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Chet McWhorter, CCPPD GM

I literally have a blank sheet of paper filling my screen. I'm sitting, well actually standing, in my office, the wind is blowing outside, the leaves are running laps around the building, the linemen are out changing meters, the office staff is running reports and working on billing and such, and we have just completed the budget for 2018. The question really is: do I have anything to write that is worth you all reading? At times like this, I question the wisdom of my choice to provide a newsletter article month after month. Many PPD leaders don't write. They have their staff provide content and leave these things to the professionals. I have two staff members who have a background in journalism. They both write better than I do so why should I bother? After all, do you care if you hear from me? Since I send a copy of this newsletter to my mom every month, I guess you're stuck with my meanderings.

According to William Penn, "Time is what we want most, but what we use worst." I've used this quote before, I know, but at the beginning of the new year, it is common to look back and see what has

been accomplished and to look forward to what might be accomplished in the coming year. The CCPPD Board of Directors just approved our budget for 2018 and budgeting, at the end of the day, is all about time. Where will the time be spent for each employee in the coming year? How can we best utilize each employee's skill set to better serve our customer-owners? Will we have time to complete every project that we have budgeted? These are the questions that we ask over and over until we come up with a realistic time-frame and expense estimate for the year. We start the budget process in September and it is normally approved in December.

Budgeting is a very important part of managing the District's resources. The budget serves as our map, guiding us through the coming year. I had an old foreman who used to tell me to plan my work and work my plan. I think he would approve of the approach that CCPPD's staff and Board take for budgeting. We're entrusted with the investment that each customer-owner has made in CCPPD, so it's well worth the time to ensure that we have carefully con-

sidered each expenditure planned for the coming year. It is also a non-negotiable that we provide the level of service that is expected so maintenance activities and continual system improvements are a must.

Time spent in necessary pursuits is not wasted time. The time spent to create the budget that we follow is definitely necessary and well worth the effort. We have much to do in the coming year, but we are up to the task and will gladly put in the time to provide you with the excellent service that you have come to expect. Thanks for reading mom, and everyone else too. Have a great new year!

NREA Annual Meeting

Josie Dvorak, the 2017 Nebraska Youth Leadership Council Representative, spoke to the Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA) Annual Meeting attendees. She spoke about her trip to Washington D.C. that Cuming County Public Power District sponsored since she attended the Youth Energy Leadership Camp the year prior. She spoke of how it was a trip of a lifetime and how she competed to become the Nebraska representative on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) and won. She will represent Nebraska at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee in February. We are so proud of Josie and can't wait to hear how Nashville goes.



Josie Dvorak speaking at the NREA Annual Meeting.

NREA
NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

CCPPD linemen helped put up street ornaments in Dodge. The linemen also cut and placed their Christmas Tree on Main Street. There was a little trimming to be done to get it into the base, but everyone was so happy with how great the tree looked in the town square.



Christmas Time

CCPPD linemen also helped cut and place the Christmas Tree on Main Street in West Point. It looked great in the middle of town with all the neat lights on it. We are lucky to be able to help out in the community. Thank you to everyone that makes the holiday season so memorable.



Beemer & Bancroft Community Guides are Complete

Nicki White, Cuming County Public Power District Communications Manager, Rick Nelsen, NPPD Senior Economic Development Consultant, and Kelly Gentrup, Cuming County Economic Development Executive Director/CVB Manager presented the Beemer Community Guide to Holli Dale, Beemer Village Clerk and the Bancroft Community Guide to Megan Novak, Bancroft Village Clerk.

The Community Guide includes a variety of detailed information on economic development, labor, transportation, utilities, communications, taxes, community facilities & services, agriculture, raw materials and climate. This book will be used for anyone wanting to relocate to the community or bring a new business to the area.

Community guides have been added to NPPD's searchable website (econdev.nppd.com).

Here is the direct online link for the Beemer Community Guide: <http://econdevtools.nppd.com/aedc/CommunityGuideLite/BeemerCGL.pdf>.



