



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Consider insulating your water heater tank, which could reduce standby heat losses by 25 to 45 percent and save you about 4 to 9 percent in water heating costs. You can find pre-cut jackets or blankets available from around \$20.

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LREC's Youth Tour Delegates Recently Returned from Washington, D.C.



Left to right: Aleah Tedder, Emily Kelly, and Sierra Posey.

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," said Glen Clark, Youth Tour Coordinator.

LREC has sponsored the Washington Youth Tour for more than 52 years. The trip is designed to educate students about our Nation's Capital, 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.

"I valued this experience because, I saw how history

was made instead of reading about it in school. Also walking into the Lincoln Memorial on the first day and being overwhelmed by the fact that I was there, and the power of this statue," said Posey.

Applications for the 2017 Youth Tour will be available in January 2017, at the LREC office, or by calling (918) 772-2526.

Investing Today in the Leaders of Tomorrow

Three local students were among more than 1,500 high school students visiting Washington, D.C. in June for the 2016 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. Aleah Tedder of Hulbert High School, daughter of Joyce and Tony Tedder; Emily Kelly of Coweta High School, daughter of Lisa Welch and Clay Kelly; and Sierra Posey of Coweta High School, daughter of Donna and Michael Posey joined around 70 other Oklahoma students for this great educational event.

"The Youth Tour provides a great way for our

To see more photos and highlights from this year's Oklahoma Youth Tour. View the hashtag #OKYT16 and #TYDC on social media.



Just Keep Swimming, Away From the Dock

Whether at home or on vacation, boating, fishing and swimming can be fun ways to enjoy the great outdoors. And safety precautions like life jackets are a given for millions of families who take to the water. But there is an unseen danger that lake-goers everywhere should be aware of. It's called electric shock drowning, or ESD.

Outdated wiring and a lack of proper safety equipment on boats and docks can cause situations where electricity "leaks" into the water. It's a particularly dangerous hazard because it's impossible to tell by sight if the water is energized.

If you are in the water and feel electric current, shout to let others know, try to stay upright, tuck your legs up to make yourself smaller and swim away from anything that could be energized. Do not head to boat or dock ladders to get out.

If you see someone who you suspect is getting shocked, do not immediately jump in to save them. Throw them a float, turn off the shore power



connection at the meter base, and/or unplug shore power cords. Try to eliminate the source of electricity as quickly as possible; then call for help.

Learn more about electric shock drowning at the Safe Electricity website: http://bit.ly/SE_ESD.



You could be eligible for assistance on your home phone service

Lake Region Technology and Communications (LRTC) encourages eligible residential members to take advantage of available discounts on our home phone service. The **Lifeline Program** provides members with limited income a discount on home phone service. You may qualify for **Lifeline Program** if you participate in one of the following assistance programs:

Medicaid ☐ Food Stamps ☐ Federal Public Housing Assistance ☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) ☐ National School Lunch Program ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance ☐ Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations ☐ Tribally Administered Assistance for Needy Families

If you believe that you or someone you know meets the above requirements, please call us at **918-772-2526**.

Energy Star Rebates from your co-op

Lake Region Electric Cooperative (LREC) members are eligible for a \$50 rebate on Energy Star qualified window unit air conditioners, as well as rebates on heat-pump systems, and Marathon water heaters. Helping our members use less energy and save money is important to LREC. This is why we have our energy efficiency rebate program for you, the members. We understand that during the summer months everyone would like to save money and not have such a high electric bill. By purchasing high ef-

ficiency electric appliances you can reduce your electric use.

Contact our office or visit our website for rebate information applications.

www.lrecok.coop/rebates

If you have any questions about 348300 saving on your cooling cost, you can call Glen Clark at **918-772-2526**.



LREC and its members pay \$706,101 in Gross Receipts Tax to Local School Districts.

There are many advantages to being a member of an electric cooperative, including the significant positive impact it can have on your community.

It is hard to think of taxes in a positive way, but schools in the Lake Region Electric Cooperative area get a big boost each year from the gross receipts tax paid by its members.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission oversees the apportionment of the gross receipts tax. The amount paid to each school is based upon the number of miles of power lines that LREC has in each school district.

On a percentage basis, electric cooperatives contribute more tax dollars to local school districts than do other utilities. In Oklahoma a 2 percent gross receipts tax on revenue is paid by both the wholesale and retail level.

