



## SPD Linemen Succeed at Annual Rodeo!

Five SPD Lineworkers left their best work on the field at the fifth annual Nebraska Lineworkers Rodeo at the Nebraska State Fair. Three of our competitors tested their skills in the Apprentice Lineworker division, including Tyler Fuelberth, Zach Butt and John Gits.



SPD was also represented by a Journeyman Team, which succeeded in bringing home many awards for their efforts! Matt Lovejoy and Alex Frickel achieved first place in the Transformer Changeout event, third place in the Mystery Event, and third place overall in the Journeyman Team category. This marks the most successful results for SPD linemen in rodeo history!

This event is more than just a competition to these men. It is an opportunity to sharpen their skills, learn different techniques from linemen throughout Nebraska, and to highlight the skills of utility lineworkers to the public--and perhaps inspire young men and women to pursue a career in this exciting field. Great job to all five of these men!

### Learn More About Our Incentive Programs!

Visit [www.southernpd.com](http://www.southernpd.com) to learn more about the added value of our energy efficiency incentive programs. Whether you are thinking about adding insulation or upgrading your heating and cooling system, there are a number of options to help you with your energy efficiency goals. Contact Sam Reinke at Southern Power District for more information!



### AUTUMN MUFFINS

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 C. brown sugar
- 3/4 C. white sugar
- 3 C. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 T. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 C. butter, melted
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/4 C. milk
- 1 C. chopped cranberries
- 1 C. chopped, peeled apple
- 1/2 C. chopped dried figs
- 3/4 C. chopped toasted hazelnuts

#### PREPARATION:

1. Preheat oven to 375° F. Grease muffin pans or line with paper muffin liners.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the brown sugar, white sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger. Make a well in the center, and add the melted butter, milk and eggs, mix until smooth. Stir in the cranberries, apple, figs, and hazelnuts. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin pans. Cups should be at least 3/4 full.
3. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven or until a toothpick inserted into a muffin comes out clean.

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## Celebrating Growth, Here At Home!

We were pleased to attend a Groundbreaking Ceremony in September, to recognize an exciting expansion for an SPD customer, Preferred Popcorn located near Chapman.

The expansion at Preferred Popcorn brought about the state's first-ever Economic Opportunity Program (EOP) grant, which will support growth to infrastructure in Merrick County. This infrastructure upgrade affiliated with this plant will include the paving of 1.25 miles of existing gravel road. Paving this road will provide ease of access between the growing facility and Highway 30. Governor Pete Ricketts and Congressman Adrian Smith were on hand for the groundbreaking, to acknowledge the grant funds awarded for the infrastructure improvement.

Preferred Popcorn's \$6 million expansion will add 22,500 square feet to the existing plant, which will more than double its operational capacity. The addition will create approximately 10 new full-time jobs, and opens the door for an additional \$25 million in annual production contracts with local farmers. Preferred popcorn exports its Nebraska-grown products to 70 countries around the world!



Representatives from SPD pictured attending the groundbreaking included Neal Niedfeldt, Sam Reinke, Todd Barger, Zeb Graham and Board Member Dean Klute.

## Celebrating Public Power!

October is Public Power Month. In Nebraska, public power has provided our state with very unique advantages. Here at Southern, we are pleased to facilitate and pass on these benefits to our customers.

Since Southern's formation over 80 years ago, the electric industry has seen many changes. New technologies have emerged over the years that have allowed us to ramp up our system's reliability to meet your growing needs and expectations.

As these changes have occurred, the advantages that public power brings to the table have NOT changed. **Public power puts you in control.** Our operations are ultimately overseen by a 14-member board of directors. These individuals live and work right here in Central Nebraska. You have the opportunity to cast your vote for two members of this board from your own county of residence. When you have a concern about the direction of your electric service, these are the people you can speak to...not a corporate stock holder from another state.

As we continue to see growth in our service region and in your expectations for service, we are working hard to keep our system functioning with **the reliability that you deserve.** Not only do we upgrade power line facilities, but we have established new options for the management of your accounts and are actively

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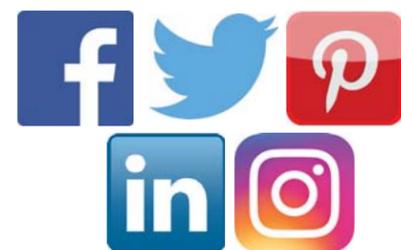
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# Sights & Experiences

## “The Conflict of 1867”

This month we are looking back in time to a series of events which occurred west of Doniphan, Nebraska and is commemorated with a historical marker.

