



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

September already. I don't know how many times I have heard someone say that, and I have said it many times myself. It seems like this summer went by even faster than most, school has started, there are football games and fall begins this month. We had a lot of plans for things to do this summer and accomplished exactly none of them. I guess we can still celebrate a few weird holidays yet, such as on September 1st Emma M. Nutt Day (the first woman telephone operator) then VJ Day on the 2nd and on the 7th it is National Salami Day. The 11th is 911 Remembrance Day, on the 12th is Grandparents Day but on the 13th is Uncle Sam Day, the image was first used in 1813 and is still familiar today. On the 14th will be one of my favorites as it is International Crab Fest Day and National Cream Filled Donut Day then the 18th is National Cheeseburger Day. The 20th is National Punch Day, I am not sure if this means give them something to drink or if you should punch them, I guess you can use your own interpretation, then comes the Autumn Equinox on the 22nd and fall officially begins which makes the 25th the perfect day for National Hunting and Fishing Day.

Many things will be happening this month so stay aware of machinery, trucks, and buses on the road along with a few new drivers. If you have any problems or see anything that could become a problem on our lines, please let us know. Your help could reduce outage time or prevent an outage. Be careful and have a good September.

Our Office Will Be Closed:

Monday, September 6th

in Observance of Labor Day



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.

Tips for a Safe Harvest

Agriculture is the backbone of our country, and our livelihood greatly depends on the crops provided by American farmers. In addition to being one of the most labor-intensive professions, farming is also considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

The hard work and exhaustive labor are tough but rushing the job to save time can be extremely dangerous—even deadly—when farming near electrical equipment.

Every year, we see collisions where tractors and other farming equipment accidentally collide with utility poles and power lines, causing injuries and power outages. These dangerous accidents can be avoided by looking up and around your surroundings when operating large farm machinery. If you're preparing for harvest season, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Maintain a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- Use a spotter and deployed flags to maintain safe distances from power lines and other electrical equipment when working in the field.
- If your equipment makes contact with an energized or downed power line, contact 9-1-1 immediately and remain inside the vehicle until the power line is de-energized. In case of smoke or fire, exit the cab by making a solid jump out of the cab (without touching it), and hop away to safety.
- Consider equipment and cargo extensions of your vehicle. Lumber, hay, tree limbs, irrigation pipes and even bulk materials can conduct electricity, so keep them out of contact with electrical equipment.

September 19-25 is National Farm Health and Safety Week but practicing safety on the farm year-round yields positive results. We hope you never find yourself in a situation where farming equipment contacts power lines or poles, but if you do, we hope you'll remember these safety tips.



Remember to look out for overhead power lines.

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Seven Energy-Wasting Habits You Should Break

Do these common energy-wasting habits seem familiar? Save money by changing your routine. No one sets out to waste energy, but it's easy to do. Check out these common energy-wasting habits.

1. Leaving the lights on in empty rooms. This is one of the most common energy-wasting habits and, luckily, one that's easy to fix. By simply turning off lights when you leave a room, you will save energy. To save even more, install energy-efficient LEDs. They use 75% less energy than conventional incandescent bulbs and last a lot longer.

2. Not adjusting your thermostat. Adjusting the temperature of your home at night or when you are away is the most cost-effective way to save energy, but it's easy to forget. Programmable thermostats optimize savings by automatically adjusting temperatures based on your schedule. Today's smart models provide advanced features, such as remote control and self-programming.

3. Falling asleep watching TV. It's easy to do. You're relaxing and watching your favorite show. Suddenly, it's 3 a.m. and you wake to an infomercial. Click the off button if you're feeling drowsy. If your set is older, upgrade to an ENERGY STAR TV. ENERGY STAR models use less energy than standard sets while still providing a great viewing experience.

4. Taking long showers. Did you know that standard shower-heads use 2.5 to 3.0 gallons per minute? Just think of all the water and energy those 20 minutes showers are sending down the drain. Keep it to 10 minutes or less. Also, install WaterSense-labeled showerheads. They use less water than standard units.

5. Running partial loads. Operating your dishwasher or clothes washer with just a few dishes or small amount of clothes may sometimes be convenient, but it's a big waste of energy. Wait until your appliance is fully loaded before you flip the switch. Your clothes or dishes will be fully cleaned, and you'll save energy and water.

6. Change your furnace filter. A dirty air filter forces your heating or cooling system to work harder to keep you comfortable. Change your filter regularly.

7. Browsing in front of an open refrigerator. Each year the average person spends about 10 hours looking at an open refrigerator or freezer. That's a lot of time for cold air to escape.



Caramelized Applecrisp

2 lbs apples-cored & diced into 1/2" pieces
2/3 cup sugar
juice from one lemon
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
8 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup almond flour
1 cup oatmeal

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Toss apples with lemon juice, 1/3 cup sugar, cinnamon, cardamom, and salt in a large bowl. Heat 2 tablespoons of butter over medium heat in a large saucepan. Brown the butter and add the apples.

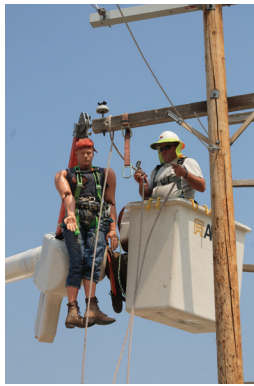
For the crisp top, combine the remaining butter, almond flour, oats, and 1/3 cup sugar in a medium bowl and with your hands or a pastry cutter, combine until pea-sized pieces have formed.

Spread the topping evenly over the apples. Bake for 45 minutes or until the crumble top is golden brown.

Pole Top Rescue Safety Training

On August 3rd the linemen participated in their monthly safety meeting conducted by Scot Ouderkirk, Nebraska Rural Electric Association Job Training and Safety Instructor and Larry Oetken, Job Training and Safety Coordinator. The topic of this meeting was Pole Top and Bucket Rescue. This training is necessary because a person may need to be rescued due to illness, injury, or electrical shock.

During this training the lineman is required to climb the pole and safely lower the victim on the pole to the ground. The mannequin used for training weighs 160 lbs and linemen are in full gear. Bucket truck rescue may be needed if a victim were injured in an elevated bucket truck and need to be lowered to the ground so first aid could be administered.



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September Board Meeting
September 13th - 9:00 a.m.

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