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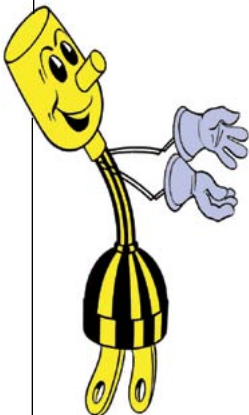
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Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Want to beat the heat? Run appliances like dishwashers and dryers late in the evening to keep the heat from affecting your comfort. Use cold water to wash clothes, and remember to unplug electric chargers, televisions, and any appliances when you are not using them.

Source: Touchstone Energy Cooperatives



ANNUAL MEETING

Election Results



Jack Teague.....	878
Scott Manes.....	749
Louis Bohanon.....	367

Lake Region Electric Hosts 2012 Annual Meeting

With the scent of BBQ in the air and a sense of friendship, Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) hosted their 2012 Annual Meeting with 1,134 members registered along with their families.

Every year, LREC holds an Annual Meeting so the members can stay informed on the finances and events affecting the co-op, as well as vote through a democratic process for who will represent them on the Board of Trustees. Members also had the opportunity to ask employees questions about the co-op and the industry as a whole.

After the members enjoyed the local fire department's prepared lunch of BBQ, chicken fried steak, Indian tacos or catfish, they had the chance to enjoy local young talent with live entertainment by the jazz band, Gibson Station.

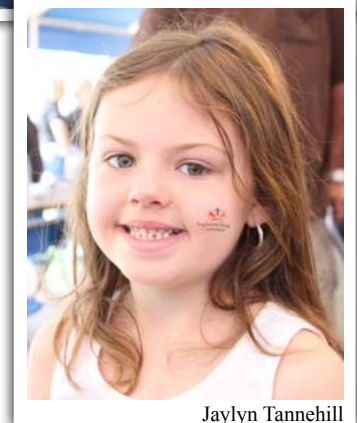
Board of Trustees election results were announced after the voting closed at 1:00 p.m. Three candidates, including the two incumbents, were running for two

open trustee positions. The trustee positions are at large. The two candidates with the highest number of votes were elected to the board. The election results are as follows: Jack Teague, 878 votes, Scott Manes, 749 votes, and Louis Bohanon, 367 votes. Jack Teague and Scott Manes were elected to the board for a three-year term.

The business meeting was then held, and Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO, had the pleasure of holding a Q&A session



Photos by: Larry Manes



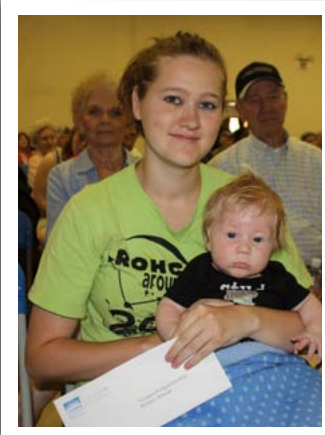
Jaylyn Tannehill

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2012 Annual Meeting Prize Winners



Youngest girl attending, Lynly Lamons, 2 years old, daughter of Brent and Melissa Lamons of Hulbert.



Youngest boy attending, Andrew Rankins, 2 1/2 months old, son of Jennifer Rankins of Hulbert.



Oldest female attending went to Fern Girdner of Hulbert who is 97 years young.



Oldest male member attending went to Fred Cypert of Locust Grove who is 94 years old.



Mary Loise of Hulbert won the \$500 first prize.



Luree McClure of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize.

Annual Meeting

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for members interested in answering questions regarding the operations of LREC. Door prizes were awarded after the business meeting was complete.

A total of \$3,000 in cash and prizes was given away in the raffle as well as a storm cellar donated by Jerry's Excavation and H&H Septic Solutions. The Gideon Fire Department won the storm cellar, and Luree McClure of Hulbert won the grand prize of \$1,000. Mary Loise of Hulbert won the first prize of \$500, and Frankie White of Tahlequah won the second prize of \$250. Several other members won prize giveaways donated by vendors.

