

We thank you, valued customers, for your patience following recent severe weather outbreaks!



Hall County Tree Damage
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PICTURED, LEFT:
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Rural Cairo





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FUNK FACILITY TAKES SHAPE



While the Funk Service Center construction project began with a slow start due to weather conditions, we are excited to see the structure of the building taking shape! Our goal initially was to complete this structure by December, 2019, and we will keep working toward that goal pending the weather conditions going forward.

ENERGY WISE INCENTIVE FUNDS PRESENTED TO PACIFIC ETHANOL



Sam Reinke, Energy Services Manager for SPPD, presented an EnergyWise incentive check to Patrick McKenzie and Lyndon Jones, representing Pacific Ethanol of Aurora. The check was presented for the installation of seven 300 horsepower VFD's on the fermentation recirculating pumps. This installation will provide a valuable energy savings for this ethanol plant going forward.

PUBLIC POWER

October is recognized across the United States as Public Power Month. Throughout the month we will be joining more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that together provide electricity to 49 million Americans in celebrating the unique benefits offered by public power. Nebraska has the distinction of being the only state where every single home and business receives electric service from a publicly-owned utility such as a public power district, municipality or an electric cooperative.

We often speak to our customers with pride about the benefits of public power. Public power offers Nebraska citizens the advantages of low electric rates, high reliability, local control through oversight by our elected officials and environmental stewardship. We also want you to know the values of public power are reflected in our vision, mission and values statements. These brief statements guide the direction we take on every decision that affects your electric service with Southern Public Power District.

One of the most critical concerns for electric consumers is affordability. Electric rates in Nebraska are highly competitive. Our rates are consistently 10-15% less than the national average! Since public power entities are not-for-profit, we don't have the pressure from stockholders to maximize profits. Our excess earnings are reinvested into our electric facilities to improve reliability or returned to our customers through lower rates.

Investments in utility infrastructure are costly, but our commitment to affordable rates does not mean that we compromise on system reliability. In fact, last year U.S. News and World Report ranked Nebraska's power grid #1 in terms of reliability! Nebraska's locally-owned public power utilities invest responsibly in power plants, transmission lines and distribution facilities to ensure we safely generate and deliver highly reliable electricity and provide outstanding service to our customers.

Public power also means that customers have a voice in the decisions made by their utility. We are owned and accountable to the customers we serve through an elected Board of Directors. We also contribute to our communities in many ways. We take pride in serving our friends and neighbors. Here at Southern, we are proud to offer added value programs, such as energy efficiency incentives as shown with Pacific Ethanol in the photo on Page 2 and the Operation Round Up grant funds illustrated on Pages 7 and 8. Above all, we maintain our commitment to safety at Southern. We will continue to prioritize the safety of our employees, customers and the general public by delivering electricity safely and educating the public about the dangers of power lines.

As we recognize the benefits of public power in October, we hope everyone can better understand the importance of having your locally-owned public power utility here to strengthen the rural areas and our communities as we provide superior service at low costs. Our goal is to earn the trust of our customers and deliver the service and value you expect!



Neal Niedfeldt

*Chief Executive Officer
Southern Public Power District*

VISION

*Powering a brighter future
for our customers and
communities while
supporting public power
in Nebraska.*

MISSION

*To safely provide our
customers with highly
reliable and competitively
priced electricity, superior
customer service and
innovative energy solutions.*

VALUES

*We value our employee and
customer opinions.*

*We work together to support,
trust and respect each other.*

*We conduct business in a safe
and honest manner.*

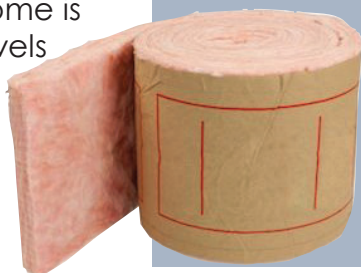
*We do what is right, treat
others the way we want to be
treated and lead by example.*

We strive for excellence.

HELPING YOU FIND VALUE

PREPARE FOR THE COLD WITH PROPER SEALING & INSULATION

Air leakage occurs when outside air enters your home through cracks and openings in locations such as windows and doors. Because heating and cooling accounts for roughly half of your home's energy use, it is worth the effort to assess your home and address air leakage issues before cold weather arrives. Additionally, assuring your home is equipped with the proper levels of insulation will create an environment that keeps the cold outdoors, and the warmth provided by your HVAC system inside.



NEED TO UPGRADE YOUR INSULATION?

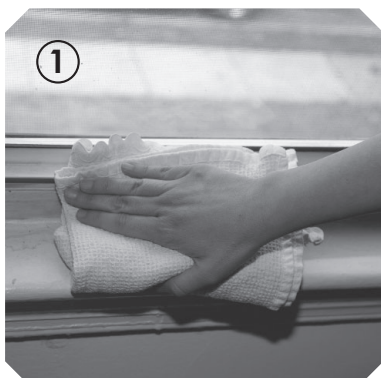
Southern offers an EnergyWise incentive to offset the cost to increase the insulation levels inside your attic. To learn more about this program visit our website at www.southernpd.com.

