Lakeland Power Co-op Member News

October 2025

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Annual General Meeting

Lakeland Power Co-op invites all members to our Annual General Meeting as we mark 25 years of delivering power as a Self-Operating REA! Join us for Beef on a Bun to help celebrate our journey- past, present and future.

There will be delicious food & great door prizes!

Thursday, October 30, 2025 held at Vegreville Social Centre 4802-47 Avenue, Vegreville, AB Meal from 5:30-6:45PM Meeting to start at 7PM

PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE BY OCTOBER 24, 2025.

The Vegreville Food Bank is extremely low on supplies. Your help in bringing a non-perishable item would be greatly appreciated.

Director Nomination Results

Election to Take Place, 1-Year Term

Zone 1, Barich- Peter Lazowski & Lorne Halisky

Acclaimed, 3-Year Term

Zone 2, Derwent- John Grykuliak Zone 5, Veg West- Robert Coppock Director at Large #2- Dwayne Kisilevich

Congratulations to the 2025 Lakeland Power Co-op Scholarship Recipients!

Laura Kwasney

Laura is from St. Albert and graduated from Paul Kane High School. She will be entering her second year at the University of Alberta to obtain her Bachelor of Science with a major in Neurosciences. Her hope is to become a Clinical Neurologist.





Gabrielle Wendorff

Gabrielle is from Lamont County and graduated from Lamont
High School. She will be attending MacEwan University to obtain her Bachelor of Science. Her hope is to learn how to improve the environment through this degree, intending to return to Lamont County.

Bill Payment Reminder

We would like to remind members to please ensure that bill payments are made to

Lakeland REA or Lakeland Rural Electrification Association.

This includes payments made online, at the bank, or via telephone banking. If you are unsure who to pay, contact the office as we are happy to help ensure you are paying the correct entity!

Our trade name, Lakeland Power Co-op, is the only thing that has changed, please keep in mind that our banking details remain as Lakeland REA.

We would also like to remind members to ensure they are paying the correct account number!

Please make sure you are paying the account number listed on the top righthand corner of your statement.

This ensures all payments are posted to the correct accounts.

The Lakeland Power Co-op Office will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025 for Thanksgiving.

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Lakeland Power Co-op to Offer \$10K Reward After Site Thefts

In the Winter of 2024, Lakeland Power Co-op became aware of a series of sites that had been struck by acts of vandalism and theft. After discovering 9 damaged sites, with the bulk of them being in Vegreville West and Hilliard, we saw these acts continue into the Summer of 2025. Not only did the number of damaged sites increase to 15, but the area of the incidents expanded to Lavoy and Derwent as well.

Upon discussion of the thefts, the Board of Directors of Lakeland Power Co-op is prepared to offer a \$10,000 reward for any information that is directly related to the successful prosecution and conviction of the offenders.

Lakeland Power Co-op discovered these sites after a series of power outages occurred in the middle of the night. While the thieves targeted sites which were not currently in use, the mainline along the road saw damage during the thefts as well. This led to Lakeland Power Co-op members in the surrounding area being without power for extended periods of time.

Not only are Lakeland Power Co-op Directors concerned about the safety of linemen attending these power outages, but they are also concerned about the safety of members and our community. These sites are energized at 14,400 volts and this reckless behavior poses an extreme risk to the public for fires, severe injury, or even death.

Damage to these sites includes the breaking of poles, theft of cables, meter boxes and transformers which are then sold for scrap, only yielding the thieves a few hundred dollars per site. Lead Lineman, Jamie Lowes, noted that the damage done to these sites comes with an estimated price tag of \$100K to cover the replacement costs.

The Lakeland Power Co-op Board of Directors is hopeful that offering the \$10,000 reward will lead to a breakthrough on who is committing these acts. The potential for injury and fire during the dry fall season is extremely high. This serves as a reminder to be watchful of your property and your neighborhood. If something seems suspicious or out of the ordinary, remember to be cautious and please keep an eye out for yourself, and your neighbors.

A file has been open with the Vegreville RCMP Detachment regarding these crimes. We encourage anyone with any information surrounding these events to contact either the Lakeland Power Co-op office at (780) 632-6112 or the local RCMP at (780) 632-2155.