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Energy Efficiency Rebates: You Save. We Pay.



Jasen Bronec, CEO DMEA offers a variety of rebate programs all aimed at cutting your electricity costs while improving your bottom line. From home appliances to lighting to motors and more, our rebates help offset the upfront cost of new energy-saving technologies. DMEA gives you money back for buying and installing items like ENERGY STAR appliances or LED light bulbs, plus you get the continued savings of reduced energy costs.

Last year, DMEA paid back \$200,277.23 to members in energy efficiency rebates. Funds are up for grabs again this year. Our program incentives for the following:

- ENERGY STAR appliances
- LED lighting
- Heating and cooling systems
- Motors and pumps
- Refrigeration motors
- Occupancy Sensors

A full listing of DMEA's rebates is available online at www.dmea.com under the efficiency tab. Members can view our program guidelines here and download their rebate application. While rules can vary for some rebates, all programs require the applicant to be a DMEA member, provide proof of purchase, and submit the rebate within 120 days of purchase.

For more information about DMEA's rebate programs, visit www.dmea.com, email rebates@dmea.com or give our energy services team a call at 877-687-3632. We're ready to help you manage your energy use, so let's get started.

TOP REBATES OF 2017

Residential

LED Bulbs

5,180 lights = \$19,863.01

E-STAR Refrigerators

245 units = \$17,730

E-STAR Dishwashers

211 units = \$4,220

Commercial

Lighting Upgrades

54 projects = \$98,349.59

LED New Construction

8 projects = \$9,900.22

LED Refrigerated Case Lights

4 projects = \$4,731.25

Check out our 2018 rebates at www.dmea.com.

CHECK THE TECH.



The Consumer Electronics Show (CES) is always an exciting start to each year for tech enthusiasts. CES is an annual convention where vendors from around the world bring and present their newest gadgets to test receptiveness and excitement. Check out some of our favorite gadgets from the 2018 CES convention.



L'OREAL UV SENSE

A little sensor is placed on your nail. And this little sensor can help you protect your skin! This small device at only 9mm in diameter is battery-free and reusable. It syncs with its app on your smartphone and can tell you when you have high UV exposure, so you can adjust your habits by taking better sun precautions. Said to be released in 2019 for around \$40.



LENOVA SMART DISPLAY

Google fans, are you ready for this? Lenovo has partnered with Google to create a Google enabled smart display (like the Amazon Show). Watch videos, get recipes, see the weather, listen to your favorite tunes, video chat grandparents, and so much more. Pricing starts at just \$199 and it will be available this summer. Can't wait? Check out the Amazon Show, which is available now.



SAMSUNG'S THE WALL TV

Samsung brings something new and exciting every year. In 2018, they introduced the world's first modular TV. "The Wall" is a 146-inch screen with MicroLED technology, which eliminates the need for color filters or backlight, yet allows the screen to offer consumers the ultimate viewing experience. The screen can adapt to serve different purposes, such as creating a wall-size display for multiple spaces.



AFLAC DUCK

Many smart robotic toys are designed with education in mind. But My Special Aflac Duck has a very different, but nonetheless, important job: the interactive toy, developed by research and development workshop Sproutel, was created to provide comfort to children diagnosed with cancer. The "robot duck" is expected to be available for children diagnosed with cancer at no cost in late 2018 or early 2019.



MOVI PHONE

Not just another smartphone. The Movi Phone (Android based) is worth a look. With a built-in projector, your screen size no longer matters. This phone can project 720p videos and will retail around \$599.

Learn more about how Elevate Fiber can provide the speed and powerful WiFi network you need to run these devices and more. Preregister your interest at join.elevatefiber.com and bring Elevate to your neighborhood.



SAVE THE DATE

GENERATION NEXT

Delta-Montrose Electric Association Annual Meeting

Celebrate your cooperative membership, learn about new technologies, and find out what's next for your cooperative.

WHEN

Thursday, June 14
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

WHERE

Montrose Pavilion
1800 Pavilion Dr., Montrose



- State of the co-op report
- Food and refreshments
- Elevate Fiber update
- Speaker and educational booths
- Meet your board representatives
- Vote in the board election
- Family fun
- Electric car show

Calling all electric car owners!

Do you own an all-electric or hybrid vehicle? We're unveiling our new Chevy Bolt at the electric car show at this year's meeting and we'd love for you to join us. Contact Becky at (970) 240-1263 or becky.mashburn@dmea.com if you'd like to participate.