Investor-owned utilities pay ad valorem taxes instead of a gross receipts tax. Only a percent of this tax goes to school districts within which they own property. Municipal utilities contribute no tax money to public schools in Oklahoma.

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.

When it comes to supporting local schools, electric cooperatives earn an A+. Every year, Oklahoma co-ops pay millions in tax revenues to rural schools via the electric cooperative gross receipts tax.



School District	Miles of Line	Taxes paid in 2015
Braggs	74.91	\$17,292.27
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Broken Arrow	19.29	\$4,453.95
Catoosa	18.43	\$4,253.99
Chouteau/Mazie	17.13	\$3,955.47
Coweta	235.81	\$54,429.00
Fort Gibson	115.41	\$26,639.80
Gore	0.90	\$208.75
Grandview	133.79	\$30,882.05
Haskell	19.82	\$4,576.00
Hulbert	259.47	\$59,889.81
Inola/Gregory	68.76	\$15,873.03
Kansas	49.54	\$11,436.72
Keys	217.64	\$50,235.74
Leach	1.26	\$291.80
Locust Grove	157.07	\$36,255.86
Lowery	128.11	\$29,570.51
Moseley	0.13	\$31.71
Muskogee	2.93	\$677.70
Norwood	94.83	\$21,888.74
Oaks Mission	83.87	\$19,359.97
Okay	66.11	\$15,260.47
Peggs	149.95	\$34,611.76
Porter	183.47	\$42,349.90
Shady Grove	68.93	\$15,911.04
Skelly	8.44	\$1,950.32
Spavinaw	0.16	\$37.46
Tahlequah	347.51	\$80,211.75
Tenkiller	0.79	\$182.78
Wagoner	376.98	\$87,013.55
Webber Falls	12.52	\$2,890.22
Westville	6.06	\$1,400.45
Wickliffe	1.61	\$372.67
Woodall	62.70	\$14,472.79
Total:	3059.17	\$706,101.78

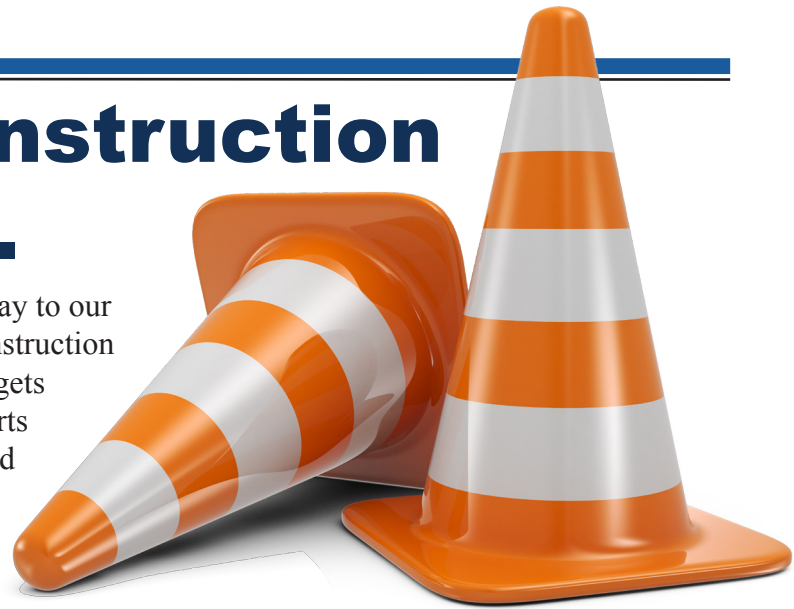
DON'T WAIT! Construction is Starting Soon.

The first reels of fiber optic cable are making their way to our headquarters. Contractors will be in town soon and construction will be starting! Sign up for our best offer, \$50 deposit gets fiber wire installed at your home. After construction starts in your zone, you will have to pay an installation fee and may have a line extension fee.

Do not miss out on this early backer sign up price. Blazing fast fiber optic internet, cable TV, or home phone all through Lake Region's state of the art fiber network. Sign up at register.lrecok.net

Zone 5 and zone 11 currently have the most pre-registrations.

\$50 deposit will get fiber optic wire installed at your home.



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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.