## Dakota Valley welcomes new employee at Gackle outpost

**Colin Trebas** was recently hired to fill the open journeyman lineman position at Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative's (DVEC) Gackle outpost.

Trebas joins Line Foreman Grant Baker in performing both overhead and underground power line maintenance and construction in the Gackle service area, which extends from the Streeter area to the Ypsilanti area, stated DVEC Operations Manager Brad Lunneborg.

Trebas holds a degree in Electric Technology from Bismarck State College and achieved Journeyman Lineman status in 2014. Prior to his employment at Dakota Valley, Trebas worked for several other utilities over the past 12 years. Most recently, he was employed at Bismarck State College, where he was an instructor in the college's Lineworker Program.

"Colin's extensive experience is an important asset to Dakota Valley in providing the reliable electric service Dakota Valley members in the Gackle service area deserve," Lunneborg said.

A North Dakota native who was born and raised in the Bottineau area, Trebas attended elementary and high school at Bottineau Public School and graduated from Bismarck State College in 2008.

Trebas and his wife, Gretchen, enjoy country living and have recently moved to a home near Streeter. Gretchen works as a respiratory therapist at Jamestown Regional Medical Center.

The couple are avid outdoor enthusiasts. Trebas says they enjoy most any outdoor activity, including camping, hiking, and golfing.

"We welcome the wealth of experience and knowledge about all aspects of power line construction and maintenance Colin Trebas brings to Dakota Valley," stated DVEC Operations Manager Brad Lunneborg. "Please join us in welcoming Colin Trebas to the Gackle community."

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