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FROM THE MANAGER

Local Business Receives Heat Pump Rebate

Victory Electric was pleased to present United Wireless a rebate check for \$6,000. United Wireless installed a 30-ton geothermal heat pump in their its constructed offices.

I know many of our members do not realize Victory Electric gives rebates for high efficiency water heaters and heat pumps. We give \$200 for a electric water heater and \$200 per ton for both geothermal and air-source heat pumps. On the "services" page of our website (www.victoryelectric.net) you will find all of the necessary details and qualifications for getting the rebates.

We would like to commend United Wireless on their choice of using geothermal for their heating and cooling needs.

Construction started in November 2010 on the new office for United Wireless. The 12,600-square-foot facility is estimated to be complete by early September.

Again, congratulations to United Wireless on their new building, and we wish them the best of luck.

'Til Next Time, TJ



Terry Janson



Josh Schmidt, right, presents Jeff Renner of United Wireless with a rebate check for their heat pump installation.

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Victory Electric's office will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day!

The History of Electricity in Dodge City

Local resident, Louis Sanchez, recalls Dodge City's rich past

Many of us would have a hard time imagining life without electricity, life without a refrigerator full of cold drinks on a hot summer day, but Dodge City resident **LOUIS SANCHEZ** recalls memories of working for the first power company in Dodge City.

In his 34 years, the company changed hands many times, from Kansas Power, to Western Power, to Centel, and since his retirement in 1986, it was Aquila and now Victory Electric.

"I didn't start working for Kansas Power until 1952, but I can remember there was a coal plant operating in the 1920s," Sanchez said. "The Kansas Power coal plant was located in Dodge City on Trail Street across from the Dodge City Co-op. The company employed about 50-60 people, and not only did they provide electricity and operate the coal plant, but the company also sold ice."

Before there were electric refrigerators, the ice was sold to local citizens, restaurants, and grocers to keep food cold. It was also put into train boxcars, where it kept produce cold. The ice and produce was sent east down the line to major cities including Wichita, Kansas City, and even Chicago.

"We didn't have refrigerators back then, so ice was important for

keeping goods cold," he said. "I have photos of an old ice truck and the power plant where the ice was produced."

Born and raised in Dodge City, Sanchez has seen the community grow and change into the place it is today. He remembers the early day's electricity, recalls the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, and has been an active member of many organizations in Dodge City.

"I was working for the railroad," Sanchez said. "It was a seven-day-a-week schedule and 70-plus hours per week. I didn't get weekends or holidays off. After nearly 10 years working as a mechanic on locomotives, I was let go. I was working as a handyman for the country club when a patron at the country club told me about Western Power. I started to work at Western Power as a janitor before advancing to a meter reader and other positions in the cooperative."

Sanchez was named "Man of the



Sanchez has a vast collection of old photographs, including this one of unloading coal from train cars.



An ice delivery truck used to deliver ice to homes and businesses.

Year" by Centel and traveled to Chicago to receive his award and meet Centel Executive Vice President, Jim Lovell (Commander of Apollo 13).

Victory Electric would like to thank Louis Sanchez for his contributions to the electric industry and the community of Dodge City.



Ed Homan and a pilot, which Ed made the first known flight for repairing line damage during and after a storm in November 1927.



The boiler house and coal plant. During the ice season, 34 tons of pure crystal ice were manufactured daily in the building in the left background.

Local Students Travel to Washington D.C.

Kisner and Lampe pate in "Government In Action" Youth Tour Program

EVAN KISNER, Copeland, and **JESSICA LAMPE**, Spearville, toured the nation's capitol with 32 other students from across Kansas for the 51st Annual "Government in Action" Youth Tour June 9-16.

Kansas is one of the 45 states to send youth delegates to the annual electric cooperative youth tour. Kisner and Lampe were selected through a competition by The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc.

