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## THE VICTORY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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### FROM THE MANAGER

## Supporting Our Community

Victory Electric likes to think of ourselves as “more than just your local electric utility.” We feel it is part of our civic duty to give back and be a supportive member of the communities in our territory.

In October, Victory Electric in conjunction with Western Plains Medical Center, Dodge City Medical Center, USD 443, Phillips Chiropractic, and many others is hosting a community-wide health fair. The health fair will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Victory’s headquarters in Dodge City. There will be a wide array of services offered; from chiropractors, to family doctors, to organizations with informational booths. We invite everyone to come out and take advantage of the services being offered.

In addition to the health fair, we sponsor many other community events such as the Pumpkin Painting and Carving Festival with Dodge City Community College and the Christmas Parade of Lights with the *Dodge City Daily Globe* and Western Beverage. We also participate in the Dodge City Days Parade and provide T-shirts to 4-H kids at fairs in the surrounding counties, among various other activities and organizations.

We do our absolute best to serve you, our member, and the community to the best of our ability. Victory Electric looks forward to seeing our communities grow and progress, and we are proud to be a part of that growth and prosperity.

*‘Til Next Time, TJ*



Terry Janson

“We work to be more than just your local electric utility.”



Victory Electric will be closed  
on Monday, Sept. 7, 2009,  
for Labor Day!

## Local Youth Travel to Washington, D.C.

Carissa Hodgs, Ingalls, and Megan Hood, Bucklin, toured the nation's capitol with 32 other students from across Kansas for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual "Government in Action" Youth Tour June 11-18.

Kansas is one of the 45 states to send youth delegates to the annual electric cooperative youth tour. Hood and Hodgs were selected through a competition by The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc. Since 1964, the nation's electric cooperatives have sponsored the trips of more than 40,000 high school juniors to visit U.S. congressional members, energy and government education sessions and sightseeing in Washington, D.C.

"Victory Electric is proud to support the Youth Tour program and send our youth to experience government in action," said Terry Janson, General Manager. "Our hope is that local students will gain some awareness of how our political system works and how important it is for the youth to be involved in our community."

The students began their trip touring the state capitol in Topeka followed by visits to the Wolf Creek Nuclear Power Plant and the Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative before flying to Washington, D.C. The group learned about the U.S. government through visits with Senator Pat Roberts and Representatives Jerry Moran, Todd Tiaht, and Lynn Jenkins, meetings with youth from other states, and tours of museums, Capitol Hill, Arlington National Cemetery and the White House.

Victory Electric sponsors the trip of two students each year. For more information, contact Youth Tour coordinators, Jerri Imgarten or Jerry King, at 620-227-21939 or 800-279-7915.



Carissa Hodgs, left, and Megan Hood, right, pose in front of the Supreme Court.

### Carissa Hodgs, Ingalls



The "Government in Action" Youth Tour was an experience I will never forget! It was exhilarating to learn of our nation's proud history. I enjoyed the trip, and I am grateful to those who were a part of the decision to send me on this trip.

From this trip, I grew fonder and more aware of the patriotic duties of American citizens and all those who have fought and died to keep America the great nation it is today. Visiting all the monuments taught me more about the trials and tribulations that took place in history. In addition to the memorials, we were privileged to visit the Smithsonian museums, the Sculpture Garden, and the National Archives.

Aside from the educational experiences, we also did plenty of sightseeing. We toured many of the grand buildings and monuments that make Washington, D.C., what it is, including the White House!

I am eternally grateful to all those who made this trip possible, I will never forget it! Thank You!

### Megan Hood, Bucklin



The Washington, D.C., Youth Tour was one of the best trips I've ever been on.

We saw everything imaginable while in D.C. and we were only there for a week. I made lifelong friends and some awesome

memories. We were able to see everything from the wax museum, to the White House, to the Smithsonian museums. We also got to take a late night tour of all the memorials including the Vietnam wall, Lincoln Memorial, and World War II Memorial. We were also able to see Arlington National Cemetery and the Holocaust Museum.

I'd have to say my favorite part was watching the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team perform at the Iwo Jima memorial.

The Youth Tour Hawaii students also traveled with us on the trip, so I was able to learn some valuable Hawaiian words. All in all, it was one trip I'll never forget.

# Victory Introduces the CommercialEnergySuite

## A Powerful Online Tool for Businesses

The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., has added a powerful new CommercialEnergySuite™ to its Web site at [www.victoryelectric.net](http://www.victoryelectric.net), providing small business, commercial, agricultural and industrial members with a complete set of online, self-service energy efficiency tools that are accessible 24/7. The agriculture component of the CommercialEnergyCalculator is a special irrigation energy calculator.

