

## LYON-COFFEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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### FROM THE MANAGER

## Tracking the Electricity You Use

Eat jelly beans straight out of the bag and they'll be gone in no time. Pour them into a bowl first and they will disappear a little slower. It seems we tend to eat less if we have a way of tracking our consumption.

Learning to track how much electricity your home uses is a good way to start managing electric use—and perhaps slowing down your consumption.

Devices are appearing in stores that provide a constant, digital reading of how much electricity your home or even individual appliances are using. One type, like the Kill A Watt™, fits between an electrical outlet and an appliance to give you an instant reading of how much electricity an appliance draws.

Another type connects to your electric meter and wirelessly relays use information to a small screen inside. Called an in-home display, they can help make members more aware of energy being used day to day. Research shows that most members who have an in-home display use less energy than those without one. Even after homeowners stop paying attention to the devices, most still use one to three percent less energy than before.

“Whether in-home displays catch on and become permanent fixtures in Kansas homes is still an open topic,” said Ray Hutson, Assistant Manager at Lyon-Coffey Electric. “It requires a certain type of meter in order for the unit to work properly. Anyone wanting to be proactive and learn more about their electric consump-

tion may be better off just learning how to read the current meter they have. You could use the information to change the way you use electricity in your home and save some money.”

So, if you don't want to spend the money on a new gadget, here's the old-fashioned way of tracking electricity use:

**Digital meters make tracking energy use a breeze:** Jot down the number you see, and check it again in a month. The difference between the two represents the amount of electricity that has been used for that month, or a typical billing period. Check it more frequently to get an idea of how you use electricity in a given week, or even day by day.

**To read an older model meter (with spinning dials):** Write down the numbers as shown on the small dials from left to right. Some of the dials spin clockwise, some counter-clockwise, but record each number closest to the dial hand. Once you have the full reading it can be compared to later readings, as described above.

If you have any questions about reading your meter or learning more about how much electricity your home uses, please contact Lyon-Coffey Electric at either the Burlington or Emporia offices and one of our member services representatives will be happy to assist you.



**Scott Whittington**



# Win \$250 of FREE Electricity

Join us for the Lyon-Coffey Annual Meeting March 29, 2010, at Emporia Civic Auditorium



Members enjoy a meal at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

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## We look forward to seeing you there!

Lyon-Coffey members are eligible to enter for a grand door prize of \$250 FREE Electricity at the Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting on Monday, March 29, 2010.

The meeting will be at Emporia Civic Auditorium (W.L. White Arena, 111 E. 6th Ave, in Emporia). Registration and a free meal will be served beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m.

- ▶ Great Entertainment
- ▶ Exhibits
- ▶ Many door prizes
- ▶ Election of Trustees
- ▶ FREE Child Care during the meeting
- ▶ Annual Report
- ▶ Energy Conservation Information

There are three ways to RSVP for dinner by March 15:

- ▶ Visit [www.lyon-coffey.coop](http://www.lyon-coffey.coop)
- ▶ Call 800-748-7395 or 620 364-5121
- ▶ Return the RSVP tear-off in your electric bill

We understand that plans change so if you can come at the last minute please do! We only ask that you RSVP so we can estimate the number of meals to order.



Employees and members enjoy the 2009 Annual Meeting.

## Lyon-Coffey Linemen Assist Iowa Co-op During Blizzard

**DILLON CARRIER, MARK MOOMEY, CRAIG MUETING, STEVE ROHDE and JARED TENBRINK** left the evening of January 22 and drove to Greenfield, Iowa, to assist Farmers Electric Co-op following a devastating 31 inch snowfall which left many of their members with no electric service.

They returned home January 27 with a new appreciation for the amount of snow we have

received in this area of Kansas. They experienced a white-out blizzard while they were working, which made power restoration even more difficult.

Lyon-Coffey linemen have served not only our members, but many others with a determination to get the power restored during and following all kinds of storms. They are a dedicated group and don't hesitate to go above and beyond when the need arises.



Lyon-Coffey lineman, Craig Mueting, walks on top of the snow in Iowa.