



Lyon-Coffey Events

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Bird is WildBlue Summer Intern



Scott Bird

Scott Bird is working this summer for Lyon-Coffey Electric to inform rural residents

in our service territory of the benefits of WildBlue Satellite Internet service.

You may have received a letter from Scott introducing himself and giving you some information about WildBlue. WildBlue Internet service was designed especially to meet the needs of rural residents who may not have other high-speed internet service available.

Scott graduated from Burlington High School in 2005 and is a student at Kansas University studying Finance. He would be happy to tell you more about WildBlue or to meet with you at your convenience.

You can contact him by calling (620) 343-5320, or call the Emporia office at 800-400-8583 or the Burlington office at 800-748-7395.

Letter From The Manager

Capital credits are an integral part of an electric cooperative's operation. Allocating and retiring capital credits allow an electric cooperative to operate at a not for profit or cost basis – a fundamental requirement to become and remain a “cooperative”.

This act of giving back to the members unused monies highlights the primary difference between cooperative and investor owned (for profit) electric utility.

Electric cooperatives presently have only one primary source of equity capital – that which is contributed by the members. Member equity is the essential tool for Lyon-Coffey to build, maintain, and upgrade the facilities necessary in providing members with reliable, economical electric service.

When an individual applies for membership with the coopera-

tive, they agree to abide by our by-laws and policies, which stipulate excess capital can be re-invested in the physical plan and thereby increase equity and ownership for the members.

The Lyon-Coffey Board of Trustees' treatment of capital credits is one of the most important responsibilities they undertake each year. In this column, over the course of the next few months, I will be passing along additional information regarding the various aspects of capital credits, including the legal issues associated with distributions of the credits. As always if you have any questions, feel free to give us a call.



Scott Whittington

Lyon-Coffey Electric's WildBlue Barbecue This Month!

The third Annual WildBlue Barbecue Contest is fast approaching! It's an event you won't want to miss. The event takes place in Kelley Park in Burlington on Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21.

Lyon-Coffey Electric, along with WildBlue Satellite Speed Internet and Neosho Valley Energy, will be coordinating this year's event with the merchants of

Coffey County. Some of the events taking place this year include music in the park, a sanctioned kids pedal power tractor pull, arts and crafts exhibitors, and a community barbecue.

Music will fill the air through the weekend. A pedal power pull for kids ages 4-12 will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with registration, followed by the pull at 11 a.m. The

community barbecue will be held in the 4-H building beginning at 11 a.m. and will run through early afternoon, or until the food runs out! The barbecue lunch is a sandwich prepared by the cooking teams, chips, and soda and costs only \$4 for adults and \$1 for children 11 and under.

All proceeds from this fun weekend go to fund scholarships to graduating

neither terribly hot or cold, some of those days were pretty miserable for our members without power and having one's electric service off is always inconvenient. So, to all of you that have endured through days without power we say, THANK YOU!

With the cooperation of our members we have succeeded in rebuilding electric line in a safe manner replacing damaged conductor to provide more reliable service.

2005 Ice Storm Re-Conductoring Finished!



Above: Lyon-Coffey Journeuman Lineman Steve Rohde installs an conductor on the line. Right: Bucket trucks line the highway to make necessary repairs at Virgil Metering Point.

Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative was hit by a devastating ice storm on January 4, 2005.

After two and a half years, the re-conductoring is complete! It has involved many long days of work for our linemen and a number of days without power for many of our members.

Not only do we appreciate our dedicated linemen, we appreciate the patience of our members. Even though we tried to have power off on days that were

