



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumers,

Now October is here and winter is rapidly approaching. But we can make things a little better by observing National Homemade Cookie Day on the 1st and National Taco Day on the 4th, but in the meantime don't forget on the 2nd is Name Your Car Day, on the 5th is Do Something Nice Day. October must be the food month of the year because the 10th is Angel Food Cake Day, the 11th is Sausage Pizza Day, the 18th is Chocolate Cupcake Day, the 24th is just Food Day and the 25th is Greasy Food Day (ummm bacon). Along with those I mentioned earlier, the 31st is National Knock Knock Joke Day along with National Knock Knock Trick or Treat Day. October is also American Cheese Month and Toilet Tank Repair Month and Fire Prevention Week always falls on the week of October 9th. This month also will be beet harvest and corn harvest so be careful in the fields and on the roads. As always if you see any type of problem you can contact Chimney Rock, day and night, at 308-586-1824 to report. Be safe and enjoy Halloween and the month of October.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER

**Don't forget to fall
back on November 1!
Set your clocks back
by one hour.**



Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, Energy Star appliances and LED lights. Efficiency Credits are available on new installations only.

Certain standards of efficiency must be met to qualify depending on the type of electric equipment installed.

Some of the credits from Tri-State G & T are:

- *Electric water heaters - \$30 - \$100/unit
 - *Heat pumps \$125 - \$150/ton
 - *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
 - *2 Ton or larger Energy Star air conditioners-\$100-\$150/unit
 - *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, clothes or dish washer and clothes dryers) \$30-\$90
 - *LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp
- Invoice copies are required for all purchases.

Chimney Rock also contributes to some of the credit.

Please contact our office for information on requirements and credit amounts at 586-1824.

Let us help pay for your new electric appliances and motors.

Stop Energy Vampires and Save Money


You may have energy vampires in your home stealing money from you right now. Some electronics draw power from the outlet and money from your wallet, even when they are turned off. They go into standby mode, which uses electricity for features like displays and remote controls.

There are many household appliances that constantly use energy including television, computers, microwaves, DVD players, cable boxes with DVR, cell phone chargers, printers, and game consoles.


The Energy Education Council has advise to help you put a stop to energy vampires in your home:

- Unplug electronics that you are not using.
- If you have a room that you do not use regularly, plug electronics into a power strip, and turn off the power strip when items are not in use. Power strips can also be useful in areas where there is a large concentration of electronics like in an office or an entertainment system.
- Purchase smart power strips for your computers and television. These devices sense when the computer or television is sleeping or off. The smart strip cuts off power to related electronics, such as DVD players, video game consoles, and printers.
- Buy low-standby products. Most Energy Star endorsed products draw smaller than average amounts of electricity when turned off.
- Avoid electronics with extra features that you do not need as these might use more energy.


ENERGY VAMPIRES ARE LURKING IN YOUR HOME




Save energy in your home by locating energy vampires! These are the electronics and appliances that consume energy even when they are not being used. *Circle the energy vampires below, and use the key to check your answers.*




OVEN




CELL PHONE CHARGER




CABLE/SET TOP BOX




LAPTOP CHARGER



DISHWASHER



LAMP



Answer Key: Cell phone charger, Laptop charger, Cable box



October is Public Power Month

George Norris, a U.S. Senator and Congressman from Nebraska, believed government should serve the needs of the ordinary citizen and electricity was a right of the people. As a senator, Norris helped create the Tennessee Valley Authority, The Rural Electrification Act, Nebraska's Unicameral, and the state's public power system. He understood that local ownership led to electricity that was more reliable and less expensive compared to electricity produced and delivered by shareholder-owned utilities seeking to profit from the service. His wisdom and commitment to improving the lives of American's working men and women is evident today in every farm light, production line, home, business and computer work station. Today, Nebraska's public power utilities monitor more than 27,000 miles of power lines, that's enough to span from New York to Los Angeles, ten times. From small towns to big cities, and all the miles in between, public power is part of our GOOD LIFE in Nebraska!

Interesting Facts about Public Power in Nebraska and Chimney Rock PPD:

- Nebraska has the distinction of being the only state in the nation served solely by publicly owned utilities, such as municipal utilities, electric cooperatives and public power districts
- Control is local. The board members are voted on by the consumers and live in the service area.
- Public Power is not for profit and we service only our customers.
- Employees of Chimney Rock PPD are community minded. We live and work in our communities. Employees serve as volunteers in a variety of organizations in the community.
- Chimney Rock PPD has 12 full time employees, 6 board members, services 3,265 meters and 1,011 miles of line.

Source: Nebraska Power Association



Graveyard Dirt Cake

- 1 (16 ounce) package creme-filled chocolate sandwich cookies
- 12 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3 (3.9 ounce) packages instant chocolate pudding
- 4 1/2 cups milk
- 1 (16 ounce) carton frozen whipped topping, thawed

Graham crackers, cookies, candy for decorating

Pulse sandwich cookies in a food processor until they resemble dirt. Cream together softened cream cheese and butter. In a separate bowl, combine pudding and milk until thickened. Stir in whipped topping. Combine pudding mixture and cream cheese mixture. In a 9x13 inch pan, sprinkle about a half of the cookie mixture on the bottom of the pan, then spread the pudding and top with the rest of the cookies. Decorate the top.

Chill for at least 4 hours or overnight before serving.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The average household owns 24 electronic products, which account for roughly 12% of home energy use. When shopping for electronics, consider purchasing ENERGY STAR®-certified products, which can be 70% more efficient than conventional models.

Source: www.energystar.gov



FARM SAFETY TIPS

Review farm activities and work practices that take place around power lines to prevent tragic accidents

- Always lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level before moving or transporting, use care when raising them.
- When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, always use a spotter, or someone to help make certain that contact is not made with a line.
- Don't use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins. As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment such as ladders, poles or rods into power lines.
- Remember, non-metallic materials such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes and hay will conduct electricity depending on dampness and dust and dirt contamination.
- Use qualified electricians for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems.

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October Board Meeting:

October 12th, 9:00 am

**During normal office hours
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