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UNITED NEWSLINE

Information for the members of United Power, Inc.

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Connect with Your Co-op at our 2018 Annual Meeting

Ballots will not be Mailed this Year

It's time for United Power's Annual Meeting, and all members are invited to attend. As a member, you aren't just a customer receiving electricity from a utility, you're an owner of a not-for-profit organization – and you have a say in the operation. During the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 you can connect with your cooperative, enjoy

the company of your fellow cooperative members and have the chance to win one of several door prizes. The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds/Regional Park located at 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO 80601.

The Director Election will be conducted differently this year. Only the four incumbent directors whose seats were up for election this year have submitted petitions indicating their interest in retaining their positions for another term. Due to the lack of challengers for these positions, the United Power Board made a decision to cancel the distribution of mail ballots, and will instead hold balloting among those members in attendance at the annual meeting. This simplified process will result in a substantial cost savings for the membership.

Meet The Candidates

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Attend a Meet the Candidate Forum to learn more about each of the candidates vying to serve on the Board of Directors. The following events are free to members. Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs are not required.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018 | 6:30 p.m.
Adams County Fairgrounds - Waymire Dome
9755 Henderson Road Brighton, CO 80601

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018 | 7:30 a.m.
Fort Lupton Recreation Center
203 S. Harrison Ave. Fort Lupton, CO 80621

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018 | 7:30 a.m.
Coal Creek Canyon Community Center
31528 Highway 72 Golden, CO 80403

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018 | 7:30 a.m.
E.L.F. Grill
102 8th Street Dacono, CO 80514

Dates and locations may be subject to change.



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DIRECTOR CANDIDATE PROFILES

There are four director seats up for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Director positions in the South, East, West and Mountain districts are up for three-year terms. Be sure to read about each of the candidates before casting your ballot. **United Power directors serve in geographic districts, but they are elected on an at-large basis. Please vote for one candidate in each director district.**

2018 Director Candidates

South

Susan Petrocco

East

Tim Erickson

West

Brian A. McCormick

Mountain

Rick Newman

The following statements are those of the candidates and have not been verified by United Power.



SOUTH DISTRICT

Susan Petrocco

I am capable of doing the job. Twenty and a half years experience qualifies me to hold this position. My success on the Board stands for itself. Now it's a part of my life.



EAST DISTRICT

Tim Erickson

As your current Director on the Board of United Power, I sincerely thank you for allowing me to represent the continuation of the United Power electric cooperative for

these last 3 years. The full measure of my job is to "serve" you, the member. The guidelines to serve the membership, is first and foremost, that a Director shall read, understand and hold the cooperative Bylaws and Corporate policies to their highest standard. It is my personal duty to be respectful to all members of the Board and work effectively with that Board. To serve you best I have received the "Credential Director's" certificate, the "Board Leadership" certificate and maintain a "Gold Award" in continuing education.

Most dear to the membership of our United Power non-profit cooperative is to return margins (Capitol Credits) or monies left over after costs. In the last 3 years, the Board has returned over \$11 million to over 75,000 members. Equal to service to the membership; it is the purpose of the Board to protect and enhance the wellbeing of the 175 valued employees, whose responsibility it is to deliver to your home or business, the safest, reliable and most affordable electric power.

During my last 3 years, United Power has been identified as the Colorado and a national leader in the production of renewable "green" energy for cooperative businesses. The Board's renewable effluence has contributive to a \$1 million reduction in payments to our Tri-State wholesale power supplier.

I believe in the principles of Membership, Democracy, Community, and Education as the cornerstones of your non-profit United Power electric cooperative. I ask for your vote for another 3 years, Thank you.

Tim retired from farming and ranching in Weld county in 2014, after a career of over 40 years in the agriculture industry. In 2003 at the young age of 52, Tim completed his BA degree in Political Science from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. Retirement did not last long and today Tim has returned to full employment in the transportation industry at DIA. Tim, wife Vicki, two daughters and a granddaughter currently reside in their new home in southern weld county.

During his entire life time Tim has believed in service to community. Tim has been chosen for multiple leadership roles with Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Weld County Ag Council, Colorado Young Farmers, Colorado Ag Hotline, United Power Board, Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Board, First United Methodist church Trustee of Fort Lupton. Tim has been acknowledge for service with awards from Future Farmers of America, United Power, Life time service to Weld county 4-H, Girl Scouts and a prestigious "National Farm Family Living Award".



WEST DISTRICT

Brian A. McCormick

It has been an honor to serve you on the United Power Board since 2009. During the past nine years, I have worked diligently with our excellent team of fellow Board members and staff to deliver great results for you. I am seeking reelection to the Board because I continue to have a passion for service to our members.

