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Elevate Full Steam Ahead in 2021

A message from Jasen Bronec, CEO

As 2021 keeps moving forward, chock-full of possibilities and high hopes that we can all safely remove our masks, we want to take a moment to celebrate what Elevate internet has planned for your communities this year.

2021 is going to be a big year for Elevate Internet. Not only do we plan on celebrating 10,000 customers before the end of the summer, we are also building fiber past another 3,000 homes and businesses. We're even exploring a 10 Gigabit service! This increased access to high-speed fiber internet makes telework, online education, and telemedicine a breeze for thousands more. The fact that Elevate is headquartered right here at home means we are committed to providing you with great service and our support team is available 24/7 to answer any of your network questions.

Montrose: By the end of June, 97% of Montrose city residents will have the ability to hook up to the fastest, fiber internet technology around. This means that Elevate will have brought online six new zones: South Townsend, East Main, North Townsend, 6450 Road, Bear Creek, and West Meadows subzones. If you're in one of these new areas, keep spreading the good news to your neighbors - Elevate is coming!

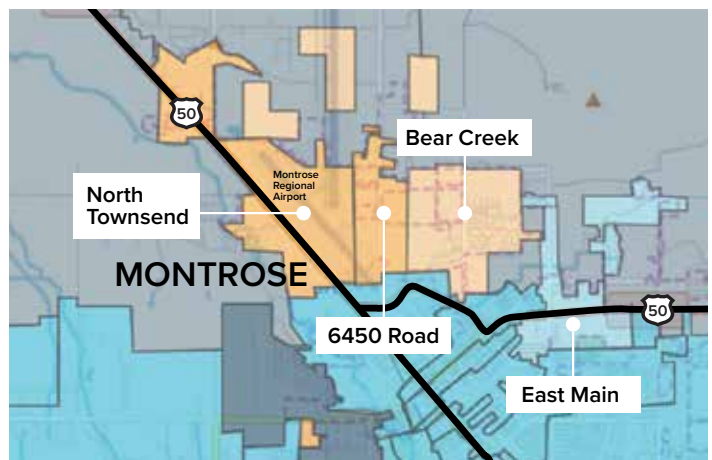
Grants: One of the biggest challenges Elevate faces in building a fiber internet network is cost. Fiber is expensive, and the lack of density and the rugged terrain in our rural areas only adds to that cost. This puts our more rural areas at a significant disadvantage. We're tackling this challenge head on by applying for every grant possible. This year, we will be building a minimum of three grant-funded zones, including North Mesa (438 meters); Beaver Hill (217 meters); and Cedar Mesa (236 meters). This is all made possible by the \$3,464,970 in grants we received from the State of Colorado.

Tech: Remember earlier when we mentioned a 10 Gig network? Well you read that right. Right now, it's hard to imagine maxing out a 1 Gig service, but bandwidth isn't

decreasing. Someday 10 Gig will be the norm, which is why we are already testing the equipment necessary to deliver this speed. When the day comes, we'll be ready. And when we make those upgrades, your service won't be affected because of Elevate's network redundancy and our fiber technology itself.

In addition, our team is hard at work deploying our newest offering, the Elevate GigaPod. Each GigaPod purchase includes a Wi-Fi management device that plugs directly into your wall outlet and a motion detection feature which enables increased home security. With the free membership to Plume HomePass included in your plan, you can change your Wi-Fi password, kick devices off your network, set a schedule for your child's phones and tablets, and set security and parental controls, all directly from your phone. Check out the back page of this newsletter for more on parental controls and content filters.

To those of you who are Elevate customers, thank you. To those of you who would so love to be Elevate customers, but we're not there yet, thank you for your continued support as we do our best to bring fiber internet to some of the most rural parts of our country!



10 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THAT CAN SAVE YOU \$5,000

Controlled burns are an important tool in Western Colorado for managing and restoring natural areas. Delta-Montrose Electric Association asks that you take extra precautions when burning near power poles to prevent widespread power outages and incurring up to a \$5,000 repair bill.

