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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRALITE

Powering Love: A Heartfelt Celebration of Our Members in February

February evokes thoughts of appreciation, cherishing relationships, and love. It's the perfect time for us to pause and reflect on the relationships we hold dear, our members. Being a member of Canadian Valley Electric Cooperatives means your relationship with us goes well beyond providing you with the energy you need to power your lives every day.

The cooperative model stands out as exceptional. While our primary aim is to serve as your electricity provider, the broader mission of the co-op revolves around enhancing our local surroundings. We take tremendous pride in serving our members because we're your neighbors, deeply committed to delivering the friendly, reliable, and dependable service you rightfully expect and deserve.

Here are six compelling reasons to embrace your role as a member of CVEC:

Our Purpose: Electric co-ops were founded to provide electricity at cost. Ensuring safe, reliable, and affordable power has been our unwavering mission from day one.

Members, Not Just a Customer: What sets cooperatives apart is that they are owned by you—the member. This means you have a say in how the co-op operates. Members elect the board of directors and can even run for a board seat, influencing

the cooperative's direction.

Non-profit Approach: Unlike investor-owned utilities focused on profits, electric co-ops do not seek monetary gains. Any remaining surplus is returned to members as capital credits based on their tenure with the co-op.

Local Community Focus: Being owned by our members fuels our commitment to local communities. Beyond providing reliable power, we actively engage in local development programs and initiatives such as local chambers and events, sponsorships, and youth engagement programs.

Guided by Principles: We follow the Seven Cooperative Principles. These principles serve as the foundation for every decision, emphasizing democratic control and a dedication to the community.

Commitment to Innovation: Answering to local members allows CVEC to be more responsive in meeting evolving member needs. We're dedicated to innovation, aimed at benefiting the communities we service.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, we extend warm regards from our entire CVEC team to all our cherished members!

CVEC Celebrates COO Josh Holt's Completion of Prestigious Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative proudly announces the recent completion of the esteemed Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP) by its Chief Operating Officer, Josh Holt. This program, offered through the University of Wisconsin and facilitated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), stands as one of the nation's premier management development programs for electric cooperatives.

The MIP is an intensive educational initiative designed to foster continuous growth in electric utility management. Participants delve into the diverse facets of the electric utility industry and cooperative management, placing a strong emphasis on practical applications of these concepts.

During the program, Holt and his peers engaged in three immersive 10-day sessions, combining in-person and online learning experiences. These sessions were crafted to challenge and educate attendees in innovative management techniques tailored for rural electric cooperatives.

Exclusively tailored for CEOs and top-level managers within rural electric cooperatives, the MIP provides a specialized focus on management, leadership challenges, and the unique aspects of member ownership that cooperatives embody. Participants delve into the core principles governing electric cooperatives' operations, enhancing not only their organizations but also their understanding of member value and needs.

"This program has been an invaluable experience, providing insights that will directly benefit Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative and the communities we serve," says Holt. "I'm excited to apply these learnings to enhance our operations and better meet the needs of our members."

Canadian Valley Electric Cooperative congratulates Holt on this remarkable achievement and looks forward to leveraging his enhanced skill set for the collective benefit of the cooperative and its members.



Josh Holt (left) accepts a plaque from Gary Pfann, NRECA Director, Executive and Staff Education recognizing his completion of the Kabat Management Internship Program.

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Did You Know?

832 distribution co-ops like CVEC are the foundation of the electric cooperative network. They were built by and serve co-op members in the community with the delivery of electricity and other services..



*Improve Life,
Serve Community*

How Fiber Internet Keeps Loved Ones Connected

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate love and connection, and in today's digital age, staying connected with loved ones is made easier, faster, and more meaningful through the power of the internet. As the world celebrates this day of love, it is worthwhile to discover how this cutting-edge technology plays a role in nurturing relationships, especially during occasions that emphasize togetherness.

The Role of Fiber Internet in Strengthening Bonds:

Virtual Celebrations: In a world where distances often separate us, the internet acts as a bridge that connects individuals across vast locations. Couples separated by miles can celebrate Valentine's Day through video calls, sharing moments, and creating memories despite the physical distance.

