



# NorVal

## NEWS



June 2021

### Welcome to the Co-op Family, David!




In May we welcomed a new member to our team, David Kelleher.

He hails from Shelby where he graduated high school. He then attended Highlands College in Butte to earn his Pre-Apprentice Line Certification.

His hobbies include aviation and motocross. Given any choice of res-

taurants to dine at, he would choose a steakhouse. He would someday like to visit Brazil.

We asked him about his first few weeks of working with the crew and David answered, "Wow, it's been such an adventure. Everyone has been great to work with. But, man it's busy!"

NorVal's staff and management wishes to welcome David to the team. 


### Annual Pole-Top Rescue Certification is Complete



Every summer, the NorVal Electric line crews must perform pole-top safety certification. Their annual testing, which usually takes place in late summer, was pushed up in the season due to scheduling conflicts.

To complete the training certification, each lineman must climb a pole

with a life-sized mannequin who weighs as much as an adult male, and safely rescue and lower it to the ground in a timely fashion.

Additionally, the crews perform annual CPR and First Aid training, as well as bucket truck rescue utilizing the mannequin. 



*Pictured left to right: David Kelleher and Tracy Henry.*

### Best Wishes, Leila!




After 16 years of service to the cooperative world, Accounts Payable and Communications Specialist Leila Seyfert has announced that she's leaving at the end of May. She will be joining Montana-Dakota Utilities in their new Glasgow Office as the Operations Assistant.

She started her career with Northern Electric in Opheim as the Material and Work Order Clerk in 2005, and also served as the Newsletter Editor and Annual Meeting Coordinator for both Northern and Valley

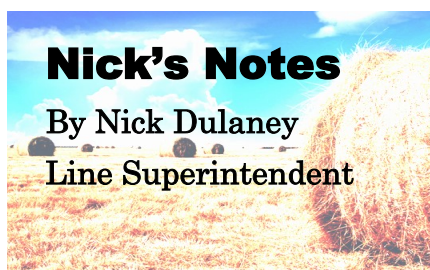
Electrics, prior to the merger. In 2010, she took over Billing for Bill Run 2 (the Self-Read accounts) until the meters were changed to automatically read meters and also transitioned into the Accounts Payable role around then.

When asked what she'll miss most about the job, Leila said, "I'll miss the members! I have enjoyed being a part of your lives, I am truly thankful for your friendship and for the opportunity to serve you!"

We wish Leila the best in her new adventure! 

### Nick's Notes

By Nick Dulaney  
Line Superintendent



vices near Fort Peck.

On Highway 24 South, we will be converting a single phase overhead line to underground.


Near the Sunny Hills Subdivision West of Glasgow, we are replacing the single phase line. Additionally, South of Frazer, on

The line crews completed their annual Pole Top rescue certification.

They are working on a new three phase line extension in the Peerless area as well as installing many new ser-

Westland Road we are working to replace the aging cable there as well.

On the weekend of Mother's Day we experienced late season snow and rain. The wet conditions caused multiple unplanned service interruptions. We are grateful for the patience of the members affected while we restored power following the storms. There were reports from the line crews who relayed ice on the lines up north as thick around as baseballs, with galloping lines in the wind.

Finally, please remember to call 8-1-1 before you start any projects. The free service, Call Before You Dig, is a useful tool and it's the law. With one call, you can have all electric, gas, propane, fiber and telephone lines located before you start your project and to ensure the safety of your helpers. 



## Recipe of the Month

### Rhubarb Upside Down Cake

#### Ingredients

3 c. sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb  
1 c. sugar  
2 tbsp. all-purpose flour  
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1/4 c. butter, melted

#### Batter

1/4 c. butter, melted  
3/4 c. sugar  
1 large egg, room temperature  
1 1/2 c. all purpose flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg  
1/4 tsp. salt  
2/3 c. 2% milk  
Whipped cream

#### Directions

Place rhubarb in a greased 10-in. cast-iron skillet. Combine sugar, flour and nutmeg; sprinkle over rhubarb. Drizzle with butter and set aside. For batter in a large bowl beat the butter and sugar until blended. Beat in the egg. Combine the flour, baking powder, nutmeg and salt. Gradually add egg mixture alternatively with milk, beating well after each addition. Spread over rhubarb mixture and bake at 350 degrees until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Loosen edges and invert into a serving dish. Top with whipped cream.



**NorVal Electric Annual  
Meeting October 27th  
Glasgow Civic Center**

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## Avoid Utility Scams!



Utility scams often involve an individual or group posing as an employee of your electric cooperative. The scammer may use threatening language in order to frighten you into offering your credit card or bank account information. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.

If someone calls your home or cell phone demanding you pay your electric bill immediately, gather as much information as you can from that individual, hang-up the phone and contact the local authorities. Scammers often use threats and urgency to pressure you into giving them your bank account number or loading a pre-paid credit or debit card. Prior to disconnect date NorVal will mail 3 regular

billing statements, a friendly reminder, and a disconnect notice. We will also attempt to reach you by phone a few days before we disconnect power, and identify ourselves, however if you have any doubts about the caller, contact us at 406-228-9351.

Additional tips for security:

- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. We have the information and details about your account.
- If someone demands immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards hang up immediately.
- If you receive an email from an unknown sender; an email riddled with spelling errors and typos; or an email threatening action unless a sum of money is paid, do not click the links provided and do not respond to the email.
- If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing the co-op, please let us know as soon as possible.

NorVal Electric Cooperative wants to make sure you avoid any and all types of scams that could put you or your financial information in jeopardy. If you have any questions or would like more information about how you can protect yourself from scammers, call us, or visit our website [www.norval.coop](http://www.norval.coop).



## HISTORY CORNER



Left to right: Bill Franzen, Leo Murr, Gary Gardner, Wayne Anderson and Jim Amunson.

Circa 1974

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat (like clothes dryers and dishwashers) during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day.

