

The Berwick Connection

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The “Peak” of Medical Care: Berwick Powers New Veterans Affairs Clinic



The view from the top of Fillmore hill in Colorado Springs, Colo. is inspiring to say the least; Pikes Peak is framed by the striking red rocks of Garden of the Gods Park. Along with the view, veterans and active duty troops will soon be able to receive state of the art medical care in the new Veterans Affairs Clinic currently under construction at this site.

The new clinic comes on the heels of a growing need to support veterans in the Colorado Springs area, as commuting to Denver for care is often cumbersome. According to a 2009 estimate from the Census Bureau, nearly 72,000 veterans and 50,000 active duty troops live in El Paso County. This new clinic will offer important health services

such as CT scans, lab work, and other diagnostic services. And, with the expanding need for mental health care post-Afghanistan and Iraq, the clinic will also offer treatment for PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and traumatic brain injuries.

“After a lengthy interview process with Jacobsen Construction of Salt Lake City, UT, Berwick Electric is pleased to have been chosen as the electrical subcontractor for the VA Clinic,” Project Manager Mark Norman said. “We will be installing the building’s power and lighting system, as well as the data communications, fire alarm, and security systems.”

In addition to contributing to a much-needed health care facility for the community, the Berwick team is excited to sink its teeth into challenges unique to the project.

“Due to the three-story, open glass atrium that faces Pikes Peak, there is a critical smoke evacuation system that needs to be in place,” Mark explained. “This system involves the careful coordination of the building’s electrical, life safety, security, and mechanical systems in order to ensure that the smoke evacuation system functions properly.”

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NEW FACES AT BERWICK



Buddy Lowther
Project Manager

In May, Buddy was promoted from electrician to project manager. Buddy has been married for almost 23 years to his beautiful wife Belinda. They are both from Clovis, New Mexico, where Buddy was raised by his great-grandparents. He is thankful that his great-grandparents taught him to have a strong sense of morals and ethics. Buddy and Belinda have three wonderful children: Britnee (23), John (22), and Briana (16) (pictured at right).



Buddy's journey to Berwick is quite an adventurous one. After joining the United States Army



Buddy and his wife, Belinda.

in May 1990, he and his wife were stationed in Erlangen, Germany for three years and Fort Carson for four years. During his time with the military, Buddy completed a tour in Cuba and was a Desert Storm Veteran. He left the army in 1997 and began working for The Broadmoor as a maintenance electrician. After 2.5 years with The Broadmoor, he joined the apprenticeship program in 2000 and came to work for Berwick Electric Co. He was transferred to Green Electric from 2001 to 2004 and returned to Berwick in June 2004. After running a service van for nine years and working on several cooling tower projects in Wyoming, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, and Illinois, Buddy was promoted to project manager.

"What I enjoy most about working at Berwick is the people that I work with. Being ex-military, I miss the camaraderie, and that is the one thing I have found here," Buddy said. "I am also very proud of the excellent service that we provide by putting the customers' needs first. Without the customers, we would not be in business, so they are a top priority in my book."



Wendy Campbell
Service Billing

Wendy joined the Berwick team in May 2013, where she does billing for the service department.

Wendy has 20 years of accounting experience, and she enjoys what she does. "Berwick is a special place to work, because all of the employees are very dedicated and conscientious; everybody does a very good job," Wendy said. "It's very rare to have so many people in one organization who are so passionate about what they do."

Wendy and her husband have three children ages 21 to 27, as well as a menagerie of pets. A Colorado native, Wendy enjoys boating, jet skiing, hiking, and camping. When she has time to kill, Wendy is also an avid genealogist.



Tonia Nifong
Marketing/Communications

Tonia moved to Colorado Springs in June 2011 from Fort Collins, Colo. A native

of Colorado, Tonia grew up exploring the mountains with her dad.

Writing has always been one of Tonia's passions, and she genuinely enjoys blogging, writing articles, designing marketing material, creating videos, and anything else creative that she can dream up.

