

Riding to the rescue



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Jeff Miller, an electrician from Summit Electric in Barnhardt, replaces the electric switches Monday at Ride On St. Louis, an equine therapy program in Kimmswick.

Located next to the Mississippi River, Ride On St. Louis was flooded and heavily damaged in late December. Volunteers from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1 and the St. Louis Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association are volunteering time and materials to get the therapy program back in business. Summit Electric is managing the repairs. Ride On St. Louis has nine horses that are used by about 70 disabled people and veterans for therapy. The program has been located at this farm since 2002. This is the third time that it has been flooded, but this time, the water reached its highest level ever.



A photo from Dec. 30, provided to the Post-Dispatch, shows the rising Mississippi River around the horse stalls at Ride On St. Louis in Kimmswick.