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## Give a little. Help a lot.

*A message from Jasen Bronec, CEO*

TEAM—Together Everyone Achieves More. I remember learning this simple mnemonic as a child in school. And while my kids like to call me old (I prefer well-seasoned, by the way), I think this statement has stood the test of time. Here at DMEA it's more than just a concept. It's the driving force behind our Operation Round Up program.

Operation Round Up is a charitable program funded entirely by members for members. You can round up your electric bill each month to the nearest dollar, and those extra cents go into a charitable fund. It doesn't seem like much to donate those 27 cents, and alone, it's not. But, together with your fellow co-op members, that 27 cents turns into thousands of dollars each month and tens of thousands of dollars each year.

All that money goes directly back to families in need and worthwhile organizations in our local communities. Last year, more than 8,000 of you choose to round up your bill equaling \$55,810 in donations for things like medical expenses, food banks, car seats, school supplies, historic centers, shelters, and the like.

We'd love to team up with you to surpass those numbers this year. We're asking all DMEA members to choose to round up their bill starting today. Every member who is enrolled in Operation Round Up before December 13, 2019, will be entered to win a locally raised prime rib from Kinikin Processing just in time for Christmas dinner. We will be giving away 7 of these mouth-watering prizes.



Last year, over  
**8,000 MEMBERS**  
donated a total of  
**\$55,810**

Thank you for all that you've given in the past. Here's to doing even more together in the future.

## Start rounding up today!

To be entered to win a local prime rib, just in time Christmas, complete the form below and return it with your bill payment or sign up online at [www.dmea.com/form/operation-round-up](http://www.dmea.com/form/operation-round-up). Winners will be drawn on December 16, 2019.

Name (as shown on your bill) \_\_\_\_\_

Account # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Round up amount:

- Round up to the nearest dollar
- Round my bill up, plus add \$1
- Round my bill up, plus add \$3

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# REBATE REMINDER

## You save. We pay.

DMEA offers a variety of rebate programs designed to help both homeowners and business owners save money on their electric bill.

DMEA's residential rebate programs are designed to help members save money on their home electric bill, while also removing inefficient appliances and equipment from our lines. A portion of the funding for our rebates is made available through our wholesale power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association.

Homeowners can get money back for Energy Star appliances, electric motors, water heaters, LED lighting, split system air conditioners, and heat pumps. Just be sure to submit your rebate application within 120 days of your purchase and include a receipt.

## Businesses can save too.

We also offer a variety of commercial rebate programs all aimed at helping local businesses reduce energy use and save money.



- LED lamps and fixtures**
- Grow lighting**
- Refrigerated case lighting**
- Pole mount lighting**
- Heat pumps**
- Motors & variable speed drives**
- ECM for refrigeration**

Commercial Lighting savings: **\$153,515**

For more information and rebate forms visit [www.dmea.com/rebates](http://www.dmea.com/rebates).

## TOP HOME REBATES

### 2018 Member Savings



**Energy Star appliances:**  
**\$33,800**



**Home heating and cooling**  
**\$26,557**



**Residential Lighting**  
**\$13,479**

**2019 is the final year for LED rebates.**  
All rebates must be submitted by  
**Monday, December 16, 2019.**

## Photo Contest Winner



Jennifer Nichols

Hi! My main job right now is maintaining my 36 acre farm, where I raise hay and gaited Rocky Mountain horses. I got into photography in order to market my horses, as well as to share the beauty of this part of the country with friends and family from all over the country. Though I feel that I'm still more of a novice behind the camera, I see improvements each year in

my photography. Getting out into nature, whether on a hike or on a trail ride with my horses, helps to keep me calm and centered.

I've had such a blast going out on hikes sponsored by the Heddles Rec Center, and have seen many beautiful areas through those experiences. Fall is one of my favorite times to get out on the road, in order to explore the back roads in our area. I love pulling together cards and calendars as gifts for family and friends every year, so that I can share my travels via the images. I hope to improve enough in my photography skills over time to the point where I feel confident enough to offer sales of my prints one of these days! One of my other hobbies at the moment is making silver jewelry. This hobby has been quite a challenge for me, but fun. It also gets me away from the hard work on my farm occasionally. My farm website is [www.jensrockies.com](http://www.jensrockies.com).





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#### Recipes Info:

Submit recipes, including your name, address, and phone number to:

DMEA Newsletter  
PO Box 910  
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Or email your information to [communications@dmea.com](mailto:communications@dmea.com).

If your recipe is published, claim your prize by calling (269)598-9386 within 60 days.

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# HOME COOKING

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## Caramel Apple “Nachos”

*Sheila Cole, Montrose*



### Ingredients:

1/2 cup mini chocolate chips  
1/2 cup white chocolate chips  
4-5 green apples  
35 caramels, wrapped  
1/4 cup sliced almonds  
Chocolate syrup

### Directions:

Place chocolate and white chocolate chips into separate bowls. Slice and core apples, then place on serving dish. Unwrap caramels and place in small pot with one tablespoon of water over low-medium heat. Stir until melted and smooth. Sprinkle chocolate chips and almonds over apples. Drizzle with caramel and chocolate syrup. Serve right away.

Other ideas: slice and core red and green apples. Top with cinnamon, sugar, toffee chips, shredded coconut, granola, or melted white chocolate candy coating. May use caramel syrup in place of wrapped caramels.

### WE'RE IN NEED OF YOUR RECIPES!

Submit your best recipe, along with your name, address and photo of your dish, to [communications@dmea.com](mailto:communications@dmea.com)

If we print your recipe, you win a \$25 gift card.



# LIGHT TIMERS FOR A MERRY (AND SAFE) CHRISTMAS



Nothing provides an instant dose of holiday spirit like a well-lit home. Light timers not only ensure you get the most from your decorative efforts, but can keep your home safe during the holiday season. Follow these tips this season for improved indoor and outdoor holiday safety.

## The Christmas Tree

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Christmas lights cause 40% of Christmas tree fires. For this reason, Christmas tree lights should be turned off when you are not at home and while the household is asleep. Flipping the light switch can be an easy step to forget when heading to bed, so set a timer and go to bed worry-free.

Don't forget to replenish the water in your tree stand daily and feel the branches to ensure your tree is not drying out. If your tree does dry out before the holiday, be safe and discontinue the use of lights altogether.

## Outdoor Lights

With dark evenings and long nights, a timer for your lights is the ideal solution to ensure your lights are on for all to enjoy, but off during hours when people are not awake to enjoy them. Not only will the limited time help keep your lights from overheating, but it will save money on your energy bill too!

## When Away

A well-lit house can deter potential criminals searching for an easy target. Indoor and outdoor lights on timers can give the impression that a home is occupied when you're away for the holidays, as well as decrease the likelihood someone could approach your home unnoticed.

**Keep your home safe, economical, and festive this year. Let light timers do the work and enjoy a merry and bright holiday season!**