

SPD Newsletter

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LIGHTING THE WAY

Scholarship Winners Announced

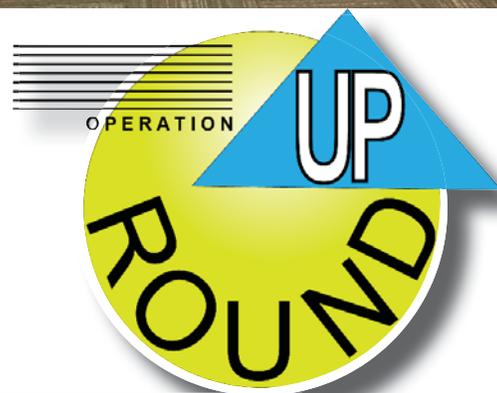
The 2018 Utility Lineworker Scholarship winners were acknowledged by Southern's Board of Directors in May. Pictured from left to right is Board Chairman Larry Benson, Andrew Archer, Jaden Garner, Casey Furstenau, Chase Dettman and CEO Neal Niedfeldt.

Congratulations to these men, and we wish you the best as you pursue your careers.



Round Up Grants Distributed to 14 Eligible Applicants

It has been an exciting year, watching ROUND UP funds go back into our communities to help support some fantastic projects. We thank our customers who are participating in this program! Grants were awarded to the following 14 projects, totaling \$21,000 for the first quarter of 2018:



Village of Bertrand

Benches at Veterans Memorial Park

\$2,500

Mid-Nebraska Amateur Radio Club

Radio Room in Fire Hall

\$500

Village of Loomis - Baseball/Softball Commission

Backstop & Dugout Replacement

\$2,500

Franklin County Historical Society

Handicap Accessible Doors

\$1,000

Campbell Cemetery

Cemetery Fencing

\$1,300

Loomis Volunteer Fire Dept.

Thermal Imaging Camera

\$2,500

Cairo Community Foundation

Awareness Ribbon Butterfly Garden

\$2,500

Kenesaw Volunteer Fire Dept.

CPR/Basic Life Support Training Equipment

\$2,500

Timberlake Ranch Camps

Basketball Hoops

\$2,000

Jensen Memorial Library

Ipads: Ipad Mobile Lab

\$1,000

Merrick Foundation

Basketball Hoops/Volleyball Nets

\$700

Kearney County Quilts of Valor

Quilting Materials

\$250

Phillips Community Foundation

Commercial Refrigerator

\$1,500

Prairie Quilting Guild

Quilting Materials

\$250

Sights & Experiences: Atlanta Prisoner-of-War Camp

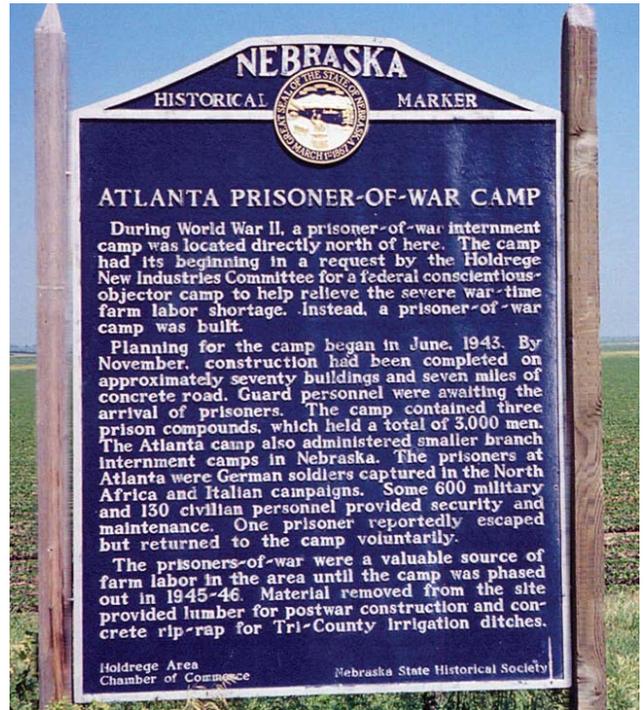
In the 1940s, the city of Holdrege was in need of laborers. With over 1,400 residents of Phelps County in active military services and many others who moved to cities to work in war-related industries, a petition was made to Nebraska's congressmen to find a solution. The result was the construction of a prisoner-of-war camp, which was opened with an official public ceremony on November 29, 1943.

