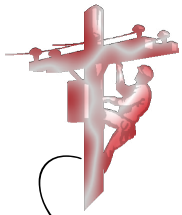


# Manager's Report

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In our current political environment in Lincoln, Washington D.C., or even on Main Street USA, it is difficult to remember the concepts and principles that this nation was founded upon. John W. Gardner said, "If you have some respect for people as they are, you can be more effective in helping them to become better than they are." This concept is lost on too many of us.

We are definitely a divided nation. In Lincoln, the Unicameral is 1/3 of the way through their session and still have not determined the rules by which they will conduct the legislative process. The once solid foundation of the Unicameral, no parties just ideas and service, is crumbling before our eyes. This has all to do with partisan politics and a lack of respect for differing ideas.

In Washington D.C., the Senate is considering "nuclear options" to get the new President's cabinet appointed. They are re-writing rules to maintain and follow party lines and to usurp the concepts of working together for the common good. Are they really representing us? Is this how we want our government to work? Is this good for anyone at all?

In colleges and universities across the USA, we see protests and "cry-ins" and all sorts of dissent. These young people are truly disenfranchised. I feel as though they have never seen the system work as intended and therefore think they can only be happy if their chosen party is in power. It is a difficult scenario at best; untenable at worst. What will the future hold for these folks if they can't accept reality and move forward?

We as a nation are spoon fed news. We can choose to watch or listen to the type of programming that best suites our position or side of the issues. Most news programming has become entertainment, and that's truly not good for anyone. I have heard many times from folks that they listen to both sides by switching between one network that leans left and one network that leans right. What happened to just reporting facts? What happened to a journalist just reporting what occurred without interjecting their politics and/or opinions into the story?

So what can we do? How can we change the course of events? I think it comes down to simply respecting one another. There is absolutely nothing wrong with having a conversation. There is no reason why everyone should agree as to the right or wrong way to handle a given scenario. The exchange of ideas and beliefs and desires and fears is what this nation was founded upon. Our founders didn't agree all the time. Remember, there were many that wanted George Washington to be the King of the USA. Instead they set up the Democratic Republic that has served us so well for over 230 years.

It is sad that every 50 years or so we need to completely divide ourselves. There truly is nothing new under the sun and the division and rancor and dissent are nothing new to the United States. It is just more quickly fed to us via social media, 24-hour news, and the like. We need to consider the wise words of Marian Wright Edelman: "We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee." Be excellent to each other and look for the ground that you hold in common. In so doing, you will represent the ideals that this great nation was founded upon.



Keep Safety In Mind

# Attaching Items to Utility Poles Creates Safety Risks

Signs, balloons and other materials on utility poles are more than just an unpleasant neighborhood eyesore; they can be dangerous - even life threatening - to the professionals who maintain our vital lines of electricity, communication and other services. Cuming County Public Power District urges everyone to help keep utility poles free of foreign objects, including flags, holiday decorations and bird houses.

The clamped safety boots used by line workers to climb poles are vulnerable to becoming snagged on staples and nails embedded in posts. Foreign objects can also tear utility workers' protective clothing, which is the first line of protection from an electric shock. They can also injure workers despite the safety gear they wear to avoid contact with rough surfaces.

Hunters are also reminded to keep safety in mind around utility poles. Utility poles and towers should not be used to support shooting equipment or the shooter. Do not climb poles or install deer stands. Do not place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment.

Anything attached to utility equipment can obstruct line technicians and become a serious safety hazard to them when they have to work on utility equipment. Posting items to power poles can also be a public safety hazard. The materials posted on the poles not only distract people as they drive, but can also be a safety concern to individuals since there is energized wire and attachments on the poles that present a hazard, as well. If you have questions, feel free to contact our office at (402) 372-2463.

It is also just as important to avoid tampering with or disrupting the guy wires that surround utility poles. Please inform children not to play or swing on them, and maintain your distance when performing yard work. If you see the poles or guy wires are disrupted in some way, please call CCPPD immediately.



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**Make playtime a *safe* time.**  
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**NOTE:**The EnergyWise Residential LED program is no longer offered in 2017.

**\$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.**

**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 ex-  
isting amount of less than six inches.**

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

**Rebate applies to existing homes  
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**ENERGYWISE<sup>SM</sup>**  
Use less. Spend less. Do more.

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**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 incen-  
tive.**

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Pump Water Heater with an efficien-  
cy 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](http://ccppd.com)) under the Customer Services tab or call the office at 402-372-2463 for more information.**



# Nebraska Sesquicentennial

Nebraska was granted statehood on March 1, 1867. Several events and programs are planned for the state's sesquicentennial celebration, called the Nebraska 150 Celebration, which will commence January 2017. The state has a website, [www.ne150.org](http://www.ne150.org), which provides regular updates on the year-long sesquicentennial celebration activities and initiatives. The sesquicentennial celebration will provide opportunities for native and non-native Nebraskans to recognize our shared heritage and reflect on our past while building for our future.

The Anniversary Logo is a fitting symbol for Nebraska, which ranks third (behind Iowa and Illinois) in the nation for corn production and has increased its annual production by around 1.5 billion bushels in the last 100 years, according to stats from United States of Agriculture.



## CCPPD's 80th Anniversary

This year marks '80' years of serving our customers highly reliable, cost-based electricity in a safe, professional manner.

Watch for information on Cuming County Public Power District's 80th Anniversary! We will announce locations in the following months.

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Celebrating **80** Years



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Regular meetings of the CCPPD Board are normally held on the second Wednesday of each month at the office. Notice of times and date changes are published monthly.

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