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SPD Awards Scholarships to Four Future Linemen

Southern's Board of Directors awarded four scholarships recently to assist recipients with financing their lineman program education. The four men selected for scholarships are pursuing a career as a lineman, and were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Scholarship winners this year include Ryan Govlik of Central City; Brandon Lewis of Minden; Aaron Heiden of Aurora; and Hunter Prince of Grand Island.

As a part of their education program, they will all be required to complete a summer internship with Southern Power District, which will give them hands-on experience and an opportunity to work with linemen before graduation.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of these students.



ABOVE: Brandon Lewis receives a certificate acknowledging his lineman scholarship, from SPD Board Chairman Dean Klute.



AARON HEIDEN



HUNTER PRINCE



RYAN GOVLIK

Keep Up-To-Date on SPD News

There are a number of ways you can stay up-to-date on important information from Southern Power District.

If you would like to receive information via email about your electric service, including legislative issues, planned power outages, rate news and more, simply provide us with your email address on your bill. We respect your privacy and will not share your email address with any other organizations.

You may also become a friend of Southern Power District on Facebook, or a follower on Twitter. We use both of these sites to provide you with information on power outages, and other information pertaining to your electric service including rates, efficiency and more.

And as always, you can find a wide range of topics on our website, at www.southernpd.com.

EnergyWise Tip: Tune Up Your Home's Cooling System

For this month's EnergyWiseSM Tip, it's always good to remember that old adage: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This saying works well for home heating and cooling systems too! Whatever type of system you use to heat and cool your home, maintenance is a critical factor in its performance and longevity. Regular maintenance is often overlooked, but can be key to saving money on heating and air conditioning costs. The easiest approach to a home heating and cooling system tune-up is to have a licensed HVAC contractor inspect, clean and (if necessary) make improvements to your system.

These inspections aren't without cost, but fortunately you may be eligible for a \$30 EnergyWiseSM Cooling System Tune-Up incentive (if you didn't apply for the incentive last year), to prepare your cooling system for this summer's heat and humidity. End-use customers of Southern Power District are eligible to apply for this \$30 incentive every three years. The incentive will help pay a share of the tune-up cost.

Maintenance should include the following tasks: clean condenser coil; check indoor coil; check refrigerant charge; check belt/lube motor, if needed; clean drain line; discuss proper operation; perform visual inspection of system; filter change-out schedule; and discuss/review proper temperature set-back.

If you are interested in knowing about the steps you need to take to schedule a heating and cooling system tune-up (improve your home's heating and cooling efficiency and get \$30), contact Sam Reinke at Southern Power District. You can also find more information on Southern's website at www.southernpd.com, just look under the "Incentives" tab.

Electric Heat/Cooling Incentives Available to SPD Customers

Southern Power District offers an incentive program to customers who convert or upgrade their existing heating and cooling system with an energy efficient, ENERGY STAR qualified air source or ground source heat pump.

There are different levels of rebates available to you, for new construction or conversions and upgrades. To determine which rebates are available to you, refer to the chart below.

Once you decide to take the step to improve your home's efficiency with a heat pump, you will be required to have a performance verification completed in order to qualify for your incentive. This will assure that your heat pump is operating properly and assure the energy savings you deserve. The performance verification incentive for dealers is also outlined in the chart below:

If you would like to learn more about the electric heat incentive program, contact Sam Reinke at Southern Power District today at 1-800-652-2013.

PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION TEST MUST BE COMPLETED FOR CUSTOMER TO RECEIVE REBATE. THE MARATHON WATER HEATER WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED AS A HEAT INCENTIVE FOR NEW HOMES. MUST CONVERT FROM A FOSSIL FUEL WATER HEATER TO AN ELECTRIC ONE. SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

