

West Gallup experiences power outage

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A power outage on the city's west end left dozens of residences and businesses without electricity on Nov. 26.

But electricity was quickly restored, officials said.

Gallup Electric Director Richard Matzke said power went out at about 3 am that morning at various locales throughout Gallup, adding that it didn't come back on until about a three hours later.

"There were some strong winds at that time," Matzke said. "That is what this was attributed to."

Matzke said city work crews ended up replacing two fuses associated with a bigger transformer. He said the winds at the time were so strong that the fuses simply didn't hold up.

Heather Young of Cleveland, Ohio, was staying at the Budget Inn, 3150 W. Historic Highway 66, when the power went out. She said she lost Internet connections, but nothing else, particularly, the heating system, wasn't effected, she said.

"The power was down, but there was still heat," Young said.

Last weekend wasn't the first time the power went out in west Gallup and beyond. The same thing has happened at least twice in 2016.

Matzke said the cost to replace the fuses was a little more than \$200.

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