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

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SAFETY TIPS

TIPS FOR A SUMMER OF SAFETY

- Avoid plugging in electronics close to a pool.
- Convert basic outdoor outlets to GFCI outlets.
- While trimming or climbing trees, watch out for nearby power lines.

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The 2022 SMPA Virtual Annual Meeting

For decades, San Miguel Power's Annual Meeting of Members was an opportunity for members of the cooperative to gather together and review the activities of the association over the previous year. During the spread of COVID-19, in-person meetings across the globe were cancelled. SMPA turned to digital video as a means to communicate the Annual Meeting content, taking feedback through email. Annual Outreach videos for 2020 and 2021 are still available to view on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqByNd-KLwNI2SEWINJCMg>.

While video gives the Annual Meetings a longer lifespan, they don't offer the interactivity of a live event. This year, we will take another step in the evolution of this fundamental element of our cooperative structure: The 2022 Annual Meeting will be a live virtual event. While it still won't be a large gathering of people in a room, it will be a chance to interact with your cooperative's staff and Board of Directors. In addition, the event will feature informational videos, answer polls, prizes, and a live Q & A.

FREE DOWNLOAD ZOOM®: <https://zoom.us>

REGISTER: www.smpa.com/content/annual-meeting-election

It's Almost Here!

The smpa.com will feature more content, improved interactivity, and superior form submission while maintaining the same ease of navigation.

Check it out at www.smpa.com!

Congratulations to the 2022 Scholarship Winners!

Each year, San Miguel Power awards up to \$27,000 in college scholarships to students who are dependents of SMPA members. We award up to fourteen scholarships to deserving graduating seniors.



AUTUMN HOUTSTRA
Ridgway High School
Tri-State \$500 Scholarship



SOUTH LIVEMORE
Telluride High School
Tri-State \$500 Scholarship



SHAILAH FRANKLIN-DORAN
Nucla High School
SMPA \$2000 Vocational Scholarship



JARETT SINKS
Norwood High School
SMPA \$2000 Scholarship



KEELEE REDD
Nucla High School SMPA
\$2000 Scholarship & Basin Electric \$1000



CHARLIE TYLER
Ouray High School
SMPA \$2000 Scholarship



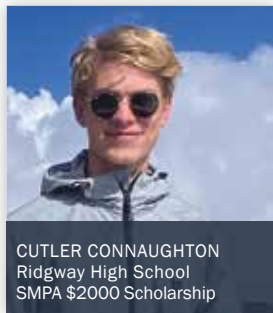
JOSHUA ALEXANDER
Norwood High School
SMPA \$2000 Vocational Scholarship



ANA PUMAYALLI
Telluride High School
SMPA \$2000 Scholarship



BELEN ROOF
Silverton High School
SMPA \$2000 Scholarship



CUTLER CONNAUGHTON
Ridgway High School
SMPA \$2000 Scholarship

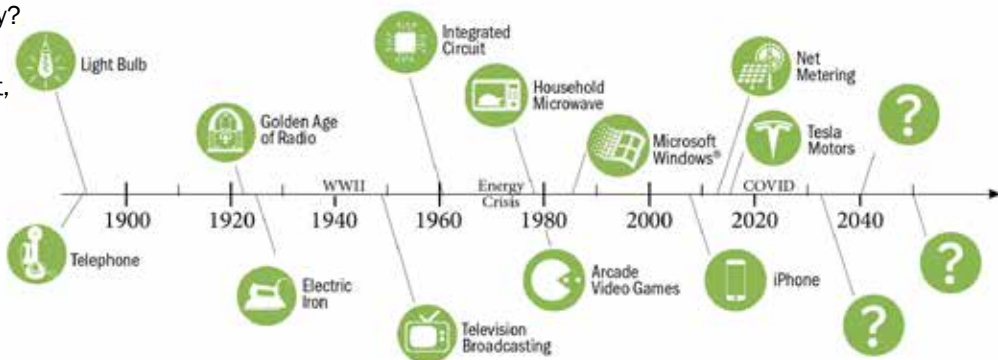
What Does Electricity Mean Today?

There was a time when the main impact that electricity had on people's lives was to power light bulbs. In fact, the electric company was often called "the light company." During the last century, the impact of electricity has broadened significantly.

Considering this, we, at SMPA have some questions for you:

1. What does electricity mean to you today?
2. What applications might primarily use retail electricity in the future that do not, today?
3. For what, might your grandchildren or great-grandchildren rely on electricity, that you do not?

We're curious to know what you think. Answer our post on Facebook, email energywise@smpa.com, or jot your answer on a note with your next bill payment. We'd love to see your ideas!

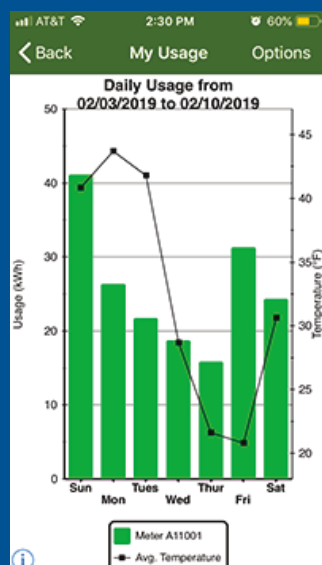
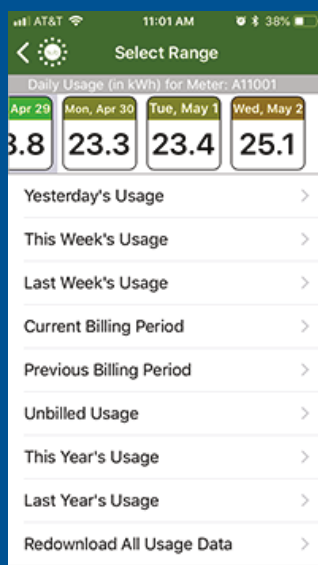
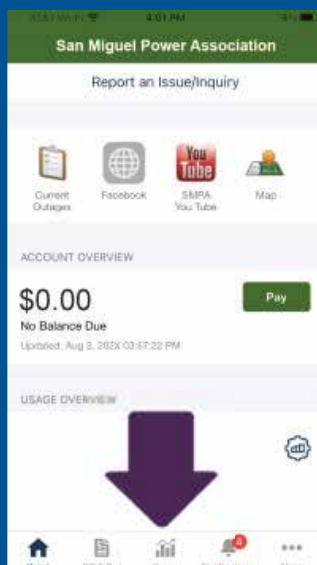


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Access the tool by touching the "Usage" icon at the bottom of the home screen.



This Month's Puzzle: C TH ONE MIGHTY PAL
Hint: It's what they used to call us.

SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER and be entered into a drawing for a fun prize to:

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Know what's below. Call before you dig.