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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Look to your windows for energy savings. Use weather stripping on old windows, and, if you can, add storm windows. In hot climates, add solar film screening to west-facing windows to catch heat. For new units, consider double-glazed panes; in cold climates, "low-e" coatings on glass can help reduce heat loss.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy



Please Recycle

Tomorrow's Leaders Tour Washington D.C.

Three local students were among more than 1,500 high school students visiting Washington, D.C. in June for the 2012 Washington Youth Tour. This trip was sponsored by Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) along with hundreds of other electric cooperatives across Oklahoma and the country. John Gonzalis of Wagoner, son of John and Seidena Graber; KC Barnes of Porter, son of Kent and Diana Barnes; and Shy Ann Williams of Coweta, daughter of Scott and Susan Williams, joined 73 other Oklahoma students for this great educational event.

"LREC is proud to offer these extraordinary students the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C.," said Glen Clark, LREC Youth Tour Coordinator.

"The Youth Tour provides a great way for our future leaders to learn about government and electric cooperatives. By investing in these students, we believe we are investing in the future of our communities," added Clark.

LREC has sponsored the Washington Youth Tour for more than 40 years. The trip is designed to educate students about our nation's Capitol, the sacrifices made for our freedom and the value of the cooperative way of business. The students return home with a greater appreciation of our nation's leaders, a respect for the beauty of Washington, D.C., and friendships that will last a lifetime.

"To me the museums were extremely empowering as was the other monuments and seeing such acts of patriotism; one that makes Americans proud," said



Photo Courtesy of OREC

Left to right: John Gonzalis, KC Barnes, and Shy Ann Williams.

KC Barnes.

Applications for the 2013 Youth Tour will be available in January 2013, at the LREC office, or by calling (918) 772-2526.



Closing the blinds helped me enjoy a movie.

When the A/C is on, I keep the sun out. It's nothing huge, but it's worth the effort. It's also worth two tickets to a summer blockbuster.

Find out what you can do at TogetherWeSave.com.

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative
The power of human connections®



Lighten the Load of Paying Bills with Automatic Bank Draft from your Electric Cooperative



Electronic payment options like Automatic Bank-Draft can save members time and money by avoiding the use of checks, stamps, and driving expenses.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) continues to offer its members beneficial and convenient services related to receiving and paying their monthly bills. We offer Automatic Bank-Draft four times a month for members to have their electric bill drafted from their bank account. Automatic Bank-Draft payments are transferred directly from your checking or savings account to LREC. We look forward to these draft dates helping members who receive their paycheck or income at different times. Automatic draft dates are the 1st, 5th, 12th, or 19th of each month. Members will have the option of setting the date they want their monthly bill drafted. If a member is already participating in the Automatic Bank-Draft program, you can ask to be switched to your preferred draft date.

Automatic Bank-Draft can be set-up by visiting one of our offices or calling our office to request a form. Members can also apply online at www.lrecok.coop. Members 3772300 will need to continue paying their electric bill as normal until "BANK DRAFT" is printed on the bill.

Members who sign up in the month of August for the

Automatic Bank-Draft program will be put into a drawing for one of four \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift cards.

If you have any questions about the Automatic Bank-Draft program, please contact our offices Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 918-772-2526 or toll-free at 800-364-5732. You can also visit our website for more information at www.lrecok.coop.

Sign-up in August for Auto Bank-Draft and you could win one of four \$25 Wal-Mart Gift Cards!

Know How to Stay Safe in Car Accidents involving Power Lines



Power poles carry high, potentially fatal levels of electricity. If you are in an accident with one, your whole vehicle may be charged with electricity. If you step out, you will become the electricity's path to the ground and could be killed by an electric shock.

The only circumstance when you should exit the vehicle is if it is on fire. If you must exit the vehicle, jump clear of it with your feet together, and continue to "bunny hop" with your feet together so that you will not have different strengths of electric current running from one foot to another.

Car accidents with downed lines are not just dangerous for those involved. Well-meaning bystanders may try to approach the car to help. Warn them to stay away from the accident until utility professionals and emergency responders have confirmed that there are no electrical dangers.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative encourages you to share what you know about electrical safety with friends, family, and new drivers. Know what to do in a car accident with a power lines.

In traumatic situations, it may be instinctive to flee as soon as possible. A car accident is a good example of this. However, if you are in a car accident with a power line, the safest place is often inside the car.

