

**LYON-COFFEY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

EVENTS



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WildBlue Barbeque

Join us July 16-17, 2010

at Kelley Park in Burlington



In 2009, 10 scholarships were awarded to Coffey County high school seniors from our sponsors and 34 competing teams of barbecue cook-off contestants.

This year we are hoping for an even bigger and better contest that will allow us to award more and larger scholarships.

This contest is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society and will be held at Kelley Park in Burlington.

For more information, call Lyon-Coffey Electric at 800-748-7395. If you are interested in seeing last year's scholarship winners and sponsors photos taken during the contest, or to see the event listing visit www.wildbluebbq.org. We hope you can join us for this fun event.

Competing Team Events:

- ▶ **Friday**—Pit Theme, Hors D'oeuvres, Desserts
- ▶ **Saturday**—Chicken, Pork, Ribs, Brisket, Sausage, Cook's Choice \$2,000 Grand Champion Prize

Don't Miss the Fun!

For more information visit www.wildbluebbq.org



Lyon-Coffey Manager, Scott Whittington (right), presents the Pork Pullin' Plowboys with the 2009 Grand Champion award.



Saturdays' events include a children's pedal tractor pull, games, community barbecue lunch and live music.

Stay Cool and Use Energy Efficiently

During the sweltering summer months people nationwide crank up their air conditioners in an effort to stay cool. In the struggling economy, the Energy Education Council wants everyone to get the most for their energy dollars. Be sure your house is ready to beat the heat this year by following a few guidelines.

- ▶ **Check the insulation.** According to EnergyStar insulation is usually measured using the R-Value. R-Value is a measure of insulation's ability to resist heat traveling through it. The higher the R-Value the more effective it will be to beat the heat. The level of insulation recommended for your area can be found at www.EnergyStar.gov. If you are lacking the recommended insulation, you can add more right on top of the old insulation. However, don't put a vapor barrier between the layers. Be sure the insulation doesn't block vents or cover exhaust fans.
- ▶ **Ventilate the attic.** When the outside temperature is in the 90's, your attic can easily reach 140 degrees. Adequately sized vents and/or an attic fan can help keep hot air from building up.
- ▶ **Get the air conditioner ready.** Shut off power to the unit before cleaning it. On the inside, wash or vacuum cleanable filters; replace disposable ones. Outside, clear leaves and other debris away from the condensing unit. Hose off any accumulated dirt.

- ▶ **Put a timer or programmable thermostat on your air conditioner.** Leave it on a higher temperature while you're away, and set it to cool the house half an hour before you return home.
- ▶ **Install awnings over windows exposed to direct sunlight.**
- ▶ **Consider installing ceiling fans.** On moderately warm days, fans can circulate enough air to keep you comfortable without air conditioning. Even on hotter days when you use the air conditioner, you can set your thermostat higher and save.
- ▶ **Open windows and doors and let outside air cool your house on moderate days, and be sure to keep them closed when you're operating the air conditioner.**
- ▶ **Avoid unnecessary trips in and out of the house, especially on the most sultry days.** Heat and humidity come in each time you open the door.
- ▶ **Keep the sun out of your house.** Close blinds, shades or draperies during the hottest part of the day. Consider planting fast-growing trees and shrubs near your home but away from power line, to provide shade.
- ▶ **Set lamps, TV sets, and other heat-producing devices away from the air conditioner thermostat.** Heat from the lamp could cause the thermostat to read higher temperature and keep the air conditioner running more than necessary.

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All it took was a tube of caulk and half an afternoon. Now, I'm saving \$212 a year by sealing a few cracks around the house. What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at TogetherWeSave.com.



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Father's Day Gift Safety Checklist

Father's Day is coming up on June 20 and every year people everywhere scratch their heads wondering what to get the father in their lives that seems to have everything. Instead of buying something at random, consider purchasing electrical safety products for your loved ones.

Some items that protect your home, family and other loved ones from electrical shock and fire include:

- ▶ **Portable GFCI drop cord**—GFCIs should also be used on outdoor outlets. If your outdoor outlets are not GFCI equipped, consider purchasing a portable GFCI—a must have for the do-it-yourself project person on your list.
- ▶ **Heavy duty extension cord**—Often the tools or equipment necessary for larger projects are energized through extension cords that are inadequate for the heavier electrical load. Make sure the cord used is rated for the electrical load to which it will be connected.
- ▶ **Power strip with built-in circuit breaker**—Designed for safety, the built-in circuit breaker prevents overloading of the power strip. This device often comes with the added feature of surge protection/surge prevention.
- ▶ **Smoke detector**—Most homes could use more of these inexpensive safety devices. Since the primary job of a smoke detector is to awaken sleeping persons to warn them of fire danger, put a battery operated detector in each sleeping room and place additional detector(s) in the hallway or area by the bedrooms within five feet of the door to these rooms. In a house with bedrooms upstairs, one additional detector should be placed near the top of the stairs to the bedroom area.
- ▶ **Batteries for smoke detectors**—This is a simple but important gift, one that reminds the recipient the importance of replacing batteries in smoke detectors twice a year. Fresh batteries save lives. Be sure to test smoke detectors regularly.