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WHAT A DIFFERENCE . . .

. . . Your Change is Making!



There were a record number of applications for the Operation Round Up monies this quarter! Prior to this quarter the average number of applications was about 10.

See the spreadsheet below for all the awards that were made.

There are many celebrations in the different communities in the ERPPD service territory. See the back page for a list of the festivals and dates. You won't want to miss all the activities and fun planned!



Rana Haake, Oasis Counseling, is pictured with the security camera system that the Fund supported.

Community Development Fund Requests and Awards (May 2023)

Organization	Project	Location	Amount Awarded
Briggs & Barrett Project	BBKids Program	Norfolk	\$500.00
Battle Creek Post Prom	Post Prom	Battle Creek	\$50.00
Big Bang Boom, Inc.	Boom Fest 2023	Norfolk	\$500.00
Battle Creek 150th Celebration	Community 150th Celebration	Battle Creek	\$500.00
Clearwater Chamber of Commerce	Clearwater Concert Inflatables	Clearwater	\$500.00
Elgin Community Club	Vetch Day Carnival	Elgin	\$500.00
Elgin Community Foundation	Scholarships	Elgin	\$1,000.00
Hadar VFD	Extrication Equipment	Hadar	\$1,000.00
Horseshoe Park Pond Committee	Bathroom Facility	Tilden	\$1,000.00
Neligh Young Mens Club	Old Mill Days Fireworks	Neligh	\$500.00
Norfolk Area Concert Association	Advertising for 2023/24 Season	Norfolk	\$500.00
Norfolk Arts Center	Artisans Along the Avenue	Norfolk	\$500.00
Oakdale VFD	Fireman's Appreciaiton Supper	Oakdale	\$500.00
Oasis Counseling International	Security System	Norfolk	\$500.00
St. John Lutheran Church	2023 Vacation Bible School	Battle Creek	\$250.00
Summerland Ball Association	Equipment	Orchard	\$500.00
Norfolk TeamMates	Mentor Training Materials	Norfolk	\$250.00
Tilden Public Library	Portable Sound System	Tilden	\$500.00
Tilden Prairie Days Committee	Tilden Prairie Days Celebration	Tilden	\$500.00
Trinity Lutheran Church and School	New Desks and Chairs for Students	Madison	\$500.00
			\$10,550.00

Due to your generosity, the Community Development Fund Board of Trustees is able to support these celebrations in our service territory as well as the other activities and projects that were funded! It is amazing what can be accomplished when many people pitch in to help.

If you know of an organization that has an activity, project or needs funding for a special item, go to erppd.com/Community Fund and fill out an application.

Applications for 3rd quarter funding will be taken until **July 24, 2023**.

Third Quarter	Application Deadline July 24, 2023	Board Meeing Date: August 7, 2023
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NEW HIRES/INTERNS



Dawson Kaup

Welcome to our new apprentices and to the 2023 summer interns.

New Apprentices - You might recognize one of our new apprentices, Dawson Kaup! Dawson has been working as an intern and 1000 hour employee since January 2022.

Dawson graduated from the Northeast Community College (NECC) Utility Line Program in May and started full time with us.

Dawson is from Neligh and will be working with the Neligh crews.

Quinton Ries has also joined ERPPD as an apprentice. Quinton is also a May NECC Utility Line graduate.

Quinton is from Ord, NE, and has worked for Loup Valley Rural Public Power District. His summer internship was with Southern Public Power District.

Quinton will be working with the Battle Creek crews.

Interns- Talyn Campbell and Dustin Kirk are doing their summer internships with ERPPD.

Both are students in the NECC Utility Line Program.

Talyn is from McCook, NE. He enjoys hunting, fishing and watching football and wrestling.

Talyn will be working with the BC crews.

Dustin is from Nickerson, NE. He was elected team captain in three sports – football, basketball, and baseball – in high school.

He was elected Player of the Year in baseball by the Arlington Booster Club.

Dustin will be working with the Neligh crews.



Quinton Ries



Talyn Campbell



Dustin Kirk

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Clearing the Air

Replace air filters regularly for efficient heating and cooling



Checking, changing, or cleaning your filter once a month saves money and extends the life of your home's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system.

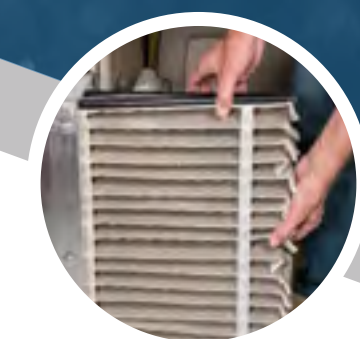
Air filters protect HVAC systems and perform double duty by collecting some loose dirt from the air.

If left unchecked, a dirty filter forces the HVAC system to work harder to push conditioned air

through tight spaces. This results in higher energy bills and—potentially—system failure.

Filters are either flat or pleated; pleated filters offer extra surface area to hold dirt, making them more efficient.

Air filters are rated by a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). Ranging from one to 20, this scale gauges a filter's effectiveness at blocking debris. Low MERV-rated filters offer high airflow into a cooling or heating system, but only catch large air particles. A higher rating isn't always better—those filters block more dirt but also reduce system airflow. Most experts recommend filters with a MERV 6 or higher.



Monthly check-up

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) advises checking an air filter once a month and replacing it at least every three months. It's critical to inspect and replace filters before seasons of heavy use like summer and winter.

If you have pets or smokers in the home, filters clog quickly. Remodeling projects or furniture sanding add more dirt than normal; a filter may need to be changed before the three month lifespan expires.

When replacing the filter, make sure the arrow on the filter, indicating the direction of the airflow, points toward the blower motor. To help schedule monthly checkups, write the date on the side of the filter.

Why change an air filter?

Leaving a dirty air filter in place cuts a home's air quality and reduces HVAC system airflow. Layers of dirt and hair prevent air from entering the home's HVAC system.

While removing a clogged filter altogether relieves pressure on the system, the system can't perform well without one. Unfiltered dust and grime accumulate on critical parts like the evaporator coil, causing unnecessary wear and tear.

Filtering Choices

There are several different types of filters:

Fiberglass, Polyester

- Inexpensive, disposable, capture large particles (lint, dust)
- Replace every 1-3 months

Washable/Reusable

- Can be cleaned and reused
- Replace every few years
- Protects HVAC system, traps large particles

Pleated

- Disposable
- Captures more particles

Electrostatic

- Disposable or reusable
- Charged fibers attract and capture small and large particles

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Festival and Community</u>	<u>More Information</u>
June 2-4	Elgin Vetch Days - Elgin NE	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064857841169 https://clearwaterrodeo.com/
June 23-25	Clearwater Big Rodeo - Clearwater NE	
July 1	Big Bang Boom in Norfolk, NE at Skyview Lake	https://bigbangboom.org/
July 4	Old Mill Days -Neligh, NE	https://www.neligh.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Visit%7CFestivals
July 28-30	Tilden Praire Days- Tilden, NE	https://www.tmgcommunityfoundation.org/page/tilden-prairie-days
August 3-6	Battle Creek 150th Celebration- Battle Creek NE	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077107809431

