

UNITED NEWSLINE

Information for the members of United Power, Inc.

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IMPORTANT DATES

May	National Electrical Safety Month
May 25	Memorial Day Offices Closed
June 19	Juneteenth Offices Closed
July 4	Independence Day Offices Closed



United Power Hosted Annual Meeting in April

Energy Strategy to Locate New Resources in Co-op's Footprint Highlights Meeting

Serving and empowering local communities is at the heart of United Power's mission as a cooperative. That is why *The Power of Local* was the theme for the 2026 Annual Meeting, held on April 15 at Riverdale Regional Park in Brighton. More than 500 members and guests attended to learn about the cooperative's activities over the past year, including a new energy strategy that prioritizes generating more power locally.

The results of the 2026 Director Election were also announced, which was conducted via mail-in and electronic balloting. More than 4,700 ballots were cast to seat four directors and answer a ballot question to amend the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation. (Results can be found on page 3.)

Board Chair Stephen Whiteside and President & CEO Mark A. Gabriel shared a video presentation at the meeting highlighting how *The Power of Local* impacts the cooperative's decision making and its everyday operations. Two years ago, United Power exited a restrictive, single-source wholesale power contract, and began its journey to energy independence. The cooperative is actively implementing its local energy strategy, known as hyper-localization, where more power is generated closer to the cooperative's footprint and the communities it serves. Local energy also bypasses costly and congested transmission. The strategy was highlighted last year in the latest version of the co-op's long-term action plan, *Our Cooperative Roadmap*.

"One of the most significant changes in United Power's history was our transition to a new power supply strategy," said Whiteside. "When we moved away from a single provider, we gained more local control over where our power comes from and our ability to plan for the future."

"Independence provides the cooperative with flexibility to build a diverse energy portfolio that protects reliability and helps keep long-term costs in check," Gabriel said. "This includes an expanding catalog of hyper-local

projects, like Mountain Peak Power, which was energized last summer in partnership with Kindle Energy. This innovative natural gas peaking plant is strategically located outside Keenesburg, adjacent to gas lines, making it an efficient and cost-effective resource during peak demand events. Also, because it is located near a substation connected to a battery energy storage system (BESS), it will reduce costs and increase reliability for our members."

United Power became one of the first electric utilities in the country to install BESS within proximity to its substations in 2024. The project supports the cooperative's hyper-local strategy. Going forward, these systems will be critical for resource adequacy, energy arbitrage opportunities, and shaving peak demand.

"Resources like Mountain Peak Power help ensure we have power when we need it most, right here at home," said Whiteside. "It is another example of how investing locally supports reliability, flexibility, and long-term value for our members."

Gabriel also shared that the cooperative was the first awardee of 15 to receive funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service Empowering Rural



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Along These Lines

A Message from United Power's President & CEO



Mark A. Gabriel
President & Chief Executive Officer

Have Feedback For Us?

Submit your questions, comments, concerns, or general feedback at www.unitedpower.com/CEO.

Our Cooperative Roadmap

Our Cooperative Roadmap contains the cooperative's long-term action plan and key priorities to maintain its strength and competitiveness in the evolving electric industry.

Read *Our Cooperative Roadmap* at www.unitedpower.com/roadmap.

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I remember my first week on the job at a small utility in Vermont 30 years ago. My boss, Steve Allenby, was explaining how rates were designed when our CEO, Tom Webb, walked in to introduce himself. He studied the notes on the board and said, "We want to keep bills at or below the rate of inflation." I readily admit that the concept of making rates was a mystery to me that day.

Tom's comment has stuck with me over the years — through recessions, economic downturns, inflation, wars, and even a pandemic. At times, it has been difficult to balance what is happening in the world and its effect on costs with the desire to keep rates in check. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we are not focused on making money for shareholders, but rather on supporting our members and keeping the utility financially strong.