Caulking cracks and gaps around windows, doors and spaces around wires (telephone, electrical, cable and gas lines), water spigots and dryer vents can pay off with big energy savings.

*Approximate cost: \$5-\$30 *Energy savings: Approx. 5-10 percent – Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

- Caulk
- Caulk gun
- Knife or tool to cut
- Rags
- Water



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1. PREP. Clean the area where you will be applying the caulk. Remove dirt, loose paint or old, cracked caulk. Be sure the area is dry before applying new caulk appropriate for your application.



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2. LOAD. You will need to pull the plunger all the way back to load the tube of caulk into the barrel of the caulking gun. Next, squeeze the trigger a few times until the plunger makes contact with the tube. Squeeze once or twice more to fill the tip with caulk.



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3. APPLY. Hold the gun at a slight angle. Apply steady pressure on the trigger to create a solid stream from the tip, which should be placed 1/2 inch or less from the intended destination of the material. Use just enough caulk to do the job. Use your finger to gently press the caulk into the corner, crack or space.



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4. RELEASE. Once the trigger is fully depressed, allow it to spring back and depress it again. Keep the gun moving while caulk is still coming out of the tip.

5. CLEAN. Use a damp cloth or rag to clean off most of the excess caulk. Use a dry cloth to clean off the rest.

HARVEST SAFETY

Farmers, there is no question that the 2019 farming season has presented you with a vast number of challenges! As you look to close the books on this year with the initiation of harvest, we would like to remind you to always keep safety awareness where it belongs--front and center!

We know your list of tasks at this time of the year is long. But overhead powerline safety is very simple--its as easy as remembering the words "Look Up, Look Out, Live!". Keep these words in your mind as you work, share them with your neighbors, and anyone working on your farm.

In addition to these important words, take note of the safety tips shared with you on this page. Review them on a daily basis. Additionally, take a few moments each day before beginning your work to review all of the dangers in your field, related to electricity and other hazards, and communicate those dangers with your workers.

Let's all work safely and wrap up the 2019 farming season with no injuries or fatalities. We wish you all a safe and bountiful harvest!

**LOOK
UP
LOOK
OUT
LIVE**

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- **Maintain a 10-foot clearance** around all utility equipment in all directions.
 - **Use a spotter and deployed flags** to maintain safe distances from power lines and other equipment when doing field work.
 - **If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact us immediately** by phone and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab, without touching it at the same time, and hop away to safety.
 - **Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle.** Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipe and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

Source: Safe Electricity

ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVES

Residential customers of Southern Public Power District are eligible to take advantage of incentive funds available for the purchase or lease of a new, battery electric vehicle. Funds available with this opportunity are limited, and this offer expires when these funds are depleted*. If you are an SPPD customer and are considering the purchase of a qualified vehicle and charging station, contact us soon to be sure funds are still available.

INCENTIVE DETAILS

- \$4,000 incentive for the purchase or lease of a new battery electric vehicle. Charging station must also be purchased and installed to receive the \$4,000 vehicle incentive.
- \$500 incentive for the installation of a residential vehicle charging station.
 - Battery electric vehicles only.
 - ChargePoint 32 Amp, Wi-Fi enabled station
 - Charging station installation location and vehicle registration must be the same location.
 - Single or multi-family residential location must have internet wireless connectivity.



If you are planning to attend the Doniphan Fall Festival, keep your eyes open during the parade for the Chevy Bolt, all-electric vehicle! We will be in town on Saturday, October 5th if you have any questions.

To learn more about electric vehicles and purchase incentives in Nebraska, visit:

publicpowered.com

To learn more about electric vehicle incentives specific to SPPD customers, visit:

southernpd.com

QUALIFICATIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

- Contact us to discuss your EV and charging needs.
- If you are interested in the incentive funds, pick up an application form, and ensure these limited incentive funds are still available.
- A reservation request is required prior to purchase and/or installation.
- Reservations are assigned a limited time for purchase and/or installation, which if not met will expire.
- Once approved, there will be a time period to provide proof of purchase or installation.
- Submit incentive payment request after purchase and installations.
- Charging station installation location and vehicle registration must be the same location and be a single or multi-family residential location and have internet wireless connectivity to qualify.

If you'd like to learn even more about this incentive visit our website at www.southernpd.com, or contact Sam Reinke at 800-579-3019.

*Funding for this incentive was made possible by a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) and a partnership with the Nebraska Community Energy Alliance (NCEA).

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROUND UP & ENERGYWISE FUNDS BRIGHTEN TRUMBULL COMMUNITY CENTER

Several years ago, Trumbull officially closed its public school, completing a consolidation with Doniphan Public Schools. This change left the prominent school building located on the southeast edge of town vacant.

Fortunately, residents of this community have re-purposed this facility as a community center. The building now provides a handicapped-accessible site for voting, public meetings and social gatherings. The gymnasium provides a site for elementary basketball leagues and exercise. The site is also earmarked as a location for shelter in the event of a natural disaster or extended power outage.

