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2021 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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Empire Electric Association's 2021 annual member meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17, at EEA's engineering and operations center, which is located at 23999 Road L.4, Cortez, Colorado. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. This will be a business meeting only. Members who attend will get a \$10 credit on their electric bill. We are hopeful that we will be able to meet in person; however, the EEA Board of Directors may decide to change the schedule and/or format of the meeting if there are ongoing concerns about public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EEA board considered present board district composition at its December 2020 meeting and determined no changes to board district boundaries are needed at this time. As of December 2020, the district with the most members had 1,929; the district with the least members had 1,785; and the average number of members per district was 1,861.

There are two board seats up for election this year: District 1 (Jerry Fetterman, incumbent) and District 2 (Bob Barry, incumbent). The winning candidates will serve four-year terms. In order to serve on EEA's seven-member board of directors, our bylaws require the following qualifications. The director shall:

- Be a member of the cooperative for at least one (1) year immediately prior to becoming a director.
- Be a bona fide resident of the district represented for at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to becoming a director, which means that the person must be a permanent

occupant receiving electric service from the cooperative at his or her primary residential abode.

- Be a citizen of the United States of America and a registered voter in the person's director district.
- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- Not be an employee of the cooperative.
- Complete campaign contributions reports in accordance with Policy 31 — Campaign Contributions Reporting.

Districts 1 and 2 are generally described as follows:

District 1

Generally, the west-central portion of the system including Yellow Jacket, Lewis, Arriola, and the southern half of Pleasant View. The eastern boundary begins at the intersection of Road M and the mid-line of T36N R15W S08, and follows this mid-line north to County Road 28. The boundary then follows County Road 28 north until the road's end, and then follows township and range section mid-lines (starting with T37N R15W S29) north until it intersects with the southern edge of T39N R15W. The boundary then traverses west along the edge between T38N R15W and T39N R15W and continues to follow sequential township and range boundaries west until it intersects the western edge of the service area (much of this route is coincident with County Road

CC). The boundary then follows the service area boundary south until it intersects the southwest corner of T38S R26E. The boundary then follows the southern edge of T38S R26E east until it intersects with T37N R20W S27, where it travels north along the western edge of T37N R20W S27, and then travels east along the northern edge of T37N R20W S27, and continues east following the section boundary lines until it intersects with Road S. Then the boundary follows County Road S east to the intersection with Road 21, then south along County Road 21 until it intersects with Road N, then east along County Road N until it intersects Road 25. From there the boundary follows Road 25 south to its intersection with Road M, and then follows County Road M to the point of beginning.

District 2

Generally, the northwest portion of the service area, including Monticello, Dove Creek, Cahone, and the northern half of Pleasant View. The eastern boundary begins at the southern midpoint edge of T39N R15W S32, and generally follows section mid-lines north until it intersects with the northern edge of the service area. From there the district boundary traverses counterclockwise around the northern and western boundaries of the service area until it intersects the northern edge of T37S R26E. From there the district boundary generally follows the northern edges of sequential township and range boundaries east to the point of beginning (much of this route is coincident with County Road CC).

Candidates may be nominated by petition only and such petitions must include the signatures of at least 15 members of the cooperative whose bona fide residences are within the candidate's district. Qualifying candidates may pick up a nominating petition from our main office during normal business hours. Petitions will be available beginning on March 19, 2021, and must be submitted to us by May 3, 2021. The secretary will post a list of qualifying nominees in our main office at the end of the workday on May 4, 2021.

Each member of the cooperative is entitled to one vote on all issues properly brought before the membership, including the election of directors. Members may vote either in person at the annual meeting or through mail-in ballots provided by the cooperative. Mail-in ballots will be mailed to members on or before June 2, 2021. In order to be counted, mail-in ballots must be received by EEA no later than 5 p.m. on June 11, 2021. All members are strongly encouraged to vote.

If you have additional questions about this year's election, annual meeting or any other cooperative business, please visit our website at www.eea.coop or give us a call at 970-565-4444. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Congratulations...

Gray Stecher of Mancos High School!

Winner of the Colorado In-State Youth Tour



A Cry for Attention

If your water heater makes a popping or knocking noise, there could be water trapped under the sediment. It is similar to when you boil water and it puts pressure on the lid from the inside out. To prevent this from happening, flush and drain your water heater tank once every year.

February 2021 Co-op Photo Contest Winner



> Nothing Like the La Platas
by Nikki Hartman

My Co-op Calendar

March 12

EEA's board meeting begins at 1 p.m. at its headquarters in Cortez. The agenda is posted 10 days in advance of the meeting at eea.coop. Members are reminded that public comment is heard at the beginning of the meeting. Meeting restrictions due to health concerns may require the meeting to be held remotely.

