



# Chimney Rock News



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Dear Consumer,

Here I am writing this article while waiting for another big storm to dump a load of snow in our area. Seems as though we are getting more of the “big ones” lately. The last one in February was a combination of cold, snow, and an extremely large area of cold that most of the southern half of the country had not experienced before. This was part of the problem in Texas. They do not insulate for that type of cold weather and had problems keeping fuel flowing to generating plants. There was no wind to turn wind turbines along with them icing up and solar panels were covered in snow. Our power supplier (Tri-State G&T) also had some problems with their wind and solar but still had enough gas, coal, and fuel oil generators to ramp up and carry the load for the largest winter demand they have ever had. Let's hope this next storm is not the scope of that one (we will know by the time you read this). Maybe on April 1<sup>st</sup> we will get an April fools from Mother Nature and it will all miss us.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Good Friday and Children's Book Day, then on the 4<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday. The 7<sup>th</sup> is No Housework Day which makes sense because it is also National Beer Day, on the 8<sup>th</sup> it is National Zoo Day (if you have not been to the Scottsbluff zoo for a while you should check it out). Then I hope this does not happen but on the 12<sup>th</sup> is Big Wind Day, on the 15<sup>th</sup> is Income Tax Day along with Take a Wild Guess Day and That Sucks Day (I can see why they all go together). The 17<sup>th</sup> is Husband Appreciation Day, the 19<sup>th</sup> is Patriots' Day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and Nebraska's own Arbor Day is on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

I hope we all get through these storms without many problems, but if you do have a power outage remember you can call any time and the phones will be answered. We are getting prepared for the worst and hoping for the best, sometimes we also cannot get out and around during some of these major storms so be prepared for any type of emergency and rest assured we will be trying to get things back to normal as soon as possible. Have a good spring and stay safe!

## Energy Efficiency Credits

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

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

Some of the credits include:

- \*Electric water heaters - \$30 - \$100/unit
- \*Heat pumps-\$300-\$500/ton  
15 SEER Minimum
- \*Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- \*2 Ton or larger Energy Star air conditioners-\$100-\$150/unit
- \*Energy Star Appliances (refrig, freezer, clothes or dish washer and clothes dryers) \$30-\$90
- \*LED lights - lesser of 1/2 cost of lights or \$8 per lamp, 500 Lumens or greater
- \*Electric trimmer, chainsaw, or pruner, electric blower or lawn-mower - 25% of cost, up to \$100

Receipts are generally required. 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.

# *Lineworker Appreciation Day*

*April 12, 2021*

## **WHAT DOES A LINEWORKER DO?**

On any given day or night, in all kinds of weather conditions, lineworkers install and maintain overhead and underground electrical systems.

We entrust our lineworkers with your safety, so they hold a very important job. We also rely on their expertise to power our world.

## **SAFETY COMES FIRST**

Lineworkers must commit to safety above all else for the benefit of those they serve (you!), fellow crew members and themselves. They spend thousands of hours in safety trainings each year and must learn and apply numerous safety regulations.

## **THEY ARE SPECIALLY TRAINED TO:**

- Climb poles to service power lines in areas inaccessible by trucks.
- Stand in an elevated bucket to assess and repair overhead lines.
- Install poles, overhead lines and other equipment.
- Work on both energized and deenergized lines.
- Install and service underground lines.



***Serving CRPPD consumers for a total of 99 years  
Our linemen take pride in their job***

***Pictured from top to bottom left to right:***

***Justin McAllister - 11 years***

***Brandon Wyckoff - 17 years***

***Willy Cogdill - 3 months***

***Bryce Hargens - 3 years***

***Jacob Ashmore - 4 years***

***DJ Kearns - 6 years***

***Scot Ouderkirk - 17 years***

***Ron Hubbard 41 years***



## ***Thank a Lineworker on April 12th***

**If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Chimney Rock PPD, more than likely it would be a picture of a lineworker. Lineworkers are one of the most visible employees of Chimney Rock PPD and work tirelessly to ensure our consumers receive uninterrupted power 24/7.**

**“Lineworker” is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. This dedication and sense of service to our consumers is truly what sets them apart. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? That’s why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize our line crew who work around the clock to keep the lights on.**

**On April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, take a minute to thank them for their exceptional service.**

### ***Willy Cogdill Joins the CRPPD Linecrew***

Chimney Rock PPD is pleased to welcome Willy Cogdill as a new apprentice lineman. Willy began his position with CRPPD on January 18, 2021.

Willy graduated from Chadron High School in 2015. He graduated from Western Nebraska Community College’s Powerline Construction and Maintenance Technology Program in 2020.

He enjoys outdoor activities and has had previous job experiences as a car salesman, excavation, and ranching.

Welcome Willy!



### ***Sticky Cinnamon Bacon Roll-ups***

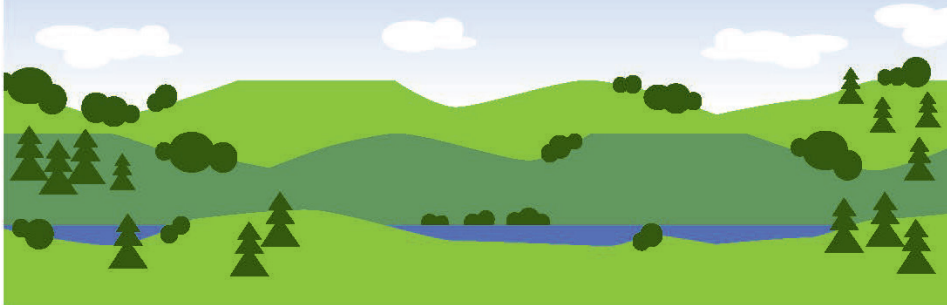
Nonstick cooking spray  
12 slices applewood smoked or honey & maple bacon  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup melted butter  
4 8-inch tortillas  
2 tablespoons applesauce

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Cook bacon according to package directions, drain. In a bowl, combine cinnamon and sugar; mix well. Brush melted butter on both sides of each tortilla, then coat both sides with cinnamon sugar.

Place three slices bacon and 2 teaspoons applesauce on one edge of tortilla. Roll up and place seam-side down in prepared pan. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Bake 12-16 minutes until sugar mixture is bubbly. Cut tortilla roll-ups in half before serving. Serve warm.



# NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP



**July 19-23, 2021**

High school students, grades 9 - 11  
Nebraska State 4-H Camp - Halsey, Neb.

←—————→  
If you are interested in applying for this all-expense  
paid camp, complete the application form and  
return it to your local electric system.

## YOUTH ENERGY LEADERSHIP CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parents \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of your sponsoring rural electric system

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April Board Meeting:  
April 12th, 9:00 am

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