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NEWSLETTER



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Wishing Our Members a Great 2021

Lake Region Electric Cooperative board and employees would like to wish every one of you, our members, a very Happy New Year. May you have good health, prosperity, and happiness throughout 2021 and beyond.

2020 was an unconventional year for many of us. Lake Region closed its office doors to the public for ten months - since March 2020. Several employees transitioned to remotely working from home to help with safety concerns from the global pandemic.

Last year was the first year in co-op history we canceled our Annual Meeting. We truly missed seeing all our members at the Hulbert Community Building, the last Saturday in April. We look forward to April 2021 - in the hopes that we can host our Annual Meeting for the membership, face to face.

Several employees had to learn to work remotely and help keep the co-op operating, from billing to service orders and new service requests. Our employees never stopped working to keep the electricity on and fiber services running. We take our jobs seriously, providing our members safe, reliable, and competitive services for today and tomorrow.

A great employee retired in 2020. Freda Purtle retired from Lake Region with 25 years of service, and we were unable to host her farewell party due to the pandemic restrictions on social gatherings. The co-op has had an unorthodox last



2018 Annual Meeting

year, with limited employees at the offices and no in-person meetings. Lake Region managed to handle most of the co-op business with Zoom conference calling software and social distancing.

Youth Tour and Energy Camp were both canceled in 2020; these cancellations deeply saddened us. We know how beneficial these programs are for our area youth, and we look forward to a day we can start sending local students to Washington, D.C for our annual Youth Tour trip. We will post updates on these programs on our website in 2021 as they become available.

The virus did not spare LREC in 2020; several employees contracted the virus and were required to take time away from LREC. Thankfully all our employees have recovered. We are still taking all the recommended precautions to mitigate the spread into 2021.

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Angela Holly - Winter



Katy Perry - River

THE YEAR IN YOUR PHOTOS

We would like to thank all of our members who submitted their beautiful photos throughout 2020. We are looking forward to another year of seeing colorful Oklahoma through your lens.



Mike Rampey - Ft Gibson Lake

Winner
\$50 Credit



Kimberly Scott - Spring Creek



Renee Petty - Sunset Valley Rd



Jake Latty - Sunset in Qualls



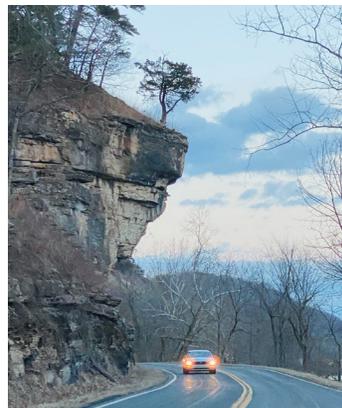
Rodney Brassfield - Spring



Katy Brooks - Horse & Rainbow



Denise Rooster - Boyscout Hole



Denise Rooster - Hanging Rock

Update Rules for 2021

This year's theme is outdoor activity. Photos must include at least one person enjoying Oklahoma outdoors. Submit photos to pics@lrecok.coop

Full list of rules can be found at: www.lrecok.coop/photocontest

Home EV Charging Station Rebate Available

Lake Region looks forward to helping members interested in an EV home charger. To encourage efficient EV battery management strategies, we are now offering a \$250 rebate for a new Level 2 Energy Star electric vehicle chargers installed at member's homes.

A Level 2 charger requires 240-volts, the same voltage used by an electric clothes dryer. This charges your vehicle faster than a Level 1 charger, which uses a standard 120-volt three-prong outlet charger. A variety of Level 2 chargers are available 1801101 from different manufacturers and should be selected to match your vehicle.

Step 1: Print off the EV Charger Rebate form from our website www.lrecok.coop/rebates



Step 2: Find a state licensed and bonded electrical contractor to install your charger.

REBATE REMINDER *You save. We pay.*

Members can get money back for installing programmable thermostats, electric water heaters, heat pump water heaters, mini-split air conditioners, heat pump heating and cooling systems and EV home chargers.

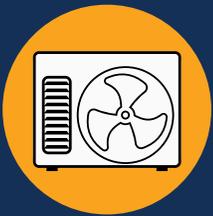
TOP REBATES Member Savings for 2020



Ground Source Heat Pump
- 4 | \$9,350



Water Heaters
- 42 | \$6,300



Air Source Heat Pump
- 12 | \$8,990



Smart Thermostat
- 33 | \$1,650



Mini Split Heat Pump
- 12 | \$2,737



Window Unit
- 19 | \$950

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2020 has also been a busy year for the linemen mutual assistance program, with the Hurricanes in Louisiana in August and the unprecedented ice storm in central and western Oklahoma in October. Our linemen had a busy year helping our neighboring co-ops, all during a pandemic.

Lake Region has been operating for over 70 years, and 2020 does go down in the record books. Our Team at LREC is here for you, the members, keeping the lights on, building new electric service, and continuing to develop our new fiber-to-the-home network.

We reflect back on 2020 and look forward to 2021. We thank you and hope to serve you, our members, for many years to come. If we can do anything to improve our service to you in 2021, please contact us.

Are you signed up for the fastest, most reliable internet?

Phase two fiber expansion zones construction has started! Visit our website to see new zones. Pre-register for Lake Region Fiber - with speeds up to **500 Mbps** - Today!

Pre-register today

- visit register.lrecoknet
- call **918-772-2526**
- or visit the **Hulbert drive-thru**

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