The first pillar of *Our Cooperative Roadmap* is to empower and engage with members and communities, and we are doing just that in the development of a multi-year rate strategy. Earlier this year, we sent a survey asking members for their input on how our cooperative should balance financial needs with impacts on bills. More than 3,000 members responded, with approximately 1,000 members indicating an interest in continuing the conversation with co-op leadership. We held three separate meetings with residential members and met with dozens of you during the annual meeting. We are also hosting a workshop for commercial members in May. We are taking that input into consideration as we develop the final strategy to present to your Board of Directors this summer.

As important as it is to have a rate strategy, it is equally important to understand what United Power is doing to control costs and help members do the same. We cannot perfectly control the negative impacts of global events, such as supply chain disruptions or the cost of fuel and critical equipment, but our staff works to smooth price impacts with an approach to procurement that secures cost and delivery, often years in advance.

These are a few of the areas where we are seeking to contain and manage costs:

- **Growth pays:** Developers, whether they are building data centers, new residential developments, or commercial buildings, pay 100% of the up-front costs so it does not impact other members.
- **New ERA Grant:** United Power was fortunate to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of

Agriculture Rural Utilities Service that directly lowers power supply costs over the next 10-15 years, helping us to smooth rate increases. Four of the seven projects approved as part of our grant application are already serving your energy needs. The grant pays down 25% of the cost of these resources as well as three others that will come online by the end of 2029. We are one of only 15 cooperatives across the U.S. to get this critical support and we are the first in the nation to receive the initial grant disbursement.

- **Power Market:** United Power — along with 40 other cooperatives, municipal utilities, and the Western Area Power Administration — joined the Southwest Power Pool on April 1. Having a power market in the West allows for the economic use of generation and transmission and means the lowest cost energy gets used first. Due to United Power's recent investment in the Mountain Peak Power gas plant, as well as our 119 MW of battery storage, when we have power that the cooperative is not using, we are able to sell it to others at a price higher than our costs.
- **Efficiency Programs:** United Power offers a number of ways for our members to make the most efficient use of the power we provide. From home audits to United EV, our team of Energy Solutions professionals is standing by to help you manage your energy use.
- **Distribution System Operator evolution:** We incentivize members to engage in energy efficient habits, such as shifting usage to off-peak hours. This creates the opportunity to purchase energy when it is less expensive. Our system becomes an effective tool in controlling costs through the dispatch of member-owned energy assets connected to the distribution system.

Our partnership with members is critical as we continue to meet the needs of our growing communities. We know rate increases, especially when they are unpredictable, make it difficult to plan your budget. Consistent, small increases, more aligned with inflationary pressures are easier to plan for and manage. We are committed to seeking ways to keep our costs in check and to help you with your energy needs.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments.

Annual Meeting Highlights 2025 Accomplishments

America (New ERA) program. The grant award, which will be paid over the next 10 to 15 years, will be used to help mitigate the rising cost of power and to stabilize rates for cooperative members. In September 2025, the agency confirmed that United Power was the first cooperative to submit and receive approval of its Community Benefit Plan Implementation Report, which was a condition to receive funds related to four energy projects already operating for the benefit of United Power communities.

Three additional New ERA projects will come online by the end of 2029. United Power will continue investing in local communities, and fulfilling the cooperative’s commitments to advancing workforce development, access to energy assistance, support for rural farmers, and more.

“Simply put, just as we are securing new energy resources to support our membership, we are also ensuring the benefits of New ERA related to new jobs, reliability, and long-term affordability stay in our communities,” said Whiteside

United Power’s hyper-local strategy is a tangible representation of *The Power of Local*, which is providing real benefits and value for members and their communities. While the cooperative was able to expand on its commitment to local energy last year, there were many other accomplishments to celebrate.

- Two solar projects were announced in partnership with Silicon Ranch and Aypa Power for a combined generation output of 350 megawatts (MW). The Aypa project will be paired with 200 MW of battery storage.
- Behind the scenes, the cooperative began preparing in 2025 for entry into

the Southwest Power Pool. United Power officially entered the regional transmission organization’s western expansion on April 1, 2026.