My first election platform was based on a vision of smart power use, embracing technology, enabling innovation, and expanding the use of renewable energy resources in order to continue providing dependable and affordable electric power to all of our members. My vision and commitment to you remains the same today.

Today, United Power is a very different utility than it was nine years ago. We are recognized as a leader among cooperatives in Colorado and across the Nation. We ended 2017 with over 40 megawatts of utility scale renewable generation. United Power's leadership in utility scale renewable resources has saved us a significant amount of money.

As we go forward, I believe that technology, renewable resources and consumer choice will continue to be strong forces of change for the entire electric utility industry. Because of many years of hard work by our great team, United Power is well positioned to embrace these changes as opportunities instead of obstacles. In the coming year, we plan to implement a significant battery storage pilot project. We will also begin to move some of our personnel and operations into our new facility on I25 in Firestone. I am most excited and pleased that, for the first time, we will have a significant physical presence in our West District from which to better and more quickly serve our members.

I am self-employed as an investor. Over my years of service to United Power, I have been honored to have served two years as President and two years as Vice-President of our Board. My professional history includes over ten years of service in the United States Army. I also spent a decade working in information technology for the cities of Boulder, Greeley and Thornton. My educational background includes a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and an MBA from Colorado State University.

My family is the joy and purpose of my life. My wife Jill and I and our children, Allison and James, live in Frederick. We love our Carbon Valley community.

I sincerely ask for your vote. I am always glad to visit with you about United Power, my vision for our future, or any questions about my background and qualifications. Please contact me: website: brianamccormick.com, email: b@brianamccormick.com, or phone: 303-882-8554.



MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Rick Newman

Richard Newman is a past President and CEO of Thoro Products Company, a past Building Manager for Bluhill Park Partners, and a partner in the Gilpin Aerial Tram Enterprise. He earned his BA Cum Laude from Regis University in Economics and Government.

Newman serves or has served on the boards of several Gilpin County organizations, including the Historic Preservation Commission, Family Preservation Commission, and the Health and Human Services Citizens Advisory Board. He served on United Power's Round-Up Foundation board for ten years, serving as their Vice-President. He has been instrumental in establishing community driven improvements and has held a variety of positions within the

community including seats on Gilpin County's Planning Commission, Library Board, Little Kingdom Forests, and The Peak to Peak Healthy Communities Forum.

Currently, Newman has been re-elected, by the United Power board, as United's director to Tri State, and has been re-elected, by Tri-State, to chair the External Affairs/Member Relations Committee at Tri-State.

2018 ANNUAL MEETING & DIRECTOR ELECTION

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2018

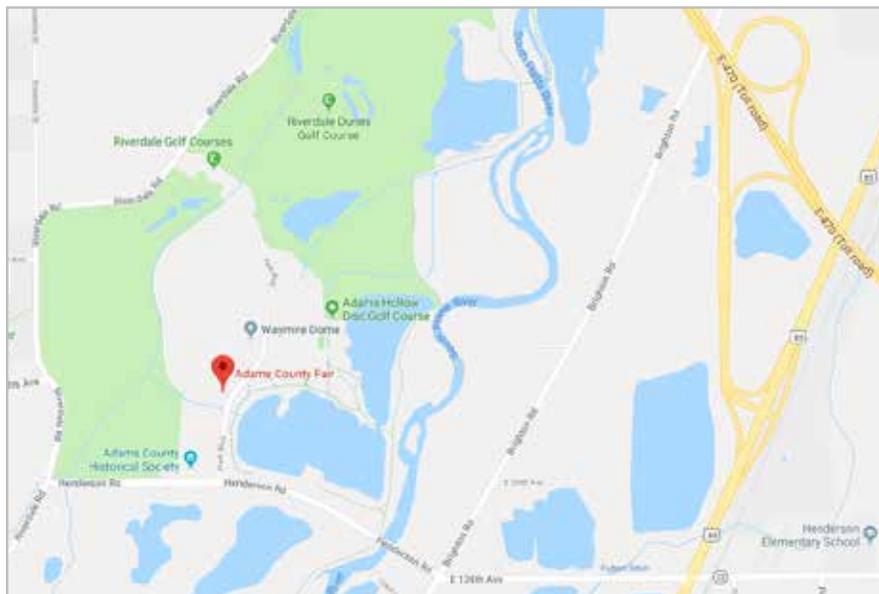
ADAMS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, CO 80601

**>ENTER AT THE EXHIBIT HALL
FOR REGISTRATION & DINNER**

4:30 - 6:30 pm
EXHIBIT HALL
Registration
Balloting
Dinner
Entertainment

6:30 - 8:00 pm
WAYMIRE DOME
Business Meeting
Co-op Update
Election Results
Door Prizes!

