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Jasen Bronec, CEO

Elevate Fiber: Worth the Wait

Raise your hand if you're one of the lucky ones who have Elevate Fiber in your neighborhood. Now, raise your hand if, like most of us at DMEA, you're still waiting. Waiting. I think that's the hardest part. Every day we answer your questions about when particular zones will get service. It's hard to tell members

we don't have service in their area yet. Knowing we have the support of the members behind us makes it – a little – easier. I have to remember, we've come a long way in less than a year and a half.

I'm proud to announce, more than 1,800 customers are hooked up to our network and are enjoying a whole new internet experience. No more buffering, delays, or dropped transactions. Elevate has service all across DMEA's service territory: Paonia, Cedaredge, Orchard City, Hotchkiss, and Montrose. The momentum continues to grow and more than 8,200 people have preregistered for service at join.elevatefiber.com.

When I think about this number and look at the areas that have met their preregistration goals, I see the huge impact cooperative efforts can have on a community. We're doing this together – DMEA, Elevate, you, and your neighbors. All of us are working together to meet a common goal that will help our communities find new ways to thrive.

Please indulge me as I get a little sentimental. Elevate will improve the quality of life in our communities. Truly high-speed internet can boost the economy, improve the job market, expand educational opportunities and distance learning, refine energy production and consumption, enrich cultural programs, and even empower individuals with disabilities. And, I'm just getting started here. Elevate is changing the landscape of our communities for the better. I can't help but think we said the same thing 79 years ago when the first power line went in.

Zones In Construction

Two zones in Montrose (418 and 425) recently met their goal and we are kicking off home installations this month. If you're in these zones, don't wait. Preregister today so we can add your name to the list.

Zones Getting Close

Paonia 055	87% to goal 51 more needed
Cedaredge 126	68% to goal 39 more needed
Montrose 417	68% to goal 21 more needed
Montrose 427	67% to goal 35 more needed
Montrose 813	62% to goal 270 more needed
Orchard City 112	62% to goal 245 more needed
Montrose 426	59% to goal 32 more needed

Don't see your zone mentioned above? That's okay, visit join.elevatefiber.com. Click on the Zones tab and scroll down to see the status of each zone within DMEA's service territory. We anticipate it will take up to six years to build out the entire network and make Elevate available to all parts of DMEA's service territory. Thank you for your continued support and patience!

Spread The Word

Help us keep the momentum going. Follow us on Facebook and share and like our posts. Better yet, post on your timeline about why you're excited to bring fiber to town and don't forget to tag us. We also have yard signs available so you can show your support. Give us a call at 877-687-3632 today!

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That's totally what all the cool kids are saying about DMEA's youth programs. Ok, let's be real. As your local electric cooperative, DMEA is more than just a power company. We're always looking out for your best interests, and for us, that means giving back to our members, young and old.

GET YOUR APPLICATION AT
WWW.DMEA.COM.

COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

Each year, DMEA sends students from local high schools to attend the CEEI Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. The camp offers a great opportunity for high school students to learn about the cooperative business model and build their communication and leadership skills.

While at camp, students set up a cooperative and learn how power is generated when visiting a mine and coal plant. They also float the Colorado River, hike to Fish Creek Falls, and ride the gondola to the top of Mt. Werner.

WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR

Each year, DMEA sponsors one student to attend the Washington D.C. Rural Electric Youth Tour. The Youth Tour opens big doors for small-town kids. It provides an opportunity to see our government in action, shake hands with senators and members of congress, and have experiences that will be remembered for a lifetime. It's an opportunity to meet peers from other places in rural America and make new friends from across the country, while learning about history outside of a textbook.

JULY 14-19, 2018



June 7-14, 2018



APPLY BY

Monday, January 8, 2018

Energy Services: DMEA Can Help You Manage Your Energy Use

Do you know what mileage your car normally gets? Can you tell if it's not running quite right? Chances are you do. What about your home? It isn't always obvious when something in your home is consuming too much energy. There aren't check engine lights for your insulation or oil change reminders for your air filters. That's why DMEA has a team dedicated to helping you manage your energy use. The best part, it's free.

