



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumers,

Now September is here and things are still not running as smoothly as I had hoped with this covid thing, I guess I was way too optimistic. But we do have a few good things to look forward to in September. It is Blueberry Popsicle Month and Eat a Better Breakfast Month. It gets even better as the 4th is Eat an Extra Dessert Day, then a great day on the 8th as it is National Grandparents Day and the 10th is T.V. Dinner Day while the 18th is Rice Krispies Treat Day. The 21st it is World Gratitude Day, we all have many things we can be grateful for (I am grateful if you are still reading this article), the 27th is Hug a Vegetarian Day (I think mostly they are hugged by cows, pigs, and chickens), then we end the month on the 28th with Drink a Beer Day.

School is back in session in some form or another so as you travel be aware of kids and new drivers out on the roads heading to school. Some harvest activities will be starting soon so be careful around power lines and poles and also on the road as machinery will be moving from fields. I hope the weather stays good and everyone has a good month of September, don't forget the last holiday of the "summer" and have a good Labor Day on the 7th. Stay safe and healthy!

Public Power is Not-For-Profit

Other utility companies are sometimes called "public" because they provide electric services to everyone — but that doesn't make them true public power utilities.

Because local public power utilities are owned and operated by the people they serve, there are no stockholders to please or profits to make. Rates are set locally — usually by locally elected boards in open meetings where anyone can influence energy policies. Local needs are considered when decisions are made about rates and services, power generation and green alternatives.



**No Stockholders,
Just Neighbors**
**Public power districts
are not-for-profit. They're local.
And that makes all the difference.**

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
- Chimney Rock also contributes to some of the credit.

Rebates are void 120 days after purchase date.

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.

Safe – Efficient – Electric

Safety - An Important Part of a Lineman's Day

Safety doesn't happen by accident, each day when our linecrew goes to work they are putting their life on the line. This is the reason Chimney Rock PPD has safety meetings each month. The Nebraska Rural Electric Association has Utility Line Instructors that travel to the state wide public power districts and give safety presentations. In August, instructor Joel Duffield was at the office to assist the crew in practicing pole top rescue. Pole climbing is necessary in construction and maintaining overhead electrical systems. Climbing is an essential part of the job. Electrical shock is one of the hazards of this field that may occur on the ground, on a pole, around several people, or alone. When it happens speed and knowledge of how to rescue someone is very important.

The purpose of pole top rescue is to quickly and safely remove a victim from a power pole. There are many reasons why someone may need to be rescued from a pole: electrical shock, heart attack, heat stroke, physical injury, and equipment failure. No matter what the reason, when a victim is unable to remove himself from a pole, another crew member must be prepared to get him down. During the meeting the crew reviewed proper procedures, and practiced lowering a victim to the ground.

The crew also practiced repelling from the bucket truck. Repelling out of a bucket on a truck would become necessary in the event of an emergency while working in the bucket.



Save Energy

Start with Windows

Do you have places in your home that are less comfortable than the rest? That may be because you have drafts, which are caused by gaps or cracks on the outside of your home.

One place where you will often find gaps is on exterior window frames. You can fix those gaps and improve the comfort of your home with just a few simple steps:

- Look where the window frame meets the side of your house to see if there's a gap. If the gap is less than half an inch, you can seal it with caulk.
- Make sure the area is clean and dry. If there is any existing caulk, scrape it out.
- Choose the right type of exterior caulk. There are different kinds available, but your best bet is silicone or siliconized caulk.
- Cut the tip of the caulk at a 45-degree angle and load it into the caulking gun.
- Run the tip as slowly and evenly as you can along the base of the crack.
- Finish by running a damp finger along the bead to smooth it out.

Windows leak heat. If you have single-pane windows, consider doing the following:

- Tighten and weather-strip your old windows and then add storm windows.
- Close shades and drapes during the day to help keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.
- Plants that shade the house help too.

With just a small investment and a little bit of your time, you can make your home more comfortable and efficient.



Zucchini-Chocolate Chip Muffins

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg, room temperature, lightly beaten
1/2 cup canola oil
1/4 cup 2% milk
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup shredded zucchini
1/4 cup miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/4 cup chopped walnuts

In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Beat the egg, oil, milk, lemon juice and vanilla; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in zucchini, chocolate chips and walnuts. Fill 12 greased or paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the lint filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once a month to remove film and increase air circulation.

Source: energy.gov



DON'T GET OUT

If your machinery, vehicle or other equipment **makes contact with a power line**, guy wire or electrical box, **DO NOT** get out of your cab. Stray power could energize your equipment and the ground.

To avoid becoming electrocuted:

- Call 9-1-1 and wait for us to arrive to cut the power.
- Wait to exit your cab until the **power is de-energized**.

In rare cases you may need to exit your cab due to smoke or fire. If you must get out, make a solid jump out without touching any part of the tractor or vehicle, and hop away as far as you can, keeping both feet together as you hop.

For more information visit SafeElectricity.org.

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Next board meeting:

September 14th - 9:00 am

**During normal office hours
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