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November 2018

## DMEA Membership Votes Yes on Article 56



Jasen Bronec, CEO

It is with great excitement that I announce the results of DMEA's recent ballot initiative. The membership voted to approve DMEA's amended and restated Articles of Incorporation, giving the co-op the power to operate under Article 56 of the Colorado Cooperative Act. **In doing so, you have positioned DMEA for its next 80 years and have helped ensure we remain competitive, reliable, and cost-effective.**

One of the most significant changes under Article 56 is that it allows DMEA to use a modern financial tool that other types of cooperatives across the country are already using. We can now issue capital stock as a way to raise capital for important projects.

I'd like to personally thank the membership for the trust you have placed in DMEA's Board and staff. Our revised Articles of Incorporation will allow us to operate under more modern standards and give us flexibility when pursuing member-driven projects—which will set us up for a stronger future.

### Official Results

Yes – 2,677 votes

No – 1,248 votes

Thank you to all members who cast a vote on this special ballot initiative. Your voice was heard.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

# 2019

## APPLY TODAY!

Washington D.C. Rural Electric Youth Tour **JUNE 13-20**

Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp **JULY 13-18**

Complete the application at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com).  
Deadline to apply is **January, 18 2019**.



# ELEVATE TV

Introducing TV from Elevate—A better way to do TV.

The wait is over—Elevate TV is here. Now, you can stream your favorite shows and movies with Elevate’s high-def TV.

**Local Lineup**  
\$29.95/mo.

Up to 33 trusted local broadcast channels like CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, and more.

**Expanded Plan**  
\$84.95/mo.

Locals plus 54 more popular entertainment channels like ESPN, Disney, and HGTV.

**Extreme Plan**  
\$109.95/mo.

Perfect for the true TV lover. Get the Expanded plan plus 49 more of your favorites.

Live stream with confidence over your reliable Elevate internet connection and enjoy all our included TV features. And, the best part? We don’t play bundling games—you get our best price the first time:

- » Unlimited device installs and stream on 3 TVs or devices simultaneously.
- » 100 DVR hours to record your favorite shows.
- » Forgot to record? No problem. Go back in time and watch TV up to 72 hours after your show's air time.
- » Video-on-Demand library stocked with blockbusters.
- » No bulky equipment or rental fees. Just download our on your favorite streaming device and go!

## We want you to have the best experience (for real).

Elevate TV works best on the Amazon Fire TV Stick. So, we’re giving you one when you sign up! Don’t wait, sign up for Elevate TV today—call 877-687-3632 or visit [elevateinternet.com](http://elevateinternet.com).

Amazon Fire TV Stick offer applies to areas where live Elevate service is available as of 11/5/18. This is a limited time offer and may end without notice or while supplies last. Elevate is not responsible for device maintenance or trouble shooting. Channel lineup is subject to change. Local channel lineup is based on your location.



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## FREE Amazon Fire TV Stick

when you subscribe to Elevate TV today.

This is a limited time offer—hurry before supplies run out!

More than 130 channels, plus Foxz Encore and Showtime



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## DMEA Holiday Lighting Contest

Get ready to deck the halls this holiday season for a chance to win! DMEA is partnering with the Montrose Daily Press to host the 2018 Holiday Lighting Contest. So, channel your inner Clark Griswold and get in the holiday spirit.

Submit photos of your holiday lighting display online at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com) or [Montrosepress.com](http://Montrosepress.com) beginning November 4 – December 25. Contest is open to residents of Montrose and Delta counties. Winners will be selected by popular vote December 26 – January 2.

Great prizes for the top three entries!

## DMEA WILL GET YOU STARTED!

Bring in an old strand (incandescent) of holiday lights to either DMEA office beginning November 26 and we'll trade you for a new LED strand. While supplies last.



**\$40,000**  
Available in College Scholarships

**DMEA  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**APPLY BY JANUARY 31, 2019**

**DMEA will begin accepting scholarship applications this month. Current scholarship opportunities include the following:**

**High School Graduate Scholarship:** \$2,000 scholarship to one graduating senior from Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, Olathe, and Paonia high schools; two graduates from Delta High School; four graduates from Montrose High School; and one graduate from a non-traditional high school in Montrose and Delta counties.

**Continuing Education Scholarship:** \$1,500 scholarship to four students currently enrolled in college.

**Colorado Mesa University Scholarship:** \$2,000 scholarship to three students who are either currently enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in Colorado Mesa University-Montrose Campus.

**Delta-Montrose Technical College Scholarship:** \$2,000 scholarship to three students who are either currently enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in Delta-Montrose Technical College.

