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Garnet Mesa Solar Array: Local, Renewable Power

DMEA is fulfilling its commitment to 20% local power generation

Alyssa Clemsen Roberts, CEO

Honoring Commitments

When DMEA entered into a partnership with our new power supplier, Guzman Energy, we had three primary goals: rate stabilization, increased renewable generation, and local control.

While we are already reaping the benefits of rate stabilization, power supply projects take more time. I am pleased to announce an update on our first joint power generation initiative, the Garnet Mesa Solar Array in Delta County. This large-scale generation project helps meet all three of the strategic goals I mentioned earlier. Upon completion, the solar farm will produce 80MW of local, renewable energy, enough to power 18,000 average homes!

Alone, this plant will produce enough energy to enable DMEA to fulfill its commitment of 20% locally generated power. It will also help Guzman Energy honor its renewable energy supply obligation of at least 40% to DMEA members by 2030.

Community Impact and Investment

Guzman Energy will break ground on the Garnet Mesa Solar Array in early 2022. Construction will last approximately eleven months and create almost 400 local construction and operations jobs. The array will be operational by summer 2023. Additionally, this project will add \$10 million over the next 35 years to Delta County's property tax revenue.

More to Come

From the beginning, we knew our partnership with Guzman Energy would bring impressive new opportunities. I anticipate that the Garnet Mesa Solar Array project is the first of many exciting announcements. I look forward to providing updates like this for years to come.

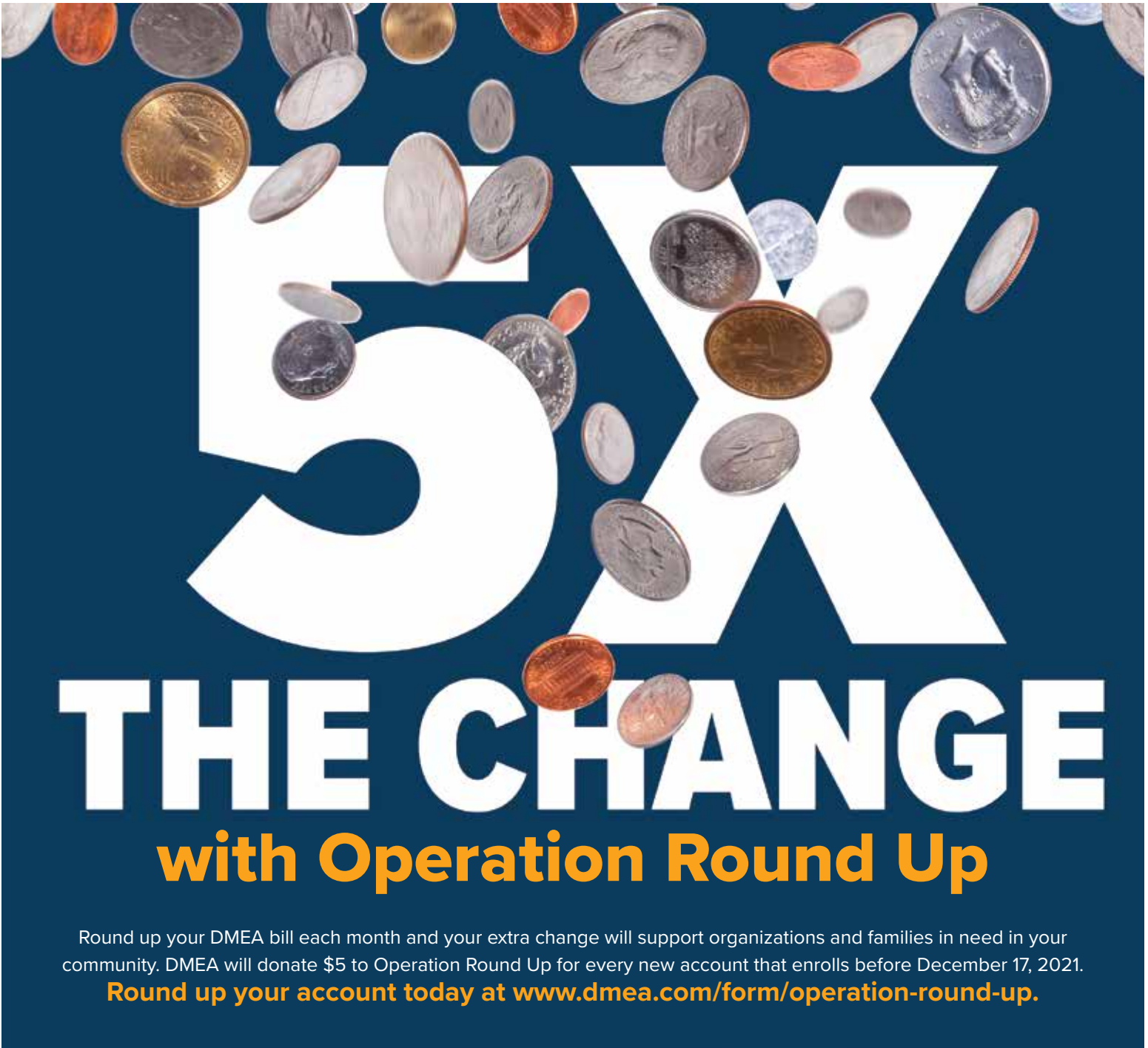
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Brighten your holidays WITH LED AND TIMERS