The first POWs, numbering 250, arrived on January 25, 1944, with additional prisoners arriving in the spring. These men were German soldiers who were captured in the North Africa and Italian campaigns. The camp was comprised of three compounds, each which housed approximately 1,000 men. Each compound included barracks, a mess hall, workshop, canteen, infirmary, recreation hall and an administrative building. There was a hospital on site with 113 beds that served both prisoners and guards. At the time, the camp was noted in local publications for being efficient and visually appealing.

The prisoners were utilized as laborers both on the camp and in surrounding areas. Some of the prisoners were allowed to leave the camp and provide service to nearby farms.

The camp was ultimately phased out by 1946, and material that was removed from the camp site was utilized for post-war construction and concrete remnants were used within Tri-County Irrigation ditches.

There is much more, extensive information available about the day-to-day experiences of prisoners and security staff of this camp, and it can be viewed on the Nebraska State Historical Society website at <https://history.nebraska.gov>.



SPD Seeking to Return Unclaimed Funds

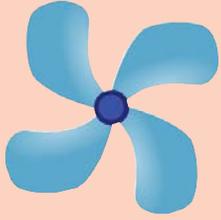
The individuals listed below have left funds due them with Southern Power District. We are required to turn these funds over to the State of Nebraska's Department of Treasury if they aren't claimed. If you know of the whereabouts of any of these people, call Jim Erbes at Southern Power District at 308-384-2350 or 1-800-579-3019.

Carlos Bermudez, Alda
Myca Snyder, Trumbull
Daniel Vohland, Heartwell
George Cervino-Hernande, Cairo
Jaime Hernandez
John Wilson, Kearney
Pedro Ramos, Doniphan
Michelle Titman, Kearney
Casey Kettleborough, Doniphan
Jacob Magee, Holdrege
Sydney Vansyckle/Jacob Tomes, Bloomington
Casey Shockey, Kenesaw
Brad Reiss, Riverton

Lewis Spencer/Kimberly Schulz, Minden
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Jason Bonifas, Roseland
Drew Ayres, Hebron
Tiffany Nunnenkamp, Minden/Phillips
Justin Graves, Omaha
Janice L Alexander, Chapman
Jesse Strong, Loomis
Randy Gronewold, Hastings
Eliazar Mercado, Alda

5 Tips to Reduce Your Cooling Costs This Summer

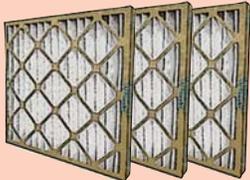
As temperatures go up, so can your electric bill! Remember to take these simple steps to minimize the impact that cooling makes on your household budget:



1. **Use a ceiling fan or circulating fan.** Doing so can make you feel 6-7 degrees cooler. But remember...a fan doesn't cool a room, it just makes the room more comfortable. Always remember to turn off the fan when no one is occupying the room. A ceiling fan also helps disperse cooled air more efficiently and allows you to raise its thermostat by as much as 4 degrees, with little or no discomfort.



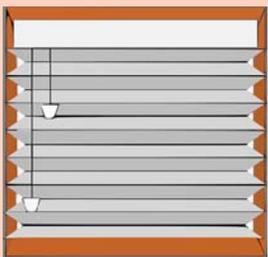
2. **Run your AC more economically.** Setting your AC as high as is comfortably possible and using a programmable thermostat to increase temperature when you're out, or asleep, could easily decrease your summer cooling bill by 10%. The smaller the difference between indoor and outdoor temperatures throughout the summer season, the less you'll spend. Set your AC's thermostat to 78°F instead of 72°F. Coming into to a hot house? Turning the AC to a colder-than-normal setting won't cool rooms any faster.



