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SAFETY TIPS

Driving to Grandma's House for the holiday? Heed these tips:

- Watch weather predictions for your entire route.
- Turn on headlights at dusk or if windshield wipers are needed.
- In case of car trouble, pull off the road as far as possible.

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Paradox Kids: On the Hunt for Fun

Camouflage, Elk Bugling Contests Showcase Skills

If you happened to be passing by the school building in Paradox between 1:15 and 3:20 PM, on Friday, November 3rd, you may have heard some unusual sounds. No, the school was not hosting a herd of elk; it was just the annual Elk Bugling and Camouflage Contest.

At this event, students in grades K - 12 competed for the best camouflage outfit and elk call with prizes for winners in each category. "This is a fun event for students, parents and spectators," said Paradox Valley School Vice Principal, Denise Perritt. "The idea is to bring the community together around an activity that relates to the local area's hunting/outdoor experiences."

SMPA was proud to sponsor the contests and was able to bring in outside money through its relationship with Basin Electric Power Cooperative of North Dakota which generously contributes to its members' causes.

SMPA also supports the school with scholarships for students seeking college or trade school education, and other educational opportunities surrounding electricity, safety, leadership and career-related experiences. (See www.smpa.com → Youth Programs)

Considering it all, it seemed the students were trumpeting—or rather 'bugling'—praises for these programs.

◀ Even camouflaged from head to heel, Paradox Valley School's Oscar Cooper couldn't disguise his anticipation for the these contests.



Nucla/Naturita

Thurs., Nov. 2, 5:30 PM
The Nucla Community Center

Ridgway

Mon., Nov. 6, 5:30 PM
The Adobe Inn

Norwood

Mon., Nov. 27, 5:30 PM
Maggie's Pizza

Learn. Discuss. Take Part.



I.Q. Program Participant Heats Up the House

"I saw a notice about the program with my power bill but, at first, I didn't think I'd qualify," said I.Q. Weatherization and I.Q. Solar participant, Lynne Marschke. It's a good thing she doubled-checked by visiting www.smpa.com → [I.Q. Programs](#). "When I found out that I did qualify, I said 'Let's go!'"

Lynne took the first steps toward a more energy-efficient mobile home by completing and submitting the application. Then, a qualified technician visited and conducted a walk-through inspection and prepared a report.

This report would determine which weatherization projects would follow. "They put insulation around the hot water heater; then between the ceiling and the roof and in the crawl space," said Lynne. These improvements were made at no cost to her.

What a difference it has made! "Listen. When I first moved in

here, I had crumpled paper sacks wedged in around the door frame," said Lynne. "I was freezing cold. Now I stay warm, my electric bill is lower and I'm using about two-thirds of the pellets I used to burn in my pellet stove."

With her home upgrades completed, Lynne also qualified to receive credits for generation from SMPA's I.Q. solar array, located in Norwood. This helps her save even more.

Lynne summarized it best. "I asked for help, I did a little at a time, and now I'm happy, happy happy."



Lynne and her roommates, Billie and Bella expect to be cozy and warm this winter in their newly-insulated home.

The Power of Knowledge

Nucla Knowledge Bowl gets a Boost

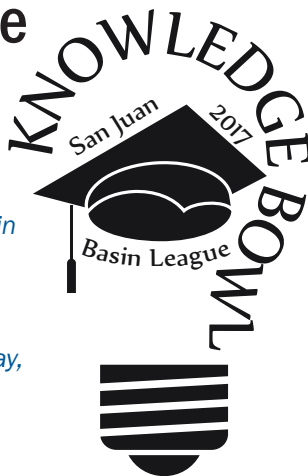
One of the ways that SMPA encourages education among local youth is to support the North division of the San Juan Basin Knowledge Bowl League.

This year, SMPA support went to the Nucla Middle/High School Knowledge Bowl program. SMPA will be providing food, participant gifts and volunteers to the Nucla competition on November 13th.

Also, the Nucla program will benefit from the donation of an official Knowledge Bowl quiz box.

Good luck to all teams!

The San Juan Basin League NORTH includes schools from Ouray, Telluride, Norwood, Nucla & Ridgway



SMPA OFFICES CLOSED November 22 - 26

We will return on November 27.

Basic services are available 24/7 at www.smpa.com



CONGRATULATIONS!

- Top of the Pines
- Pavilion Interior Improvements
- Town of Ophir
- Ophir Broadband Project
- Ouray County Rodeo Assoc
- 2018 San Juan Skijoring
- Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce (RACC)
- Ridgway Online Presence Project
- Ouray Trail Group
- Ouray Perimeter Trail Enhancements
- Apple Core Project for a Community
- Demonstration Orchard



Attention Members: SMPA is currently performing a rate analysis. The December Board Meeting will likely include a formal rate hearing regarding electricity rates for 2018. See the schedule at www.smpa.com → About Us → Board of Directors-Meeting Schedule

STUDENTS, APPLY NOW!



July 14-19

Learn more.
www.smpa.com
→ Community

Deadline:
Dec. 18 2017

STEPPING IT UP!

SMPA participated in a "step challenge" with 43 other rural electric co-op teams. SMPA Director, Rube Felicelli logged the highest total at nearly 2.2 million steps in a hundred days of the challenge. A leader by example!

