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Elevate Awarded \$2 Million in Broadband Grants

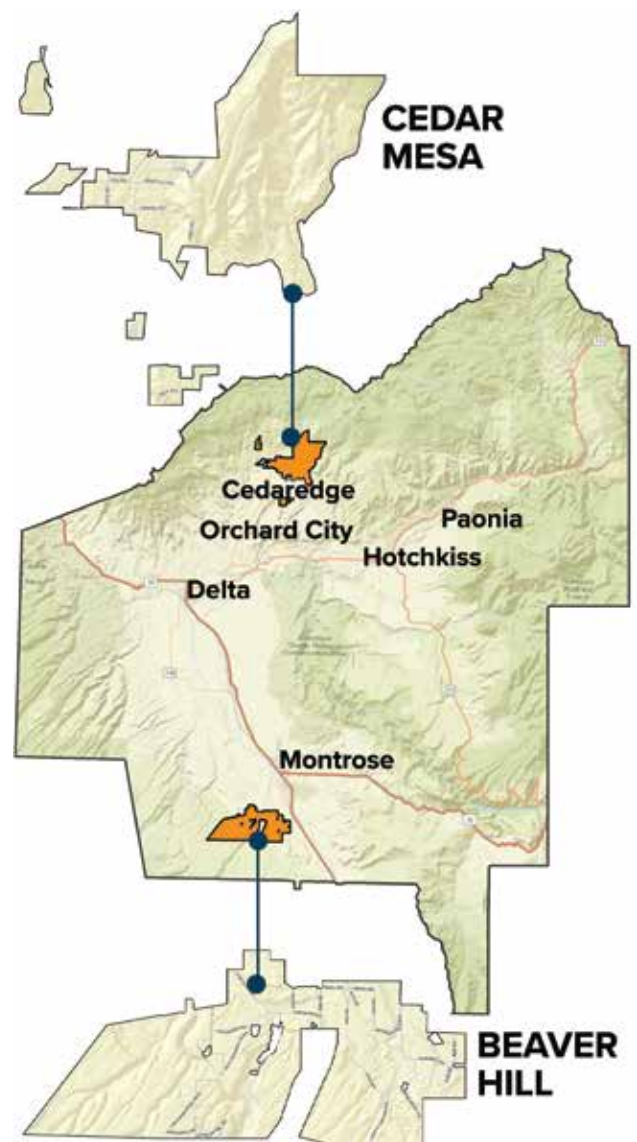
A message from Kent Blackwell, CTO

Last month the Colorado Department of Regulatory Affairs (DORA) Broadband Board awarded DMEA and our fiber internet subsidiary, Elevate, more than \$2 Million in grant funds to help build a fiber network in two remote areas within our service territory. Rural citizens living southwest of Montrose and east and north of Cedaredge are now one step closer to affordable, high-speed internet.

This award includes two different grants we submitted to DORA's 2020 summer funding cycle. The first is approximately \$850,000 for the area named Beaver Hill situated southwest of Montrose. The second is approximately \$1.2 Million for the area named Cedar Mesa, a small mesa just east and north of Cedaredge. Those dollars will offset up to 50% or more of the cost of constructing the fiber network in each of these areas.

Although several steps remain in the grant process before DMEA and Elevate can secure the funding and begin construction, we want DMEA members in these areas to take comfort knowing they are now one step closer to better internet.

Kent Blackwell serves as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for Delta-Montrose Electric Association, as well as for the co-op's fiber internet subsidiary, Elevate Internet.





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-Nathalie Bouchard & Olie Marchal
Owners, SOM Footwear, Montrose





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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 (269)598-9386 within 60 days.

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HOME COOKING



Chocolate Charlotte Russe

Page Vigil, Cedaredge



Ingredients:

5 squares unsweetened chocolate
3/4 c sugar
1/3 c milk
6 eggs, separated
3/4 lb butter
1 1/2 c powdered sugar
1/8 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
2 1/2 dozen Lady Fingers
1 c heavy cream, whipped

Directions:

Melt chocolate in double boiler. Mix granulated sugar, milk, and egg yolks together. Add to chocolate and cook until smooth and thick, stirring constantly. Cool. Cream butter and add 3/4 cup powdered sugar, creaming well. Add cool chocolate mixture. Mix well. Beat egg whites with salt until stiff. Gradually beat in remaining powdered sugar. Fold into chocolate mixture and add vanilla. Line sides of spring form pan with Lady Fingers (split). Alternate mixture and Lady Fingers. Chill overnight. Garnish with whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

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

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

PREPARING FOR POWER OUTAGES FROM WINTER STORMS



Winter can be a beautiful time of the year with white snow and sparkling ice, but that same winter weather can also wreak havoc on communities. It can cause roads to be treacherous, schools to be closed, and even power outages. Making plans now for a potential power outage can make riding out a prolonged outage safer and more comfortable. A good way to help keep your family safe and comfortable during a winter storm is to put an emergency kit together.

DMEA and Safe Electricity offer the following recommendations for your kit:

- Water – stock up on bottled water for consumption
- Food – have at least enough for 3 to 7 days
- Utensils – include a non-electric can opener, cooking tools, paper plates, and plastic utensils
- Blankets, pillows, and warm clothing items
- First aid kit, medicine, and prescription drugs
- Toiletries, hygiene items, moist towelettes
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-operated radios and clocks
- Telephone – keep cell phone chargers (wall, car, and/or solar) on hand and, if you have a landline, a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Emergency numbers – keep a list of emergency telephone numbers, including DMEA
- Cash and credit cards
- Tools – keep a set in your kit that includes duct tape, screw drivers, pliers, wrench, work gloves, safety goggles, etc.
- Toys, books, and games
- Pet-care items
- Supplies for alternate heating methods your home may have, such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove

For more information on how to prepare for a winter storm and how to keep your family safe during and after a winter storm, visit SafeElectricity.org.