

Congratulations

2013 Youth Tour Winners

Victory Electric is sponsoring five local high school juniors to participate in our Youth Tour programs. **MYRANDA AXTELLM**, South Gray; **ASHLEE REDGER**, South Gray; and **SAIF KHAN**, Dodge City; will attend the "Government-In-Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June.

During the Youth Tour, the 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.

AARON PINKERTON, Minneola; **EVERLY WISE**, Fowler; and **BYRUM BITTEL**, Spearville; will attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO in July.

At camp, the Kansas students will join youth

from Colorado, Wyoming, and Oklahoma. Campers will form a mock cooperative, learn leadership skills and learn about the cooperative industry.

The six winners were chosen based on an interview, test over cooperatives and cooperative principles, and a résumé.

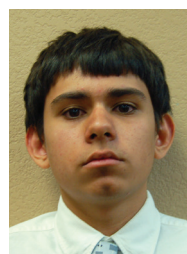
Congratulations winners!



Myranda Axtell
South Gray



Ashlee Redger
South Gray



Saif Khan
Dodge City



Aaron Pinkerton
Minneola



Everly Wise
Fowler



Byrum Bittel
Spearville

Los Bienes del Consumidor Suben de Costo

La demanda popular y la escasez impulsan el costo de las necesidades cotidianas que suban. Algunos cambios-como el precio de llenar de gas el tanque de su auto-son evidentes para cualquier persona que conduzca. Otros aumentos en el supermercado son más sutiles pero aún impactan a la familia. Compare el incremento de un promedio de gastos en hogar para ver cómo aumenta la electricidad.

El precio de un galón de gasolina sin plomo subió un 11.1 por ciento en un promedio de entre el 2002 y 2012, de acuerdo con los EE.UU. Oficina de Estadísticas Laborales. El costo de una docena de huevos aumentó un 7.8 por ciento. Los Panaderos han visto el precio de la harina aumentar un 5.7 por ciento, y las manzanas sintieron el crujido de un salto del 4.8 por ciento, cada año.

El costo de energía eléctrica creció a un ritmo más lento-3.2 por ciento al año, en promedio. Los EE.UU. Administración de Información Energética (EIA) informa a los propietarios de viviendas en todo el país pagan un promedio de 11.7 centavos de dólar por kWh. En Kansas, las cooperativas eléctricas an mantenido los costos aún más asequibles, un promedio de energía es de 10.7.

A diferencia de los huevos o manzanas, la electricidad es una comodidad 24 horas al día. A pesar de los avances de eficiencia energé-

tica, el promedio de un hogar utiliza aparatos-que necesita más energía para su funcionamiento, cada año.

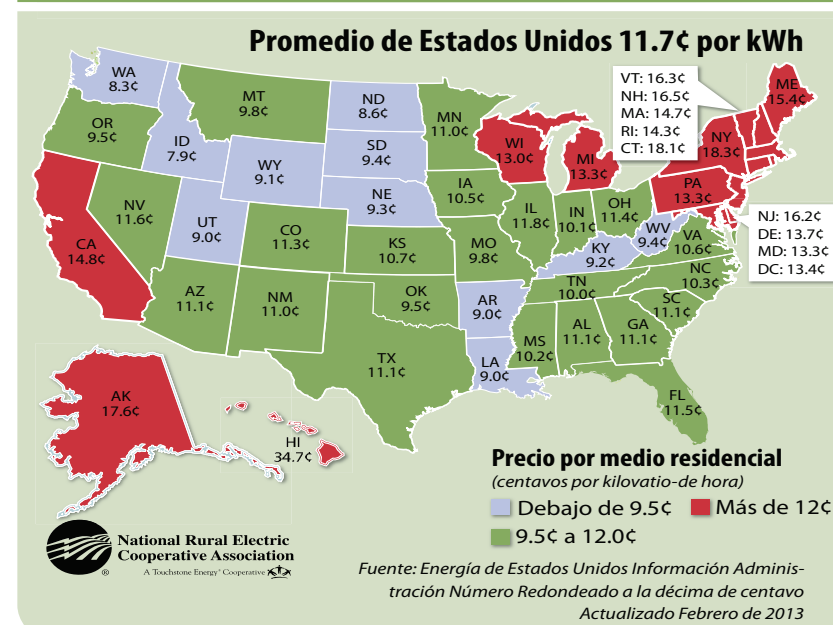
En los últimos 30 años, la cantidad de electricidad residencial utilizada por los electrodomésticos y aparatos electrónicos se ha incrementado de 17 por ciento a 31 por ciento, según la Encuesta de consumo de energía residencial por EIA. Más casas usan electrodomésticos y aire acondicionado central. Equipos de grabación digital de video (DVR), computadoras

y televisores múltiples son comunes.

