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FROM THE MANAGER

Second Annual Health Fair a Success

Victory Electric and our many partners successfully hosted the Second Annual Victory Electric Health Fair on October 10, 2009.

More than 45 doctors and health care professionals from the area graciously donated their time and expertise to offer free services to the 1,000 plus attendees of the health fair.

Services offered at this year's fair included free eye exams, dental exams, skin cancer screenings, breast exams, Pap smears, massages, hearing tests, \$10 flu shots, and \$10 blood screens.

We would like to thank all those who assisted in the planning and organization; you were an invaluable resource to us. Also, thank you to the many volunteers from the community who came out to help us keep everything running smoothly. We could not have hosted the health fair without you.

Special thanks to all those at USD 443, Dodge City Medical Center, Western Plains Medical Center, Cargill, Melissa McCoy, Kelly Stecklein, Vicky Ortiz, Debbie Bush, and Darrell Roths. Also, a big thank you to Tianguis Carniceria their donations, they went above and beyond and we recognize them as a great community member.

We are already looking forward to the 3rd Annual Health Fair and we hope to see you all there.

'Til Next Time, TJ

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Terry Janson

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Over 1,000 people came to visit the 2nd Annual Victory Electric Health Fair.

Health Fair Highlights

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1. John Hughes, WPMC, performs bone density scans.
2. Fischer Chiropractic had back massages.
3. iDocs of Dodge City performed free eye exams.
4. Participants catch a ride on shuttle/ DCCC bus from the parking lots.



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Annual Parade of Lights & Chili Cookoff

Monday, November 30th, 2009

Sampling at 5pm
Parade begins at 6pm
 Parade runs through Wright Park & then Downtown on Front Street

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting at 3rd & Spruce

To enter the Parade or Chili Cook-Off, or for more information, contact Nikki Dirks

Entry Form

Business / Individual Name: _____



Telephone _____

Contact Person _____

Type of Entry
 Float ~ Band ~ Choir ~ Other ~ Chili

Brief Description _____

No Commercial Vehicles, Please Return Entry by November, 23rd, 2009
 Dodge, City Daily Globe, Attn: Nikki Dirks
 705 Second Ave., P.O. Box 820 Dodge City, Kansas 67801

DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE

Staying Warm in Winter

Space Heater Calculator Helps You Keep Costs in Check

With the holidays approaching, the last thing you need is to spend more on electricity than you'd planned—like an extra \$70 a month for using two space heaters eight hours a day.

Colder weather doesn't have to turn up the heat on your monthly electric bill if you take advantage of the interactive energy calculators provided on Victory Electric's Web site. We've added a space heater calculator to help you understand one common cause of higher bills in winter.

Home Heating Equipment has Come a Long Way

From the 1950s, we have moved from only heating the rooms we are in with individual room heaters to energy-efficient central heating and cooling systems (hopefully installed in well insulated homes). So our comfort expectations continue to rise.

But with the current economic downturn, we may need to reduce energy use by cutting the thermostat back and finding other ways to provide a little more heat just where we need it. Electric room heaters are a popular option.

Our new online Space Heater Calculator at www.victoryelectric.net, under "Home Energy Calculator," helps you quickly understand the added operating cost and additional safety precautions required. Now you can calculate your own space heater costs with a click of a mouse!

Run the Numbers First

Before you plug in that snazzy new space heater you bought, check out the energy use. Consider this: If you use two 1,500-watt space heaters four hours each day, the added cost to your bill will be about \$35 a month! If you use them eight hours a day, it'd be just over \$70 a month!

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HOME ENERGY CALCULATOR APPLIANCE CALCULATOR TV CALCULATOR SPACE HEATER CALCULATOR CFL CALCULATOR

How Much Does My Space Heater Cost Me?

Number of Space Heaters: 2

Hours per day: 8.0

Cents Per kWh: \$0.100

Cost per month: \$72.00

Safety Considerations

- Never place flammable objects such as curtains, bed spreads, table cloths, or cleaning supplies closer than 3-feet.
- Never use near wet areas such as kitchen sinks, baths, showers, etc.
- Be careful to place on a stable flat surface to avoid tipping over.
- Keep away from children and pets. Even a brief touch can cause severe burns.
- Be sure to check for frayed insulation on cords and never use with an extension cord.
- Turn off space heaters when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep.

(Assumes 1,500 watt space heaters)

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The space heater calculator allows you to input data and then helps you quickly understand the added operating cost and additional safety precautions required when using a space heater(s).

out of your energy bill and simply visit www.victoryelectric.net, click on Home Energy Calculator, then click on Space Heater Calculator.

- ▶ Enter the number of space heaters you plan to use
- ▶ Enter the hours per day you plan using the heaters
- ▶ Instant estimated costs are shown!
- ▶ Reduce the number of heaters and/or operating hours to see how much you can reduce their cost.

Safety Comes First

Safety considerations are also important. Make sure you don't run the heater if you are not in the room and don't sleep with the heater on. Study the recommended operating guide-

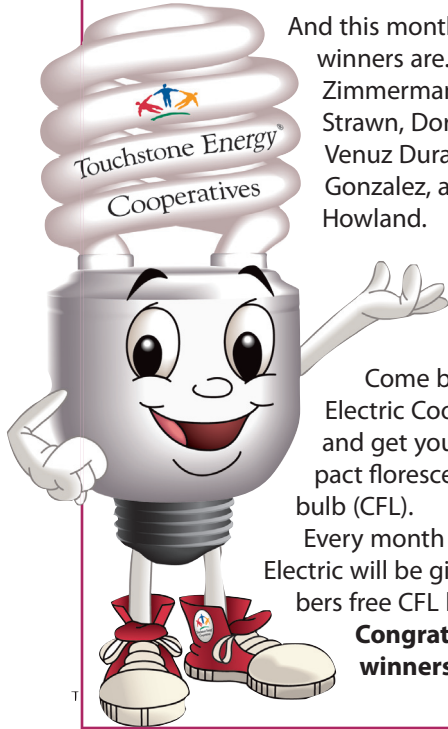
lines and take them seriously. Fossil fuel space heaters have another set of safety precautions and operating costs to consider.

Interactive Tools on the Web

With the advanced technology available online, we are able to provide the best customer service to our members. This technology is also used by our employees to help provide consistent energy education to our members on home energy use.

In addition to the Space Heater Calculator, we also offer a Home, Appliance, TV, and CFL Lighting Calculators that can identify where your energy dollars are going. Just go to www.victoryelectric.net any time to see where you can save energy and money.

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



And this month's lucky winners are... Brad Zimmerman, Ira Strawn, Doris Phelps, Venuz Duran, Octavio Gonzalez, and Amy Howland.

Come by Victory Electric Cooperative and get your free compact florescent light bulb (CFL).

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

Congratulations winners!

When the power goes out the little things can become surprisingly big!



Small comforts you rarely think about are the things you may miss the most during a power outage. That's why Kohler generators build the fastest-responding generators in the industry. Learn more at KohlerSmartPower.com. Victory Electric is now selling Kohler generators. Please contact Josh at 620.227.2139 for more information.



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