

2022 ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to the students who entered San Isabel Electric's second annual electrical safety poster contest. We'd also like to give a shout-out to the teachers and parents who helped them. Students were asked to draw

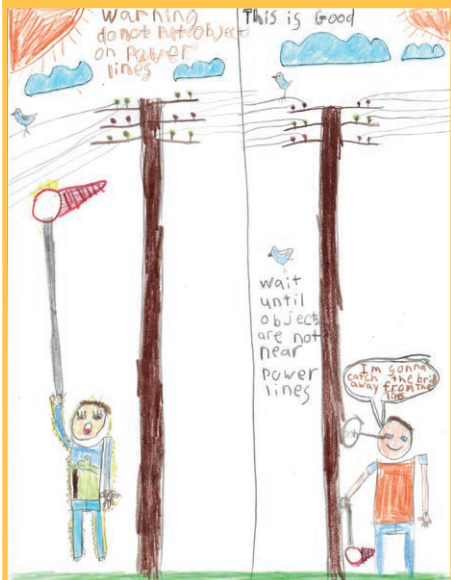
a poster that displays a clear, creative and colorful picture of this year's theme: **"How do you and your family stay safe at home when around electricity?"** For inspiration, students, parents and teachers were directed to a video about hidden electrical

dangers around the home. Cash prizes were awarded in each division.

To see all of the winning poster contest entries and for tips to stay safe at home when around electricity, please visit sisa.com/homeelectricalsafety.



First through Third Grade Division
Noah McLaughlin, 3rd Grade
Holy Trinity Academy



Preschool-Kindergarten Division
Novalee Baudino, Headstart/Preschool
Headstart Trinidad, Colorado



◀ FIRST PLACE PRIZE: \$100 CASH

Preschool-Kindergarten Division

- Novalee Baudino, Headstart/Preschool, Headstart Trinidad, Colorado

First through Third Grade Division

- Noah McLaughlin, Third Grade, Holy Trinity Academy

When asked what they were going to do with their \$100 prize, both students said they were going to save it.

Second place prize: \$50 cash

Preschool-Kindergarten Division

- Finn Salas (not pictured) Kindergarten
Gardner Valley School

First through Third Grade Division

- Osteria Turner (not pictured) First Grade
Gardner Valley School

Third place prize: \$25 cash

Preschool-Kindergarten Division

- Bristol Bullard (not pictured) Kindergarten
Gardner Valley School

First through Third Grade Division

- Kaycen Williams (not pictured) First Grade
Gardner Valley School
- Elsie Valasquez (not pictured) First Grade
Gardner Valley School

SPRING HOME UPGRADES WITH ZERO INTEREST FINANCING

With spring finally here, most people are thinking about getting outside and taking advantage of the warmer weather to do some yard work or home remodeling and to enjoy nature. Using San Isabel Electric's rebate and energy efficiency financing programs can help you tackle your spring-to-do list.

For a limited time, San Isabel Electric is offering 0% financing for 12 months for qualifying home energy-efficiency projects as part of the Empower program. The offer is available only to people who buy electricity from San Isabel Electric, our members.

This is not a buy-now-pay-later program. Instead, the project's costs are spread out over a 12-month period. You pay for these improvements as a line item on your electric bill. To qualify, the energy-efficiency home improvement product or project must be purchased through San Isabel Electric, and can be installed using either one of San Isabel Electric's approved contractors, or you can install it yourself. No gimmicks, no catch, no fees, no promotional period and no money down is required. We're here for the sole purpose of serving our members, not to make a profit. We just want to help.

Here's a list of qualifying home improvement projects that we sell, finance and install for the 0%-for-12 months financing offer. They can be done on their own or bundled together, to save even more.

BE A FAN OF CHILLING OUT

Whole house fans, attic fans and ceiling fans can help make the most of your air conditioning or natural ventilation system by increasing your home's air flow.

