

Newsletter changes coming

Newsboy going (almost) paperless

Beginning in June 2022, The Newsboy will be distributed mainly by email. With postage rates continually increasing, paper costs rising, supply challenges, budgetary concerns and environmental conservation efforts, SLVREC has decided to reduce hard copy newsletters.

Members that have an email address on file will begin receiving this monthly newsletter exclusively to their email inbox. Newsletters will also be available on our website, along with an archive of previous years' issues.

What does this mean for me?

If we have an email address on file for your account, we will be distributing an electronic newsletter to that email address. If you do not have an email listed, you will continue to receive our hard copy newsletter (or you can give us a call to add your email to your account).

Can I still receive a hard copy newsletter?

Yes, if you prefer to receive our newsletter by mail each month, all you need to do is call our office at (719)852-3538 and let one of our team members

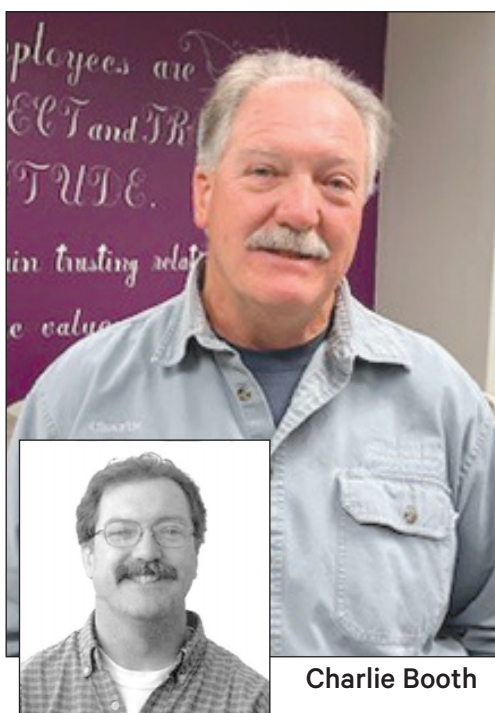
know that you would like to continue receiving hard copy newsletters.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), each day every person creates 4.51 pounds of trash or solid waste. Paper and paperboard products made up the largest percentage of all solid waste materials, at 25 percent.



Meet your co-op

North Area Serviceman retiring after 20 years



Charlie Booth

May 2002

Following 20 years of service, North Area Serviceman Charlie Booth will retire from SLVREC at the end of April. He came to the co-op in April 2002 as a lineman, then stepped into the serviceman position in 2006.

Charlie started out in this industry working with a transmission contractor in 1982-83. He then moved on to United Power REA, starting as a meter reader, then an apprentice lineman. Charlie became a lineman in 1990 and worked at United for 15 years. "I had some good times there and learned a lot," stated Charlie. He also did a brief stint in Dubois, Wyo. for High Power REA and some telephone work before coming to the San Luis Valley.

"Electricity to me never really has

changed. I would say the different demands and uses have. I have seen a lot

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Scholarship winners announced

For the past several years, the San Luis Valley REC has made secondary education a priority when giving back to the Valley. With more than \$180,000 given in the past five years, the REC annually awards several scholarships to local students. The board of directors have announced the 2022 scholarship recipients:

SLV REC Adams State University Four-Year Scholarship: Blair Vanderpool, Monte Vista

Martin Christensen Memorial Electric Lineworker Scholarship: Ethan Larsen, Sanford

Robert Wolfe Scholarship: Taylor Rockey, Sargent

SLVREC Past Director Scholarship: Kamryn Holland, Sargent

SLVREC Past Retired GM Ray Villyard & CEO John Villyard Scholarship: Haley Faucette, Sanford

SLV REC Scholarships: Kamryn Rogers, Sangre de Cristo; Daylon Maze, Sargent; Kyla Davis, Sargent; Ashlyn Rockey, Sargent

Tri-State G&T Scholarships: Emberley Spearman, Sargent; Cheyenne Caldon, Sanford

REC Dependent Scholarship: Carson Wolfe, Sargent



Four-Year Scholarship Winner
Blair Vanderpool

SLVREC Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 7 p.m. at Ski Hi Events Center