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OFFICIAL NOTICE: Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of Members of UNITED POWER, INC. will be held Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waymire Dome at the Adams County Fairgrounds, located at 9755 Henderson Road in Brighton, Colorado.

The meeting will be for the purposes of electing directors, considering and approving reports for the prior fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

This year there are elections in the following districts: South, East, West and Mountain for three-year terms. The candidates nominated by petition are Susan Petrocco in the South District, Tim Erickson in the East District, Brian A. McCormick in the West District and Rick Newman in the Mountain District.

UNITED POWER, INC. By: /s/Elizabeth Martin, Secretary/ Treasurer

Annual Meeting and Election on April 18th

Profiles of the 2018 candidates are included in this issue of the United Newline, and we will also be holding four "Meet the Candidate" forums in March (see page 1).

Member registration will be open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and those who register for the meeting will be issued a ballot and be able to cast their votes for the Director election. After members have cast their ballot, they can enjoy a barbecue dinner with us, visit the educational exhibit booths and be entertained by musician Dave Connelly.

The official business meeting of the members will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include reports from the President of the Board and the Board Treasurer, and a cooperative update from Chief Executive Officer John Parker. Election results will be announced prior to adjournment and door prize drawings will conclude the meeting. To learn more about the Annual Meeting, or the candidates running for a seat on the cooperative's board of directors, keep reading this issue, or visit www.unitedpower.com.

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Through United Power's online billing and payment portal, you have the ability to view and pay your bills online, and to sign up for payment options like Paperless Billing and Auto Pay. All of these options are available through the SmartHub Billing portal — available as a website and mobile app.

When you sign up for Paperless Billing, you will stop receiving a paper bill in the mail and you will receive an e-mail notification when your statement is available. You can then make a payment how you prefer: online, over the phone or in person. For added convenience, you can also sign up for Auto Pay. Combine Auto Pay plus Paperless and no more statements will be mailed to you, and you'll never miss a payment due date.

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Sign Up for Auto Pay:

- From SmartHub, click on **Auto Pay Program** from the **Billing & Payments** menu.
- Sign up for Auto Pay by adding a new account or by using an existing account.
- Please note that if your account information changes, you must also update your Auto Pay settings.

Sign Up for Paperless Billing:

- From SmartHub, select **My Profile** from the menu options
- Select **Update My Printed Bill Settings** from the options
- Click **Turn Off Printed Bills** for any account(s) you'd like to convert to Paperless

READER REWARDS

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Three Winners Every Month!

- 1st place: \$150 Lowe's Gift Card
2nd place: \$50 Lowe's Gift Card (two winners)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail entry form to: United Power • Reader Rewards
PO Box 929 • Brighton, CO 80601

Reader Rewards Online

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Save a stamp! Visit www.unitedpower.com and click on 'Co-op & Community' to enter Reader Rewards online. Answer the question below with your online entry:

Will you be attending this year's annual meeting?

By submitting this entry I agree to allow United Power to publish my name in subsequent issues of United Newline if I am selected as a winner.

UNITED POWER PRIDE



Michael LeMire reading about the happiest cooperative on earth at the Happiest Place on Earth, Disneyland.

United Power Pride Photos

Snap a photo with the *United Newline* and we'll send you a gift if we print it. Send your name, address, phone number, and a description of the photo to:

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PO Box 929, Brighton CO 80601



ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST



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HEY KIDS! WE NEED YOUR HELP REMINDING OUR COMMUNITY TO BE SAFE AROUND ELECTRICITY. DESIGN A POSTER THAT TEACHES YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WAYS THAT THEY CAN STAY SAFE AROUND ELECTRICITY, SEND IT TO US, AND YOU MIGHT WIN! SIX WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE A \$50 CASH PRIZE, AND THEIR POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED ONLINE AND IN PRINT - THEY WILL EVEN APPEAR ON BUS BENCHES AT STOPS AROUND THE SERVICE TERRITORY!

PUT ON YOUR {SAFETY} THINKING CAP, AND SEND IN YOUR UNIQUE SAFETY POSTERS TODAY!

Electricity helps us power the things we do every day like watch TV, play video games, turn on the lights, use our computers and charge our phones. But the same power that we use to learn, cook, and have fun can be dangerous if not used carefully. That's why United Power is asking kids to help us keep electrical safety a top priority for their friends, families and community.

United Power's Electrical Safety Poster Contest invites kids in grades K-5 to design an electrical safety poster that will be displayed around the community in May for National Electrical Safety Month. The winning posters will be eye-catching and will creatively help us spread the word about the importance of electrical safety.



