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APRIL 2022

Thank a Lineworker

Alyssa Clemsen Roberts, CEO

Every year on April 18, we celebrate National Lineman Appreciation Day, honoring the men and women across the country who build, maintain, and repair our nation's power lines. At DMEA, we depend on 21 journeymen and 4 apprentice linemen to keep our lights on and electronics powered.

Many of us may have never considered the people who build, repair, and maintain our power system. Nor do we understand what it takes to keep power flowing uninterrupted through 3,800 miles of line across DMEA's service territory.

This work goes unnoticed as we go about our day-to-day lives reading the morning paper in a well-lit room, cranking up the AC on a hot summer afternoon, or streaming a movie after the kids have gone to bed. We take for granted that these things just work, that is until they don't. Often the only time we recognize how vital electricity is to our modern lifestyle is when the lights go out. Beyond that are the people who keep that electricity flowing, linemen.

While repairing damaged lines and maintaining critical infrastructure, our linemen often find themselves in dangerous and challenging situations under just plain miserable circumstances. Despite torrential rains or raging snowstorms, their hard work and commitment ensures our lives don't skip a beat.

Please join me in appreciating our linemen on April 26 at Horsefly Brewing for a community tap night. Horsefly will donate \$1 from every drink purchased that day to the family of Johnathan Smith. Johnny was a lineman at our neighboring co-op, San Miguel Power, who passed away recently. Your very own DMEA linemen will also be there from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come on down, grab a brew, and thank your DMEA linemen for working to make sure you have safe and reliable power 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Thank you, DMEA LINEMEN!

- Alan Gomez, *Journeyman Lineman* • 8 months
- Zane Wilson, *Apprentice Lineman* • 1 year
- Mitchell Whiteside, *Apprentice Lineman* • 1 year
- Cody Littlefield, *Apprentice Lineman* • 1 year
- Terrel Wells, *Journeyman Lineman* • 1 year
- Timothy Brandon, *Journeyman Lineman* • 2 years
- Colton Spencer, *Journeyman Lineman* • 3 years
- Bailey Hoffmeister, *Journeyman Lineman* • 3 years
- Josh Lenz, *Journeyman Lineman* • 4 years
- Scott Breithaupt, *Line Foreman* • 4 years
- Nicholas Reich, *Apprentice Lineman* • 5 years
- Wade Rowley, *Journeyman Lineman* • 5 years
- Steven Holst, *Journeyman Lineman* • 16 years
- Wade Wilson, *Line Foreman* • 16 years
- Cody Manganello, *Line Foreman* • 20 years
- Cody Carver, *Operations Supervisor* • 20 years
- Cameron Atwood, *Lineman Service Truck* • 28 years
- Michael Kuta, *Journeyman Lineman* • 30 years
- Ivor Ayers, *Line Foreman* • 30 years
- Nathan Puderbaugh, *Lineman Service Truck* • 31 years
- Martin Elliott, *Lineman Service Truck* • 34 years
- Troy Hall, *Operations Manager* • 34 years
- Bill Hughes, *Line Foreman* • 42 years
- Guy Gard, *Lineman Service Truck* • 43 years



COMMUNITY TAP NIGHT AT HORSEFLY

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

HORSEFLY BREWING, MONTROSE

**BREWS
— WITH THE —
CREWS**

Show your appreciation of DMEA's linemen and support a good cause.

In celebration of National Lineman Appreciation, DMEA and Horsefly are hosting a community tap night on April 26. Horsefly will donate \$1 from every drink purchased that day to the Smith family. If you stop in between 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., you can thank DMEA's linemen in person.

In honor of Johnathan Smith,

January 24, 1976 – December 17, 2021

Johnathan "Johnny" Smith was a local lineman at the neighboring cooperative, San Miguel Power. He recently passed away from COVID-19 and is survived by his wife Austin and daughter Haylee of Norwood, CO. All proceeds will be donated to help this local family cover medical costs and support them during this difficult time.

