

# ENERGYWISE

YOUR SAN MIGUEL POWER MEMBER NEWSLETTER



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## SAFETY TIPS

### AUGUST SAFETY TIPS

Heading to the lake? Follow these  
tips to stay safe on the boat.

- Keep masts at least  
10 feet away from  
overhead power lines.
- Replace any electrical  
device that has been  
submerged.

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## A Porch Light to Come Back To...

IN MANY WAYS, THE BEST REMINDER OF THE VALUE OF OUR MODERN LIFESTYLE IS THE VIEWPOINT OF THOSE WHO DON'T SHARE IT. LATER THIS MONTH, SAN MIGUEL POWER JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN, K.J. JOHNSON WILL LEAVE HIS ELECTRIFIED HOME IN NORWOOD TO VISIT THE PEOPLE OF SILLAB, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF GUATEMALA, WHERE THERE HAS NEVER BEEN RELIABLE ELECTRIC POWER.

Johnson has joined a team of managers, electricians and line workers representing both Colorado and Oklahoma to help build about six miles of power line to tap into an existing line and electrify the village. The three-week mission is part of a greater effort by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) to bring the benefits of the cooperative business model and of reliable, affordable electricity to areas in need.

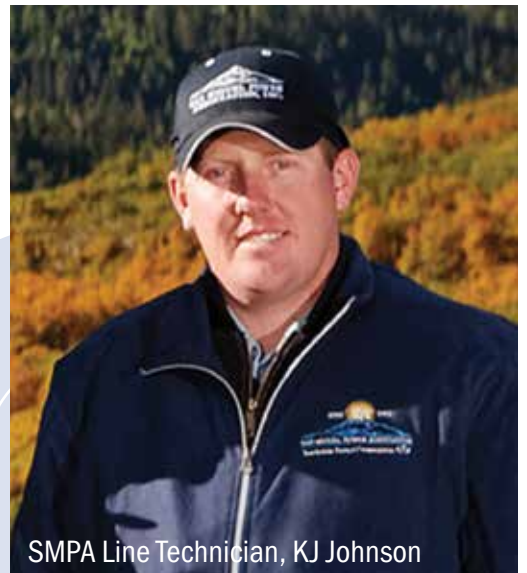
With this vision in mind, Johnson has begun making preparations, but realities of international travel and survival in third-world conditions can be sobering. In addition to one personal bag, linemen are only allotted one fifty-pound bag of tools. This restriction means that Johnson will have to leave many

specialty tools he's grown accustomed to using behind. "My work bag with just my climbing belt, a couple tools and my hooks—just what I need to get up a pole—weighs 38 pounds." When asked about his anticipated accommodations, Johnson was unsure. "I think they've got us in a schoolhouse." He chuckles. "I'm bringing an inflatable camp pillow, but I'm not even sure if I'll have a bed." Nonetheless, Johnson's excitement is palpable, and it seems to be about more than just bringing electricity to those who don't currently have it. He explains it like this: "It shows who we are and what we stand for. It doesn't matter if you are a billionaire or some dude with a one-room shack, you're a member, and we'll keep the lights on for you."



*When my family settled in the San Luis Valley, there was no power. I remember my grandfather telling me about when they brought it in. When he had a porch light to come back to at night, it changed so many things; it changed the ranch; it changed his life."*

— K.J. JOHNSON, SAN MIGUEL POWER JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN



SMPA Line Technician, KJ Johnson

COMING SOON!



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Rates, renewables, reliability and more...

When will Power Hours be in your home town? Find out at [www.smpa.com](http://www.smpa.com).

# Introducing: Totally Green

It's San Miguel Power's newest and simplest way for you to use electricity from 100% renewable sources. Sign up once. The **voluntary rate adjustment** of 1¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh) automatically tracks your use and supplies that much green power. Now, every drop of energy you use is coming from carbon-free sources like wind, solar and hydro.

It's renewably-sourced electricity, dude!

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), the average monthly kWh consumption of a U.S. residential utility customer is 867 kWh/month.

*This would amount to an average monthly charge of \$8.67/month.*



This fall, San Miguel Power will pull one name from the list of **Totally Green** members. If that name is yours, you will receive this new SOLshine paddle board.

Then you can better enjoy the environment you are protecting!

# Baseball. An SMPA Thing!

Community Involvement can be fun. Thanks to SMPA employees, Joshua Hainey, Tammi Magallon, and KJ Johnson and their families and friends for participating in the Norwood High School Co-ed Softball Tournament. The event is a fundraiser for the Norwood High School Football program. Thank You, Players:

- Joshua Hainey -
- Tony & Bri Bonacquista
- Nick and Tammi Magallon -
- Jason Mock
- David and Melissa Johnson -
- Graden Steffan
- KJ & Jessica Johnson -
- Bat Boy: Jace Bonacquista



SMPA Staff Accountant, Joshua Hainey, Nick Magallon and Jason Mock in the dugout.



Here's the pitch. SMPA Lineman, KJ Johnson sends one sailing over the plate.

# Happy Birthday, SmartHub!

*It's hard to believe it's already been a year since you started putting...*

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in our hands.

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# SMPA POWER PLAY

**This Month's Puzzle: WE C R POR BONE FARE**

**Hint: Wind, Water & Sunlight**

**SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER**

and be entered into a drawing for a fun prize to:

**EnergyWise  
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