



# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER

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Energy Efficiency  
*Tip of the Month*

Look for LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces.

Source: energy.gov



## Understanding Your Home's Electrical Load Needs

To help Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) better serve our members with reliable electric service, please notify us if you are adding any significant electrical load to your service. We engineer each member's electric service the most cost-effectively to provide electric with our transformer sizing.

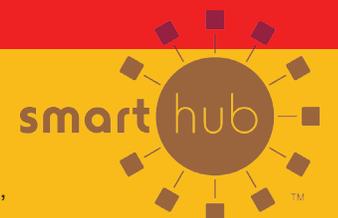
Examples of adding power load: switching from window unit air-conditioning to a central air-conditioning unit, adding on an addition to your home or adding an electric water heater, electric range, or large pool pump. Your co-op will evaluate your service and help determine if we need to increase our transformer size or other equipment to provide adequate electric service. There is no cost to the member if we need to increase our transformer size for added power load. Properly sized transformers could save you and us from being in the dark (no electric) with a blown transformer as well as our crews time replacing the overloaded equipment.

Please call Lake Region at **918-772-2526** and let us know if you plan on adding a significant amount of electrical load to your service. As always our mission is to deliver safe, reliable and affordable electric power for our members.



### REPORT OUTAGES FAST!

Use Smarthub to report an outage and you'll never have to deal with our automated phone system! Two ways to access Smarthub: Download the app from the App Store or at [www.smarthubapp.com](http://www.smarthubapp.com). You will be asked to register by providing an email address, password, and LREC account number. Once registered, use Smarthub to report an outage via smartphone, tablet or computer.





# Back from Washington D.C.

## LEADING, EDUCATING, ADVANCING THE NEXT GENERATION

Three area students were among more than 1,600 high school students who recently visited Washington, D.C. in June for the 2018 Washington Youth Tour. This life-changing trip, sponsored by LREC, known as Youth Tour, is an all-expenses-paid, seven-day trip to the nation’s capital. This trip inspires these talented, hard-working students. LREC was honored to send Emerson Turner of Coweta High School, daughter of Dawn Turner; Riley Dunham, of Tahlequah High School son of Roger and Jana Dunham; and Callie Jackson of Coweta High School, daughter of Bill and Jana Jackson.

“The students that have the opportunity to go on the Youth Tour trip, never come back the same students that left. The trip opens their eyes and understanding of our country’s history and our working government. By investing in these students, we believe we are investing in the future of our communities,” said Juanita Keener, Youth Tour Coordinator.

LREC has sponsored the Washington Youth Tour for more than 54 years. The trip



Photo courtesy of OAE

Left to right: Emerson Turner, Riley Dunham, and Callie Jackson.

is designed to educate students about our Nation’s Capital, the sacrifices made for our freedom and the value of the cooperatives way of business. The students return home with a greater appreciation of our nation’s leaders, respect for the beauty of Washington, D.C., and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Details about the annual contest for 2019 Youth Tour will be available in January 2019 online, or by calling Juanita Keener at 918-772-2526.

### ENERGY CAMP Age | Eighth Graders

- Four day camp at Canyon Camp and Conference Center near Hinton, typically held the week following Memorial Day.
- Campers form their own co-op, divide into “districts” and elect board trustees.
- Electrical safety, bucket truck rides, pole-climbing with certified linemen.
- Team building exercises and cooperative history and education.



### LEADERSHIP SUMMIT Age | High School

- Energetic and motivational day-long leadership program held during Oklahoma Youth Expo (World’s Largest Junior Livestock Show) in OKC.
- Two students selected to represent LREC
- Each student receives a \$250 scholarship and a chance to win an additional \$1,000 scholarship at the Summit.



### Youth Tour Age | High School Juniors

- Week-long, all-expenses-paid educational trip to Washington, D.C. with 70 other Youth Tour winners from co-ops across the state.
- Two part contest: Part 1 - Essay on topic chosen by LREC. Part 2 - Two finalists from each school in service area, answer and question judging at Hulbert office.
- Three top finalists are awarded Youth Tour Trip.



# Lake Region Teaches Young Students the Importance of Electric Safety

There were plenty of sparks and arcs to keep the attention of more than 50 elementary-aged children during the Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) electric safety demonstration day at the co-op.

Many children do not realize what will happen to the inside of the body when an electrical current runs through it, and this is why LREC uses a tabletop display to accompany a demonstration of what happens when you come into contact with power.

