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AUGUST 2022

GOOD MORNING



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

**Wednesday, September 14 • 9am-11am
The Lazy J Coffee Shop • Crawford**

Spark
SESSIONS

We think it's a pretty great thing to be a member-owned cooperative because your needs and interests spark change here at DMEA. So, let's chat. Drop in to our all-new Spark Sessions for free food, awesome gifts, and one-on-one time with your DMEA and Elevate staff and leadership team. There's no formal agenda and no boring PowerPoint—just a few fun hours where your co-op team listens to what you have to say!

Meet the Leadership Team

There are a few new faces here at DMEA and Elevate! We've recently added two new executive positions: Chief Relations Officer and Chief Information Officer. Find out more about them here, and then come meet them in person at The Busy Corner White Kitchen in Oalthe on August 17, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. or at The Lazy J Coffee Shop in Crawford on September 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

KENT BLACKWELL, Chief Technology Officer



Kent Blackwell joined DMEA in January 2018 as its Chief Technology Officer (CTO). He directs all Elevate operations, including construction, engineering, business sales, grant programs, and compliance.

Kent has worked in the telecommunications industry for more than 30 years. His knowledge and experience span engineering, project management, and leadership with a strong emphasis on fiber-optic networks. Of his 30 years of experience, he has spent nearly 16 deploying fiber to the home telecommunications networks.

ALMA MATER: Oklahoma State | **FAVORITE FOOD:** TexMex | **I CHEER FOR:** Dallas Cowboys | **FAVORITE PASTIME:** Woodworking

TIM VIGIL, Chief Operating Officer



Tim joined DMEA in January 2022 as its Chief Operating Officer (COO), overseeing the operations, engineering, and safety departments. He brings more than 20 years of electric generation, transmission, and power marketing experience to DMEA.

Prior to his time at DMEA, Tim was employed by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). His most recent role was as Senior Vice President and Colorado River storage project manager. Tim was responsible for marketing 1,800-megawatts of generation capacity, as well as providing strategic and tactical direction to WAPA's senior leadership team.

ALMA MATER: Cal State Northridge | **FAVORITE FOOD:** Steak | **I CHEER FOR:** The Broncos | **FAVORITE PASTIME:** Playing with my twin toddlers

LINDSAY FOREPAUGH, Chief Relations Officer



DMEA welcomed its first-ever Chief Relations Officer (CRO), Lindsay Forepaugh, to its executive team in July 2022. She oversees all human resources, communications, member relations, and strategy operations.

Lindsay comes to the DMEA team from High West Energy (HWE) of Pine Bluffs, WY, where she served as their Chief Financial Officer since 2015. Before her role at HWE, Forepaugh worked for six years in the oil and gas industry, holding various titles ranging from supply chain manager to internal auditor. In many of her roles, she was responsible for high-level strategic planning.

ALMA MATER: Drexel University | **FAVORITE FOOD:** Pasta | **I CHEER FOR:** Dive Team 4 Paw | **FAVORITE PASTIME:** Scuba diving

GAYLE GOUKER, Chief Financial Officer



Gayle joined DMEA as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in December 2021. She also serves as the CFO for Elevate. Gayle brings both electric cooperative and telecom experience to DMEA, serving for the past eight years as manager of financial services at Navopache Electric Cooperative. Her responsibilities included overseeing member billing, strategic planning and execution, and financial forecasting.

Prior to Navopache, Gouker worked for 17 years in the telecommunications industry as a controller and CFO for CellularOne. Gayle is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has 25 years of combined experience in finance, accounting, and compliance.

ALMA MATER: Northern Arizona | **FAVORITE FOOD:** Coffee! | **I CHEER FOR:** The Packers | **FAVORITE PASTIME:** Photography

BOB FARMER, Chief Information Officer



Bob also joined DMEA in July 2022 as its Chief Information Officer (CIO), overseeing all aspects of network security for both DMEA and Elevate. This new role was created to strengthen network security across the board.

Farmer comes to DMEA from another Western Slope electric cooperative, Holy Cross Energy (HCE) of Glenwood Springs, where he served as the Vice President of Information Technology from 2017 until the present. Prior to his role at HCE, Farmer worked for nine years in Information Systems with the city of Glenwood Springs. In both roles, he was responsible for internal networks, software applications, and telecom oversight.

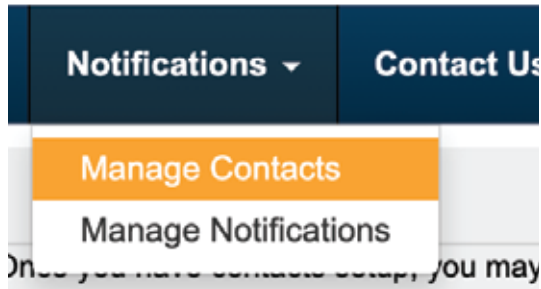
ALMA MATER: Western Governors | **FAVORITE FOOD:** Carne asada tacos | **I CHEER FOR:** Broncos | **FAVORITE PASTIME:** Woodworking

MANAGE YOUR BILLING NOTIFICATIONS

Set up your SmartHub account today at dmea.smarthub.coop.

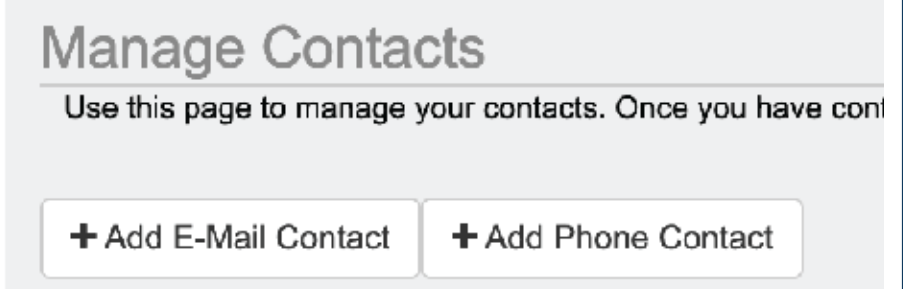
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Log in to your SmartHub account. Under the 'Notifications' tab, select 'Manage Contacts.'



