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Members Approve Consolidation with Lyon-Coffey Electric

At the Nov. 5 special meeting held at their headquarters, Radiant members voted on the proposed consolidation of Radiant Electric Cooperative and Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative to form 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc. Of the 155 members present to vote, 146 voted in favor of the consolidation.

On the same evening, Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative conducted a special meeting of members at their Lebo office. Lyon-Coffey's membership also approved the consolidation with 139 of the 149 voting members in favor of the consolidation.

What happens now?

"Now that the consolidation is approved, we can immediately focus on where we can gain the maximum benefits in cost savings and enhanced services to our members," explained Radiant's Administrative Manager Leah Tindle.

The two cooperatives officially begin operation as 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc. on Jan. 1, 2020. In the meantime, we are working closely with Lyon-Coffey to bring together our systems and processes. Much of the projected \$9 million cost savings over the next 10 years happens as we combine these functions, such as purchasing, accounting, billing, information technology, engineering and member services. Our combined equipment fleet will

allow for better response and outage restoration.

The existing business offices will remain open, and all current jobs will be maintained for a combined workforce of 48 employees. The boards of trustees for Radiant and Lyon-Coffey will combine to govern the new 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative and select the management team to oversee operation of the co-op. Our service territory will include nearly 13,000 meters in 14 neighboring counties—Anderson, Chase, Coffey, Franklin, Greenwood, Lyon, Osage, Wabaunsee, Woodson, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho and Wilson—making 4 Rivers the seventh largest electric cooperative in the state of Kansas. The name 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative was chosen to reflect the cooperatives' geographical consolidation in east central and southeast Kansas, where numerous rivers flow through the service territory.

Members can expect to see updates along the way as our cooperative progresses toward consolidation. "We are looking forward to working together with Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative as the consolidation moves forward. This is a great opportunity to stabilize rates for the future and continue to provide the safe, affordable service our members expect and deserve" said Radiant Board President Michael Springer.



Radiant Electric Annual Meeting Set for April 4, 2019

The Board of Trustees has approved Thursday, April 4, as the date for the 2019 annual meeting of members for Radiant Electric Cooperative. The 2019 meeting will be the final annually-held business meeting as Radiant Electric Cooperative, Inc., to conduct business and update the members on projects, including the consolidation to become 4 Rivers Electric. The next annual meeting of members to conduct business will be held in 2021 after 4 Rivers Electric has been in operation for a full year.

Prior to the annual meeting, Radiant will mail a notification to each member with event details, including a ballot for the election of trustees who serve a three-year term. Members cast their vote by mailing the ballot back to Radiant's office, and elected officers will be announced at the meeting on April 4.

The meeting will be held at Radiant Electric headquarters located at 9346 Jewell Road, Fredonia. In December, the board will appoint the Nominating Committee in charge of nominating members for consideration for the eligible board positions. Look for more information in upcoming editions of Kansas Country Living.

Radiant Electric is a not-for-profit electric cooperative owned and controlled by the members who use the

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Join us on April 4 for our 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members.

service. Your membership does more than provide you with electricity; it is an investment in a progressive electric system. By attending the annual meeting of members each spring, you can have an active role in the cooperative's business.

Local Event CALENDAR

CHANUTE

DEC. 1-31 – Christmas Lighting Display. Katy Park.

DEC. 6 – Parade of Lights Christmas Parade. 6 p.m. sponsored by Main Street Chanute.

DEC. 9 – 4-H Tasting Tea. 2-4 p.m. at Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum.

JAN. 17-19 – Ralph Miller Basketball Tournament.

JAN. 20 – Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum High Tea.

ELK CITY

DEC. 15 – Toys for Kids Dinner & Christmas Parade Dinner. 5 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, meal and fellowship. Bring new, unwrapped toy for children ages 1-13 or donations to help purchase gifts. Parade will follow downtown.

DEC. 16 – Community Christmas Service. 6 p.m. at Church of the Nazarene.

DEC. 17 – Pride Christmas Light Contest Judging. 6 p.m.

DEC. 20 – Santa Gift Delivery. 5:30-6 p.m. at Elk City Fire Barn for Rural Kids.

DEC. 24 – Christmas Eve Service. 7 p.m. at First Christian Church.

