



THE PowerLines REPORT

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Jasen Bronec, CEO

Thank a Lineman for National Lineman Appreciation Day

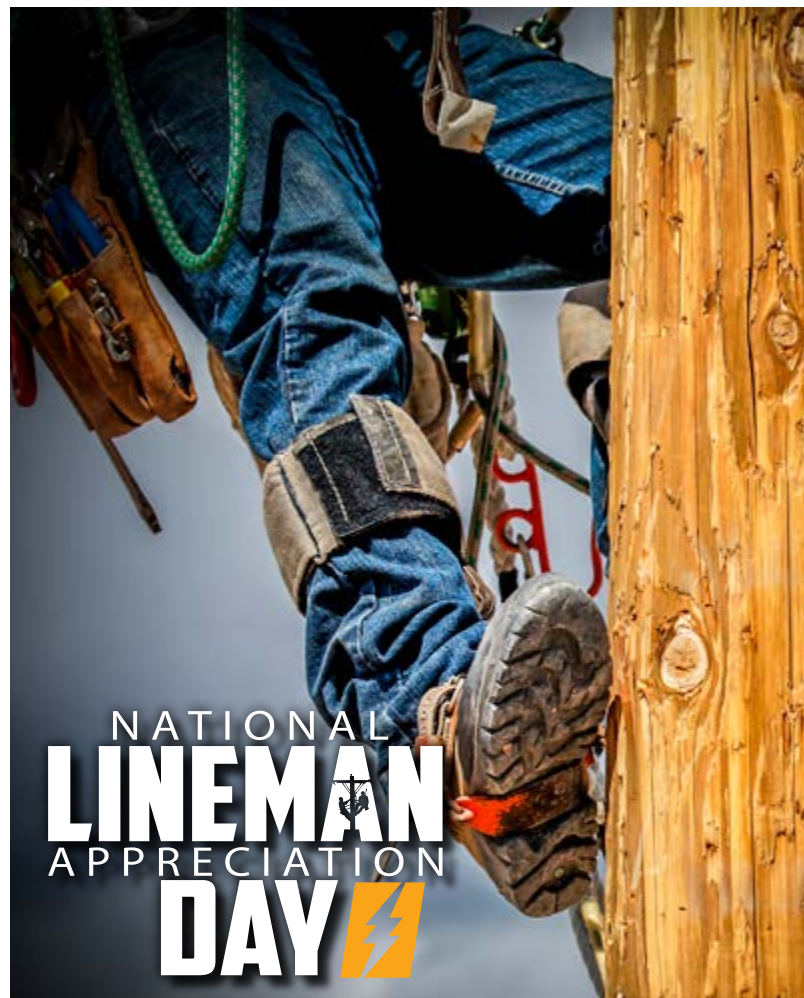
If you're a dedicated reader of this newsletter, you know that every April we recognize the men and women who build and maintain our power lines. April 9 marks National Cooperative Lineman Appreciation Day. At DMEA, we're celebrating all month long and we're asking you to help us.

DMEA employs 29 lineworkers who are responsible for building, maintaining, and repairing our 3,200 miles of power lines, plus equipment. Often, their work goes unnoticed as we go about our day flipping light switches, booting up computers, and refilling our coffees. We, myself included, take for granted that these things just work. In my lifetime, I have always been able to turn on my lights with a simple switch or watch the evening news on television. Even further removed from the advent of electricity are my children who are growing up with instant access to the world through their fingertips. Behind all the technology and all the advancements is electricity. And behind the electricity are the people who keep it flowing.

Please join me as I recognize DMEA's lineworkers and thank them for dedicating themselves to making sure you have safe and reliable power; all day, every day:

Doug Cox
Troy Hall
Cameron Atwood
Chad Stickler
Numa Dessauer
Josh Lenz
Butch Clark
Wade Rowley
Wade Wilson
Mike Kuta
Chance Stevens
Marty Elliot
Larry Donathan
Chad Francis
Roger Percival

Cody Carver
Cody Manganello
Dan Davis
Scott Breithaupt
Guy Gard
Blake Grobe
Ivor Ayers
Steve Holst
Bill Hughes
Cole Zurich
Nate Puderbaugh
Luke Moore
Heath Thaute
Nick Reich



NATIONAL
LINEMAN
APPRECIATION
DAY 

THANK A LINEMAN

By mail – Send us a thank you note to: DMEA Lineman Appreciation, PO Box 910, Montrose, CO 81402.

