

POWERLINES



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The Heart of What We Do

by Jack Johnston, CEO

A month ago, I spent the day volunteering with Habitat for Humanity joining a small group of DMEA employees painting, framing and sweating! We volunteered for one reason—to give back.

It was a productive and humbling experience. Habitat builds more than houses; they build stability, dignity, and hope. But what struck me most wasn't the structure going up; it was the story I heard from the Habitat team—they are struggling to find volunteers. Fewer hands make the work harder completion timeline longer. That's a challenge, but also a call to action.

Community is at the core of our cooperative. It's one of the founding principles of co-ops, and it's important to me. Giving back isn't just a nice gesture; it's our responsibility. It's how we strengthen the places we call home.

That commitment shows up in many ways, big and small, with another one especially close to my heart soon to happen under the glow of stadium

lights on crisp fall evenings. Our Friday Night Lights tradition, now in its second year, is a perfect example. DMEA and Elevate partner with local schools to buy out admission for select high school football games, making them free for everyone to show our appreciation for your membership. DMEA staff and board members set the stage, displaying bucket trucks, showcasing American and Colorado

flags, handing out swag, and engaging with members and customers. Please visit the schedule inside this newsletter to see where you can attend a Friday Night Lights this year.

These nights aren't just about football they bring people

together, celebrate our youth, and create memories as a community.

As we head into the fall, I encourage you to find your own way to give back. Whether volunteering, helping someone in need, or cheering under the Friday night lights, your efforts matter. Let's keep building our communities together, one act at a time!



DMEA and Elevate staff in front of the Habitat for Humanity house they helped with.



SMALL CHANGES

BIG SAVINGS

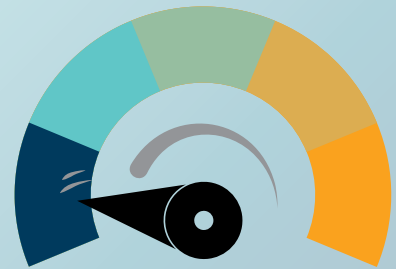
Tips for Decreasing Your Energy Use

Take advantage of “shoulder months”, or the time between our peak heating and cooling seasons. These months offer a great opportunity to reduce your home energy consumption as the need for heating or cooling decreases. Use these simple ways to boost indoor comfort without running your heating and cooling system:

- ▶ Use ceiling fans and open windows to ventilate your home.
- ▶ On cooler days, add a layer of clothing and avoid running the heat.

FIND MORE ENERGY SAVING TIPS!

Visit dmea.com/efficiency



LOOKING OUT FOR MEMBERS

Prepping to Return Capital Credits & Reunite Members with their Money

We're looking for members who may have unclaimed capital credits—refunds that couldn't be delivered due to outdated contact information or inactive accounts. Unclaimed capital credits can accumulate over time, especially for former members who may have moved out of the service area.

DMEA has launched an online search tool to help you check for unclaimed capital credits. It's easy! Just search by name.

SEARCH FOR UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS TODAY!



Visit dmea.com/capital-credits,
email capital.credits@dmea.com,
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Huddle up for a free community night
hosted by DMEA and Elevate!

FREE ADMISSION



FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 6 PM
GREELEY WEST VS. **MONTROSE**
MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 7 PM
RIFLE VS. **DELTA**
DELTA HIGH SCHOOL



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 7 PM
CEDAREIDGE VS. NORTH FORK
NORTH FORK HIGH SCHOOL



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7 PM
MEEKER VS. OLATHE
OLATHE HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for a special member and customer appreciation event and enjoy free admission, special giveaways, and a chance to cheer on our hometown teams.

CONCERN *for* COMMUNITY

COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE #7



Top: Buckin' Fast represented in the goat roping arena at Delta Fair. Middle: DMEA staff Paige and Rhyan hand out swag at Delta Fair. Bottom: DMEA Board member Steve Metheny and Matt Metzдорff from Guzman Energy purchase the Reserve Champion Lamb at Montrose Fair.

Popsicles, Power Partners & Community Pride: DMEA & Elevate Showing Up for Fair Season

From rodeo nights to livestock auctions, we loved every moment spent connecting with the incredible people at the Delta and Montrose County Fairs. We may have indulged in a few fair snacks, but our mission was to support future leaders and show up for the communities that our members call home.

Elevate banners lined the arenas in support of every show and sale. Nothing topped hearing kids proudly share their animals' names and the stories behind their months of hard work. We handed out hundreds of popsicles and piles of swag to help beat the heat at both fairs—visiting with families, answering questions, and celebrating the achievements of local youth.

DMEA board members Stacia Cannon and Damon Lockhart were present at the Delta County Fair, while Emily Sanchez, Steve Metheny, and Kevin Williams attended the fair in Montrose. They teamed up with our power partners at Guzman Energy to purchase animals at both county's Junior Livestock Auctions, joining forces with Guzman's Ryan Wade in Delta and Matt Metzдорff in Montrose. DMEA and Elevate invested \$10,406.29 in Delta County and \$10,177.33 in Montrose in fair programs, youth livestock buyers' pools, and community initiatives.