Instructions on how to become a director are available online in the petition packet at slvrec.com/annual-meeting. *Deadline is April 27, 2022*

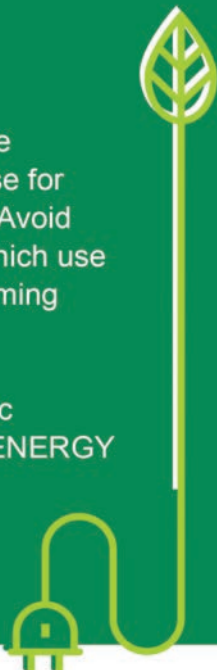
Conservation corner

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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—Brian H. Mosca

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Loren Howard

REC and Ciello – what’s in store for 2022?

While it seems like most of the past two years has been consumed by the “pandemic” and the world situation is now consumed by the Ukraine war, REC and Ciello are continuing to strengthen and protect both the electric and fiber infrastructures.

Last year, a mile and a half of power line was replaced on Wolf Creek Pass, principally for mitigating fire risk. In 2022, another project is in the works to replace more power lines near the Sangre de Cristo mountains to again reduce fire risk.

Work should resume on underground replacement in the Baca area. The wire in this area is more than 20 years old and has a reputation for insulation failures. Major effort has been made in the past three years to replace significant portions of this line and the work continues again in 2022.

Ciello has applied for a grant with the US Department of Agriculture ReConnect3 program to build fiber into the Hooper and Zapata areas and near Capulin. This application was submitted on March 9 and will proceed through an evaluation process by USDA. It will likely be late May or June

before the evaluation is complete. Hopefully, Ciello will receive the grant and more of the difficult-to-serve areas will get fiber Internet service.

Cybersecurity has been at the forefront of many businesses and industries for a few years and current world events have made it even more imperative. Ciello has always been on top of Internet security, and rest assured that those efforts have not stopped. REC and Ciello have engaged US Department of Homeland Security to perform vulnerability assessments, and the first results showed that both REC and Ciello are in great shape. Despite these great results, work continues to ensure survivability should a concentrated cyber-attack occur.

Every person should be concerned about cybersecurity and needs to increase personal efforts to prevent loss of personal information and hacking of financial information. Don’t use the same password for email and bank accounts. Carefully consider suspicious emails before clicking on them. Use antivirus software to help eliminate viruses in emails or attached to websites.

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The power behind your power

Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 11

This month, as we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11, here are some interesting facts about electric lineworkers.

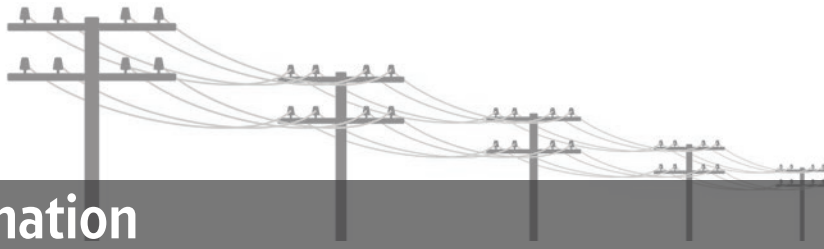
Did you know the equipment and tools that a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? That’s the same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Needless to say, if you have a fear of heights, this likely isn’t the career path for you.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career—because it’s not just a job, it’s a lifestyle. The long hours and ever-present

danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. This requires technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning. Did you know that becoming a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? That’s because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness. Shortcuts are not an option, and there is no room for error in this line or work.

Member information



March 7 outage in northern SLV

According to Mark Stutz with Tri-State (REC's power supplier), "at approximately 4 p.m. Monday, March 7, a Tri-State contractor was excavating a hole to relocate a structure on our SLV-to-Stanley tap, a 115-kilovolt transmission line, in support of an Xcel Energy project. During the excavation, the existing structure sagged into the excavated hole, due to sandy soils. The sagging structure allowed the conductors on our transmission line to contact an energized Xcel Energy 69-kilovolt transmission line, which caused the Xcel Energy line to trip off. To protect the crews, the tripped line had to remain de-energized, while the sagging structure was stabilized and wires removed from Xcel Energy's transmission line."