La Cooperativa Eléctrica Victory trabaja duro para mantener su electricidad segura, fiable y asequible. Sin embargo, usted juega un papel importante en el precio de la energía. Al igual que puede cortar el consumo de huevos si el presupuesto es ajustado, podemos trabajar con usted para reducir su factura mensual de electricidad. Vea cómo pequeños cambios se suman a www.TogetherWeSave.com.

Promedio de Precios de Electricidad Residencial

Figuras de 2011 en centavos de dólar por kWh



Visite Sitio Web y Únase a Nosotros en Facebook

Visite nuestro sitio web www.victoryelectric.net. En nuestro sitio Web, usted encontrará un calendario de eventos, con frecuencia pregunta, pago de factura y energía calculadora sólo por nombrar algunas herramientas!

También puede ser una fan de Victory Electric en Facebook buscando Victory Electric Cooperativa Assn, Inc. Consulte nuestra página en Facebook para actualizaciones, información de interrupción y consejos de eficiencia de energía. Facebook es una excelente forma de mantenerse en contacto con nuestros miembros.



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FROM THE MANAGER

Invitation to our Annual Meeting



Terry Janson

Victory Electric Cooperative will soon host its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Western State Bank Expo Center.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. to the first 1,000 guests, and the business meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

I invite you to join us for a steak dinner, visit with trustees, management and employees, and learn about how Victory maintains affordable rates while ensuring safe, reliable delivery of electricity.

In addition to a great steak dinner, there will be a registration gift for the first 600 residential members attending, and chances to win many great door prizes.

Soon, you will receive an annual report in the mail. It will have lots of information about the cooperative, and it includes your registration card for the annual meeting. So, keep watch in your mailbox for the annual report and more information on the annual meeting.

Our annual meeting is a great time for the board and employees get to visit with our members. We would love to see you there on April 9.

Til next time, TJ

April 2013

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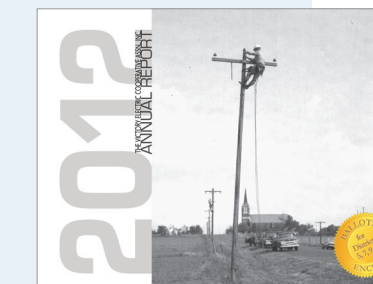
Annual Report and Voting Ballots Mailed

The business and affairs of the cooperative are directed by the board of trustees.

The cooperative territory is divided into districts, all of which are represented by a trustee. Trustees are elected at the annual meeting

for a three-year term.

Districts 5, 7, 9 and 10 are up for election this year. Every member of Victory Electric will receive an Annual Report in the mail. Inside this Annual Report will be ballots for the four voting districts.



Costs for Consumer Goods Climb

Popular demand and short supply drives the cost of everyday necessities higher. Some price tag changes—like the cost to fill your gas tank—are obvious to anyone driving down the road. Other increases at the grocery store are more subtle but still impact your family's bottom line. Compare the average price increase of a few household expenses to see how rising costs of electricity stack up.

The cost for a gallon of unleaded gasoline shot up an average of 11.1 percent per year between 2002 and 2012, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Eggs don't go over easy—the cost for a dozen eggs increased 7.8 percent. Bakers watched the price of flour rise 5.7 percent, and apples felt the crunch with a jump of 4.8 percent—every year.

The cost of electricity grew at a slower pace—3.2 percent a year, on average. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports homeowners across the nation pay an average of 11.7 cents per kWh. In Kansas, electric cooperatives keep costs even more affordable—the average price for power is 10.7.

Unlike eggs or apples, electricity is a 24-hour-a-day commodity. Despite energy efficiency advancements, the average household uses more electronic gadgets—and

needs more power to operate them—every year.

