTS

Before electricity can be delivered to your home, it must first be generated at a power plant or from a renewable source. The cost of fuels used to generate electricity fluctuates, which is why you see a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) on your monthly bill. This monthly charge covers cost fluctuations without the need for frequent rate adjustments.

### SERVICE COSTS

Your bill includes service availability, which recovers part of the co-op's ongoing investments in poles, wire, meters, system maintenance, and additional costs of doing business necessary to provide electric service to our members in rural Oklahoma.

### WEATHER

When temperatures soar or dip, your cooling or heating equipment must run longer and at maximum capacity, which can greatly increase your energy use.

### ENERGY CONSUMPTION

This is the amount of electricity you use each month to power your home's cooling/heating system, appliances, lighting, electronics, and more. The amount of electricity you consume is measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh. You have control over how much energy you use, which can ultimately help manage your monthly costs.

YOU HAVE CONTROL 

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#### Locations

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

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