



## Holiday Closing



In observance of Memorial Day the Lyon-Coffey office will be closed on Monday, May 25

***Have a Safe Holiday!***

## Happy Mother's Day



Lyon-Coffey would like to wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day on May 10.

## Cole Hired as Director of Finance

Lyon-Coffey Electric is pleased to announce that Roger Cole accepted the position of Director of Finance and Accounting. He began work April 27.

Cole will be responsible for organizing and directing the accounting and control functions of operations of the cooperative and its subsidiary, assist in reporting operational results, coordinate and administer plans for accounting control of the operation, including budgets, capital expenditures, accounts receivable, capital credits and advance cost saving opportunities.

In addition, he will have management responsibilities for the supervision and performance evaluation of personnel in the accounting department.

Cole graduated from Buena



*Roger Cole*

Vista University in Storm Lake, IA, with a degree in Business Administration and Business Management.

Prior to accepting this position, he served as the Manager of Finance with Clarke Electric Cooperative, Inc., Osceola, IA, and Director of Finance and Administration at Farmers Electric Cooperative, Inc., Greenfield, IA.

He brings 31 years of experience and a proven track record of success in the accounting and finance area, which will be invaluable in meeting department goals and objectives of Lyon-Coffey Electric.

We are confident that Cole will be a strong asset to the Lyon-Coffey team. Please join us in welcoming him to Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative.



### Energy Efficiency

### *Tip of the Month*

When washing clothes, use less water by running full loads. In addition, approximately 80 percent of the energy used by washing machines heats water, so by using cold water and cold-water detergents you can cut a load's energy use in half.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

# Lyon-Coffey Annual Meeting

Lyon-Coffey Electric's Annual Meeting was held March 30 at Burlington High School and was well attended by the membership.

Musical entertainment during the meal was provided by Emporia University students Brandi Smith and Glenn Woolard.

More than 500 meals were served by Olpe Chicken House. A slideshow presentation of events, activities and employees of the co-op during the past year was played during the meal for the at-

tendees' enjoyment.

A special guest, "Surge Protector" the clown, circulated among the guests and children as they registered and enjoyed their meals.

At the meeting, members and guests were encouraged to take an active part as new regulations are being developed regarding energy, green energy and clean air. Our Energy, Our Future provides education and contact information regarding energy issues through

their web site at [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop).

Incumbent Trustees, Donna Williams from District III and David Kunkel, District IV were elected to serve on the Board for an additional three years.

Youth Tour winners from 2008, Crystal Hinterweger and Brandon Doebele, spoke about their trip to Washington, D.C., last June. The 2009 winners, Anne Cuffe and Michaelyn Everhart

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1. General Manager Scott Whittington (left) congratulates Wayne Proehl, John P. Evans, Richard Wilson, Steve Massey and Virginia Pringle for winning the top prizes at the Annual Meeting.
2. Youth attending the meeting enjoyed activities while their parents attended the meeting.
3. Lyon-Coffey member, Nancy Thompson, shares a hug with "Surge Protector."
4. Brandi Smith and Glenn Woolard entertain members with their musical talents during the meal.
5. A large crowd gathers for the meal catered by Olpe Chicken House.

# Meeting Well Attended



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6. From left: Frank Danford, a retired Lyon-Coffey lineman, and Chuck Alfors, lineman, demonstrate compact florescent light bulbs at the meeting.
7. Children and Lyon-Coffey employees alike enjoyed face painting and balloons.
8. Neosho Valley Energy employees Mark Lee (left) and Mike Williams relieve co-op employees Gayla Crofts and Jackie Owens at the registration table.
9. Lyon-Coffey Manager Scott Whittington presents Virginia Pringle \$250 credit on electric bill.
10. More than 500 people attended the annual meeting this year.



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were introduced.

A number of children participated in the child care area. Painted faces were evident, as much energy was expended and even some learning took place. It was a fun time for the children and the employees assisting in their care.

Door prizes were given away at the end of the business meeting. Those winning the larger prizes were: Grand Prize – \$250 credit on electric bill – won by Virginia Pringle; TV donated by Wright Tree Service – won by Steve Massey; Garmin GPS system donated by KEPCo – won by Richard Wilson; George Foreman Grill donated by Kriz-Davis – won by John P Evans; and \$50 credit on electric bill donated by KEPCo – won by Wayne Proehl. Eli Parker won the \$25 gift certificate drawn in the children's drawing.

If you missed the meeting, not only did you miss a good meal, great entertainment, information regarding government policy and your cooperative, but you also missed a chance to participate as a member-owner in the business of your cooperative.

We encourage all members to attend our Annual Meeting next year in Emporia.

## 2009 Youth Tour Winners Announced



From left: Andrew Laib, Michaelyn Everhart, Cole Augustyn, Anne Cuffe, and Drew Hall all interviewed to win a trip to the "Government in Action" Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

Anne Cuffe and Michaelyn Everhart were declared winners of trips to the "Government in Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 11-18.

Lyon-Coffey provides this all-expenses-paid opportunity to two youth in our area each year.

Anne and Michaelyn will join more than 1,500 young people from across the U.S. in D.C. for this amazing week. Not only do they learn about our government, but they get to visit many historical sites and meet new friends. It is a fun-filled educational experience of a lifetime.

Anne is the daughter of John and Cynthia Cuffe. She is a junior at Burlington High School and plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

Anne has been involved in many activities through high school including basketball, volleyball, vocal, theater, Drama Club, Forensics, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and Family Career Community Leaders.

Michaelyn is the daughter of Tony and Diane Everhart. She is also

a junior at Burlington High School.

Her career goal is to become a high school English or Theater teacher. Michaelyn's activities include band, Band Council, class officer, spirit squad, Scholars Bowl, theater, Drama Club, Forensics, National Honor Society, newspaper, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

There were only five contestants this year but they were great young people so as usual judging was difficult.

Shana Holsteen and Carrie Kimberlin, both employees of Kansas Electric Cooperative, Inc., our statewide association; and Cade Rensink, Coffey County Extension Agent, were the judges.

Cole Augustyn, son of Thomas Augustyn and Debra Augustyn, of Burlington High School was chosen as Alternate.

Drew Hall, son of Ken and Helene Hall, and Andrew Laib, son of Bart Laib and Jane Armitage also participated.

Lyon-Coffey would like to thank all of the applicants for their hard work and dedication.