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# Powerlines

## “Work of Power” Campaign visits Montrose



DMEA was recently selected as one of the first five cooperatives to be featured in local photo shoots for the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association’s (Tri-State’s) advertising campaign called “The Work of Power.”

This campaign, featuring “Power” the robot, turns a difficult concept (like the work that electricity does) into a visible, personable entity named “Power.”

While he was in town, Power vis-

ited the Ute Indian Museum, the Russell Stover store (proving that even Power can’t resist chocolate) and the iconic Fox Theatre in downtown Montrose.

Power will be back in June to attend our annual meeting and visit north end of our service territory.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming “The Work of Power” advertisements featuring two of our great local businesses.

## Board Candidacy

### How to run for a seat on DMEA's Board of Directors.

If you pay your power bill to DMEA, you may be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. Each year, there is an election to determine the representative from three of the nine board districts.

In 2015, seats are up for election are: District #1 comprising east central Montrose, District #2, including Olathe and surrounding areas and District #5 including west Montrose and surrounding areas.

To become a director, you must:

- (a) be over 21 years of age;
- (b) be a member of the cooperative and meet residency requirements.
- (c) not have been an employee of DMEA for three years before, while or for three years after being a director;
- (d) not be a relative of a DMEA employee;
- (f) must adhere to DMEA's Director Duties & Standards of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies.

If you're interested, pick up a petition packet at either of the DMEA offices during regular business hours. Complete the packet and return all required documents, including 15 member signatures supporting candidacy during regular business hours, no later than 5 PM, May 1st, 2015. If all qualifications have been met, you will be notified of your candidacy within a week.

Whether you want to run or not, mark your calendar for the DMEA Candidate Forums. (6 PM, May 12 in Montrose and May 14 in Hotchkiss)

Learn more: [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com) → Election Information

## Home Weatherization for Free?



## That's Right, Free

See if you qualify.

DMEA has partnered with the Colorado Energy Office to provide FREE home energy improvements that can reduce your energy costs.

Income-eligible homeowners and renters can apply to receive household improvements, including wall or attic insulation, light bulbs, or a furnace replacement—absolutely free.

**Call Housing Resources of Western Colorado at 970-417-3436 to see if you qualify.**

### We Can Help.

- ✓ **Improve the health and comfort of your home**
- ✓ **Save money**
- ✓ **Conserve energy**
- ✓ **Reduce monthly energy expenses**

## Supporting STEM

### Montrose High School's 'Pizza With Professionals' hosts DMEA.



"What does it take to let our members pay their bill on their phone?" That's one of the questions students got to ponder as they met with DMEA's Applications and Database Administrator, Doug Tea. Tea attended the high school's "Pizza with Professionals" event to help connect interested students with professionals working in science and math.

The answer included servers, databases, software, network connectivity, and security. By the time the event wrapped up, students had learned a lot about DMEA's day-to-day operations.

"We certainly appreciate DMEA's participation," said Career & Technology Counselor, Lorraine Shide. "It means so much to these kids."



*Montrose High student, Garret Armijo listens as DMEA's Doug Tea explains the role of database management in the process of delivering power.*

### Chocolate Chip Bars (no eggs):

#### Topping:

- 1 c. butter or oleo
- 1 c. light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 c. sifted flour
- 1 (6 oz.) pkg. semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 c. chopped pecans or walnuts

Beat butter with sugar until mixture is light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla.

Blend salt with flour and stir into beaten mixture, mixing well. Fold in chocolate chips and nuts. Press into ungreased jelly roll pan (15 1/2 X 10 1/2 X 1").

Bake in preheated 350° oven for 20 minutes. While warm, cut into bars.

Cool in pan on rack. Makes 3 dozen bars.

*- Carol Haptonstall, Eckert, CO*

### Squash Casserole

2 c. cooked squash, fresh or frozen

2 c. crushed butter crackers

1 c. grated cheddar cheese

1c. chopped onion

1 egg

3/4 stick butter or margarine

salt and pepper to taste

Mix together all ingredients. Put in a buttered casserole dish and bake at 350° for 45 to 60 minutes.

*- Pat Fedler, Delta, CO*

# Thank You

DMEA would like to thank Operation Round-Up board members, **BJ Brown** and **Jeannie Jardine** for their six years of selfless service on the Operation Round Up board. These volunteers have put in countless late hours in order to provide members of our communities who have fallen on hard times with the help they need. Thank you!



Sign up for Operation Round-Up at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com)

# Crisscross

## Across

2. Department of \_\_\_\_ Affairs
4. the name of Tri-State's robot
5. DMEA and Region 10 want to help bring abundant, redundant and \_\_\_\_ broadband to the region
7. what these snacks lack
9. members couldn't pay their bill on their smart phone without network \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Don't miss the \_\_\_\_\_ Forums in May.
12. When is the Annual Meeting?

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If your solution is chosen, you may win a small appliance! Winners must claim prizes within 60 days of publication.

**MARCH SOLUTION:**  
ACROSS 4. FRIENDSHIP HALL 6. KIOSK 9. GROUND  
10. VACUUM 11. PHILANTHROPY 12. QUALIFICATIONS  
DOWN 1. POWER LINES 2. PROVIDER 3. ENERGIZE 5.  
REGIONS 7. COMMUNITY 8. SMART HUB

# Bright Ideas

Win a small appliance! Submit ideas (with name & city) to: DMEA Newsletter P.O. Box 910, Montrose, CO 81402 or [communications@dmea.com](mailto:communications@dmea.com) DMEA does not test nor endorse any bright idea.

If you place fresh garlic cloves in your microwave and turn it on for five to six seconds, the "skin" pops right off. The clove(s) will be very hot so be careful when touching them.

- Judy Livingston, Paonia

## Congratulations!

Winners of the Crisscross puzzle for:

**January:**  
Duane Gardner,  
Montrose

**February:**  
Mary & Bob  
Dietrich,  
Montrose

Hint: All the answers are in this newsletter.

## Down

1. It takes the skin right off your garlic.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Round up Plus
6. You can't become a candidate without 15 of them.
8. Our territory is divided into nine of them.
10. home energy improvements.

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# Fiber Forward

DMEA is excited to announce that we will be partnering with Region 10 in their application for grant funds through the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to help bring abundant, redundant, and affordable broadband to the entire region.

In a special board meeting on March 5, 2015, the DMEA board unanimously approved a resolution which, if Region 10 secures grant funding, will potentially improve the availability of high speed broadband services for our members.

Region 10 is a non-profit organization offering public programs in support of six counties in western Colorado.

## DMEA Board Of Directors:

Bill Patterson, *District #1*; Brent Hines, *District #2*; Olen Lund, *District #3*  
Jim Elder, *District #4*; Marshall Collins, *District #5*; Terry Brown, *District #6*  
Mark Eckhart, *District #7*; Tony Prendergast, *South Region*  
John Gavan, *North Region*

DMEA board meetings are open to all members. They are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 3pm with the public comment period at 5pm. Call 240-1212 to confirm specific dates, times and locations.