



## Get ready to save! *USDA grant issued for Eustis business*

The wait is nearly over... Your Co-operative Connections card will be in your mailbox in October. As a Dawson PPD customer, the card entitles you to discounts on prescriptions and at several local businesses.

See the local discounts listed on Page D to see how you can save in your community.

If your business would like to offer a Cooperative Connections discount, please contact Dawson PPD at 308-324-2386.



Lone Wolf Wurst Meats held a ground breaking ceremony for a new processing facility on July 25. Those attending the ceremony included Larry Paulsen of Paulsen's Inc.; Robert Heinz, General Manager of Dawson PPD; Ed Rupe, Mayor of Eustis; Senator Mark Christianson, Owners Doug and Deb Breinig, Owners Gregg and Jean Wolf and granddaughter Hadley Wolf, Lory Cappel of USDA, Jen Wolfe of Dawson Area Development and Tim Dean, Project Manager with Paulsen, Inc.



Lone Wolf Wurst Meats, which produces a variety of sausage products, is beginning construction on a processing facility in Eustis. The facility will provide the equivalent of 15 full-time jobs and produce 12,000 pounds of meat products per month. Production is slated to increase to 80,000 pounds of product per month by the end of three years.

Funding for the project was obtained through Dawson PPD's involvement in the USDA Rural Economic

Development grant program. Dawson PPD has committed \$60,000 in matching funds to obtain a \$300,000 grant. The \$360,000 will be loaned to the non-profit FOOI, Inc. in Eustis and be used to construct the business incubator building where Lone Wolf Wurst Meats will operate.

For more information about Dawson PPD's Economic Development opportunities, please contact Dave Behle at 308-324-2386.

### New phone number or address?

Please notify Dawson PPD if you have a new mailing address or if you have changed your phone number.

Call us at 800-752-8305 to update your contact information.

### Need to learn more about electrical safety?

You may know the basics of electrical safety in your home, but what do you know about power line safety?

Dawson PPD employees will go to your school or your place of business to teach groups about electrical safety.

Please call Marsha Banzhaf at 308-324-2386 to schedule a safety demonstration.



# Be careful with farm welders



On many farms they are integral to keeping equipment repaired and functional, but on other farms they are death lurking at the end of a frayed cable. Portable welders in good condition and used properly are valuable allies in reducing down time in the



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press of fieldwork. But many farmers and farm workers have not only suffered debilitating shocks, but electrocution from welding equipment that is not maintained and should have been replaced long ago. Safe Electricity, a program of the Energy Education Council, strongly urges farmers to keep welding equipment in good repair as a matter of course.

### AN ORDINARY DAY TURNS TRAGIC

On a hot July day when a rotary mower required repairs, a 43 year old Michigan dairy farmer plugged in a 240 volt portable arc welder to fix a broken stone guard. The ground wire on the plug was broken off, both welder cables had exposed wiring, and the ground clamp wiring was almost completely exposed according to national safety inspectors who investigated the death. They reported the victim had been electrocuted because of the overall poor condition of the welding equipment, which was bought used about 40 years before the accident and caused the mower to be energized.



Such avoidable tragedies happen

periodically in rural America, where welding equipment is frequently found in farm shops.

Many farmers either learned welding in high school vocational agriculture classes or are self taught, and have respect for the danger created when using welding equipment. However, most safety concerns focus on the potential burns from welding rods, hot metal, or the electrical arc, as well as fire potential from sparks, but not necessarily of electrocution. In the case of the dairy farmer welding was a routine task, but the worn cables and broken grounding plug were responsible for the electrocution.

Safe Electricity Advisory Board member Jay Solomon, an Extension agricultural engineer, recommends maintaining equipment in good operating condition as well as the protective personal equipment that should

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## Employees celebrate career milestones

Three Dawson PPD linemen are celebrating service anniversaries in September.

Adam Rhoades works with the construction crew at the North Platte Service Center. He has been on the crew throughout his five year career with the District. Rhoades lives in North Platte.



Adam Rhoades



Joe Linn



Garland Snow

Joe Linn is a member of one of the Lexington construction crews. September marks 10 years of service to Dawson PPD customers. Linn lives in Cozad.

