



# Chimney Rock News



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## **Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon**

Dear Consumer,

Well the dog days of summer are upon us (July 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>) and the weather has lived up to the name. The good news is that July is National Ice Cream Month and the second week of the month is Nude Recreation Week so there are ways to try and stay cool. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> it is Stay Out of the Sun Day and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> I forgot to mention it is I Forgot Day, then the big one on the 4<sup>th</sup> is Independence Day followed on the 5<sup>th</sup> by National Bikini Day and the 9<sup>th</sup> is National Motorcycle Day. A good day is Cow Appreciation Day (steaks?), the 18<sup>th</sup> is National Ice Cream Day followed closely on the 20<sup>th</sup> by National Ice Cream Soda Day. The 23<sup>rd</sup> is National Vanilla Ice Cream Day. On the 27<sup>th</sup> you can do three things at once as it is Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day, Take your Pants for a Walk Day, and Walk on Stilts Day. On the 29<sup>th</sup> it is National Chicken Wings Day and then after all of the ice cream goodness the end of the month is ruined on the 31<sup>st</sup> as it is National Avocado Day.

We received a report from the Nebraska Rural Electric Systems and I thought I would share a little of Chimney Rock's statistic. In 2020 Chimney Rock Public Power had 3,198 meters with 1,024 miles of line spread out over five counties in western Nebraska covering just over 1,000 square miles. We have 6 linemen to cover that area which means each lineman has about 255 consumers and about 167 square miles to take care of. In 2020 we purchased \$5,245,041 worth of power from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and sold an average of 12,145 kwhs per consumer. We have been busy this year putting in services for pivot irrigation and new residential services.

Please remember to let us know if you experience any problems or see anything that could become a problem along our power lines. Stay safe, stay healthy 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. 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  
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\*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.

## *Don't Fall Victim to Utility Scams*

Every day, millions of Americans are targeted by scammers through phone calls, emails, text messages, online or in person. Scammers' tactics can change daily, which is why it's important for consumers to stay on top of the latest scam reports from local and national news outlets, as well as your local utility companies.

We want you to be aware of two trending scam tactics. One is the overpayment trick, where a scammer contacts you and claims that you have overpaid your utility bill. The scammer will say they need your personal banking information to deposit the credit back to your checking account. Don't fall for this scam! If you make an overpayment on your energy bill, Chimney Rock PPD will apply the credit to your account, which will carry over to your next billing cycle. Another trending scam is smishing (short for SMS phishing). Many consumers know to watch out for suspicious emails, but we tend to trust text messages sent to our smartphones. Always question suspicious texts, especially from someone claiming to represent a utility. These are just a couple examples of trending scams, so it's important to watch for any red flags.

Here are a few reminders on how to take control of the situation when you've been targeted by a scammer:

- **Take your time.** Utility scammers try to create a sense of urgency so that you'll act fast and hand over personal information, especially over the phone. Take a moment to think about the situation before acting.
- **Be suspicious.** Scammers typically request immediate payments through prepaid debit cards or third-party apps. Unusual requests like this should raise red flags. Remember, if the request seems strange and out of the ordinary, you're likely being targeted by a scammer.
- **Confirm before you act.** If you're contacted by someone claiming to represent Chimney Rock PPD or another utility but you're unsure, just hang up the phone and call the utility directly to verify the situation.



Our increasingly connected world provides scammers with more opportunities to connect with unsuspecting consumers. Be vigilant, and please report any utility scams to our office so we can let others in our community know. Together, we can help prevent our friends and neighbors from being victimized.

## ***Air Link Training Held***

On Thursday, May 6, 2021 a crew from Air Link conducted a training for Chimney Rock Public Power and City of Bayard employees.

At approximately 12:50 pm, the Air Link flight crew landed at the Bayard baseball field. After a brief history of Air Link the flight crew presented information that included the proper procedures to assist them on the scene of an accident.

Topics covered were:

- 1) The best way to contact Air Link for assistance in an emergency.
- 2) Helpful information for setting up a landing zone.
- 3) How to assist with loading a victim.
- 4) Some basic information on electrical contact first aid.

The employees of CRPPD would like to express their appreciation to Air Link for the training and extend a special thank you to the flight crew of Collin McGurk (Pilot), Dereck Narvais (Flight Paramedic), and Hannah Blackburn (Flight Nurse) for taking the time to prepare us in the event of an emergency.



### ***Easy Mexican Casserole***

1 lb ground beef  
2 cups salsa  
1 (16 ounce) can chili beans, drained  
3 cups tortilla chips, crushed  
2 cups sour cream  
1 (2 ounce) can sliced black olives, drained  
1/2 cup chopped green onion  
1/2 cup chopped fresh tomato  
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook ground beef until no longer pink. Stir in salsa, reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Stir in beans, and heat through.

Spray 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray. Spread crushed tortilla chips in dish, and then spoon beef mixture over chips. Spread sour cream over beef, and sprinkle olives, green onion, and tomato over the sour cream. Top with Cheddar cheese. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until bubbly.

An advertisement for Safe Electricity.org. It features a photograph of a person's legs wearing orange pants and black rubber boots, standing next to a black shovel stuck in the ground. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and trees.

**You can't AVOID what you CAN'T SEE**

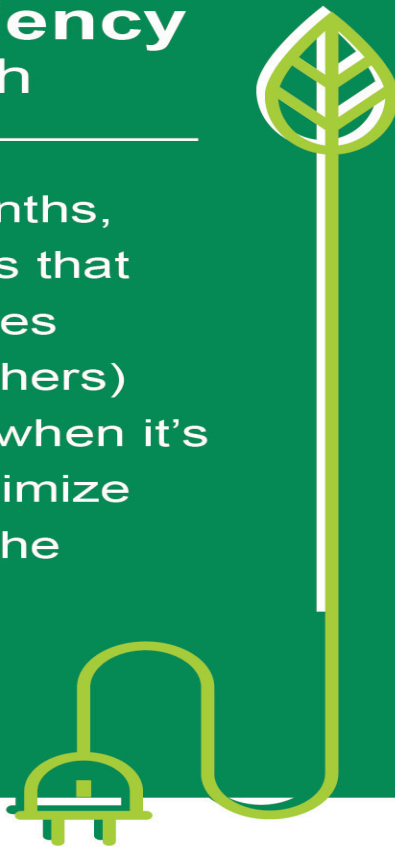
Starting a job — big or small — without first getting utilities marked could result in serious injury, service disruptions for you and your neighbors, and a hefty fine.

**Call 8-1-1 before you dig.**

Learn more at: **Safe Electricity.org®**

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat (like clothes dryers and dishwashers) during the evening when it's cooler. This will minimize indoor heat during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest.



**Our Office will be Closed:  
Monday, July 5th in observance of the  
Fourth of July**

**HAPPY FOURTH  
OF JULY!**

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY.

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**(877) 773-6300**

July Board Meeting:

July 12th - 9:00 am

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