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**Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month**

Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you're done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models

Source: energy.gov

OFFICE CLOSED

LREC offices will be closed, Monday Sept. 3rd in observance of Labor Day. Crews will be on standby if you need to report an outage or safety issue 918-772-2526.

The rural broadband revolution is moving north of Tahlequah

After reviewing our project backers on our crowdsourcing website, the demand for our service is showing to be north of Tahlequah in Zone 7 - Sleepy Hollow. At our fiber construction meeting, we have determined to proceed with Zone 7 - Sleepy Hollow. The full build-out of the remaining feeders on the Sleepy Hollow substation is expected to take several months and cover approximately 88 miles of overhead and hundreds of underground drops. The contractors are beginning to build the mainline network in this zone.

We are excited and expect our members are, as well! We encourage everyone located in Zone 7 - Sleepy Hollow to sign up. The time is now and you do not want to miss out on these services; High-Speed Internet,



Photo by: Larry Mattes

Cable TV, and Home Phone. We'll share more information as it becomes available.

Meanwhile, here's what's going on with construction in other fiber zones:

IN-SERVICE ZONES - service is currently available. Please allow 8 - 10 weeks on in-service area requests. Our contractors need to have a few days of work to relocate back into these completed zones. The pilot, Zone 1 - Ft Gibson, Zone 2 - Hulbert, Zone 5 - Perk



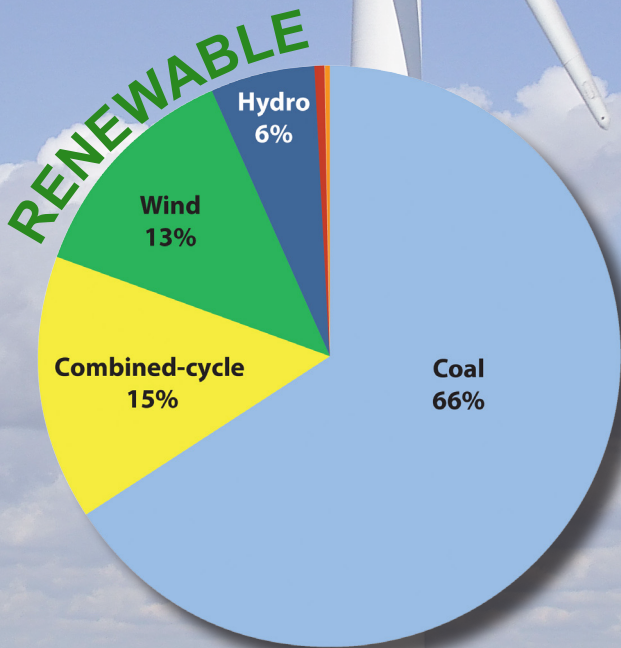
Jonathan Noel, in-home fiber installation tech.

and Zone 11 - County Line.

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AECI Electric Generation Report

Associated Electric Cooperative (AECI), LREC's wholesale generation power provider is a part of a three-tiered system with KAMO, power and transmission cooperative which services 51 distribution cooperatives, including LREC. AECI has an active portfolio of power sources including wind, hydro, natural gas, coal and purchased power. The pie chart below is year to date generation through June 2018.



AECEI uses a mix of generation resources to supply members with the lowest cost, around-the-clock power.

Operation Round-Up Update



LREC Foundation board grants funding to local organizations.

Since the time LREC was formed in 1949, we have been dedicated to improving the quality of life for the people in rural northeast Oklahoma. We provide affordable electric service, and now the 21st-century technology high-speed internet, cable TV, and home phone to our members, but also by our active involvement in many community support programs. One of the most successful community efforts in which we are involved in is the Operation Round Up® program.

Adopted by LREC in 2010, Operation Round Up is a way in which we help those in our community who have fallen on hard times. The program is funded by LREC members who voluntarily 'round up' their monthly electric bills. (For example, a bill of \$97.43 is automatically rounded up to \$98.00, with the additional 57 cents going to the Operation Round Up account.) The money is pooled and then allocated to a variety of worthy causes throughout the co-op's service area. Each participating member donates approximately \$6 annually to the fund.

All of the money contributed to Operation Round Up is put into the LREC Foundation fund, separate from LREC's accounts. The Foundation is administered by a 9-member board of directors, made up of volunteers nominated by the LREC Board of Trustees.