WHOLE-HOUSE AND ATTIC FANS

A whole-house fan is used for cooling both the living spaces and attic. Whole-house fans can cut your A/C related costs by up to 50% and can instantly make a room feel 5 to 10 degrees cooler. Whole-house fans are not effective during the day when it is warmest outside. This is where an attic fan comes in. Attic fans ventilate and exhaust your attic only and are used primarily during the day, but they work well in the evening and night as well. Without an attic fan, an attic can get up to 150 degrees during the summer. *San Isabel Electric is a licensed QuietCool dealer.*



HVLS CEILING FANS

Ceiling fans can allow you to adjust your thermostat by about 4 degrees year round. In the summer, they create a windchill effect. During winter, when operated in the reverse direction on a low speed, warm air is moved from the ceiling to the living levels of the space. A larger blade can provide comparable cooling at a lower speed than a small blade. High-volume, low-speed fans are nice when objects like

loose papers could be disturbed by a strong air flow. Since ceiling fans don't change the temperature of the room itself, it is important to remember to turn them off when you leave the room. *San Isabel Electric is a licensed dealer for Hunter Fans.*



WATER HEATER NOT SO HOT?

About 15% of the energy consumed in most homes is from water heaters. Most people own their water heaters for about 20 years. There have been great improvements in water-heating efficiency in the last two decades. An in-home inspection can help determine whether or not you need to install a new water heater. Often the decision to repair or replace comes down to the age and overall condition of the existing water heater. If the water heater is outside its warranty period or the repairs are extensive, we recommend that it be replaced rather than repaired. If the water heater is within 2 years of its manufacturer's warranty period, it can typically be repaired rather than replaced. San Isabel Electric only sells and finances traditional electric resistance water heaters and hybrid heat pump water heaters.

INSULATION – LOW ON COST, HIGH ON COMFORT

Speaking of 150-degree attics, make sure your walls and attic are properly insulated. Insulation is the thermal barrier that slows down that hot air from your attic from transferring to your living spaces. Energy Star recommends about 10 to 14 inches of attic insulation. San Isabel Electric works with local installers to assist with your insulation needs.

PORTABLE GENERATORS FOR ALL OF YOUR NEEDS

Recently, San Isabel Electric became a licensed Cummins dealer for portable and stand-by generators. Designed to go wherever you do, Cummins' new advanced portable generators bring together efficiency, power and performance. Portable generators are a great solution for powering your on-the-go workspace or off-grid adventures. *San Isabel Electric is a licensed Cummins dealer.*



IS SOLAR A GOOD FIT FOR YOU?

