



# Lyon-Coffey Events

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## Get Ready for Heating Season

In addition to having a professional service your furnace before winter, you can do a few things yourself to ensure you get the most for your heating dollar.

- Clean and dust warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators.

- Heat-resistant radiator reflectors placed between walls and radiators maximize the heat that stays in the room.

- Caulk and seal openings for plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring that penetrates through exterior walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.

- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on exterior walls.

- Look for dirty spots in your insulation. These spots often indicate the location of holes that let air leak into and out of your house. Seal the holes by stapling sheets of plastic over the holes and caulking the edges of the plastic.

## Letter From The Manager

Turkeys, cornucopias and pilgrim hats... seasoned stuffing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie... uncles and aunts, brothers and sisters... a backyard touch-football game and an afternoon nap... Thanksgiving.

A time to give thanks for the bountiful harvests, the freedom to worship and to voice our opinions.

The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's providence. They had learned to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of winter past and to thank Him during abundant blessing, too.

As I reflect on this season of Thanksgiving, one of those blessings is brought to mind. That blessing is the team of employees that I work with here at Lyon-Coffey Electric. A team of individuals who are dedicated to pro-

viding you, our members, with electricity.

I am thankful that we have line-men willing to leave the comfort of their homes in the middle of the night to restore power to your homes and businesses.

I am thankful to the office workers who come in early and stay late to make sure the paperwork flows so that your lights stay on.

I am thankful for the Board of Trustees who is willing to step forward and, at times, make the tough decisions to keep your cooperative financially sound.

Please join with me this Thanksgiving season when we voice our thanks to the Lord for blessings of life and to your team at Lyon-Coffey that work so hard to "keep the lights on".



Scott Whittington



Veteran's Day is November 11



## Lyon-Coffey Holiday Closings

*Our offices will be closed November 12 for Veteran's Day and November 22-23 for Thanksgiving.*

*Have a safe and happy holiday.*

## Parker Joins Lyon-Coffey Electric Team

Bill Parker of New Strawn was recently hired by Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative as an Assistant Staking Engineer. He reported for work on September 24 and has been experiencing the many tasks of being a staking engineer at Lyon-Coffey Electric.



**Bill Parker**

Parker is working with Engineering Technician, Alan Barrett, to learn all the processes required to build a new service or change an existing service. Including how to determine what the cost will be for the member, physically staking the service, drawing the staking sheet, ordering the material and completing the work

order process. He's learning fast and the we are delighted to welcome him to our organization.

Parker and his wife, Devra, a teacher at Burlington High School, have three children, Kate, 17, Eli, 12, and

Noah, 9.

Kate was one of the two students that won the Youth Tour contest at Lyon-Coffey Electric this spring and participated in "Government In Action" Youth Tour this summer to Washington, D.C.

Lyon-Coffey is pleased to welcome the Parkers to the cooperative family.

## Make the Season Change Safely This Year

Falling temperatures and rising heating costs have many looking at ways to lower home-heating bills. Lyon-Coffey Electric urges extreme caution for those planning to use electric space heaters to help warm homes this winter.

Approximately one-third of all house fires nationwide occur during the cold home-heating season of December, January and February. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the major cause of these winter fires can be attributed to faulty and improper use and maintenance of supplemental heating equipment, such as space heaters.

Please observe the following precautions when using electric space heaters:

- Purchase only space heaters that have been safety tested and UL approved. Make sure the

unit is equipped with an emergency tip-over shut-off feature and heating element guards. Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care.

- Before use, check to make sure the heater is clean and in good condition, and have all problems professionally repaired.

- Place heater out of high-traffic areas and on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface – NOT on carpets, furniture or countertops.

- Do not overload circuits. Never use extension cords or multiple plugs with a space heater, and make sure the unit is not plugged into the same circuit as other electric appliances.

- Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn off your space heater and unplug it before leaving the room or going to bed.

## Keep the Cold Air Outside This Winter

Don't let your hard-earned money blow away through drafty doors and windows, as well as un-insulated attics, walls, floors, and basements. As we stay indoors to keep warm this winter, save your money and reduce your utility bills by following these energy efficiency tips:

- Find air leaks inside and around the exterior of the home. Check around fixtures that penetrate walls, such as exhaust fans and electrical outlets. Look for unfilled gaps and cracks near dryer vents, chimneys and faucet pipes.

- Seal leaks between moving parts with weather stripping, such as between a door and its frame. Caulk cracks between windows and walls, as well as around door frames.

- Replace your screens with storm windows and doors. If you have older or leaky windows that you can't replace, consider doing temporary fixes, such as plastic film kits that create the effect of an interior storm window.

- Make sure attics and flooring above unheated areas, such as crawl spaces and the garage, are properly insulated.

- Have your furnace checked by a professional to make sure it's operating safely. In addition, change your furnace filters monthly.

- Have a programmable thermostat installed to automatically raise and lower home temperatures for energy savings by day and night.