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FROM THE MANAGER

We Are Our Choices

Philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre jotted down a line that seems tailor-made for the energy challenges facing our nation, and electric co-ops: "We are our choices." I truly believe that statement and have told my children many times as they were leaving the house, to "make good choices." Indeed, who we are is reflected in how we choose to live and the decisions we make each and every day.

Our leaders in Congress are tackling tough energy choices this year, choices we, as a nation, should make together. Will we choose for electricity to remain affordable, or will we choose for it to be a luxury? Are we ready for brownouts if enough power's not available, or will we choose a diverse energy mix to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity in an environmentally responsible fashion? Will we choose to move forward or will we find ourselves, despite good intentions, moving backward?

The climate change debate in Congress is coming down to the wire. Now, more than ever before, is the time to make sure your voice—

and your choice—is heard. At Lyon-Coffey Electric our choice is clear. We've always been committed to providing affordable, reliable energy in a responsible manner. This choice reflects who we are, and why we were founded by members like you in an effort to move our community forward into a brighter future.

Tough choices call for strong voices, and no voice is stronger than the combined force of 42 million electric cooperative consumers across the nation. Together we can choose to speak up for affordability. We can choose to invest in technology to lower energy costs, and we can pave the way for adding energy to the grid. Most importantly we can choose to work together, calling on Congress to work with electric co-ops in a combined effort to address climate change responsibly with affordability in mind.

The choice is clear. Make sure your voice—and your choice—counts. Join with thousands of fellow cooperative members and visit www.ourenergy.coop and choose to be heard today.



Scott Whittington

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Harvest Safety

Harvest season is one of the busiest times of year for farmers—and among the most dangerous. Before heading to the fields, Lyon-Coffey Electric urges farmers to be aware of overhead power lines and to keep equipment and extensions far away from them. We urge you to follow these safety measures:

- ▶ Each day review all farm activities and work practices that will take place around power lines and remind all workers to take precautions.
- ▶ Know the location of power lines and keep farm equipment at least 10 feet away from them.
- ▶ Use care when raising augers or the bed of a grain truck. It can be difficult to estimate distance and sometimes a power line is closer than it looks. When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, always use a spotter, or someone to help make certain that contact is not made with a line.
- ▶ Always lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level—under 14 feet—before moving or transporting them. Variables like wind, uneven ground, shifting



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weight or other conditions can combine to create an unexpected result.

- ▶ Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting larger modern tractors with higher antennas.
- ▶ Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path!
- ▶ Don't use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- ▶ As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment such as ladders, poles or rods into power lines. Remember, non-metallic materials such as lumber, tree limbs, ropes and hay will conduct electricity depending on dampness, dust and dirt contamination.
- ▶ Use qualified electricians for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems.

Meet Our New Employees

Lyon-Coffey has recently hired two new employees.

ZACH

LAMONT was hired as a temporary employee to help with



Zach Lamont

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects to repair storm damage. His first day at the Lyon-Coffey Emporia warehouse was



Jared Tenbrink

He was hired as a full-time Apprentice Lineman at Lyon-Coffey Electric.

We are happy to welcome both of them to the cooperative family!

September 2.

JARED

TENBRINK has been working for Lyon-Coffey Electric as a temporary employee since May 2009.

Get the Jump on Drafty Windows

Windows provide our homes with light, warmth, and ventilation. But when winter sets in they can have a downside.

Placing your hand against a window pane on a chilly fall morning proves the point: if the pane feels cold, it's a good bet you can reduce energy costs by either insulating your existing windows or installing new, energy-efficient ones.

Insulating with draperies can reduce heat loss from a room up to 10 percent. They're just as helpful in hot summer months by blocking sunlight.

Interior storm window panels are a low-cost fix (available at most hardware stores), and consist of flexible or rigid plastic installed over or adhered to existing window panes. Installation is fairly simple, and panels are either taped on or mounted with Velcro, magnetic strips, or snap-in seals. Put them up in autumn and remove them in spring to reduce winter heat loss by up to 50 percent.

If you're in the market for new windows altogether, be sure to choose energy-efficient models that will shave heating, cooling, and lighting costs year round.

Energy Star® has established a set of energy performance ratings, tailored to four climate zones across the United States, to guide you in selecting windows perfect for your home. Here in Lyon-Coffey Electric's service territory, windows for North/Central climate zone are best. Look for a U-Factor of <0.40 and a SHGC of <0.55.

The U-Factor measures how easily heat can flow through a window not counting direct sunlight. The lower the number, the more energy efficient the window. Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) measures how much heat from sunlight can be absorbed by the window. A high number means the window remains effective at collecting heat during winter. A low number provides greater shading ability.