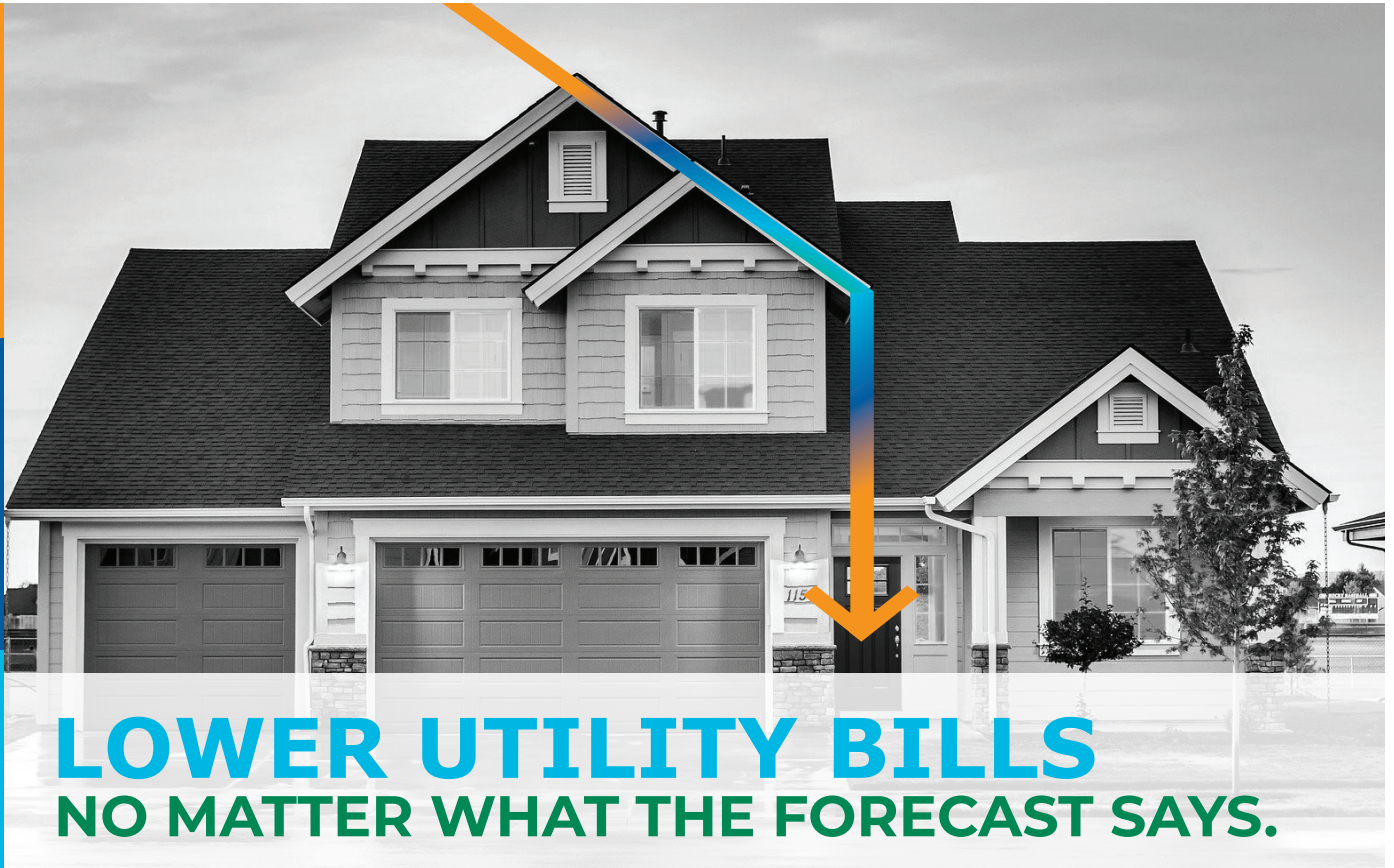
The 0% for 12 months financing offer may not fit most solar projects. However, we do offer traditional energy efficiency financing with competitive low rates and longer terms. Yes, we do sell and install solar generation systems through Steel City Solar. Even though we work with Steel City Solar, we still encourage consumers to get bids from at least three different contractors. We're happy to sit down with you and answer any questions you may have about choosing to install solar for your home or business.

GET CASH REBATES FOR GOING ELECTRIC

If you've been thinking about purchasing electric outdoor power equipment but have heard that they don't have the power or range you might need, you may want to take another look. Corded outdoor power equipment is often less expensive than its gasoline-powered counterparts. Electric outdoor power equipment is likely cheaper in the long run because it requires less maintenance. Some have some extra features you may not expect, such as lights for working in the dark, solar charging, extra batteries and push-button starters.

San Isabel Electric has rebates for dozens of electric energy-efficiency

products, including outdoor power equipment. Most outdoor power equipment rebates start at \$100 and can be combined up to \$300 per member account. Financing is *not* available for the purchase of outdoor power equipment. Rebates are exclusively available to San Isabel Electric members. Rebate amounts change annually. To claim a San Isabel Electric rebate, you must complete a rebate request form and submit required documentation listed on the form within 90 days of product purchase. The form must be completed in whole and be accompanied by a receipt of paid invoice for each product. For more information on rebates, please visit siea.com/rebates.



LOWER UTILITY BILLS
NO MATTER WHAT THE FORECAST SAYS.