On July 24, 1867, Peter Campbell and his oldest son were helping a neighbor to complete his harvest. As they were working, Native Americans attacked their home and captured two of his daughters, age 17 and 19, as well as his twin sons who were age four. A nine-year-old daughter escaped. That same day, only one-half a mile away, the Indians killed Mrs. Thurston Warren at her home and wounded one of her children. When she was found, it was discovered that she was murdered in the doorway of the family's log home, and was still clutching her baby, named Thomas. A separate marker on Platte River Road commemorates her death.

Nearly one month later in mid-August, a group of Pawnee Scouts, who were led by Frank North, engaged in a battle with Sioux and Cheyenne leaders near Plum Creek. In that conflict, a woman and a boy were taken as prisoners by the Pawnee Scouts. The boy was the nephew of Turkey Leg, a Cheyenne Chief.

Following these conflicts, a meeting was held in North Platte between Sioux and Cheyenne leaders and a government peace commission. As a result of this meeting, the children captured in these conflicts were exchanged unharmed in North Platte. The following Spring, the remaining members of the Campbell family relocated to Saunders County.

This historical marker detailing these events is located just off of Amick Avenue on Monument Road, 1 1/2 miles west of Doniphan on Platte River Road. The graves are located at the end of Monument Road, 1/2 mile from the historical marker. The last member of the Campbell family to be buried here was Elizabeth Campbell, in 1924. She was one of the siblings who was kidnapped in 1867.

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updating our metering technology. We are constantly looking for new ways to improve the reliability of power, and for new options to make doing business with us as simple as possible!

While all of these improvements are costly, we are very proud to have implemented these new technologies while keeping costs to a minimum. In fact, **we haven't passed on any rate increases to you since 2013!** Holding costs down can be challenging but it is something we strive for every day!

In addition to these traditional benefits of public power, we are also very mindful about the communities we serve. We enjoy the partnerships with local officials and local farmers and business owners as we work together to assure a great quality of life for those who work and live here, and collaborate to assure the vitality of our region.

Thank you, for allowing us to be your provider of electric service, and we look forward to this partnership for years to come!



Grant funds were awarded to the Phillips Volunteer Fire Department from the District's Operation ROUND UP Program.

## This Harvest Season, Look Up! Look Out! LIVE!

With the commencement of harvest, our customers are working in the field and the finish line for the season is in sight! It is exciting to be so close to completion. But in the flurry of activity and the inevitable desire to work swiftly, we urge anyone working in the fields this season to take a few moments to Look Up! Look Out! And most importantly, LIVE! It only takes a few moments to look and take note of power lines that are present in your field, and to take appropriate measure to keep farm equipment at a safe distance.

We'd like to offer some helpful tips to consider and act upon as you begin your harvest operations.

- Every day, review all upcoming tasks for yourself. Discuss daily tasks with other farm workers and identify potential hazards.
- Identify the location of power poles and lines. When passing equipment near electrical facilities, maintain a distance of AT LEAST 10 feet.
- Be watchful when raising augers or the bed of a grain truck. It can be difficult to estimate distance, especially if you are fatigued. Always enlist in the assistance of a spotter to avoid contact with the line.
- Always adjust portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level – under 14 feet – before moving or transporting them. You cannot predict the results when wind, uneven ground, shifting weight, or other conditions are added to the mix.
- NEVER raise or move a power line to clear a path.
- Be careful not to raise any equipment or objects such as ladders, poles, or irrigation pipe into power lines. As with all other equipment maintain a distance of AT LEAST 10 feet, and maintain an even further distance if you are experiencing wind.
- If you make a mistake while working in machinery, know how to react. Read below to review the proper steps to take if your equipment contacts a power line.

### If You Are Inside Farm Machinery That Makes Contact with a Downed Power Line:

- If you can safely drive away from the scene without bringing down the utility pole and lines, travel at least 40 feet before exiting the equipment.
- If you are unable to drive the machinery due to injury, stalled equipment, or other obstacles, DO NOT exit the equipment. Call for help and warn bystanders not to approach the equipment.

### If You Must Exit the Equipment for Safety Reasons, Follow These Steps:

1. Jump clear of the vehicle. Do not let any part of your body or clothing touch the ground and the machinery at the same time.
2. Land with your feet together and hop away in small steps to minimize the path of electric current and avoid electric shock.
3. Keep going until you are at least 40 feet away.
4. Call for help. Make sure no one gets within 40 feet of the downed line.
5. Do not re-enter the area or vehicle until emergency responders and utility crews determine it is safe.

