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Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip:

Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

Source: energy.gov

Annual Meeting

LREC would like to thank all the members who attended this year's annual meeting.

LREC Annual Meeting Election Results

Term: 2 years | Election Ballot

Bobby Mayfield...**747** Lynn Lamons...**626**

Michael Moss...**345** Chester Bailey...**259**

Liz McMahan...**133**

Term: 3 years | Election Ballot

Jack Teague...**838** Scott Manes...**805**

Billy Bob Dougherty...**394**

This year the weather was perfect for an outdoor event in contrast to what we encountered last year. The 2017 annual meeting was one of the worst storm and flooding events in the history of LREC's Annual Meetings.

A total of 1,196 registered members attended this year's annual meeting. The total number of people attending the meeting was estimated to be 4,000, including the family members of the LREC members.

Eight candidates were running for the four open trustee positions. There were two positions open for a two-year term and two other positions open for a three-year term. There were five candidates running for the two-year term and three



Photos by: Larry Mattes

candidates running for the three-year term. The top two candidates in each group are elected to the board. The election results are as follows:

Bobby Mayfield, Lynn Lamons, Jack Teague and Scott Manes were elected to the board. The officers of the board are as follows: Bobby Mayfield, President; Scott Manes, Vice President; Lynn Lamons, Secretary/Trea-



Shirley Minneman and Tom Coleman

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2018 Annual Meeting Prize Winners!

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sure; and Randall Shankle as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

This annual event brings a lot of people to Hulbert every year. A total of over \$5,000 in the form of cash and prizes was given away. Mary Wise of Hulbert won the grand prize of \$1,000 cash. Leda Whitekiller of Hulbert won the first prize of \$500 and Pamela Wang of Peggs won the second prize of \$250.

The prize for the oldest gentleman attending the Annual Meeting went to John Meigs of Hulbert who is 90 years old. The oldest lady attending went to Mrs. Glennis Anderson of Tahlequah who is 90 years young. The youngest boy attending was Jayce Raclosevich, seven months old, son of Jennifer Raclovich of Tahlequah and the youngest girl attending was Lemi Meredith, four months old, daughter of Janet and Matt Meredith of Hulbert.

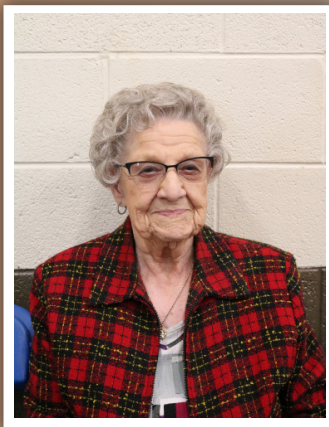
“LREC makes a difference because we are different. We are member-owned and locally operated. Members have a voice in how the cooperative is run because they elect the board of directors. We are accountable to our member-consumers and not to distant stockholders. Our rates cover the cost of doing business and are not marked up to generate profit. And finally, we give the money back to our members, when revenues exceed costs.”, said Hamid Vahdatipour, LREC Chief Executive Officer.



Youngest girl attending, Lemi Meredith, 4 months old, daughter of Janet and Matt Meredith of Hulbert.



Youngest boy attending, Jayce Raclosevich, 7 months old, son of Jennifer Raclovich of Tahlequah.



Oldest female attending, Mrs. Glennis Anderson of Tahlequah who is 90 years young.



Oldest male attending, John Meigs of Hulbert who is 90 years old.



Mary Wise of Hulbert won the \$1,000 grand prize.



Leda Whitekiller of Hulbert won the \$500 first prize.



Pamela Wang of Peggs won the \$250 second prize.