Seamless Communication: The high speed and reliability of fiber internet ensures uninterrupted communication. Whether it's sending heartfelt messages, sharing funny images, or streaming videos, the seamless connectivity offered by fiber internet enriches the conversation experience, making it more personal and engaging.

Shared Experiences: Despite being miles apart, couples can partake in shared activities, thanks to the internet. From synchronized movie-watching to engaging in online games or cooking together via

video calls, the low latency and high bandwidth of fiber internet make these shared experiences feel immersive and enjoyable.

Fiber Internet and the Language of Love:

Instant Sharing of Affection: Fiber internet facilitates the instantaneous sharing of love and affectionate gestures. Whether it's sending digital cards, sharing playlists, or creating personalized messages and videos, expressing emotions is quicker than ever before.

Virtual Date Nights: With the help of high-definition video calls and virtual reality technologies powered by fiber internet, couples can create unique and memorable date nights from the comfort of their homes. This technology brings dining experiences and concerts right to their screens, fostering a sense of closeness despite physical distance.

Valentine's Day serves as a reminder of the significance of connection and love in our lives. As technology evolves, it is revolutionizing how individuals express affection, making

every day an opportunity to celebrate love and allowing bonds to thrive despite physical barriers. In this digital age, the love that connects us is amplified and made more vibrant through the seamless connectivity offered by fiber internet.



Exciting News!



NEWLY REDESIGNED
SMARTHUB

MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT LIKE NEVER BEFORE!

SMART MANAGEMENT. SMART LIFE. SMARTHUB.

We will be rolling out the new and improved SmartHub on Tuesday, February 20.

This redesign makes it even easier for you to manage your account online and receive the alerts and information you want and need.

If you use the SmartHub app on your mobile device, there's no action required. However, for those accessing SmartHub via their computers, clearing the cache, cookies, or browsing history might be necessary if login issues occur.

ELECTRALITE CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ads Must be Submitted to

<https://www.mycvec.coop/submit-an-ad>

Ads must be received by the first of each month



AUTOMOBILES & BIKES

FARM & RANCH

500-gallon Savage pecan sprayer, 42" fan, 1,000 RPM, PTO, excellent shape, \$8,500; Southwest Fabricators 30-ton overhead feed bin, 11' tall, like new, \$7,500; Bush Hog brush hog, model 3210, 10' 5" wide, good shape, \$6,000, 405-623-3616.

Good, clean prairie grass hay, stored in barn, horse quality, \$7/bale, 405-598-5860 or text 405-826-5320..

HOME & LAND

MISCELLANEOUS

Single door, white Whirlpool refrigerator, 70" H x 33" W x 30" D, with lower freezer drawer, used 6 years, has many years left, \$700; Acorn charcoal/smoker grill, not used, like new, \$250, 405-598-0650.

2005 21' pontoon fishing boat, very good interior, 05 pontoon boat 21' 90-hp Mercury 2 stroke motor; fish rig, very good seats and carpet, depth and fish finder, live wells, 2 batts, good top and cover, \$11,000, for more info call 9 to 5 pm leave message, 405 964 5663.

Let the Sunshine In



One of the easiest ways to warm up your home during the winter: Open the window drapes.

Energy savings isn't the only benefit of adding natural daylight to your rooms. Daylight is a natural stimulant that makes people feel better.

Here are four ways the sun can help you save energy on heating bills:

1. Open the curtains or blinds during the day and close them once the sun goes down. The heat from the sun's rays could warm up the room enough to remain comfortable even if you lower the thermostat. South-facing windows are the best for letting sunlight in during the winter. A side benefit: You

won't have to turn any lamps on in sunlit rooms.

2. Clean your windows. Nobody likes that chore, but dirty windows can block natural light from finding its way into the home. Wipe down the indoor glass panes once a month year-round and the outdoor panes once a year.

3. Install a skylight in an otherwise shaded room. The rooftop windows aren't cheap, but they let the sun into the room and give you a view of the sky.

4. Replace any single-pane windows with energy-efficient, double-pane models. They not only let in the light; they keep your home's heated air from leaking outside.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.