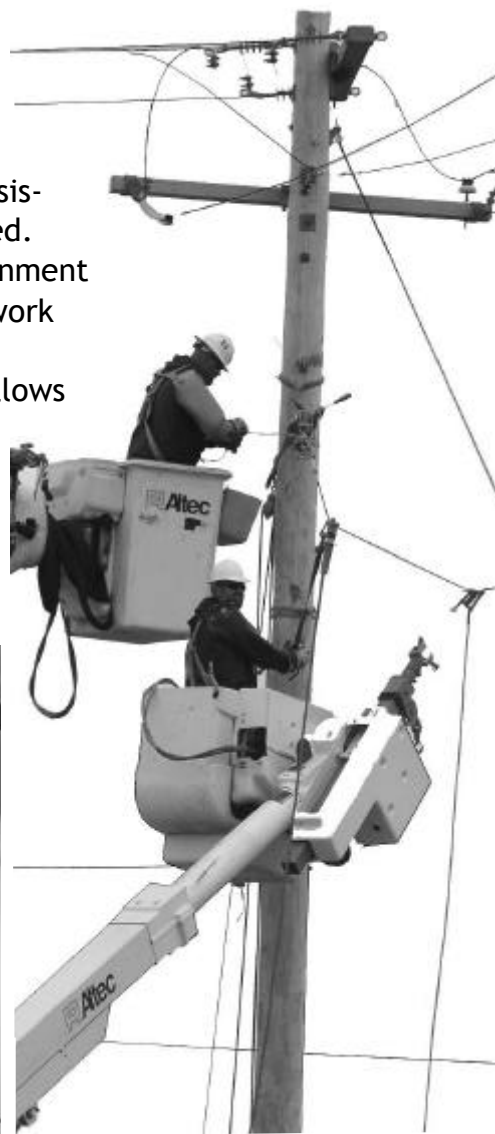
TYPE OF INSTALLATION IN HOME ----->			ENERGYWISE PROG.	SPD PROGRAM
SYSTEM TYPE	REBATE CRITERIA	REBATE RECIPIENT	NEW CONSTRUCTION	CONVERSION & UPGRADES ONLY
AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP	14 SEER, 8.2 HSPF	HOMEOWNER	\$200	\$200
AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP	15 SEER, 8.2 HSPF	HOMEOWNER	\$250	\$250
AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP	16 SEER, 8.2 HSPF	HOMEOWNER	\$300	\$300
GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP	ANY EER	HOMEOWNER	\$400	\$400
ANY HP, 14+ EER	PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION WITHIN 10%	HEATING/COOLING CONTRACTOR	\$100	N/A

SPD Linemen Practice Hot Line Skills

Sixteen linemen from across Southern's service area participated in Hotline Safety Training in May. This three-day training session allows our linemen to learn and practice procedures which are valuable ongoing education for the newest, or most seasoned lineman. Through this program they develop consistent standardized procedures for working on lines while energized. This increases efficiency and promotes the safest working environment for our linemen, while performing some of the most dangerous work they do.

Working on lines while they are "hot" or energized also allows repairs or new construction to be completed without disruption to your electric service.

RIGHT: Southern Linemen Tony Wragge of Grand Island and Matt Lovejoy of Central City work on their hotline techniques. **BELOW:** Matt Lovejoy tries some different techniques along with Grand Island Lineman Clay Teel.



Electrical Safety Demonstrated at Nebraska Outdoor Expo

Holdrege Area Linemen Jason Wehrer and Zach Larson spent three days in May at the Nebraska Outdoor Expo educating elementary school students, and the general public, about electrical safety. Attendees to the event numbered over 11,000 people! Area elementary schools watched the demos on Thursday and Friday, and the public attended on Saturday. Thanks Jason and Zach for spending your time at this event!



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ACT NOW to Keep Your Electric Bills Affordable

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking steps to regulate greenhouse gases using a law NEVER designed for that purpose. US Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) predicts the Clean Air Act will be...

"...a glorious MESS."

Tell your members of Congress to step up and block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from using the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. Even CAA's author called it the wrong tool for the job. Ask your elected officials to stop the EPA before its too late at www.southernpd.com/oeof, or fill out this form and return it with your next power bill. An email will be sent to your legislators on your behalf.

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RECIPE BOX

Chocolate/Raspberry Mousse

2 pt fresh raspberries	8 oz unsweetened chocolate, chopped fine
1/2 cup of granulated sugar	12 egg whites.
32oz semisweet chocolate, chopped fine	3 cups of heavy cream

1. Place the raspberries and 1/4 cup sugar in a bowl. Crush the berries into a rough texture.
2. Add the chocolate to the raspberries and place over a double boiler. Stir to avoid scorching the chocolate. Heat on low until the chocolate has melted then remove from heat and cool.
3. In a seperate bowl, beat the egg whites until they form soft peaks. Slowly add remaining sugar and beat together.
4. Beat the heavy cream until it forms stiff peaks.
5. Add 1/4 of the egg whites to the chocolate, stirring well. Fold in the cream and the remaining egg whites. Mix thoroughly.
6. Refrigerate until ready to serve.