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CEO, DMEA

Co-op Membership: What Does It Mean? Chief Executive Officer's Message to the Members

You become a new member of the cooperative when you set up your electric service account with Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA). You think, "That's done. Now I just have to pay my bill." But DMEA is more than just a utility company; we are a cooperative. And you, our member-owners, receive certain benefits:

We are in this together. You are a member of DMEA; not just a customer. This means you have a voice in how DMEA conducts business. In June, you can vote for your board of directors, who play a key role in making decisions.

We are local. We support your community by sponsoring local events, economic development, and youth programs. Our employees, your friends and neighbors, share the same concerns for our community that you do.

We are not-for-profit. Unlike investor-owned utilities, DMEA returns money beyond operative costs to you, based on your electric consumption over the year. We call these capital credits. Last year, DMEA returned more than \$1.2 million to our members.

We are here for you. At DMEA, our mission is to provide you with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. We work continuously to find innovative ways to improve service and bring value to you, our members. **1**



Congratulations Scholarship Winners

Each year, DMEA grants scholarships from Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin), Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State) and our own Unclaimed Capital Credits fund. This year's winners were:

Ryan Latta, Cedaredge High; Clay Wolpert & Hadassa Graham, Delta High; Alex Smith, Hotchkiss High; Amber Sogge, Megan Lahm & Jacob Miller, Montrose High; Theresa Tafoya, Olathe High; Taylor Plymale, Paonia High; Kassydy Bradley, Delta Vision School; Rachael Latta & Clayton Beutler, Tri-State Continuing Education; & Emily Rowland, Basin Electric.

Congratulations to these students. DMEA wishes you every success!



My Choice

DMEA's Pre Pay Program Puts You in Charge

Ken Atchley Memorial Scholarship Continues



This scholarship assists future linemen. Congrats to our recipients, Alex Baeza and Evan Moore, pictured here with DMEA Linemen, Cody Manganello, Chad Stickler, Chad Francis and Ivor Ayers.

Have you ever felt that you would have less trouble paying your bill if you could pay on *your* schedule rather than DMEA's? With DMEA's new option called My Choice, you can!



With My Choice, you pay for electricity *before* you use it. You can buy as much power as you want, whenever you want. There are no disconnect or reconnect fees. Members who have switched to a My Choice payment option are already singing its praises. "I love the flexibility," said one member. "I think this program helps me save, because I pay more attention to the power that my home uses," said another. "I'd never go back to the old way." Call 1-877-687-3632 today for more information about My Choice.

Home Cookin'

Win a small appliance! Submit recipes or ideas (submit name & city) to: DMEA Newsletter P.O. Box 910, Montrose, CO 81402 or communications@dmea.com DMEA does not test nor endorse any recipe or idea.

Every Member... has a voice. Make yours Count



DMEA is an electric cooperative. It belongs to you and your fellow member-owners. Each year there is an election to determine representatives from three of the nine board districts. These directors will represent your interests on the DMEA Board.

Your ballot will arrive by mail this month. Follow the instructions to cast a valid vote.

You can also vote at the DMEA Annual Meeting between 8 a.m.

and 9 a.m. on June 17, at the Cedaredge Assembly of God church at 159 SW 9th St. in Cedaredge.

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is Empowering Innovations. It will be a great chance for members to learn, not only about their cooperative, but about the tools and technology that make it run efficiently and that can help save you money.

Please Note:

Ballots will be mailed to DMEA Members on Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Watch for your ballot in the mail!

*Mail-in Ballot Deadline:
Tuesday, June 15, 2015*

*You may also vote in person,
Wednesday, June 17,
2015 at the DMEA Annual
Meeting.*

Election results will be announced at the end of the meeting.



Mayan Chocolate Cake:

- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. all-purpose flour
- 2 c. sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c. cocoa
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking soda
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt

- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cayenne pepper

Mix all dry ingredients together. Mix well. Set aside. Mix the following:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 c. milk
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. cooking oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. unsweetened apple sauce

Add liquid to dry ingredients, beat 2 minutes with electric mixer. Stir in 1 cup boiling water. Pour into a 9" x 13" pan that has been greased and floured. Bake at 350° for 35 - 40 minutes.

Frosting:

- 1 x 15 oz. container, chocolate frosting
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon
- pinch cayenne pepper

Mix well. Frost cake.

- Alma Ayers, Paonia, CO

Bright Ideas

Don't lose your grocery list at the store. Simply add some tape to the top of your list and tape it to the top of the bar on the child's seat and it leaves your hands free...plus it's easy to SEE while shopping.

