

THE NEWSBOY

News for Members of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative

Each high school graduation brings another crop of bright young minds eager to venture out into the world. San Luis Valley REC is always excited to help in the journey of further education. This year REC will be awarding 12 scholarships to seniors from all over the Valley.

Bailey Jones of Del Norte High School will be receiving the Adams State University 4-yr Scholarship and plans to major in English and education. She plans to become a high school English teacher and then pursue her master's degree.

Cole Cooper from Sangre de Cristo High school has been selected for the Electric Lineworker Scholarship. He will be attending Western Colorado Community College in pursuit of electric lineman training.

The Robert Wolfe Scholarship will be awarded to Wyatt Clark of Sargent High School. Wyatt plans to attend Colorado State University and will be studying Agriculture.

Kirsten Faucette hails from Sanford High School and is the Past Director Scholarship recipient. She will be attending BYU – Hawaii to pursue a major in business management.

Sangre de Cristo graduate Henry White will be receiving the Past Retired GM Ray Villyard & CEO John Villyard Scholarship. Henry plans to attend Illinois Institute of Technology, where he will study Aerospace Engineering with a minor in business.

Brandon Middlemist of Centauri High School is one of our SLVREC Scholarship recipients. He will be attending the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he will be studying Integrated Physiology with a minor in Pre-Med.

Olivia Valdez, also of Centauri High School, is another of our SLVREC Scholarship recipients. Olivia will be attending Colorado State University with a course of study in Human Development and family studies.

Kathleen Martinez of Del Norte High School will be receiving a SLVREC scholarship and plans to attend Adams State University. She will be studying Cellular and Molecular Biology.

Sargent graduate Melissa Bower will be receiving a SLVREC Scholarship as well. Melissa will be pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her ultimate goal is to work at children's hospital.

Elaiza Gallegos of Centennial High School will be attending Adams State University. She is a Tri-State Scholarship recipient. Her course of study will be Pre-Med. Elaiza's goal is to be a healthcare provider in the San Luis Valley.

D'Anna Widger will be attending Adams State University and hails from Monte Vista High School. Her major will be business administration with a minor in agricultural accounting. D'Anna is a Tri-State Scholarship recipient.

Ireland Caldon of Sanford High School will be receiving the Basin Electric Scholarship. Ireland will be attending BYU in Idaho, where she will be studying Nursing.

Blake Kreps will be attending both the Energy Camp and Washington D.C. Youth Tour this year. Blake is a junior at Centauri High School and we are thrilled that he is able to enjoy these camps.

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Stephen Valdez
Conejos County, District 5

I've always said the most effective way to have a say in what your future may look like is to "get involved and become part of the solution". That is the uniqueness of the REC Board of Directors being member driven. The board has the ability to influence the direction the co-op takes based on what members/owners are saying.

Diversity as a director of the board is important to me due to the fact that the input costs of farming are rising, and it concerns me that the future generations operating small businesses won't be able to farm. My past challenges and experiences both in my current job, and past boards have taught me to look outside the box and find ways to remain viable while taking a proactive approach to growth. Today as I drive by Adams State University, I am proud to say that I had a part of the transformation from college to university, while facing the adverse lack of funding from the state and still being able to put together the capital construction projects as we see them today.

Technology today has given us the ability to provide service in areas not available 5 years ago. If elected I look forward to exploring natural resources readily available and looking for ways to make service more affordable.

Experience

Steve Valdez is married to Sandra Valdez. His children, Rachel, Erika, Olivia, and Garrett are residents of Conejos County. In 1987 Steve graduated from Adams State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree with an emphasis in management and a minor in marketing.

Since 1996 the Valdez family have owned and operated a 320-acre farm/ranch operation. From 1997-2007 Steve was a director of the San Luis Valley Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors where he served as president from 2005-2007.

Steve has worked for City Market since 1985, more than half of that time has been as a store manager in Grand Junction, Steamboat Springs and recently in Alamosa. During this time Steve received in 1997 Moments of Truth Award, 2003 Superior Service Golden Key Award, and was the 2015 Community Service Award recipient.

In 2007, Steve was appointed by Governor Bill Ritter to the Board of Trustees, which he served on until 2013. He was the chairman from 2011-2013. Steve received the Billy Adams Award in 2015 and also in 2016 was awarded the Athletic Hall of Fame Special Citation Award. Since 2002 Steve has been an Adams State Grizzly Club Board of Director where he served as president from 2007-2009.



LOREN HOWARD

Living the Cooperative Principles

Cooperatives are a unique form of business enterprise in that the consumers of the services also have ownership in the organization. This ownership is through the form of patronage, which is similar to owning stock in a private corporation, but there are differences. Cooperatives have a different focus than private businesses and this focus is represented in the seven cooperative principles – 1) voluntary and open membership, 2) democratic member control, 3) member's economic participation, 4) autonomy and independence, 5) education, training and information, 6) cooperation among cooperatives and 7) concern for community.

