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Merit Scholarship Available for Area Students

Radiant Electric strongly believes in developing opportunities for its members and their dependents in Radiant Electric's service area.

In keeping with this philosophy, the Board of Trustees has approved \$4,000 to be awarded in the Radiant Electric Merit Scholarship Program for the 2010-2011 school term.

The scholarship committee of Tom Ayers, Lawrence Jontra and Marilyn Kidd will meet in January 2010 to finalize the scholarship application.

Recipients of the Merit Scholarship will be announced at the Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the Radiant Electric headquarters on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

Correction to December *Kansas Country Living*

The listing of Trustee positions listed in the December issue was incorrect.

Those Trustees with terms expiring in 2010 should have read:

▶ District 1, Position-2: Chad Estes

▶ District 3, Position-5: Lee Bracken

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Koehn Buildings Finds Niche in Competitive Business

Lyle Koehn (pronounced Cain) started his business in 2003 out of his home in Fredonia as a roofing contractor.

Within a year, his company graduated to erecting commercial pre-engineered buildings. It was evident that the business had outgrown his home and was time to purchase property that would allow Koehn to expand.

Property was purchased in Fredonia, which included a small shop and in May 2008 the business moved into its new building located at 1111 N. Second Street.

During this time, Koehn became a primary distributor in Kansas and Missouri for Lucas Metal Works. Lucas is a fast growing pre-engineered metal building manufacturer located near Bartlesville, OK. Lucas uses the latest technology in design and



Lyle Koehn, President of Koehn Buildings Inc.

manufacturing systems implementing one of the fastest turnarounds in the industry, guaranteeing on-time building delivery.

"Together we have a proven track record of customer satisfaction," Koehn said.

"At this time, we have two erec-

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Ways to Pay Your Bill



Radiant Electric offers five different payment options for your convenience.

Looking for convenient bill payment options?

Radiant Electric offers five ways you can pay your electric bill: online, by phone, automatic draft, average monthly payment program, drop box or mail.

- ▶ **Pay online using E-Bill.** This service also lets you access your account, review usage, and check your account balance. Find the "pay online" link on our Web site, www.radiantec.coop.
- ▶ **Pay by phone** using a credit/debit card or a check by calling 620-378-2161, ext 100 during regular business hours, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶ **Pay via automatic draft from your bank or from your credit card.** The Automatic Funds Transfer (AFT) program means no more worries about late payments.
- ▶ **Pay an average bill each month using the Average Monthly Payment Program.** It's a great way to avoid seasonal fluctuations. Please call to see if your account qualifies.
- ▶ **Pay in person** using cash, check or credit card. Come inside, or use the convenient drive-up payment drop box located in the Radiant customer parking lot.

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No matter the size, shape, or color Koehn Buildings, Inc., can design and erect a building that will meet your satisfaction. Top: Encompass Toll building in Ponca City, OK. Right: Farm shop near Columbus.

tion crews working out of Fredonia and another in Butler, MO.," Koehn said.

Having erected hundreds of buildings, ranging from small workshops to large commercial warehouses, the crews have worked in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

"Our team takes pride in both the quality of their work and the visual beauty of their finished product," Koehn said.

Each building is designed for a specific purpose, whether it's a strip mall, agricultural building, warehouse, or a church.

"We understand and have the experience to provide our customers with not only the product they need, but also a cost effective solution that will fit their budget," Koehn said.

Several types of structural steel framing are offered to meet the customer's needs. All panels are made with a galvalume substrate, which has two to four times the durability of galvanized panels and pro-

vides a more effective protection than aluminum or zinc coatings. With 26 colors to choose from, all colored panels come with a 40-year limited warranty. They even offer colors that have been approved by Energy Star and can help save on energy costs.

The company is also helping with the environment; they have 32-59 percent of their metal products made from recycled material. As part of their service, they also offer precision concrete work and interior finish work; and three varieties of doors including overhead, bi-fold and one-piece hydraulic doors.

"In previous years, we have done 80 percent commercial with the other 20 percent split between agricultural and residential," Koehn said. "In 2009, the agricultural business has been really good to us, rising to 50 percent."



This year the company will have erected close to 200,000 square feet of buildings and expects it to increase to 300,000 in 2010. At the present, the lead time for a building erection is four to eight weeks.

In the near future, new and returning customers will be able to go to their Web site at www.koehn-buildings.com and click on the "request quote" button. The button will expedite the process of receiving a quote for the project the customer desires. Of course, potential customers can also stop by their office in Fredonia or call 620-378-3002.

During the month of January, Koehn Buildings, Inc., will be running specials on custom pre-engineered metal buildings, be sure to check their ad in this month's *Kansas Country Living* magazine.