Since 1960, 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 grassroots 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, Victory Electric 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 also learned about the U.S. government through visits with Senator Jerry Moran, Congress members Lynn Jenkins, Tim Huelskamp, and Mike Pompeo, meetings with youth from other states, and tours of museums, Capitol Hill, Arlington National Cemetery, and the White House.

"These student leaders are great representatives of both their electric cooperatives and their communities," said Shana Read, Kansas Electric



Jessica Lampe, Spearville (left), and Evan Kisner, Copeland (right), in front of the US Capital building.

Cooperative youth director. "We are pleased to continue this tradition of taking Kansas youth to learn about electric cooperatives and our nation's government."

Victory Electric sponsors the trip of two students each year. The competition is held each spring. If you

or your child will be a high school junior in the fall, and you would like more information please feel free to contact Victory Electric Youth Tour coordinators, Jerri Imgarten or Jerry King, at 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915.

On the following page, both Lampe and Kisner have shared some of their memories of the trip.



Jessica Lampe, front row, far right, and Evan Kisner, front row, second from right, traveled to Washington, D.C., with other students from around the nation as part of the "Government in Action" Youth Tour program.

Jessica Lampe

Spearville High School



Jessica Lampe

My trip to Washington, D.C., this past summer was the trip of a lifetime! This was probably one of the hardest weeks of my life as well. It was quite the work-out to be a professional tourist.

It started off with a day in Baltimore. We toured Fort McHenry and the Baltimore National Aquarium. Baltimore's Inner Harbor was

brehtaking; I could sit there all day and just watch the ships. That night we went to an Orioles game at Camden Yards. Our group started the wave throughout the whole crowd at the stadium. We were proud of ourselves.

In Washington, D.C., we visited many memorials, including the Air Force Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the Pentagon Memorial. We even spent one day at Capitol Hill meeting and having breakfast with the representatives and senators from Kansas.

Our trip also included a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian museums, and a well-deserved meal at Ben's Chili Bowl. We also went on a boat cruise along the Potomac River. One of my favorite parts of the trip was attending the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial. It was an incredible site to watch the soldiers march with so much dignity and discipline. We even saw the musical *Wicked*. I didn't think I was much of a musical person, but the show was spectacular.

The Kansas group joined with the Hawaiian delegation, and an interesting part of the trip was learning more about the Hawaiian lifestyle. I now know where I want to live. I have met so many new friends that I will keep forever.

I would like to thank Victory Electric and all the members for allowing me to go on this trip! Without you this would not have been possible. Nothing can replace the effect this amazing trip has had on my life. Thanks so much.

Jessica

“I have met so many new friends that I will keep forever.”

Evan Kisner

South Gray High School



Evan Kisner

It's been a little bit over a month since I was blessed with the great opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., and represent Victory Electric on the Youth Tour. Everything is still fresh in my head as it seems I only got back home yesterday.

I, along with 37 other students, four of them being from Hawaii, got the chance to pretty much “culture shock,” by traveling to our nation's capital. Honestly, I wasn't too big into politics, that is until I toured the capital and talked with Kansas' representatives. I gained a greater understanding of how our nation works and how many hard working, dedicated individuals it takes to keep it running.

The trip was too amazing to put into words! I met a bunch of new people from all over the U.S. and formed lifelong bonds with the members of our delegation. We toured a lot of the major memorials such as: Lincoln, World War II, Korean War, FDR, Iwo Jima, and the Vietnam Wall. We also did some fun things like watching an Orioles game at Camden Yards, touring Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, and having free time in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

One of my favorite parts of the trip was going to the Broadway musical *Wicked* at the Kennedy Center. I also enjoyed watching the marine band and silent drill team at Iwo Jima. Just seeing the statue of Iwo Jima gave me goose bumps. I also really liked the Holocaust museum. It was heartbreaking to see what people had to go through during the Holocaust. It definitely opened my eyes more than what I could learn by reading a book. I even met and visited with a Holocaust survivor and listened to his story.

I would like to thank everyone at Victory Electric who helped make this trip possible. If it wasn't for electric cooperatives, we wouldn't be able to live the way we do today, and for that I am truly thankful. I will never forget this life changing experience! Thanks again!

