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Scholarship Announcements

Southern Public Power District is pleased to announce six recipients have been awarded a SPPD Utility Lineworker Scholarship to help in their pursuit of a Lineworker certification. These individuals will begin their education through accredited lineworker certification programs in the fall.

Awards for scholarship recipients range in value according to the student's chosen program. Student's attending a one-year program at an accredited school are eligible for a \$2,500 scholarship, and two-year program students are eligible to receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

Scholarships for a one-year program are paid directly to the recipient following the successful completion of their utility line study program.

Recipients of scholarships for a two-year program receive half of the scholarship after successful completion of the

first year and the second half of the scholarship award following graduation from the utility line study program.

Scholarship Recipients

Taten Uden, Kenesaw

Northeast Community College — Norfolk

Ryan Michalski, Grand Island

Northeast Community College — Norfolk

Trevor Campbell, Hastings

Northeast Community College — Norfolk

Cabot Archer, Clarks

Northeast Community College — Norfolk

Landon Way, Bertrand

Northeast Community College — Norfolk

Devin Zerr, Heartwell

Undecided



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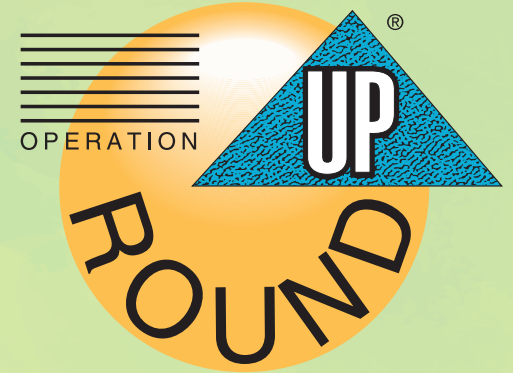
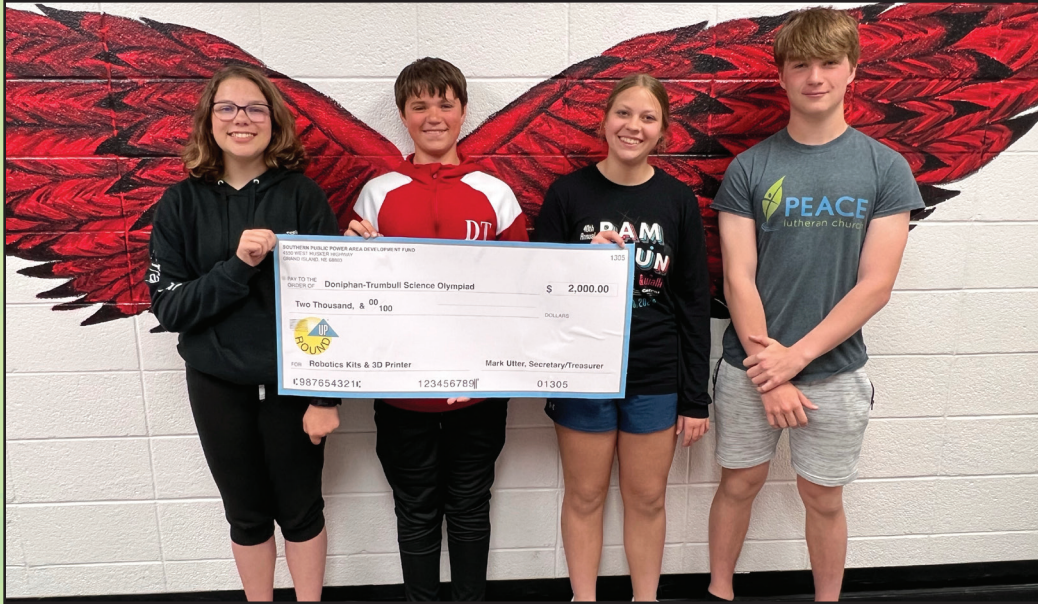
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Your Pennies at Work!

Over Half a Million Dollars Awarded



A huge thank you to everyone that participates in Operation Round Up! Your rounding up has reached a major milestone! Over \$500,000 in grants have been awarded to organizations and communities in the SPPD service area since the inception of Operation Round Up in 2014.

In April the SPPD Operation Round Up Board of Directors met and approved awarding 12 applicants from the first quarter a total of \$24,000. This brings the total awarded to projects throughout our service region to \$510,232.

If you would like to help continue to give back to our communities contact our Customer Service Department to sign up by rounding your monthly SPPD bill to the nearest dollar.

Applications for the second quarter of 2023 are due June 30 and can be found by visiting www.southernnpd.com/roundup or by contacting Amanda Groff at Southern Public Power District.

2023 First Quarter Operation Round Up Award Recipients

Holstein Rural Fire Department <i>Motor Cascade System</i>	\$2,000
Doniphan-Trumbull Science Olympiad <i>Robotics Kits and 3D Printers</i>	\$2,000
Hildreth Ball Program <i>Field Resurfacing</i>	\$1,500
Friends of Axtell Public Library <i>Library Outdoor Green Space</i>	\$2,000
Maplewood Corners (Palmer) <i>Landscaping and Sprinkler Repair</i>	\$1,000
Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department <i>Stretcher and Loading System</i>	\$2,000
Funk School Community Center <i>Replacing Flooring</i>	\$2,500
Village of Axtell <i>AED Machine</i>	\$1,500
Village of Alda <i>Walking Trail</i>	\$2,500
Wood River Ministerial Association/Food Pantry <i>Fridge/Freezer, Pallet Jack, Shelving</i>	\$2,500
Alda Volunteer Fire Department <i>TNT Extraction Tool</i>	\$2,000
Platte PEER Group <i>Accessible Fishing Pier and Trail</i>	\$2,500

Electrical Sa

Our mission is to safely provide our customers with highly reliable and competitively priced electricity, superior customer service and innovative energy solutions. The SPPD mission holds safety as a top priority for both our employees and customers. During the month of May, we will be participating in Electrical Safety Month. It is important to understand the potential dangers of electricity. Remember Electricity can be dangerous and even deadly if not used properly. These key messages are meant as a reminder for you to take the time and ensure the safety of yourself and others around electrical equipment both in the home and on the farm.