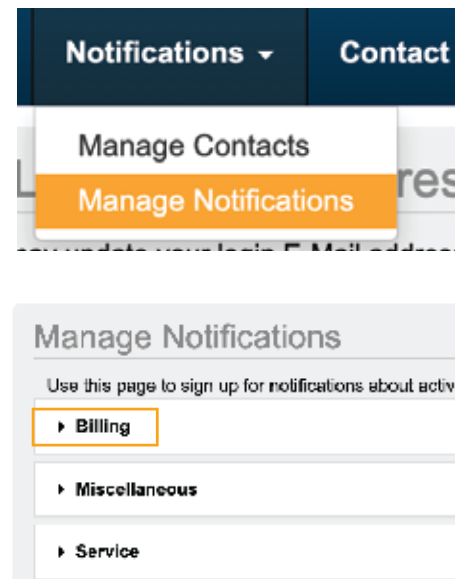
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Under 'Manage Contacts,' select '+ E-mail Contact' and/or '+ Add Phone Contact' to make sure your information is current or add a new email address or phone number.



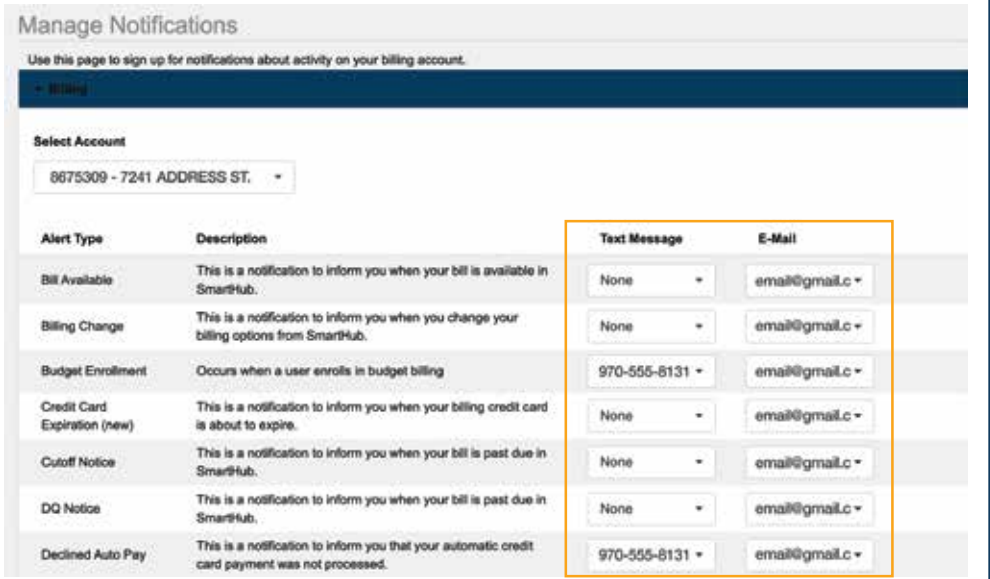
STEP 3:

Under the 'Notifications' tab, select 'Manage Notifications.' Then select 'billing' from the dropdown menu.



STEP 4:

Your notifications management screen will appear. With each alert type, select whether you'd prefer a text message, email, or no notifications.



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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.

DMEA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.instake@usda.gov.

DMEA Destinations



FALL FESTIVALS

Paonia

Mountain Harvest Festival September 23-25

A celebration of local music, art, farms, food, and spirits! Visitors can enjoy the music of the North Fork Valley, browse local arts and crafts, and participate in activities like the Great Chili Cookoff, farm tours, and Saturday Sundown Swing.

Cedaredge

Apple Fest October 7-9

Cedaredge Applefest has been celebrating local fruit growers annually since 1977, commemorating the fall harvest and rich agricultural heritage of our area. Festivities include live music, art, craft & food vendors, a 5K run, and everything apple!

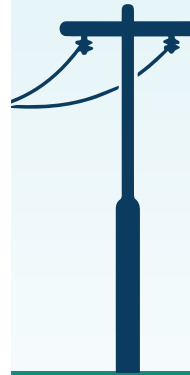
Montrose

Montrose Wine & Food August 27

Along with samples and sips from great local food and beverage vendors, there will be live music and a photo booth. All proceeds from the event benefit the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club.

What's your local go-to for fun? Submit your suggestions to communciations@dmea.com

ELECTRICAL SAFETY Outside Your Home



POWER LINES

- 1 Do not plant trees within 25 feet of power lines.
- 2 If you think a tree is too close to a power line, call DMEA.
- 3 Always keep yourself and equipment at least 10 ft. away from power lines.

EXTENSION CORDS

- 1 Extension cords should only be a temporary solution.
- 2 Never use an indoor extension cord for outside. Check for cords labeled 'outdoor use only.'
- 3 Never extend an extension cord with another cord to add length.



OUTDOOR OUTLETS

- 1 Use GFCI outlets, they turn off power if there is a short.
- 2 Install weatherproof boxes or covers on outdoor outlets.
- 3 Opt to have have additional outlets added instead of using more extension cords.



GENERATORS

- 1 Make sure your generator is properly grounded.
- 2 Never plug generators directly into a home outlet without a transfer switch.
- 3 Position generators away from windows, doors, and vents.