More and more homeowners in your neighborhood are saving on their utility bills and making their homes more comfortable than ever with energy-efficiency improvements. Learn from experts, get access to reliable contractors, free independent third-party quality assurance, and apply for zero-percent interest financing for one year up to 100% of the project cost. Now is the time call San Isabel Electric's energy-efficiency program and see how you can save too. Must sign-up before 12/31/22.

12 MONTHS

No interest! Make the home upgrades you need now. **San Isabel Electric must be your electric utility.**

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New La Veta School Features Student Kitchen

Chris Bailey (right), a student at the new school in La Veta, makes chocolate chip cookies from scratch in the school's new kitchen.

A feature of the new school in La Veta could help students eat healthier and save money as adults.

The school's cafeteria features a student kitchen equipped with a ceramic top electric stove, a refrigerator and two microwave ovens. The kitchen has multiple functions. Its primary purpose is to bring back the practice of teaching home cooking and kitchen safety. It also serves as an area for students and staff to microwave meals and snacks from home and as a concessions area during sporting events.

Several studies and theories have found that teens who develop confidence in their cooking skills will cook more nutritious meals as an adult, which could have long-term impacts on their nutrition and finances. Eating a home-cooked meal is almost always cheaper and healthier than eating out.

When we visited the student kitchen, tenth grader Chris Bailey was learning to bake chocolate chip cookies from scratch. That's right, from scratch! It was Bailey's first time ever using an electric stove or oven. Bailey got a few bonus lessons none of the other students will get. The stove had not been plugged in and the protective plastic stickers had not been removed. So he learned how to plug in an electric stove and his instructor helped him remove the plastic and labels that could have melted or burned during the first use.

The school also features a state-of-the-art professional kitchen, where fresh nutritious school lunches are prepared on-site instead of serving pre-packaged meals.

Still, the new student kitchen's microwave ovens are a very convenient alternative. Another student, eleventh grader, Destiny Valdez, said she uses the microwaves to reheat leftovers from home about three times per week. Valdez said she has already had a little experience learning to cook at home. She explained that cooking is vital to future independence.

"I think it's really important for kids who don't know how to do that, and that they are able to use the stove and microwaves to learn how to live on their own someday," Valdez said.

"In this day and age, we're finding more and more of our students are needing to be more self-sufficient," said the school's Project Manager Gaye Davis. The student kitchen's appliances were purchased thanks to a \$5,500 combined donation from San Isabel Electric and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

CRUNCH TIME COOKIES

- 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 sticks (1/2 pound) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 ounces (1/4 cup) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 1/2 cups (8 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup (4 ounces) toffee chips

In a large skillet, toast the pecans over low heat, stirring frequently, or until the nuts begin to change color and give off a nutty scent, about 10 minutes. Turn the nuts onto paper towels and allow them to cool, then chop them roughly and set aside. Sift or whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

Using an electric mixer in a large bowl, beat the butter and cream cheese on medium speed until the mixture is very creamy. Add the brown sugar and beat very well until the mixture is creamy and uniform. Add the granulated sugar and again, beat very well until you have a uniform, creamy mixture. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat well after each addition. Stir in the vanilla. Using a large wooden spoon, stir in the flour mixture just until combined. Then, stir in the cooled pecans, oats, chocolate chips and toffee bits, blending only until thoroughly mixed. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and put it in the refrigerator until thoroughly chilled, three hours or overnight.

When you are ready to make the cookies, take the bowl out of the refrigerator and allow the dough to warm slightly while the oven is preheating. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with silicone baking mats. Measure out the dough by tablespoons and place the cookies two inches apart on the baking sheets. Place no more than a dozen cookies on each sheet. Bake, one sheet at a time, for 9 to 11 minutes, or until the edges of the cookies are very browned and the centers are no longer soft. Let the cookies set for 2 minutes on the baking sheet, then transfer them to racks to cool completely. Store in airtight containers or in zippered freezer bags. These cookies freeze well.

Recipe published in *Colorado Country Life* February 2016. Source: *Goldy's Kitchen Cookbook*.