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CANADIAN VALLEY ELECTRICAL

A Trio of Graduates: Transforming Our Company with Fresh Knowledge and Ambition

In a remarkable display of dedication and determination, three CVEC employees recently graduated from college, marking a significant milestone in their professional journeys.

First among our accomplished trio is Josh Holt, Chief Operating Officer in Operations, with his Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy Management.

“The program helped me increase my knowledge of the energy sector and identified opportunities and challenges facing today’s leaders. The areas of study will help with future decision-making as the energy industry transitions to a new model,” Josh says.

Josh’s ability to analyze complex situations and make informed decisions has already proven instrumental in streamlining our operations.

Next is Vincent

Brackett, Distribution Engineering Manager in Operations, with his degree in Electrical Engineering.

“The engineering principles I learned at ASU will remain invaluable as the electric utility industry continues to evolve,” he says.

Vince’s innovative thinking and problem-solving skills have already resulted in creative solutions that promise to enhance our efficiency.

Lastly is Dylan Peterson, System Administrator in Technology and Information Systems, with his Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management degree.

“I have achieved more power, not just from my accomplishment, but from learning skills that will benefit me in the future.”

Dylan is set to revolutionize our technology



CVEC employees (left to right) Josh Holt, Vincent Brackett, and Dylan Peterson proudly display their diplomas.

department and better ensure our member information safety.

These three graduates embody the spirit of lifelong learning and adaptability that is essential in today’s ever-evolving business landscape. As they integrate their newfound knowledge and

skills into our company’s operations, we expect innovative solutions, improved processes, and a stronger, more dynamic team. We are proud to celebrate their achievements and excited to witness the positive impact they will undoubtedly have on our company’s future success.

A Message from

Canadian Valley Electric CEO



Gary Highley

My First Experience in an Electric Vehicle – Part Two – Range Anxiety

It was relatively late in the evening, and I was driving home from a meeting in Eufaula when my dash indicator indicated I was low on fuel. That is when I realized I had forgotten to fill the tank before I left and had ignored the warning I got when I had about 50 miles left. The needle was firmly buried below E, and I wondered how much range I had. It's eight miles to the nearest gas station through some hilly terrain. It's time to slow down, coast down the hills, and be gentle on the gas until I get to the station.

Worst case scenario, if I run dry, I can pull to the side of the road and have someone bring me a gas can with fuel. Now, I typically gas up my car to full when I get to about 1/8th of a tank left, so why do I have so much range anxiety when I am at 50% on a fully electric vehicle? I still have well over 100 miles of range left, usually closer to 130, yet I can feel myself getting nervous. It is because I have been conditioned to find a gas station at nearly every highway exit. Never more than just a few miles drive.

And yet, with an electric vehicle, I have to search for a public charging station that might be out of my way. Now, this is silly because I may be able to easily reach my destination where there is at least a level 2 charger, and I will be parked for some time. But the thought of getting stuck and far from a charger is still looming large. It's hard to break the comfort factor of a gas station on every corner, which I have gotten used to over the past half-century, and I get nervous when it is not there.

Not everyone has this anxiety. One of our employees was driving the electric vehicle we use for our marketing programs and ran it down to only eight miles range left before charging. There are also "engineering reserves" designed for electric vehicles. There are videos on YouTube of people intentionally running an EV down to zero capacity and testing to see how much additional range it has.

Most of the ones I have seen shut down auxiliary systems and go into some reduced power mode to "limp" to a location where they can be charged. My internal combustion engine vehicle does not do that. It just sputters and dies. I may need to trust technology more, but it's a hard habit to break. In the final part of this series, I'll tell you what I really think.

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Did You Know?

Electric co-ops were created to serve their members. Because we're a co-op, we're able to adapt to our communities' unique needs. That's the power of co-op membership.



*Improve Life,
 Serve Community*

A Sweet Start Back to School

Transitioning from carefree summer days to bustling school hallways can be challenging for students and teachers alike. To help ease the back-to-school jitters and celebrate the start of a new academic year, CVEC Fiber, your community's trusted provider of high-speed fiber-optic internet, added a touch of sweetness to the occasion. In a heart-warming gesture, we bought 42 dozen donuts for 18 local schools, spreading joy and fostering community spirit.

At the beginning of August, the CVEC Fiber team started coordinating this sweet back-to-school mission. Seminole Street Donuts in Seminole, was up to the challenge and caters to all tastes and preferences. From classic glazed to chocolate frosted and strawberry with sprinkles, each donut was a tiny package of happiness waiting to be unwrapped. Over a couple of weeks, the CVEC Fiber team arrived at each school bright and early, bearing boxes filled with these delightful treats.

Kelsey Scott, CVEC Fiber's Digital Marketing Associate, stated, "The smiles on the faces of the staff and teachers were priceless. The schools were delighted and appreciative of this unexpected gesture, and I could tell their day was made. The back-to-school season is more than just a calendar event. It's an opportunity to show appreciation for the educators who dedicate their lives to shaping the next generation's future."

In a time when connectivity is crucial, CVEC Fiber understands strong communities are built not just through fast internet connections but through acts of kindness and support. By bringing donuts

to these schools, we are investing in our community, which goes beyond cables and connections; it's about nurturing a sense of togetherness and celebrating milestones, big and small. It's a reminder that community support can be as sweet as a donut and that together, we can overcome any challenges the future may hold.

We wish all students, teachers, and staff a great school year filled with fun and learning!



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A PODCAST POWERED BY
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Listen in on Tuesday, October 24 when Communications Coordinator Kaci Dennis discusses National Cyber Security Month with a member of CVEC's IT Department. They will discuss cyber security tips, insight, and procedures designed to keep CVEC and its members safe.

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2008 black General Electric gas range jetted for propane, \$300, 405-899-6112.

Registered Hereford bulls, 9-16 months old, both polled and horned, growthy, low birth weight, and out of productive,

4" x 6" x 20' board, kept in garage, bought for a swing set that never got made. \$50, 405-664-2658.



**CO-OPS
GROW**

COMMUNITIES

Electric cooperatives are joining co-ops across the U.S. to celebrate National Co-op Month. As your local electric co-op, our services are shaped to meet your specific needs. We love growing with you, the members we are proud to serve.

October is National Co-op Month

**Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month**

Did you know using your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand? To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher and don't block the arms or other parts that move while the appliance is in use.

For additional savings, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting and use a rinse aid to help dishes dry faster without spotting and streaking.

Source: Dept. of Energy