FREDONIA

DEC. 1 – Santa's Workshop. 9 a.m.-noon at Fredonia Regional Hospital sponsored by FRH Auxiliary. Kids do their own Christmas shopping. Nothing priced over \$5 and is wrapped, ready to put under the tree.

DEC. 2 – Kappa Omega Holiday Homes Tour. 1-3 p.m.

DEC. 2 – Community Christmas Concert Methodist Church.

DEC. 15 – Christmas Parade. 6:30 p.m. downtown Fredonia.

DEC. 20 – Community Christmas Pageant. 7 p.m. at Bateman Gym.

INDEPENDENCE

DEC. 1 – Women for Independence Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Wesley Center.

DEC. 1 – Holiday Craft Fair & Cookie Market. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany.

DEC. 1 – Christmas in the Park. 4-7 p.m., visit Santa & Mrs. Claus at Riverside Park.

DEC. 2 – ESA-Beta Rho Christmas Home Tour. 12:30-3:30 p.m., and soup luncheon at Wesley Center, noon-1:30 p.m.

DEC. 2 – ICC Tuba Christmas. William Inge Theatre, 3 p.m.

DEC. 7 & 8 – ICC Theatre. 7 p.m. "The Very Merry Xmas Carol Holiday Adventure Show".

DEC. 7 – Public Library Holiday Festival. 6 p.m.

DEC. 13 – Holiday Sip and Shop. 5-8 p.m. Downtown Independence.

DEC. 16 – Botts Family Christmas Concert. 2-4:30 p.m. at First Christian Church.

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NOV 20-JAN. 2 – Avenue of Trees Main Street.

DEC. 1 – Christmas Parade. 11 a.m.

DEC. 3 – Chamber After Hours. 5-7 p.m. at Hook & Ladder.

DEC. 15 – Christmas Home Tours. Sponsored by Neodesha Arts Association.

DEC. 15 – Home for the Holidays. 7 p.m., sponsored by Neodesha Arts Center.

Help Us Locate Former Members

Earlier this year, Radiant issued capital credit refund checks to those who were members of Radiant Electric Cooperative during the years 1975 through 1981. Listed below are inactive members to whom a check was issued, but then the check was returned to us due to an inaccurate address. If you know any of these former members, please have them call us to update their information so we can issue their capital credits.

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| Dorothy Aaby | John Hartman | David Patton |
| Tony Abbott | Jim Hatter | David Perkins |
| Kenneth Alexander | Raymond Hodges | Harvey Pickering |
| Earl Atkinson | Fred Holmes | Robert Ramsey |
| George Babb | Gary Holmes | Susan Romig |
| Clarence Barker | Lavonne Hooper | John Rowden |
| Alfred Bates | Juanita Howard | Gregory Rucker |
| Bill Batman | CW Howell | Marli Schweda |
| Earl Bercaw | Billy Hudson | M Scimeca |
| Rodney Berger | Tom Huffman | Robert Scissel |
| Robert Beverstock | Terry Hunt | Carl Scott |
| Ray Blackwell | Klint Hutton | Dick Scott |
| Paul Blasi | Johnny Jewell | Harold Siegel |
| JR Braman | Jim Johnson | Jim Smith |
| Mike Brookshire | Millie Johnson | Clarice Smith |
| Gladys Brown | Lena Jones | Meredith Smith |
| Humboldt Buchanan | Jack Joy | B Smoyer |
| Martin Burdick | William King | Charles Steele |
| Robert Burns | James Luttrell | John Stroble |
| Gerald Burris | Raymond Mace | James Sturdevant |
| James Cheever | Gilbert Maldonado | J Sumner |
| Loren Cohee | Jerry Marshall | Sue Sutton |
| Tom Conrad | Ralph Mayo | Eileen Swank |
| Roger Cox | William McBee | William Tesh |
| Gregory Culp | Laurell McClellan | Marvin Thompson |
| Doy Deem | Eva McGregor | Dave Troutman |
| Arnold Emerson | George Meeks | James Turner |
| Pam Emert | Mark Moisis | Wilfred Vaverka |
| Kurt Finney | Charles Moore | Mike Weimer |
| Mike Flores | Lester Moore | Fred White |
| Charlene Fors | Robert Morgan | Gene White |
| George Giefing | Georgia Morris | Melvin Willhite |
| Donella Green | Laveta Morris | Marvin Williams |
| Orman Green | Dale Moses | James Wilson |
| Claude Griffith | Mike Myers | Beatrice Winkleman |
| Barbara Gugler | H Oliphant | Dale Wolken |
| Rodney Hackney | Augusta Osburn | Michael Wright |
| L Haller | Bradley Pankartz | Dean Wulf |
| Stan Hankins | A Parker | John Yost |

