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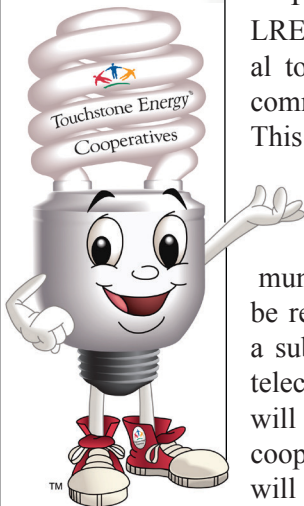
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Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

When replacing incandescent bulbs from recessed light fixtures, use energy-efficient bulbs that are rated for that purpose. For example, the heat buildup in down lights will significantly shorten the life of spiral CFLs.

Source:
Department of Energy



ANNUAL MEETING

Election Results



Bobby Mayfield.....814

Lynn Lamons.....755

Telecommunication Resolution:
792 - YES 77 - NO

Great Attendance and Nice Weather Helped Make LREC 64th Annual Meeting a Success

LREC had a total of 982 registered members, with an estimated total, including family, near 3,000 in attendance.

Costumed characters LED Lucy and CFL Charlie welcomed members and children.

Board members Bobby Mayfield and Lynn Lamons were both elected to keep their positions on the board.

This year on the ballots, LREC asked for the approval to form a for-profit telecommunications subsidiary. This resolution passed with 792 Yes votes and 77

No votes. The profit from the telecommunication subsidiary will be returned to LREC. With a subsidiary, the cost of the telecommunication services will not, effect the electric cooperatives rates. LREC will continue to be a non-



LED LUCY AND CFL CHARLIE POSE FOR A PHOTO AT ANNUAL MEETING WITH LREC'S ELECTRIC CAR

profit cooperative owned by the members.

Members who voted in the election were given meal coupons provided by LREC. Members could use food coupons to enjoy a meal at the annual meeting prepared by local volunteer fire departments. Food coupons were also accepted by local restaurants in the surrounding towns.

"LREC makes a difference because we are different. We are member-owned and locally operated. Members have a voice in how the cooperative is run because they have a vote. We are accountable to

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2014 Annual Meeting

Prize Winners!



Youngest girl attending, Scarlette Gonzales, 7 days, daughter of Payton and Jeffrey Gonzales of Hulbert.



Youngest boy attending, Si Smith, 11 months, son of Charlie and J.D. Smith of Hulbert.



Oldest female attending, Nellie Anderson of Tahlequah who is 94 years old.



Oldest male attending, Fred Cypert of Hulbert who is 96 years old.



Eugene Adair of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize.



Billie Mullins of Park Hill won the \$500 first prize.

Annual Meeting

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our members and not distant stockholders,” said Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO.

The business meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO, gave the financial report as a Q&A session for members interested in answering questions regarding the finances.

After the financial report, Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney, announced the election results. The two incumbents did not have any opponents running for their position on the board and they were both re-elected to remain on the board for a three-year term. The election results are as follows: Bobby Mayfield, 814 votes, and Lynn Lamons, 755 votes.

Once the meeting was adjourned, Stanley Young, Director of Marketing, began the member attendance prize drawings with the help of a few young volunteers from the crowd. Eugene Adair of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize, Billie Mullins of Park Hill won the \$500 first prize, and the 1st Methodist Church of Hulbert won the \$250 second prize. Several other members won prizes donated by vendors.

Every year, LREC gives prizes for the youngest girl and boy and the oldest female and male in attendance. The youngest girl prize went to Scarlette Gonzales, daughter of Payton and Jeffrey Gonzales of Hulbert. The youngest boy prize went to Si Smith, son of Charlie and J.D. Smith of Hulbert. The prize for the oldest female went to Nellie Anderson of Tahlequah who is 94 years old. The prize for the oldest male went to Fred Cypert of Locust Grove who is 96 years old.

LREC would like to thank all the members who attended this year’s annual meeting and we hope to see everyone next year.



LREC Members signing up to vote at the annual meeting.

Photo by: Larry Mattes

Why Climate Regulations Matter to You

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released regulations to limit carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions at power plants that will lead to more expensive electricity for members of electric cooperatives in Oklahoma.

That's why we are asking our members to send comments to the EPA through www.action.coop. This easy-to-use online tool directly sends your thoughts to Washington, so regulators understand the potential harm of these rules.

We are concerned because the EPA has chosen to write regulations that rely on technology for reducing CO₂ emissions that has not been proven at commercial power plants. This "carbon capture and storage" method might look good on paper or in the lab, but unlike Washington, we are not willing to take the risk with your electric bills.

In case you are wondering whether the EPA actually will read these comments, consider this: by law the EPA is required to ask the American public how



Left to right: LREC employees Gloria Shankle and Amanda Merz

a proposed rule would affect costs to consumers, the quality of life and the economic future of their communities. That is why electric cooperatives are leading the charge with the 42 million members nationwide to raise our voices collectively so we will be heard loud and clear.

No matter where our energy comes from, we all have a responsibility to

keep electricity reliable and affordable. Like energy policy itself, the regulations 2989702 proposed by the EPA are technical, but an increase in your electric bill is personal. That is why we need you to speak up. For more information on this subject visit www.lrecok.coop and click on the cooperative action network take action link.



Photo courtesy of OAEC

Matt Boland, Apprentice Lineman

Lineman Attends Climbing School

From Classroom Education to Hands-on Training

Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) prides itself on having well trained and experienced linemen.

LREC sends many of their linemen to the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) in Oklahoma City for several different trainings and classes.

Matt Boland, Apprentice Lineman, has recently completed pole climbing school. The week long climbing school is designed to assist the cooperative in cer-

tifying their linemen in climbing wooden poles. Students start out the week with the basics and end the week performing pole top rescues. Students learn to work with many tools that are used in the daily work of linemen. Some of the items used for the training include, rain gear, hard hat, suitable boots for climbing, hooks, safety glasses, work gloves, rubber gloves, kliers/pliers, and wrenches. We would like to congratulate Matt Boland on completing climbing school.

Operation Round-Up Update

Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department More Equipped for Rescue; Special Olympics Athletes Ready for Competition

Through LREC's Operation Round-Up program, members voluntarily "round-up" their electric bills to the nearest dollar each month. Each participant donates an average of \$6 a year, all of which goes directly toward meeting local needs.

LREC members who participate in the Operation Round-Up program help make these grants possible. This program is making a significant impact on our local communities.

The Operation Round-Up Foundation Board met during their regular business meeting, held on April 23, 2014. During the meeting, grants were awarded to:

- Keys Public Schools was awarded \$1,000 for a back pack program.
- Reaching our Hulbert Community (ROHC, Inc.) was awarded \$1,000 for senior class after graduation party.
- Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$2,700 for hand held radios.
- Keys Cougars Special Olympics was awarded \$1,500 for expenses associated with State Special Olympics games in Stillwater.

- Tahlequah Public Schools Special Olympics was awarded \$2,000 for expenses associated with State Special Olympics games in Stillwater.
- Tahlequah Men's Shelter, Project Osiyo was awarded \$1,409 for general items for shelter.
- Two individuals were awarded \$2,500 each for funeral and other expenses due to death in family.
- One individual was awarded \$2,500 to help with medical expenses.

Electric cooperatives were founded on the principle of concern for community. The Operation Round-Up Board meets quarterly to review requests. The next Operation Round-Up meeting will be held July 24, 2014. For more information about Operation Round-Up, visit our website www.lrecok.coop or call 918-772-2526.



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