The prize for the oldest man in attendance went to Fred Cypert of Locust Grove who is 94 years old. The prize for the oldest woman in attendance went to Fern Girdner of Hulbert who is 97 years young. The prize for the youngest girl in attendance went to Lynly Lamons, 2 years old, daughter of Brent and Melissa Lamons of Hulbert. The prize for the youngest boy in attendance went to Andrew Rankins, 2 1/2 months old, son of Jennifer Rankins of 2971802 Hulbert.

LREC would like to thank those members who attended this year's Annual Meeting and we hope to see everyone next year.



Amanda Merz, Angie Workman, and Gloria Shankle, LREC employees at Annual Meeting.

Journeyman Lineman Certification

LREC employees were recognized during the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) Annual Meeting for earning Journeyman Lineman certifications. Jason Youngblood (left) and Corey Bloxsom (right) have completed the OAEC Journeyman Lineman training program. The individuals must complete four years of classroom training and bookwork plus a set number of hours of technical on-the-job training to receive the Journeyman Lineman certification. The program provides instructions on all aspects of working in the co-op's operations department. The program meets both national and state certification requirements.



Kendall Beck, chairman of the certification committee congratulates Jason Youngblood (left) and Corey Bloxsom (right).
Photos courtesy of OAEC



62nd Annual Meeting Snapshots



Jazz Band, Gibson Station



James Cook, Steven Lewallen, Brent Lamons



Danny Darrow



Annual Meeting Contributors

- The American Bank of Wagoner, OK
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- Bank of Cherokee County, Hulbert, OK
- Hulbert School
- Hulbert Police Chief Jim Mogan and officers
- Hulbert Public Works
- Hulbert, Spring Valley and Taylor Ferry Fire Depts.
- Cherokee County Fire Fighters Assn.
- NEO Health Clinic (Hulbert)
- Tahlequah City Hospital
- Tahlequah City EMS
- Cherokee County Sheriff's Department



LREC Employees are participating in Recycling Program

Employees at Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) are involved in an all employee company-recycling program, aimed at cutting landfill waste. LREC surveyed the employees and monitored the trash being thrown away to discover exactly what was going into the trash during the daily operations.

After noticing there was a lot of material that could be easily recycled, LREC partnered with Tahlequah Recycling, Inc. (T.R.I.). Recycling containers were placed in all common areas, and employees were encouraged to recycle cardboard, office paper, plastic bags, newspapers, magazines, mail, and plastic bottles. With the recycling program implemented throughout the cooperative, there has been little to no extra work by employees compared to regular trash disposal. Recycling items are stored in the recycling containers until they become full, then the containers are emptied into a trailer. Tahlequah Recycling, Inc. picks up the trailer every time it is full. This new program has cut down on recyclable material that had been going into the trash dumpster.

Mike Heaton, LREC Meter Tech. taking recycling bags out to trailer.



Photo by: Larry Mattes

“I have noticed that our dumpsters do not fill up as quickly now that we break down boxes and other shipping material for recycling. We have started putting all material that can be recycled into the recycling containers and trailer,” said Gary James, Warehouse Supervisor.

The LREC recycling program started as a way for employees to start recycling and now it has become a part of everyday operations at the cooperative.

Operation Round-Up Grants Help Local Organizations

The Operation Round-Up Foundation Board met April 25, 2012 for their quarterly meeting to discuss grants. Operation Round-Up funds support local charitable organizations, civic groups, youth programs, community services and more. These grants provide services and programs that build our local communities. Grants were awarded to: Coweta High School, Project Graduation; Keys 5th & 6th Grade, Reading Rewards Trip; Wagoner City Public Library, Summer Reading Program;

Peggs School, football scoreboard; Tahlequah High School, Senior Art Show; Keys Cougars, Special Olympics; Tahlequah Outlaws, Special Olympics; and ROHC, Hulbert after graduation party. The next meeting is July 25, 2012 and the deadline to turn in applications in is July 1, 2012. For more information about Operation Round-Up, please visit our website www.lrecok.coop or call 918-772-2526.

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