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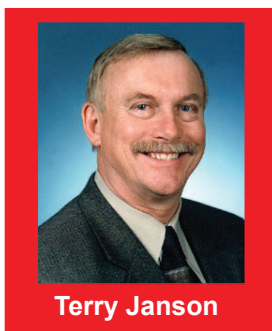
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Manager's Message... Summer's Coming Soon

The past month has been busy for all of us here at The Victory Electric Cooperative. Construction on our new building addition is progressing. We organized and hosted the 11th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar for area irrigators and we sent crews to Arkansas to help with ice storm recovery efforts.



Terry Janson

I would like to take this time to update you on a couple of issues, including our summer peak alert program and our Annual Meeting of Members.

Last spring and summer we started a peak alert program, which you may have heard on local radio stations. The purpose of the program is to conserve energy on the hottest days of the summer when power is most expensive and energy consumption peaks.

We are going to continue the program this year. Radio ads will start running in the coming months to remind you of the program and when summer hits, you, the member, will be prepared for the messages.

Peak load situations are not expected and are typically only temporary. Your help in watching energy usage during the specified time will certainly help conserve energy and save on your bill.

By working together and voluntarily reducing electric usage, Victory will be able to continue to provide the best service possible throughout the summer.

Also, our Annual Meeting of Members is coming up on April 14, 2009, at 6 p.m. We will be serving food and having a business meeting. I hope to see you there!

Til next time, TJ



**Remember the time change!
Sunday March 8, 2009, 2 a.m.**

64th Annual Meeting Scheduled

The 64th Annual Meeting of The Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will be held April 14, 2009, at the Dodge City Civic Center.

The meal will start at 6 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Report of the Nominating Committee

On February 10, 2009, the Committee of Nominations, who were appointed by The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., Board of Trustees, submitted the following candidates for Trustees of the Cooperative to be elected to a three-year term at the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 14, 2009.

The following candidates were nominated:

District 1: Lee Cole

Daryl Tieben

District 3: Carl Hubbell

District 8: Cedric Drewes

Ron Bach

Tyler Ross

District 10: Ken Schulte

Paul Yaroslaski

Elaine Gall

Casey Pennington

All members in these districts will be eligible to vote for the candidates at the April 14, 2009, meeting.

Victory Sends Crews to Arkansas to Help with Ice Storm Recovery Efforts



Nearly 100 volunteer linemen and dozens of trucks from 20 Kansas electric cooperatives, including 10 Victory Electric linemen, traveled to Arkansas to assist in recovery efforts from a winter storm that swept across the southern Plains last month. Our crews assisted Carroll Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Berryville, Arkansas. This electric cooperative estimated they had 56,000 members without power from the ice storm. The Victory crew that went to Arkansas are pictured from left: Miguel Barriga, Corey Houser, Lee Kenton, Randy Quint, Nate Stormont, Pat Deaver, Shea Ricke, Cory Ackerman, Ryan Miller, and Paul Schmidt.

Sunflower Continues to Pursue Power Plant Expansion Project at Holcomb

Sunflower Electric and its six member-owners are continuing to pursue the Holcomb Expansion Project with both legislative and legal measures to ensure that electric coop members have access to affordable, reliable energy.

The state case, which asserts that Kansas Department of Health and Environment Sec. Bremby did not have authority to deny the air permit, now rests with the Supreme Court. Initially, Sunflower filed petitions for reconsideration and requests for an administrative hearing with the KDHE and filed suit in the Finney County District Court and the Court of Appeals. The Kansas Supreme Court took jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals case but later stayed the case saying the un-

derlying cases should be prosecuted prior to the Supreme Court ruling.

In July 2008, Finney County District Court Judge Philip Vieux dismissed the two Holcomb related lawsuits saying he didn't have jurisdiction to rule on the cases, and in December 2008, the Office of Administrative Hearings affirmed the KDHE decision but allowed for a further appeal of his order with Bremby. Since the lower-court remedies have been exhausted, Sunflower is now awaiting word from the Supreme Court.