- Despite damaging windstorms in December, 2025 was another good year for reliability thanks to the cooperative’s proactive maintenance strategy.

Reliability is essential to United Power and its members. Like other utilities, the cooperative suffered damages from multiple windstorms in December and again in March, which left thousands of members without power. The extended restoration process was due to hundreds of fallen trees and other debris that needed to be removed and the cooperative’s system settings requiring manual line inspections for added safety.

Gabriel concluded the meeting with a presentation about how United Power is taking a proactive position in an industry undergoing dramatic change. New technologies and projects are under development that promise to deliver answers to existing challenges, but the cooperative cannot afford to wait. Gabriel highlighted some expectations about United Power’s future energy demands and its strategy to address them.

“The future will not be defined by those who sit idle,” Gabriel said. “It will be shaped by those who act. United Power is doing exactly that. Planning strategically, investing wisely, and keeping our members at the center of every decision.”

Videos and information presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting, including the cooperative’s 2025 Annual Report, are available on the cooperative’s website at www.unitedpower.com/annual-meeting.

2026 Director Election Results

United Power members cast more than 4,700 ballots in this year’s Director Election. The following results were certified by the Qualifications and Election Oversight Committee at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

North District

Phil Tiffany2,110
Virginia A. “Ginny” Buczek (Incumbent)....2,496

Central District

Vicki Erickson1,797
Lisa Hough 2,733

South District

Steven Douglas (Incumbent) 3,996

Mountain District

Tamra K Waltemath (Incumbent)..... 3,996

Ballot Question —

Articles of Incorporation

Shall the membership approve the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation as presented and authorize the Board of Directors to file the approved amendments with the State?

Yes, in favor..... 3,635
 No, opposed781

The Power of Local

A Change for Cash Payments

Many members value the ability to pay their bill or make account inquiries in person by visiting United Power’s Brighton office — and that is not changing. What is changing is how cash payments are processed.

Beginning May 4, cash payments will no longer be accepted at the front counter. Instead, cash payments will only be accepted at payment kiosks, including the kiosk located at the Brighton office. If you prefer to pay with cash, please have your account number ready and plan to make your next payment at this payment kiosk or one of the other three kiosks located across the cooperative’s service territory.

This change allows us to serve members more efficiently while continuing to offer other in-

person services at the cooperative’s headquarters in Brighton. The kiosks are easy to use, secure, and designed to get you in and out quickly. Payment kiosks accept whole dollars only and do not provide change. Any amount remaining after payment of the balance due is applied as a credit to your account.

Kiosks can be found at United Power’s Brighton, Carbon Valley, and Coal Creek offices, and in the Bank of Colorado Operations Center in Fort Lupton. In addition to cash, payment kiosks also accept check and card payments. For kiosk hours, and other convenient payment options, visit www.unitedpower.com/payments.



Are you Outage READY?

United Power Urges Members to have an Outage Preparedness Plan

Windstorms in December and March left many United Power members without power for several days as line crews worked long, difficult hours to restore power as quickly – and safely – as possible. Severe weather is often unpredictable, and these recent events underscore the need for United Power members to have a plan for prolonged outages. Here are some tips to consider as you develop a plan for you and your family.

R – Review Essential Supplies

The American Red Cross recommends building an emergency kit that can last *at least* three days and includes essential items like food, water, and medical supplies (first aid, medications, etc.). Make sure your plan also considers how to keep cell phones and other electronic devices charged and how to keep your emergency contacts informed.

E – Establish a Medical Backup Plan

If someone in your home relies on medical equipment, be sure to include a backup power source with sufficient energy capacity, like a generator or battery bank. An outage or emergency could exceed the resources in your kit or the life of your backup power source, so make sure you also have an evacuation plan.

