

## LYON-COFFEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

# EVENTS



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### FROM THE MANAGER

## Why Membership Matters

I'm often asked why we call those who purchase electricity from Lyon-Coffey "members" and not "customers." The answer is simple.

Some of my friends are members of Rotary and Lions clubs in Burlington. My daughter is a member of the drama club at her high school and you're a member of Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative.

Service clubs have a common mission—together the club accomplishes more than an individual could. The same holds true for high school clubs; they pool resources and work together to help each member succeed.

Membership at Lyon-Coffey offers many of the same benefits as clubs do, but with a big extra. You and the rest of our members own the co-op! That means we answer to you, not investors who have never walked our streets or spent time in our schools.

Our co-op was organized by farmers and rural residents from this area in 1939, with support from the federal Rural Electrification Administration, [now the Rural Utility Service (RUS)]. At that time, investor-owned utilities said there wasn't enough profit to be made to warrant the expense of building power lines into the farms and homes in the

countryside.

REA offered low-cost loans for bringing electricity to those homes and farms not yet served. So folks began forming electric cooperatives to meet the need. A fee of \$5 was collected from each family—making them co-op members and owners. The rest is history.

You should be proud of what your co-op has accomplished. We are an economic driver in the communities we serve.

Best of all, every co-op operates on a not-for-profit basis. Lyon-Coffey doesn't offer profits to investors—we return money over and above operating costs to you, our members, based on electricity consumption. Annually, electric co-ops nationwide return millions of dollars to members through this "capital credits retirement" process; in 2009 Lyon-Coffey members received \$526,162.

Electric co-op membership remains as important today as it was in the late 1930s. All of the nation's 900-plus electric co-ops in 47 states share a common mission: to keep energy safe, affordable, and reliable.

We're part of something special—a nationwide network owned and controlled by people like you and me. That's why membership matters.



Scott Whittington

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## Heating/Cooling and Water Heating Energy Efficiency Program for 2010

Lyon-Coffey Electric and Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., have teamed up again to offer our members a very attractive rebate program, our objective is to encourage energy efficiency and conservation by offering rebates on air source and geothermal heat pumps, also rebates for electric water heating is available.

### Air Source Heat Pumps

- ▶ Minimum unit size of two tons
- ▶ Must have a minimum Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 14.5
- ▶ Must have a minimum Heating Seasonal Performance Factor (HSPF) of 8.2

### Rebate Amounts

- ▶ \$100 per ton for a 14.5 SEER, plus an additional \$100 for installation
- ▶ \$150 per ton for a 15.5 SEER, plus an additional \$100 for installation
- ▶ \$200 per ton for 16.5 SEER and above, plus an additional \$100 for installation

### Water Heaters

- ▶ Less than 60 gallons, must have a minimum Energy Factor (EF) of .93
- ▶ 60 gallons or greater, must have a minimum EF of .91
- ▶ Lyon-Coffey Electric currently sells a water heater manufactured by Rheem called the Marathon, and has a lifetime warranty tank that meets the requirements for the maximum rebate of \$200.

### Rebate Amounts

- ▶ \$100 for a non-lifetime water heater
- ▶ \$200 for a lifetime water heater

### Ground Source Heat Pumps

- ▶ Minimum unit size of two tons
- ▶ Closed Loop—must have a minimum Coefficient of Performance (COP) of 3.3 and a minimum Energy Efficiency Rating (EER) of 14.1

### Rebate Amounts

- ▶ \$125 per one-half ton, plus an additional \$100 for installation

For more information call the Burlington office at 800-748-7395 or 620-364-2116 or visit [www.lyon-coffey.coop](http://www.lyon-coffey.coop).

## Mark Your Calendars!

We hope to see you at the Lyon-Coffey Electric Annual Meeting March 29, 2010, at the Emporia Civic Auditorium, W. L. White Arena, 111 E 6th Ave in Emporia.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and business meeting at 7 p.m. A grand prize of \$250 FREE electricity will be given. Look for more information in the next issue of *Kansas Country Living*.

**We hope to see you there!**

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## Employees Donate to God's Store House



Lyon-Coffey employees pose with the donations to God's Store House in Burlington. Front row, from left: Lori Gutsch, Lindsey Audiss, Gayla Crofts, Dillon Carrier, Chuck Alfes, Ken Caudell. Back row, from left: Craig Mueting, Nick Korkki, and Jared Tenbrink.

Lyon-Coffey employees decided to collect items for God's Store House before Christmas.

God's Store House in Burlington was started several years ago by several pastors and volunteer church members to meet an ongoing need of families in the Burlington area.

The program is run entirely by volunteers. Non-perishable food, paper supplies, baby supplies, clothing and some household items are

donated by area residents for area families in need.

Chuck Alfes, Lyon-Coffey Line Foreman suggested that we collect some items to donate before Christmas.

Because area groups and residents had been generous with their donations of food before Christmas, paper products and cleaning supplies were needed most so that was the main focus of our collection.

## Milner Joins Lyon-Coffey's Cooperative Family

**LEVI MILNER** was recently hired as a Temporary Contract Employee to help with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects.

His first day in this position was January 4, 2010, but he really isn't a new face to Lyon-Coffey

Electric Cooperative.

Milner has worked here last summer as a student intern as part of the requirements to complete his degree in electric power and distribution from Manhattan Area Technical College, from which he graduated in December with honors.



Levi Milner

# Attention High School Juniors

Lyon-Coffey will send TWO students on a FREE summer trip!



Scott Whittington, Lyon-Coffey's Manager, poses with Michaela Everhart (left) and Anne Cuffe when the Youth Tour stopped by the cooperative for bucket truck rides.



The 2009 youth tour delegates stand in front of the U.S. Capitol.

How would you like to be one of two high school juniors that will win an all-expense trip to Washington, D.C., as part of the "Government in Action" Youth Tour June 11-17, 2010?

Winners of the trip will join 1,500 young people from rural America on the trip of a lifetime!

## To Qualify

The contest is open to all high school juniors in the Lyon-Coffey Electric's service area.

## To Apply

Complete the application below along with a 600 to 1,000 word essay answering the question: How is a cooperative different than an investor-owned utility?

The essays will be judged by qualified individuals for content, clarity, and grammar. The finalists of the essay

contest will be asked to come to the cooperative office in Burlington for an interview during the week of March 22, 2010. Both the essay and the interview will contribute in determining the two winners.

If you are interested, please mail or drop off your completed application form and essay by **March 10, 2010**, to Lyon-Coffey Electric Co-op, 1013 N 4th St, P.O. Box 229, Burlington, KS 66839-0229.

## For More Information

If you would like to have more information about the contest, you can contact Ray Hutson, Ken Caudell, or Lori Gutsch at 800-748-7395 or 620-364-5121.

You can also visit the official Youth Tour Web site at [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop) to get a glimpse of all this FREE trip offers. You won't want to miss it!

## Youth Tour Application

For an eligible high school junior to enter the competition, the cooperative office should receive this coupon by March 10, 2010

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lyon-Coffey Account # \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Applicant)

I hereby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the 2010 "Government in Action" Youth Tour competition sponsored by Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)



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