



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumers,

May is here, I sure hope it is better than March and April. May is the last month in the spring season and May 1 is May Day, followed by Cinco de Mayo on the 5th and on the 10th is Mother's Day, then on the 16th is Armed Forces Day, but the most recognized holiday is on the 25th which is Memorial Day. The bad part about May this year is that many area high school seniors have missed out on their last month of high school and prom, track season, golf season, baseball and softball, and mostly their graduation ceremony, which I hope can be rescheduled at a later time. This virus has taken us all by surprise, it is amazing how quickly our everyday lives can be changed by things completely out of our control. During May there is also a week dedicated to nurses and the job that they do, during this time we need to thank all of the health care people who still go to the places that are known to have ill people and still perform the essential jobs needed to help with recovery.

At Chimney Rock we have separated our guys into two separate crews and are trying to keep them isolated from each other in case we have someone exposed, we still have a crew to attend to any problems that our consumers may have. Our commitment as always, is to provide the best service possible to you. I hope you all came through this o.k. and things are getting back to normal, remember to be careful (don't touch your face and wash your hands often) but also in all you are doing. Watch out for poles as you are burning weeds or operating machinery. Remember you can call our number 586-1824 any time day or night for assistance with power problems. Be careful, be safe and have a good summer.

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.

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

HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Safety is Smart, Prevention is Power



Each year, electrical malfunctions account for **35,000 home fires** causing over **1,130 injuries**, **500 deaths**, and **\$1.4 billion in property damage**.

The average American home was **built in 1977**. Many existing homes **simply can't handle** the demands of today's electrical appliances and devices.

! Learn the warning signs of an overloaded electrical system:



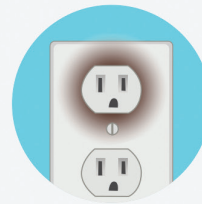
Frequent **tripping of circuit breakers** or **blowing of fuses**



Dimming of lights when other devices are turned on



Buzzing sound from switches or outlets



Discolored outlets



Appliances that seem **underpowered**

⚡ How to avoid overloading circuits:



Label your circuit breakers to understand the different circuits in your home



Have your home **inspected by a qualified electrician** if it's older than 40 years or has had a major appliance installed



Have a qualified electrician **install new circuits** for high energy use devices



Reduce your electrical load by using **energy-efficient appliances** and **lighting**

Minatare Substation Gets New Transformer

Chimney Rock PPD has been working to upgrade the Minatare substation transformer. This is a 5,000 KVA transformer, and will service approximately 656 services from this substation. The new transformer will help with reliability, service, and provide for additional loading capabilities. The project should be completed with the transformer on line the first part of May.



The old transformer was removed with the help of a crane.



The cement pad was cleaned up so the new transformer could be moved in.



The crew helped set the new transformer in to place.

Thankful for Hand Sanitizer

Through the generosity of Renewable Fuels Nebraska and the University of Nebraska, we have received a donation of hand sanitizer. The hand sanitizer was delivered to our office by James Dukeshner, Assistant Director of Government Relations & Grassroots Coordinator at the Nebraska Rural Electric Association. Chimney Rock PPD would like to say thank you to everyone that helped make this possible.



Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

4 cups rhubarb, 1" diced
4 cups strawberries, cut up
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange zest
1T cornstarch
1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup quick-cooking oatmeal
1 1/2 sticks cold unsalted butter, diced

Preheat oven to 350.

For the fruit, toss the rhubarb, strawberries, 3/4 cup of sugar and orange zest in large bowl. In a measuring cup, dissolve the cornstarch in the orange juice and then mix it into the fruit. Pour the mixture into an 8"x11" baking pan and place it on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper.

For the topping, combine the flour, the remaining 1/2 cup sugar, brown sugar, salt and oatmeal. With the mixer on low, add the butter and mix until the dry ingredients are moist and the mixture is in crumbles. Sprinkle the topping over the fruit, covering it completely, and bake for 1 hour. Serve warm with ice cream.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When the weather is nice, put your grill to use! During summer months, cooking outdoors is a great way to save energy and eliminate unwanted heat from cooking indoors.



CRPPD Director Elections

There are to be two directors elected to the Chimney Rock Public Power District's Board of Directors in the November 2020 General Election. The incumbent directors are Richard Kildow and Travis Petersen.

If you would like to run for Chimney Rock's Board of Directors you need to follow these guidelines:

- 1) You must have service with Chimney Rock Public Power.
- 2) Incumbent directors are required to file as candidates by July 15th. All other candidates are required to file for office by August 3rd.
- 3) A filing fee of \$10 is required, payable to the Secretary of State. File nomination papers, voter registration certificate and completed Statement of Financial Interest with the Secretary of State prior to your filing deadline; you must make sure there is enough time allowed for mailing the filings to the Secretary of State. The Statement of Financial Interest must also be filed with the County Clerk or Election Commission.



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May Board Meeting:
May 11th - 9:00 am

**During normal office hours
and after hours call:
(308) 586-1824 or
(877) 773-6300**

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