

Cuming County Public Power District

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A Message from our General Manager

Chet McWhorter

"It's easy to find reasons for division between people. Finding common ground is harder, but a step towards happiness." I don't know who said or wrote this, but I must wholeheartedly agree. Every single one of us is different one to another. There are no two people the same, not even twins or triplets as we have our own experiences, personalities, likes and dislikes, biases and preferences. So, it is very easy to find reasons to be divided. The best of friends, spouses, siblings, etc. all must go along to get along at some point because there's always going to be a disagreement that will allow for a division in any relationship.

Now take that to a grander scale, say a county, state, or a nation and it's easy to see that division is the path of least resistance. It's always easiest to say that I'm right and you're wrong because I have already decided what I think. It's easiest to say that my ideas are brilliant and that yours aren't because my ideas are mine. The good work, the hard work, you know the part where we try to live up to what Paul admonished when he stated, "as much as it lies within you, be at peace with all men", starts when we choose to work toward the parts and pieces of the ideas that we can find agreement on and build new ideas from these parts. Then we create new ideas that are "ours", that's the sweet spot.

According to Beth Moore, "Differences will always exist, but division doesn't always have to result." The big question is, how? How do we allow for our differences and not become divided over them? I think it starts and ends with respect. If we can learn to respect others regardless of their beliefs and ideas, we will go a long way toward unity. There is absolutely nothing wrong with disagreement. It doesn't have to equal hate. It doesn't mean that one is smart and the other is dumb. It means only what it means; we all see things differently. As stated earlier, we are all different. This in no way should make anyone feel greater than or less than. Emanuel Cleaver said it best; "There is more power in unity than division."

A final thought, as we head through the next few months toward what is going to be a heated midterm election, and the mudslinging that ensues; don't take it personally. If it's not directed at you personally, only at your preferred candidate or party, it's not personal. Politics and religion are two subjects that will always cause debate and division. Politics are necessary but

at the end of the day they aren't worth losing a friend over. Religion is men trying to commune with God. How is that a bad thing even if the person that you're talking to does it differently than you? I'll leave with a thought from Geoffrey S. Fletcher. "In these times of stress, snark, division and despair, I still suspect that two of the most important features we possess are imagination and a capacity for goodness. Those are qualities for which we will be remembered most fondly." CCPPD is here to serve our customers and provide valuable services, and we do so with imagination and a full capacity for goodness. These things are inherent to our business model and our founding. Furthermore, thankfully, public power is non-partisan and non-denominational. It is in our very nature to get along with everyone irrespective of opinions, differences, or viewpoints. This is one of the many things that I love about my career in public power. Thank you for taking the time to read and have a great Autumn!

Youth Tour

James, Ramsey & Aiden



Ramsey, James, and Aiden recently attended the August CCPPD Board of Directors meeting to share highlights from



their Youth Tour trip and to thank the board members for making this opportunity possible.

To be eligible for Youth Tour, students must first attend the previous year's Nebraska Rural Electric Association Youth Energy Leadership Camp. We are proud to provide these opportunities for local students to learn, grow, and represent Cuming County Public Power District. For more information: Call CCPPD 402-372-2463.

The barn in the picture to the left is located in Cuming County. Picture taken by Nicki White.
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Kennel Now Open

North 40 Boarding



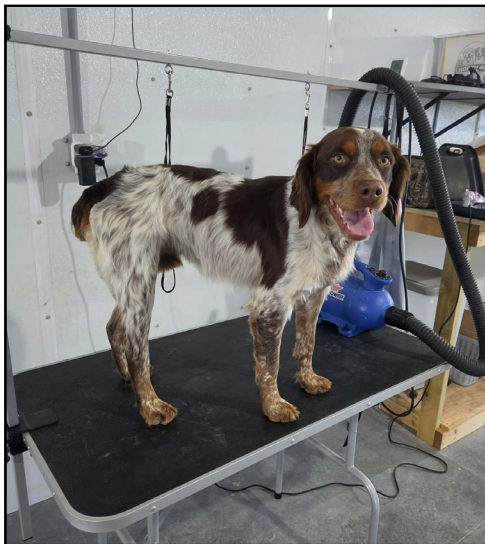
North 40 Boarding is now open to take in 10 dogs (or cats). Zach and Carly Kindschuh organized the idea, talked with the local bank, CCPPD, along with friends & family and within 6 months had planned and built new kennels and a shop area. The kennel opened on Memorial Day Weekend in May and has been at full capacity ever since.

Their name 'North 40 Boarding' came from them owning 40 acres on the north side of their country section. Their location is 4 miles north of West Point on Highway 9 and then a mile & 1/2 east.

The address is 1846 L Road, West Point, NE 68788. The phone number to contact is: 402-380-0549. Also, check out their facebook page by searching: North 40 Boarding.

You can view a few videos on their facebook page of the animals having fun and what the accommodations look like. It's such a nice home-away-from-home for the animals. The animals are all well taken care of.

Both Carly and Zach have always had a love of



All pictures courtesy of North 40 Boarding

animals and have bred American Brittanys for years. Their daughter, Bradey, also shows her love of animals by helping work the kennels in the summer. They hope someday to add more kennels.