The Double-Throw Switch—an Essential Element

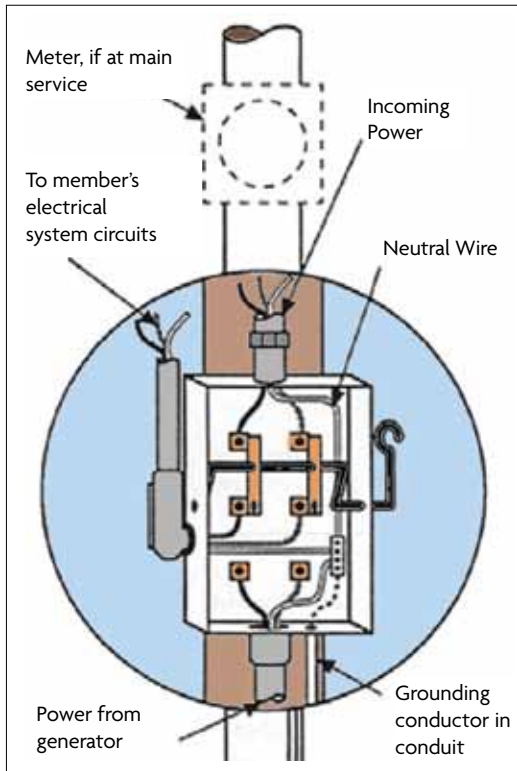
Adding a standby generator to the electrical system of a home, farm or business requires a suitable transfer switch to disconnect the electric loads from Radiant Electric's power grid. This is a requirement of both the National Electrical Code and all electric power suppliers for two critical reasons:

- ▶ It prevents the flow of current into Radiant's lines during an outage, which could electrocute line workers attempting to restore power.
- ▶ It prevents feedback of power through the generator when regular electric service has been restored, which could destroy the generator.

Any type of generator that serves loads through the permanent wiring system of homes, business or farmstead must use a suitable transfer switch, installed by an experienced electrician.

Double-throw means that the operator can place or "throw" the switch into two different positions. One position feeds power from the utility system to the load. The other position feeds power from the standby generator to the load.

Such a switch will prevent electricity from flowing simultaneously to customer's home, business or farmstead and Radiant Electric's



system. Typically, the transfer switch is located between the meter and the loads to be served. It would be within 25 feet of the generating unit for convenience and safety.

The size of the transfer switch is determined by the loads to be served. The transfer switch rating must be equal to the size of the main service (typically 100, 200, or 400 amperes).

A suitable transfer switch, installed by an experience electrician prevents injury to utility personnel and damage to the generator.

Let's Look on the Bright Side



Dusk to dawn security lights for homes, businesses and farms let you look on the bright side with safety and convenience.

That's because when you add a security light from Radiant Electric you're adding protection for your family and your property, plus hours to your evening for work or play.

For just \$7.45 a month, a security light is not only a bright decision, it's very efficient and affordable.

So look on the bright side and call Brian at 620-378-2161 to schedule a security light to be installed on your meter pole.

Welcome New Members

Donald Grover—Altoona

Debbie Brannan—Buffalo

R & A Kepley Farms—Chanute

Lisa Blaido—Coffeyville

Heather Bowers—Coffeyville

Mary Chaffin—Coffeyville

Leland Sasse—Coffeyville

Teresa Schaede—Derby

Teresa Valentine—Fall River

Patti Mauzey—Fredonia

Christy Sprague—Independence

Jason Wickline—Independence

Richard Drake—Wichita

Burnt Hills Ranch—Ft. Worth, TX



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Federal tax credits are available for home energy efficiency improvements, including windows, doors, water heaters, and HVAC equipment for existing homes. For details, visit energystar.gov/taxcredits.

Source: Energy Star

Statement of Nondiscrimination

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Our highest hopes for
a very Happy New Year
for our Radiant friends.

You were the first REC in Kansas to accept Kansas Food Bank's invitation to join QUARTERQUEST, our plan to rescue children without enough to eat on weekends after their meals at school end on Friday. Since then, five more coops have stepped forward, and the QUARTERQUEST invitation is now being offered to even more Kansas coops.

The funds collected by your own QUARTERQUEST are already at work purchasing backpack food for needful kids in Radiant service area schools.

And thanks to you, the process you helped start will very soon be at work helping other kids in other places.

—BRIAN WALKER, PRESIDENT/CEO
KANSAS FOOD BANK



Install Energy Efficient CFLs

CFL light bulbs are ideal for table lamps and open ceiling fixtures. The bulbs are guaranteed to last for six years and can save you money in energy costs. Stop by Radiant's office, where you can purchase Philips Marathon CFL bulbs.

The Philips Marathon energy saver bulbs provide soft white light in a decorative shape.

13w = 60 Watt for just \$3

27w = 100 Watt for just \$4