“The trip was too amazing to put into words.”

Evan

Shopping for Lights? Look for Lumens, Not Watts

When you're shopping for light bulbs, compare lumens to be sure you're getting the amount of light, or level of brightness, you want. A new lighting facts label will make it easy to compare bulb brightness, color, life, and estimated annual operating cost.

Buy Lumens, Not Watts

We typically buy things based on how much of it we get, right? When buying milk, we buy it by volume (gallons).

So why should lighting be any different? But for decades, we have been buying lightbulbs based on how much energy they consume (watts), not how much light they give us (lumens). With the arrival of new, more efficient lightbulbs, it's time for that to change.

What's a Lumen?

Lumens measure how much light you are getting from a bulb. More lumens mean a brighter light; fewer lumens a dimmer light.

Lumens are to light what pounds are to bananas or gallons are to milk—they let you buy the amount of light you want. So when buying new bulbs, think lumens, not watts.

The brightness, or lumen levels, of lights in your home may vary widely, so here's a rule of thumb:

- ▶ To replace a 100-W traditional incandescent bulb, look

for a bulb that gives you about 1,600 lumens. If you want something dimmer, go for less lumens; if you prefer brighter light, look for more lumens.

- ▶ Replace a 75-W bulb with an energy-saving bulb that gives you about 1,100 lumens,
- ▶ Replace a 60-W bulb with an energy-saving bulb that gives you about 800 lumens,
- ▶ Replace a 40-W bulb with an energy-saving bulb that gives you about 450 lumens.

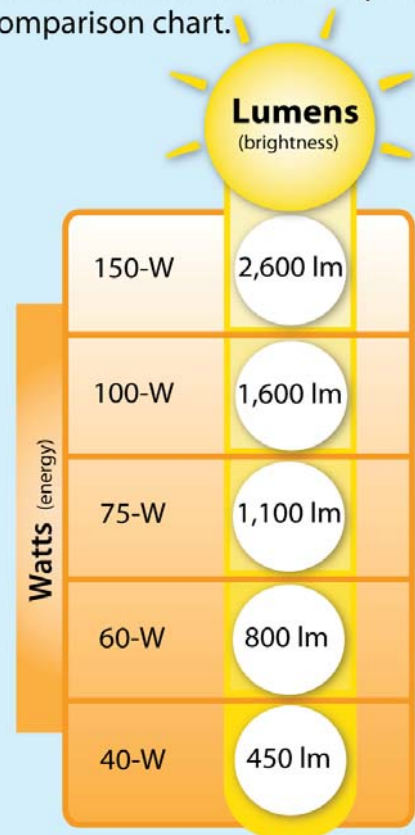
What Should I Look For? The Lighting Facts Label

To help consumers better understand the switch from watts to lumens, the Federal Trade Commission will require a new product label for lightbulbs starting in January. The labels will help consumers buy bulbs that are right for them.

Like the helpful nutrition label on food products, the Lighting Facts Label will help consumers understand what they are really purchasing. The label clearly provides the lumens—or brightness—of the bulb, estimated operating cost for the year, and the

What to Look for When Purchasing Lightbulbs

Instead of shopping for watts, look for lumens. Here's a helpful comparison chart.



Estimates based on typical incandescent bulbs.
Source: U.S. Federal Trade Commission

color of the light (from warm/yellowish, to white to cool/blue).

To learn more about lighting options, lumens, watts and other ways to save energy at home, visit TogetherWeSave.com.



CFL Charlie Says

"Come Get Your Free CFL Bulb!"

And this month's lucky winners are... George Turnbull, Tony Tilley, Boyd Sigafoose, Michael Gallegos, Ricardo Claro, Jose Acevedo, Richard Andrade, Adriana Borunda, and Raymond Birney.

Come by Victory Electric Cooperative and get your free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). Every month Victory Electric will be giving members free CFL light bulbs.