The heated or air-conditioned kennel area is fit for 10 animals. They each have a 'doggie door' to the outside and shades on each of the outside units. There is also an outside fenced-in area where they get to exercise during the day. The animals can stay for \$25/night (cats are \$15/night). For \$10 extra, they get to have a bath and blow-out before they return home.

NC Ag Construction made the building to what they requested and they are happy with the turn-out. Zach and Carly lost their garage a few years ago and they can use part of the other side of the building for parking and to hold supplies. It has really been a great addition to their family farm.

Zach and Carly would like to thank everyone that helped make this thought become a reality. Call them today to let your dog (or cat) have a great experience.

Employee Spotlights

Each month we will spotlight two employees at Cuming County Public Power District. Please help us thank them for their dedication.

Sarah McGill



For more than 30 years, Sarah McGill has been a dedicated member of the Cuming County Public Power District team!

Sarah plays a vital role in many areas of our operations, including irrigation load management, automated metering, dispatching, records management, mapping, and supporting outage restoration efforts. She led the conversion of our system maps to a Geographic Information System (GIS) and works every day to ensure our data remains accurate. Her expertise with technology helps our crews respond more efficiently, allowing us to restore power faster when outages occur.

Sarah and her husband, Jeff, live on an acreage just east of West Point. They have two daughters, Rebekah and Hannah. Rebekah and her husband, Jeffrey, live in Fremont with their son, Thomas. Hannah works at Wayne State College and lives in West Point.

Please join us in thanking Sarah for her more than 30 years of dedication, hard work, and commitment to serving the customers of Cuming County Public Power District.

Hayden Hunke



Hayden Hunke joined Cuming County Public Power District on June 16, 2025, and currently serves as an Apprentice Lineman. In his role, Hayden goes on-call with our Journeyman Linemen, gaining valuable hands-on experience as he works toward achieving his goal of becoming a Journeyman Lineman.

Hayden earned his Utility Line degree from Northeast Community College in Norfolk. Before joining CCPPD full-time, he interned with us during the summer of 2023, where he demonstrated a strong work ethic and commitment to the trade.

Originally from West Point, Nebraska, Hayden enjoys spending his free time with family and friends. When he's not at work, you'll likely find him fishing, hunting, or golfing.

Please join us in thanking Hayden for his dedication and service to Cuming County Public Power District. We appreciate his hard work and look forward to watching him continue to grow in his career!

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Youth Energy Leadership Camp

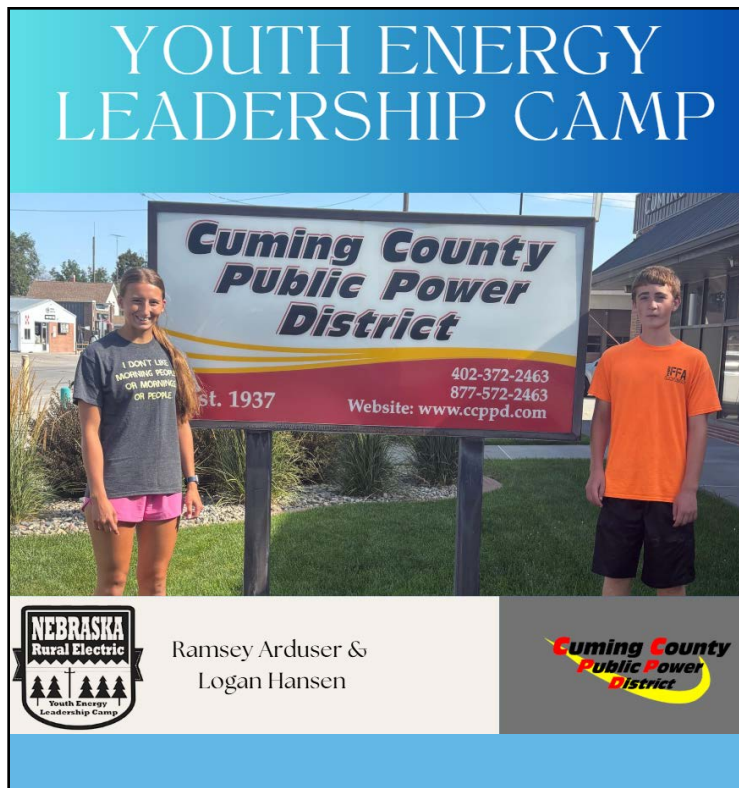
Logan & Ramsey

The 2026 Nebraska Rural Electric Association Youth Energy Leadership Camp was held July 20–24 at Camp Comeca near Cozad, Nebraska. This year's camp brought together 34 students representing public power districts from across the state for five days of learning, leadership, and fun.

Campers participated in engaging workshops, hands-on demonstrations, and presentations from industry experts to gain a better understanding of the electric utility industry and the issues affecting rural electric systems. They also toured Gerald Gentleman Power Station and Kingsley Hydroelectric Power Plant, where they experienced firsthand how electricity is generated and delivered to homes, farms, and businesses.

Cuming County Public Power District was proudly represented by Logan Hansen, who attended as a camper, and Ramsey Arduser, who returned to camp as a Junior Counselor. Throughout the week, they developed leadership skills, learned how they can make a positive impact in their rural communities, and enjoyed activities including sports, swimming, and a dance.

Thank you, Logan and Ramsey, for being outstanding representatives of Cuming County Public Power District. We are proud of your participation and hope you had an unforgettable experience at Youth Energy Leadership Camp



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