Outside of work, Tonia teaches ballet, lyrical, and modern dance and dances with a local, contemporary dance company called Flourish Dance. Flourish Dance is part of a local non-profit called Flourish Arts, which seeks to utilize life-affirming creativity as a conduit for healing, bridge building, and community transformation.

Tonia and her husband, Daniel, enjoy mostly anything having to do with the outdoors, music, theatre, and hanging out with friends.

"So far, I really enjoy working for Berwick," Tonia said. "The company's family values and work ethic are very admirable, and I'm glad to be a part of that."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Berwick Electric Co. is pleased to announce that Project Manager Andrew Maestas and Controller Ellie Capek are now company shareholders. See more on page three.
- Congratulations are in order for Kathleen Mandelkow! She became an official journeyman wireman on May 6, 2013.



- Berwick was recently voted the #1 electrical contractor in the Colorado Springs Business Journal's "Best of" Awards. We are honored to be counted among such a distinguished group of local businesses and individuals.



- Warehouse manager Will Krueger, his wife, Coral, and their son, Kristian, welcomed Autumn Marie to the family on April 24th, 2013. Autumn Marie weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. Congratulations!
- Paul Brumley and his wife, Emily, welcomed twin daughters, Addison Grace, and McKayla Beth on April 29th, 2013. Addison weighed 5 lbs., 10 oz., and McKayla weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to John Raab, who welcomed his new granddaughter, Leilani Momoko Rardon, on May 18th, 2013. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz.
- Don LaRoe welcomed twin grandsons, Cash and Calvin, on May 1st, 2013. Cash weighed 4lbs., 2 oz., and Calvin weighed 5 lbs. Congrats!

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"Berwick's General Foreman, John Travers, is working with Foremen Eric Norman and Dale Butterfield," he continued. "We have an outstanding, hard-working, committed crew on site to ensure the success of the building's construction. The clinic is slated to open in late spring or early summer of 2014."

The new VA clinic is only a small token of the gratitude that those who have so diligently served our country deserve. Berwick Electric Co. is pleased to contribute to such a worthwhile project.



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Meet Berwick's Newest Shareholders: Andrew Maestas and Ellie Capek

Berwick Electric Co. is pleased to name Project Manager Andrew Maestas and Controller Ellie Capek as shareholders in the company. After nearly 27 years of combined service, Maestas and Capek join other Berwick Electric Co. shareholders: Jim Peterson (president), Doug Berwick (treasurer), Clay Gafford (vice president—contract div.), Tim Prime (vice president—industrial div.), and Tony Cerciello, Waldo Pendleton, and Mark Norman (project managers).



Andrew Maestas, project manager

Both Maestas and Capek are proud to work for Berwick, which has long maintained a commitment to diversification, expansion and a superior level of customer service. "In addition to consistently delivering a high level of service to customers, the company also cares for its employees," Capek said. "Berwick is very family-oriented and accommodating, and I enjoy that each project has its unique set of challenges and opportunities. There's always something to learn."



Ellie Capek, controller

"I couldn't ask to work with and for a better group of people with strong family values," Maestas added. "I look forward to furthering the integrity at the heart of this company's reputation."

Faster, Better, Stronger: Berwick Upgrades Internal Communications

One of Berwick's top priorities is to provide the local community with quality electrical service in an efficient, trustworthy manner. As part of Berwick's continual improvement process in this area, Data Communications Manager Shane Gebbink spearheaded a project to improve internal communications. More advanced internal communications enables the Berwick team to efficiently provide the community with great electrical service. We recently interviewed Shane to learn more about this exciting undertaking.

Berwick Electric (BE): Describe what data communications is for those who may not be familiar with the term.

Shane Gebbink (SG): Essentially, data communications systems transmit data to and from computers and components of computer systems. Data communication is transmitted via mediums like wires, coaxial cables, fiber optics, or radiated electromagnetic waves such as broadcast radio, infrared light, microwaves, and satellites. It's really the "nuts and bolts" of how we communicate in this day and age. Here at Berwick, we install, test, and maintain these connectivity systems.