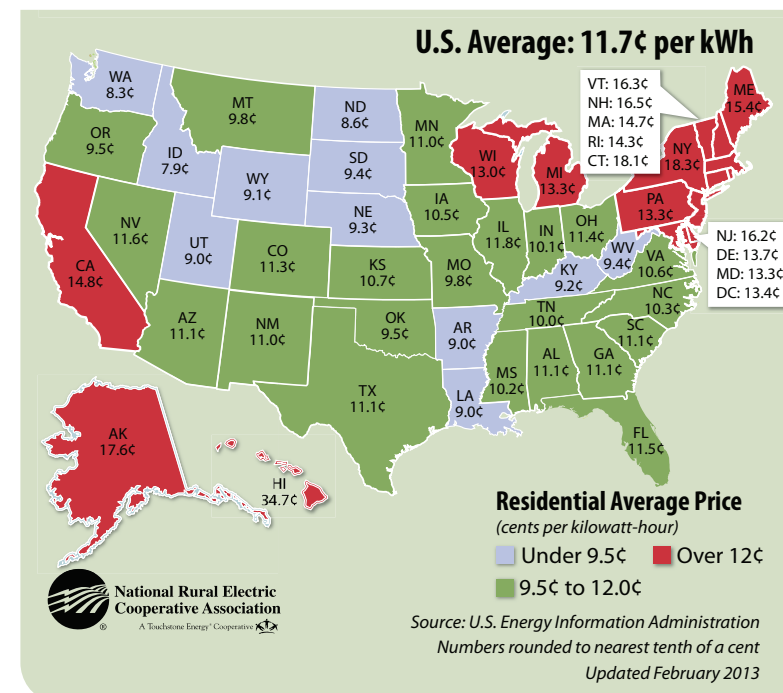
In the past 30 years, the amount of residential electricity used by appliances and electronics has increased from 17 percent to 31 percent according to the Residential Energy Consumption Survey by EIA. More homes than ever have major appliances and central air conditioning. Digital video record-

ers (DVRs), computers, and multiple televisions are common.

Victory Electric works hard to keep your electricity safe, reliable, and affordable. But you play a role in the price of your power. Just as you might cut back on eggs if your budget is tight, we can work with you to cut your monthly electric bill. See how little changes add up at www.TogetherWeSave.com.

Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2011 figures, in cents per kWh



Victory Hosts Irrigation and Technology Seminar



Members attend the Irrigation Seminar.

Victory Electric's 15th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar had a great turnout on March 8.

This year's event sported a large number of attendees and speakers. Victory arranged for eight speakers to discuss a variety of topics from nitrogen fertilizer additives to irrigation management to Kansas water policies.

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

We encourage all area irrigators to look for their invite next year and attend the 16th Annual Irrigation and Technology Seminar.

Candidates for the Victory Electric's Board of Trustees



Gary Gillespie
Copeland
Incumbent

My wife, Kelly, and I have lived in the Copeland community since 1988 and raised our two children there. I have served as mayor of our city for 17 years and also serve as an elder for the Copeland Christian Church.

My prior business experience was as a division manager for Archer Daniels Midland and currently as a small business owner-partner. I know the value of working as a team and believe everyone must do their part to help improve their community.

As a member of the board of trustees, I understand the great responsibility to make wise decisions that represent the interests of you, the members of Victory Electric. I consider it a privilege to serve and will do my best to stay informed and ensure that Victory Electric continues to provide safe, reliable service at a reasonable cost. I would appreciate your vote.

James (Jim) Ochs
Jetmore

As a farmer and rancher, I am thankful for the opportunities rural electrification has provided for our families, homes, businesses and farms. I am interested in learning more about our electric cooperative, as well as representing the members in my district. I believe we can work together to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity now and for future generations.

I am a fifth generation farmer who has farmed with my family in Hodgeman County since I was old enough to drive a tractor. I attended college in Dodge City, earning certification in diesel mechanics, and worked for a farm implement dealership for six years. More recently, I served on the Hodgeman County Conservation Board.

Currently, I work with my brothers on our family farm. I am married to Deb and we have four children. I would use the knowledge and skills I have gained from my experiences to serve Victory members. Thank you for this opportunity to work for you.

Brad Ochs
Jetmore

My name is Brad Ochs, and I am submitting my name as a candidate to be a board member in District 7 of Victory Electric. I have been a life-long resident of Hodgeman County and the surrounding areas.

I believe this community and our way of life has great value, and it has given much to me. I would welcome the opportunity to give something back through service in this organization.

I believe my experiences as a farmer and a rancher, my time working with Victory Electric and other utility companies, and my relationships with people in the industry have given me the skills and knowledge that will be beneficial to Victory Electric and its members. I would very much appreciate your vote.

Richard Lightner
Garden City
Incumbent

I am seeking re-election to the board of trustees of the Victory Electric Cooperative.

