

THE NEWSBOY

News for Members of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

It is with great pride that we introduce Alexis Duran, recipient of the 2015 ASU 4 year scholarship. Alexis was chosen for this scholarship based on her commitment to her studies and community involvement.

She is pursuing a path in the medical field based on one harrowing accident in 2003 that changed her life forever. After a near fatal car accident that affected her younger sister, Alexis knew the road ahead of her lie in helping others, mending the sick and injured.

Her focus will be primarily on children, as she finds great satisfaction in seeing the smiles on their faces. Alexis and her family spent much time at Children's Hospital as Abbi made her miraculous recovery.

After ASU and medical school Alexis will stay in Colorado. She plans on returning to the Valley after completing her studies. She wants to return to the community that she calls home and give back to an area that has given so much to her.

Although, Alexis is very focused on her schooling she enjoys hunting, fishing and outdoor activities with her family.



Alexis Duran, ASU Scholarship Recipient

It was a pleasure to meet with Alexis and hear her story. Alexis is the true embodiment of the "Whatever It Takes" spirit that is deeply embraced by SLVREC. The focus and commitment of this young lady is truly inspirational. Congratulations Alexis Duran.

by Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo

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Congratulations to the Graduates of 2015



Congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2015. As a new world of opportunity unfolds before you SLVREC is here to lend a hand in starting that journey. This year we will be presenting twelve scholarships to Valley graduates. **Anthony Baca**, Electric Line Worker; **Delaney Brink**, Past Director scholarship; **Courtney Christensen**, Tri-State/SLVREC; **Kelee Christensen**, Tri-State/SLVREC; **Cory Cooley**, Tri-State; **Alexis Duran**, ASU 4 year; **Taylor Hackett**, Retired GM Villyard Scholarship; **Megan McKibbin**, Tri-State/SLVREC; **Jose' Mix**, Tri-State; **Matthew Mueller**, Robert E. Wolfe scholarship; **Erika Valdez**, Tri-State/SLVREC; **Kelci VanTreese**, Basin Electric scholarship.

San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative wishes you great success in all your future endeavors. We will be recognizing the graduates at the SLVREC Annual Meeting June 9th at the Rodeway Inn.



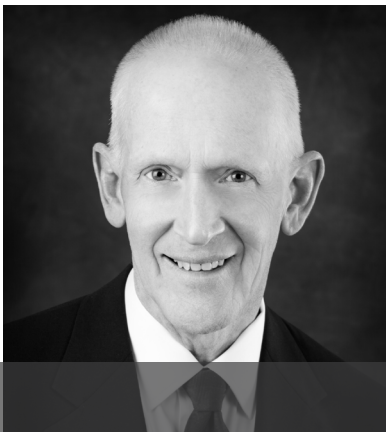
A San Luis Valley native with a farming and ranching heritage, Carol Lee Dugan earned her business degree from Adams State College. From 1974 to 1989, Carol Lee managed the Alpine Veterinary Hospital with her husband, Bob. Now, she helps raise cattle and works to improve our community.

In 1994 she became the director of the Carnegie Public Library and the Carnegie Library, South Fork Branch. As director, she obtained grants to renovate the main library in Monte Vista and to build a new library in South Fork. In past years, she has secured grants for the addition of renewable energy to augment energy usage and offset utility expenses for both library locations.

She has been active in several community organizations: Monte Vista Urban Renewal, Habitat Partnership Program, El Pomar Regional Council (board member), she attends water sub district meetings and various educational programs. Carol Lee and Bob believe in conservation and maintaining the quality of life for the Valley. In support of this belief, they placed the headquarters for their ranch in a conservation easement. Part of the ranch is located in Rio Grande County and a large portion is located in Saguache County.

Carol Lee has served on SLVREC's Board since 2001. She has served a term as the board's president and another as vice-president. Carol Lee has completed Credential Board Certification and Leadership Certified classes in which she studied economics, personnel management and utility-related laws. She actively pursues training to keep abreast of the energy business for betterment of the cooperative.

Carol Lee is excited about Cielo, "this fiber optic network will usher in a new era of consistently fast and reliable broadband service for the San Luis Valley." Carol Lee would like to ask for your support in the upcoming election for director of Rio Grande County. This will give her the opportunity to see Cielo service through its' build out in the San Luis Valley.



LOREN HOWARD

Graduating into the Future

With black caps to the wind, the graduating Class of 2015 embarks on a new chapter of their lives.

SLVREC and Tri-State have a long standing scholarship program for the community. We want to help this next generation of graduates begin their new journey. Our Valley youth are the resources we must depend upon to help grow economic development in the area. It is paramount that they receive the education and training they need to help our communities from within.

Many of the graduates will leave for their studies at other universities throughout Colorado and even other states. SLVREC believes we must help provide an infrastructure suitable for them to return to. A place with the familiarity they grew up in but, now equip with the tools for telecommuting, telemedicine and all the windows of the global market place.

This not just a dream at SLVREC, we are researching ways to fortify the economy of the Valley from within. We are working with Valley economic development groups to find solutions to help our area. Pioneering and developing solutions are true to our cooperative spirit.