Kearney Chief Area Serviceman Garland Snow is celebrating 30 years of service to the District. He began his DPPD career as a maintenance linemen at the Kearney Service Center in 1981. Snow lives near Kearney.

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## Dawson PPD welcomes a new lineman

Jeremy Taubenheim has been hired to work as a full-time member of a Lexington construction crew. Taubenheim is originally from the Amherst area. He is a graduate of Northeast Community College in Norfolk.



Jeremy Taubenheim

Taubenheim completed an internship with Dawson PPD in 2010.

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**Look for your card in the mail in mid-October!**

*Looking out for you.*

*The following businesses are offering discounts to electric customers who present their Cooperative Connections Discount card. The card will be mailed to residential customers in mid-October. A full listing of discounts available nationwide can be found by searching [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop). Information about the prescription discount plan will be featured in the October issue of the Dawson Dynamo.*

## Cozad

**THE COUNTRY COOKIE & SODA FOUNTAIN**, 746 Meridian - Buy one cookie, get one free.

**GOODLIFE CYCLES**, 136 W 7th. - 5% off in-stock bicycles; 15% off in-stock accessories.

## Farnam

**THREE BROTHERS VINEYARD & WINERY**, 812 Lincoln St. - Free souvenir glass with purchase of 5 - 1 oz. tastings.

## Gibbon

**H. R. POPPIN' SNACKS**, 807 Front St. - Buy three, get one free (of equal or lesser value). Limit one use per visit.

## Gothenburg

**BUDDY'S BBQ & CATERING**, 818 Lake Ave. - Free drink with a meal purchase.

**DEB'S BAKERY DINER & DAYLIGHT DONUTS**, 817 Lake Ave. - \$1 off any breakfast, lunch, dozen donuts or dozen rolls.

**DEE'S FLORAL & GIFTS**, 922 Lake Ave. - 20% off any order.

**FIVE STAR FLOORING**, 1014 Lake Ave. - 10% off materials up to \$250 discount. Not valid with any other promotion or on prior purchases.

**HOME TOWN FURNITURE PLUS**, 915 Lake Ave. - 12% off store wide, cannot be used for layaway or delivered items.

**JOAN'S HALLMARK**, 913 Lake Ave. - 10% discount on a single item per visit. Excludes sale items.

**RIGHT ANGLE CONSTRUCTION**, 915 Lake Ave. - Free estimates.

**WARNER SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY**, 819 Lake Ave. - \$2 off in-stock tee; \$5 off in-stock hoodie.

## Kearney

**ALL I WANT FOR...**, 2202 Central Ave. Suite #2 - Receive \$5 off any purchase over \$30.

**ANNIE KAY & COMPANY**, 2412 Central Ave. - 20% off regularly priced items with Co-op Connections card. Some exclusions may apply.

**BIG APPLE FUN CENTER**, 500 W 4th St. - One free single attraction with purchase of same attraction. Not valid on Activity Pass purchase.

**BISSEL DECORATING STUDIO**, 2114 Central Ave. - 50% off any stock drapery or upholstery fabric.

**BROWN'S SHOE FIT COMPANY**, 4105 2nd Ave. - 15% off regular priced footwear, excludes UGGS.

**CIRCLE D BOOT & SADDLE REPAIR**, 1906 Central Ave. - 10% off retail horse tack & shoe supplies.

**CREATIVE TEACHER, INC.**, 2027 Central Ave. - 10% off in-store purchases.

**THE COWPOKE**, 2120 Central Ave. - 10% off any one regular priced item.

**DENNY'S CONTEMPORARY IMAGES**, 3301 2nd Ave. - 50% off family portrait sessions.

**EXACT EYE CARE**, 4919 2nd Ave #53. - 25% off a complete pair of glasses.

**FANCI THAT**, 2214 Central Ave. - 10% off regular priced merchandise, not valid on special orders.

**FUNSHINE SHOP**, 1925 Central Ave. - 15% off any purchase over \$10.

**J.R.'S WESTERN, INC.**, 710 E 25th St. - 10% off any apparel purchase. Excludes boots & hats.

**JUST FOR LADIES**, 1408 E 39th St. - 25% off fitness membership.

**KIDS CROSSWALK**, 2202 Central Ave. - Spend \$50 and receive a discount card worth an extra 15% off on your next visit.

