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*Tip of the Month*

Circulate savings!  
Ceiling fans are a great way to keep cool during summer months and can even allow you to raise your thermostat setting about 4 degrees without affecting your comfort.

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## LREC Annual Meeting Election Results

Jack Teague... **865** Scott Manes.... **789** Louis Bohanon.... **281**

## Incumbent Trustees Re-Elected to the Board

*LREC had a total of 1,087 registered members, with an estimated total, including family, near 3,000 in attendance.*

Board members Jack Teague and Scott Manes were both elected to keep their positions on the board.

This year during the open business meeting members heard a speech from Bethany Shultz, a Hulbert High School senior, who was chosen to represent the state of Oklahoma on the National Youth Leadership Council. Shultz was selected during her Oklahoma Youth Tour trip sponsored by LREC.

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

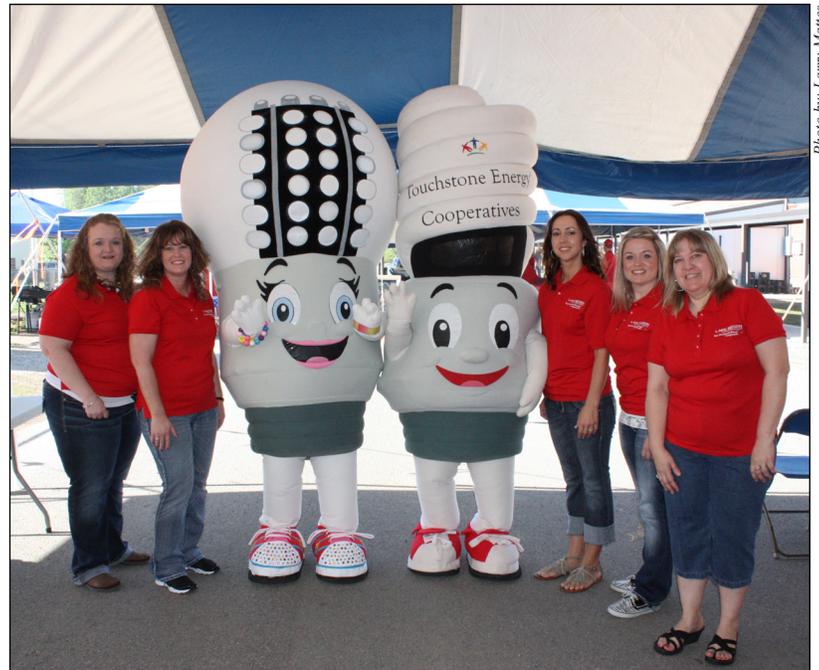


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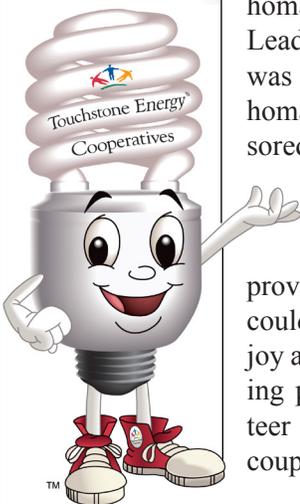
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by local restaurants in the surrounding towns.

“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 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 inter-

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# 2015 Annual Meeting Prize Winners!

## Annual Meeting

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Youngest girl attending, Hurley Cunningham, daughter of Hunter Cunningham and Sammie Keener of Hulbert.



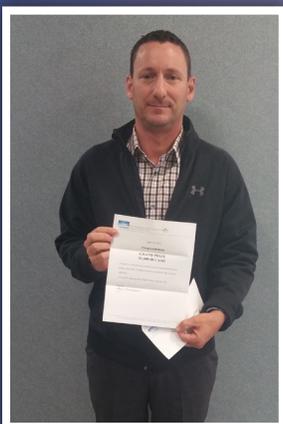
Youngest boy attending, Tucker Eastham, son of Hunter and Becca Eastham.



Oldest female attending, Nellie Anderson of Tahlequah who is 95 years young.



Oldest male attending, Junior Brunfield of Hulbert who is 87 years young.



Bryan Young of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize.



Janet McAlpine of Tahlequah won the \$500 first prize.



Becky McKey of Hulbert won the \$250 second prize.

ested in answering questions regarding the finances.