"Supporting the youth who invest so much time, energy, and heart into their projects was a true honor. It's important they feel seen, celebrated, and genuinely valued—and we were proud to be part of that."

- Damon Lockhart,
DMEA Board Member

How You Can Help Next Year

Enjoy the rodeo, livestock shows, and exhibits and cheer on the youth involved. Donate to local 4-H and FFA clubs and fair boards at:

- Montrosecountyfairandrodeo.com/stockmens-buyers-club/
- Deltacountyco.gov/916/County-Fair-Board



Montrose Office
11925 6300 Road
Montrose, CO 81401
M, W, F; 8:00am-5:00pm
T & Th; 8:00am-6:00pm

Read Office
21191 H75 Road
Delta, CO 81416
M - F; 8:00am-5:00pm

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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.

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A SENIOR'S GUIDE TO THE DIGITAL WORLD

Feeling lost in our digital world?
Elevate is here to help!

INTRO TO STREAMING

Join Elevate Internet experts to tap into the world of on-line TV. Learn about the differences between cable, live streaming, and on-demand TV, and figure out what's best for you. Class is from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and is free of charge! Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, September 25, Delta

Delta Library Community Room
124 E 6th St., Delta

Participate to win fantastic prizes!

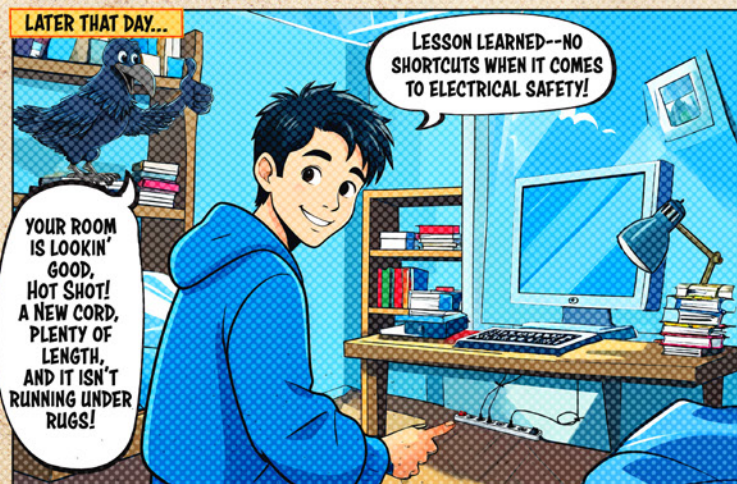
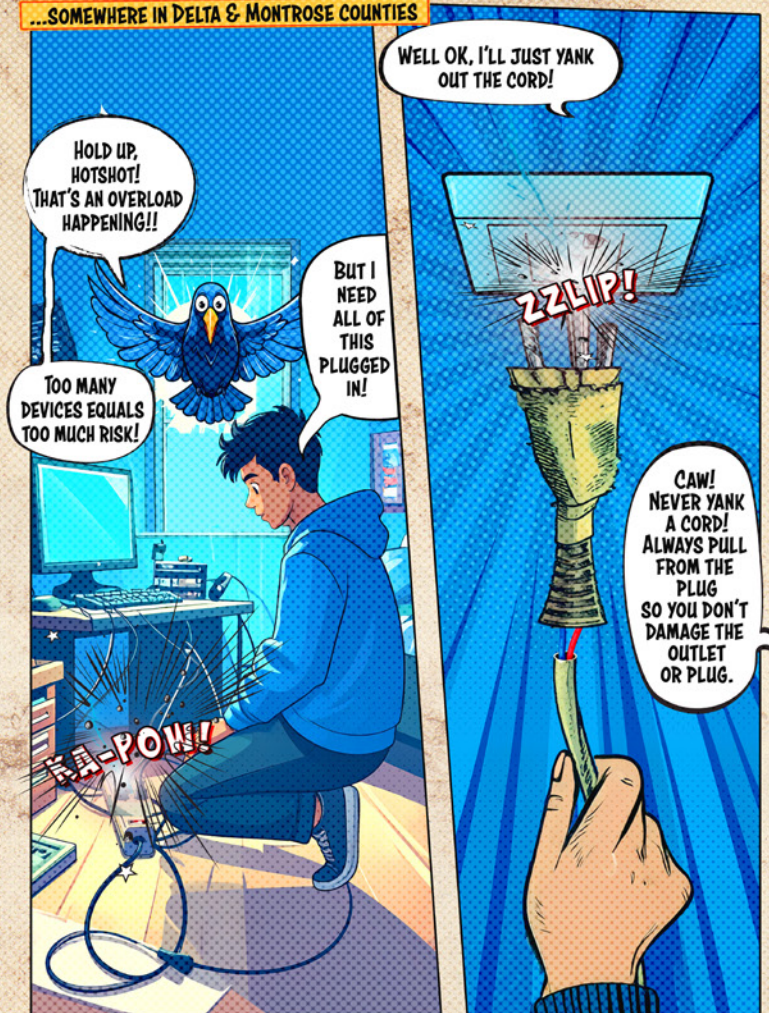
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