- NSU Wesley Foundation Backpack Program was awarded \$2,000 for supplies for school children.
- Blue Starr Mothers-Cherokee Capital OK 21 was awarded \$1,500 for postage and supplies for the deployed military.
- Hanes Finley American Legion Aux Post 153-Wagoner was awarded \$1,400 for Veteran Assistance.
- Wagoner Masonic Lodge has a pledge of \$8,400 for new fire suppression and alarm system. (Contingent upon the receipt of invoices.)

The next Operation Round-Up meeting will be held October 24, 2018. For a grant application or more information about Operation Round-Up, visit our website www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up or call 918-772-2526.



In Memory of Bobby Mayfield

December 28, 1947 - July 15, 2018

Lake Region Electric Cooperative recently lost one of its leaders. Bobby Mayfield, a long time member of LREC's Board of Trustees, passed away on July 15th, at the age of 71.

Bobby served 24 years on the Board of Trustees for LREC. The dedication and service Bobby provided to LREC will benefit members and employees for generations to come. At the time of his death, he was serving as the President of the board. Bobby was a Hulbert High School graduate of 1966. After graduation, Bobby joined the United States

Marines where he served his country. After returning home, he married his wife Dianna, and they had two children.

Bobby was an avid hunter, fisherman, rancher and business owner, he loved to spend time doing all the things he enjoyed with his children and grandchildren. Bobby will be missed by his Lake Region family.

LREC's Board President has appointed a committee of board members to search and recommend a candidate to complete the remainder of Bobby's term.

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ZONES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Zone 3 - Keys - Mainline complete and splicing complete. Construction crews are finishing remaining new service requests.

Zone 12 - Sparrow Hawk - Mainline complete and splicing complete. Construction finishing remaining new service requests, as well as extending mainline north on Highway 10 towards E 660 Rd (Molly Field Cemetery).

Hulbert - Expansion - Mainline complete and finishing splicing as well as building service drops. Also scheduling in-home installations on completed homes. Please wait for our call regarding your connection. We will call you once we have confirmation your address is ready to connect.

Zone 13 - Woodland Hills - Pulling mainline fiber through the underground conduit in Woodland Hills Addition. Building drops for the new service requests, as well as starting the in-home installation for completed service drops. Also, reviewing the feasibility of extending this zone to pick up more pre-registered backers. Be sure you are signed up if you are interested in the Broken Arrow area.

Zone 6 - Qualls - Completing mainline construction

and splicing as well as working in Qualls substation POP building*. We understand several homes in this zone already have fiber-to-the-home built. We are still working on the light signal from our POP building to each tap and drop. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on the POP building and signal in this zone.

**POP Building - Point of Presence Buildings located at substations across our service area, acts as the main switchboards along our network. They house the devices that power our fiber network. The devices inside of these buildings connect to the larger fiber ring, which connects to the internet.*

ZONES ANTICIPATING TO BUILD IN PHASE 1

Zone 7 - Sleepy Hollow - mainline construction started, north of Tahlequah.

Zone 8 - Tahlequah - need more backers pre-registered.

Zone 4 - Park Hill - need more backers pre-registered.

Do not worry, if your community is not listed on our crowdfiber campaign website register.lrecok.net. With continued support and more backers registered for service, your area could be next! Be sure to check back on our website 2596304 and see if your community (zone) has been added or check the numbers. Our fiber-to-the-home expansion project is driven by member interest. The first step to bring these new services to the area is to register your address on our website and help spread the message and get your neighbors registered as well.

WITHIN REACH

Lake Region Fiber internet, cable TV, and phone are now available in multiple zones (communities) Check it out!



Keep Your Phone and Email Contact Current



your service be sure to provide LREC with the best phone number and email address to reach you. You can call our office 918-772-2526 or update your contact information online <http://bit.ly/LRECUPDATE>

LREC asks members to keep your phone numbers, address and email current. LREC schedules automated calls to notify members of planned outages or pending disconnection of service. We may mail a deposit refund check or capital credit check to the mailing address we have on file. Your email is used to access your account online (SmartHub), Co-op updates, and a digital email newsletter.

LREC is now conducting more of our member satisfaction surveys via online email as well as via phone calls. These surveys conducted throughout the year help LREC identify ways to improve our services and programs for you, our members. If you are contacted for a quick survey, please take a moment to tell us how we're doing.

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