A – Activate Your Communication Plan

Create a plan that you and your family can remember easily and activate quickly. Make sure it includes emergency contacts who are kept informed about your situation. Update your contact information with the cooperative and remember to report power outages.



Building an easily accessible safety kit for you and your family is important for unexpected outages or emergencies.

D – Develop a Safe Power Strategy

If your plan includes using a generator or battery backup, remember to operate it safely. These can create a “backfeed” when used incorrectly, which is dangerous for lineworkers trying to restore power. Learn more at www.unitedpower.com/generator-safety.

Y – Year-Round Readiness

Outages can happen at any time, without notice. Colorado is particularly susceptible to severe weather, including tornadoes, windstorms, and blizzards. Revisit your plan regularly and refresh it as necessary.

Learn more about creating your outage plan to be prepared for outage events at www.unitedpower.com/ready.

READER REWARDS

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Three Winners Every Month!

1st place: \$100 Bill Credit

2nd place: \$50 Bill Credit (two winners)

Submit Reader Rewards Online

www.unitedpower.com



Visit www.unitedpower.com and click on 'News & Community' to enter Reader Rewards online. Answer the question below with your online entry:

What is something you can do to be outage ready?

By submitting this entry, I agree to allow United Power to publish my name in subsequent issues of United Newsline if I am selected as a winner. For complete contest rules, visit www.unitedpower.com/newsline.

Members may also enter by mailing the following entry form to:
United Power - Reader Rewards
500 Cooperative Way - Brighton, CO 80603

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

UNITED POWER PRIDE



Jonathan Vailes, Thornton, visited Indonesia and Thailand with the United Newsline as his companion. This photo was snapped on the Phuket Beaches in Thailand.

United Power Pride Photos

Snap a photo with the United Newsline and you'll receive a \$100 bill credit if we print it. Submit your photo along with your name, address, email, and a description of the photo online at www.unitedpower.com/unitedpowerpride.



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 **UNITED
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Utility Plant		
Electric plant	\$ 771,972,094	\$ 719,704,645
less: depreciation	(160,315,129)	(142,696,628)
Depreciated value	<u>611,656,965</u>	<u>577,008,017</u>
Investments and Other Property	305,675,207	200,347,594
Current Assets		
Cash & cash equivalents	6,828,022	2,757,958
Receivables	14,387,563	13,189,540
Materials	18,381,224	16,624,239
Prepayments and other current assets	44,901,073	38,807,348
Total current assets	<u>84,497,882</u>	<u>71,379,085</u>
Deferred Debits	476,465,374	597,009,299
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,478,295,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,743,995</u>

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

Capital Equities		
Patronage capital	\$ 315,238,556	\$ 291,151,156
Other capital	6,049,470	3,948,452
Total	<u>321,288,026</u>	<u>295,099,608</u>
Long-Term Debt	952,835,286	987,485,798
Current Liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	34,970,264	34,203,602
Notes payable	97,600,000	67,500,000
Accounts payable	28,962,138	26,978,509
Other current and accrued liabilities	36,088,139	26,659,824
Customer deposits	2,880,894	2,557,612
Total current liabilities	<u>200,501,435</u>	<u>157,899,547</u>
Deferred Credits	3,670,681	5,259,042
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u>\$ 1,478,295,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,743,995</u>

TOTAL REVENUE

(THOUSANDS)



2021	\$303,309
2022	\$314,576
2023	\$334,977
2024	\$411,178
2025	\$433,670

TOTAL ASSETS

(THOUSANDS)



2021	\$596,297
2022	\$649,423
2023	\$712,521
2024	\$1,445,744
2025	\$1,478,295

ENERGY SALES - KWH

(THOUSANDS)



