



HONORING A HERO

ARMY PVT. LYLE REAB





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FRIDAY, JULY 30TH

10:30 AM--Opening Ceremony



**CUSTER COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

The Nebraska Lineworkers Rodeo will be held this year at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow. Competitors from across Nebraska will gather to compete and demonstrate their skills. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for more information, or visit nelinerodeo.com.

This Month's Cover:



On June 8th, Central City Lineworkers Charlie Mundt and Travis Forbis (pictured) assisted in efforts to welcome home a military hero, displaying the American flag for a funeral procession in Giltner.

Army Pvt. Lyle Reab--born in Phillips, Nebraska--served our nation during World War II. He was missing in action from 1944 to 1948 when his unidentified remains were discovered. He was buried in Belgium as an unknown soldier.

Earlier this year, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that his remains had been identified through DNA analysis. He was finally brought home, and was honored in a ceremony on June 8th. He was buried alongside his parents in Lerton Cemetery in Giltner.

SOURCE: Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Grand Island Independent

Employee TRANSITIONS

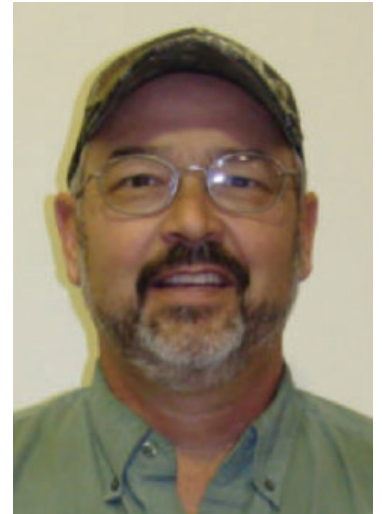
CONGRATULATIONS TO RETIRING EMPLOYEE, STEVE STEINHAUSER

On July 15, Steve Steinhauser will mark the final day of his career serving the customers of Southern Public Power District.

His career began in the District's Hastings Service Area, where he was hired as an Apprentice Lineworker on July 1, 1988. He was promoted to Journeyman Lineworker in 1991, and Lead Lineworker in 1998. On August 30, 1999, he transitioned to the role of Staking Engineer in Grand Island. This move allowed him to discover new abilities, adding valuable technical skills to his list of talents. On February 14, 2011, Steve was promoted to a leadership role, serving as the Area Manager for the Grand Island Service Area.

Steve's responsibility as an Area Manager is to provide leadership and direction to the lineworkers of the Grand Island office--guiding them through daily maintenance tasks, construction projects and major outages. Although the role of an Area Manager is clearly and specifically defined, Steve has never confined himself within the boundaries of his responsibilities. He is always one of the first people to arrive at the office each day, and is always among the first to step forward when an unplanned job needs a champion. His devotion to his profession and tireless work ethic are rare, and SPPD has been privileged to have Steve on our team.

If you know Steve, he is very deserving of praise and gratitude for his tireless service. Please join us in wishing him a relaxing retirement.



PULVER JOINS SPPD TEAM

We are excited to welcome Taylor Pulver of Kenesaw to SPPD. He joined the District's Hastings Service Area as an Apprentice Lineworker on Monday, June 1st.

Taylor is a May 2021 graduate of Northeast Community College in Norfolk. He was also a recipient of SPPD's Lineworker Scholarship Program in 2019.

Please join us in welcoming Taylor to our team. We wish him a fulfilling and safe career.



SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Five future lineworkers are spending their summer working as interns for SPPD. These men and their assigned area of service include Colby Setlik, Grand Island; Michael Spellman, Central City; Nathan Anderson, Funk; Michael O'Callahan, Hastings; and Hunter Fischer, Construction Crew.



Sweet SUMMERTIME!



Summer is a time to enjoy the great outdoors, and with the time spent outside comes the potential for dangers. If your summer is spent on the water, please keep in mind electrical safety when swimming or using your boat.

SWIMMERS

■ **Never swim near a boat or launching ramp.** Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or the marina's wiring, potentially putting anyone in the water at risk of electric shock.

■ If you feel any tingling sensations while in the water, **tell someone and swim back** in the direction from which you came. Immediately report it to the dock or marina owner.

BOAT OWNERS

■ **Ensure your boat is properly maintained and consider having it inspected annually.** GFCIs and ELCIs should be tested monthly. Conduct leakage testing to determine if electrical current is escaping the vessel.