**LIL MAN'S JAMMIN JELLY**, 1919 Central Ave. - 25% off made to order gift baskets, gift boxes, gift mugs, gift flower pots & gift bags.

**LUKE & JAKE'S BAR-B-Q/KALEB'S FROZEN KUSTARD**, 807 W. 25th St. - Free single dish or cone of Kaleb's Frozen Kustard with each \$6 purchase.

**MEDICAP PHARMACY**, 2706 2nd Ave., Suite A. - \$10 off new or transferred prescription (limit one).

**PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS**, 2215 Ave I & 808 E. 25th St. - Free wireless mouse with computer service of 1 hr. or more or with computer purchase of \$70 or greater. Free charger or accessory plus \$10 Platte Valley Communications gift card with 2 year new activation or upgrade.

**REDMAN'S SHOES & RANCHWEAR**, 2116 Central Ave. - 15% off any regular priced merchandise \$39.99 and up.

**REFIND, INC.**, 2219 Central Ave. - \$5 off a purchase of \$50 with presentation of the Co-op Connections card.

**SHOPPING TRIPPS**, 2210 Central Ave. - 10% off regular priced purchases. Excludes Pandora & bridal registry.

**STAGE COACH**, 310 3rd Ave. - 10% off any one item per visit.

**STUDIO D PHOTOGRAPHY**, 2316 Central Ave., - Complimentary 8x10 print with any portrait session.

# Card Discounts

*\*Additional discount offers may be added to the list at a later date.  
An updated listing will be mailed with your Co-Op Connections card.*



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**THE QUILTER'S COTTAGE**, 2220 Central Ave. - 10% off your purchase. Some exclusions may apply.

**THE SEQUEL BOOKSHOP**, 5019 N 2nd Ave, Suite 22 - 15% off purchase. Cannot be combined with other discounts or promotions.

**THE SOLID ROCK, INC.**, 2010 Central Ave - 20% off one laser engraved item. Select items can be personalized for gifts or for your home. In store purchases only.

**TIME FOR BABY**, 2304 Central Ave. - 10% off 1 regular priced item. Excludes furniture & gear.

**TOPPERZ**, 1302 W 24th - 3 oz. free with purchase of a dish of 7 oz. or more.

**WILKE-DONAVAN'S TRUE VALUE**, 1314 E 25th St. - Free freight when ordering off truevalue.com. (Order must be shipped to store.) Also receive a free 20 oz. Coke product for each \$20 purchase when order is picked up.

## Lexington

**FIVE STAR FLOORING**, 111 E 5th St. - 10% off materials up to a \$250 discount. Not valid with any other promotions or prior purchases.

**FLOWERS OF JOY**, 1212 N Adams - Buy two wrapped roses, receive one more free. All three will be wrapped together.

**MAC'S CREEK WINERY & VINEYARDS**, 43315 Rd 757 - 10% off on wine purchases, gift shop items & wine tastings.

**MADLINE'S CAFE & BAKERY**, 501 N. Washington - \$1 off lunch entree OR 50¢ off specialty coffee.

**MEAD LUMBER & RENTAL**, 700 S Plum Creek Pkwy - 25% off rental on Tuesdays. Does not include U-Haul.

**PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS**, 211 E 6th - Free charger or accessory plus \$10 Platte Valley Communications gift card with 2 year new activation or upgrade.

**STRIKE & SPARE BOWL**, 1408 N Adams - Buy one bowling game, get one free. Limit one per day.

## North Platte

**BIBLE SUPPLIES**, 1923 W A - 15% off one regularly priced item.

**BROWN'S SHOE FIT COMPANY**, 502 N Dewey - 15% off regular price footwear, excludes UGGS.

**CARAVAN SKATE SHOP**, 107 E 5th St. - Free grip tape with purchase of a skateboard deck or free skateboard DVD with purchase of a complete skateboard.

