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YOUR SAN MIGUEL POWER MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office to reach our 24-hour dispatch.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Check extension cords for damage before use.
- ✓ Unplug heaters and blankets until needed.
- ✓ Test smoke and CO detectors before heating season.

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FEATURE STORY

SMPA Proudly Supports Local Fairs & Rodeos

As it has for decades, San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) proudly continued its tradition of sponsoring this year's San Miguel Basin Fair and Rodeo, held each July at the San Miguel County Fairgrounds in Norwood.

The Fair is a beloved community event that showcases the hard work and dedication of local youth through a variety of activities, including Gymkhana, a dessert contest, a community dinner, and 4-H livestock exhibitions featuring pigs, beef, lamb, and goats. The event culminates in the Junior Livestock Sale, where SMPA provides an "add-on" donation to be shared among all participants. Additional funds help support the purchase of fair buckles, banners, and stockman awards—meaning every young participant feels recognized and encouraged.

Youth involvement in these events promotes values such as responsibility, perseverance, and agricultural knowledge—essential traits for both strong citizenship and the continued vitality of the region's ranching traditions.

SMPA's sponsorship goes beyond financial support. Employees donate time and labor to help set up the fairgrounds and equipment, and several SMPA team members also serve on the Fair Board. Many employees are also proud parents of participating youth, making this a truly meaningful community partnership.

Following the fair, the San Miguel Basin Rodeo, organized by the Norwood Roping Club, continues the celebration with junior rodeo events, mutton bustin', calf riding, and rodeo performances. This lively weekend also receives SMPA's enthusiastic support.

In Ouray County, SMPA extends the same spirit of sponsorship, supporting local fair activities and investing in the educational, agricultural, and cultural experiences that define life in our rural communities.

At SMPA, we believe that backing these events is an investment in our youth, our culture, and the future of our region.



2025: 4H participant, Kyndle Weimer shows her steer at the San Miguel Junior Livestock Sale.

Low-Interest Financing for Efficiency Upgrades for Homeowners

In the market for new insulation, windows and doors, water heaters, HVAC systems and other qualifying energy-efficient technology?

Take advantage of SMPA's Electrify and Save On-Bill Repayment program (OBR) for a simple and transparent financing option.

Learn more at smpa.com/OBR.



The Sharing Success Economic Development Grants are Back!

...and now there's even more assistance available. Member organizations and businesses may apply for up to \$30,000 (up from \$20,000, last year) depending on the costs of their initiatives. If you're working on a project that can stimulate economic development in your community, you should apply at smpa.com/content/sharing-success-economic-development-grants

Deadline: November 13th, 2025



Save Money and Energy with SMPA's IQ/CARE Program

Participants of the SMPA IQ/CARE Program speak highly of their experiences. If you want to make your home more efficient and more comfortable, but you don't know what changes to make, or you're afraid the upfront cost, you may find the answer in the SMPA I.Q./CARE program. Go to www.ecoactionpartners.org/care to see if you qualify.



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MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS

Tuesday, September 30
Wednesday, October 1
Thursday, October 2

9 AM – 4 PM
SMPA Lobbys
NUCLA RIDGWAY

Join us as we celebrate National Cooperative Month and thank our SMPA members for their participation in the cooperative business model. Enjoy food, hot apple cider, and gifts.

Hunt Safely Near Power Equipment

To ensure safe hunting around power lines, it's crucial to maintain a safe distance, never shoot at or near power lines, and be aware of the potential dangers of downed or damaged lines. Always treat power lines as energized and potentially dangerous, even if they appear inactive.

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Hunting?

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SMPA POWER PLAY

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE:
MORE NINTY-P LABEL
Hint...It lowers the barrier.

Last Month's Answer: NET METERING

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