2021	2,902,460
2022	2,993,636
2023	3,236,716
2024	3,454,494
2025	3,498,914

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & PATRONAGE CAPITAL

	2025	2024
OPERATING REVENUE		
Operating Revenue	\$ 433,669,854	\$ 411,178,194
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Cost of purchased power	255,157,435	246,223,267
Operating expenses - distribution	12,800,117	11,660,727
Maintenance of distribution plant	13,334,861	10,875,856
Consumer accounting and collection expenses	9,357,427	9,021,999
Other customer expenses	5,080,341	4,571,288
Administrative & general expense	18,528,283	15,972,214
Directors fees and expense	596,074	635,069
Depreciation	31,633,552	29,796,152
Property taxes	10,043,947	7,207,263
Other expenses	511,316	516,554
Total Operating Expenses	<u>357,043,353</u>	<u>336,480,389</u>
Operating Margins before Interest Expense	<u>76,626,501</u>	<u>74,697,805</u>
Interest Expense		
Interest on long-term debt	54,205,238	42,067,482
Interest charged to construction (credit)	(2,637,759)	(2,691,082)
Other interest expense	4,554,894	4,061,622
Total Interest Expense	<u>56,122,373</u>	<u>43,438,022</u>
Operating Margins Before Capital Credits	20,504,128	31,259,783
Other capital credits	3,750,956	3,630,959
Operating Margins	<u>24,255,084</u>	<u>34,890,742</u>
Interest revenue	284,570	863,910
Allowance for funds used during construction (equity)	--	59,352
Other revenue (expense)	91,842	363,774
Nonoperating Margin	<u>376,412</u>	<u>1,287,036</u>
Net Margins	<u>\$ 24,631,496</u>	<u>\$ 36,177,778</u>
PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND OTHER EQUITY		
Net Margins	\$ 24,631,496	\$ 36,177,778
Patronage Capital & Other Equities, Beginning of Year	295,099,608	257,929,835
Subtotal	<u>319,731,104</u>	<u>294,107,613</u>
Retirement of Capital Credits and Other Contributions (Net)	1,556,922	991,995
Patronage Capital & Other Equities, End of Year	<u>\$ 321,288,026</u>	<u>\$ 295,099,608</u>

TOTAL PLANT INVESTMENT

(THOUSANDS)



2021	\$482,721
2022	\$530,667
2023	\$586,039
2024	\$719,705
2025	\$771,972

MILES OF LINE



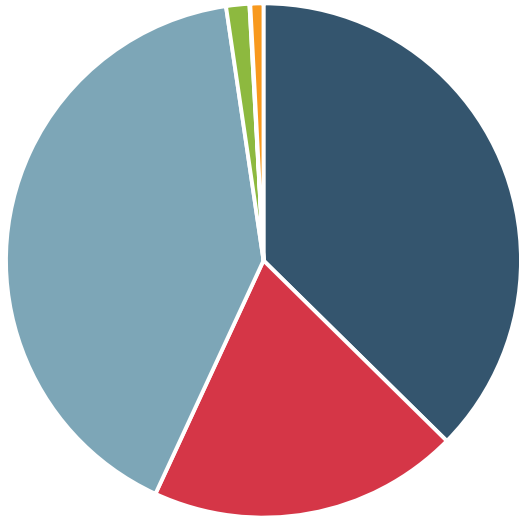
2021	6,551
2022	6,790
2023	6,925
2024	7,072
2025	7,205

NUMBER OF METERS SERVED



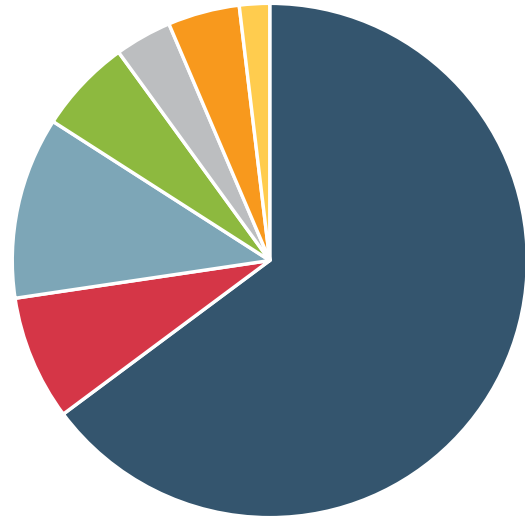
2021	102,305
2022	106,943
2023	110,502
2024	113,890
2025	117,067