**SAVE
— the —
DATE**

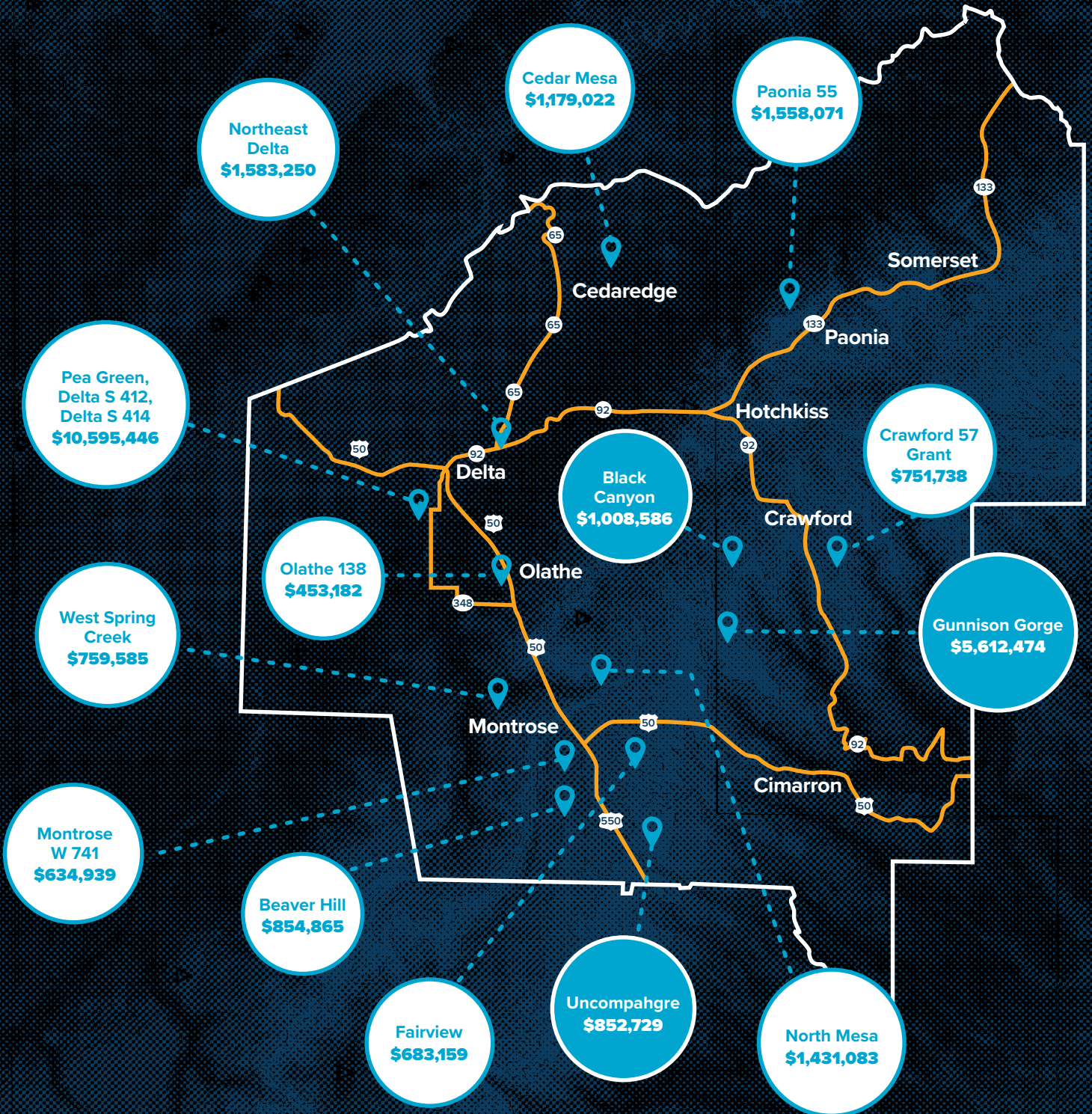
DMEA ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 16 • Montrose Recreation Center



ELEVATE™ GRANT UPDATE

Over the past six years, Elevate has secured nearly \$30 million in grants to build our fiber-optic network and bring 1 Gig internet to our local communities. Those dollars have helped us provide access to high-speed internet—and all the benefits that come with it—to our rural schools, homes, farms, ranches, and businesses. Where to next? We'll be building in the Black Canyon, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison Gorge grant zones over the next several months, bringing fiber internet to another 1,612 member homes and businesses.



Find out if you are in one of the new grant zones or if you can get service today at elevateinternet.com.

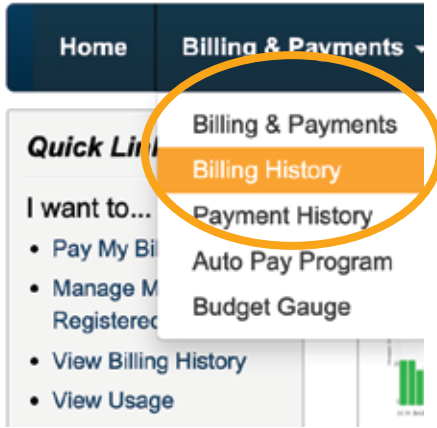
View past energy use in SmartHub

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Log in to your account and select 'Billing History' under the 'Billing & Payments' tab.

