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LREC VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER GAMES

Oklahoma's electric cooperatives have a long-standing tradition of supporting the Special Olympics of Oklahoma Summer Games, and Lake Region Electric Cooperative is proud to be part of that tradition.

This year, 13 LREC volunteers joined cooperative employees from across the state in Stillwater to help make the 2026 Special Olympics Oklahoma Summer Games a success. Representing Lake Region this year were Jason Youngblood, Glen Clark, Natalie Clark, Juanita Keener, Samantha Cunningham, Hurley Cunningham, Hutson Cunningham, Larry Setters, Melody Setters, Hershel Vann, Candice Vann, Sam Jackson, and Gloria Shankle. More than 7,000 athletes and Unified partners participated in the event, showcasing determination, sportsmanship, and perseverance.

Volunteers assisted in a variety of ways throughout the games, including working track events, helping with athlete staging, distributing awards, cheering on competitors, and providing encouragement to athletes and their families. Whether they were seasoned volunteers or attending for the first time, each person played an important role in creating a positive experience for everyone involved.

Volunteer Reflections:

"As a first-time volunteer I didn't know what to expect. I was told that it would be a humbling and rewarding experience; that prediction was spot on. Although each of these athletes have their own unique challenges, they are there to compete and to have fun. So, when hearing the spectators and volunteers scream and cheer, not only for the first-place athletes, but for all the athletes just as enthusiastically really struck a chord with me."

- **Larry Setters, Telecom System Integration Manager**



Stillwater, Oklahoma
Pictured from left to right are Candice and Hershel Vann, Sam Jackson, Jason Youngblood, Gloria Shankle, Larry and Melody Setters, Juanita Keener, Glen and Natalie Clark.

"I enjoyed volunteering and watching all the events. Everyone was so kind, and I hope I get to come back every year!"
- **Hurley Cunningham, granddaughter of Juanita Keener**

"Volunteering at the Special Olympics impacted me in so many different ways. Not only was it a heartwarming, humbling experience to watch these athletes demonstrate sportsmanship, courage, and pure joy for life, but I was also thankful and blessed to spend a few days helping. It was an absolutely incredible experience."
- **Sam Jackson, Meter Tech**

Thank you to all of the LREC employees, family members, and cooperative volunteers who generously gave their time to support this year's games. Your commitment embodies the cooperative spirit of neighbors helping neighbors and demonstrates the positive impact we can make when we work together.

Cooperative Principle #7 Concern for Community



Co-op 101 BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION



Pictured above from left to right: Trevor Bailey, Right-of-Way Worker; Alan Vann, Trustee; Landon Cockrell, Lineman; Liz McClain, Accounting Clerk; Glen Clark, CEO; Reanna Hill, Billing Clerk; Brendan Smith, Lineman; Jaden Cain, Mechanic; Kyle Kimberlin, Lineman; Kierstin Adair, Cashier/Receptionist; and Alex Ellis, Point of Entry/Receptionist.

Team members who have joined the cooperative within the past year, along with newly elected Trustee Alan Vann, recently participated in training with CEO Glen Clark. Designed to provide a deeper understanding of the cooperative business model Co-op 101 introduces participants to the history and structure of electric cooperatives, the principles that set cooperatives apart from other utilities, and the important role cooperatives play in the communities they serve. The training also highlights Lake Region Electric Cooperative's mission, values, and commitment to providing members with safe, reliable, and competitive services for today and tomorrow. **5347302**

Throughout the session, participants learned about the cooperative principles, including democratic member control, education, and concern for community. They also gained insight into the cooperative's governance structure, financial responsibilities, and ongoing efforts to strengthen service and support the communities within Lake Region's territory. Discussions included how decisions are made, the importance of member ownership, and the cooperative's commitment to balancing affordability, reliability, and long-term planning.

By investing in education for both employees and trustees, Lake Region helps ensure those serving its members have a strong understanding of the cooperative difference and the responsibilities that

come with it. Training opportunities like Co-op 101 help prepare employees and leadership to continue delivering exceptional service while upholding the values that have guided the cooperative throughout its history. As Lake Region continues to grow and evolve, ongoing education remains an important part of ensuring employees and trustees are equipped to serve members and support the cooperative's mission for generations to come.