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE



SOURCES OF REVENUE

● Residential	\$ 162,850,624	37.2%
● Small Commercial	\$ 87,973,576	20.1%
● Large Commercial	\$ 177,821,647	40.6%
● Other Revenues	\$ 5,400,419	1.2%
● Other Allocations & Income (non-cash)	\$ 3,750,956	0.9%



SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

● Cost of Power	\$ 255,157,435	61.8%
● Depreciation (non-cash)	\$ 31,633,552	7.7%
● Interest	\$ 56,122,373	13.6%
● Operations & Maintenance	\$ 26,134,978	6.3%
● Consumer Accounts & Info	\$ 14,437,768	3.5%
● Admin, Gen'l, & Other	\$ 19,635,673	4.8%
● Taxes	\$ 10,043,947	2.3%

YOUR ENERGY DOLLAR

For every dollar you spend on electricity, 59 cents goes toward the cost of power.

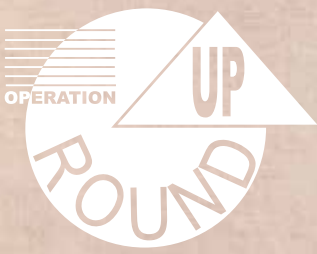
59¢

Cost of Power

41¢

Depreciation (7¢), Interest (13¢), Operating Expense (14¢), Taxes (2¢), Operating Margins (5¢)





If you are interested in enrolling or would like to increase your contribution, visit www.unitedpower.com/round-up.



The Power of Local Giving

Partner Groups Help Round Up in Community

On the fourth Monday of every month, the Weld County Food Bank sets up its mobile food pantry at the intersection of Weld County Road 37 and Lilac Drive in Lochbuie. Early in the morning, as volunteers unload pallets of food from the pantry's box truck, cars begin lining the surrounding streets. Local families arrive eager and grateful to receive meats, produce, beans, rice, and various other food items. More than 200 households receive food through the pantry's monthly distribution.

It is an unfortunate reality that all communities are home to vulnerable individuals and families who are struggling with financial limitations. In Weld County, nearly 40% of households are living in the margin between poverty and the basic cost of living, according to the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report. Service organizations like the Weld County Food Bank exist to provide some assistance. Operation Round Up, which is a program funded and operated by the United Power Round Up Foundation, was introduced at the cooperative to tie together the needs that often exceed availability, the philosophy that cooperatives give back to the local community, and the belief that members are motivated to contribute.

The United Power Round Up Foundation receives its funding from members who voluntarily elect to have their monthly billing statements "rounded up" to the next whole dollar. Those funds are monitored by a board of member volunteers, ensuring every dollar goes back into the community. The board works closely with partner organizations to leverage local connections and maximize each dollar's benefit in the community.

The foundation board added two partner organizations in 2025 to address growing food insecurity in local communities.

Weld County Food Bank and the Food Bank of the Rockies joined the roster of partner organizations receiving regular, ongoing assistance to support United Power members. Almost Home in Brighton, the Carbon Valley Help Center in Frederick, Canyon Cares in Coal Creek Canyon, and Catholic Charities in Fort Lupton have been partner organizations since 2017.

"We are able to reach more of the community working with partner organizations," said Andrea Nabarrete, who joined the foundation board in 2005. "We have better outreach, better coverage of services, and it prioritizes the greatest impact to our members."

Round Up donations average just \$6 annually for members who are enrolled, but that small change makes waves. The foundation has been able to distribute approximately \$3 million in assistance since it launched in 1995, including nearly \$370,000 in 2025. Last year, Round Up celebrated its 30th anniversary.

