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We've Flipped the Switch on a New Energy Future

*Message from Jasen Bronec,
Chief Executive Officer*

Last month, on July 1, 2020, we officially completed our transition to our new wholesale energy partner, Guzman Energy. You probably didn't even notice it, and why would you? The lights burned bright, the alarm clocks blared, and the coffee brewed just like every other morning. So, what does this switch mean for DMEA and you?

I won't mince words here: it means renewable energy development, rate stabilization, and savings. Now, let's dig deeper into those. DMEA now has more opportunity to develop and purchase energy that is generated right here at home, by our members for our members. Under our agreement with Guzman, we can source as much as 20% of our energy needs from local generation. Additionally, Guzman is just as committed to renewable energy development as we are. Together, we have already begun working to develop a large-scale renewable energy project of at least 10 MW (approximately 10% of our total load). Over time, we expect that at least 40% of energy powering our communities will come from renewable resources.

Our agreement with Guzman also gives DMEA the security of pre-determined wholesale electric rates over the next 12.5 years. For members, this means there is no planned rate increase through 2021. Plus, Guzman is providing wholesale energy at a significantly cheaper rate than our previous provider. The result? Moving forward, our wholesale power costs will be millions of dollars less each year, again, resulting in rate stability for members and financial flexibility for DMEA to continue building Elevate's fiber network in our local communities.

Of course, all of this didn't come easy, and I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you to our members for having the vision to see something better for our community. You didn't let us settle for the age-old adage of "we've always done it this way." Instead, you trusted us to scrutinize our agreement with Tri-State and pursue alternatives. Thank you to the DMEA leadership team and board for years of hard work and dedication to finding a power supply that better fit the needs of our local communities. Finally, thank you to Guzman Energy for sticking with us over the past several years. We are looking forward to powering this valley forward together.

OUR FUTURE ENERGY SUPPLY





Making a killer Spotify playlist for your road trip

Researching routes off the beaten path

Researching Osprey's top-rated packs

Downloading .GPX files to your GPS

Ordering that 20° sleeping bag you've been eyeing

Checking the latest trail reports

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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 date, time, and location.

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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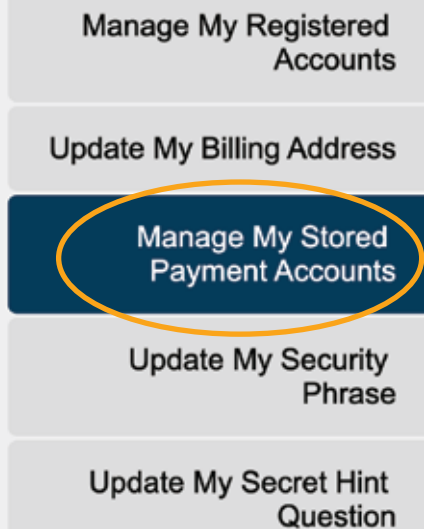
Updating your SmartHub Credit Card Information

Whether you'd like to add a credit card or update an expired card, updating your information can be done quickly and easily through your online account.

- 1 Log into your SmartHub account and click 'My Information' under the 'My Profile' tab.



- 2 Next, click 'Manage My Stored Payment Accounts' located on the left-hand side menu.



- 3 The following information field will appear. Insert your payment information and click 'Add Card.'



IT'S YOUR
CREDIT.
CLAIM IT.



As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, DMEA has returned millions of dollars in capital credits to our members, both current and past. In some cases, we can't find members who move away from our service territory or an estate contact for those who have passed away, and their credits remain unclaimed.

We are currently seeking members who have not claimed their capital credits. This month, we will be publishing a comprehensive list of members in the Montrose Daily Press and Delta County Independent. If you are on this list or related to a deceased member on this list, please contact us immediately. If your name is not on this list, you do not have any capital credits to claim at this time. **Credits that remain unclaimed after October 31, 2020, will be moved into our Charitable and Education Fund and no longer available to individual members.**

Where can I find DMEA's Unclaimed Capital Credit list?

- Check the inserts to be printed in the Montrose Daily Press (8/12) and Delta County Independent (8/26) this month.
- Check the online database starting 8/1 at www.dmea.com/capital-credits.

What info should I have when I call?

