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Manager's Message... Home Is Where The Heart Is

This article is the seventh and final article in a series exploring the seven cooperative principles and how they affect you and your community.

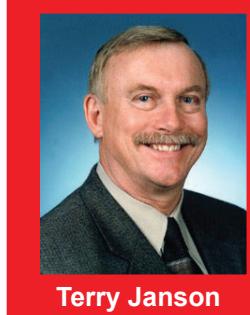
The Trustees and employees at The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., want to see our community succeed. Why? The answer's simple: Because we live here, too.

Local people working for local good: that's the essence of Cooperative Principle No. 7, Concern for Community.

First and foremost, we strengthen our community by doing what we do best: providing electricity, reliably at a reasonable cost. We are a dynamic part of our community. As the area grows, so does our distribution system. Strengthening our local economy makes sound business sense.

At Victory Electric, we pursue policies and projects that are good for the community because what's good for our community is likewise good for the cooperative.

We have strong roots in this



Terry Janson

community. Victory Electric has been in business for 61 years. Part of the benefit of this stability is the assurance that we are not going anywhere. Our business began here, and we will not pull up stakes to pursue greener pastures elsewhere.

We pay our employees fair wages because that, in turn, helps strengthen the economy when they spend money here. By providing good-paying jobs, we keep our communities healthy and strong. Good jobs provide for employees and their families, so they don't

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Back-to-School

Victory Electric wants to wish all students good luck in the new school year. Have a safe and successful year!

NOTICE

Board to Consider New Interruptible Large Power Rate Schedule

The Board of Trustees of the Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., will meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 1 p.m. at the cooperative's headquarters, 3230 N. 14th Street, Dodge City, to discuss and vote upon a proposal to implement a new Interruptible Large Power rate schedule.

The existing interruptible rate schedules are applicable to commercial services with maximum loads greater than 250 kW. The new rate schedule will be similar to these existing rate schedules and will be applicable to loads less than 250 kW.

This meeting is open to the membership. If you are unable to attend and still have questions, you may call the Victory Electric office during business hours at 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915.



Victory Electric at the Dodge City Days Parade



Victory Electric employees and family participated in the Dodge City Days Parade on Saturday, July 26, 2008. In the background is the Victory Electric parade float, which was pulled by a bucket truck. Employees handed out candy along the parade route and cooled off the crowd with streams of water.

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have to move away to make a decent living. The more people paying taxes and contributing to the community, the more vibrant it will be.

The benefits to the community aren't only financial in nature. We open doors for our young people with programs such as the "Government in Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO.

We teach children safety through programs in schools and online. We help our members save money and reduce their environmental footprint by providing

information and recommending energy-efficiency tips and measures they can adopt.

Victory Electric is made up of people who care. Our employees go out of their way to better our community. They coach youth sports teams, serve on school committees and participate in church activities. They are cooperative members like you. And like you, they want to make their hometowns stronger.

Remember that when it comes to the Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., our local community comes first.

"Til Next Time, TJ

New Victory Electric Web Site Launched

The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., launched its newly redesigned Web site in late July.

The new and improved Web site features the easy-to-use E-bill

Online Payment program and the programs and services offered by Victory Electric.

You can check out the new site at www.victoryelectric.net.

Students Travel to Washington, D.C., and Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Four local students recently attended leadership events sponsored by The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc. Ryan O'Neill, Spearville, and Rebecca Goff, Fowler, attended the 48th Annual Electric Cooperatives' "Government in Action" Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Chet Skinner, South Gray, and Susi Algim, Dodge City, attended the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

O'Neill and Goff were two of the 30 Kansas delegates to enjoy a week-long tour of the nation's capitol June 12-19, 2008. The group learned about U.S. history and government through visits with Senator Pat Roberts and Rep. Todd Tiahrt, meetings with youth from other states and tours of the memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian museums, Ft. McHenry, Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Mt. Vernon.

"What can I say about this

trip? The trip to D.C. was the most exciting trip of my life," said O'Neill. "I met the best and brightest people in Kansas and America. Representation was one thing I will take away from this trip. I had to represent my co-op and the state of Kansas. Getting time to talk to Senator Pat Roberts and Congressman Todd Tiahrt was my favorite activity. Thanks to everybody who helped make this trip possible."

The all-expense-paid-trips for O'Neill and Goff were sponsored by The Victory Electric Cooperatives.

"While on the Youth Tour, we saw many sites, but the two that impacted me the most were the Korean Memorial and the World War II Memorial," said Goff. "I had grandfathers who served in WWII, so seeing that memorial meant a lot to me. The Korean memorial is different than the others and it made me think that it wasn't just a 'forgotten war'."

In addition to the Washington, D.C. trip, two students also traveled to Steamboat Springs, Colo., for a leadership camp.

At camp, Skinner and Algim joined 27 other high school students from Kansas electric cooperatives. Students from Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming cooperatives also attended the camp. During their week-long stay in Colorado, the students created their own candy cooperative, complete with a board of trustees and general manager selected by the students.

"I was very nervous for the



Becca Goff (left) and Ryan O'Neill in front of the Supreme Court building.



Chet Skinner (left) and Susi Algim touring the Trapper Coal Mine in Colorado.

camp, but it turned out it was awesome," said Algim. "I don't regret this camp at all; in fact, I wish it wouldn't have ended."

Among other activities were legislative presentations, a high voltage safety display, and a competition to build a transmission line from craft supplies. Students also toured Craig Power Plant and Trapper Mine.

"This camp was great. I've met so many cool and interesting people this week," said Skinner. "This was one of the greatest weeks of my life."

Josh Schmidt, manager of member services, and Jerri Imgarten, communications specialist, both from Victory Electric traveled to Colorado as camp chaperones.

Victory Electric congratulates all four winners and wishes them the best in future endeavors. Any student interested in applying for next summer's trips, applications are due in the spring.

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