Nothing provides an instant dose of holiday spirit like a well-lit home. This season, decorate with LED lights and light timers. You'll use less energy and help keep your homes safe. Follow these tips for improved indoor and outdoor decorating.

Christmas trees

According to the National Fire Protection Association, Christmas lights cause 40% of Christmas tree fires. Turn off your tree lights when you are not at home and while the household is asleep. Flipping the light switch can be an easy step to forget when heading to bed, so set a timer and go to bed worry-free.

Decorate with LED light strands instead of traditional incandescents. LEDs are sturdier than old glass bulbs and stay cool to the touch, reducing the risk of fire and burning. Plus, they use 75% less energy!

Outdoor lights

With dark evenings and long nights, a timer for your lights is the ideal solution to ensure your lights are on for all to enjoy, but off during hours when people are not awake. LED light strands now come in all shapes and sizes, perfect for shrubs and gutters alike. You can also connect up to 25 LED strands end-to-end without overloading an outlet.

When away

A well-lit house can deter potential criminals searching for an easy target. Indoor and outdoor lights on timers can give the impression that a home is occupied when you're away for the holidays, as well as decrease the likelihood someone could approach your house unnoticed.

Keep your home safe, economical, and festive this year. Let light timers and LEDs do the work and enjoy a merry and bright holiday season!

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DMEA COOKS!

Featuring favorite recipes from our DMEA family

Million Dollar Spaghetti

Jordan Yates, Customer Service Representative



Ingredients:

- 1 (16 oz) package dried spaghetti noodles
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large sweet onion (chopped)
- 4 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 lb ground beef
- 2 (24 oz) jars spaghetti sauce
- 1 c cottage cheese
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese (softened)
- 1/2 c sour cream
- 4 c mozzarella
- 1 tsp dried Italian seasoning
- 1/4 c butter (cut into slices)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large pot, bring salted water to a boil. Cook spaghetti noodles until firm and drain well. Combine one jar of spaghetti sauce with the noodles and set aside. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, and cook until softened. Add ground beef to the skillet and cook until there is no pink. Drain well. Combine one jar of spaghetti sauce with the ground beef mixture and set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine cottage cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, two cups mozzarella, and Italian seasoning and set aside.

In a greased 9"x13" baking dish, add half of the spaghetti noodle mixture. Spread cheese mixture evenly over the noodles, then spread the remaining noodle mixture over the cheese layer. Evenly distribute butter slices over noodles. Pour meat sauce mixture over the noodles and spread evenly. Sprinkle remaining mozzarella cheese over the top. Bake until casserole is hot and bubbly, about 30-45 minutes.

NOVEMBER

PLAY IT SAFE

KID'S ELECTRICAL SAFETY COMPETITION



WIN A TOY SHOPPING SPREE!

Participate in DMEA's 2021 safety program, PLAY IT SAFE. The contest is open to kids in K through 5th grade. Each month, DMEA announces a new electrical safety problem that your student can research and resolve. The best submission wins, and the prizes are awesome!

NOVEMBER SAFETY DILEMMA

Jasmyn is excited to decorate her house for the holidays. But when she goes to plug in the lights, they begin to flicker and she smells a burning odor. What should Jasmyn do?

What to submit:

This month, your submissions must be a drawing. Entries can be submitted at www.dmea.com/safety-competition.

When to submit:

Entry period is November 1, 2021 - November 30, 2021.

Who can participate:

Kids in grades K-5th

What you can win:

This month's prize is a toy shopping spree, just in time for the holidays!