DMEA offers professional energy audits conducted by trained and certified energy advisors. Our advisors provide advice on energy conservation measures, and will systematically inspect your home, creating a checklist of potential improvements.

Every month, DMEA's energy services team fields numerous calls and performs multiple on-site energy audits for our members free of charge. The process typically starts with a simple phone call where we review your basic energy use patterns over the past few months in order to learn about how your family consumes energy. In some cases, we can help you identify the culprit of your high bill over the phone. Other times, a comprehensive audit is in order.

According to Phil Zimmer, Energy Services Supervisor "most people are shocked at some of the little things we find that actually make a noticeable difference on their energy bill. Rarely does a house need windows or other expensive upgrades," Zimmer says. "It's usually a simple change of habit or inexpensive things like lighting, air sealing, and appliance maintenance." In many instances DMEA even has a rebate to help you pay for suggested upgrades.

Call DMEA today at 877-687-3632 and visit with our energy services personnel or schedule your free home energy audit. Don't forget to ask about how you can use Elevate's blazing fast WiFi to manage your energy use and save money too.

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Sensors cost less than \$20.00.
Check it out on Amazon!

DMEA and Elevate Fiber, harnessing today's technology to help you manage your energy use.



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Now through November 11, 2017 Elevate invites you to share your Colorado adventure photos for a chance to win! Submit up to 3 photos and email them to elevateadventures@elevatefiber.com. For the youngsters—10 and younger—show us your best artwork by joining the adventure coloring contest. Stop by any DMEA office to pick up a coloring sheet or download online at join.elevatefiber.com.

SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES

ADVENTURE PRIZES

Photo Contest

- 1st Streaming Device
- 2nd Netflix Gift Card
- 3rd Elevate Gift Basket

Coloring Contest

- 1st Smart Toy
- 2nd Smart Watch
- 3rd Mini Drone

[#adventurewestco](https://twitter.com/adventurewestco)

Amateur photo contest. Professional photos will not be included in the contest. Upon entering you give DMEA/Elevate permission to use your photo for other advertisements and social announcements. Winners will be announced 11.21.17.

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Recipes Info:

Submit recipes, including your name, address, and phone number to:
DMEA Newsletter
PO Box 910
Montrose, CO 81402
Or email your information to communications@dmea.com.

If your recipe is published, claim your prize by calling (970) 240-1273 within 60 days.

Home COOKING



Give Safety a Shot when Preparing for Hunting

Hunters have their sights on wild game when preparing for hunting season. DMEA urges hunters to take precautions and be aware of potential electrical hazards while hunting.

Before leaving for a hunting trip, make sure you have safety items to signal for help in case of an emergency. Always carry emergency supplies in the event of an accident. A cell phone, whistle, and flashlight are necessary items to carry with you throughout a hunting trip.

Never shoot near power lines or other electrical equipment. A single shot can cause vast damage to the electrical system. Damage to electrical equipment can result in power interruptions and physical risks to those nearby.

Note the location of power lines and other electrical equipment before you begin a hunt. Be especially careful and observant in wooded areas where power lines are easy to overlook.

Obey all signs or postings that advise electrical safety, especially when selecting the location for a tree stand. Tree stands are the leading cause for hunting injuries. If you are using a tree stand, make sure you read the manufacturer's instructions and inspect the stand for wear before use.

Never use power poles to support a tree stand. Look for an ideal tree for your stand, one that is sturdy and alive. While going up to the stand, keep at least three points of contact while you climb.

When setting up and taking down the stand, make sure you do not make contact with any overhead electrical equipment.

If you are using a portable electrical generator on your hunting trip, make sure that you do not run it in a confined area. Do not use it inside a cabin or RV. Make sure it is only used outside.

Apple Pudding Cake

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 3 large apples, peeled and coarsely grated or finely chopped
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1 tsp soda
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and mix well. Blend in apples. Add flour, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, salt, and walnuts. Mix well. Bake in greased 8x8-inch pan for 45 minutes or until done. Serve warm or cold. 9 servings.

- Beverly Culver, Montrose

For more information on electrical safety, visit
SafeElectricity.org.