It is our belief that through the implementation of Ciello and other Valley initiatives we can all provide a place for all families and business to thrive. The Valley is an amazing setting for great things to happen; we want to help make those things happen.



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COMPANY NEWS

Power Up, Listen Up

You may have noticed a new format to the Power Up Radio Show Thursday mornings at 8:40 a.m. on KYDN, 95.3 FM. The host Cheryl Jones-Seneff has added two new co-hosts to the mix and changed up the format to a talk/call in show. The show will be taking on many topics of community interest. Recently, they have covered economic development with Forrest Neuerberg, Monte Vista City Manager and Marty Asplin, URGEDC Co-Director. The show is currently covering a four part series on water in the Valley, including guests Ernie Ford and Jake Burris. Craig Coten will also be joining the discussion. The Arkansas Valley will be researched.

The crew of Power Up would love to hear from the public, share your ideas and comments. Please visit our Facebook page San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative to leave feedback or Tweet us at @SLVREC.



CONSERVATION CORNER

The Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory has developed a new battery design with a density that approaches that of the lithium-ion batteries that power portable electronic devices. The new zinc-polyiodide redox flow battery uses an electrolyte that has more than twice the energy density of the next best flow battery and it could expand the use of flow batteries into mobile applications such as electric vehicles. In other battery news, the "we make things better" company, BASF, is researching ways to increase the energy density of today's nickel-metal hydride batteries by tenfold. The goal of BASF is a

Mike Rierson has served on SLVREC's board of directors since January 1999. Prior to becoming a director, Mike served on the Board Feedback Committee for five years. Mike and his wife Sarah have two children, Zoë and Ross. The Riersons farm near Center.

In addition to serving on SLVREC's board, Mike also represented SLVREC as a director of Colorado Rural Electric Association. He has served as board member and past president for Creede Repertory Theatre and as past president and current member of Center Kiwanis. He has served on the board for SLV Friends of NRA. Mike is actively involved with his community. Twelve years ago Mike completed the National Credential Cooperative Director Program. He believes his commitment to keeping up with the industry along with his sixteen years of experience as a board member have been helpful in dealing with the challenges that face the cooperative today. "At this point, I'm extremely excited about the REC forming Cielo and bringing state of the art fiber optics to our community. I believe this will offer so many options for individuals, families and small businesses to grow and thrive here. I would consider it an honor and privilege to serve another term."



cost per kWh of less than \$150, cheaper than even the high-volume cells to be produced by Panasonic and Tesla Motors at the Nevada gigafactory now under construction. *Electricity Daily*, 3/5/15





RECIPES OF THE MONTH

INGREDIENTS

1 cup long-grain white rice
1/2 cup hoisin sauce
1/4 cup rice vinegar
1 1/2 pounds pork loin, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
1 bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 bunch scallions, cut into 2-inch lengths
1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

PORK KEBABS AND SESAME RICE

Soak 8 small wooden skewers in water for at least 15 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the rice according to the package directions. In a small bowl, combine the hoisin sauce and vinegar. Heat broiler. Thread the pork, bell pepper, and scallions onto the skewers and place on a foil-lined broilerproof rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with the hoisin mixture and broil, basting with the pan juices and turning twice, until cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes. Sprinkle the kebabs with the sesame seeds and serve with the rice.

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 garlic clove, peeled and smashed, plus 2 garlic cloves minced
2 (8 ounce) cans chopped tomatoes in their juice
1 (8ounce) bottle clam juice
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 cup water
2 cups plain couscous
2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 lemon, juiced
1 tablespoon red pepper flakes
Chopped parsley leaves, for garnish

SCAMPI ON COUSCOUS

In a large pot, heat 1/4 cup olive oil. When almost smoking, add onion, carrot and 1 clove smashed garlic and saute until vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes. Add the canned tomatoes and their juice, clam juice and white wine. Bring to a boil and simmer on medium heat for 10 minutes, uncovered. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Carefully pour tomato mixture in the bowl of a food processor and puree. Add a couple of tablespoons of water if needed - you want to end up with a broth. Check for seasoning.

Return broth to the pot. Add 1 cup of water and 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and add 2 cups couscous. Cover pot and remove from heat. Let rest for 10 minutes, allowing the couscous to absorb all the liquid. Fluff with a fork and season with salt and pepper.

In a large skillet, add the remaining 1/4 cup oil and the 2 cloves of minced garlic. Heat the oil, making sure not to burn the garlic. When the oil is hot, add the shrimp and stir occasionally. Cook the shrimp until they start to turn pink, about 5 minutes. Be careful not to overcook the shrimp or they will become tough. Remove from heat and add the lemon juice, red pepper and chopped parsley. Check for seasoning.

To serve, mound the couscous in the center of a platter and top with the shrimp.





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SLVREC ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 9TH, 2015

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BOARD AND LISTEN TO EXCITING REC
NEWS!

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Board Meeting May 26th @ 9:30 am.
The Board of Directors meet the last Tuesday of each
month unless otherwise stated. Members are welcome.

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