Congratulations winners!

Compra de Luces? *Buscar por Radiantes, no Vatios*

Cuando usted va de compras por bombillas, compare lo radiante para asegurarse de que está obteniendo la cantidad de luz, o nivel de brillo, que desee. Etiqueta de nuevos factores de claridad hará fácil comparar el brillo de la lámpara, color, vida y un estimado anual de costos operativos.

Comprar Radiantes, No Vatios

Normalmente compramos cosas basadas en sobre cuántas de ellas obtenemos, correcta? Cuando compramos leche, compramos leche por el volumen (galones).

Entonces, ¿por qué lo radiante sería diferente? Pero por décadas, hemos comprado bombillas basado en la cantidad de energía que consumen (vatios), la cantidad de luz (radiante) nos dan. Con la llegada de nueva bombillas más eficientes, ya es tiempo que cambie.

¿Qué es un Radiante?

El radiante mide cuanta luz se obtiene de

una bombilla. Mas radiante significa una luz más brillante; menos radiante menos luz.

Radiante es como la luz lo qué libras son a plátanos o galones son a leche que le permite comprar la cantidad de luz que desee. Cuando compra nuevas bombillas, piense en lo radiante no vatios.

Los niveles de luz, en su casa o brillo pueden variar ampliamente, por lo que aquí esta una regla:

- ▶ Para reemplazar una bombilla incandescente de 110 W tradicional, busque una bombilla alrededor de 1.600 radiantes. Si quiere algo menos de intensidad de luz; o prefiere la luz más brillante, buscar de más intensidad.
- ▶ Reemplazar una bombilla de 75- W con una bombilla de ahorro de energía de unos 1.000 radiantes.
- ▶ Reemplazar una bombilla de 60 -W con una bombilla de ahorro de anergia que le da unos 800 radiantes.
- ▶ Reemplazar una lámpara de 40 -W con una bombilla de ahorro de anergia que le da unos 450 radiantes.

¿Qué Debo Buscar? Factores de Etiqueta de Claridad

Para ayudar a los consumidores comprenden el mejor cambio des vatios a radiante, la Comisión Federal de Comercio requerirá una nueva etiqueta de producto para bombillas a partir de enero de 2012. Las etiquetas ayudarán a los consumidores a comprar bombillas correctas para usted.

Como la etiqueta de nutrición en productos alimenticios le ayuda, la Etiqueta de Factores de Claridad ayudara a los consumidores comprender lo que realmente compro. La etiqueta proporciona claramente la claridad- o el brillo--de la bombilla, estima el costo operativo para el año y el color de la luz (de cálido/ amarillento, a blanco azul/fresco)

Para aprender más sobre las opciones de iluminación y otras formas de ahorrar energía en el hogar, visite www.energysavers.gov o TogetherWeSave.com.


Lo que debe Buscar al Comprar Bombillas

En lugar de la compra de vatios, buscar claridad. Aquí está la tabla de comparación útil.

Radiante (claridad)	
150-W	2,600 lm
100-W	1,600 lm
75-W	1,100 lm
60-W	800 lm
40-W	450 lm

Vatios (energía)


Estimaciones basadas en la típica bombilla incandescentes. Source: U.S. Federal Trade Commission




CUALES SON MIS OPCIONES DE CLARIDAD?

Empezando el 2012, focos deben ser más energía eficientes.


Las más tres comunes opciones los consumidores encontrara en la tiendas son:



Incandescente de Halógeno
Ahorro de Energía.* 25 por ciento
Vida:* Tres veces mas
Costo Anual de Energía: \$3.50



Compacto Fluorescente Lámparas (CFLs)
Ahorro de Energía.* 75 por ciento
Vida:* 10 veces mas
Costo Anual de Energía: \$1.20



Light-emitting diodes (LEDs)
Ahorro de Energía.* 75-80 por ciento
Vida:* 25 veces mas
Costo Anual de Energía: \$1

*En comparación con las bombillas tradicionales indecentes

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