Get social – Post on your favorite social media channel using #thankadmealineman. Better yet, visit our page and post a photo you snapped of our crews working or a comment of appreciation.



ELEVATE FIBER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Where can you get service today?

If you live in Paonia (zones 45/47), Orchard City (104), Montrose (425/418/721), Cedaredge (125), or Hotchkiss (48), you can give us a call today and get service in two weeks. 100 Mbps internet is just \$49.95 per month! Or get max speed with 1 Gig (1,000 Mbps) at \$79.95 per month.

Where will Elevate be available next?

The network is being constructed in the following areas right now and installations are underway. While it does take time to build the network, we are now far enough along in these areas to provide service within the next 30 days. Sign up now to ensure your home or business doesn't miss out. Montrose zones 417, 426, 427, and 813—Elevate is here!

When will Elevate come to my community?

If your zone was not listed above, just visit join.elevatefiber.com and enter your address to preregister your interest. The preregistration process is in place to assist us in deciding where to build. Once a community meets the set preregistration goal, we will communicate a build timeline to all those interested in service and reach out to you with a service contract. By getting your name on the list, you will help push your community to goal sooner!

How to sign up or get your name on the list?

- » visit join.elevatefiber.com
- » call 877-687-3632
- » or stop by your local DMEA office



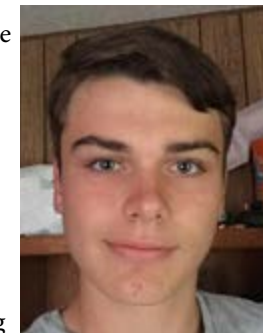
Visit join.elevatefiber.com to find your zone and stay in the know

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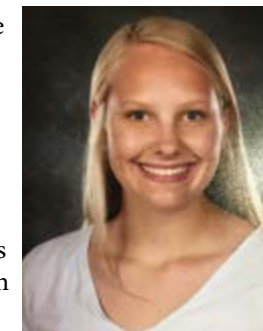
Student leaders to represent DMEA

This summer, three local high-school students will represent DMEA at the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp and Rural Electric Youth Tour. The students were selected from a competitive pool of applicants and were evaluated on their personal application, essay, extracurricular and community involvement, and volunteer activities. Congratulations to the following students:

Calvin Reese received the highest honors and has been selected to attend the Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington D.C. Calvin is a junior at Paonia High School with a GPA of 4.3. He is involved in knowledge bowl, robotics, choir, environmental club, board gamers club, Solar Energy International, AmeriCorps Vista, and cross country. He is also an active community volunteer and has spent time planting trees and maintaining gardens in his community and facilitating projects through Boy Scouts of America. Calvin, along with almost 1,500 high school students from across the country, will tour Washington D.C. and learn about the electric cooperative industry during a weeklong, hands-on adventure.



Claire Wilson was selected to attend the Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. She is a sophomore at Montrose High School with a GPA of 4.250. Claire is involved in color guard, winter guard, Lit Chicks Book Club, and the Montrose Youth Council. Claire also volunteers at a camp for adults with disabilities and helps build holiday light displays for the Garden of Lights program.



Evan Baier was also selected to attend the Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. He is a sophomore at Delta High School with a GPA of 3.86. He is involved in football, basketball, track, 4H, Health Occupation Student Association, Future Business Leaders of America, and Student Council. Evan volunteers his time as a church camp leader. Evan also helps at the elementary school reading, assisting with physical education, and coaching youth sports among many other things.



Claire and Evan will join students from Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Kansas for a week of hands-on leadership and cooperative business model training in the mountains near Steamboat Springs.

