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NEWSLETTER



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Annual Meeting A Success

This year's Annual Meeting was different from the past. This was our first ever "Drive-Thru" annual membership meeting. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, CDC guidelines, and concern about the safety and well-being of our members and employees alike, we decided to conduct this year's meeting in a drive-thru format. This year the weather did not hurt the event. The rain cleared out in the morning, and it was smooth sailing under the cloudy skies.

A total of 1,413 members attended this year's annual meeting. This registered as the fourth-highest attendance at an annual meeting.

All four candidates were elected to the board. The officers of the board are as follows: Scott Manes, President; Lynn Lamons, Vice President; Randall Shankle, Secretary/Treasurer; and Jack Teague Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

This annual event brings a lot of people to Hulbert every year. A total of over \$3,000 in the form of cash and prizes was given away.



Sonya Pardue, registering member at annual meeting.

The grand prize of \$1,000 cash was won by Linda Holland of Park Hill. The first prize of \$500 was won by Adonna McCord of Hulbert, and the second prize of \$250 was won by Michelle Graham of Park Hill.

Elections Conducted by an Independent Party

Lake Region would like to thank the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC) for conducting this year's election as a third party not associated with LREC. AMEC sent several employees and iPads to run this year's board member election.

2021 Board of Directors Election Results

Dianna Mayfield (two-year term)	1,225
Lynn Lamons (two-year term)	1,254
Jack Teague (three-year term)	1,290
Scott Manes (three-year term)	1,253



Annual Meeting Grand Prize Winners!

If you did not attend this year's Annual Meeting, you missed out on a chance to win CASH! Lake Region randomly chooses winners for prizes each year after the annual meeting. This year's grand prize winners are listed below. Be sure to attend LREC's annual meeting every April for your chance to be the next big cash winner. Prize winners do not need to be present to win; they must be registered member at the annual meeting to be entered in the prize drawing. Thank you to everyone who attended this year.



\$1,000 Linda Holland of Park Hill



\$250 Michelle Graham of Park Hill



\$500 the McCord Family

Watch!



Get a bird's eye view (drone video) from this year's drive-thru annual meeting. www.lrecok.coop/2021-annual-meeting

FCC Discount on Internet Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefits Program is an (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills to qualified low-income households. If your family is eligible, you can receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount are allowed per household.

The FCC has announced that consumers can begin applying for and enrolling in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program on May 12, 2021. The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

RECEIVE YOUR BENEFIT

- 1** Check if you qualify online at: www.getemergencybroadband.org/do-i-qualify/
- 2** Apply for the Emergency Broadband Benefit
Choose how you want to apply. Gather and submit all necessary documents.
- 3** Notify your broadband provider - LRTC at 918-772-2526.

I just wanted to let you know that you handled my trouble ticket quickly, and I'm very satisfied with my fiber service. I got a reliable gigabit fiber connection in a small rural town of less than 700.

Any of your customers who don't realize how lucky they are, having Lake Region fiber available, never have dealt with slow internet.

Keep doing what you're doing! You are powering our community both with electricity and great internet!

- Happy fiber customer

Fast internet

100 Mbps	_____	\$49.95
500 Mbps	_____	\$99.95
1 Gigabit	_____	\$109.95

Simple TV

Starter (138 channels)	_____	\$71.00
Complete (198 channels)	_____	\$81.00
Works (264 channels)	_____	\$135.00



* live service not available in all areas. 24/mo contract is required for residential free installation. \$8.99 equipment maintenance fee. Other terms may apply.

LakeRegionFiber.com / 918-772-2526



Welcome Back!

Lake Region Lobbies Now Open

We are pleased to announce our lobbies at all three of our locations: Hulbert, Wagoner, and Tahlequah (inside Wal-Mart), have re-opened. With health and safety remaining a top priority, we implement the following safety measures upon entering our lobbies.

We are limiting the number of people in our lobby.

Visitors can utilize complimentary hand sanitizer upon entering.

We ask members to maintain six feet of distance from others if possible.

For members who may not feel comfortable yet, payments can be made at our drive-thru window in Hulbert, by mail, or via secure payment phone line and website, as well as our smartphone app (Smart Hub). We appreciate your support during this last year, and we look forward to seeing and conducting business again in our lobbies.

Adjust your thermostat based on your schedule Save up to 10% on heating and cooling per year.



Unless you're out of town on a long vacation, turning off your A/C system completely can be inefficient because it's forced to work harder to return to your preferred temperature. Program your thermostat to set temperatures based on your typical schedule so you don't waste energy cooling or heating an empty home. Purchase a programmable (smart) thermostat, and LREC will give you a \$50 rebate back on your electric bill.

MORE WAYS TO SAVE > www.touchstoneenergy.com

Lowery Fire Department Receives Grant

Operation Round-Up Supporting Local Needs

The Lowery Fire Department recently purchased new fire helmets, which allow their volunteer firemen to work safely during fire calls and traffic accidents, thanks to a matching grant from the LREC Operation Round-Up program. The fire department researched and purchased 20 new MSA XF1 European-style fire helmets. The selection of the new style helmets was put to a vote by the fire department, which was overwhelming in favor of the newer style.

“Rural volunteer fire departments, we feel our men, are one of the important parts of our operation, and we want to make sure to keep our firemen safe when dispatched on a call. Without these volunteer firemen, we can not operate our equipment or run a truck to help our community. Keeping our firemen safe is one reason why we wanted to upgrade our helmets.” mentioned Gary Erlandson, Assistant Fire Chief.

The grant received from Operation Round-Up was for \$3,565 matching funds to help with the purchase of these fire helmets.

Lowery Fire department primarily serves approximately 95 square miles around the Lowery, Moody, and Teresita communities and assists neighboring fire departments when needed.

Grants from Lake Region Operation Round-Up Foundation are made possible by LREC members who round up their monthly electric or fiber bills to the



Gary Erlandson, Assisant Fire Chief displaying new fire helmet.

nearest dollar. These funds are put into the foundation, which distributes them to individuals and organizations throughout LREC’s seven-county service area.

The foundation board 3232600 has fields of interest when approving grant money: healthcare, education, personal individual need, and community purposes. For more information, download a grant application and see the impact the Operation Round-Up grants are making; view our website at: www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up

“We are always looking for firefighters. Those interested in volunteering should always contact their rural fire department to help since there is always a need,” says Erlandson.

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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 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.