BE: What does Berwick's data communications system upgrade project entail?

SG: We are updating our building's cabling system and network devices from the old Cat5 cabling to new Cat6 and Cat6A cabling. This update will provide an increase in bandwidth capability, and it will be noticeable in both speed and reliability.

Along with the wiring changes, Berwick has increased our Century Link service from 3MB to 10 MB. This will alleviate a lot of errors in packet dropping and collisions on our systems. The "power users," a.k.a. project managers, computer automated drawings, etc., who transfer large drawings, videos, or CAD files will now be cabled with CAT6A to have a higher



A peek inside Berwick's new telecommunications room

capability (1 GB) at the desk at all times. In addition to these "power users," regular users (everyday computer operations such as email and internet) will see an increase in bandwidth with more consistent reliability.

BE: How are you facilitating this upgrade?

SG: In conjunction with the work on our service and cabling, Berwick has also built a "true telecommunications room" to house brand new switches that are capable of handling our increased bandwidth. There's also a new wireless system in place to accommodate the smartphones, laptops and iPads. This system is tied to our network and is hot transferrable, so there will be no login or dropping from one radio to the next. In other words, a device on the network can be located anywhere in the building and have total access to the network with no VPN login.

BE: Is there anything else that you'd like to share about the upgrade?

SG: If there is an individual or company out there that is thinking about a data communications system upgrade, please feel free to stop by and look at Berwick's new telecommunications room to get an idea of how we might be able to help you upgrade.

PROJECT UPDATES: FORT CARSON, PETERSON AND SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASES

The summer season has been a busy one for Project Manager Andrew Maestas and his team, with large projects underway at Fort Carson, Schriever, and Peterson Air Force Bases in Colorado Springs, Colo. It's no surprise that strategic preparations and excellent team work have been staples of these projects from the start, and we are excited to provide further updates below.

FORT CARSON BOILERS

Chris Bowlby and Tony Pisaneschi are working diligently to complete the Fort Carson Boiler Upgrades project. The scope of the project includes the installation of various water and steam boilers, as well as the associated emergency shutdown systems at 11 buildings at Fort Carson. Building types vary from auditoriums to the special forces barracks, heavy over-the-road machinery maintenance facilities, child development centers, aquatic centers, and helicopter hangars. With the wide variety of facility types and configurations, each of the installations for this project is unique. "I would like to thank Mr. Bowlby for his up-front planning," Andrew said. "We are projecting successful completion of the project in August 2013."

FORT CARSON BUILDING 1864

Berwick has completed a submission of the technical data package number one for the project at building 1864 at Fort Carson. This building serves as the central cooling plant at Fort Carson. The project includes removal and replacement of the utility transformer, removal of one of the existing electrical services, providing a new 2000A, 480V service, replacement of all distribution equipment that is downstream from the electrical service being removed, providing power to a new 750-ton chiller, and maintaining electrical service to the existing chilled water system during construction. We anticipate that this project will be completed by November 2013.



Pictured is the fuel station project at Peterson Air Force Base.

SCHRIEVER RV PARKING EXPANSION

Berwick is set to replace all of the site lighting at the Schriever RV parking space with new induction fixtures. Two new light poles will be added, as well as block heater receptacles for the RV storage site. We estimate that the project will be completed by mid-September 2013.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

For all of the hard work associated with these projects, a sincere thank you goes to: Chris Bowlby, Tony Pisaneschi, Bob Palmer, Brandon Prime, and Brian Miller.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RETIREEE DAN ANDERSEN



President Jim Peterson and Treasurer Doug Berwick laugh with Dan Andersen at his retirement party.

Congratulations are in order for Dan Andersen, who recently retired from Berwick Electric Co. after nearly 32 years of dedicated service. After serving as a residential wireman for five years, Dan entered the apprenticeship program and became a journeyman. As a journeyman, Dan ran a service van, and then worked at Atmel for 16 years.

