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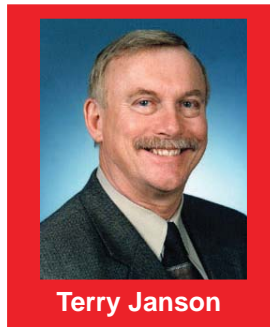
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Manager's Message... Enjoy the Holidays



Terry Janson

I just wanted to take the time to wish everyone a happy holiday season. This is the time to be

with family and appreciate all the wonderful things and people we have in our lives.

All of us at Victory Electric appreciate you, our member, and feel fortunate to be able to serve you. The Victory Electric family quadrupled about a year and a half ago when we acquired the former Aquila electric customers. We want to thank you for your patience during our transition period, and we want to welcome you again to the Victory Electric family.

I thought it would be interesting this month to go back in time to 1948. While looking through old newsletters I found some fascinating stories and facts from 60 years ago.

In the December 1948 edition

of REA Facts, "During the Christmas and New Year's season 100 new members received electricity for the first time. And our average kilowatt hours (kWh) used on the farm per month was 219.4 over 770 customers billed."

Today we have 13,182 residential customers with an average usage of 873 kWh. If you include our commercial members the average is 2,945 kWh. It is quite a change from 60 years ago, and we have you, the member to thank for our success and growth.

Again, thank you and have a happy and safe holiday season.

*'Til Next
Time,
TJ*



11th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar Scheduled

The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., would like to announce the 11th annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar.

The seminar will be held on Feb 6, 2009, at Victory Electric's office located at 3230 N. 14th in Dodge City.

If you are an irrigator on Victory Electric's system, we will be sending invitations to the meeting in late December and early January.

Please feel free to come out and listen to the great lineup of guest speakers and also visit with the exhibitors.

If you have any questions, please call 620-227-2139 and ask for Jerry.

Victory Closed for the Holidays

Victory Electric Cooperative offices will be closed December 25 & 26 for the Christmas holiday.

We will also be closed January 1 for New Year's Day.

Victory Trustees Achieve Credentialed Cooperative Trustee Certification



Max Jantz



Milam Jones



Pat Morse

Max Jantz, Milam Jones, and Pat Morse from The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., received the Credentialed Cooperative Trustee certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Jantz, Jones and Morse were recognized at NRECA's Region VII meeting held October 1-3 in Omaha, NE, for their commitment to education and attainment of the Credentialed Cooperative Trustee certificate before an audience of electric cooperative officials from four states, including Kansas, Colo., Neb. and Wyo.

Today's electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative trustees, particularly increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a working knowledge of the cooperative principles. Vic-

tory Electric has a commitment to work through Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC), the statewide association, and NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of their electric cooperative member-owners.

The NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Trustee, or CCD, program requires attendance and demonstrated understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses:

- Trustee Duties and Liabilities
- Understanding the Electric Business
- Board Roles and Relationships
- Strategic Planning
- Financial Decision Making

Victory Electric congratulates these board members on their achievement.

CFL Charlie Says "Come Get Your Free CFL!"

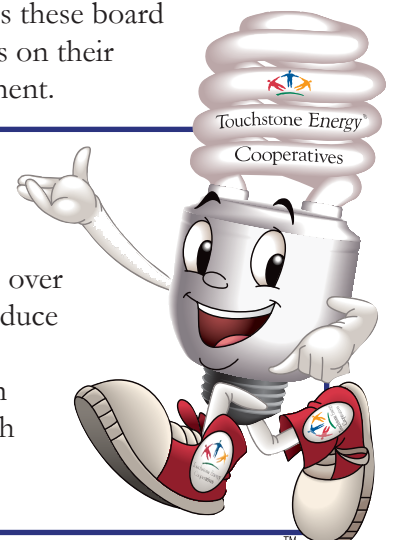
And the lucky winners are ... 1. Cory Zenger, 2. Carroll F. Smith, 3. Neil Peters, 4. Leland Koehn. Come by Victory Electric and get your free compact florescent light (CFL).

Every month Victory Electric will be giving members free CFL lightbulbs.

CFL's use 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10

times longer. You save about \$30 or more in electricity costs over a bulb's lifetime and CFL's produce about 75 percent less heat, so they're safer to operate and can cut energy costs associated with home cooling.

Congratulations winners!



Happy Holidays

From all of us at Victory Electric.

Our Trustees,
management,
and employees
would like to
wish everyone

a happy holiday
season. Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year!



Victory Electric Sponsored 11th Annual Electric Car Race in Hays

Student teams across Kansas and neighboring states were challenged to race their electric vehicles at the 11th Annual High Plains Rally on October 16 at West Frontier Park in Hays.

High schoolers designed and constructed vehicles according to the Electrathon America rules. They then raced through twists and turns on the quarter-mile road course.

Hays High School's electric car won the standard class with 69 laps in one hour, while Scott City High School won the experimental class with 66 laps. Stockton High School won the team spirit award.

This event was sponsored by Victory Electric and eight other



Students race electric vehicles at the High Plains Rally in Hays on October 16, 2008.

sponsors including Lane Scott Electric Cooperative, Midwest Energy, Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Sunflower Electric Power Corporation, Western Coopera-

tive Electric, Wheatland Electric Cooperative, and Fort Hays State University.

Visit www.victoryelectric.net/programs.html or www.kansaselectrally.org for more information.

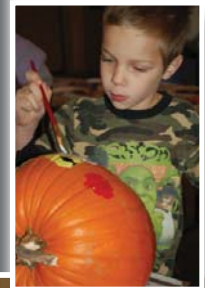
Victory Electric and DCCC Sponsor Halloween Event for Youth

The 2nd annual Pumpkin Painting and Carving Festival was held on Saturday October 25 at the Dodge City Community College (DCCC) Tech Center.

Sponsored by The Victory Electric Cooperative and DCCC, the event was free for participants and was open to all children ages five to 13.

"The kids really love coming out and using their creative abilities to create pumpkins that are artistic and uniquely their own," said Melissa McCoy, director of business, technology and continuing education at DCCC. "I enjoyed planning and sponsoring such a fun and festive event for the youth of the Dodge City community."

Approximately 61 community youth attended the event to paint and carve a pumpkin.



Event participants show of their art skills and their completed masterpieces!