

# SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

*The Outlet*

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SDCEA Annual Meeting**  
**June 20, 2019**  
**Cliff Lanes, Westcliffe.**

**Details to follow.**

## SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC TO SEND FIVE STUDENTS ON THE 2019 YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Cotopaxi Junior-Senior High School students Justin and Victoria Robitaille and Buena Vista High School students Megan Armstrong, Rylie Flavin and Isabella Warholoski will represent their respective schools, communities and Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc., at the 2019 Youth Tour held this June in Washington, D.C. They will join students from around the state in Denver for a day to get acquainted and learn about rural electric systems in Colorado before boarding a plane and flying to our nation's capital for seven days.

Sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives, students from all over the United States tour the sites around the D.C. area and meet with energy industry and government officials. More than 1,900 students attended the event in 2018. A full day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with

the Colorado congressional delegation and eating lunch in the cafeteria with congressional staffers. The students are introduced to issues faced by rural electric cooperatives on a state, as well as national, level.

This is an all-expenses-paid trip and the winners are selected based on their application and an essay on why they would be a good candidate for the experience.

The Youth Tour is open to area high school sophomores, juniors or seniors. Application packets are available for download from our website myelectric.coop each year in early October. The deadline for application submissions is the beginning of January.

For more information, contact member services at 719-395-2412 or toll-free at 844-395-2412, or email communications@myelectric.coop.



▲ Justin Robitaille  
Cotopaxi Junior-Senior  
High School



▲ Victoria Robitaille  
Cotopaxi Junior-Senior  
High School



▲ Megan Armstrong  
Buena Vista High School



▲ Rylie Flavin  
Buena Vista High School



▲ Isabella Warholoski  
Buena Vista High School

# Sangre de Cristo Electric Association is Seeking Director Candidates from Custer County

**Are you interested in the governance of your electric cooperative?**

**Do you have business skills and leadership qualities and want to make a difference?**

**Consider running for a seat on the Sangre de Cristo Electric Association board of directors!**

If you're interested in running for a director seat, you'll have to meet certain basic qualifications. First, you must be a member of Sangre de Cristo Electric Association living in Custer County. If you are, once you certify that you meet a few other qualifications, you'll be provided with a nomination petition that requires the signatures of 15 members. Nomination petitions must be submitted to the cooperative by 5 p.m., May 6, 2019. The election will take place at the Sangre de Cristo annual meeting in June.

Contact CEO Paul Erickson at ceo@myelectric.coop or by phone at 719-395-2412 or 1-844-395-2412 if you are interested in running for the board.

Directors must live within their director district, but all members vote on all director candidates and directors represent the entire membership of the cooperative.

Custer County incumbent director Don Kaufman is retiring from the board and will not seek re-election.

Director terms run for three years.

## STORY BEHIND THE SWITCH

**Area teachers!**  
Here's a great opportunity.

If you are a K-12 teacher who lives or teaches in our service area, we can bring a 1-hour, interactive education program called *Story Behind the Switch* to your classroom. Our co-op power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, offers *Story Behind the Switch* to our consumers at no cost, including related classroom materials.

Your students will learn:

- How we make electricity
- What we mean by a diverse energy mix
- Why electricity safety matters

**"A great opportunity for kids to see and experience!"**

— Matthew M., Science and Social Studies Teacher

To schedule *Story Behind the Switch*, contact Michelle Pastor at Tri-State, mpastor@tristategt.org.



### New Phone Number or Email?

If you've changed your phone number or email address since taking service with Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, please update your information with us.

Without a current phone number or email address, we cannot get in touch with you to let you know about planned outages, to confirm power has been restored in the event of an unplanned outage or to let you know about possible issues with your billing, such as expired credit cards on auto pay accounts.

You may go to our website, myelectric.coop, to the login box to create an account with updated information, or you may update information online if you already have an account.

Would you like to check in with us instead? Call us 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F at 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412.



### REBATES

Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc., and its power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., have teamed up to bring you rebates for installing Energy Star-rated water heaters and Energy Star-rated appliances.

Want to learn more? Go to our website, myelectric.coop, click on Save Energy & Money and head to the rebates tab.

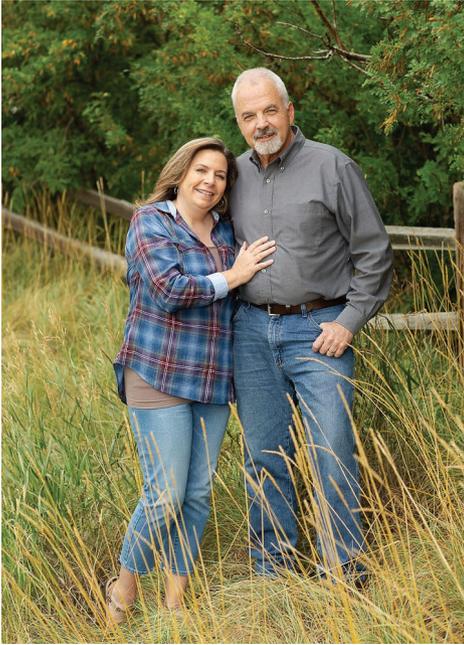


### OUTAGES

Do you have an outage to report? Don't hesitate to call 719-395-2412 or toll-free 844-395-2412. A live operator will assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

DO NOT email your outage information or post your outage information on social media. SDCEA cannot monitor that information effectively, especially after hours. The only way to be sure we know you have an outage is to phone it in.

# SDCEA Employee Profile: Ruth Teipel



**Name and Title:** Ruth Teipel, Customer Service Representative II.

**Job description:** Answer customer service and billing questions, process ACH payments, monthly billing, past due and delinquent accounts and service orders.

**Hometown:** Buena Vista

**How long have you worked at Sangre de Cristo Electric?** 2 years.

**Have you held other positions in the company?** I worked at the front desk the first six months I was here.

**What is the most rewarding experience you've had working here so far?** I enjoy working with awesome coworkers at a company that really cares about our consumers.

**If you were driving down the road, what song would you turn up if it came on the radio?** "American Kids" by Kenny Chesney or "All Summer Long" by Kid Rock.

**Name a skill that you have, unrelated to work:** I love to bake.

**Please share a fun fact about yourself:** I was born in Ankara, Turkey, and I once spent Christmas with the Secret Service.

**What do you do outside of work for fun?** I love to travel, read, take pictures and watch my kids compete in sports.

**Anything else you'd like to add?** I am blessed to have a wonderful husband, two sons, two stepsons and five grandchildren.

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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### Certification:

I, Suzanne Kelly, secretary of Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc., do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the board of directors of said corporation and entered in the minutes of the meeting held on the twenty-third day of January 2019, at which meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name as Secretary and affixed the corporate seal of said corporation this twenty-third day of January 2019.

Suzanne Kelly, Secretary  
/s/Secretary

# 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019**

CLIFF LANES  
25 MAIN STREET  
WESTCLIFFE

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**9 A.M. REGISTRATION**  
**10 A.M. MEETING CONVENES**

*See You In June*

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