

THE PowerLines REPORT

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JULY 2021

2021 Virtual Annual Meeting a Success

Another DMEA annual meeting is in the books. On June 17, 2021, DMEA held a virtual meeting for the second year in a row. More than 120 members logged on, attending from the comfort of their homes. Despite the non-traditional platform, our meeting followed the traditional agenda including a formal vote on the three candidates running unopposed in this year's election:

William (Bill) Patterson – District 1
Kyle Martinez – District 2
Leslie (Chris) Hauck – District 5

DMEA's legal counsel, Jeff Hurd, facilitated the elections using Zoom's polling feature, and members were asked to cast their vote on the following: As a member of DMEA in good standing, I submit this vote for the 2021 Board of Directors: Bill Patterson for District 1, Kyle Martinez for District 2, and Chris Hauck for District 5. One hundred and nine members participated in the vote with 92% voting YES and 8% abstaining. As a result, all three directors retained their seats for another three-year term.

The real highlight of the meeting was the announcement of the recipients of DMEA's Powering Connections Business

Grants. We awarded a total of \$35,000 to nine local businesses from across our service territory. Please join us in congratulating these recipients:

Creative Corner, Montrose _____	\$3,000
Olathe True Value Hardware, Olathe _____	\$3,000
Paonia Laundromat, Paonia _____	\$3,000
Fox Theater, Montrose _____	\$5,000
Black Canyon Motel, Montrose _____	\$5,000
Guru's Restaurant, Montrose _____	\$5,000
Surface Creek Valley Historical Society Pioneer Town, Cedaredge _____	\$3,000
Ollie's Ice Cream, Paonia _____	\$3,000
Ladybugs Daycare, Montrose _____	\$5,000

2021 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 140+ in attendance
- Bill Patterson, Kyle Martinez, Chris Hauck elected after an uncontested race
- DMEA announced financial successes:
 - \$2M in reduced power costs since Tri-State exit!
 - Plus, no anticipated rate increase for 2021 and 2022.
- DMEA announced plans for 80MW solar development in Delta County
- Almost 54% of DMEA members can now get high-speed fiber internet from Elevate
- Twenty members won virtual door prizes, all gift cards to local businesses



DMEA Supports The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club

The Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club (BCBGC) launched its capital campaign in May of 2019 with the goal of building a facility that could accommodate the critical need for childcare in Montrose. Currently operating out of rented space in Celebration Church, the Club can support just 100 members with quality afterschool and summer childcare. As of today, the BCBGC has a three-year waiting list with close to 100 children on it. A larger facility would mean BCBGC would no longer have to say no to any child.

The initial plan was an 18,500 square foot facility that came with a price tag of \$3 million; then COVID-19 hit. With the influx of new construction, costs skyrocketed. The build cost now sits at \$4.7 million for an 11,000 square foot facility. Despite the increased cost, the local community has pulled through in a big

way, funding all but the last \$100,000 for the new facility. BCBGC hopes to break ground by the end of 2021.

DMEA was able to support the BCBGC's capital campaign through CoBank's Sharing Success program, which provides matching grants to customers, like DMEA, doubling our charitable contributions. Over the past two years, DMEA secured \$15,000 from CoBank and has donated \$30,000 in total to the BCBGC capital project!

"Despite setback after setback, the Black Canyon Boys & Girls Club is determined to build its new permanent facility to help great futures start here. DMEA has been a pivotal partner in making that dream become a reality," said Bud Taylor, BCBGC Executive Director.

