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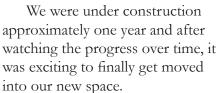
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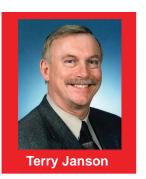
# Manager's Message... Construction is Complete

We are excited to announce that construction at Victory Electric is finally complete. We started moving into new offices on Monday, May 4, 2009, and hosted an Open House on Friday, May 8, 2009.



We added over 37,000 square feet and included in the new addition is a new warehouse, lobby area, offices, storage and meeting rooms.

I want to commend and thank the employees at Victory for being good sports and patient over the past year. Many of our employees have been sharing offices with two



or three other people for the past two years, and I know that could not have been easy at times. These new office spaces will allow us to be even more efficient as we serve you, the member.

Our Open

House was a SUCCESS! We saw hun-**OPEN** dreds HOUSE of members come through to receive a tour of our facility and to eat burgers and hotdogs. It was exciting to see you, the member, come out and see the changes at Victory Electric.

'Til Next Time, TI

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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Open House Friday May 8, 2009











**Top Left:** The Dodge City Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for the project.

**Top Right:** Employees Armando Ceja and Nick Rennaker serve burgers and hotdogs to members. **Middle Left:** Mike Clark (in red) gives a tour of the new expansion.

**Middle Right:** Members sit and enjoy a meal after receiving a tour of the building.

**Bottom:** Nate Stormont (far right) gives a tour of the new warehouse.

## Victory Electric's Building Expansion Project is Complete



## Members have easier and faster options with the Online Bill Pay program

Is your electric bill due soon and you don't have time to mail it? Do you wish it were more convenient to pay your bill? The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., has a great option for you to pay your electric bill from the convenience of your own home or office computer.

Our Web site, www.victoryelectric.net, gives members the option to pay with a credit card or set up automatic bank draft. This is just another way we are working for you, the member, to make things easier and faster.

You, the member, are able to view your billing and payment history on the Web site. You can also view your usage and print another paper bill if you lost yours. This gives you the ability to compare your monthly usage and payments right on your computer without having to go through files looking for your monthly statements.

In addition to paying your bill online, Victory's Web site sports a variety of other useful information, including copies of the monthly Victory newsletter, the latest co-op news, and information about the various programs at Victory Electric.

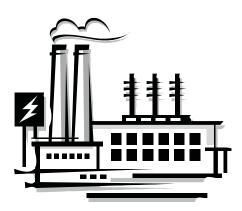
If you have any questions about paying your bill online, please contact Victory Electric at 620.227.2139 or 800.279.7915.

### **Governor Approves Holcomb Expansion**

It was announced last month that the Governor has reached an agreement with Sunflower Electric Power Corporation to expand the Holcomb coal-fired plant.

The agreement for a net 895 MW unit will allow Tri-State and Golden Spread to participate in the project while preserving the 200 MW for Sunflower's Members, Midwest Energy and municipal customers.

The agreement also includes emission reductions for Holcomb Unit 1 and development of other



renewable energy through biomass, wind development. Sunflower also has a commitment to invest in demand-side-management and energy efficiency programs. Moving electricity to the west will require the construction of at least 345 kV transmission lines which will help move Kansas wind to Colorado.

"While the economic impact of this smaller unit will not be as significant as the 1,400 MW proposed in the current permit application, this is clearly a 'win' for all parties and allows us to move forward," said Earl Watkins, CEO of Sunflower. "Thanks to all of you for your help through this process. We're far from being ready to 'move dirt', but having the support of the Governor's office will certainly help move the permit through the remainder of the permitting process."

### Victory Employee's Honored

Victory Electric would like to congratulate several employees on their promotions and

Congratulations

Ryan
Miller,
who was
formerly
a Crew
Chief
on the line
crew, has been
promoted to

achieve-

ments.

Operations Supervisor. Ryan has 12 years of service with Victory.

Melissa Ruiz was recently transferred from Billing Assistant to Accounting Clerk. She has been with Victory for five years.

Alma Rodriguez, moved from Customer Service Representative to Billing Assistant. She is a three year employee at Victory.

Manager of Member Services, Josh Schmidt, was recently elected Mayor of Kinsley. He previously served on the city commission for four years.

In addition, Jerry King, Director of Marketing and Communications, was elected to a four year term on the Spearville/USD 381 school board.

We want to congratulate these employees again on their achievements.

### **CFL Charlie Says** "Come Get Your Free CFL Bulb!"

And the lucky winners are... Bernard Stegman, Lawrence Tasset, Marie Millershaski, Artemio Garcia, Raul Esparza, Jesse Espino. Come by Victory Electric and get your free compact florescent light bulb



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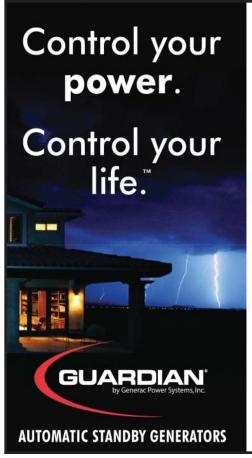


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