

# BREAKING NEWS



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## Drive-Thru Annual Meeting

Lake Region Electric Cooperative is always proud to conduct our annual meeting for our members. The annual meeting is an excellent time of year to come together for fellowship, neighbors, and to cast your vote in your cooperative election.

This year, the continued potential health risk associated with such a large gathering required us to rethink the annual meeting tradition. The safety of our members, employees, and trustees is always the highest priority at LREC.

We are thrilled to host this year's annual meeting for our members. Not only is it a time when we come together as a cooperative, but it is also part of LREC's core mission. Democratic member control is one of our seven cooperative principles that guide everything we do. There is nowhere our members get to participate in this democratic process more than the annual meeting. Members have a chance to voice their ideas directly to the cooperative leaders and cast votes for who they want to represent them on the board of trustees.

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# Everyone Wins!

Each member who registers and votes will receive a **\$30** credit to their electric bill.



Saturday April 24

**New Location**

LREC Headquarters | 516 Lake Region Rd

### SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am - The drive-thru annual meeting begins
- **MUST BRING A COPY OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL TO REGISTER**
- Members will receive an annual report, and \$30 electric bill credit from the cooperative
- Every member who registers and votes will be entered for a door prize drawing to be held at a later date
- 1:00 pm - The drive-thru annual meeting ends. Election results will be published on our website, social media and the newsletter

# Annual Meeting Drive-Thru



## Board Seats Up For Election

The annual meeting is scheduled for **April 24, 2021** at LREC headquarters in Hulbert. Any member who is interested in running for a board of trustee position, including incumbents must submit a nomination petition before **March 19, 2021**.

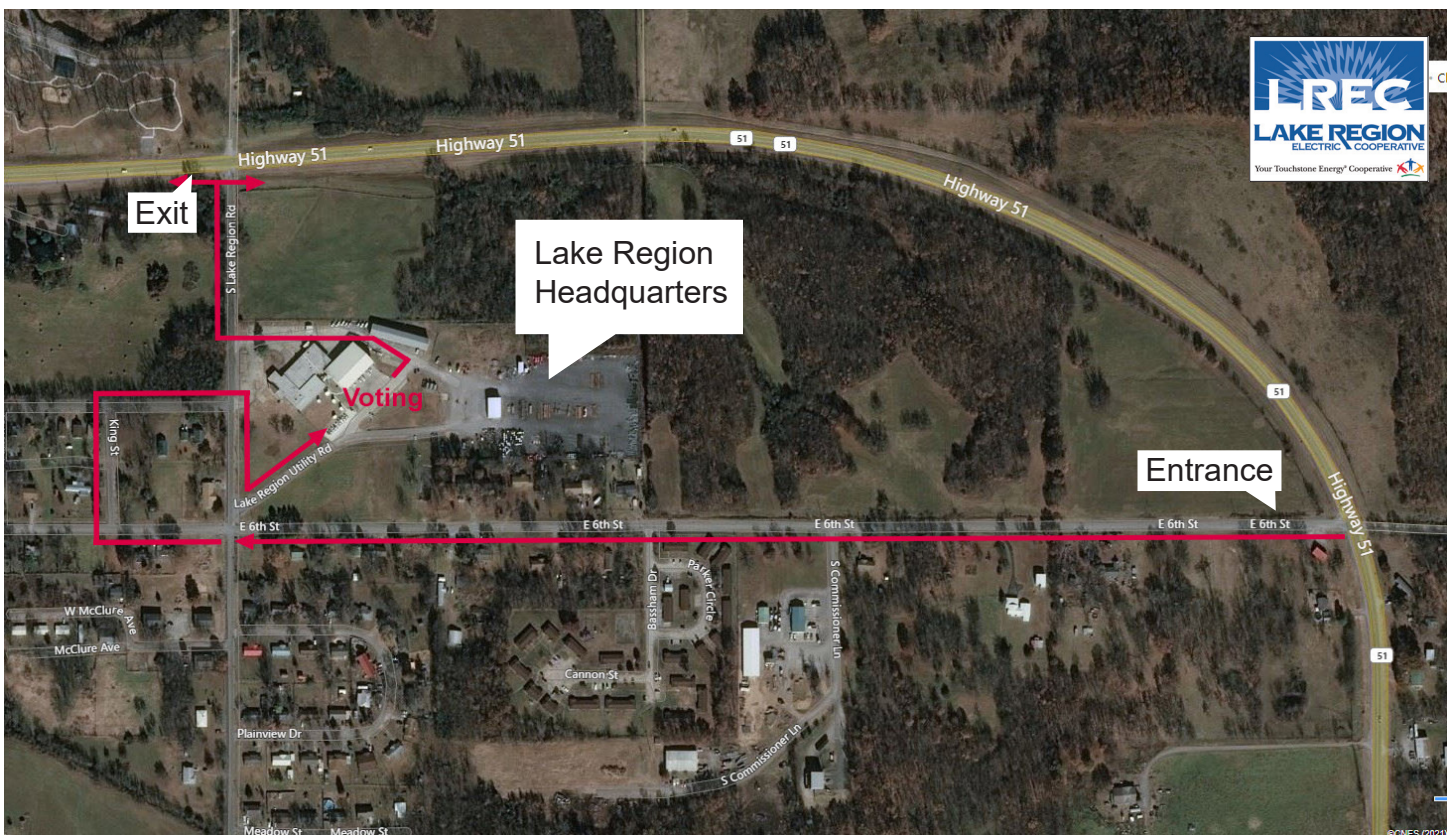
Each petition must include 15 or more member signatures. LREC will supply the petition forms. Call LREC if you are interested in running for the board.