- Secure necessary permits
- Cut all grass and weeds near power poles
- Remove all dead trees within 20 feet
- Water area near the power poles
- Plan to finish burns before noon
- Continuously monitor weather before and during
- Do NOT burn in high wind conditions
- Never leave burn unattended
- Have a plan to put out your burn
- Don't be afraid to call 911



Congratulations to our January Play It Safe contest winner, Indie Wilcox! In January, we asked kids in grades K through 5th to solve the following scenario in the form of a comic strip:

Bill hits a pad mounted transformer while plowing snow. Bill doesn't notice but Susie does when her lights and Xbox quit working. Susie goes outside to tell Bill and notices a green box with wires hanging out and making noise. What should Susie do?

JANUARY WINNER



If any DMEA equipment is damaged, keep away, warn others to keep away, and call DMEA immediately at **877-687-3632**.



BELIEVE IT

zero-lag gaming does exist

Yep, that's right. It does exist, and we're not just talking about Gigfoot. Elevate's 1 Gig internet is the only service fast enough to support your latest game update, endless ZOOM meetings, online schooling, family video chats, and HD streaming. There is one downside though: you won't be able to blame slow internet anymore if you lose.

ELEVATE™

FAST INTERNET ► (for real)

Fast internet

150 Mbps _____	\$54.95
1,000 Mbps (1 Gig) _____	\$54.95 For 3 months

Simple TV

Locals (20+ channels) _____	\$34.95
Expanded (70+ channels) _____	\$99.95
Extreme (120+ channels) _____	\$129.95

Reliable home phone

Unlimited local & long distance _____	\$30.00
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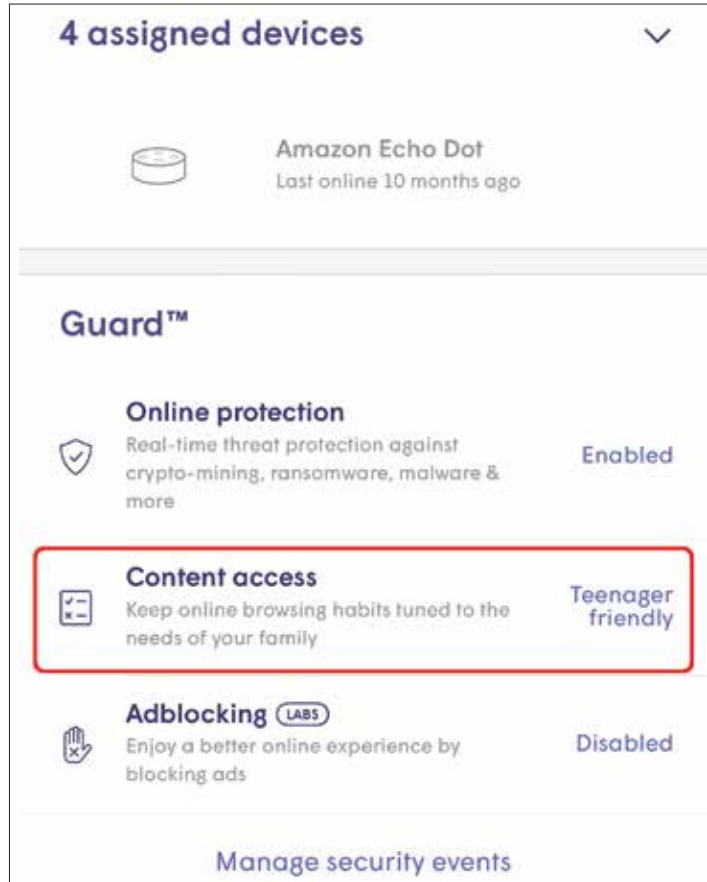
Available in live service areas only. Includes 1 Gig service for the first 3 months for the price of 150 Mbps (\$54.95/mo). After 3 months, regular pricing (\$79.95/mo) applies. Subscribers may switch to 150 Mbps at any time. Installation is zero money down and \$10/mo., for 10 months or \$100 upfront. Initial 12-month contract required. Internet service is required for TV and phone. Speeds are up to 1 Gig.