**CINDA'S ACCENTS CUSTOM FRAMING & ART**, 506 N Jeffers - Free glass upgrade from Premium Clear Glass to Conservation Clear Glass and 10% off custom framing. Present discount card at time of designing. Framed or unframed artwork 20% off. In stock only. Not valid with other offers.

**CINDA'S ACCENTS UNIQUE BOUTIQUE**, 506 N Jeffers - 10% off fun fashions & accessories.

**CREATIVE INTERIORS**, 604 S. Jeffers - 10% discount on custom wood product cabinetry. Card must be presented upon inquiry.

**DISCOUNT VAC & SEW**, 522 N Dewey - 10% off vacuums and sewing machines. Buy one, get one 50% off limited to products in stock.

**DO-IT CENTER**, 1021 N Jeffers - 20% off any regular priced in-stock item

**HEARTLAND SECURITY**, 506 N Jeffers - Receive 10% off any extra devices on your ADT residential or commercial security system. You must present the Co-op Connections Card.

**HIRSCHFELDS**, 401 N Dewey - 20% off any single regular priced item. 10% off any single sale priced item. Excludes all clearance sales and formal wear. Cannot be used with any other offers.

**JJ'S BRIDAL AND ELEGANT EVENTS**, 518 N Dewey - 10% off purchase.

**THE QUILT RACK**, 101 W Front St. - 15% off regular priced merchandise/quilt.

**THE SPORTS SHOPPE**, 1320 S Cottonwood - 10% off regular priced items.

**WESTFIELD SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC**, 1821 West A - \$5 off your pet's next visit.

**WILLOW CREEK EMBROIDERY, INC.**, 520 N Dewey - 10% off initial total order of \$25 or more.

## Ravenna

**DEW DROP INN**, 320 Grand Ave. - 25% off your meal.

**WILKE-DONAVAN'S TRUE VALUE**, 204 Grand Ave. - Free freight when ordering off truevalue.com. Order must be shipped to store. Also receive a free 20oz Coke product for each \$20 of purchase when you order is picked up.

## Smithfield

**FOUR SEASONS FLORAL & DANISH COFFEE SHOP IN THE SMITHFIELD EMPORIUM**, 307 Commercial Ave. - 10% off a floral bouquet.

## Get listed...

*If your business would like to offer a Co-op Connections Card discount, please contact Dave Behle or Marsha Banzhaf at 308-324-2386. The only cost to participating businesses is the cost of the discount offered.*

*Dawson PPD's Co-op Connections discounts will be listed again in the March, 2012 Dawson Dynamo (the deadline is January 25, 2012). They are also featured on the nationwide website, [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop).*

# Hutchison represents Dawson P



Heather Hutchison (second from the left) works with her Youth Tour friends to create a little trick photography... holding up the Washington Monument.

*The following article was written by Heather Hutchison of Hershey.*

It's been a year now since I attended Youth Energy Camp and to be honest I didn't know I would enjoy it at much as I did. Little did I know though, is by going to Youth Energy Camp last summer it would give me the experience to once again travel back to Washington, D.C.

At the beginning of my senior year I received a letter from Dawson Public Power telling me I had the chance to travel back to Washington, D.C. if I wrote an essay about someone who grew up without electricity. By attending Youth Energy Camp I was eligible to participate in the essay contest and to my surprise I heard back from Dawson saying that I had won and would be traveling to Washington, D.C. in June.

The adventure started in Lincoln with all the youth and their parents' meeting at the Nebraska Rural Electric Association headquarters to meet the other youth and the chaperones that would be taking care of their children for a whole week. After touring our

state capital we were then off to Eppley Airfield in Omaha to start our week full of touring, meeting new people, and learning about our nation's history. Our week we spent in Washington, D.C., Crystal City, VA., Gettysburg, PA., and everywhere else was both the busiest and exciting week ever.

Each morning we woke up excited knowing we were learning something new and different at each stop. The

most memorable part of this whole trip for me was when only a few of us went to the Pentagon Memorial. I never realized how something so big could impact America the way it did. At the Pentagon there are benches that represent all the people who



The Nebraska Youth Tour participants meet with Representative Adrian Smith as the sun sets in the Capital City. Heather is pictured in the front row next to the Congressman.