“We want to put as many tools as possible in the hands of our members to help them increase energy efficiency and take more control of their energy costs,” said Jerry King, Director of Marketing and Communications, The Victory Electric Cooperative. “These online energy efficiency tools are a great resource for our commercial members, particularly small to mid-size businesses that usually don’t have a full-time energy manager.”

The CommercialEnergySuite complements Victory Electric’s existing energy efficiency initiatives and enables businesses of all types and sizes to evaluate their energy usage patterns and opportunities for cost savings in their facilities.

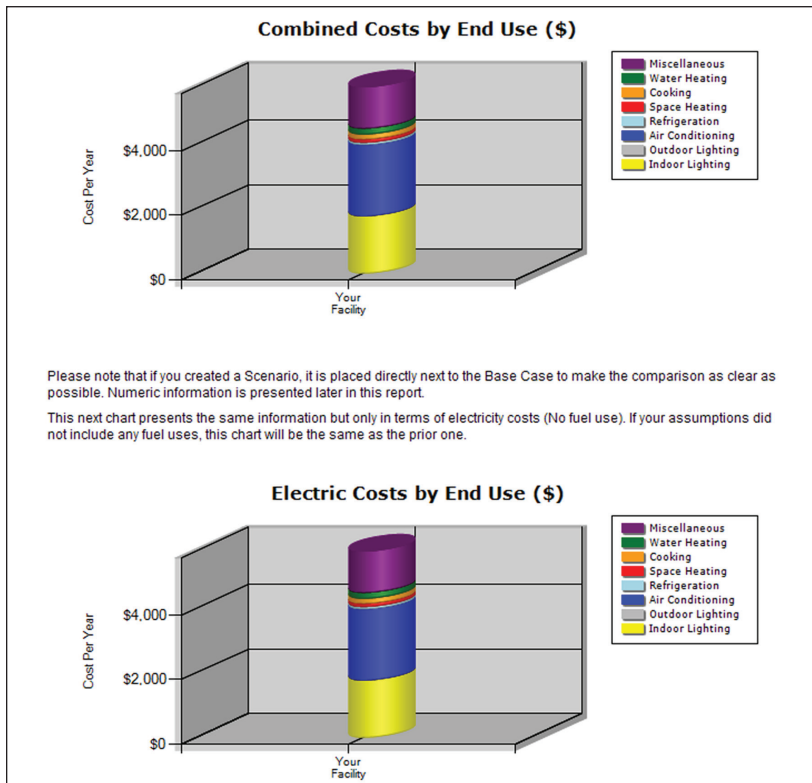
The cornerstone of the CommercialEnergySuite is

The CommercialEnergySuite is available for free and [www.victoryelectric.net](http://www.victoryelectric.net) and allows businesses to customize the calculator to the specifics of their office or business and generate results to help them save money and conserve energy.

the CommercialEnergyCalculator™, an interactive energy calculator that shows a business the steps it can take that will yield the biggest cost savings. The calculator covers more than 60 different business types and sizes, features drop-down menu prompts and instantaneously displays annual energy costs by major end-use systems. Members can compare current energy usage with any number of change scenarios to determine whether the change is cost effective.

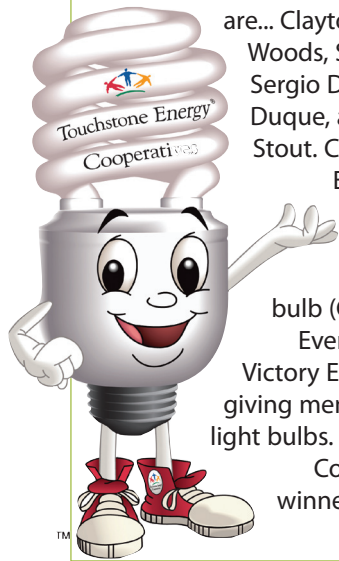
An extensive library of practical commercial energy system information is also included in the suite, giving the member access to even more energy advice. A special section addressing the difference between energy consumption and energy “demand” is presented to help businesses understand demand’s impact on energy costs.

“Running an energy-efficient operation takes some effort,” said King. “We hope these new Web-based tools will make it easier for our members to understand energy use in their facility and how they can make cost-saving changes.”



The calculator generates a detailed report on what and where your kWh are being used. It also gives suggestions, such as updating heating/cooling systems or switching to CFLs, to save money.

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And the lucky winners are... Clayton Yost, Dusty Woods, Shawn Tasset, Sergio Duran, Jose J. Duque, and Dennis Stout. Come by Victory Electric and get your free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). Every month Victory Electric will be giving members free CFL light bulbs. Congratulations winners!

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