- MaryAnn Langley, Montrose

Save Energy

Watch how the little changes add up to big savings. Use the Togetherwesave.com Save Energy, Save Money smart phone app to calculate the energy costs of your household electric items, see what a new appliance will cost to operate and learn energy saving tips. Discover all the easy ways to save energy and money in your home. Download the app for free from the Apple iTunes Store or the Android Marketplace.



Down

1. Get your Save Energy, Save Money smart phone app here.
2. Never plug it into a wall outlet.
3. Keeps a grocery list in place.
7. The 2015 annual meeting is here.

Congratulations!

...to these DMEA youth representatives:

NRECA Washington D. C. Youth Tour:

McKenna Griffin, Montrose

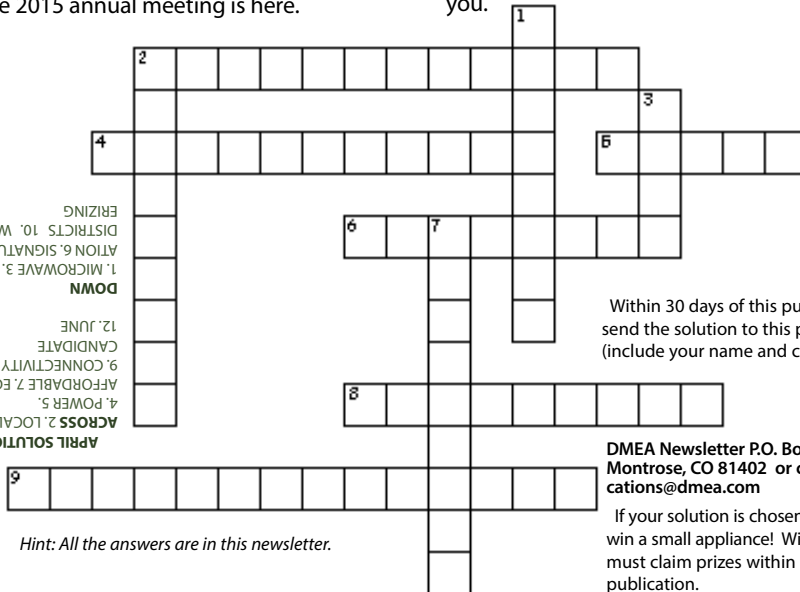
CREA/CEEI Youth Leadership Camp:

Weldyn Allen, Montrose; Wade Stinson, Delta;
Ben Kier, Cedaredge; Marisa Edmondson,
Paonia; Trey Jiron, Cedaredge

Crisscross

Across

2. Never remove this.
4. The 2015 annual meeting theme is Empowering _____.
5. Scholarships come from DMEA, Tri-State and _____.
6. Allows you to buy as much electricity as you want whenever you want.
8. Play a key role in making decisions.
9. Revenue beyond operative costs returned to you.



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ACROSS 2. LOCAL
4. POWERS.
AFFORDABLE 7. EGGS
9. CONNECTIVITY 11.
CANDIDATE
12. JUNE
DOWN
1. MICROWAVE 3. OPER-
ATION 6. SIGNATURES 8.
DISTRICTS 10. WEATH-
ERIZING

Within 30 days of this publication,
send the solution to this puzzle,
(include your name and city) to:

DMEA Newsletter P.O. Box 910,
Montrose, CO 81402 or communi-
cations@dmea.com

If your solution is chosen, you may
win a small appliance! Winners
must claim prizes within 60 days of
publication.

Hint: All the answers are in this newsletter.

DMEA Board Of Directors:

Bill Patterson, District #1; Brent Hines, District #2; Olen Lund, District #3
Jim Elder, District #4; Marshall Collins, District #5; Terry Brown, District #6
Mark Eckhart, District #7; Tony Prendergast, South Region
John Gavan, North Region

DMEA board meetings are open to all members. They are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 3pm with the public comment period at 5pm. Call 240-1212 to confirm specific dates, times and locations.

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Safety Month

May is **National Electrical Safety Month**. SafeElectricity.org and DMEA offer 10 tips to live and work safely with electricity.

1. Just because a power line is down does not mean it is dead.
2. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet.
3. Don't step into a flooded basement if there is a chance that flood waters may be in contact with outlets or electrical cords.
4. Water and electrical equipment don't mix.
5. All outlets near areas with water should have GFCI protection.
6. Extension cords should never be used permanently.
7. Never remove a plug's grounding pin.
8. Take care of electrical cords.
9. Avoid overloading outlets.
10. Always call 811 before any digging project.

Be a part of a safer, smarter world. Get more electrical safety tips at SafeElectricity.org.