In November 2008, Sunflower filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court, District of Kansas, against Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson, and Bremby, asking for injunctive

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It's Youth Tour Time!

High School Juniors: Win a free trip to Washington, D.C., or Steamboat Springs, Colorado

If you are a high school junior and would like to increase your leadership skills, you can apply for Youth Tour.

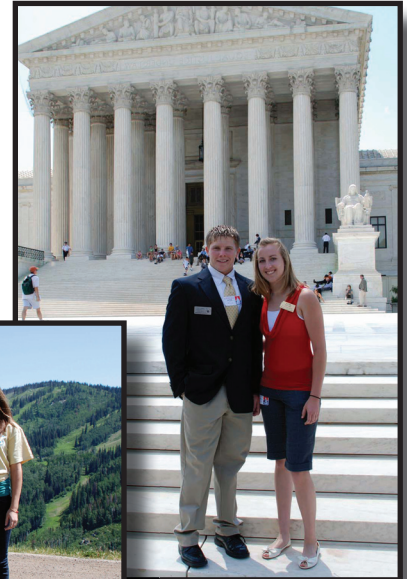
During "Government-In-Action" Youth Tour, students will join 1,500 youth from across the nation in Washington, D.C. Participants will visit the monuments and other attractions, as well as visit Capitol Hill to learn more about how our government works.

At Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, 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.

To apply, contact your high school counselor, high school principal, Jerry King 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 March 13, 2009.

**Two Winners,
All-Expense-Paid**
"Government in Action"
Youth Tour
June 11-18, 2009,
in Washington, D.C.



Pictured Above:
2008 Youth Tour
winners Ryan
O'Neill, Spearville,
Rebecca Goff,
Fowler.
Left: Susi Algrim,
Dodge City, and
Chet Skinner,
South Gray.

Two Winners, All-Expense-Paid
Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp
July 11-17, 2009, in Steamboat Springs, CO.

Victory Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Application

The deadline for applications is March 13, 2009

Name of Applicant _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Birth Date _____ Phone Number _____
Name of Parents or Guardian _____ 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 2009 Youth Tour competition sponsored by The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc.

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

Sunflower Continues to Pursue Power Plant Expansion Project

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relief related to the October 2007 denial of the air quality. The lawsuit asserts that the defendants, acting in their official capacity, violated Sunflower's right to fair and equal treatment under the law and unlawfully prohibited interstate commerce. On February 5, Judge Melgren heard oral arguments on whether to grant the defendants' motion to dismiss the case and subsequently took the case under advisement.

On the legislative front, legislators are once again grappling with energy issues, hoping to craft a bill that will benefit all Kansans. It is anticipated that the omnibus energy bill could include, among others, the following components: parallel generation, net-metering, renewable portfolio standards, energy efficiency rules and regulations, co-op deregulation, regulatory uniformity and certainty, and municipal generation guarantee.

Sunflower continues to widespread support from legislators who recognize that Holcomb Expansion Project will provide base load power, thousands of jobs for Kansans, and be environmentally sound.

Victory Electric Hosts 11th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar

The Victory Electric Cooperative's 11th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar had a great turnout on February 6, 2009. This year's event sported a large number of attendees and speakers. Victory arranged for 10 speakers to speak on a variety of topics from water rights to irrigation frequency drives to crop production issues.

We would like to thank the guest speakers and vendors who helped with this event. Victory would like to also thank all of the employees of the cooperative who helped organize and run the event.

We encourage all of the area irrigators to look for their invite next year and attend the 12th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar.



Above: Area irrigators attend the seminar held at Victory Electric. Top Right: Andrea Burns, Ford County Extension Agent speaks to seminar participants.

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

And the lucky winners are... Delbert Setzkorn, Danny Post, Gregory Miller, Angel Adame, Evaristo Cabrera, and Jose Cervantes. Come by Victory Electric and get your free compact florescent light bulb (CFL).

Every month Victory Electric will be giving members free CFL light bulbs.

Congratulations winners!

