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In the event of a power outage, contact your local SMPA office. If it is after hours, you will be able to automatically transfer to our 24-hour dispatch.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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SAFETY TIPS

Know when to say 'when.'

Plugging in too many appliances and devices can potentially cause electrical fires. Most sources will say to use only one power strip per outlet and to keep multiple strips separated. When purchasing a strip, be sure to look for one with a built-in surge protector.

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Ridgway fourth grader, Alexander Sauer experiences static electricity first hand thanks to a Van de Graaff generator brought by Tri-State Education Program Advisor, Michelle Pastor

SMPA, Tri-State Energizing the Classroom

Hotline Demo, Tri-State Lesson Augment Classroom Study of Electricity

Isn't it amazing that when you flip a light switch you instantly have light? Behind that switch, there's a whole story waiting to be told. Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State) and San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) are two not-for-profit electric cooperatives that want to tell that story to help local students understand and respect electricity.

On Friday, January 27th, the two cooperatives got their chance at Ridgway Elementary School. "The timing was perfect!" said Ridgway 4th grade teacher, Krista Javoronok. "We're teaching a unit on sources of energy and electrical circuits. Also, the kids are still excited from the live electricity demonstration that SMPA brought to us last week." The SMPA "Hot Line Safety Demonstration" includes a live power line that displays how electricity can arc through the air to reach a grounded source. The primary message is one of safety.

The purpose of Friday's demonstration, entitled "The Story Behind the Switch," was to enhance students' understanding of where electricity comes from and how it comes to power the modern lives to which we are all accustomed. "I absolutely love bringing the presentation to the schools," said Tri-State Senior Education Program

Advisor, Michelle Pastor, who traveled from Denver to deliver the presentation. "Our industry is constantly in need of fresh talent and new perspectives. When students see the presentation, they immediately start asking questions. That's what makes it all worth it."

"We're really appreciative of San Miguel Power and Tri-State for bringing these lessons to our kids," said Javoronok "When professionals come in from the outside, I think it really shows the kids how important these topics are in the world beyond their classroom."



SMPA Equipment Technician, Mike Morlang and Line Crew Woman, Darcy Wiemer produce an electric arc to demonstrate the power of electricity for these Ridgway 4th graders.

Download the application at www.smpa.com/content/no-barriers-program

No Barriers

SMPA, CoBank and No Barriers Team Up to Support Veterans

How can you give back to someone who has given more than you can understand? A new program seeks to answer that question.

San Miguel Power is teaming with CoBank and No Barriers USA to support rural veterans with disabilities by sponsoring a series of expeditions that challenge them mentally and physically. Veterans will be provided with the support they need to meet those challenges, and in the process, will learn that they are more than capable of overcoming the challenges that they face in their day-to-day lives.

San Miguel Power would like to nominate a veteran from one of our communities. If you are a veteran with a disability who would like to participate, or if you would like to nominate a qualifying veteran, you may do so before Wednesday, March 1, 2017.



Of the 22 million veterans in the United States, 5.3 million live in rural communities. Of those, more than 40 percent have service-related disabilities. No Barriers Warriors can accommodate combat-wounded or training-injured veterans from any branch of service.

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Jessica Padgett

Green Blocks LED-TV Drawing Winner:
Vicki Senter Lane

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