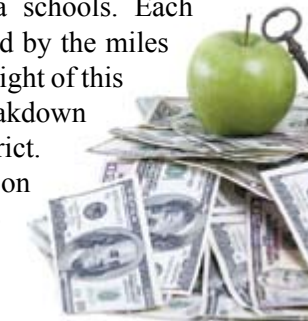
Lake Region Pays Taxes to Benefit Local Schools

Classes have started for many area schools and students are back in the classrooms. Education is important for students and Lake Region Electric Cooperative believes strongly in supporting local school districts within its service territory.

People may believe that LREC does not pay taxes because they are a non-profit organization. LREC does indeed pay a Gross Receipts Tax on the sale of electricity. The tax is equal to 2% of the total gross receipts on the sale of electricity.

Ninety-five percent of the tax paid is distributed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to area schools. Each school receives an amount determined by the miles of line in its district. The chart, to the right of this page, shows distributions and a breakdown of the 2011 taxes paid per school district.

In 2011, LREC paid \$737,950.19 on 3,023 miles of line to 34 school districts in its seven county territory.



You Can Depend on Marathon



When it comes to water heaters, it pays to invest in a unit that will last forever and save you money. Marathon water heaters are the most efficient units on the market today, and their seamless, insulated design comes with a lifetime guarantee against leaks. Lake Region Electric Cooperative offers Marathon water heaters at great prices. We also offer our members a rebate when purchasing a water heater from us. Before you buy a new water heater talk to your friends at Lake Region Electric Cooperative.

**918-772-2526
or toll-free at
800-364-LREC**

School District	Miles of Line	Taxes paid in 2011
Kansas	48.43	\$11,825.74
Fort Gibson	112.97	\$27,579.73
Oaks Mission	82.59	\$20,166.06
Hulbert	255.90	\$62,482.15
Haskell	19.88	\$4,857.81
Tahlequah	340.80	\$83,212.86
Keys	214.60	\$52,398.41
Lowery	125.50	\$30,642.80
Norwood	94.15	\$22,988.88
Woodall	61.23	\$14,949.54
Shady Grove	67.94	\$16,589.73
Peggs	147.75	\$36,074.55
Grandview	131.92	\$32,210.72
Briggs	74.39	\$18,161.14
Tenkiller	0.59	\$143.69
Okay	66.78	\$16,305.16
Catoosa	19.22	\$4,691.37
Broken Arrow	19.30	\$4,711.52
Porter	182.92	\$44,662.69
Coweta	234.46	\$57,248.15
Wagoner	376.76	\$91,992.50
Chouteau/Mazie	16.56	\$4,046.15
Wickliffe	1.61	\$394.23
Locust Grove	153.93	\$37,584.26
Skelly	8.45	\$2,063.10
Westville	6.07	\$1,481.43
Webber Falls	11.98	\$2,922.39
Muskogee	2.94	\$716.89
Braggs	72.64	\$17,763.74
Inola/Gregory	67.50	\$16,480.13
Leach	1.26	\$308.67
Spavinaw	0.16	\$39.63
Moseley	0.14	\$33.55
Gore	0.93	\$220.82
Total	3023.03	\$737,950.19

Reliable • Safe • Local • Trusted



Lake Region Electric Cooperative is different. Why? Because as a cooperative, we oversee our entire system, the meters, lines, poles, transformers, and more. We maintain our equipment every day with the members in mind, knowing that you count on us. Dedicated local employees answer the phone and skilled linemen work tirelessly to restore power as quickly as possible when weather causes service disruptions.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative employees are your neighbors and friends. We live here and we know this system like the back of our hand. Trust Lake Region to be there when you need us.

Get a \$50 rebate

on your purchase of an eligible ENERGY STAR qualified window unit air conditioner

Helping you use less energy and save money is important to Lake Region Electric Cooperative. That is why we have our energy efficiency rebate program specifically for you the members. We understand that by spending less on your energy costs, you can save money for the important things in life.

Members can receive a \$50 rebate on the purchase of a high-efficiency ENERGY STAR qualified room air conditioner.

Contact our office or visit our website for rebate applications. If you have any questions, please contact Glen Clark at 918-772-2526 or 800-364-LREC.



The Value of Electricity

A dollar's worth can get you:

36 
(intense) hours of gaming

48 
hours of watching TV

72 
freshly-ironed shirts

72 
hours of laptop Internet access

100 
hot pots of coffee

375 
pieces of toast (nicely browned)

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy;
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

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Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the *Powerline Press*. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill.

To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone or mail during the month of publication.

The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

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

Cooperative bylaws are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.