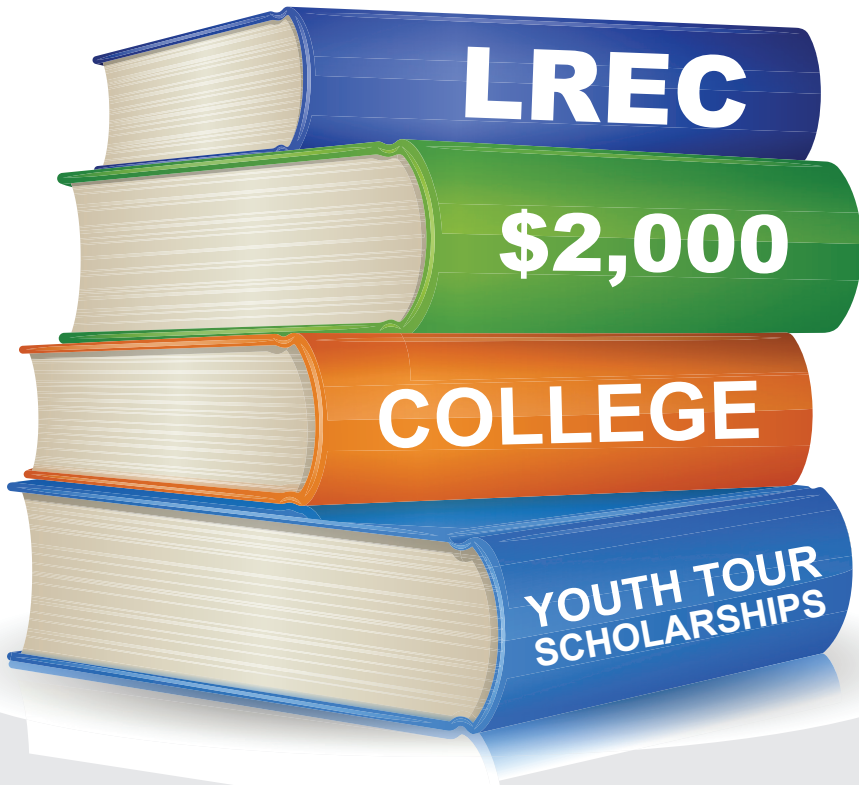
It became apparent to the board of trustees there was no safe way to hold this year's annual meeting in the usual format. The board voted to approve the first-ever drive-thru annual meeting for our members. We are delighted to host this year's drive-thru annual meeting for our members while still protecting our community. 738001

Be sure to read your monthly newsletter over the next few months, as this year's annual meeting will work a little differently from our usual events. But most importantly, the annual meeting will be enjoyable and easy for our members to make their voices heard.

### Plan on attending LREC drive-thru Annual Meeting

Please refer to the map below for easy navigation or visit our website for interactive map. Questions? Please call 918-772-2526. We are happy to help.





# YOUTH TOUR

This year, LREC is offering three \$2,000 college scholarships to local high school juniors continuing their education. Let us help you pay for college!



Lake Region Electric Cooperative would still like to keep our youth involved in the cooperative community and share knowledge of our history and amenities as well as honor the leaders of tomorrow. We are planning to continue the event with a scholarship contest in place of the annual trip to Washington DC. We are aware there is no comparison between the two but would like to offer an exchange for what the pandemic has taken away.

Commitment to the community is a core principle of cooperatives. Youth programs, including Youth Tour, has been and will continue to be a priority in developing tomorrow's leaders. Electric cooperatives are operating with safety and flexibility in mind.

If you have any questions about Youth Tour this year, please contact Juanita Keener, by calling 918-772-6940 or email at [jkeener@lrecok.coop](mailto:jkeener@lrecok.coop).

▶ **WHAT: Video Speech Contest**

▶ **WHEN: Deadline to Submit Video Speech will be March 26, 2021**

▶ **WHO: High School Juniors**

▶ **Topic: Oklahoma Rural Electric Cooperatives**

▶ **Guidelines: 2-4 minute video uploaded through an online link provided by Lake Region**

Video speeches will be judged on a point system by a panel of three judges from other electric cooperatives in Oklahoma.

40% Knowledge of Subject | 40% Presentation and Speaking Ability | 20% Professional Appearance

# Always Here To Answer Your Calls



Your awesome billing representative, Amber (left) and Amanda (right).

As COVID-19 drove millions of americans from their offices, Lake Region found ways to expand and adapt our technology. Many Lake Region employees have or are still working from home. We want our membership to know, we are always available to take your calls. If you need help with understanding your bill, setting up new electric or a fiber-optic connection, security light not working, concern regarding a tree near the powerlines or setting up bank draft. We are here for you, give us a call 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday at **918-772-2526**.

# Business Services LOCAL

Internet, TV, and Phone Service

Your local internet provider, Lake Region, will provide your business with the services it needs to succeed and stay connected to its customers and employees.

Taking a to-go order, booking an appointment, or hosting a conference call: every successful business needs reliable internet and phone service to run smoothly. That's where Lake Region business fiber-optic plans can help. Like our internet, Lake Region also offers business phone service, which is provided over our reliable fiber network.

Unlike our competitors, when you choose Lake Region for your internet and phone service, you're also deciding to invest in your local economy. The same economy that keeps you and your communities thriving.



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 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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800-364-LREC or  
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## Website:

[www.lrecok.coop](http://www.lrecok.coop)  
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## Locations

Hulbert, Wagoner &  
 Tahlequah, OK.

## Main Office Address

P.O. Box 127  
 Hulbert, OK 74441

## Hidden Account Number

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 during the month of publication.

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

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