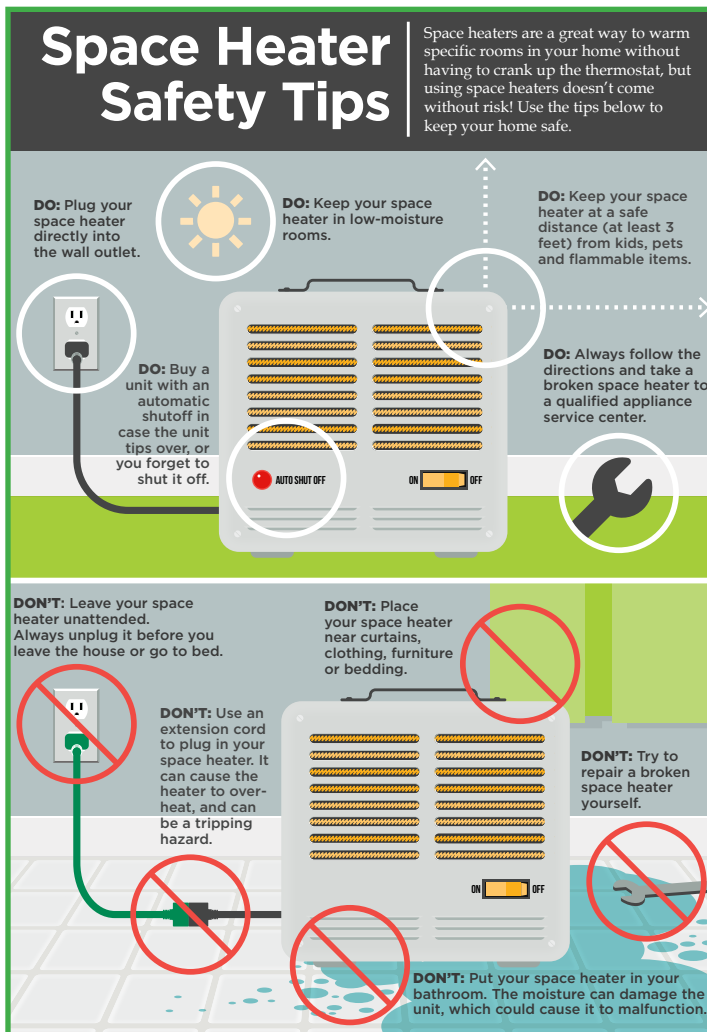
Beemer Community Guide



Bancroft Community Guide

Here is the direct online link for the Bancroft Community Guide: <http://econdevtools.nppd.com/aedc/CommunityGuideLite/BancroftCGL.pdf>.

CCPPD, CCED and NPPD prepared the publication with much of the content completed by Beemer Village Clerk, Holli Dale and Bancroft Village Clerk, Megan Novak. Thank you to everyone that assisted with the completion of these important booklets.





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CCPPD BOARD

Save Money & Energy Through the EnergyWiseSM Program

\$200-1,700

**HIGH EFFICIENCY HEAT PUMP
DIRECT INCENTIVE or
LOW-INTEREST LOAN**

**Air Source Heat Pumps
minimum of
15 SEER, 12.5 EER, & 8.5 HSPF.**

**Ground Source Heat Pump:
Variable Capacity or Ground Source
Heat Pumps with a minimum
35 EER and 5.0 COP.**

Or

**You can apply for the low-interest loan
through the Nebraska Energy Office.**

\$0.15/ sq. ft.

RESIDENTIAL ATTIC INSULATION

\$0.15/Sq. Foot (Maximum amount \$300)

**Attic insulation may qualify when six
or more inches are added to an existing
amount of less than six inches.**

**The home must have a Heat Pump,
Electric Furnace, or Electric Heat.**

**Rebate applies to existing homes only;
excludes new construction.**

\$30

COOLING SYSTEM TUNE-UP

**\$30 incentive towards having your
cooling system tuned up by a qualified
HVAC contractor.**

**This incentive is available
every three years.**

\$200-\$500

HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER

**Air Source Heat Pump Water Heater with
an efficiency factor greater than 1.9 is
eligible for a \$200 incentive.**

**A Water or Ground Source Heat Pump
Water Heater with an efficiency factor
greater than 2.8 is eligible for a \$500
incentive.**

There are also incentives available for Commercial Prescriptive Lighting, Commercial Heat Pumps and other energy saving improvements. Check our website (ccppd.com) under the Customer Services tab or call the office at 402-372-2463 for more information.