Board Approves Scholarship Funding for 2019-2020

In October, the Radiant Electric Board of Trustees approved \$5,000 to be distributed among recipients of the 2019-2020 Radiant Electric Cooperative, Inc. scholarships. Radiant's board adopted the scholarship program concept in 1991, and a scholarship committee administers the program. The committee will meet Dec. 5 to finalize the scholarship application form and application period, which generally opens in January and closes in early March.

Any graduating senior or college student who is a Radiant Electric Co-op member or is a legal dependent of a Radiant Electric member and is planning to attend a four-year college, a junior college, or a trade school for the 2019-2020 school year is eligible to apply. Scholarship applicants should have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; student's leadership, community activities, GPA, and ACT scores will be considered during the selection process. Scholarships will be awarded to full-time students carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

High school counselors will receive a copy of the scholarship application when it is finalized; it will be available at www.radiantec.coop. You can call Brian at 620-378-2161 ext. 104 for any questions or to request an application. Scholarship recipients will be announced at Radiant Electric's 71st Annual Meeting of Members to be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In observance of the holidays, our office will be closed on **Monday, Dec. 24**, **Tuesday, Dec. 25**, and **Tuesday, Jan. 1**.

Winter Service Procedure — *Dec. 15 through March 1*

The Winter Service Procedure establishes disconnection procedures, along with special payment provisions, for residential consumers of Radiant Electric Cooperative, Inc. throughout the winter weather period from Dec. 15 through March 1.

Radiant Electric Cooperative, Inc. will not permanently disconnect a member's service between Dec. 15 and March 1 when the National Weather Service forecasts the temperature in Radiant's service territory to fall below 32°F in the next 24 hours, unless:

1. requested to do so by the member,
2. the service is abandoned,
3. a dangerous condition exists on the premises,
4. the member violates any rule of the Cooperative which compromises the safety of the consumer or other persons, or the physical integrity of the Cooperative's delivery system,
5. the member causes or permits unauthorized interference with electric service situated or delivered on the member's premises,
6. the consumer is proved to have misrepresented his or her identity for purpose of obtaining electric service,
7. the service can be disconnected during periods when the temperature exceeds 32°F, and re-established when the temperature falls below 32°F.

To avoid disconnection when the temperatures are over 32°F, or to re-establish service after disconnection, a member must comply with the terms outlined in Radiant's Winter Service Procedure, as follows. A member must:

1. inform Radiant Electric on or before the bill's due date on the 21st of the month of their inability to pay the bill in full,
2. complete, sign, and return the Request for Disconnection Protection form and return to Radiant within 10 days after the bill's due date on the 21st of the month,
3. apply for federal, state, and local or other funds for which

the consumer is eligible, including, but not limited to, the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP),

4. make an initial payment of one-third of the arrearage with the remaining two-thirds to be paid within 60 days of the original due date, and continue to pay subsequent bills by the due date on the 21st of the month,
5. allow installation of a service limiter to be installed at the Cooperative's discretion, which will provide for minimal use of electricity allowing only essential electric service,
6. arrange for payment of a reasonable security deposit for their account, if the Cooperative does not hold a deposit on their account at such time.

Radiant Electric will publish the Winter Disconnect Procedure once a year, along with information regarding available energy assistance programs for our area, including weatherization programs. In addition, cooperative members can opt to have Radiant notify a third-party prior to disconnection by completing the Third Party Notice authorization on the Disconnection Protection Request form. The Third Party Notice applies to all members.

The Third Party Notice program helps those who live alone, senior citizens, those who are disabled, and landlord-renter situations. This program notifies a third party, along with the member, that a disconnect notice has been sent. A third party could be a friend, relative, church or community agency. The third party receives copies of all disconnect notices we mail to members, but is NOT required to pay the bill(s). By volunteering, the third party is able to receive and give information about personal circumstances and make a payment plan with Radiant Electric on behalf of the member to help avoid the hardship that results from service disconnection.

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