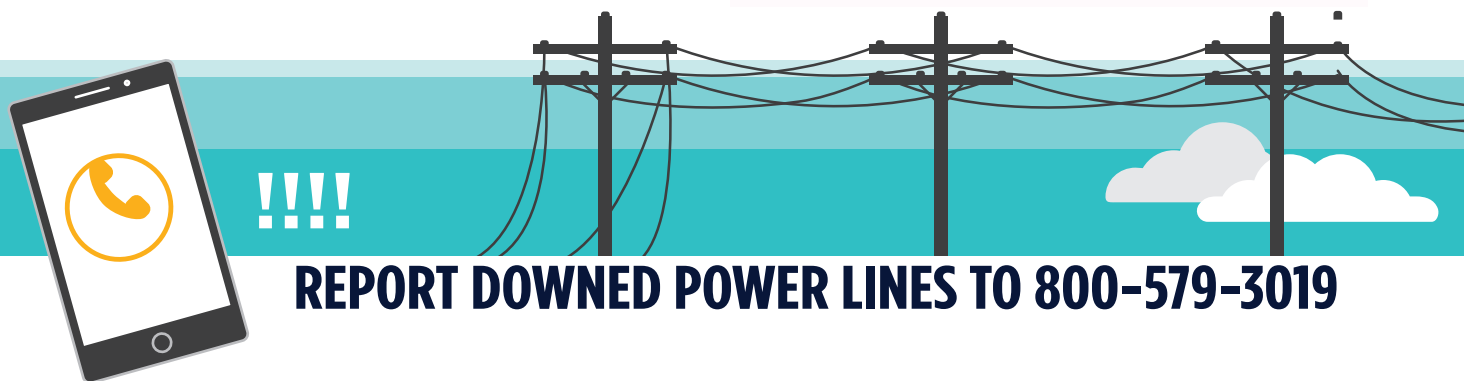
■ **Use portable GFCIs or shore power cords** (including "Y" adapters) that are "UL- Marine Listed" when using electricity near water.

■ Regularly have your boat's electrical system inspected by a certified marine electrician. **Ensure it meets your local and state NEC, NFPA and ABYC safety codes.**

DOWNED & DANGEROUS

One fact about summertime in Nebraska is that it isn't always "sweet"--severe weather can create havoc and result in power outages. It is important to always assume that a downed power line is energized. Downed lines can energize the ground up to 35 feet away. If you are in your car, never drive over a downed line or through water that is touching the line.

Most importantly, NEVER try to remove a downed line, even if you believe it is de-energized. Contact SPPD immediately, or the utility that serves the location where the downed line was discovered.



REPORT DOWNED POWER LINES TO 800-579-3019

BEAT THE HEAT

SIMPLE STEPS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR ENERGY USAGE

MORE TIPS:

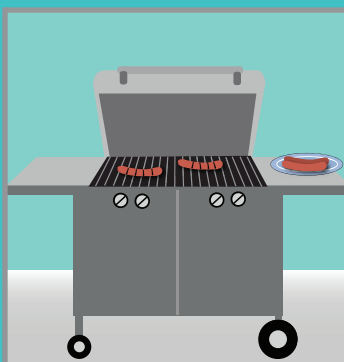
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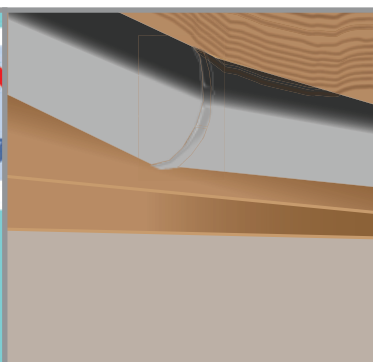
This summer when the heat is on, you will likely be using more electricity to power your cooling system. But, don't sweat it! There are a number of things you can do to minimize your usage--some that are a small investment, and others larger. Try out a few of these tips, and look for more helpful tips on our website.



On hot days, consider cooking your meals with an outdoor grill instead of your oven.



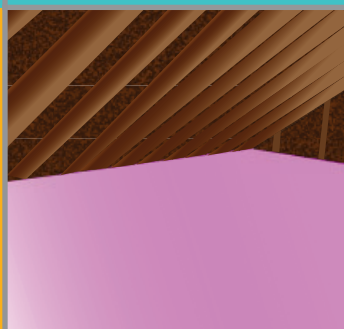
Programmable thermostats can save up to 10% on heating and cooling costs each year.



