

## How Nebraskans Benefit from **Public Power**

For more than 130 years, public power has been a tradition that works across the nation. More than 2,000 cities and towns in the United States light their homes, businesses, and streets with public power-electricity that comes from a community owned and operated utility. Each public power utility is different, reflecting hometown characteristics and values. But they share a common purpose, to provide reliable and safe not-for-profit electricity at a reasonable price, while protecting the environment.

Nebraska has the distinction of being the sole U.S. state where every home and business receives electric service from publicly owned utilities: namely municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, and public power districts. Nebraska boasts 169 different community owned utilities in total. Across the U.S., publicly owned utilities serve more than 43 million people.

### **Lower Electric Prices**

Why does this matter? Publicly owned utilities do not have stockholders and the electric rates do not include a profit. That means Nebraska's utilities can focus exclusively on keeping electric rates low and customer service high. Cuming County Public Power District customers, not big investors in New York or Chicago, own the District.

You can see the difference every month in your electric bill. Your electric costs include the gen-

eration and delivery of electricity, not a profit mark-up. As a result, electricity costs in Nebraska are below the national average. Public power revenues are reinvested into the electric system including power plants, substations, transmission, and distribution lines. This enables us to safely generate and deliver low-cost, reliable electricity, while providing outstanding customer service.

### **Voicing Your Opinion**

Your voice or opinion is always welcome at a Cuming County Public Power District monthly board meeting. If you would like to share a concern, you can contact one of the CCPPD board members or call the office at 402-372-2463. We want to hear from our customers as we welcome both positive and constructive feedback. Every resident of Nebraska can provide input as to how his or her local electric system can be best operated.

The Cuming County Public Power District Board of Directors is elected by customers within the District. The Board approves operating and capital budgets. They set rates for various types of customers including: residential, commercial, industrial, irrigation, and wholesale. They participate in a wide variety of programs geared to improving Nebraska's economy and overall quality of life.

### **In Nebraska, the Customer Still Rules**

Nebraska utilities provide

friendly, walk-in service to customers. We believe in doing business the way you want to do business. Our leaders and board members live in the communities they serve; they carefully consider the implications of each and every decision they make. When Nebraska's utilities consider making an investment or changing a procedure, they decide first how it will affect the cost and quality of service.

These crucial differences have helped contribute to higher customer satisfaction, a better overall customer satisfaction and a better overall customer experience compared to utilities located outside of Nebraska. Proof that public power has served Nebraskans well for nearly 125 years.



### **CCPPD will be closed:**

**Monday, November 11th**  
**Thursday, November 28th**  
**Friday, November 29th**



# CCPPD Operation Round-Up Fun Run



Winners: 1 Mile: Calvin Haase (3rd)  
Ashlynn Throener (2nd) & Brynn Throener (1st)  
5K: Brian Throener (1st) Adam Kampschneider (3rd).



5K: Amanda Engelbart (2nd)



We had good weather and a great turn-out. Thanks to all who participated and all who volunteered to make this event successful!



The start of the 2019 CCPPD Operation Round-Up Fun Run. All proceeds will be given back to the CCPPD ORU fund!



We had a nice group of people stick around for the presentation of medals for the top 3 winners in each race.

## Authorization Form

Choose one Option:



- Yes, I would like to participate in the Operation Round-Up® Program. I wish to have my monthly electric bill rounded up to the next highest dollar.
- Yes, I would like to participate in the Operation Round-Up® Program. I wish to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month to the Operation Round-Up® Program, and the amount will be added to my monthly electric bill.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

CCPPD • PO Box 256 • West Point NE 68788

Please call with any questions: 402-372-2463

## Harvestfest



Nicki White, Kari Haase & Sheena Kampschneider helped out in Bancroft for the Harvestfest Parade.

# Operation Round-Up®

The Cuming County Public Power District Operation Round-Up® board members met September 25th. Following are the organizations that were awarded a total of \$5,385.00:

American Veteran's Park.....	Air Force Statue.....	\$ 500.00
Bancroft Rural Volunteer F&R.....	Construction on New Building.....	\$ 500.00
Franciscan Care Services.....	Christmas Time Gifts for Kids.....	\$ 200.00
Franciscan Care Services.....	Helmets for the Bike Rodeo.....	\$ 500.00
Just A Stitch Quilt Guild.....	Fabric & Batting for Quilts of Valor..	\$ 500.00
St. John's Lutheran Church.....	Sound System.....	\$ 675.00
St. Paul Youth Group.....	Mission Trip.....	\$1,000.00
St. Wenceslaus Church.....	Project Linus Quilts.....	\$ 250.00
Wisner Senior Citizens Center.....	Windows & New Carpet.....	\$ 500.00
West Point Community Theatre.....	TV & DVD Player.....	\$ 760.00



The money collected for the fund is from CCPPD customers rounding up their electric bill to the next dollar. It's an average of six dollars per customer per year. Just over \$1,000 is put into the fund each month. Area schools have received over \$40,000 and area fire & rescue departments have received over \$17,000 since the program began. Donations ranging from \$50-\$3,000 have been made to youth groups, churches, and a variety of other non-profit organizations.