Be prepared to provide the following information when you call:

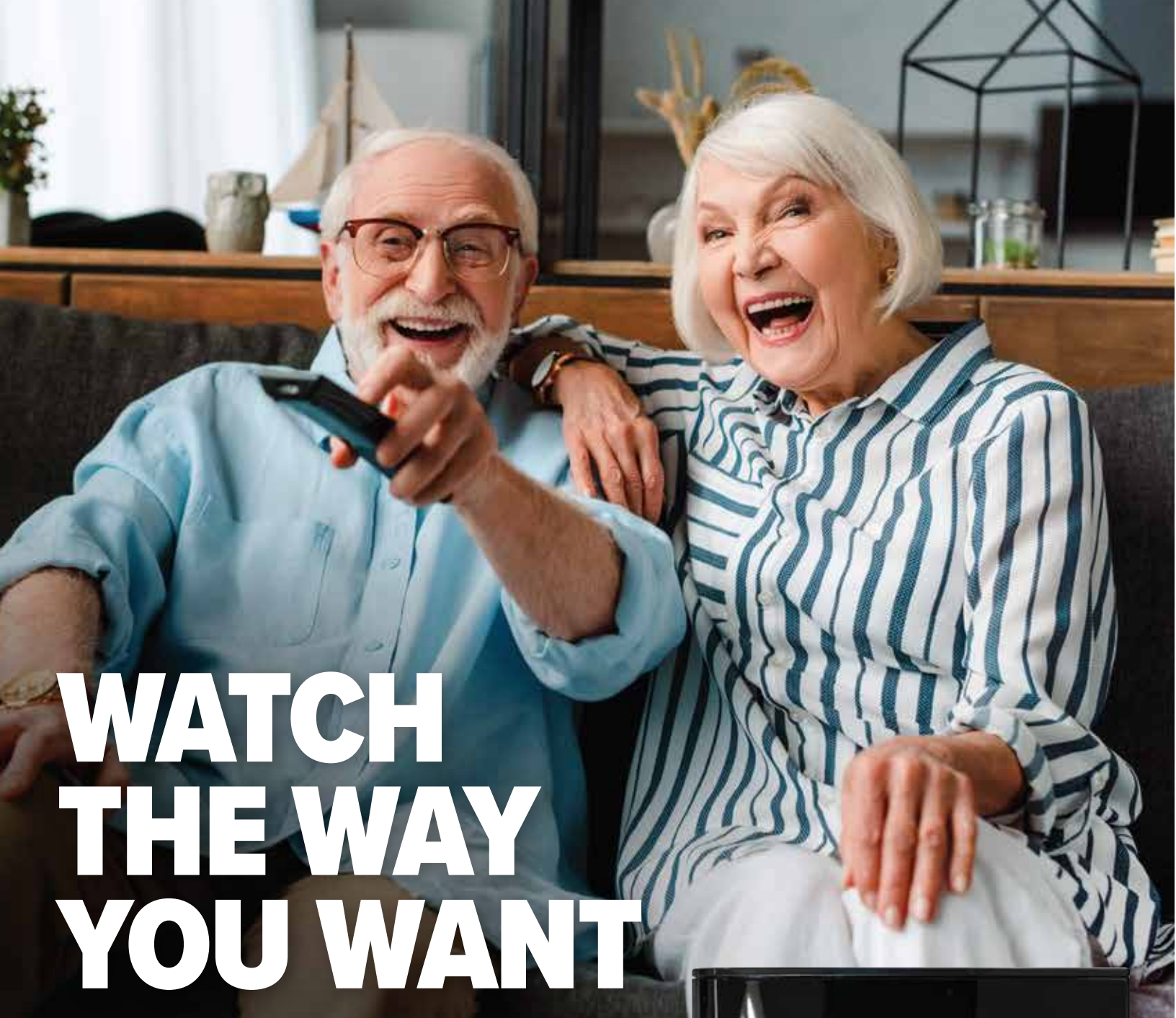
- Your previous service address
- The approximate dates you were at that service address
- Your social security number

How do I contact DMEA about an unclaimed capital credit?

- By phone: 877-687-3632
- By email: capitalcredits@dmea.com

How long do I have to claim my credits?

Please contact DMEA before **October 31, 2020**, if your name or that of a deceased relative is on the list. After that date, all remaining unclaimed credits will be permanently moved to the Charitable and Education Fund to benefit our communities.



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HOME COOKING



Blueberry Crostata

Julie Baird, Montrose



Ingredients:

- 1 pint fresh blueberries, approx. 2 cups
- 1 1/2 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 refrigerated, store-bought pie crust (like Pillsbury)
- 1 Tbsp water
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar, plus a little more for sprinkling
- 1 Tbsp butter, cut into pieces

Directions:

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Unroll pie crust and place on baking sheet. In a medium bowl, toss together the blueberries, cornstarch, sugar, and lemon juice. Spoon mixture into the middle of the crust leaving about 2" around the edge. Fold the edges over in a haphazard way so the fruit in the middle shows. Cut the butter up into 6-8 chunks and place on top of the blueberries. Whisk egg and water in a small bowl. Brush onto the crust and sprinkle with sugar. Bake 20-23 minutes until the crust is a nice golden brown. Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream!

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.



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Even if you have previously had underground utilities marked, utilities can shift, so it's best to call before starting a new project.



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Before every digging project, call 811 and get your underground utilities marked. You will prevent costly and dangerous mistakes.