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Charging up in Montrose is Easier Than Ever

A message from Jasen Bronec, CEO

Last month, DMEA powered up Montrose's first DC electric vehicle (EV) fast charging stations. Located at the corner of North First Street and Uncompahgre in the heart of downtown Montrose, the charging station features two models of EV chargers: ChargePoint Dual Platform fast chargers, owned and operated by DMEA, and a bank of Tesla Superchargers, owned and operated by Tesla.

Now, EV drivers from across the state and country can make a pit stop in downtown Montrose for a quick charge. And while waiting, they can support our local businesses by taking a stroll downtown for a bite to eat and some shopping.

The ChargePoint fast chargers were made possible thanks to a \$250,000 grant from the Colorado Energy Office Charge Ahead Program, which funded approximately 80% of the project construction costs. DMEA also donated in-kind labor to upgrade the electric service to the chargers. The City of Montrose also partnered with DMEA, providing the public parking space and lot maintenance.

With Tesla opting to build a bank of their own Superchargers at the same location, Montrose can now offer fast charging to virtually any EV driver on the road. Just like at traditional gas stations, drivers will pay for their fuel, in this case kilowatt hours instead of gas. The cost to charge at DMEA's ChargePoint Fast Chargers is \$0.20 per kilowatt hour, plus a \$0.25 per minute parking fee. Tesla sets the price for their Superchargers, which can vary from driver to driver.

Montrose is just the latest community in DMEA's service territory to get on the map with an EV fast charger. Check out the back page of this newsletter to see all the different types and locations of EV fast chargers in DMEA's territory. With almost 30,000 EVs on the road in Colorado alone, our

communities are well equipped to both attract and support these travelers, who will in turn support our local economies as they wait for their vehicle to charge up.

EV Charging Tips & Tidbits

- The average U.S. driver only logs around 30 miles per day of driving. All EVs have ranges much further than that, with the Tesla Model S topping out at 402 miles on a full charge.
- Taking a road trip? Let your smartphone do the work. Apps like Plug Share, ChargePoint®, and Tesla will show you every charging station along your route and plan your charge ups for you.
- To get the best battery life performance and range, keep your EV battery charged between 20% - 80%.
- Each station you stop at will have its own price, and the apps mentioned above will tell you those prices. You can sometimes find free charging stations, like the City of Montrose Level 2 Charger in Centennial Plaza.
- Fast Chargers (like these new ones in Montrose) will charge your vehicle the quickest. For example, DMEA's Bolt can go from empty to full in just one hour. But since you won't often charge from empty, you can spend as little as 15 minutes 'filling up' at a fast charger.

ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

2021 Board of Directors Election

DMEA is a member-owned and locally controlled rural electric cooperative. That means you, our members own the cooperative and are responsible for governing it through an elected board of directors. Each year, you are tasked with electing three representatives from the membership to serve on DMEA's Board of Directors.

In 2021, the District 1, District 2, and District 5 board seats are up for election. Eligible members who live in these districts may become candidates. If you are interested in running for an open seat, visit www.dmea.com beginning April 2, 2021. To confirm in which district/region you reside, call 877-687-3632.

Key Dates

Friday, April 2: Nomination petition packets available online at www.dmea.com. Please note, nomination packets cannot be made available before April 2.

Monday, May 3: Deadline to return nomination petition packets, including 15 member signatures and candidate profile information.

Tuesday, May 25: Ballots and candidate backgrounds mailed to DMEA members.

Friday, June 11: Postmark deadline for mail-in ballots.

Thursday, June 17: DMEA Annual Meeting. Stay tuned to this newsletter, our website, or social channels for more details soon.

YOUR CURRENT BOARD

*Denotes seats up for re-election



Bill Patterson - District 1*
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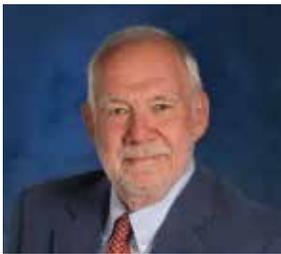
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Jock Fleming - South Region
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Stacia Cannon - North Region
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DMEA Journeyman Lineman, Bill Hughes, was selected as one of America's Top Lineman by LogoStore USA. Bill was selected as a weekly winner in December 2020 from a pool of nominations from across the country. He recently surpassed his 40-year mark with DMEA. During his time with us, he has helped train apprentice linemen and served as the Chief Union Steward for more than 20 years. Join us in honoring Bill and saying, thank you, for bringing your commitment to service and positive attitude to DMEA and its members for the past 40 years.

Congratulations, Bill!

HOME PHONE FOR YOUR HOME OFFICE



For just \$30/month, you can get home phone service delivered over the same reliable fiber network as your Elevate Internet. Unlimited local and domestic long distance is included for no extra charge, plus all your must-have features like an online portal to manage your voicemail, call forwarding, waiting, and rejection.



SPOTTY CELL SERVICE



Cell service is spotty in rural Western Colorado. The elevation changes and sparsely populated cell towers often mean you can't guarantee adequate cell coverage even inside your own home. A landline gives you peace of mind—it's there whether you're dialing 911 or just want to catch up with friends.

REMOTE OFFICE



Do you work from home? A phone line with a clear connection is a must when communicating with your clients or the boss from afar. No more dropped conference calls or cutting in and out when presenting the case for your new ideas.

SOUND QUALITY



Don't take our word for it. Consumer Reports note that the sound quality is better on a cordless home phone than even the best cell phones on the market. This is particularly important for people who suffer from hearing loss.

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ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

There are 31 public electric vehicle chargers in 11 locations throughout DMEA's service territory, ranging from Montrose all the way up to Paonia. So buckle up and hit the road, because you'll never be too far from a charging station.



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Your Board of Directors:

Bill Patterson, District 1 *Kyle Martinez, District 2*
Brad Harding, District 3 *Ken Watson, District 4*
Chris Hauck, District 5 *Damon Lockhart, District 6*
Enno Heuscher, District 7 *Stacia Cannon, North*
Jock Fleming, South

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.



WIN AN XBOX!

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!

FEBRUARY SAFETY DILEMMA

**Juan's cat runs up a power pole.
What should Juan do?**

What to submit:

This month, your submissions must be in the form of a drawing. Drawings can be in any medium and must be uploaded as a PDF or JPEG at dmea.com/safety-competition.

When to submit:

Entry period is February 1, 2021 - February 28, 2021.

Who can participate:

Kids in grades K-5

What you can win:

This month's prize is a new Xbox One S!



HOME COOKING

Three Bean Chili

Anna Colestein, Paonia



Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ medium onion, chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tbsp dried oregano
- 1 tbsp salt
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 green bell peppers, chopped
- 2 jalapeño peppers, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3, 28 oz cans whole peeled tomatoes, crushed
- ¼ c chili powder
- 1 tbsp ground black pepper
- 1, 15 oz can kidney beans, drained
- 1, 15 oz can garbanzo beans, drained
- 1, 15 oz can black beans, drained
- 1, 15 oz can whole kernel corn, drained

Directions:

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in the onion, and season with bay leaves, cumin, oregano, and salt. Cook and stir until onion is tender, then mix in the celery, green bell peppers, jalapeño peppers, and garlic. Reduce heat to low, cover pot, and simmer 5 minutes.

Mix the tomatoes into the pot. Season with chili powder and pepper. Stir in the kidney beans, garbanzo beans, and black beans. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer 45 minutes. Stir in the corn, and continue cooking 5 minutes before serving.

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.