In order to keep this facility up-to-date and efficient in its operation, the Community Center Board reached out to Southern for assistance in funding LED lighting inside of the building. New lighting for the gymnasium and stage were funded for a total of \$2,500, with \$1,320 provided from the Operation ROUND UP Program, and \$1,180 from EnergyWise incentive funds.

"This project is one that made sense for funding from Operation ROUND UP and EnergyWise," says LeAnne Doose, Public Relations Manager for Southern. "What this community has done to keep this facility functioning is commendable, especially considering the services that will be provided in this building going forward."

The building also has retained displays of photos and memorabilia from the school for the public's enjoyment.

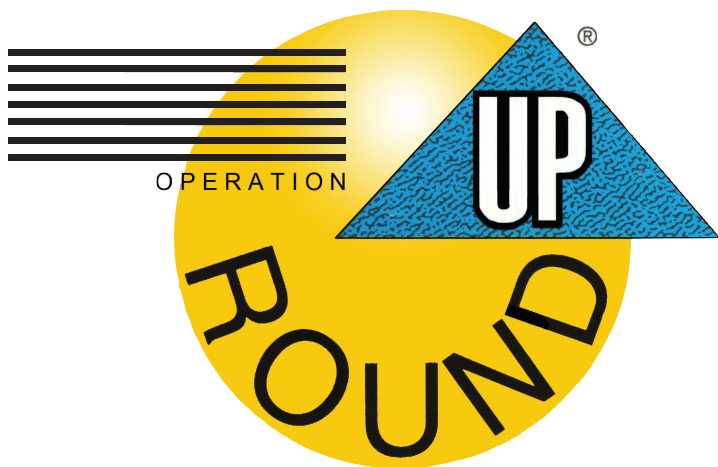


Members of the Trumbull Community Center Board received official funding from Southern Public Power District.



The lighting inside the gymnasium has added a new level of brightness within the gymnasium and the attached stage.





SECOND QUARTER GRANT FUNDS AMOUNT TO \$10,700

A total of \$10,700 was awarded to five applicants during the second quarter of 2019. The grant recipients are listed in the table to the right.

We are now accepting applications for the third quarter, until September 30th. Contact LeAnne Doose for more information.

Alda Volunteer Fire Department Fire Safety Boots	\$2,000
Village of Alda Park Picnic Tables	\$2,500
Phillips Community Foundation Security Surveillance Equipment	\$2,500
Grand Island Little Theater Clavinova	\$1,200
Young at Heart Senior Center Storage Building	\$2,500

Since the launch of the Operation ROUND UP program, customers have made possible the distribution of over \$269,000 in grant funds to projects throughout our service region!

This program has continued to grow as its benefits have been observed in our local communities. This trend is seen in the growing number of applications from some very worthwhile projects. We believe that the projects supported by the ROUND UP Program are beneficial to our communities and add to the quality of life we enjoy here in rural Nebraska. And the best part...it's all made possible by our own customers. For an average contribution of 50 cents per month or \$6.00 per year, we are helping our communities to reach their individual goals for growth, safety and quality of life.

If you are currently not participating in this program and would like to enroll as a participant, simply contact our Customer Services Department. You can also learn more by visiting our website at www.southernpd.com/join-the-effort.

ONE PAN AUTUMN CHICKEN DINNER

INGREDIENTS

5 (6 - 7 oz) bone-in, skin on chicken thighs
4 T olive oil, divided
1 1/2 T red wine vinegar
3 cloves garlic, minced (1 Tbsp)
1 T each minced fresh thyme, sage and rosemary
Salt & freshly ground black pepper
1 lg sweet potato (about 16 oz) unpeeled, chopped into 3/4-in cubes
1 lb Brussels sprouts, sliced in halves
2 med fuji apples, cored, sliced into half moons about 3/4-in thick
2 shallot bulbs, peeled and sliced about 1/4-inch thick
4 slices hickory smoked bacon, chopped into 1-inch pieces
2 T chopped parsley, for garnish (optional)

Preheat oven to 450°. Pour 2 T. olive oil, red wine vinegar, garlic and herbs into a gallon size resealable bag.

Add chicken, season with salt, pepper. Seal bag and massage mixture over chicken, distributing herbs. Set aside, let rest while chopping veggies.

Place sweet potato, Brussels sprouts, apples and shallot on an 18 x 13-inch rimmed baking sheet.

Drizzle with remaining 2 T. olive oil then toss to evenly coat, season with salt/pepper to taste. Spread into even layer.

Set chicken thighs over veggie/apple layer. Separate any pieces of bacon that may be stuck together then sprinkle bacon over veggie apple mixture.

Roast in preheated oven until chicken and veggies are golden brown, about 30 - 35 minutes (chicken should register 165 in center). Broil during last few minutes for a more golden brown crispy skin on chicken if desired. Garnish with parsley if desired and serve warm.

RECIPE

