

THE NEWSBOY

News for Members of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative



Whatever It Takes. DNHS Boys Basketball & Mike Glover

It starts with a low rumble like thunder in the distance. It builds, becoming more audible with each uttering. They chant huddled as one, in deep commitment to each other, their team and their community. Relentless, relentless, relentless! This is the team cry of the Del Norte Tigers boys basketball team. What stands on the court is a group of young men ready to insight change.

In Fall of 2013 when Mike Glover, shopkeeper/buyer for SLVREC, met and began to work with these young men it was a much different picture. They were an eager group of young men in search of direction, leadership and motivation. The team was hungry for something new, something challenging and positive.

“*What happens on the court is only a fraction of who they are, only a fraction of a winning team and I’m all in.*”

Mike Glover, a Del Norte native wanted to help his team, he wanted lead them toward a goal that was something bigger than just the basketball court. This team of Tigers loves their community of Del Norte but, just like many small, rural communities across the country its spark has been growing dim. These young men believe in the meaning of community and family, they believe that through their perseverance on and off the court they can bring change. They can build a legacy of positivity.

Mike believes in his team and respects their need to leave their mark not only on the court or the program but, in the community. “What happens on the court is only a fraction of who they are, only a fraction of a winning team, and I’m all in.” This is true of

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Mike's commitment to his Tigers and to his profession. He has been a team player with San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative since early 2014 he has dove into his position helping to catalyze change in the warehouse with a new barcode system, implementations in the fiber optics project and has embraced the company culture through the Leadership Challenge.

Coaching and basketball have been a lifelong love. "The kids are great, and this is not just about the game, it's about building relationships and life skills" says Coach Glover.

The spirit of the 2014 - 2015 Del Norte Tigers boys basketball team is the embodiment of Whatever It Takes. These young people are our change and our future. SLVREC salutes you and your efforts to the community.



Scholarship Information

It is time to look toward the future! Here is the information for graduating seniors about the scholarships offered through SLVREC. A link for these applications can be found on our website www.slvrec.com under the Community tab. Only one copy of this form needs to be completed. Attach one copy of each of your:

- Certified High School Transcript (or equivalent with respect to home study.)

- SAT and/or ACT scores.

- Rank in and size of high school class.

- Summary of employment history.

- List of extracurricular activities.

- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer. (with an original)

Include a maximum two (2) page essay giving a brief history and what your future goals and desires are. Indicate at the top of your essay your name and the scholarships for which you would like this essay to be addressed.

Complete the Eligibility Affidavit and attach it to your application.

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All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the selection committee. Excerpts from essays may be used on SLVREC's web site and in the SLV REC's newsletter. Applications must include all required information to be considered.

SLVREC gives out 12 scholarships every year.

Adams State University 4-year scholarship

Basin Electric's \$1,000 Scholarship

Robert Wolfe's \$1,000 Scholarship

SLVREC Past Director's \$1,000 Scholarship

Tri-State \$500 Scholarship's – 2

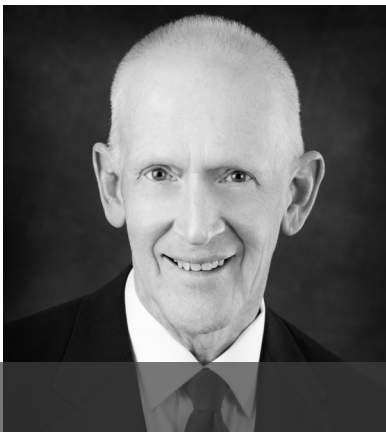
Tri-State/SLVREC \$500 Scholarships – 4

SLVREC Electric Lineworker Scholarship - \$4000

SLVREC Past Retired GM Ray Villyard and John Villyard \$1000 Scholarship

Digital copies of the application forms are available online at www.slvrec.com.

Applications are due to SLVREC by 5 p.m. on February 5, 2015



LOREN HOWARD

The Importance of Staying In Touch

The mission statement adopted by the SLVREC Board of Directors uses six words that convey their expectations of the way your cooperative works and interacts in our communities – “diligence, effective communication, leadership, responsiveness and innovation”. Recently, an event happened that made me think of three of those words, specifically - “effective communication” and “responsiveness”.

Last month, an astute member called to question whether a demand for payment was legitimate. This member who owns a business in the valley received a call from someone identifying themselves as a representative of SLVREC and demanded a payment of \$400 immediately or their power would be shutoff. The member recognized that this did not sound like a typical business practice of the REC and began questioning the caller. When the caller was unable to give appropriate responses, the member concluded the call and called a Board Member.