**Basin Electric Scholarship:** \$1,000 scholarship to one graduating high school student.

All applicants must be a DMEA member or a dependent of a DMEA member. Check back soon at [www.dmea.com/content/scholarships](http://www.dmea.com/content/scholarships) for eligibility guidelines and more info on how to apply.

Connect with us on your favorite social network:



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11925 6300 Road  
Montrose, CO 81401  
M - F, 8:00am-5:00pm

**Read Office**

21191 H 75 Road  
Delta, CO 81416  
M & W, 9:00am-4:00pm

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DMEA board meetings are open to all members and are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:communications@dmea.com).

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

**SMART HOME  
& ENERGY  
SAVINGS** 

with smart Christmas lights.

Transform your home and decrease effort and energy use this holiday season when you install smart LED Christmas lights. Did you know that older Christmas bulbs (incandescent) can use up to 80% more energy than LEDs? So, if you are looking to upgrade, get the most out of the purchase by choosing LED lights. Not only will you save money on your energy bill, but there are so many new options out there with built-in smart controls for simplified use.

These smart controls operate via WiFi from your home or Bluetooth. You can then set timers, dim the lights, change the color of the lights, and so much more from the convenience of your smartphone, tablet, or laptop. Check out the Brizled Dimmable LED String Lights on Amazon—the warm light package starts at just \$25.99.

Want to get more out of the purchase? Consider installing light strips that will work for you year-round. The Nexlux LED Light Strip is a great option that not only allows you to enjoy red or green Christmas lights, but also is a great addition to the home for white lighting throughout the year without being bulky. The Nexlux set can also change colors to music! Are you ready to have the best house on the block?

**Check out all the smart Christmas light options online at Amazon or stop by The Home Depot in Montrose.**

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

# DON'T FALL FOR PHONE SCAMS



A person calls you on the phone, claims they work for DMEA, tells you your account is past due, and threatens to immediately shut off your power if you don't pay – NOW. They often insist you give them your credit card number and bank account information over the phone or send a bank wire. In some cases, the callers even suggest an in-person meeting urging you to pay them cash. **THIS IS A SCAM—DON'T FALL FOR IT.**

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PHONE SCAMS

**Know your account:** Check your account details yourself online at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com). Click on the “My Account” button and login to see your balance, payment history, and pay your bill.

**Don't share sensitive info:** DMEA may call you regarding the status of your bill, but we will never take your credit card number over the phone. We know this can be inconvenient for you, but in order to keep your sensitive information safe, we require that YOU enter your credit card number through our automated phone system. Never give out credit card numbers, banking information, social security numbers, or other sensitive information over the phone.

**Be skeptical:** DMEA doesn't call you after business hours, on weekends, or holidays. If you receive a call regarding your account, it's OK to question it. Take down the caller's information – DMEA representatives will give you their name, direct phone line, and email. Hang up the phone and call DMEA directly at 877-687-3632.

**Take control:** Some members may receive legitimate calls regarding past due balances and are subject to disconnection. But remember, payment must always be initiated by you, the member. Take control of your account and pay your bill directly: online at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com), through DMEA's automated phone system, in-person at an established DMEA office, or mail it directly to DMEA (not to a third party).

**Call the law:** If you receive a scam call, report it to DMEA and local law enforcement directly. We'll do our best to spread the word about the active scam and tips to stay safe.

**Educate:** Scammers often target members who are considered at-risk, such as elderly citizens, non-native speakers, and disabled individuals. If you know someone in this group, check in with them and teach them how to protect themselves.

# Home COOKING

## Pumpkin Harvest Beef Stew

Prep time 25 minutes

### Ingredients:

- 1 T canola oil
- 1 beef top round steak (1 ½ lbs) cut into 1 inch cubes
- 1 ½ c cubed peeled pie pumpkin or sweet potatoes
- 3 small red potatoes
- 1 c cubed acorn squash
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cans reduced sodium beef broth
- 1 can diced tomatoes undrained
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 tsp beef bouillon granules
- ½ tsp chili powder
- ½ tsp ground all-spice
- ½ tsp ground cloves
- ¼ c water
- 3 T all purpose flour

### Directions:

In large skillet, heat oil and brown beef. Remove with a slotted spoon to a 4 or 5 qt. slow cooker. Add the pumpkin, potatoes, squash, and onion. Stir in the broth, tomatoes, and seasonings. Cover and cook on low 6-8 hours or until meat is tender.

Remove bay leaves. In a small bowl, mix water and flour until smooth and gradually stir into stew. Cover and cook on high for 30 minutes or until liquid is thickened.

### Nutritional facts:

1 ⅔ cup: 258 calories.

*Black Mesa Cattlewomen, Crawford*

