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Yampa Valley Electric Association

is a cooperative that provides value to its member-owners through technology that delivers safe and reliable electrical service in an environmentally and financially responsible manner.

YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION
IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

Quick and Easy
ENERGY TIPS

Seal up the drafts!
Weather stripping can help you save up to 10% on your total energy bill

Not in use? Turn it off!
Unplug space heaters and devices when not in use and save up to 25% on your electric bill

Get with the program!
Use programmable thermostats in your home and for your heat tape

Turn down for what? Energy savings!
When you leave your home for the day, turn you electric baseboard heating to a lower temp, to save money while you're away

Sun's out, blinds up!
Open curtains during the day to naturally heat your home, and close your curtains when the sun goes down to keep the heat inside

**FOR MORE ENERGY SAVING TIPS,
VISIT YVEA.COM/ENERGY-HERO**

We're closed!
**YVEA and Luminata
Holiday Closures**
November 11th
November 24th & 25th
December 23rd & 26th
January 2nd

YVEA and Luminate out in the community!



YVEA and Luminate employees help keep our communities clean with our bi-annual highway cleanup day.



(Above) YVEA sponsors the Steamboat Springs EV Ride and Drive event. (Below) Members talk about taking the YVEA Tesla for a test drive.



Have you heard of GREEN CHOICE?



What is Green Choice?

Green Choice is an attainable renewable energy program that allows our local community to set renewable portfolio goals that are reachable within a short period of time. Green Choice is now available to any members who want to offset their energy usage with renewable energy certificates, (RECs)



What is YVEA's energy mix?

Because the YVEA power mix is already 42% renewable as of 2021, our members only need to offset 58% of their usage to become a 100% clean energy user. As we add more renewables to our power mix, we will adjust the percentage Green Choice participants need to purchase to reach 100%.



What is the cost to join?

Take your KWH used (found on your monthly bill) and multiply it by 58%. Then multiply that number by \$0.006. This will give you the additional amount you will be charged that month to be a 100% renewable energy consumer.



How do I sign up?

Please fill out the signup form on our website at www.yvea.com/green-choice-program or call us at 970-879-1160.

You may cancel your Green Choice subscription at any time.





Volunteering Builds Muscles, Connections and Communities

“How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

— Anne Frank

We all have the power to change the world. Like a single stone dropped into a pond, one small action ripples out to create a much larger impact. If you're looking for a way to do good, the best place to start is right here in our community.

There are so many worthy causes out there in need of help, but we recommend looking for organizations that align with your interests. If it's a cause you care about, you'll be more likely to stick with it and feel fulfilled.

Not sure where to start? Time to harness the power of the internet. Do a Google search for nonprofits or volunteer opportunities right here in Routt and Moffat counties.

You can also check out these national nonprofits, or search for their local branches:

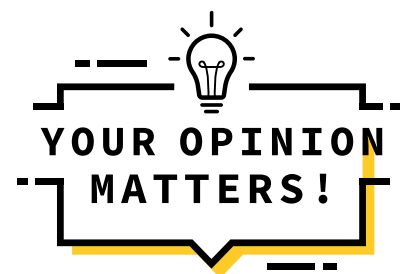
- **Volunteers of America** — Founded more than 125 years ago, VOA is one of the largest providers of affordable housing and skilled nursing care in the U.S. To learn more and find opportunities near you, visit voa.org/volunteer
- **Make-A-Wish** — This well-known nonprofit grants the wishes of critically ill children, giving hope, courage, and optimism during their difficult journey. From donating to creating your very own fundraiser, there are many ways to get involved. Visit wish.org/get-involved to learn more.
- **United Way** — This global nonprofit focuses on areas of education, income, and health to create better opportunities and build stronger communities.



Visit unitedway.org/get-involved to view national volunteer opportunities or find a branch near you to support our community directly.

Not only does volunteering improve life for others, but it can make you feel good, too. In fact, volunteering improves mental and emotional health, increases social interactions, provides a sense of purpose and strengthens relationships, according to Mayo Clinic.

At **Luminate Broadband**, we are dedicated to helping our customers and the communities we serve live happier, more connected lives. To learn more about us or our services, visit luminatebroadband.com



MEMBER SURVEY

Be on the lookout for our Annual Member Survey! We will be sending the survey at the end of the month. Let your voice be heard!



Thank you for your time!

Our new series, Coffee with Your Co-op, wrapped up in Steamboat on October 4, and we couldn't be happier with how our first round of meetups in our service territory went. We got to hear your stories, answer your questions and listen to your concerns about your co-op. We gained so much insight from you, and there are a few topics we'll be covering in the next few months of our newsletters.

The trend in topics we heard from you was:

- Resource adequacy. As our power suppliers move away from coal, how can our members feel confident in our reliability.
- Understanding your bill. We featured a two-page article in October's *CCL*, discussing what different items on your bill mean.
- Rates, rate changes and PCA. We will continue to speak to this, whether it be rate changes or where our members can save money on their electric bills.
- Solar and net-metering. Our members have expressed interest in solar. We will be speaking about what it takes to go solar, who is in our qualified solar installer program, and what community solar garden projects are in the works through YVEA.

Be on the lookout for the topics in our upcoming newsletters, and thank you for joining us for a cup of joe!

Starting January 1st, YVEA will be moving away from CCL, and changing to a more focused, streamlined version of newsletter to communicate to our membership!

Big Changes Coming!

WHY ARE WE MAKING THIS CHANGE?

1. Cost savings. CCL is a significant budget expenditure, and it is fiscally responsible for YVEA to look at other options.
2. Digital Content. A suite of digital assets will be created, along with the newsletter.
3. Reduce waste. Helping to eliminate the number of magazines going straight into the trash or recycle bins.
4. Curated Content. More space for YVEA and Luminare specific space.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY NEWSLETTER?

If a member receives:

1. Paper bill only. Newsletter mailed with your monthly statement.
2. Both bill versions. Newsletter is printed with bills and a link to the digital version.
3. Ebill only. Newsletter will be sent via email with a link to the newsletter.

WILL IT STILL FEEL INSPIRATIONAL?



Yes! We love seeing your photos, trying your recipes, and hearing from you, our members. We will run photo contests, ask for pie recipes, and answer your letters in this new version.

WHEN WILL THIS CHANGE TAKE PLACE?

We will be switching to this new format on January 1st. If members would still like to receive a paper version, they can either print it out online or switch to paper billing.



QUESTIONS?



If you have any questions about this change, about how you will receive the newsletter, please call us at 970-879-1160 or email us at info@yvea.com