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Get to Know Your Chief Executive Officer

As your local electric co-op and internet provider we work to ensure the power and data are always flowing. But we're so much more than electricity and internet—we are hundreds of hardworking men and women in Montrose and Delta counties. And over the next year, we're taking some time to introduce ourselves to you. First up, let's get know to your DMEA CEO.

Name & position: Jasen Bronec, CEO

Years with DMEA: Five and a half

Education/experience: I earned my master's degree in business administration from the University of Montana and also hold a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Montana State University. I have completed the National Rural Electric Association's Management Internship Program with University of Nebraska and have 18 years of experience as an electric cooperative CEO; 24 years total in electric utility industry.

What is DMEA/Elevate doing that you're most proud to be a part of?

For Elevate, that would have to be deploying the ultimate telecommunications technology, fiber, to bridge the digital divide for our members. In addition to supporting future economic growth through education, business development, remote workforce, and telemedicine in our service territory.

For DMEA, I am particularly proud to be transitioning to the new energy future by providing local, clean, and reliable energy at the lowest cost possible; and, providing an opportunity for local jobs and economic development.



What motivates you to work hard?

Seeing the impacts of DMEA's efforts to improve the quality of life for all our members is very energizing for me.

What is your favorite family tradition?

Can't beat Christmas with family and friends.

Where would we find you in your free time?

In the mountains, I enjoy fly fishing, skiing, or mountain biking.

If you didn't work for DMEA what would you be doing?

I would be working on my family's farm and ranch in Montana.

What are you most thankful for?

I am most thankful for my wife and family.

What makes DMEA/Elevate special to you?

I appreciate the team of employees that work to serve our communities.

If you had to describe yourself in just 1 word, what would it be?

Service



HOW FAR CAN YOUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE GO?

Check out an average day in the life an EV!



Worried an EV wouldn't work for everyday life? Wondering how many miles an electric vehicle (EV) can actually travel? Or, maybe you've just never considered an EV as a viable option for your family? In reality, an EV might just be perfect for your day to day shuttling across town for kids, work, errands and most of your long-distance travel, too!



On a fully charged battery, the range of models released in 2019 and 2020 are well in excess of 200 miles. Top-of-the-line models can go even longer—Tesla's Model S can travel up to 370 miles per charge.



Most EVs today come with their own home supply equipment that plugs into standard 120 volt outlets, called a Level 1 charger. Just plug in your EV when you get home from work each evening and you'll never be low.



The average American only drives 40 miles per day, so one charge will easily get you through your early morning gym stop, school drop off, work commute, lunch run, and the like.



If you're purchasing an EV, be sure to take advantage of federal and state tax credits. Get up to \$7,500 back from the federal government and up to \$6,000 additional credit from the state of Colorado.



All-electric vehicles do not require gasoline, which means you won't be spending \$50 to fill up your gas tank. In contrast, it would only cost around \$3.50 in electricity costs to fully charge a Chevy Bolt, which gets around 238 miles per charge!



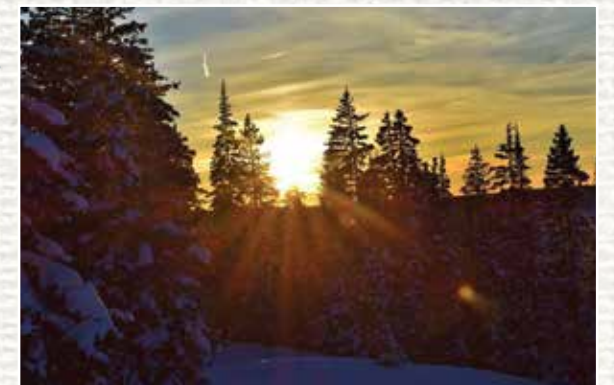
There are 21 public electric vehicle chargers in 9 locations throughout DMEA's service territory, ranging from Montrose all the way up to Paonia. You can see a statewide (and nationwide) map of all chargers on [plugshare.com](https://www.plugshare.com). This site can also help you plan your next road trip with an EV!

Photo Contest Winner



Lacie Allen

I started into photography from the other side of the camera, modeling for friends when I was in college. I soon found that I like being the one holding the camera more than being in front of it. I finally took the leap and bought a DSLR in the fall of 2018, and have already seen an improvement on my part. I've never taken a course in photography and have really learned what I know by trial and error and input from friends.



My passions are my family, horses, and the great outdoors; and these are the things that inspire me. My family, as well as my husband's, have lived in the North Fork for over 100 years, and with my photography I love to share the beauty of the area that has kept them here. I enjoy taking my family on adventures in our own back yard and beyond. To see more of my work, check out Lacie Allen Art/Photography on Facebook or my website at <https://lrpipher.wixsite.com/lacieallen>.

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Ordering new glasses frames online.

Checking up on family & friends on Facebook.

HOW DO YOU CONNECT?

Emailing photos of the grandkids.

Video chatting with grandchildren.

Refilling blood pressure medication.

Researching new heart-healthy recipes.

WHAT'S CONNECTED IN YOUR HOME?

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Recipes Info:

Submit recipes, including your name, address, and phone number to:

DMEA Newsletter
PO Box 910
Montrose, CO 81402

Or email your information to communications@dmea.com.

If your recipe is published, claim your prize by calling (269)598-9386 within 60 days.

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GUARD YOUR COMPUTER AND SMARTPHONE



We used to keep our prized personal information locked up in our house-safe or filing cabinet. Now, our computers and our smartphones hold our entire lives; from personal information and passwords, to bank information and more. It's more important than ever that we have strong protection in place to both block break-in attempts and notify us of a potential breach. Here are a few tips to digitally protect yourself.

Programs that help:

- Download reliable antivirus and malware software, like McAfee or Norton, on your computers. These can keep out most viruses and bugs, and protect against adware, spyware, and other malware.
- Regularly update your software and operating system and uninstall any programs you don't use. Software companies are continuously updating their products with patches and barriers to keep out harmful threats. Keep your system up-to-date to take advantage of these fixes.
- Use an email provider, like Gmail, that automatically screens attachments for viruses.

What you can do:

- Do not open files or click links from unknown sources.
- Even if you know the source, be cautious before opening, ***especially if the message is unexpected.***
- Delete email chains and junk email.
- Never provide confidential information by email.
- Do not visit suspicious websites.
- Install a firewall to protect your network and require a password to connect a device to your Wi-Fi.

Your digital security is important to us at Elevate. We have a team of people dedicated to preventing cyber criminals from attacking our network, and with just a few small steps you can protect your network at home, too.

HOME COOKING



Sandie's Cinnamon Coffee Cake

Joyce James, Montrose



Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter
1 scant cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 pint sour cream
2 cups flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt

Cinnamon sugar mixture:

1/4 cup sugar
1^{1/2} tbsp cinnamon

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs one at a time and cream well. Beat in sour cream. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, and salt. Add to above mixture.

Mix together cinnamon and sugar. Grease an angel food pan. Alternate creamed mixture with cinnamon sugar mix; 1/3 batter, 1/3 cinnamon sugar. Bake for 45 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Butter and eat!

WE'RE IN NEED OF YOUR RECIPES!

Submit your best recipe, along with your name, address and photo of your dish, to communications@dmea.com

If we print your recipe, you win a \$25 gift card.