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Your billing history by month will be listed on the next page. To take an in-depth look at each month's use, click 'View Usage' next to the amount.

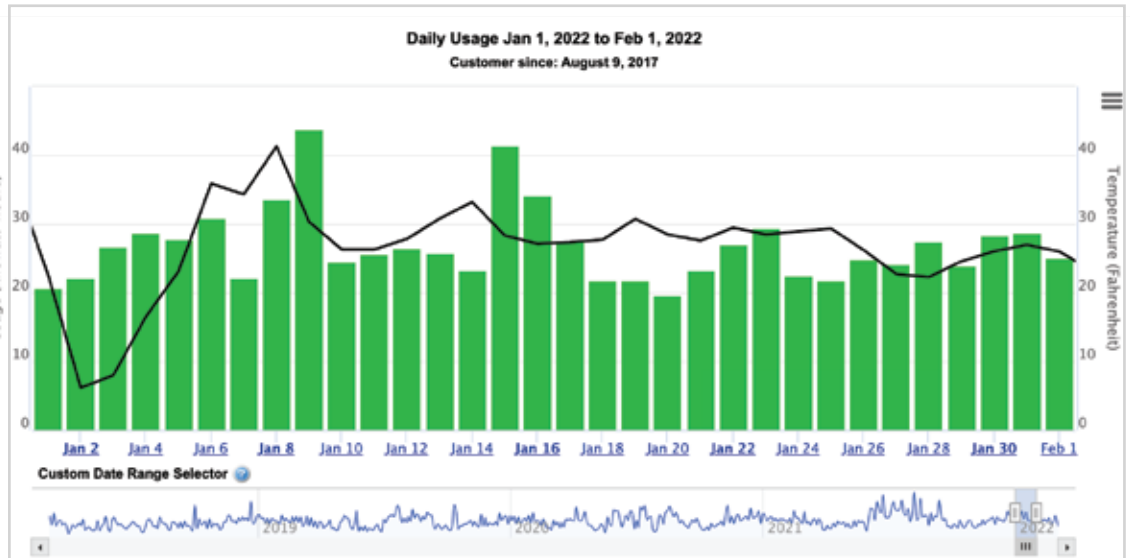


Janice Clouster		Electric		
Account 8675309, Auto Pay		22334 MUFFIN LANE, MONTROSE, CO		
Billing Date	Paperless	Adjustments	Total Due	
02/14/2022	\$131.00 View Bill >	\$0.00	\$131.00	
01/10/2022	\$134.00 View Bill >	\$0.00	\$134.00	
12/20/2021	\$108.00 View Bill >	\$0.00	\$108.00	
12/09/2021	\$106.00 View Bill >	\$0.00	\$106.00	

3

Under 'View Usage', a chart will appear giving you a daily breakdown of energy use.

There are several sorting options such as energy use by day, month, and year.



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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.instate@usda.gov.

DMEA Destinations

Seasonal adventures,
right in your backyard.

Cedaredge



Enjoy a glass of wine at SIPS on Main

There's a new place in town, and it's divine. Enjoy eclectic wines from around the world at SIPS on Main in Cedaredge. The cozy, modern atmosphere is perfect for girl's night, date night, or any night!

Delta

Have a date night at the Egyptian Theatre



Nothing says fun quite like the Egyptian. Catch the latest blockbuster movies, plus classic and independent films at this quaint theater in Delta.

Montrose



Paint pottery at Amazing Glaze

Looking for something artsy in Montrose? Try Amazing Glaze! You can select from a wide variety of ceramics to paint in any style that tickles your fancy. Sip a tasty beverage, paint your piece, and let your imagination go wild.

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

SHOCK TALK

BABYPROOFING

OMG Katie is getting so big! She'll be crawling in no time 🤪

Prepare yourself for the craziness!! They get into everything. Mike and I had to spend an entire afternoon babyproofing outlets

I'm getting started on it! I am putting those plastic outlet covers everywhere.

It's a good start. She'll learn to pull them out before you know it! I think the best option is those self-closing outlet covers. Lots of elbow grease on the install but there aren't pieces to break off. 🛠️



Good idea! I've got to take care of all the cords, too!

It took forever lol. We used cord shorteners on some. But also wrapped a few of the small, straggly cords.

I found some cord protectors on Amazon. You can't bend or break them

Or just block them with a couch! 🤪

Lots to add to the shopping cart! Thanks for the tips! 💖

For more information,
visit www.safeelectricity.org.