ELEVATE™ GIGA-POD

Parental Controls

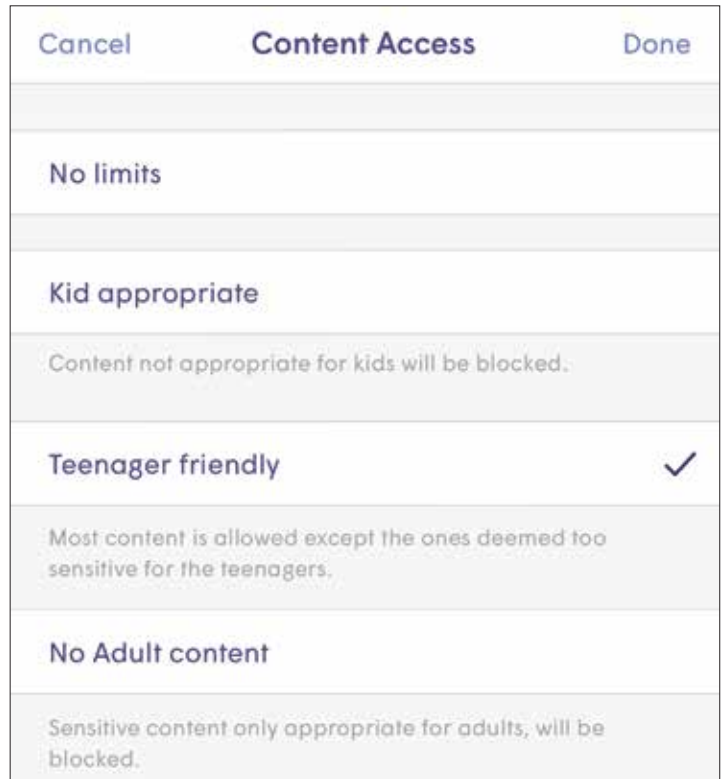
Every Elevate Giga-Pod comes with a free membership of PlumeHome Pass, an all-inclusive Wi-Fi manager that gives you ultimate control, including Parental Controls.

Parental controls keep your kids safe. Restrict content, set schedules for certain devices, and even freeze the internet on your teen's phone at night in hopes they'll finally go to bed. All at the touch of a button.



The Plume HomePass content access feature will allow you to restrict content for a device or person. You can personalize your online experience by utilizing the most common content filtering categories:

- 1 No limits:** You can access all types of content.
- 2 Kids appropriate:** Content that is tagged as NOT appropriate for kids will be filtered and inaccessible.
- 3 Teenager friendly:** Content that is tagged as NOT appropriate for teens will be filtered and inaccessible.
- 4 No adult content:** All content tagged as adult content will not be accessible.



Get an Elevate Giga-Pod or learn more at www.elevateinternet.com/elevate-giga-pod.



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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.

HOME COOKING

Curry Lentil Soup *Katrina Walters, Montrose*



Ingredients:

¼ c olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 carrots, peeled and chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp curry powder
½ tsp dried thyme
1 (28 oz) can diced tomatoes, drained
1 c lentils, rinsed
4 c vegetable broth
2 c water
1 tsp salt, more to taste
Pinch red pepper flakes
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 c kale, ribs removed
1 - 2 tbsp lemon juice, to taste

Directions:

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and carrot and cook, stirring often, about 5 minutes. Add garlic, cumin, curry powder and thyme. Cook until fragrant while stirring constantly, about 30 seconds. Pour in drained diced tomatoes and cook for a few more minutes, stirring often.

Pour in the lentils, broth, and water. Add salt, red pepper flakes, and black pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil, then partially cover the pot and reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the lentils are tender. Add kale and cook for 5 more minutes. Remove the pot from the heat and stir in 1 tablespoon of lemon juice.

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.



WIN A LEGO® SHOPPING SPREE!

Participate in DMEA's all-new safety program, PLAY IT SAFE. Open to kids in K through 5th grade. Each month, DMEA will announce a new electrical safety problem that your student can research and resolve. The best submission wins, and the prizes are awesome!

MARCH SAFETY DILEMMA

Anna was digging a hole to plant a tree and noticed a wire in the hole. What should she have done before digging and what should she do now?

What to submit:

This month, your submissions must be in the form of a video. Videos can be submitted at dmea.com/safety-competition.

When to submit:

Entry period is March 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021.

Who can participate:

Kids in grades K-5th

What you can win:

This month's prize is a Lego® shopping spree!