March 14

Daylight-saving time begins

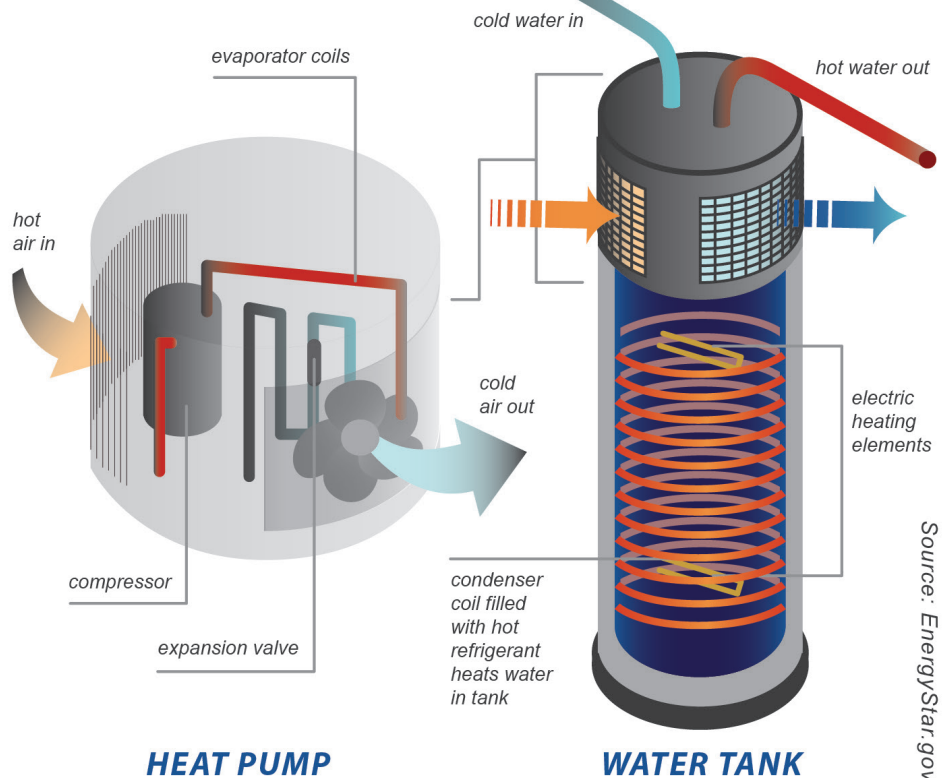
March 20

First day of spring

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Heat Pump Water Heater (HPWH)

HPWHs use electricity to move heat from one place to another instead of generating heat directly. Imagine a refrigerator working in reverse. While a refrigerator removes heat from an enclosed box and expels that heat to the surrounding air, a HPWH takes the heat from surrounding air and transfers it to water in an enclosed tank. During periods of high hot water demand, HPWHs switch to standard electric resistance heat automatically.



Source: EnergyStar.gov

An Electrifying Kitchen Appliance That Saves Time and Energy

BY ABBY BERRY

Whether your oven and stovetop are powered by gas or electricity, it's no secret that they consume more energy than smaller countertop appliances, such as slow cookers and toaster ovens. In addition to efficiency, smaller kitchen appliances can provide faster cooking times and less hassle with cleanup.

If you're looking for convenient cooking methods with the added bonus of energy efficiency, think about buying a specialized appliance

A great example is a pizza maker. These compact, countertop machines are an inexpensive alternative to a costly brick

oven, and they use less energy than your traditional oven. Choose your own fresh ingredients to whip up a faster, healthier pizza at home. Plus, most pizza makers are multifunctional and can be used to cook flatbreads, frittatas, quesadillas and more. You can purchase a pizza maker for about \$30 to \$150-plus online or at your local retailer.

This is just one electrifying appliance option for your kitchen. Air fryers and electric griddles are other good examples. Remember, when you're cooking a smaller meal, countertop appliances can save time and energy. To learn about additional ways to save energy at home, visit eea.coop.



▲ Pizza makers are compact and inexpensive, and they use less energy than your traditional oven. Photo Credit: Hamilton Beach

A man in a red t-shirt and tan pants is carrying a silver metal ladder horizontally in front of a white door. He is looking up at the ladder. A white house-shaped graphic is overlaid on the image with the text 'LOOK UP BEFORE YOU LIFT'.

LOOK UP
BEFORE YOU LIFT


Home projects often require a ladder.

Always carry it horizontally and look up for overhead power lines before placing and climbing it.

STAY SAFE.

Safe Electricity.org

A green graphic with a white plug and leaf icon at the top. Below the icon, it says 'March 2021', 'Energy Efficiency', and 'Tip of the Month'. The main text reads: 'Don't keep your refrigerator too cold. The Department of Energy recommends a temperature setting of 35 to 38 degrees for the fresh food compartment and zero degrees for the freezer. Make sure the refrigerator doors are sealed airtight to maximize efficiency.' At the bottom, it says 'Source: energy.gov'.



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