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SMPA Springs into Summer

Busy Season Highlights Communities, the Co-op & the Challenge of Change



The Touchstone Energy Balloon, a nationwide symbol of cooperation, soared high at this year's Telluride Balloon Festival. The associated donation benefits the communities through the Telluride Rotary Club.

Each year, the melting of the final snowfall signals the beginning of a busy season.

We kicked off the summer with our Annual Meeting of members on June 8 in Ridgway. This year's meeting featured food, music, activities, gifts and prizes. The meeting featured a keynote address from business consultant and behavioral analyst, Sue Hansen. Toward the end of the meeting, the board election results were announced:

In District No. 5, challenger, Joseph Shults received 85 votes while incumbent, Rube Felicelli received 156. In District No. 7, challenger, Dawn Glanc received 111 votes, while incumbent, Terry Rhoades received 269.

SMPA also played an important role in the "New Normal" initiative that runs through several of the Telluride summer festivals including the Balloon Festival, Mountainfilm, and the Bluegrass Festival. SMPA encourages all residents to offset their carbon footprint using programs like SMPA's Green Blocks. Learn more at www.smpa.com → [Renewable Energy](#).

But spring and early summer isn't all play. The dry weather gives our operations crews the chance to make system improvements that prevent power outages. The Telluride / Mtn. Village Reliability project is a major undertaking that will bring a new level of reliability to that region. See www.smpa.com/content/telluridemountain-village-reliability-project for more info.



SMPA's 2017 Annual Meeting featured food, music and the sort of flag raising that only linemen can do.



The Telluride Mountainfilm Festival's "New Normal" theme brought renewed attention to SMPA renewable energy programs.



Summer weather provides opportunity to get critical work, like the Telluride/Mountain Village Reliability Project installed and online.

Corporate Donations Make a Difference

Telluride Rotary, Ridgway Library Benefit from SMPA Support

If you've seen the San Miguel Power logo at a local sports event, or on a 'Thank you, Donors' plaque, or heard a shout out to SMPA over the microphone at a local function, you may have wondered why the power company is so into your community initiatives.

To put it plainly, SMPA is not just a power company. As a not-for-profit Cooperative, its primary function is to serve its member-owners, and that means supporting the communities in a wide variety of ways.

As part of its inclusion in the Telluride Balloon Festival (see pg. 1), SMPA donated over \$1,000 to the Telluride Rotary Club which supports education, disaster relief, and health initiatives in the Telluride region and beyond. "Thank you so much for your donation..." said Rotarian, Linda Avery. "We will certainly put the funds to good use."

The Ridgway Public Library is another impressive community asset. According to the Colorado Library Usage Statistics, nearly 974 of every 1000 patrons attended at least one of the library's many programs including Lego Club, Craft Time, Teen Cafe and others. With such heavy use, it's no surprise that the computer and meeting room furniture were in need of replacement. Our donation, matched by that of wholesaler, Basin Electric helped to accomplish this.



SMPA District 2 (Telluride) Board Representative, Bob Justis presents a \$1020 check to Telluride Rotary Representative and Balloon Festival Organizer, Marilyn Branch. Thanks also, to partners, Tri-State Generation & Transmission and Touchstone Energy.



SMPA District 6 (Ridgway) Representative, Debbie Cokes shows off the placard thanking SMPA and Basin Electric for the donation that paid for all new tables for the Ridgway Library computer lab and conference rooms. These assets help the library continue its vital programs and outreach to youth and the public. Thanks to Basin Electric for multiplying the impact of our gift!

Electrical Hazard Awareness Clinics

Although electricity is extremely useful, it can be deadly. Knowledge is the key to saving lives, and SMPA is spreading that knowledge to city and county officials, emergency personnel, and first responders in our areas through our Electrical Hazard Awareness Clinics.



The focus of these clinics is to educate emergency response professionals on the particular dangers of electric power equipment in the field. Better educated personnel means a safer rescue environment.



The instructor, SMPA Safety/Regulatory Compliance Coordinator, Paul Enstrom brings over thirty years of experience to the class.



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Youth Tour Designee Returns & Reflects



Each year, SMPA sends one deserving student to Washington D.C. on the Rural Electric Youth Tour. This year's designee was Norwood High School Junior, Jesseca Padgett.

"I loved the youth tour so much!" said Jesseca. "It was hard for me to leave and say goodbye to so many wonderful people."

Don't Miss the West End Farmers' Market

The West End Farmers' Market runs every Thursday night from 5:30-dark at the Nucla Town Park. There are crafts, produce (spinach), fresh eggs, photographs, roasted peppers, grass-fed beef, cotton candy, baked goods and more. Starting July 13, there will be a movie in the park at dark. The price is \$5/ per event or \$50 for the season which will run through September. All proceeds go toward growing the event for the future.



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