On the Farm:



1. Look Up and Look Out! Know where power lines are located. Before starting any work on your farm, identify the location of power lines. Always assume that power lines are live and dangerous.
2. Keep a safe distance from power lines. Keep a distance of at least 10 feet from power lines. This includes when you are operating machinery, such as tractors or combines. Always look up and around for power lines before starting any work.
3. Use caution when moving tall equipment such as pivots, or grain augers, and, use a spotter to help ensure that the equipment stays a safe distance from power lines.
4. Make sure equipment is lowered before moving. Before moving equipment that has been raised or extended, such as dump trucks or cranes, make sure the equipment is lowered completely to avoid contact with power lines.
5. Contact SPPD for help: If you need to work near power lines or if a power line has fallen on your property, contact us immediately for assistance.

Safety Month

At Home:

1. Make sure that all electrical appliances, outlets and cords are in good condition. Inspect them regularly for damage, such as fraying or cracking, and replace them immediately if necessary.
2. Use outlets and extension cords safely. Never overload outlets or extension cords with too many devices or appliances use extension cords only when necessary, and make sure they are rated for the devices you are using.
3. Make sure bathrooms and kitchens have Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs) installed and test them regularly.
4. Keep electrical devices away from water and never touch electrical devices with wet hands or while standing in water.
5. Use light bulbs or the correct wattage: use light bulbs that are correct wattage for the light fixture to prevent overheating and fires.
6. Keep flammable materials away from electrical devices.
7. Don't lay charging phones, tablets, or laptops on any furniture other than tables.
8. Make sure children understand that playing around power lines and electrical equipment is dangerous.
9. Hire a licensed electrician for repairs and installations.





Informational mailing coming soon!

Load management customers should be on the look out for their annual pre-season mailing from Southern Public Power District. Information in this mailing will include a special edition newsletter with information outlining processes and procedures in place during the irrigation season.

In addition, you will find an acknowledgment of your account listings and a calendar outlining your days of control for 2023. This mailing offers a final opportunity to review the status of your accounts, your control groups and the days of control you are assigned for the summer. Please give these items your attention before the rush of irrigation season takes hold.

You are encouraged to contact either Sam Reinke or Jennifer Turek in our Energy Services Department with questions or concerns regarding the upcoming load management season.

Load Management Updates

- Follow us on Twitter: **@SouthernPPDLM**
- Call the Load Control Hotline: **800-652-9809**
- Sign up for text notifications: **southernpd.com/lc-status**
- Updates will also be provided on KRVN 880-AM Radio.

Time to Tune-Up Your Cooling System

As the weather turns from spring to summer, now is the time to prepare your cooling system from the heat. Regular tune-ups on your cooling system are important in ensuring efficient performance, and ultimately, savings in your cooling costs this summer.

Systems that have been neglected can yield a savings of 5 to 15 percent in energy costs, sometimes more, if you invest in a tune-up. Doing a yearly tune-up can also help extend the life of your unit.

Southern Public Power District offers a \$30 EnergyWise incentive to homeowners that have their cooling

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Use less. Spend less. Do more.

system tuned-up by an HVAC contractor. Qualifying systems include any residential central cooling system that has been installed for at least one year, such as air conditioners, air source and water source heat pumps.

This incentive is available to residential customers. To learn more about this incentive and access an application, log onto our website at southernnpd.com/cooling-system-tune-up-incentive.





Memorial Day

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED

Our offices will be closed on
Monday, May 29
in observation of Memorial Day.

Smothered Pork Chops



Prep: 15 minutes, Cook: 60 minutes, Total: 1 hour 15 minutes
Nutrition Information: YIELD: 4, Calories per Serving: 661

Ingredients:

- 4 thick bone-in pork chops
 - Kosher salt
 - Freshly ground pepper
 - 1 C. All-purpose flour
 - 2 tsp. garlic powder
 - 1/4 tsp. chili powder
 - 1/4 C. plus 3 T. vegetable or canola oil, divided
 - 2 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced
 - 2 T. butter
 - 1 1/2 C. low-sodium chicken broth
 - 1/4 C. heavy cream
 - chopped fresh parsley, for garnish
 - Season pork chops all over with salt and pepper.
 - In a shallow dish, mix together flour with garlic powder and chili powder. Coat pork chops in flour, shaking off excess. Reserve 2 tablespoons seasoned flour.
 - In a large, heavy skillet over medium heat, heat 1/4 cup oil until shimmering. In batches, cook pork chops until golden, 4-5 minutes per side. Transfer to plate. Wipe out skillet.
 - Reduce heat to medium low, pour in remaining oil, and add onions. Season with more salt and pepper and cook until very soft and slightly caramelized, 15-20 minutes.
 - Add butter and let melt, then sprinkle in reserved flour. Cook until flour is no longer raw, about a minute.
 - Stir in chicken broth and heavy cream and bring to a simmer, until sauce begins to thicken, about 5 minutes.
 - Return pork chops to skillet and cook until pork is cooked through, about 10 minutes.
 - Garnish with parsley and serve immediately.
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