Prevent air loss by insulating & sealing ducts. Air loss accounts for about 30% of a cooling system's energy consumption.



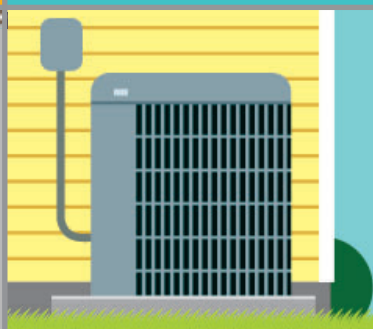
Use bathroom fans when showering or bathing and a range hood when cooking to remove heat and humidity.



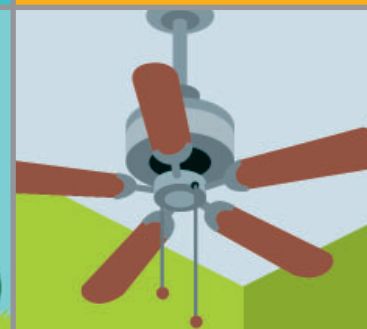
Insulate your attic and walls, and seal cracks and openings to prevent air leakage.



Install energy-efficient window coverings that let natural light in and prevent solar heat gain.



Buy an ENERGY STAR-qualified AC unit. Even better, consider a heat pump for heating and cooling!



Use ceiling fans--they allow you to raise thermostat settings about 4° without affecting your comfort.

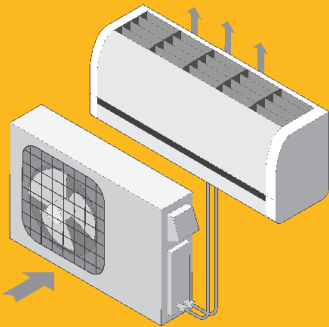
Helping You Find Value: HEAT PUMPS

If you are looking to replace your home's heating and cooling system, a heat pump is an option you should consider!

Although the investment for a heat pump is greater than traditional units, the performance of the unit will translate into a savings on your heating bills over time. We also offer an incentive program to help with the investment of a new heat pump. The EnergyWise Program offers incentives for a variety of heat pump systems. Incentive values vary according to the type of unit you choose to install.

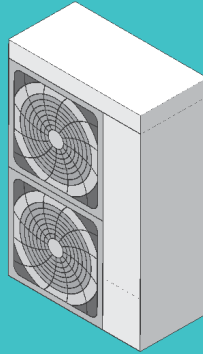
DUCTLESS MINI-SPLIT

Rebates: \$400-\$1,200



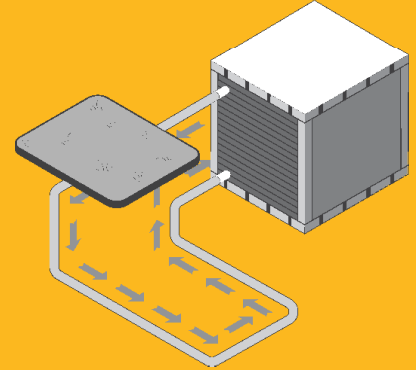
AIR SOURCE

Rebates: \$400-\$1,200



GEO THERMAL

Rebates: \$2,400-\$3,300



The complete listing of EnergyWise Heat Pump Incentives and guidelines are available at southernpd.com. For more information contact Sam Reinke at 800-579-3019.



AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

Scammers will threaten you with everything from shutting off power to your home to legal action. Don't fall victim to scammers. If you receive a suspicious call...

- **Take your time.** Scammers try to create a sense of urgency so you'll act fast and hand over personal information, especially over the phone. Take a moment to think about the situation before acting.
- **Be suspicious.** Scammers typically request immediate payments through prepaid debit cards or third-party apps. Unusual requests like this should raise red flags.
- **Confirm before you act.** If you're contacted by someone claiming to represent SPPD, just hang up the phone and call us directly: **800-579-3019**.

Recent News From SOUTHERN PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Five men were recently awarded Utility Lineworker Scholarships. Pictured with their parents are Noah Landanger, Wood River; Andrew Adams, Aurora; Trevor Kluck, Aurora; and Denton Stark, Hastings. Arik Ackerman of Bertrand is not pictured. Presentations were made during the May Board of Directors Meeting in Grand Island.