Upon hearing of this scam, SLVREC staff immediately sent communications via Facebook, Twitter and email to alert our members about the scam. This was the quickest, most efficient and accurate way to communicate with SLVREC members, alerting them to the scam. Our goal is to protect our members from illegal actions and scammers.

The Internet, along with cell phones has played a major part in society's expecta-

tion of instant information. Facebook and Twitter have fueled the flames of being constantly connected, to many people's dissatisfaction. While it is easy to eschew the idea of being constantly in touch or letting everyone know each moment of our day, there are benefits to the quickness and efficiency of some of these communication channels.

Personally, I have always embraced new technology and I too have Twitter and Facebook accounts. I do not spend my every waking moment on them and I am not attached at the hip to social media, but I do use them to communicate timely information to those in my personal life.

Harkening back to the three words that struck me at the moment of the scam related above, the staff of SLVREC have taken to heart the idea of responsive and effective communications with our members. My request of you, the members of SLVREC, is let us have your email address, follow us on Facebook or Twitter so we can inform you of critical news and alerts in a timely manner. We will diligently NOT misuse your email account or your Facebook page or your Twitter account, but we will use these channels to push information to you that is important and crucial.

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CONSERVATION CORNER

SLVREC Weatherization Program

Background:

The SLVREC Residential Weatherization Program is an assistance program that provides energy and water efficiency improvements to the SLVREC residential customers that have household gross incomes at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines. The SLVREC Weatherization program was launched in the December of 2014 to help low-income San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative residential customers reduce their energy and water utilities costs through installation of energy and water efficiency measures. SLVREC's goal is to provide audit and energy/water installation measures to twenty (20) residential household annually.

Qualification Requirements:

Applicant must be an SLVREC customer and must own and reside in the home upon which weatherization services are to be performed (rental properties do not qualify). The gross household income must be below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Homeowners who currently qualify for LEAP automatically qualify for the Residential Weatherization Program.

Where to apply:

Applications are available at La Puente Outreach Services (719-587-3781)

Who does the work:

All work is performed by certified weatherization service specialists through Energy Resource Center in Alamosa.

What work may be performed:

- All qualified homes will receive an energy audit to identify critical areas inefficiency

Pending audit results, homes may receive:

- Air seal measures including caulking and weather

stripping

- Up to 16 CFL replacements
- Energy Star rated refrigerator
- Water leak repairs
- Low flow shower heads and kitchen sink aerators
- Up to two low flow toilets
- Energy efficient water heater
- Furnace safety inspection and optimization for energy efficiency
- Furnace replacement (requires \$500 homeowner contribution)

What is the cost to the homeowner:

No cost to homeowner*! The SLVREC Roundup Program funds cover all residential weatherization upgrades performed.

*Unless furnace is replaced – then \$500 contribution is required





RECIPES OF THE MONTH

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (32 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes
- 8 ounces cooked, diced ham
- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

CHEESY HAM AND HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
In a large bowl, mix hash browns, ham, cream of potato soup, sour cream, and Cheddar cheese. Spread evenly into prepared dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until bubbly and lightly brown. Serve immediately.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups water
- 1 cube chicken bouillon
- 1 pound dried black-eyed peas, sorted and rinsed
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and diced
- 1 jalapeno chile, seeded and minced
- 8 ounces diced ham
- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cumin
- salt, to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

CROCK POT BLACK EYED PEAS

Pour the water into a slow cooker, add the bouillon cube, and stir to dissolve. Combine the black-eyed peas, onion, garlic, bell pepper, jalapeno pepper, ham, bacon, cayenne pepper, cumin, salt, and pepper; stir to blend. Cover the slow cooker and cook on Low for 6 to 8 hours until the beans are tender.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 drops bitters
- 1 sugar cube
- 1 ounce Cognac
- 4 ounces chilled Champagne

CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL

Drop bitters onto sugar cube; let soak in. Place sugar cube in a Champagne flute. Add Cognac, and top with Champagne.



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Happy New Year!



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Offices are closed Friday through Sunday.

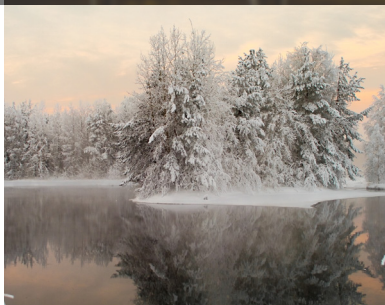
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<http://www.energyoutreach.org>

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Board Meeting January 27th @ 9:30 am.
The Board of Directors meet the last Tuesday of each
month unless otherwise stated. Members are welcome.

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