3. **Maintain cooling systems.** It's not enough to use an energy-efficient AC and install a programmable thermostat. If you don't properly care for your equipment, it won't reduce your cooling costs. Dirty AC filters block airflow and make units work harder to cool your home. Cleaning and/or replacing filters once per month will lower an AC's energy consumption 5 to 15%.



4. **Avoid heat buildup during the day.** Whenever the outdoor temperature exceeds the temperature in your home, try to avoid activities that generate heat, such as cooking on the stovetop and using the dishwasher or clothes dryer. Instead, use your microwave or grill outdoors, wash dishes by hand and allow them to air-dry, and hang clothes on a clothesline. Otherwise, try to save these activities until after dark when temperatures have dropped. Computers, stereos and TVs are also big heat-generators. By simple avoidance, you'll be save money on electricity—and what it would cost to make that AC work overtime.



5. **Close curtains, blinds and shades.** Whatever your treatments, you'll see significant savings if you work to prevent solar heat gain by keeping them drawn all day. Try to use light-colored treatments: The lighter the hue, the more they'll deflect the sun's scorching rays. Hang shades as close to window panes as possible, as this enables them to also block outdoor heat from radiating inside. Consider insulated and/or reflective shades, which will also save you money come heating season.

Schedule a Tune-Up for Optimum Unit Performance!

Not only will an annual tune-up assure the most efficient operation possible for your unit, you could be eligible for an incentive as well! As a Southern customer you can apply for a Cooling System Tune-Up Incentive. This incentive is available once every three years, and offers a \$30 EnergyWise incentives to home owners who hire a qualified HVAC dealer to complete the tune-up. To learn more log on to our website:

www.southernpd.com





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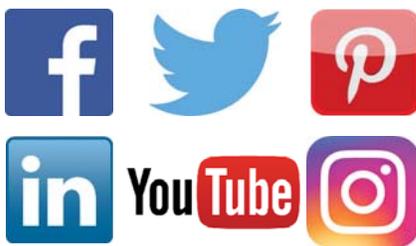
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Five Students Begin Summer Internships

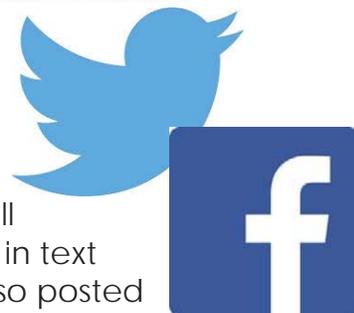


Please join us in welcoming our 2018 Summer Interns, assigned to locations as follows: Owen Grube, Franklin; Alex Helms, Holdrege; Dylan Thomsen, Hastings; Cody Christiansen, Central City; and Logan Gleason, Grand Island.

These men are currently all students at Northeast Community College at Norfolk, and are required to complete an internship through their course of studies. They will learn on-the-job skills directly from our own linemen, and will work under their supervision.

Irrigation Customers: Stay Informed!

Load management season is upon us! Farmers, if you would like to be included in text notification for your controlled wells, please contact Anthony Bohaty by email at abohaty@southernpd.net, and indicate your name and your mobile carrier. You may also call Southern Power District at 800-579-3019 to enroll in text notification. Load management updates are also posted on our Facebook and Twitter social media sites.



QUICK BEEF STIR FRY

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 T. vegetable oil
- 1 lb. beef sirloin, cut into 2-inch strips
- 1 1/2 C. fresh broccoli florets
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into matchsticks
- 2 carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 2 T. soy sauce
- 2 T. sesame seeds, toasted



DIRECTIONS:

Heat vegetable oil in a large wok or skillet over medium-high heat; cook and stir beef until browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Move beef to the side of the wok and add broccoli, bell pepper, carrots, green onion, and garlic to the center of the wok. Cook and stir vegetables for 2 minutes. Stir beef into vegetables and season with soy sauce and sesame seeds. Continue to cook and stir until vegetables are tender, about 2 more minutes.