



# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER

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### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Your swimming pool does not have to be a drain on your electric bill. Simply covering it will go a long way to reducing evaporation, which will cut back on refilling and reheating. Also, consider investing in a high-efficiency or multi-speed pool pump when it's time for a replacement, they cost more but save a lot more energy than older models.

Source: NRECA's  
Cooperative Research  
Network



## ANNUAL MEETING

### Election Results



Randall Shankle.....	931
Gary Cooper.....	818
Jim Loftin.....	732
Louis Bohanon.....	442

## Members Attend 63rd Annual Meeting

Colder temperatures and periods of light rain did not keep members from attending Lake Region Electric Cooperative's 63rd Annual Meeting. LREC had a total of 1,147 registered members, with an estimated total, including family, near 4,200 in attendance. Members who voted in the election were given meal coupons provided by LREC. Members were welcome to bring their family and enjoy a meal at the annual meeting prepared by local volunteer fire departments. The food coupons were also accepted by local restaurants in the surrounding towns.



Bill Lane, John Meigs, and J.D. McGowan

"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 elect the board of trustees. We are accountable to our members and not distant stockholders," said Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO.

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Photos by: Larry Mattes

# 2013 Annual Meeting Prize Winners



*Youngest girl attending, Glenna Thompson, 8 months, daughter of Marti Thompson of Hulbert.*



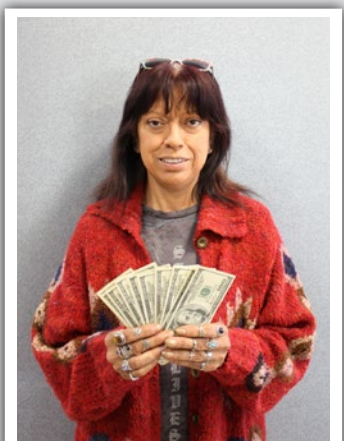
*Youngest boy attending, Jackson Pruitt, 6 months, son of Nick and Terri Pruitt of Hulbert.*



*Oldest female attending, Fern Girdner of Hulbert who is 98 years old.*



*Oldest male attending, Guy Wilson of Hulbert who is 95 years old.*



*Nora Carey of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize.*



*Dwight Rhodes of Hulbert won the \$500 first prize.*

## Annual Meeting

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This year LREC had the cooperative's new electric vehicle on display for members to view. Members also had the opportunity to ask employees questions about the cooperative. Live musical entertainment by Mark Sweeney was available to enjoy inside the Hulbert School Auditorium.

The business meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. Hamid Vahdatipour, CEO, gave his financial report and held 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. Four candidates, including the three incumbents, were running for three open trustee positions. The trustee positions are elected at large, the top three candidates with the most votes wins the position on the board. The election results are as follows: Randall Shankle, 931 votes, Gary Cooper, 818 votes, Jim Loftin, 732 votes, and Louis Bohanon, 442 votes. Randall Shankle, Gary Cooper, and Jim Loftin were re-elected to the board for a three-year term.

Once the meeting was adjourned, Stanley Young, Director of Marketing, started the member attendance prize drawings with the help of a few young volunteers from the crowd. Nora Carey of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize, Dwight Rhodes of Hulbert won the \$500 first prize, and Norma Stilwell of Park Hill 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 went to Glenna Thompson, daughter of Marti Thompson of Hulbert. The youngest boy went to Jackson Pruitt, son of Nick and Terri Pruitt of Hulbert. The prize for the oldest female went to Fern Girdner of Hulbert who is 98 years old. The prize for the oldest male went to Guy Wilson of Hulbert who is 95 years old.

LREC would like to thank those members who attended this year's annual meeting and we hope 2246802 to see everyone next year.

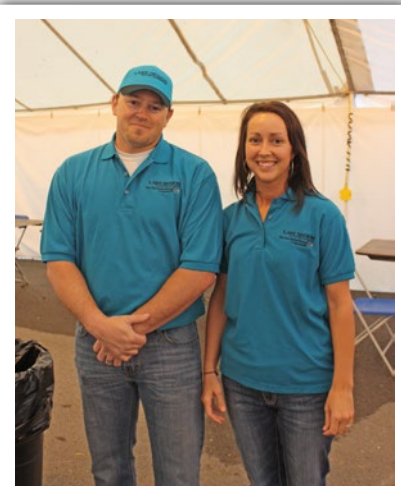




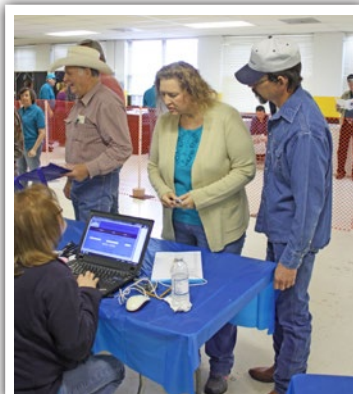
## 63rd Annual Meeting Snapshots



Stephen Lewallen



Cory Bloxsom and Amanda Merz



Jerry Latty



# SmartHub

LREC offers the latest technology to help you manage your electric account 24/7 by computer, smartphone, or tablet with a free online application called SmartHub. With SmartHub, you can; make a payment, check your electric usage, notify LREC of account issues, receive email or text alerts, and communicate directly with the cooperative. Look for "SmartHub" in the Apple Store or in the Android Market. If you have any questions about SmartHub, please call 918-772-2526.

*Thank you*



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 Tahlequah City EMS

# Operation Round-Up Update



Through the 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.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative 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 25, 2013. During the meeting, grants were awarded to:

- ☐ One local individual was awarded \$2,500 to help with medical expenses.
- ☐ Wagoner City Public Library was awarded \$2,989 for a summer reading program.
- ☐ Tahlequah High School Art Department was awarded

\$500 for their annual Tahlequah High School Senior Art Exhibit.

- ☐ Keys School 5th & 6th grade was awarded \$1,000 for a summer reading challenge.

- ☐ Reaching Our Hulbert Community (ROHC) was awarded \$1,000 for their Hulbert after graduation party.

- ☐ Coweta High School was awarded \$1,000 for their 2013 project graduation.

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, 2013. For more information about Operation Round-Up, visit our website [www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop) or call 918-772-2526.



Randall Scott, Apprentice Lineman

## Lineman Attends Climbing School

Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) prides itself in 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.

Randall Scott, Apprentice Lineman, has recently completed pole climbing school. The week long climbing school is designed to assist the cooperative in certifying 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, climbing hooks, safety glasses, work gloves, rubber gloves, kliers/pliers, and wrenches. We would like to congratulate Randall Scott on completing climbing school.

### Board of Trustees

Gary Cooper .....Pres.  
Bobby Mayfield .....Vice Pres.  
Jim Loftin .....Secr.-Treas.  
Jack Teague .....Asst Secr.-Treas.  
Randall Shankle ..... Member  
Lynn Lamons ..... Member  
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Stanley Young .....Dir. of Marketing  
Larry Mattes .....Editor  
Tina Glory-Jordan .....Attorney

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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](tel:800-364-LREC) or [918-772-2526](tel:918-772-2526)

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