

# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER



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# Foundation Grants \$10,000 for New Playground

The Operation Round-Up Foundation board of directors recently granted \$10,000 to help Brighter Futures Foundation of Wagoner build a new playground at the Lincoln Enrichment Center.

“We are always grateful for the generosity of thousands of LREC members who make it possible to help their local communities by rounding up their bill each month,” said Glen Clark, Director of Marketing.

Brighter Futures / Lincoln Enrichment Center started out meeting every Monday as a free Christian enrichment program for the Wagoner community. With Wagoner Public Schools on a four-day school week Tuesday through Friday, there was a great need for an all-day program for students on Mondays for distance learning.

In addition to the Monday program, the gym is also being used daily by other community groups and organizations that serve children. The center continues to grow with future hopes to become a chartered Boys & Girls Club.

“A community center without a playground was challenging to imagine. Play is an essential part of childhood, and there are many developmental benefits to a playground. This was great for the kids during this COVID19 period of distance learning and isolation. This was a real beacon of hope for these kids to see something of this size going up for



Photo left to right: Zamora “Rosie” Hamilton and Isaiah McClary

them; thank you to Lake Region and our other donors, our playground is a milestone in our growth,” said John Jones, President of Brighter Futures. “We see a real buy-in from our community and it is raising the level of our community center. This building is coming back to life.”

For more information regarding the Wagoner Brighter Futures community center, visit [www.lecwagoner.org](http://www.lecwagoner.org).

Interested in applying for a grant, applications and deadlines are available at [www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up](http://www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up)

# HOW FAR CAN YOUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE GO?

Check out an average day in the life of an EV!



## Worried an EV wouldn't work for everyday life?

Wondering how many miles an electric vehicle (EV) can actually travel? Or, maybe you've just never considered an EV as a viable option for your family? In reality, an EV might just be perfect for your day to day shuttling across town for kids, work, errands and most of your travel.



On a fully charged battery, the range of models released in 2019 and 2020 are well in excess of 200 miles. Top-of-the-line models can go even longer—Tesla's Model S can travel up to 370 miles per charge.



The average American only drives 40 miles per day, so one charge will easily get you through your early morning gym stop, school drop, work commute, and lunch run 2027203.



All-electric vehicles do not require gasoline, which means you won't be spending \$50 to fill up your gas tank. In contrast, it would only cost around \$5 in electricity to charge a Chevy Bolt - 66 kWh battery, which gets around 259 miles per charge.



Most EVs today come with their own home supply equipment that plugs into standard 120 volt outlets, called a Level 1 charger. Just plug in your EV when you get home from work each evening and you'll never be low.



There are several public electric vehicle chargers throughout LREC's service territory. You can see a statewide (and nationwide) map of all chargers on [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com). This site can also help you plan your next road trip with an EV.

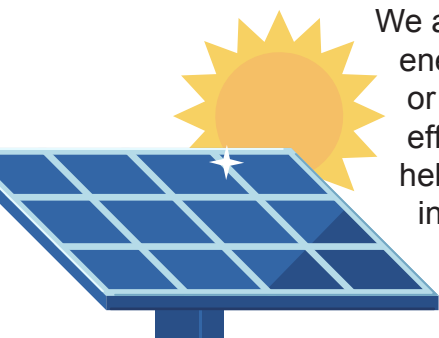


If you're purchasing an EV, be sure to take advantage of federal tax credits. Get up to \$7,500 back from the federal government.

Visit [www.lrecok.coop/ev](http://www.lrecok.coop/ev) for LREC's tools and resources on electric vehicles.

# Before You Say Yes to Solar

Ask your local Touchstone Energy Cooperative, we are your source for energy and information. Since the interest in solar power generation is growing, we are here to help and answer any questions you might have. If you are thinking about installing solar panels, contact us first to obtain more details about solar grid interconnection, past energy use details and more. Having these details in your hand will help you make an informed decision about whether solar is a good option for you.



We are happy to discuss your past energy usage, cost per kWh, or help you learn about energy efficiency upgrades that can help lower your bill. Having this information will help you decide if solar is the right fit for your property.

- ☑ How long is the payback period on a solar system?
- ☑ How long do solar systems last?
- ☑ Will my solar system produce enough energy for my home?
- ☑ How much electricity can I generate and what size will I need?
- ☑ What happens with a solar system at night or during cloudy days?
- ☑ What is the wholesale amount LREC will buy excess energy for?

## Disable Xbox One's high-energy TV mode.



### Save up to 72 watts every time you watch TV.

This feature may be attractive because it can enable TV control from the console, including the use of voice commands to change channels. But it requires the console to be on whenever you watch TV, adding the power equivalent of a new 42" TV (and then some). Disable your high-energy TV mode to reduce power use instantly.

**MORE WAYS TO SAVE >** [www.touchstoneenergy.com](http://www.touchstoneenergy.com)

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