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A Decade of Smiles, Service, and Commitment: *Celebrating the Retirement of Angie Polk*

Lake Region Electric Cooperative recently celebrated the retirement of Angie Polk and recognized her 10 years of dedicated service to the cooperative and its members. Coworkers gathered for a retirement party following her retirement on May 15, 2026, to honor Angie and thank her for the many contributions she made throughout her career. Angie began her career at Lake Region as a part-time cashier and receptionist in the Wagoner office, serving in that role for four years before moving into a full-time position. Over the next six years, she became a familiar and friendly face to countless members and customers.

Throughout her career, Angie assisted members with payments, service applications, and electric and fiber account needs. She took pride in helping members and making sure they received the assistance they needed. Angie was the friendly face welcoming members and customers at the Wagoner office for many years. Her kindness, dedication, and commitment to serving both electric members and fiber customers made a lasting impact on those she served.

When asked what Angie enjoyed most about her job, she said “I enjoyed most about my job was getting to talk and know the members that came in every month. I was able to get to know a lot of wonderful people over the years.” Angie also credited her coworkers for making her time at Lake Region so rewarding. “Working at Lake Region has been the best job,” she said. “My coworkers have been great, and I loved that we all worked as a team. I was so thankful that I was hired.”

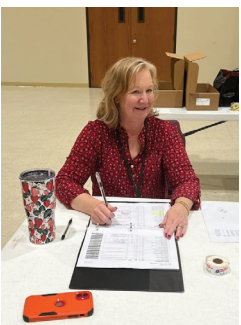
Prior to joining Lake Region, Angie lived in Missouri and was served by an electric cooperative. That experience gave her a firsthand understanding of the cooperative difference and an appreciation for the member-focused approach that makes cooperatives unique.

During her decade with Lake Region, Angie witnessed many changes, including the launch and growth of Lake Region Fiber. “One of the biggest changes I’ve seen at Lake Region was when the cooperative started the fiber-to-the-home technology,” Angie said. “Living in a rural area, it was great to finally be able to get high-speed internet.”

Among her proudest accomplishments were receiving her five-year service pin and earning her safety jacket. In addition to her dedication at Lake Region, Angie has always been committed to serving her community. Whether she was participating in Wreaths Across America to honor veterans or serving as a poll worker on Election Day, she has generously given her time to causes she cares about. Retirement won’t slow her down, as she plans to continue volunteering at the polls and remaining active in her community.



Congratulations, Angie!



Energy Camp Sparks Leadership and Learning

Cooperative Principle #5

Education, Training, and Information



Left to right: Jazzlyn Caps, Jordan Brown, Jaden Jones, JuaNita Keener, Member Services Specialist/Youth Programs Coordinator.

Three students from Lake Region Electric Cooperative's service area recently joined nearly 70 eighth-grade students from across Oklahoma for the 2026 Youth Power Energy Camp, held May 26–28 and sponsored by Oklahoma's Electric Cooperatives. Member Services Specialist and Youth Programs Coordinator JuaNita Keener served as a camp counselor throughout the event. Representing Lake Region at this year's camp were Jordan Brown and Jaden Jones of Norwood Elementary School and Jazzlyn Caps of Shady Grove Elementary School.

While Energy Camp includes plenty of fun activities such as bucket-truck rides, pole climbing, Energy Battle competitions, camp games, and a neon dance party, the experience is about much more than entertainment. Throughout the three-day camp, students learned how electricity is generated and delivered while gaining a better understanding of the important role electric cooperatives play in powering communities across Oklahoma. Campers participated in leadership sessions, live-line demonstrations, electric vehicle showcases, squad challenges, and team-building activities designed to strengthen communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.



JuaNita Keener assists a camper during the Reality Check session, an interactive activity where campers learn budgeting skills by using a set income to cover monthly expenses and make financial decisions.

Energy Camp continues to be a valuable investment in the next generation of leaders, helping students build confidence, develop leadership and financial literacy skills, and form lasting friendships with peers from across the state. Lake Region extends its appreciation to the counselors, presenters, and volunteers who helped make this year's camp a success.

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