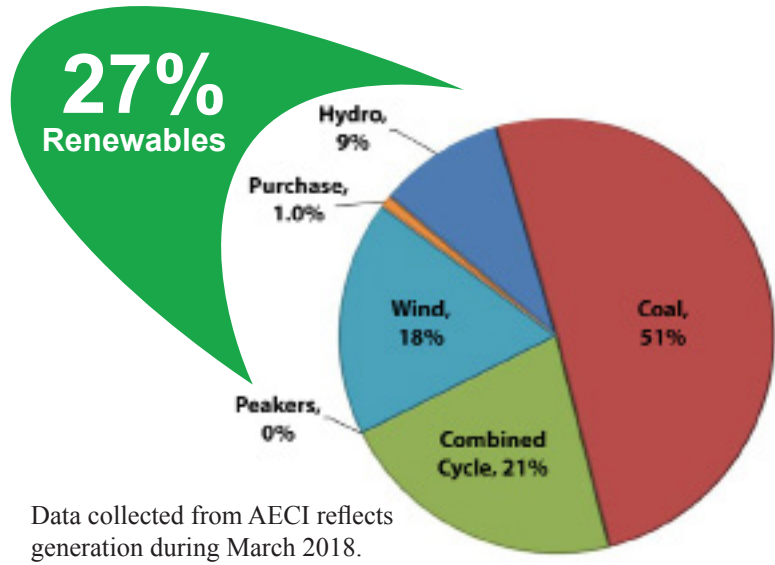
Lake Region Annual Meeting 2018

Watch!

Get a bird's eye view (drone video) from this year's annual meeting at goo.gl/rFGxzd

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 the transmission cooperative which services 51 distribution cooperatives. AECI has an active portfolio of power sources including wind, hydro and purchased power. The pie chart below is March 2018 generation to serve members.



School Lighting Rebate



Left to right, Diana Garnatz, Superintendent and Juanita Keener, LREC Member Services

Benefits can be achieved when school leaders consider energy efficiency when performing school upgrades. Norwood Public School understood that becoming more energy-efficient would reduce energy cost. LREC helped get the school a LED rebate check for roughly \$5000 after upgrading to LED lights. Your business may be eligible for a rebate. You may qualify for a rebate call Juanita Keener for more information, 918-772-6940.

Lowery Elementary Students Learn About Electrical Safety from a LREC Lineman

Students at Lowery Elementary School in Cherokee County got a lesson on electrical safety from an expert.

LREC lineman, Jason Youngblood, assisted by Safety & Loss Coordinator, Mike Heaton, talked to students about electrical safety.

Jason Youngblood, a LREC lineman with more than 11 years of experience, spoke to pre-kindergartners through 8th grade about the best ways to stay safe around electricity and what to do if they see a downed power line.

The students enjoyed seeing the big bucket truck on location. Jason went over climbing trees and flying kites near power lines. He also instructed the students on how to exit a car after an accident involving a power line.

Jason and Mike's presentation included showing how LREC linemen wear the proper electrical safety gear, such as gloves, sleeves, and hard-hats. Several children had a chance to try on linemen gloves.

LREC offers electric safety tips on its website: www.lrecok.coop/safety LREC has a long history of supporting the communities throughout the company's seven-county service territory. Educating students at an early age about electric and gas safety is part of that support.



LREC Lineman, Jason Youngblood and son Trenton Youngblood.

Linemen Attend Climbing School

LREC prides itself on having well trained and experienced linemen.

LREC sends many of their linemen to the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) in Oklahoma City for several different pieces of training and classes.

Chance Ryals, Kane Teague, and DJ Collins, Apprentice Linemen have all, recently, completed pole climbing school. The week-long climbing school is designed to assist the cooperative in certifying their linemen in wooden climbing poles. Students start out the week with the basics and end the week performing pole top rescues. Students learn to work with many tools that are used in the daily work of linemen. Some of the items used for the training include, rain gear,

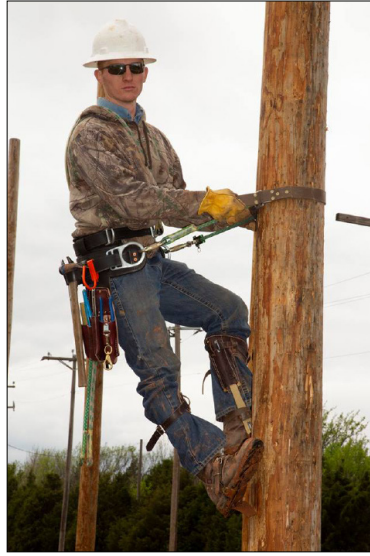


Photo courtesy of OAEC

Left to right: Chance Ryals, Kane Teague and DJ Collins

hard hat, suitable boots for climbing, hooks, safety glasses, work gloves, rubber gloves, kliers/pliers, and wrenches. We would like to congratulate these linemen on **4849501** completing climbing school.



UTILITY POLES ARE NOT BULLETIN BOARDS

Think before you post that sign!

Staples, nails, and tacks used to hang signs and fliers create dangerous obstacles for electric lineworkers.

Their jobs are dangerous enough – help us keep them safe!

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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**

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