LOAD MANAGEMENT SEASON UNDERWAY

The load management is in full swing, and we want to be sure you are well-informed on our daily status.

Customers who are interested in following up-to-the-minute information regarding load management are encouraged to follow the District's Load Management page on Twitter. The handle for this specialized page is SouthernPPDLM.

As always, updates are also available on our website, by calling 800-652-9809, and updates are broadcast on KRVN 880-AM Radio.



**Load Management
Twitter Page.
Look for the
above icon!**

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT CALCULATIONS & REBATES

As mentioned in the **2021 Load Management Newsletter**, SPPD will implement a two-season process to improve power factor for irrigation customers. The newsletter with the full story can be accessed at southernppd.com.

Irrigation customers whose power factor reading(s) are below 0.93 will see a power factor adjustment applied to future billings. The installation of a properly-sized capacitor to correct power factor to 0.93 or greater will eliminate power factor adjustments.

A **power factor calculator** is available on our website, which illustrates the potential cost of a power factor adjustment.

Customers who choose to install a capacitor to correct their power factor may apply for a \$100 incentive.

The **application form** is available on our website, and complete terms can be found on the application form. For more information contact the Irrigation Services Department at SPPD.

**Find the load
management
newsletter, rebate
forms & power factor
calculator under the
"Irrigation" tab at
southernppd.com**



SMART HUB Text Distribution

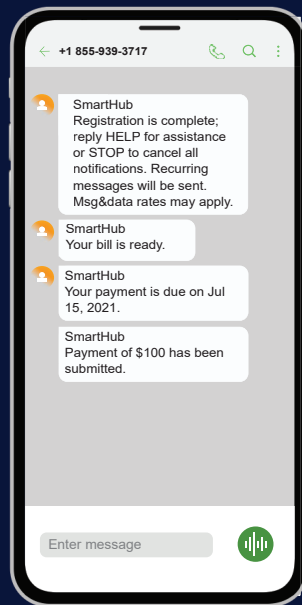
Customers who use the SmartHub portal will see a change in text messaging distribution. In the past, notifications received by text were sent from a six-digit number called a "short code".

Going forward, these text messages will be distributed from a new phone number: 855-939-3665.

This change has occurred because carriers such as AT&T and T-Mobile are moving away from shared short codes for text messages.

The functions of SmartHub will remain the same. The portal allows SPPD customers to manage their accounts, including the review of electrical usage, billing statements and online payments.

If you have any questions about the SmartHub portal, we encourage you to contact our Customer Services Department at 800-579-3019.



JULY IS **NATIONAL GRILLING MONTH**



Scan the pincode below from your Pinterest app to view our National Grilling Month Board. We've gathered up mouth-watering recipes to help you up step up your grilling game this summer!

RECIPE

GRILLED STEAK TACOS

SPICY AIOLI:

- 1/4 C. Mayonnaise
- 2 tsp. Sriracha chili sauce or
- 1 tsp. hot pepper sauce
- 1/8 tsp. sesame oil

AVOCADO-CORN SALSA:

- 1 med. ripe avocado-peeled, finely chopped
- 1/2 medium tomato, seeded & chopped
- 3 T. sliced ripe olives
- 2 T. canned whole kernel corn
- 2 T. chopped sweet red pepper

- 2 T. lime juice
- 4 tsp. minced fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. finely chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 tsp. ground cumin

STEAKS:

- 2 tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. seafood seasoning
- 1 beef ribeye steak (1 lb.), trimmed
- 8 flour tortillas (6-in)
- Optional toppings: Shredded lettuce, cheddar cheese

In small bowl, combine Aioli ingredients. In another bowl, combine salsa ingredients. Refrigerate until serving.




Combine the pepper, oil, salt and seafood seasoning; rub over both sides of steak.

Grill, covered, over medium heat until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, a thermometer should read 135°; medium, 140°; medium-well, 145°), 6-8 minutes on each side. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Grill tortillas until warm, about 45 seconds on each side. Thinly slice steak; place on tortillas. Serve with aioli, salsa and toppings of your choice.

SOURCE: Recipe & Photo: Taste of Home



1. Open  app
2. Go to  bar
3. Tap  to scan