Think about it, an average of six dollars per customer per year has made all of this possible. In addition to the money, five people volunteer their time to serve on the Operation Round-Up® board. Current members are Cindi Peters, Bancroft area; Brenda Bradfield, Beemer area; Maria Janata, Dodge area; Brenda Duhsman, West Point area; and Kristie Borgelt, Wisner area.

The board members discuss the applications that are received and awards are granted biannually in March and again in September. Operation Round Up® funds are available to any person(s), family group, organization, or charity within the boundaries of Cuming County Public Power District. The funding can be used to address a large variety of needs.

Applications to request funds are available at the CCPPD office, emailed, or online at [www.ccppd.com](http://www.ccppd.com). There are separate applications for organizations/agencies and individuals and/or families.



Operation Round-Up® board member Kristie Borgelt (left) presented a check to Kay Breikreutz, manager of the Wisner Community Senior Citizens Center.



Kari Haase (far right) presented a check for close to \$100.00 to the Operation Round-Up® board from the funds collected from the CCPPD Fun Run. Board members from left: Danielle Ortmeier (new board member), Brenda Bradfield, Kristie Borgelt, Maria Janata and Brenda Duhsman. Kari Haase is the CCPPD Assistant General Manager/CFO.



Operation Round-Up® board member Maria Janata (left) presented a check to Rick Wimer for the American Veteran's Park.

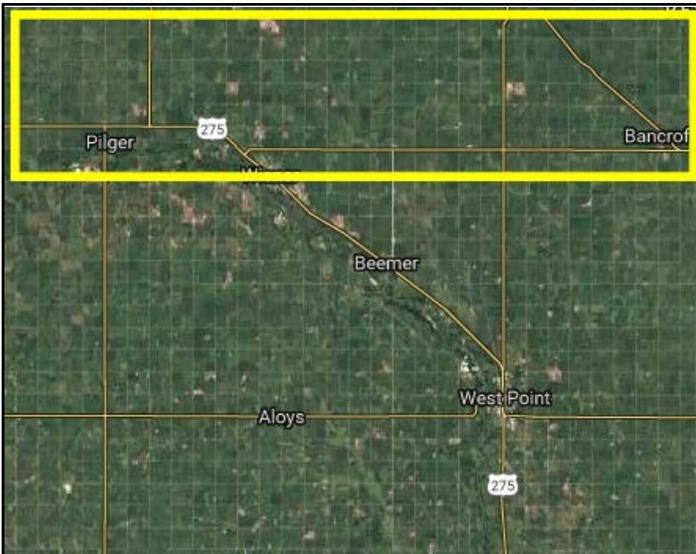
## GMS Continues Work

GMS (Global Mapping Solutions) is still contracted by CCPPD to capture GPS (Global Positioning System) information for all CCPPD electrical structures including poles, meters and transformers. They will be working in the northern area of the CCPPD service territory.

Cuming County Public Power District is gathering all of this information for our mapping system. It will allow us to use any electronic device to view all of the equipment and locations of the equipment in our entire system.

GMS will be in the CCPPD service territory for several months completing their work. They will have signs on their vehicles stating they are contracted by CCPPD. We will notify customers by social media, the CCPPD website, press releases, public postings, newspapers and radio on what sections they will work on next. See the map below to view where they are currently working.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 402-372-2463 or 877-572-2463.



## Linemen Talk Safety

CCPPD linemen, Tyson Steskal and Willy Anderson, talked about electrical safety with the West Point Volunteer Fire Department. Knowing what to do in an accident involving a power pole or power line is so important! Thank you to all who were able to attend.



## NRECA Region 7 Meeting

Greg Strehle, Cuming County Public Power District Board of Directors President, serves on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA's) Region 7 Resolutions Committee. He was recently on a panel at the NRECA's Region 7 & Region 9 meetings in Spokane, Washington. They listened to comments on policy proposals during the meeting. More than 750 co-op directors, managers and staff attended the Region 7 & Region 9 meetings.