After the financial report, Tina Glory-Jordan, Cooperative Attorney, announced the election results. The election results are as follows: Jack Teague, 865 votes, Scott Manes, 789 votes and Louis Bohanon, 281 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. Bryan Young of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize, Janet McAlpine of Tahlequah won the \$500 first prize, and Becky McKey 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 Hurley Cunningham, daughter of Hunter Cunningham and Sammie Keener of Hulbert. The youngest boy prize went to Tucker Eastham, son of Hunter and Becca Eastham of Hulbert. The prize for the oldest female went to Nellie Anderson of Tahlequah who is 95 years young. The prize for the oldest male went to Junior Brunfield of Hulbert who is 87 years young.



# Copper Theft Costs All of Us

***Would you risk your life for \$100? Seems a bit ridiculous, but desperate times cause folks to do foolish things.***

“In our area, it appears that the copper wire inside our meter loops is what the thieves are after,” said Jon Enkey, LREC Line Supervisor.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative has experienced copper thefts in our own backyard recently in the rural areas surrounding Porter. LREC believes thieves are attempting to steal meter loops on abandoned services in rural Wagoner County. LREC crews have found evidence of equipment ripped off LREC meter loops and stolen copper wire on these services.

This is a large cost for LREC, with replacing the service as well as instances where the poles have been broken and transformers damaged 374101.

“LREC estimates these damages costing as much as \$2,500 to \$3,000 to fix a broken pole, busted meter loop, and blown transformer, these copper thefts cause,” said Kathy Dill, LREC purchasing accountant.

These unexpected costs affect you, the members, as well. You can help us prevent these thieves from getting off with stolen copper. If you notice anything unusual, such as an open substation gate or unmarked vehicles working late at night near our poles tearing equipment off the poles, please call the local law enforcement, or sheriff.



***Turn in a theft and earn a reward up to \$5,000 in an arrest leading to a conviction.***

Copper theft is life threatening. Dealing with any metal and electricity is a dangerous combination, especially when it is done without permission or training, and places the thief and others in life threatening danger.

“People who think stealing electric wire is a quick way to earn some easy money should think again,” says Hamid Vahdatipour, LREC CEO “The value of metal is not worth losing a life.”



***LREC would like to thank all the members who attended this year's annual meeting and voted. We hope to see everyone next year.***

A promotional graphic for Exede Internet featuring the text "MEGA DEAL" in large yellow letters, "Amazing deals you're sure to love!" in white, and "CALL TODAY!" in white on an orange background. The phone number 918-772-2526 is displayed in large white letters on an orange background.

# Operation Round-Up Update

*Hulbert and Wagoner Public Libraries both receive grant to help with summer reading programs*

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 29, 2015. During the meeting, grants were awarded to:

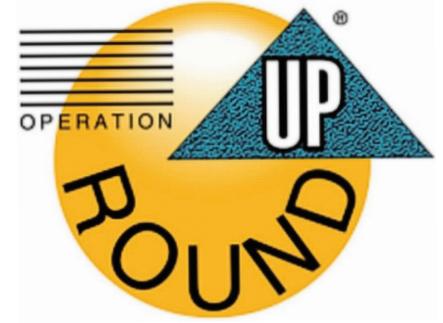
- Hulbert Community Library/EODLS program was awarded \$2,500 for their summer reading program.
- Hulbert Riders 4 Life was awarded \$9,500 for an inflatable screen, blower and sound system for movies in the park at Hulbert.
- Wagoner City Public Library was awarded \$2,500 for their summer reading program.
- Tahlequah American Legion Post #50 was awarded \$2,000 for expenses associated with renovation of building.
- Wagoner Special Olympian Bulldogs was awarded \$1,000

for local and state special Olympic games.

- Tahlequah Area Coalition for the Homeless (TACH) was awarded \$4,000 for new range and cabinetry for day shelter.
- Tahlequah High School Art Program was awarded \$700 for Tahlequah High School senior art exhibit.
- Keys Back Pack Program was awarded \$1,000 for food to go in back packs being sent home with hungry kids.
- Keys High School Save-A-Senior Grad Night was awarded \$1,000 for the Keys after graduation party.

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 22, 2015.

**For grant application or more information about Operation Round-Up, visit our website [www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop) or call 918-772-2526.**



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For more information, call 800-364-LREC or 918-772-2526

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