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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

Send your questions or suggestions for the editors of EnergyWise to: energywise@smpa.com (970) 626-5549 x212

- Stand by your pan" when cooking.
- Keep pot holders, oven mitts, food wrappers, etc. away from the stove.
- Children should also be kept away from hot stoves.

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NOTABLES: Brown Field to Green Field: I.Q. Solar Array Under Construction

Income-Qualified Members to Reap Efficiency, Renewable Benefits



Adjacent to the San Miguel County Transfer Station in Norwood, Colorado, there sits a barren field. Most local residents drive past without giving it a second look as they drop off their recycling and other waste. But this small, unassuming plot is about to complete a remarkable transformation.

"In the 1980s, this was an actual landfill." says SMPA Member Services Manager, Wiley Freeman. "It closed in 1990 and for the last 26 years, it has not been used for anything by the county or anyone else because of what's buried below."

In 2015, the organization, GRID Alternatives, Colorado responded to an invitation to partner with the Colorado Energy Office

"brown fields," like the one in Norwood into "green fields" that can provide benefits to lowto-moderate income households in Colorado.

"When SMPA heard about the partnership," Freeman said, "we saw an opportunity to help turn solar technology into a mechanism that would help relieve the utility burdens that some lower income residents face in our service territory."

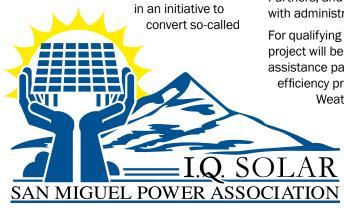
So, the "I.Q. Solar" ("I.Q."="Income-Qualified") project was envisioned and, with a great deal of assistance and incredible support from San Miguel County, it will soon be constructed upon that old, barren landfill.

Other project partners include Eco-Action Partners, and E3 Insight which both assist with administration the I.Q. programs.

For qualifying members, the I.Q. Solar project will be the second part of a complete assistance package. SMPA's free home efficiency program, known as the SMPA I.Q. Weatherization Program is the first

step. Members who think they might qualify should start at the Eco-Action Partners web site.

www.ecoactionpartners.org /smpa-iq-programs/





Youth Opportunities

San Miguel Power offers so many opportunities to students in our service area. Deadlines for these three are coming up soon!



Know a kid who attends middle school in Ridgway, Ouray, Telluride, Silverton, Norwood, Naturita or Paradox? Tell them to submit a holiday-themed photograph: Cash prizes given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place! **DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1st** www·smpa·com→Community→Youth Programs→Holiday Art Contest

YOUTH TOUR

The week-long Youth Tour exposes High School Juniors & Seniors to the electric cooperative network while exploring our nation's capital DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 8th



www·smpa·com→Community→Youth Programs→Rural Electric Youth Tour

YOUTH CAMP

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sleeping bagsfirst-aid kit

Drinking water

 non-perishable food items
 Alternative methods of charging communication devices

The Cooperative Youth Leadership camp is a week long adventure in life, leadership and nature. Apply for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. **DEADLINE:**



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The SMPA Offices will be closed on November 23 through November 27. Automated services are available 24-7 at (970) 626-5549. Also, call the same number to report a power outage.



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Here's a big 'thank you' from Mrs. Gaffari's Norwood Kindergarten class to SMPA Director, Dave Alexander for his donation to the classroom.

