



# Lyon-Coffey Events

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### Parker & Harkrader Experiencing Government In Action

Kate Parker and Allen Harkrader, winners of the Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour Contest are participating in "Government in Action" Youth Tour June 7-14 along with approximately 1,500 other students from across the nation.



Allen Harkrader



Kate Parker

Lyon-Coffey Electric sponsors two high school juniors each year to attend this all-expense-paid week that is both educational and fun.

### Letter From The Manager...

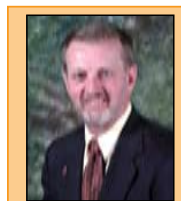
Electric cooperatives have always put an emphasis on the wise use of electricity. With the heat of summer upon us we would like to remind you of a few things to help you in controlling your electric use.

1. Adjust your thermostat. Set it at 78 degrees when it's hot outside. Use ceiling fans to help provide air-flow.
2. Change the air filters.
3. Avoid cooking in the hot-

test part of the day.

4. Wait until after 8 p.m. to do your laundry. This will minimize costs to you and the cooperative by conserving energy during periods of peak electric demand.

Please visit our website at [www.lyon-coffey.coop](http://www.lyon-coffey.coop) to learn more about energy saving ideas.



Scott Whittington

### WildBlue Barbecue Scheduled for July 21-22

Lyon-Coffey Electric is coordinating the third WildBlue Barbecue to be held July 21-22 at Kelly Park in Burlington.

The barbecue, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, involves a cooking competition between teams of five individuals using wood-fired smokers preparing various meats for judging. This event is sponsored by the Coffey County Fair Board, local merchants and individuals.

A craft fair and business expo area will be included during the event. Friday evening activities include a "Kids Que" cooking contest open to kids age 16 and under. The Kids Que is open to visiting teams as well as local participants. A desserts cooking contest will also be held on Friday evening and

is open to all teams entered in the Saturday competition. The entry fees for those two contests are \$10 per person per event. The entry deadline is July 10.

A children's pedal tractor pull will be held at Saturday at 11 a.m. and a community barbecue, where you can sample the food, will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets will be available in advance.

All net proceeds will be used for 4-H scholarships in Coffey County. The award winners from last year's barbecue were Nathan Linsey, a 12-year member of Blue Ribbon 4-H, and Zachary Smith an 11-year member of Liberty 4-H.

For additional information contact Lyon-Coffey Electric at 1-800-748-7395.



Ask us about the WildBlue package that is right for YOU!

Call Today  
 1-800-400-8583

# Building Energy Efficient Homes



The house above is just one of the homes built by the Flint Hills Technical College Construction Technology program.

Students attending the Construction Technology program at Flint Hills Technical College, Emporia, are building a house from the ground up. By going from the excavation to the roof line, the students get a chance to learn the skills and techniques needed to build a quality home.

The program is unique in that both concrete and cabinet building are taught as part of the curriculum. Many programs don't have the advantage of building a house on sight, but this approach gives the students the opportunity to do the sight work from stake out to a completed basement.

The students also build custom cabinets for the houses. Each year the kitchen cabinets will vary to coordinate with the house, from arch-topped raised panel cabinets, to flat panel contemporary, each year offers another beautiful kitchen designed and built by instructor Larry Green and the students.

Each home also offers other special features ranging from exposed beam ceilings and hardwood floors to extensive tile work in the bathrooms and walk-in closets.

Bill Hanlon, also an instruc-

tor in the program, works with the students on many aspects of creating a house that is both comfortable and energy efficient. The homes that the students are building are showing significant savings in energy usage by using energy efficient techniques throughout the building of the home and looking at the structure as a whole. The idea is to train the student to build much more energy efficient houses at little extra cost.

Building a beautiful, energy efficient home each year is an opportunity the students seem to appreciate. It's a matter of pride in seeing what they have accomplished by the end of the school year that makes this program unique.

The building system used by the students to build these energy efficient homes is outlined in the book "outside the box".

For information on the Construction Technology program at Flint Hills Technical College visit their website at [www.fhtc.edu](http://www.fhtc.edu) or call 800-711-6947.

For information on the energy efficient building system used by the students visit [www.BuildOutsideTheBox.com](http://www.BuildOutsideTheBox.com).

## Delinquent Penalty Increased to Five Percent

The delinquent penalty has increased from 2% to 5% of total revenue on Lyon-Coffey Electric accounts that are not paid by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. Delinquent bills cost Lyon-Coffey and ultimately all members because of the employee time required to monitor those accounts.

We understand at times there are extenuating circumstances that prevent members from paying their bills on time. We truly appreciate members being responsible and calling before the delinquent date to let us know their payment will be late and when it will be paid.

Each month we process a report showing delinquent accounts that have not made payment arrangements or have not kept those arrangements. We then start making courtesy phone calls informing members that their electric account could be disconnected if they do not pay their bill.

Finally, those accounts are checked again before sending out a lineman to collect the delinquent bill or disconnect the electric service. Even an increase to 5% does not pay for the time spent monitoring delinquent accounts.

Electric bills can be paid by mail or in person at 1013 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Burlington or 710 Industrial Road in Emporia between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can easily deposit your payment in the drop box outside each office (please do not put cash in the drop box). You can also make your payment by phone using your credit card or debit card.