For more information about DMEA's youth leadership programs visit www.dmea.com/content/youth-leadership-programs.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD



Don't forget about our 2018 Board of Directors elections. District 1, District 2, and District 5 are up for election. You'll receive a mail-in ballot in late May. Return your ballot in the envelope provided. Be sure to drop it in the mail no later than June 8, 2018. If you don't vote by mail, you can also vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Meet this year's board candidates at one of the forums listed below.

Tuesday, May 15
5:30 – 7:30 PM
DMEA Multipurpose Room
11925 6300 Rd., Montrose, CO

Thursday, May 17
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Hotchkiss Memorial Hall
175 1st St., Hotchkiss, CO



THERE'S STILL TIME

Interested in becoming a candidate? There is still time to nominate yourself. Remember, you must live in District 1, 2, or 5 in order to run for this year's election. Pick up a self-nomination and petition packet at either DMEA office.

Montrose: 11925 6300 Rd., Montrose, CO
Delta: 21191 H75 Rd., Delta, CO

Complete the packet, including providing at least 15 valid member signatures supporting your nomination, and return it by **Monday, April 30, 2018.**

ELECTION KEY DATES

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 at the Montrose Pavillion, 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM. 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.

VOICE IS HERE



Elevate voice service (like your normal landline phone, not cellular) is here and starts at just \$30.00/mo. Get unlimited local and long distance calling, plus advanced features, all for one price. Pair this with 100 Mbps or 1 Gig internet and you'll have the perfect package. Make the call, 877-687-3632, to add Elevate voice today.



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.

[May 11, 2018]

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Big B's Delicious Orchards
39126 Colorado 133
Hotchkiss, CO

DMEA / **ELEVATE**

SMART HOME & ENERGY SAVINGS

with the Wink Hub 2.

What is a hub anyway? A smart hub allows you to connect all the “smart” devices in your home on one platform. Why is that important? So you can easily control all devices (even different brands) through one single app. Even better—the sleek, modern industrial design of Wink Hub 2 makes it worthy of standing alone on your coffee table or bookshelf. Control products from iOS, Apple Watch, Android, and Android Wear. With the Wink Hub 2, you can control all your energy saving devices from lights to temperature with just one app.

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



Check it out on Amazon—the Wink Hub 2 is just \$99.



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Montrose Office
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

Contact Us:
1-877-687-3632 | www.dmea.com |  

Your Board of Directors:

Bill Patterson, <i>District 1</i>	Kyle Martinez, <i>District 2</i>
Brad Harding, <i>District 3</i>	Jim Elder, <i>District 4</i>
Marshall Collins, <i>District 5</i>	Damon Lockhart, <i>District 6</i>
Mark Eckhart, <i>District 7</i>	John Gavan, <i>North</i>
Tony Prendergast, <i>South</i>	

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.

DMEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE



Tips for identifying email scams.

DMEA and Elevate go to great lengths to make sure our customers can distinguish our communications from impersonators. If we send an email to you, we will never ask you to provide or verify account or payment information via email or by clicking/submitting a form. Take note of the additional tips below to protect yourself from malicious emails.

- » Make sure the from email address is valid (@dmea.com for example is valid)
- » Don't respond to emails that ask for private information like account login or date of birth
- » Ignore emails that use threatening language, like terminated/suspended or have a warning code
- » Take note of the signature line—generic closings are a red flag (from IT Department for example)

If you are unsure if an email is really from DMEA or Elevate, just give us a call, 877-687-3632, and we can help you out.

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

Home COOKING

Mary's Asparagus Casserole

Ingredients:

- 3 cans of asparagus spears (or fresh equivalent)
- 1 stick margarine
- 4 slices of bread, cut into fingers
- 1 can of sliced water chestnuts
- 1 - 2 cups cubed sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 - 10 oz can of mushroom soup

Directions:

Melt margarine in standard casserole dish. Turn bread fingers in margarine until coated. Remove bread. Place drained asparagus into casserole dish. Cover with water chestnuts, cheese, and mushroom soup. Place bread fingers on top. Bake at 350 degrees until bread is golden brown, about 45 minutes.

- City of Montrose Employee Cookbook 1999