The incident took out power to both Xcel and SLVREC/Ciello customers in the northern part of the Valley. Three REC substations are fed from Xcel lines: Oxcart and Moffat substations are two of those and were included in the outage. The incident affected about 1,400 REC members and 2,000 Ciello customers. Xcel, Tri-State and SLVREC continue to commit resources to improve infrastructure for electric grid reliability and resiliency here in the SLV.

Working on an outdoor project?

Always call 8-1-1 first,
because you never know what's below.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

- 1. NOTIFY** Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.
- 2. WAIT** Wait 2-3 days... Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.
- 3. CONFIRM** Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.
- 4. RESPECT** Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.
- 5. DIG CAREFULLY** If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.

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of growth in the number of residential services now, due to the Cannabis growing industry," Charlie said.

Charlie's favorite memories include some really good laughs with coworkers he has had strong relationships with. "Being an outpost serviceman has given me a lot of confidence. We work 24/7, 365—give or take a few. We work alone during the day, a lot at night and in every type of weather. There is no better satisfaction than watching lights come back on and knowing that you did that and receiving calls/texts from members expressing their gratitude," he stated. "I will miss the working relationships I have with coworkers and members. I will still be in touch with many. I may even miss those late-night calls but I will deal with that," Charlie laughs.

He and his wife, Annette, don't have plans to go anywhere soon. He's looking forward to spending more time with her, but said, "she will have to get used to me being around more."

"I will also continue working on my barn and corrals. I want to get a little more involved with livestock for a while. We have horses to ride, goats to raise and will probably drag in some pigs and some calves. I have a nine-year-old Harley that has way too much dust accumulated on her, so there is that. And we are for sure going fishing," Charlie said.

"Since I have become a lineman, I have always been an extra on-call/standby guy. It's what I have done. It will take some getting used to not listening for the phone. I have a knee that needs replacing and shoulders that have been repaired—the job has taken its toll, in addition to other extracurricular stunts I have pulled. I have worn myself down. It's time for retirement!" Charlie finished.

Good luck in retirement, Charlie! SLVREC appreciates the 20 years of dedication you've given to our members.

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Recipe of the month

INGREDIENTS

- Kosher salt
- 12 oz. linguine
- 1-1/4 lbs. large shrimp, peeled & deveined
- 1/3 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 to 1/2 t. red pepper flakes
- 1/3 c. dry white wine
- Juice of 1/2 lemon, plus wedges for serving
- 4 T. unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1/4 c. finely chopped fresh parsley

CLASSIC SHRIMP SCAMPI

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the linguine and cook as the label directs. Reserve 1 cup cooking water, then drain.

2. Meanwhile, season the shrimp with salt. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes and cook until the garlic is just golden, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Add the shrimp and cook, stirring occasionally, until pink and just cooked through, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Remove the shrimp to a plate. Add the wine and lemon juice to the skillet and simmer until slightly reduced, 2 minutes.

3. Return the shrimp and any juices from the plate to the skillet along with the linguine, butter and 1/2 cup of the reserved cooking water. Continue to cook, tossing, until the butter is melted and the shrimp is hot, about 2 minutes, adding more of the reserved cooking water as needed. Season with salt; stir in the parsley. Serve with lemon wedges.

www.FoodNetwork.com

Historical happenings

1950s— SLVREC pioneers honored



This photograph, probably taken in the 1950s, honored SLVREC's pioneers. On the left, Director John R. Wright, hands a testimonial to the first REC Attorney, Ray Moses. Also pictured (continuing left to right) are J. V. Edgmand; Herbert Bowers; Mac Sutley; Frank McGee; Clyde Helms, Sr. and Arthur Robertson. Edgmand, Bowers, Sutley, Helms and Robertson were among the 14 incorporators. Edgmand, Sutley and Robert also served on the board of directors. McGee was Saguache County agent at the time of SLVREC's founding and helped in its organization.

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Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.
The REC Board of Directors meets the last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise stated. Members are welcome; advance notice required.

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