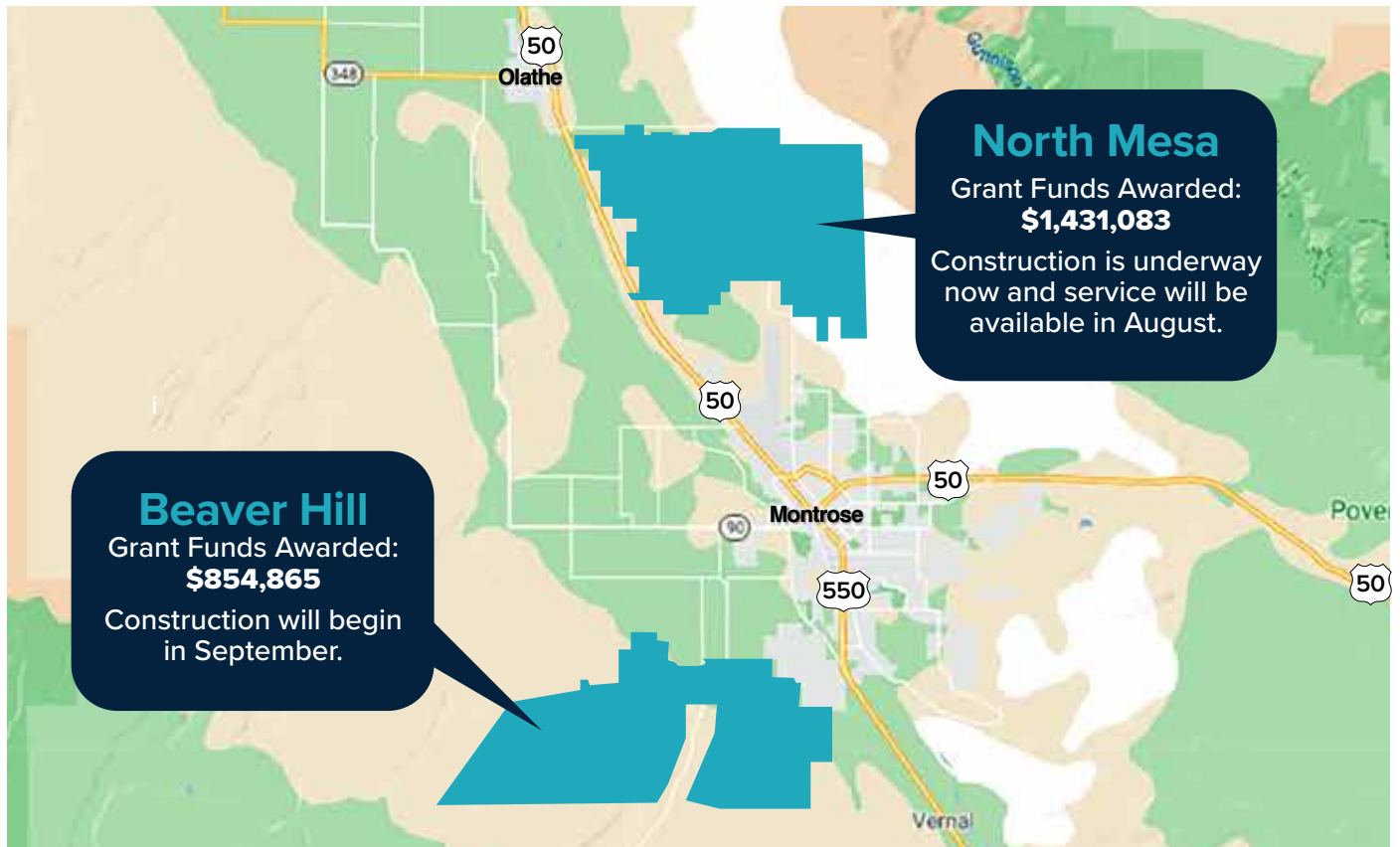
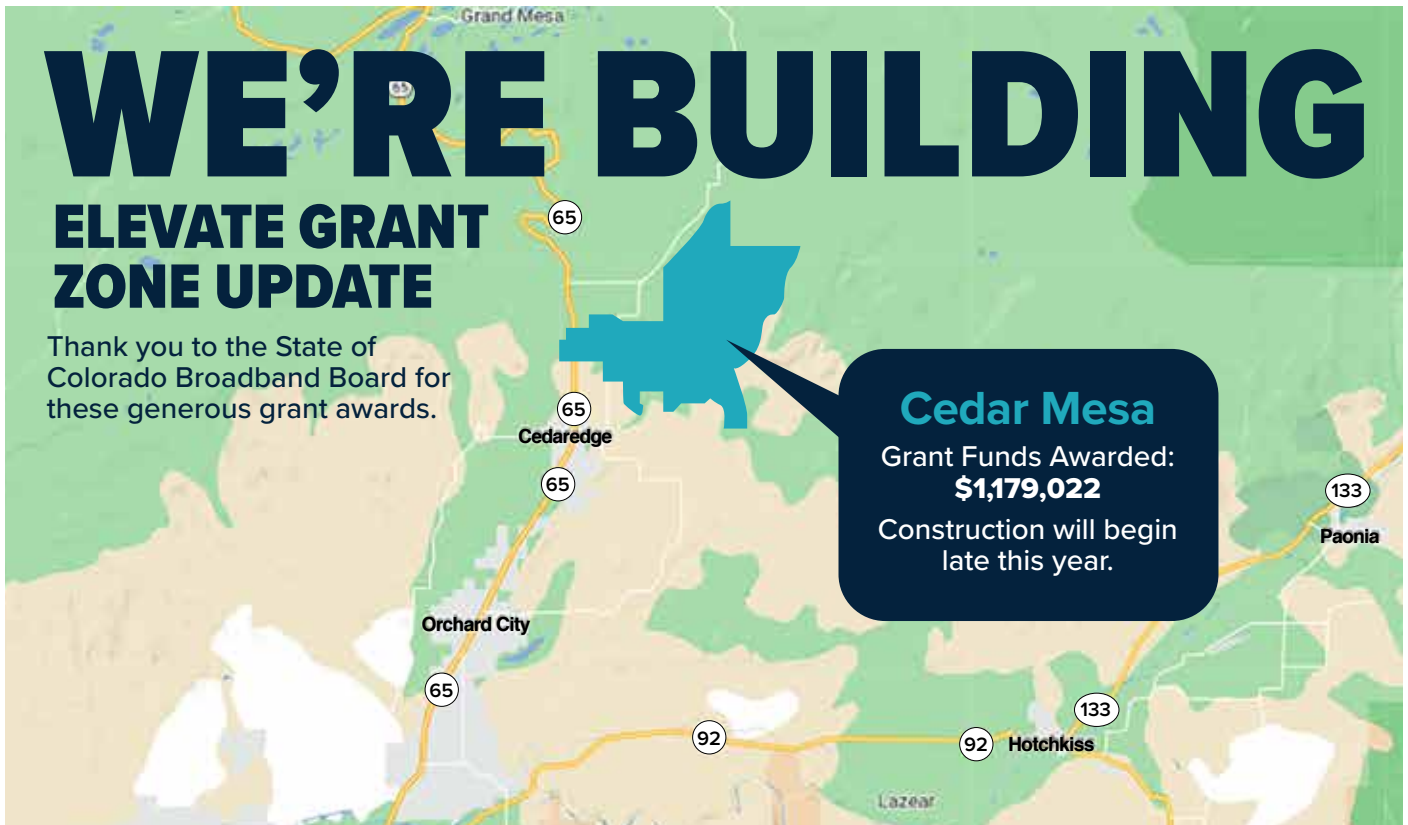


