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DMEA Celebrates The Next Generation

As we do each summer, DMEA celebrated with our members at the Annual Meeting last month. It was an evening full of family fun, entertainment, education, and full bellies – Jimmer’s Back Country BBQ served up quite the meal!

It was also a night for DMEA to celebrate the future; the next generation of our company and our industry. We showcased new technologies in energy efficiency, transportation, and, of course, broadband. Plus, we had an important conversation about how the way we generate and deliver electricity has changed thanks to more robust and affordable renewable resources and the changing needs of our members.

The meeting also marked the close of DMEA’s Board of Director Elections. Three seats were up for election this year; Districts One, Two, and Five. The District Two and Five candidates ran unopposed and were deemed elected at the meeting. Kyle Martinez maintained his seat as the District Two representative and we welcomed Chris Hauck as our District Five representative. Chris takes the place of Marshall Collins who moved off the board this year as he reached term limit. Please join me in thanking Marshall for his 12 years of dedicated service.

Two candidates ran for the District One seat, incumbent, Bill Patterson and challenger, Ed Ulibarri. Bill retained his seat securing 3,003 (71.3%) votes. Ed secured 1,206 (28.7%) votes. Please join me as I welcome both new and experienced board members. This three-year commitment is no small task and I thank all candidates for being willing to serve.

And, thanks to our members who turned out to celebrate another milestone year with us. We have just 11 months to go until next year’s bash!

- Jasen Bronec, CEO

DMEA linemen give a shocking demonstration to members, young and old, teaching them how to be safe around power lines and other electrical equipment.



Members line up to get their questions answered about Elevate Fiber and learn more about the construction status, WiFi gadgets, and the soon-to-be-released TV service.



David Starr entertained the crowd while members enjoyed a BBQ dinner from Jimmer’s and treats from Montrose Donut and Deli.



2018 Annual Meeting Highlights

- 600+ in attendance
- Bill Patterson, Chris Hauck, and Kyle Martinez elected to DMEA Board of Directors
- DMEA showcased the new wave in transportation with an electric auto show
- Elevate Fiber revealed a sneak peek at its TV service
- Phil Rutkowski of Wärtsilä highlighted the rapid changes taking place in the energy industry and how DMEA is a key player
- Members learned about WiFi, smart technologies, and safety
- DMEA announced no rate increase for the next 12 months
- CEO, Jasen Bronec introduced the need to update DMEA’s Articles of Incorporation



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I'm looking forward to making a sale without it timing out, because of my internet connection. I have already texted my co-worker to tell her "you're going to love this internet service."

~Kris Anne Hinkle Classy Closet

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300 Mbps internet	\$249 ⁹⁵
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► Voice	
Business Voice	\$50
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• 4 or more call lines	
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Toe Nail Clippers, Horses, and Missing Skirts: Lana Looks Back on 30 Years

Almost 30 years after joining Delta-Montrose Electric Association, Lana Sulkey retired from the position of System Design Aid in May. Since 1988, Lana has served in various rolls at DMEA; found and married the love of her life; trained and sold countless Quarter Horses; and raised four beautiful children.

Lana Outside Work

A lovely 10-acre property in Cedaredge has been home for Lana and her family, and it is where she is able to connect with her spirit animal daily. If you know Lana, you already know what her spirit animal is. But, in case you don't, it is the Quarter Horse. Lana spends her free time riding and sharing her passion by teaching new generations to ride. She claims horses are the one thing in life she is good at, though we know that's not the case. When she is on a horse "the rest of the world disappears and I am simply connected, lost in the tranquility of the moment," said Lana.

Still wondering about the toe-nail clippers? Lana admits she is a jailbird (yes, a jailbird), and advises not asking police officers if they need your toe-nail clippers when asked if you are carrying any weapons. Hindsight is 20/20 right? A clerical error, coupled with her sassy clipping-weapon admission landed Lana finger printed and in jail. Of course, once the clerical error was cleaned up and the officer's ego recovered, she was released without charges.

Lana at Work

Recalling one of the funniest experiences she had at work, Lana told the story of when she helped a member through an entire transaction skirt-less. Unbeknownst to Lana, her skirt had caught under the wheel of her chair, and consequently, had torn off as she got up. She expressed appreciation for the slip she was wearing on that day!

Most of all, Lana will miss the relationships she built over the years. She reminisces about a time her son was in a snag and called DMEA. Lana was out, but her co-worker answered, then left work to help her son. "They feel more like brothers, sisters, and best friends, more than coworkers," said Lana.