"I really enjoyed nearly everything about working for Berwick. I worked quite a bit for Clay Gafford and Tim Prime," Dan said. "The company is honest, they treat you right, and it's a great place to work," he continued. "Of course, being retired is enjoyable! I have time to do a lot of fishing and hunting," he added. "I'm also really enjoying some shooting at the range."

"I had the pleasure of working with Dan for over 20 years. Dan was always first-class, both as an electrician, and more importantly, as a person," Tim Prime, vice president of industrial projects, said. "I will genuinely miss working with him."



A look into the future interior of the new Veterans Affairs Clinic, currently under construction.

Customer Comments

"Great work, as usual. I did not check, 'exceeded my expectations,' because I have used your company before and expect and receive perfection every time."

- Mr. Goosman

"Billy was incredible! Very polite and efficient."

-Delphi Investments, LLC

"Billy was skilled and did a great job. He also was a great help when Mr. Ward was injured. Our sincere appreciation!"

- Mrs. Ward

"The Berwick employee (David Beck) was very professional and knowledgeable about the task he was performing. He is a fine representative of the Berwick company."

- Mr. Tucker

"Matt and Waldo are terrific people to work with. All of my electric needs will go to Berwick from now on. Thanks guys!"

-Mary O'Rourke

"Great service when I needed help quickly! Thanks!"

-Vicki Olson

BERWICK LENDS A HELPING HAND

Berwick Electric's service team recently had the opportunity to lend a helping hand to the local community's restoration efforts after the destruction caused by the Black Forest Fire. First reported in the early afternoon on Tuesday, June 11, the Black Forest Fire quickly grew into the most destructive wildfire in Colorado history. 486 structures were destroyed, and the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association estimates that damages caused by the fire total nearly \$292.8 million.



Smoke from the Black Forest Fire forms a cloud over the sun on 6/11/2013.

Photo courtesy of Dan Nilfong.

As a member of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), Berwick was able to participate in an initiative to help the community during this time. To help homeowners get a jumpstart on rebuilding and repairing the damages sustained during the fire, Berwick offered complimentary initial electrical inspections.

"We (Berwick's service team) are happy to be able to help people through a rough time," Project Manager Terry Schneider said. "It's the very least we can do to help people get power back to their homes."

Mountain View Electric Association, the utility of which many homeowners in the Black Forest area are members, had the following feedback for our service department:

"On behalf of Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. (MVEA), I would like to thank you for your hard work and contribution to MVEA and our members during the aftermath of the Black Forest Fire. Many members have lost their homes or have substantial damage to their homes. Thanks to your assistance, they are one step closer to completing a difficult process during such an emotional time."

Berwick is very pleased to have had the opportunity to participate in NECA's initiative to help those affected by the Black Forest Fire.

Although the Black Forest Fire has been 100% contained, volunteers are still needed in the clean up and recovery process. To learn more about how you can help, visit <http://bit.ly/18F1l0l> or <http://www.bffire.org/>.

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SAFETY CORNER: SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Summertime brings pool parties, barbecues, and sunny days at the beach, river, or lake. Unfortunately, it also brings new dangers. About 1.3 million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the US each year, and in 2010, drowning claimed the lives of 3,600 people. Here are a few helpful tips to keep you and your family safe this summer.

- Minimize sun exposure between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Use sunscreen with an SPF 30 or higher and reapply after toweling dry or perspiring. It is recommended to apply a full ounce with each application.
- Cover your head with a wide-brimmed hat, shading your ears, face, and neck.
- Never leave a child alone near water: on the beach, at a pool, or in the bathtub.
- Follow the 10/20 rule around water — a supervising adult needs to be positioned so that he or she is able to scan the area within 10 seconds and reach the water within 20 seconds.
- If you own a pool, make sure that you are trained in both infant and child CPR.
- Never consume alcohol when you are operating a boat.
- Always use approved personal flotation devices.
- Don't underestimate the power of water; even rivers and lakes can have an undertow.

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