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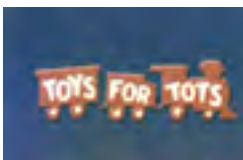
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WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

This Thanksgiving we are very grateful for our customers. The appreciation for the donations given because of the generosity of our customers has been overwhelming! Thank you for being part of Operation Round Up!!



Here are what some of the organizations have to say:

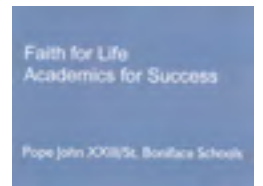


“Thank you so much for raising funds for our organization. Because of the help you have provided, we will be able to help many more children have a merrier Christmas. We couldn’t do it without help from kind people, like you. Thank you, Adam Langen and T4T Norfolk.”

“God is Good! He continues finding helping hands to keep His program providing a much needed service for our community and surrounding communities. The Operation Round Up contribution is a Huge Blessing for the special needs riders at S.M.I.L.E. and their families. Your generosity allows us to continue serving everyone that needs help. Thank you for being on the S.M.I.L.E. team! Very Grateful! God’s Blessings, Patty Prauner, Program Director.”



“Thank you on behalf of Pope John XXIII/St. Boniface Schools for funding towards purchasing an AED machine for our schools. We appreciate the funds. Sincerely Yours in Christ, Betty Getzfred.”



“Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Northeast Nebraska. The generosity of people like you make it possible for us to advocate for abused and neglected children in Madison County. Thank you for being partners with us in that mission. We appreciate you! Teri Wendel, president, CASA Board of Directors.”

“Teammates of Clearwater/Orchard cannot thank you enough for the donation of \$500! We strongly believe in the benefits of this program and want to ensure everyone’s safety. These funds will be used to pay for background check fees. Thanks again! The Teammates Board.”



“The officers and members of the Battle Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department gratefully acknowledge your recent contribution and thank you for your continued support.”

“This is to acknowledge that we received your generous gift to Antelope Memorial Hospital to use toward active shooter training. On behalf of the entire AMH board of trustees, administration, medical staff and support staff, I wish to express our sincere gratitude for your gift. Your charitable donation is greatly appreciated!



Jack Green, AMH Administrator.”

COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS



Lois Johnson Memorial Public Library in Oakdale was awarded \$500 for their Christmas Kids program. Pictured from left to right: Rebecca Williams, director and Sarah Ahlers, fund trustee



Antelope Memorial Hospital was awarded \$1000 for S.A.V.E. Yourself active shooter training. Pictured left to right - Sarah Ahlers and Anne Parks, fund trustees, Connie Knuth, nursing supervisor, Jack Green, administrator and Merry Sprout, director of nursing.



Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$1000 to purchase an AED. Pictured left to right: Matt Wilkinson, Art Griffith, and Anne Parks, fund trustee.

The number and quality of applications for the first round of funding for the ERPPD Community Development Fund was very exciting! Let's continue to help our communities be the best that they can be!! The deadline for applications for the next round of Community Development Funding is **Nov. 19**. Go to erppd.com for more information and an online application.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

It has been an interesting year for operations. Four storms earlier in the year made things exciting and added to operations work for the year.

Four distribution and one sub-transmission work plan projects were budgeted this year with a total of 12.5 miles of line build. These projects work to strengthen the system for reliability and capacity as our system grows.

Three of the distribution projects are completed with 4 miles of line built and 4 more to go.

The sub-transmission project is south of Norfolk with 4.5 miles of 34.5 kV sub-transmission line. We hired a contractor with sub-trans-

mission experience to do the job. That frees up our crews to continue working on distribution construction and maintenance.

In addition to work plan projects, the four storms earlier this year damaged over 70 poles and transformers and miles of distribution line. Pole repairs were completed in August.

Furthermore, 43 irrigation services were built, which added about 6 1/2 miles of line to our system.

The above doesn't include new services, up rated services or discontinued services.

We enjoy working with our customers to maintain and grow our system.



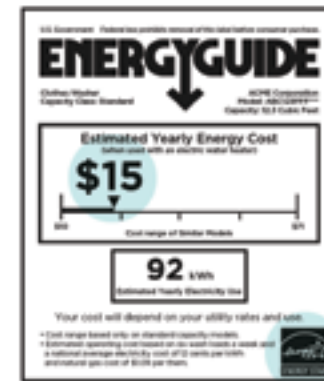
Crews working to repair damage to the lines after a storm.

TIPS FOR PURCHASING NEW APPLIANCES

When shopping for new appliances, there are two price tags you should consider:

That second price is important because you'll be paying for the appliance's energy use for the next 10 to 20 years.

- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label. ENERGY STAR-qualified products exceed the federal minimum standards for efficiency and quality.
- Carefully review the EnergyGuide label on the appliance. The label provides information about how much energy an appliance uses compared to similar models.
- Once you choose your make and model, compare prices. Keep in mind, many retailers will match a lower price offered by competitors.
- Recycle or sell your old appliance. Ask the retailer if they'll pick up your old appliance, or you can sell it yourself. Either option is better than the landfill!



Source: Department of Energy

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Got holiday leftovers? When possible, use the microwave to reheat food. Microwaves use as much as 80 percent less energy than a standard oven.

Source: energy.gov



ERPPD Offices will be closed **Monday, November 12**, to observe Veteran's Day and **Thursday, November 22** through **Friday November 23** to observe Thanksgiving.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Want savings on your electric bill? One way is depicted in the infographic to the left.

Here are some other tips for keeping warm this winter without a large electric bill -

- 1) Seal air leaks and insulate well to prevent heat from escaping and cold air from entering;
- 2) Install a programmable thermostat and set it for 68 degrees F when you are home and up to 8 degrees cooler when you are asleep or away from your home;

3) Lower your water heater temperature. The Department of Energy recommends a warm setting (120 degrees F) during the fall and winter months.

For more tips and tricks to save energy go to www.erppd.com and click on the Energy-WiseSM logo on the left side of the page or energy tab at the top of the page.

You can also call Brian, Energy Service Rep. at (800) 675-2185 or email him at bsuckstorf@erppd.com. He is available during business hours to answer any questions you may have about energy savings and incentive programs.

Holiday Lighting Safety Tips



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