



NorVal

NEWS



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Manager's Corner
By Craig Herbert

Welcome Melissa!


A hearty welcome to our new Billing Clerk, Melissa. Be sure to stop into the office and say hi! She brings with her a wealth of experience in a few different industries and we are excited to welcome her to the NorVal Electric team.

Pending Rate Change Update

The Board of Directors continues to assess the financial situation of the Cooperative and are working to find a new rate schedule that will be equitable for all members, while satisfying the fiduciary responsibility of the Co-op. As soon as we have more concrete numbers regarding this necessary

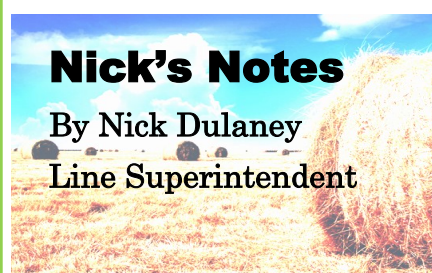
change, we will be reaching out to you with more information.

Spring Planting

With the warm weather upon us, I'm sure you'll be in the field soon. After passing by the implement dealers, I see the latest seeders and spreaders are getting bigger and wider for increased capacity, making farming a little easier. Please remember as you move from field to field this Spring to have a spotter as you get close to our power lines. If you have any doubts about clearance give us a call and our crews will be happy to come measure and/or lift the lines to ensure your safety. Until next time, be safe! 

Nick's Notes

By Nick Dulaney
Line Superintendent




Happy April! The nice weather in the beginning of March was nice for getting a jumpstart on the projects in the field. The crews have completed the Britsch and Burns Road job, the poles have been pulled and the wire is rolled up. The conversion from overhead to underground is now done.

There are a few 3 phase lines near the outskirts of the city of Glasgow that we are converting to single phase lines behind the bowling alley, near Jensen Trail. The larger capacity is no longer

necessary and this new line conversion will be perfect to meet the needs of the members served by it.

In March, the monthly Safety Meeting was attended by both line crew and office staff. Topics included OSHA regulations, a briefing on Mayday protocol, and a few miscellaneous refreshers on Material Safety Data Sheets.

Starting in April, we will be connecting irrigation services for the season. As a reminder, those are billed on a six month basis with the first statement arriving in May and going through October.

Finally, as you begin to look at the projects you have on your list this year we ask you to give us a call if you have any plans, even if in the early stages of planning, so that we can go over your options. The lead time for material is lengthy, so we will need to order that as soon as possible. 

Meet Melissa, NorVal's New Billing Clerk




Melissa Sinerius

Melissa Sinerius has joined the NorVal Electric Cooperative family as the new Billing Clerk in January. She hails from Deer Lodge, Montana and following graduation moved to Vista, California near San Diego. She eventually found her way back to Montana, settling in Missoula and now Glasgow.

She is engaged to Christopher George, and they are parents to Owen, 8, and Remington, 2 1/2. Chris is employed with the Montana Highway Patrol and is stationed in Glasgow and Wolf Point.

In her spare time, she enjoys bowling, fishing, camping, biking, shooting and baking. Her favorite foods are Mexican and Chinese. When they visit bigger cities, she enjoys the Red Robin bottomless garlic fries. If she could visit any country, Melissa said she would pick Ireland, stating "It's just beautiful and so picturesque!"

Melissa says, "I'm so excited to be working with this incredible group of professionals! In the short time I've been with the co-op, I've learned so much. I look forward to continuing to learn about this business and the incredible people in it!"

We are excited to welcome Melissa to the team and know that she will be a great asset to NorVal Electric Co-op with her cheery disposition and desire to learn! 



Recipe of the Month

Chicken Enchilada Spaghetti Squash

Ingredients

2 8 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 2.5-3 lb spaghetti squash, halved lengthwise and seeded
1 1/4 c. red enchilada sauce, divided
1 medium zucchini, diced
1 c. shredded pepper jack cheese

Directions

Position racks in upper and lower thirds of oven; preheat to 450 degrees F. Place chicken in medium saucepan, add water to cover and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to low and gently simmer until 165 degrees. Transfer chicken to a clean cutting board and shred with 2 forks, then transfer to a large bowl. Meanwhile, place squash cut-side down in a microwave safe dish and add 2 tbsp. water and microwave uncovered on high until flesh is tender about 10 mins. Use a fork to scrape the squash from the shells to the larger bowl. Place the shells on a broiler-safe pan. Stir 1 cup enchilada sauce, zucchini, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. salt into the squash and chicken. Divide the mixture between the shells; top with remaining enchilada sauce and cheese. Bake on the lower rack for 10 minutes. Move to the upper rack, turn the broiler to high and broil, watching carefully, until the cheese starts to brown, about 2 minutes. To serve, cut each shell in half.



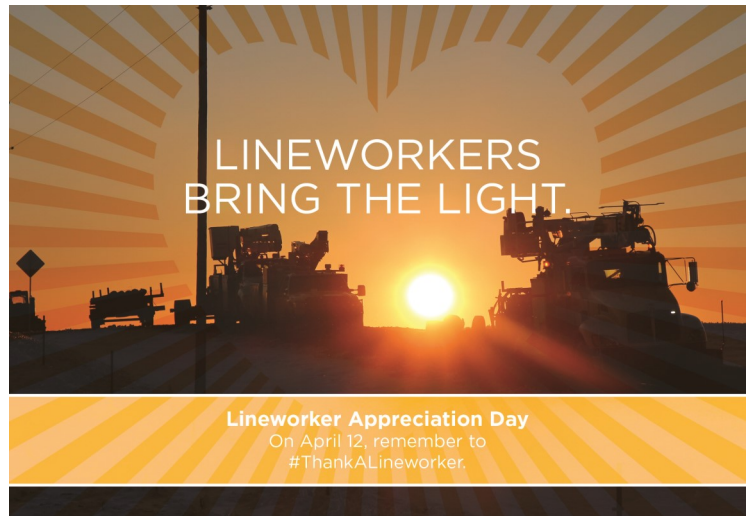
Lineworker Appreciation Day

When you picture NorVal Electric Co-op, more often than not, you probably imagine a lineman answering the call in the middle of the night during the peak of the storm to restore power to you.

Listed as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the United States, Linemen work daily with high voltage power lines and they battle Mother Nature during the hottest summers and coldest winter storms.

Being a lineman is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That's why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

On April 12, we honor our linemen who serve tirelessly to keep the lights on and wish them a Happy Lineworker Appreciation Day!



HISTORY CORNER



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Front Row Left to Right: Marlene Charette, Kathy Ramsbacher, Sue Kinzell and Bonnie Gerth.

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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat.

The thermostat senses heat from these.

