

Depot Theater Company Offers Ticket Discount



The Depot Theater, dedicated in 1898, now serves as the Depot Theater Company and is ready for an audience for the next production, showing the weekends from December 4 to the 19.

For years, the Depot Theater Company has brought the community together for dinner and a show and they are now offering a discount with Victory Electric's co-op connections card.

Today, the Depot is the largest, still-standing train depot built for the Santa Fe railroad in Kansas. Now it's home to the Depot Theater where more than 185 volunteers create up to six shows a season.

"There is nothing like this in Southwest Kansas," said Connie Penick, Depot Theater director of operations. "Giving a fine dining experience with a show is what we do. It's what we've been doing for years." This season marks the 33rd season and this will be nothing short of better than the last.

"We're constantly moving," said Penick. "We have to if we're going to provide the best experience for our audience." Providing the best wouldn't be an option without the people and the community behind the Depot Theater.

Concern for community is one of the seven cooperative principles that guides Victory Electric and the Depot Theater is no different. "All of our volunteers are local. Not just from Dodge City, but Wright, Ashland, Bucklin and every other surrounding small town. People know the value of this place. We wouldn't be where we are today without them," said Penick.

The volunteers are important for each part of production; the planning, the executing and the final shows. "Volunteers plan sets, build sets, serve as waiters and bartenders, and do anything else we need to make our shows great," said Penick.

The concern for community makes the Depot Theater Company a "one-of-a-kind experience with professional standards," said Penick.

The Depot Theater is bringing to life Whoville December 12 and 19 with "Kids Christmas in Whoville" and their final production of the 2015 calendar year will be "Christmas Belles," directed by Sheri Tieben. Christmas Belles will run every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from December 4 to December 19.

"With a co-op connections card, audience members will save \$3 on dinner ticket prices," said Ila Siders, Depot Theater CEO and director of fundraising. "We want to get people here, we want to show them what's available right here in their own town."

A discount of \$3 on a dinner ticket is just one of several ways to save with the co-op connections card provided by Victory Electric. Tickets are normally priced \$55 for a dinner ticket and \$40 for a show only ticket. One card can be used per household at the Depot Theater Company.

For a listing of businesses participating in the co-op connections program, locally and nationally, visit victory-electric.net/content/co-op-connections-card.



Ila Siders, director of financing, stands where dinner is served during the shows. Visit the Depot Theater for a show this season.