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Squirrel Causes Power Outage in Centralia

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A trio of squirrels hangs out on the side of a large tree in Fort Borst Park on in February.

Areas of Centralia were without power Friday morning after a squirrel “fried” a transformer.

“It was a big squirrel,” said M.L. Norton at Centralia City Light. “It probably started out brown and now it’s black.”

Such outages happens periodically, but spring and fall are the most common times.

“We don’t really hear much from them in between,” Norton said.

The outages centered on East Locust Street and Seminary Hill, affecting 864 customers.

Electricity had been restored as of 10:45 a.m.