Interested in helping out? With just \$100,000 more in donations, the BCBGC will be able to build a full-sized gym! Find out more ways you can support at www.bcbgc.org.

WE'RE BUILDING

ELEVATE GRANT ZONE UPDATE

Thank you to the State of Colorado Broadband Board for these generous grant awards.



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ELECTRIC VEHICLES VS. INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (ICE) VEHICLES

Electric vehicles are increasing in popularity. With charging infrastructure rapidly increasing and batteries that can go longer than ever, how do they stack up against standard ICE vehicles?

EV WINS

- Greater Energy Efficiency
- Zero Tailpipe Emissions
- Higher Performing
- Increased Energy Security
- Supports U.S. Economy
- Lower Fuel Cost
- Home Recharging
- Far Less Maintenance
- Tax Incentives

EV LOSSES

- Cost of Replacement Batteries
- Time at the Pump
- Lack of Infrastructure
- Range Anxiety



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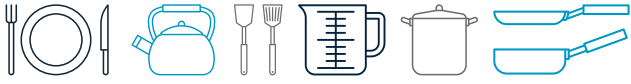
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Your Board of Directors:

Bill Patterson, District 1 *Kyle Martinez, District 2*
Brad Harding, District 3 *Ken Watson, District 4*
Chris Hauck, District 5 *Damon Lockhart, District 6*
Enno Heuscher, District 7 *Stacia Cannon, North*
Jock Fleming, South

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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DMEA COOKS!

Featuring favorite recipes from our DMEA family

Pasta Primavera With Peas and Asparagus

Becky Orona, Customer Service Representative



Ingredients:

- ¼ lb sugar snap peas, stems trimmed
- ½ lb asparagus, ends snapped
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- ¾ c fresh English peas
- ¼ c thinly sliced spring onion, white part only
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ½ tsp fine sea salt, more to taste
- Black pepper to taste
- 12 oz fettuccine or tagliatelle
- ⅔ c grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, room temp
- ½ c crème fraîche or whole milk Greek yogurt
- 3 tbsp finely chopped parsley
- 1 tbsp finely chopped tarragon

Directions:

Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil over medium-high heat. While the water is coming to a boil, slice snap peas and asparagus stems into 1/4-inch-thick pieces; leave asparagus tips whole. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add snap peas, asparagus, English peas, and onion. Cook until vegetables are barely tender (but not too soft or mushy), 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute more. Season with salt and pepper; set aside. Drop pasta into boiling water and cook until al dente (1 to 3 minutes for fresh pasta, more for dried pasta). Drain well and transfer pasta to a large bowl. Immediately toss pasta with vegetables, Parmigiano-Reggiano, crème fraîche, and herbs. Season generously with salt and pepper, if needed.



WIN THE ULTIMATE SUMMER WATER FIGHT KIT!

Participate in DMEA's all-new safety program, PLAY IT SAFE. The contest is 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!

JULY SAFETY DILEMMA

If you are swimming in the water near a dock or marina and feel a tingling sensation, what should you do?

What to submit:

This month, your submissions must be in the form of a comic. Comics can be submitted at www.dmea.com/safety-competition.

When to submit:

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

Who can participate:

Kids in grades K-5th

What you can win:

This month's prize is a water fight kit with super soakers, water balloons, and more!