"Round Up is a valuable way United Power demonstrates its commitment to the community beyond being the local electric utility," said Round Up Foundation Board Chair Dale McCall. "It is a tremendous achievement to celebrate 30 years of giving back, but it is an even greater accomplishment to say we have been able to help so many people."

Throughout the years, members have continued to show up for their neighbors through program participation. That is *The Power of Local* in action. Your giving changes lives.

"I am grateful to our members who participate," said McCall, "and to the cooperative for continuing to support Round Up all this time."

RECIPES



Sweet & Savory Corn Casserole

- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 1/4 cup fresh sage, minced
- 1 Tbsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
- 15 oz fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup finely shredded cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. Melt butter in 10-inch cast iron skillet over medium heat. Sauté onion, bell pepper, sugar, sage, salt, paprika, and cayenne until onion is translucent, about 10 minutes. Add corn and continue cooking another 8-10 minutes until no water remains. Stir in cornmeal and remove from heat.

Whisk eggs, milk, and cream in small bowl. Pour over corn mixture. Stir to combine and sprinkle cheese on top. Bake until softly set, about 20 minutes. Broil until lightly browned.

Source: *Serious Eats*

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500 Cooperative Way
Brighton, CO 80603

Sully Says, "Choose Smart Rewards"

Turn Smart Energy Into Real Savings with Smart Rewards



Sully, *United Power's Smart Rewards ambassador*

United Power's Smart Rewards program makes it easy to save energy and money and earn a \$30 bill credit each summer.

Smart Rewards is designed to automatically reduce energy use during times when demand is highest. Enrolling your smart thermostat in the program will make small, temporary adjustments during peak energy periods — helping manage electric use across the system.

And you will not have to do it alone. Sully, United Power's four-legged ambassador for Smart Rewards, is all about working smarter, not harder. While he is busy keeping an eye on things (and probably napping through peak hours), Smart Rewards is working behind the scenes, saving energy for members and providing treats in return.

How It Works

During periods of high energy demand, your smart thermostat will automatically adjust to reduce a bit of energy and then it will revert to its regular schedule once the event is over. These changes are designed to be minimal, while still making a meaningful impact on overall energy use. These small adjustments add up to savings and members are rewarded without having to lift a finger.

Why It Matters

When members participate in Smart Rewards, it helps:

- Reduce strain on the electric grid
- Lower overall energy costs
- Improve reliability during peak demand
- Support a more efficient, sustainable energy future

This is the power of a cooperative — working together for the benefit of all.

Ready to Get Rewarded?

Smart Rewards is an easy way to make a difference. Enrollment is simple, and energy savings and rewards happen automatically.

Look for Smart Rewards in your Honeywell or Google Nest smart thermostat app, or visit www.unitedpower.com/smart-rewards to sign up.

Sully gives it two paws up.



Six Directors Renew Gold Certificates

United Power's Board of Directors is committed to continuing education opportunities that enable them to govern the cooperative more effectively and stay informed about industry changes. Directors work toward completion or renewal of director certifications through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) each year. Directors Keith Alquist, Ginny Buczek, Beth Martin, Brian A. McCormick, Tamra Waltemath, and Stephen Whiteside all renewed their Director Gold certifications in January. Director Gold is the highest certification for directors.

NRECA's three-step Director Education Program is designed to teach essential skills and knowledge through a series of educational courses. The first step in the process is the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD), which helps prepare directors to fulfill their fiduciary duty as elected officials on behalf of their membership. Once the program has been completed, directors can proceed to the Board Leadership Certificate (BLC). Directors who have completed both the CCD and BLC, plus an additional three BLC credits, are eligible to earn Director Gold

certification. To maintain Director Gold certification, directors must earn at least three credits from approved continuing education courses within a two-year period.

All of United Power's directors are committed to achieving the highest levels of certification and professional training for the benefit of the cooperative and the members they represent. Currently, 10 of the cooperative's 11 directors have completed at least the CCD certification, and nine directors are Director Gold certified.