Are You Ready to Serve? Three Board Seats Up For Election

What does it mean to be a member-owned and locally-controlled rural electric cooperative? It means, you, our members own the cooperative, and are responsible for governing it through an elected board of directors. Each year, you are tasked with electing three representatives from the membership to serve on DMEA's Board of Directors. This year, District 1, District 2, and District 5 board seats are up for election.

Interested members who live within these three areas are encouraged to seek nomination. To confirm in which district you reside, contact DMEA at 877-687-3632. Board members govern the cooperative on the behalf of all members, setting strategic goals, rates, and cooperative policies. By serving on your co-op's board of directors you truly act as a voice of the membership.

In order to become a candidate, you must complete the candidate nomination petition packet. The packet will be available beginning Friday, March 31 at DMEA's offices in Montrose and Read. The deadline to return your nomination petition packet is Monday, April 30.

2018 Elections - Key Dates



Friday, March 31 - Nomination petition packets available.

Monday, April 30 - Deadline to return nomination petition packets, including 15 member signatures and candidate profile information.

Monday, May 14 - Ballots and candidate backgrounds mailed to DMEA members.

Friday, June 8 - Postmark deadline for mail-in ballots.

Thursday, June 14 - DMEA Annual Meeting: You may vote in person at the meeting if you did not vote by mail. The election concludes at the start of the meeting and results are announced at the end of the meeting.





Bring your questions and appetite to Power Bites with DMEA. Meet up with co-op employees and board members for a quick bite and great info. Elevate Fiber will be there too. The event is free to attend and there is no formal presentation. Rather, chat one-on-one with your co-op and get all your questions answered.

[April 13, 2018]

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fiesta Guadalajara
1571 Ogden Rd.,
Montrose, CO

DMEA / **ELEVATE**

SMART HOME & ENERGY SAVINGS

with the WeMo switch smart plug.

Saving energy and having a smart home just got easier, and it is actually affordable with the WeMo smart plug. Plug in a Wemo Switch, download the free app, and start controlling your lights and appliances from anywhere in the world, right from your phone. No hub or subscription required. Not only is this great for security purposes and automation, but it will help you save energy by ensuring your main lights are turned off when you are away.

Check it out on Amazon—the WeMo plug is around \$20, but there are other WiFi plug options available for under \$20.

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



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Your Board of Directors:

Bill Patterson, *District 1*
Brad Harding, *District 3*
Marshall Collins, *District 5*
Mark Eckhart, *District 7*
Tony Prendergast, *South*

Kyle Martinez, *District 2*
Jim Elder, *District 4*
Damon Lockhart, *District 6*
John Gavan, *North*

DMEA board meetings are open to all members and are generally held on the 4th Tuesday monthly, beginning at 3pm with the public comment period at 5pm. Call (970) 240-1212 to confirm specific dates, times, and locations.

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

Saint Patty's Creamed Cabbage

Ingredients:

- 4 slices bacon
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 large head cabbage, cored and shredded
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Directions:

Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Remove the bacon slices to cool.

Whisk the butter, flour, and salt into the drippings in the same pan. Stir in the cabbage, and cook, stirring occasionally, over medium heat until cabbage is tender, about 15 minutes. Crumble the bacon; stir the bacon pieces and sour cream into the cabbage mixture.

- <http://allrecipes.com>

DON'T GET BURNT



DMEA High Voltage Demo

What do fried hot dogs have to do with electricity safety? Turns out, a lot. DMEA's high voltage safety demonstration illustrates the effects of electricity on the human body using food items like fruit and hot dogs.



DMEA linemen set up a mock power line to represent the poles, wires, and equipment members see in their communities. After energizing the display, the linemen simulate a person coming in contact with a power line. This often draws an arc of electricity, allowing people to see and hear electricity for the first time.



Participants then get a glimpse of how electricity travels through the body and the injuries it leaves behind. Food items cook from the inside out, and then entrance and exit wounds are examined.

DMEA is happy to provide live high voltage safety demonstrations for school groups, civic organizations, and first responders upon request. It is appropriate for all ages and can be tailored to meet the needs of any organization.

For more information or to schedule a demonstration visit www.dmea.com and download the Safety Demo Request Form (hover your mouse over the community tab and click on educational services).