CONTEST DETAILS:

- Child must be a dependent of a United Power member.
- Winners will receive \$50 cash awards.
- Six winners will be chosen. One from each grade K-5.
- Winning posters will appear online, in print and on bus benches for the month of May.
- Entries must be submitted on the official contest entry form (on reverse).
- DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2018



ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

- STAY AWAY FROM POWERLINES & ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.
- USE CARE WHEN PLUGGING & UNPLUGGING.
- NEVER MIX ELECTRICITY & WATER.
- NEVER STICK TOYS OR OTHER OBJECTS INTO ELECTRICAL OUTLETS.
- DON'T OVERLOAD OUTLETS.
- ASK AN ADULT FOR HELP - YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO SAFE!

DEADLINE MARCH 21, 2018

Deliver posters to any United Power office, or mail to:

UNITED POWER SAFETY POSTER CONTEST
PO BOX 929, BRIGHTON, CO 80601

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

DEADLINE
MARCH 21, 2018



Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

I understand that by submitting my child's drawing, I give permission for United Power to publish, print, exhibit and otherwise use image without notification, permission or compensation. I authorize United Power to publish my child's name, age, school and grade with published artwork.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

CONTEST DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2018



THIS END UP!

MUST BE DESIGNED HORIZONTALLY TO BE ELIGIBLE. VERTICAL DRAWINGS CANNOT BE USED.

PLEASE KEEP POSTERS INSIDE THIS BOX. DUE TO PLACEMENT LOCATIONS OF FINISHED POSTERS, ALL POSTERS



APRIL 18, 2018 LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY #ThankALineman



Journeyman Linemen Luis Rodriguez and Vayo Rodriguez

RECIPES



Chocolate Peanut Butter Dessert

1 four oz. instant chocolate pudding mix
2 cups cold milk
3/4 cup peanut butter (any kind)
OPTIONAL: Crumb or pastry pie crust

Mix peanut butter with the dry pudding mix on slow speed or with wooden spoon.

Gradually add milk, mixing constantly until smooth (2-3 minutes). Pour into serving dish or prepared, baked pie shell.

Cool for 1 hour.

Serve with dollop of whipped topping, if desired.

Rebecca Brown, Keenesburg

Our Time to Shine

When severe weather hits, there's one group United Power and its members rely on to keep the power on. On **April 18th**, we will join in celebrating National Lineman Appreciation Day, honoring the hard work, innovation and dedication of America's electrical lineworkers.

Linemen must be prepared to face daily situations that may be less than ideal, regularly tasked with resolving intricate and hazardous problems in unknown or perilous conditions. It requires a strong commitment to one another and doing dangerous work, knowing the fruits of their labor are often misunderstood or unrecognized.

In the line of duty, the smallest mistake could be the difference between life and death. When our linemen lace up their boots, they understand the dedication they must have to safely complete their work in the quickest possible way.

"Electric linemen are the backbone of what we do," said Bryant Robbins, United Power Chief Operations Officer. "They go above and beyond on a daily basis, often in hazardous conditions far from their families, to restore power to their communities."

Our linemen are on call 24 hours a day, ready to respond to any situation in any type of weather. So next time you lose power, rest assured a highly trained United Power crew is on the way, dedicated to getting the lights back on quickly and safely.

"When the power is off, that's when we're at our best and it's our time to shine," said

Mark Keith, United Power foreman. "We get out there no matter the weather, and get to work figuring out how to solve the problem."

Regularly facing difficult situations, it's no surprise electrical lineworkers have one of the most dangerous jobs in the country. In 2017, electrical powerline installers and repairers were noted to have the 15th most dangerous profession.

Without our linemen, the power that makes our member's homes comfortable wouldn't be possible. We invite our members to take a moment to thank our United Power linemen for the work they do. Use #ThankALineman on social media to show your support, or take a moment to drop a kind note in the mail.



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Help Celebrate our Linemen

National Lineman Appreciation Day is quickly approaching.

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2018 Safety Poster Coloring Contest

Back for another year, United Power is holding a coloring contest for kids to help us remind the community of the importance of electrical safety. Details and the official entry form are inside.

Deadline: March 21, 2018

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CONGRATS READER REWARDS WINNERS

1st Place: Steve & Kelly Roll, Hudson

2nd Place: Elma Chandler, Firestone
Thomas Moran, Golden

See your name listed as a winner? Call 303-637-1248 to claim your Reader Rewards.

Chief Executive Officer	John Parker	Board of Directors	James Vigasaa
Chief Operating Officer	Bryant Robbins		Susan Petrocchio
Chief Financial Officer	Laurie Rydwell		Susan Petrocchio
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