Every year, the Board of Directors of REC, meet to review applications for a range of scholarships offered by REC for post high school education. These scholarships include a full four-year academic scholarship to Adams State University, several \$500 and \$1000 awards, and a scholarship for lineman training. These scholarships represent REC's commitment to two of the cooperative principles – 5) education, training and information and 7) concern for community.

In addition to the scholarship program, REC has started an internship program to expand its efforts for these cooperative principles. The first internship that started late last year focused on engineering. In 2016, Emily Novotny received the Villyard scholarship, a \$1000 scholarship, supporting her enrollment

at Colorado School of Mines in engineering. I had a chance to meet Emily at the 2016 REC annual meeting which lead to her accepting the engineering internship with REC. This internship will provide valuable industry experience to Emily as she completes her engineering education.

The internship program also supports REC in many ways. It provides a path to future employees, though that is always dependent on the goals of the intern and the needs of REC. This engineering internship program also provides REC with access to current technical knowledge and engineering advances. Internships also build relationships with future generations helping to ensure that new generations know about electric cooperatives. While the first internship is focused on engineering, REC is considering a business internship in the future.

Along with these internships, the apprentice lineman program at REC provides a constant source of new linemen who bring new ideas to the way of building and maintaining REC's electric infrastructure. The apprentice lineman program and the internship program are challenging learning environments which provide both structured learning and on the job training. These programs are vital to the future success of REC. New ideas, new ways of thinking, and new approaches to problem solving combined with existing business processes keep our cooperative moving forward, improving efficiency, and effectiveness of that we do.

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2017 Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Agenda

5:30 p.m. Registration Opens
6:45 p.m. Presenting of Colors
6:50 p.m. Invocation
6:55 p.m. Determination of Quorum
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting Called to Order

Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the Notice of Meeting
3. Reading of Previous Mailing
4. Previous Meeting Minutes - Action Items
5. Report of President
6. Executive Officers' Report
7. Report of Treasurer
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Please RSVP
If you are planning to attend please
RSVP with the number in your party by
June 6, 2017

Conservation Corner



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Manufacturers recommend using rigid venting material – not plastic vents that may collapse and cause blockages.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy



RECIPES OF THE MONTH

INGREDIENTS

4 cups strawberries, cleaned
1 tablespoon sugar
4 slices thick multigrain bread
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ large ripe avocado, sliced
2-4 slices Mozzarella slices

Summer up your sandwich!

Roasted Strawberry, Avocado and Mozzarella Grilled Cheese

Preheat oven to 375° F. Line a baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with nonstick cooking spray. In a medium bowl, toss strawberries with sugar so that they are fully coated. Transfer to prepared baking sheet and arrange so that they aren't crowded. Bake for 20 minutes or until berries are juicy.

Heat a skillet over medium high heat. Lightly brush or drizzle half of olive oil over two slices of bread and place oiled side down in a skillet. Lay mozzarella on top then add avocado and roasted strawberries. Drizzle two slices of bread with olive oil and place oiled side up on the sandwich.

Cover with a lid and cook about 4-5 minutes or until golden brown on bottom. Carefully flip the sandwich, reduce heat to medium and cook a few more minutes or until the bread is golden brown. Enjoy immediately! Makes 2 sandwiches.

INGREDIENTS

3 large egg
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
¾ cup all-purpose flour
¾ cup milk
½ teaspoon almond extract (more or less to taste)
Pinch of salt
4 tablespoons butter
2 cups pitted sweet cherries
½ cup sliced almonds, well-toasted
Powdered sugar
Lemon wedges

Cherry Almond Dutch Baby

Heat oven to 425°F. Whisk egg, sugar, flour, milk, extract and salt together until the batter is blended but lumpy; you can also do this in a blender. In a 12-inch ovenproof frying pan, melt butter. Add cherries and cook until warmed, about 2 minutes. Pour in batter and transfer to heated oven. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown and rumpled-looking.

Remove pancake from oven and quickly scatter with toasted almonds, dust with powdered sugar and squeeze lemon juice over. Serve in wedges, piping hot.





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May 2017

Annual Meeting Reminder

June 13, 2017

Registration starts @ 5:30 p.m.

ASU Student Union Building

Memorial Day Closure

Monday, May, 29, 2017

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Lighting the Way



POWERING OUR COMMUNITY

SLVREC's office is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Thursday.

The office is closed Friday through Sunday.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Board Meeting—May 30 @ 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Directors meets the last Tuesday of each month unless otherwise stated. Members are welcome.

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