The monument to the September 11, 2011 victims at the Pentagon was one of Heather's favorite sites to visit. A series of 187 benches pays tribute to the victims of the hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 and victims who were in the Pentagon at the time of the crash.

# PPD on Youth Tour



The group toured many of the national monuments in the evening. Here, Heather (left) and friends pose in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

were killed in either the Pentagon or the airplane that hit the building. I had no idea that children my age were killed and that is something I will never forget. My favorite part of the trip was when we got to travel to the different memorials and also to the Kennedy Center, because I had never been there.

I learned again how lucky and privileged I was to have been born and raised in the United States of America by all the sacrifice our soldiers and their families do to make us free. You take so much for granted when you already know you're free and don't have to worry about waking up wondering if you're going to make it home to see your family in the next few days.

Other than the traveling to different buildings and monuments, the people that we met and interacted

with is something I'll never forget. During youth day we met a wide range of youth and chaperones from all around the United States. From southern accents to that good old hometown talking we saw it all. Even with our roommates that we stayed with we learned each other's likes and dislikes and became close.

The end of week was bitter sweet because we were going home to family, jobs and friends but we were also leaving behind an experience of a lifetime and amazing new friends we had made. The twelve of us and our two chaperones grew into a family and keep in touch as much as possible. We never left anyone behind when sightseeing and when we got back to the hotel we spent time together if we could.

I want to thank Dawson Public Power for giving me the opportunity

to travel to Washington, D.C. , Pat and Shirley Aylward of Dickens for sharing their story of life with me and Rodger White for encouraging me to attend Youth Energy Camp. I will never forget this amazing and exciting trip along with all the friends and memories that I made on this trip of a lifetime!!

# Tune up your home's heating system

"Old Man Winter" is just around the corner and it's never too early to start planning for a comfortable winter (and save money in the process).

In our neck of the woods, a heating system can run for over 1,500 hours. That is equal to running your car at 50 mph for 75,000 miles. Would you drive your car that far without changing the oil, rotating tires, or checking other critical systems? Your heating system requires the same kind of scheduled maintenance in order to run efficiently and last its normal lifetime.

So what are benefits of having a certified technician performing a heating system tune up?

- Peace of mind knowing your heating equipment is safe, especially if your home has natural gas. A carbon monoxide leak can be fatal.
- Keep your equipment at peak operating condition. This allows your system to operate less in providing the heat you need.
- Improve heating capacity. On the coldest days, it is good to know your system has the capability to keep you warm.
- Avoid an expensive breakdown by testing for weak components. It never fails that systems fail at the most inconvenient times.
- Extend the life of your equipment. Your heating system cost a lot of money! You want to get as many years of efficient operation out of it as you can.

## What sorts of things should you expect a certified technician to do?

- Clean and vacuum the heat exchanger
- Inspect heat exchanger for cracks and holes
- Tighten all wiring connections for safety
- Lubricate all moving parts
- Clean blower housing and remove all debris
- Check and replace furnace filters
- Test fan and furnace limit for proper safety
- Clean outside unit coils (air-source heat pumps only)

## If you use natural gas, propane, or heating oil to heat your home, a certified technician may also do the following:

- Inspect thermocouple/ igniter for proper burn
- Inspect for dangerous combustible material
- Test gas valve to reduce delayed ignition
- Remove and wash burners for more efficient operation
- Remove and clean vent pipe
- Check for natural gas leaks to prevent fires
- Test for proper gas pressure

## Farm welders... - Continued from Page B

be worn.

Specifically, Solomon urges farmers to ensure that grounding plugs are completely functional, and groundless adaptors should not be used. He also says welding cables and grounding clamps should be completely insulated because of the danger that results from broken insulation.

### **DOING WHAT IT TAKES:**

**TAKE THE TIME, SPEND THE MONEY  
TO BE SAFE**

Solomon says safe work procedures need to be developed for welding, such as using extended reach cables if

the welder cannot be placed adjacent to the work site. He also says connect the grounding clamp as close as possible to the area being welded, and ensure it is in good condition, as well as the grip for the electrode.

He also recommends the use of properly sized ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI), which shut off power instantly if there's a problem.

Welding projects are meant to improve farm operations, not create family heartache.

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