In Retirement

As you can guess, in retirement, Lana plans on competing every weekend, enjoying daily rides, barrel performances, training horses, and spending more time with her family.

If you want an excuse to visit Lana's smiling face and celebrate her retirement, we suggest you bring her chocolate, Dr. Pepper, and maybe an apple for her spirit animal.



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BOOST

YOUR BUSINESS BOTTOMLINE WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY

As a local business, DMEA knows the value of setting – and sticking to – a budget. We also know that a large part of a business's budget is allotted to energy costs. Using electricity as efficiently as possible can help your business reduce its energy costs, save money, and improve its bottom line.

Check out the lighting tips below to get started or give us a call at 877-687-3632 and speak with one of our energy specialists about how we can help your business.

FLIP THE SWITCH

Turn off overhead, display, and other lighting at night or when not in use.

UPGRADE

Switch from incandescent bulbs and even compact fluorescent bulbs to LEDs. These super efficient alternatives come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and applications.

REPAIR AND REPLACE

Still rocking T-12 fluorescent lamps or fading metal halides? It's time to retire these energy hogs and install LED alternatives.

USE SENSORS

Install motion-activated light switches that automatically shut off when a room goes unused.

GET OUTDOORS

Don't forget your outdoor space. Be sure to set lighting timers for only the hours you need exterior lighting. Use sun trackers or photocells in conjunction with the timers. And, of course, swap out your old lighting for LEDs.

DMEA can help you take any of the steps above and, in many cases, get you cash back in the process. We offer a wide variety of rebates for commercial lighting projects. Read more about these programs online at www.dmea.com/content/commercial-rebates, email us at rebates@dmea.com, or give us a call at 877-687-3632.

SAFE & SECURE

Door sensors let you rest easy.

Door Sensors are an essential part of home security systems. If a door or window is opened when your system is armed, the alarm is triggered. Most smart systems issue a loud siren and send an alert to your smart phone too. So, whether it's an unwelcome visitor or your neighbor who forget to close up the back door when checking in on your home, you can rest easy.

» To get started, count the number of doors and windows in your home — include the garage door, too

» While reducing the number of sensors saves money, keep in mind that a single unsecured or unmonitored door could render your entire security system useless.

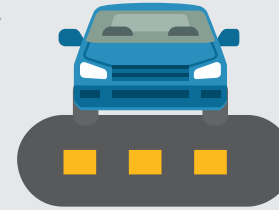
» Your alarm panel often alerts you when your sensors aren't functioning properly, but it's wise to check regularly to prevent problems

» Check your alarm panel regularly for error messages or warnings indicating a sensor problem. Notify your alarm company when this occurs so they're aware of your system problems and can help you with a solution.

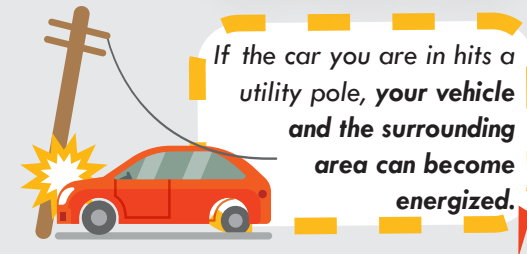
There are a lot of door sensor systems available. The **SABRE Elite Door/Window Sensor starts at \$14.99 on Amazon**

DMEA and Elevate Fiber; together we're looking out for your best interests.

KNOW WHAT TO DO



if in an Auto Accident with Power Lines



Even if you do not touch lines or equipment, you can still be killed or seriously injured.

1. Do **NOT** leave the car, and warn others to stay away.

2. Call **911** to have the utility notified.

3. Wait until a utility professional has told you it is safe.



The **only** reason to exit the vehicle is if it's on fire.

If the car is on fire, jump clear of the vehicle: **with feet together, and without touching the car and the ground at the same time.**

Continue to **hop away** with your **feet together** as far as you can.



Learn more at SafeElectricity.org

Home COOKING

Grilled Peaches With Vanilla Ice Cream

Prep Time: 2 min.

Cook Time: 4 min.

Total Time: 6 min.

Yield: Serves 8

Serving Size: 1/2 peach

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe peaches
- 2 ripe nectarines
- canola oil
- 4 large scoops vanilla ice cream
- Honey and sea salt for finishing

Directions:

Heat grill to medium high heat. Brush the peach halves with a touch of with oil and place on the grill for a few minutes, then rotate 90 degrees to continue to cook for about 3-4 minutes total grill marks appear and the fruit starts to caramelize. Remove from the grill with a pair of tongs and serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream in the center of the fruit. Drizzle with honey and a sprinkle of flaky sea salt.



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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.

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