Keith Alquist
Director



Ginny Buczek
Director



Beth Martin
Secretary



Brian A. McCormick
Director



Tamra Waltemath
Vice-Chair



Stephen Whiteside
Director

Meet Your Youth Reps

Local Students Selected to Represent United Power on Youth Leadership Trips

United Power is fortunate to serve some of the best school districts and brightest students in the state. Leaders in the local high schools will become tomorrow's leaders in their communities, and the cooperative is dedicated to helping develop the skills and techniques needed for them to reach their potential. Each year, several students are selected to represent United Power either on the Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. or at the Youth Leadership Camp just outside Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Cooperative Youth Tour

June 15-21, 2026 | Washington, D.C.

Students selected to participate on the Youth Tour join a long cooperative tradition that has existed since 1957. Students spend the week exploring the nation's capital and learning about American history, the cooperative business model, and leadership principles.

This year, United Power selected three students to represent the cooperative.



Cassandra DeClaw

The STEAD School

The 2025 Youth Leadership Camp rep plans to pursue social work and serve the Navajo Nation.



Keelyn Eller

Prairie View High School

Keelyn, also a camp rep in 2025, will study veterinary sciences at Colorado State University in the fall.



Kaitlyn Green

The STEAD School

Kaitlyn, a senior at STEAD, is a leader in her school and plans to work in mental health to help kids.

Youth Leadership Camp

July 11-16, 2026 | Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Although it is called a "camp," it is not a traditional camp. Students form and manage their own cooperative, complete with a general manager, director election, and capital credit retirement. Days are also filled with fun activities and leadership seminars.

This year two students and one ambassador are representing the cooperative.



Samuel Lanz

Brighton High School

Samuel is a rising senior and plans to pursue architectural engineering after high school.



Melina Joy

Frederick High School

Melina will be a junior next year and has plans to pursue a career in fire fighting.



Cassandra DeClaw

Student Ambassador

Cassandra's peers at the 2025 Youth Leadership Camp elected her to return as a student ambassador this year.



Summer Event Calendar

May 16

29th Annual Erie Town Fair

Historic Old Town Erie

June 6

Brighton Summerfest

Carmichael Park, Brighton

June 6

Johnstown BBQ Day

Parish Park, Johnstown

June 26-28

Frederick in Flight

Centennial Park, Frederick

June 27

Red, White & Bluefest Celebration

Reunion Park, Commerce City

July 3

Stars & Stripes

Riverdale Regional Park, Brighton

July 4

Coal Creek Canyon 4th Fest

Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association, Coal Creek

July 4

4th at Firestone

Miners Park, Firestone

July 4

Independence Day Celebration

Community Center Park, Fort Lupton

July 17-19

Gilpin County Fair

Gilpin County Fairgrounds, Black Hawk

July 15-18

Chainsaws & Chuckwagons

Centennial Park, Frederick

July 29 - Aug. 2

Adams County Fair

Riverdale Regional Park, Brighton

Member Input on Co-op Rates

Survey & Forums Collect Feedback

As a cooperative, United Power's rates cover the cost of service, rather than delivering profits to shareholders. A survey was distributed in February asking for member input on rate preferences and options. Members who indicated they were interested in learning more about the survey results and discussing rate options with leadership were invited to forums held at United Power office locations in April.

The top concerns for members surveyed were the cost of power — including questions about the cooperative's 2024 wholesale power contract exit, rate design, and billing components (such as demand) — and

reliability, particularly with concern to large data centers and how they might impact rates. Forums discussed rates education, lowering energy usage, and member communication.

Information gathered during the surveys and forums adds value to ongoing rates discussions and updates will be shared with members.

Engaging members is one of the core pillars of United Power's strategic plan, *Our Cooperative Roadmap*. It is important for the co-op to hear from its members. If you did not receive the survey, make sure your contact information is up to date or update your email with the cooperative online at www.unitedpower.com/update-email.

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