

# **Keeping Our Community Safe**

A message from Jasen Bronec, CEO

Entering into this new year isn't business as usual. This is a time of great difficulty and uncertainty as we worry about loved ones, essential workers, students, teachers, and small businesses. Because of this, I want to take a few moments to tell you what steps DMEA is taking to keep our essential workers and communities safe and healthy during COVID.

DMEA is taking numerous steps to minimize employee exposure. We are encouraging and enforcing mask and distancing requirements, as well as regularly sanitizing our facilities. We have conducted proactive testing for our employees. In addition, we are encouraging remote work and hosting virtual meetings instead of in-person gatherings.

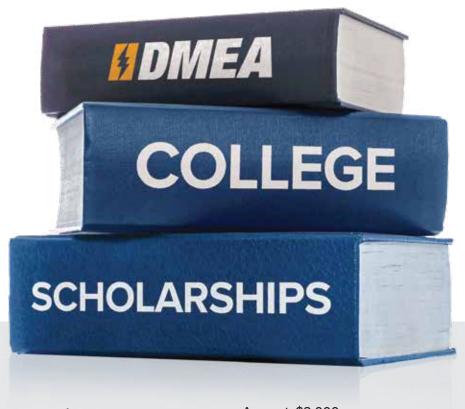
For our employees who cannot work remotely, I ask for your help in keeping them healthy. Our lineman and service technicians are doing their part to minimize exposure without sacrificing member services or safety. If you come in contact with one of these essential workers, please wear a mask and remain six or more feet away when possible. This helps ensure DMEA can continue to keeps your lights on and your small businesses running. By following mask and social distancing recommendations when in contact with our crews and when out and about, you are also helping keep our communities healthy. Thank you.

Whenever possible, skip the trip to our offices. We are still here working for you and can provide all necessary services over the phone, via email, or online. If you haven't done so yet, be sure to register your DMEA account online at www.dmea.com. This will give you 24/7 access to pay your bill, update payment information, and monitor energy use.

Lastly, if you or someone you know are struggling to make ends meet, we can help. DMEA has a COVID support program that can help pay all or a portion of your monthly electric bill. Please reach out to us directly at 877-687-3632 for more information.

As we say hello to 2021, our commitment to protect essential workers, your livelihoods, and the health and safety of our communities remains at the forefront. Stay healthy, folks.





This year, DMEA is offering \$51,000 in college scholarships to local graduating seniors and continuing education students.
Let us help make your dream a reality!

High School Graduate Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Scholarships awarded to 1 graduate from Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, Olathe, and Paonia High School, 1 graduate of a non-traditional school in either Delta County and Montrose County, 2 graduates from Delta High School, and 3 graduates from Montrose High School

Continuing Education Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Scholarships awarded to 3 students who are currently enrolled full-time in an accredited post-high school educational institution.

Colorado Mesa University Montrose Campus Scholarship Amount: \$2,000

Scholarships awarded to 2 students who are planning to attend or are currently enrolled in full-time in Colorado Mesa University - Montrose Campus.

Technical College of the Rockies Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Scholarships awarded to 2 students who are planning to attend or are currently enrolled full-time in the Technical College of the Rockies

Line Worker

Amount: \$2,000

**Scholarship** Scholarships awarded 2 students currently enrolled in a lineman school who

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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**



## **No Dough Pizza**

Patsy Denham, Olathe



#### Ingredients:

Crust:

8 oz package of full fat cream cheese 2 eggs 1/4 tsp ground black pepper 1 tsp garlic powder 1/4 c grated parmesan cheese

Topping:

1/2 c pizza sauce 11/2 c shredded mozzarella cheese Any additional toppings; ham, sausage, mushrooms, peppers, etc.

#### **Directions:**

Lightly spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. With a handheld mixer, mix cream cheese, eggs, pepper, garlic powder, and parmesan cheese until combined. Spread into baking dish. Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden brown. Allow crust to cool for 10 minutes.

Spread pizza sauce on crust. Top with cheese and toppings. Sprinkle pizza with garlic powder. Bake 8-10 minutes, until cheese is melted.

#### **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 BURTON SNOWBOARD!**

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!

### JANUARY SAFETY DILEMMA

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

### What to submit:

This month, your submissions must be in the form of a comic strip. Comics must be uploaded as a PDF or JPEG at dmea.com/safety-competition.

### When to submit:

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

## Who can particpate:

Kids in grades K-5

## What you can win:

This month's prize is a Burton snowboard, boots, and bindings!

