



Lyon-Coffey Events

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Letter From The Manager



Scott Whittington

One of the top priorities at Lyon-Coffey is to make sure that we are constantly listening to you, our members.

Working for a member-owned company makes our job great. Because we have only one, simple, business rule – what is good for our consumers is good for us. And that helps us be more responsive to your needs.

Because we're a local company, we're close enough and small enough to notice the needs of a single member from the small-business owner to the hard-working farm family in the country. A network of cooperatives nationally gives your local cooperative the resources and knowledge it requires to meet the needs of everyone in our community.

Why is being locally owned and operated so important? Because more and more, we hear reports of other utility companies closing their local offices and moving out of town in order to save money. And when that hap-

pens, their members have to do business long distance, frequently talking to customer service representatives hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles away who don't know them, their families or even their communities.

Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative is different. Our first obligation is to our members, because you are the owners. You can still stop by the local office and talk to someone you know about any part of your service. And when you call your electric cooperative, you'll speak to someone close-by that knows your community and what's happening in it.

Being committed to the community we serve means making the determination that service to the community must involve more than just making sure your electric service is reliable. When others are cutting back on service, we continue to go the extra mile on consumer and community service. That's standard operating procedure for an electric cooperative.

And that's why we're different from other utilities.

There will always be someone nearby you can talk to about any aspect of your electric service. Consider where we are, and how often we interact. The staff of your local cooperative also understands that paying attention to the details and the little things is important. That's the added benefit of being served by a local electric cooperative. That's why we'll continue to do everything we can to help improve the quality of life of the people we serve. Whether it is evaluating your energy usage or providing information in co-op publications on how you can lower your electricity bill, your co-op is committed to providing you with a superior level of service.

These are tangible examples of the kind of commitment Lyon-Coffey makes to you and our other member-owners everyday.

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Pole-Top Rescue Training



Mark Doebele tightens the safety harness around the training dummy during the pole-top rescue exercise.

Training continues all through a lineman's career. Pole-top rescue is one of the training exercises that linemen at Lyon-Coffey Electric are scheduled to perform each year.

Pole-top rescue falls under an Occupational Safety & Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor (OSHA) regulation that states employees must be trained in emergency procedures related to their work and necessary for their safety. Injury or other medical emergencies might result in a lineman needing to be lowered from a pole. Other members of the crew could be his only hope of survival, so this skill is very important.

The "dummy" used to perform this task weighs 200 pounds. Linemen must handle the 200 pounds of dead weight while on a pole. To qualify, the linemen must get down within four minutes.

The pole-top rescue exercise was performed by all the linemen, summer students to Crew Foreman were required to participate.



Frank Danford qualified for Pole Top Rescue for the 43rd year in a row in 2006.

Crew Foreman, Frank Danford, has worked at Lyon-Coffey Electric, originally for Coffey County REC, since October 7, 1963, that's almost 43 years. On July 27, 2006, he qualified yet again in performing a pole-top rescue. That is dedication and perseverance all wrapped up in one person. That's just the way Frank is. We appreciate him and all of our linemen for a job well done.

Students Assist & Train at Lyon-Coffey

Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative was privileged to have three young men employed for the summer.



Troy Amos

Troy Amos, Brad Hoover and Aaron Laib, all students of Manhattan Area Technical College, diligently applied their knowledge and their strength during this long hot summer.

They were a great help to Lyon-Coffey's crews and hopefully they learned some real

skills that will help them in their career as linemen.



Aaron Laib

They will completing their training in MATC's Electric Power & Distribution program this semester.

The summer employment is a required part of their training and is a wonderful opportunity for Lyon-Coffey.

We have the privilege of participating in their on-the-job training and have had some much appreciated extra workers for the summer.

Troy, Brad and Aaron – Thanks for your summer of hard work and good luck!



Brad Hoover