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## THE VICTORY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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### FROM THE MANAGER

## Happy Holiday Season

It's nearing the end of a busy and successful year, and that has me reflecting on the past.

In the past year, we have kept busy with a variety of projects. Our biggest was the completion of our building expansion. It was completed and we moved into the new area in May. Our line crews are still working hard on replacing and rebuilding line damaged in ice storms two years ago. We have also hosted participating or sponsored many events such as Dodge City Days, Second Annual Victory Electric Health Fair, Third Annual Pumpkin Painting and Carving Festival, Christmas Parade of Lights and Chili Cook-off, our Annual Meeting and various other events.

Just recently, we started installing the new Smart Grid technology meters on our system. We have about 350 new meters installed in Dodge City and the installation is progressing nicely.

We also welcomed our generation and transmission cooperative, Sunflower Electric, to our offices in November. They used our meeting room to host a four day training for their plant operations personnel. We were happy to welcome them to our facility. We also invite the public to use our meeting rooms, just contact us if you are interested.

In the spirit of reflecting on the past, I took some time to look at past issues of our newsletter. I was interested to see that 60 years ago this month in 1949, Victory only had about 1,000 miles of line built with another



Terry Janson

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## Closing for the Holidays

Victory will be closed for Christmas on December 24-25 and for New Years January 1. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



## Irrigation Seminar Scheduled for February

The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., would like to announce the 12th annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar.

The seminar will be held on February 5, 2010, at Victory Electric's office located at 3230 N. 14<sup>th</sup> in Dodge City.

If you are an irrigator on Victory Electric's system, we will be sending invitations soon.

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 Josh Schmidt or Jerri Imgarten.



Local irrigators attend last year's meeting at Victory Electric.

## Holiday Season Cont.

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350 miles almost completed. That is amazing, because today we have approximately 2,700 miles of transmission and distribution line.

On another interesting note, 20 years ago this month in 1989, our newsletter indicated the pheasant crop was the biggest in history. I wonder if in the past 20 years if we've had a bigger crop?

Looking into the future, Victory Electric has a lot to look forward to, we will continue to install the remaining 11,000 new smart grid meters in Dodge City, then move to the smaller communities to install the meters. We also have Youth Tour selections in the spring, our Irrigation and Technology Seminar coming up February 5, Annual Meeting in April, and much more.

As another year comes to an end, we will strive and work hard in hopes for another successful year.

'Til Next Time, TJ

## Victory Electric and DCCC Host 3rd Annual Festival

The Third Annual Pumpkin Painting and Carving Festival was held on Saturday, October 24 at Victory Electric.

Sponsored by Victory Electric and Dodge City Community College, the event was free for the 114 youth who participated. The event 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."

In addition to painting and carving, there were also Halloween games for the youth to enjoy.



# High School Juniors: Win a Free Trip

*to Washington, D.C., or Steamboat Springs, Colorado*



Last year's D.C. winners were (from left) Carissa Hodgs, Ingalls, and Megan Hood, Bucklin.

**Two Winners, All-Expenses-Paid**  
**"Government in Action" Youth Tour**  
**June 10-17, 2010, in Washington, D.C.**



Last year's camp winners were (from left) Britnie Jenkins, Cimarron, and Savannah Dwyre, Ingalls.

**Two Winners, All-Expenses-Paid**  
**Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp**  
**July 10-16, 2010, in Steamboat Springs, CO.**

If you are a high school junior and would like to increase your leadership skills, meet new friends and travel, you can apply for Youth Tour through Victory Electric.

During the Government In Action Youth Tour June 10-17, 2010, students will join 1,500 youth from across the nation in Washington, D.C. Participants will visit the monuments and other attractions,

as well as visit Capitol Hill to learn more about how our government works.

At the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 10-16, 2010, students will join youth from Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. Campers will form a mock cooperative, participate in leadership activities, and learn about the cooperative industry.

Students will be selected based on a résumé, application and an interview.

To apply, contact your high school counselor, high school principal, or Jerri Imgarten at Victory Electric Cooperative by calling 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915 for more information about the contest.

The deadline for applications is February 13, 2010.

## Victory Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Application

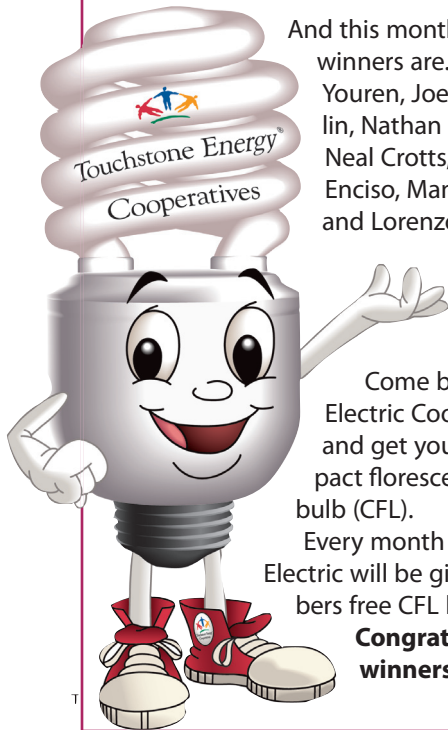
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Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Parents or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Applicant)

I hereby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the 2010 Youth Tour competition sponsored by The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc. \_\_\_\_\_  
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