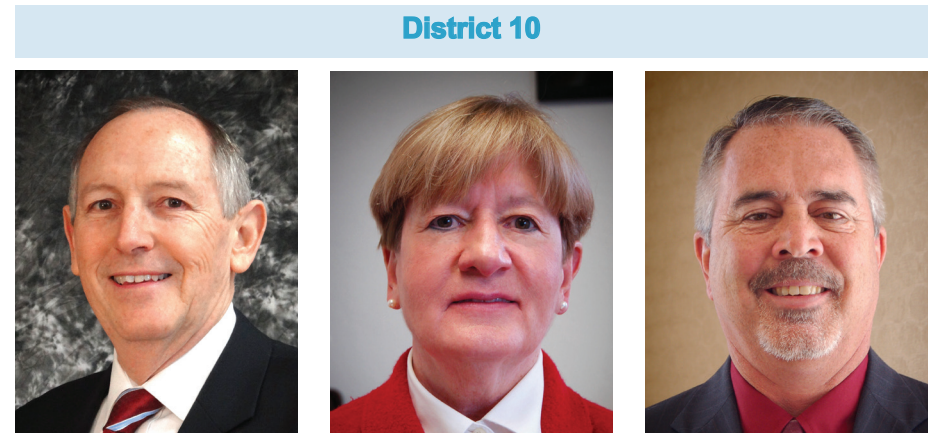
I bring commitment, some education and a lot of experience to the trustee position from District 9. I feel that I am qualified and have the desire to do the job fully and effectively. I am very thankful for the input and member support from my district.

Did You Know?

Victory Electric was chartered June 1, 1945, and the first lines were energized in August 1947. Our name comes from the recognition of the U.S. and Allied forces' victory at the end of World War II.

In the early days, the cooperative served parts of nine counties with just over 300 miles of transmission and distribution line.

Today, Victory is headquartered in Dodge City. We have 92 employees and provide service to 19,506 members with 2,769.31 miles of transmission and distribution line.



Pat Morse
Dodge City
Incumbent

Thank you for your consideration and support as I run for another term on the Victory Electric Board of Trustees!

I currently serve as the secretary-treasurer for Victory and as Victory's alternate delegate to the Kansas Electric Cooperatives (KEC) Board of Trustees. I have earned my Credentialed Co-op Director (CCD) certificate and my Board Leadership Certificate (BLC). My five years of board service and my cooperative education and experience allow me to continue representing Victory Electric's Dodge City members at the highest level.

My position as Senior Vice-President of Governmental Affairs for FairPoint Communications (the seventh-largest wireline telephone company in the US) also allows me to share actual industry experience with the Victory board in the areas of state and federal regulation and legislation. I would appreciate your vote for the position of trustee – District 10.

District 10

Susie Faulds
Dodge City

It would be my privilege to serve as trustee on the Victory Electric Board to assist with the recommendations of the Victory Electric staff with maintaining profits for the members and continue to have a safe and reliable source of power. The future is bright with a wide variety of resources including wind, coal, natural gas and nuclear.

I look forward to being a part of a great organization in Dodge City and the surrounding area.

A native of Dodge City, I have worked in Dodge City financial institutions for the past 35 years. I have a Japanese Chin (Saki) and Maltese (Dusty), five siblings residing in Kansas, and have completed five half-marathons.

I would appreciate your vote for trustee for District 10.

Scott Gurtner
Dodge City

As both a resident of Dodge City and a rural community in my lifetime, I understand the value and importance of a strong and stable electric cooperative.

In sustaining southwest Kansas's future, it is important that Victory Electric be positioned for that growth. Having built over 1,000 miles of new lines and with numerous upgrades in the last several years, the cooperative is positioned to lead the growth of southwest Kansas. As a board member I will be committed to ensuring the continued future growth by providing for the electrical needs of all our communities in a safe, affordable and reliable manner. I would appreciate your vote.

Don't Forget! Annual Meeting Moves to Expo Center

This year's annual meeting is on April 9 and has changed locations to be at the Western State Bank Expo Center at 11333 US Highway 283. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., meal at 6 p.m. and the business meeting at 7 p.m.

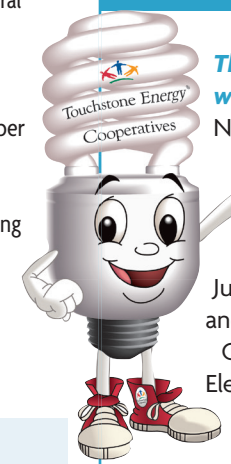
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CFL Charlie Says "Come Get Your Free CFL!"



This month's lucky winners are... Dale Nuss, Eric Molitor, Wilma Lancaster, Luis Avalos, Margarita De La Rosa, Juanita Hernandez, and Diego Gutierrez. Come by Victory Electric Cooperative to get your free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). Every month Victory Electric will be giving members free CFL light bulbs. Congratulations winners!