Several electrical accident scenarios were demonstrated and discussed, including trees, antennas, construction equipment, downed wires; digging dangers. Glen Clark, Director of Marketing, explained how to exit a vehicle safely if downed lines are present. Clark also went over what is conductive of electric and how electric is always looking for a path to the ground as well as safety equipment linemen use that is non-conductive. Mike Heaton, Safety & Loss Coordinator showed the children the proper electrical safety gear linemen use every day, such as rubber gloves, sleeves, and hard hats.

Grandview summer school students and teachers had a great time during the safety day. Students also had a hot dog lunch and watched a lineman perform a pole top recuse demonstration 975106.

LREC has an ongoing effort to educate our community about electricity. We offer safety programs for children and



Photos by: Larry Mattes

*Glen Clark, Director of Marketing speaking to Grandview summer school students.*



*Tony Davis, LREC Lineman performing a pole top recuse.*

adults, alike, throughout the co-ops seven-county service territory. Safety programs can be scheduled by contacting the co-op at **918-772-2526** or [www.lrecok.coop/safety](http://www.lrecok.coop/safety). LREC highly supports educating students at an early age about electrical safety.



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# Gross Receipts Tax Helps Local Schools

Electric co-ops pay gross receipts tax to the Oklahoma Tax Commission every year. The Tax Commission then distributes 95 percent of these funds to schools based on the number of miles of cooperative electric lines in each school district.

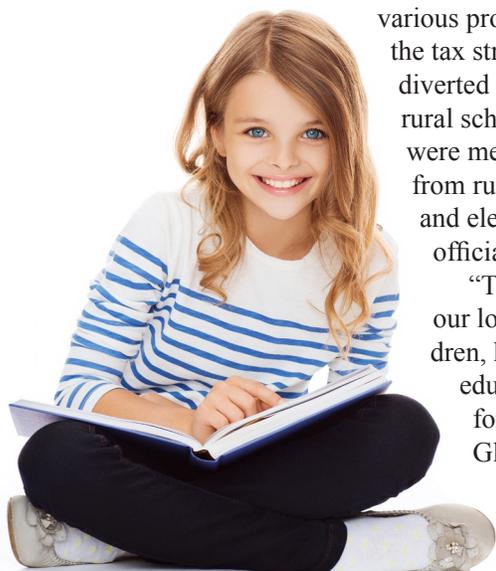
In 2017, Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) paid **\$747,573.53** in gross receipts tax. These funds benefited 35 local schools in LREC's service territory.

The chart (on the right) shows the allocation of school funds in LREC's area. Tax distribution varies from school to school because some school districts have more miles of cooperative electric lines.

Because rural schools benefit directly from these taxes, LREC and other Oklahoma electric cooperatives firmly support this program. Over the years,

various proposals to change the tax structure would have diverted funds away from rural schools. These plans were met with opposition from rural school leaders and electric cooperative officials.

"This tax benefits our local school children, helping to provide educational funding for schools in need,"  
Glen Clark, Director of Marketing.



School	Miles of Line	Amount
Wagoner	378.98	\$92,052.34
Tahlequah	349.52	\$84,897.00
Hulbert	261.49	\$63,513.87
Coweta	237.71	\$57,738.53
Keys	218.14	\$52,985.44
Porter	185.7	\$45,105.78
Locust Grove	157.91	\$38,356.57
Peggs	151.12	\$36,707.71
Grandview	134.58	\$32,688.90
Lowery	129.39	\$31,429.76
Fort Gibson	116.34	\$28,258.57
Norwood	95.35	\$23,159.72
Oaks Mission	84.46	\$20,516.67
Braggs	75.69	\$18,386.55
Briggs	74.4	\$18,071.45
Inola/Gregory	69.05	\$16,772.86
Shady Grove	69.01	\$16,761.54
Okay	66.04	\$16,042.52
Woodall	63.72	\$15,477.16
Kansas	49.72	\$12,077.29
Haskell	19.82	\$4,815.39
Broken Arrow	19.29	\$4,686.95
Catoosa	18.42	\$4,474.59
Chouteau/Mazie	17.11	\$4,157.93
Westville	14.51	\$3,526.06
Webber Falls	12.41	\$3,015.16
Muskogee	2.93	\$713.15
Wickliffe	1.61	\$392.17
Leach	1.26	\$307.06
Gore	0.9	\$219.67
Tenkiller	0.79	\$192.35
Jay	0.16	\$39.43
Moseley	0.13	\$33.38
<b>33 Schools</b>	<b>3077.66</b>	<b>\$747,573.52</b>

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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.