



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

April Fools' Day is upon us so that means a couple of weeks ago we were to be into spring and nice weather. Most of the time though it is March and April that gives us the most snow so don't put that snow shovel away yet. After April Fools' Day on the first we can do National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day on the 2nd, followed on the 3rd by World Party Day and the 4th is School Librarian Day. Then on the 6th is New Beers Eve followed on the 7th by National Beer Day and National Burrito Day. On the 8th is Zoo Lover's Day and the 10th is Palm Sunday. On the 12th is a day we have most days here in western Nebraska, as it is Big Wind Day, but if it happens to quit blowing we can celebrate on the 13th with National Peach Cobbler Day. On the 15th is Good Friday but also the day income taxes are due, on the 16th is Husband Appreciation Day, then on the 17th is Bat Appreciation Day and Easter Sunday. Then after Easter Sunday on the 18th comes Dyngus Day (an old Polish celebration on the day after Easter when they have huge water fights) on the 20th is Volunteer Recognition Day and Earth Day is on the 22nd. The 27th is Administrative Professional Day and Prime Rib Day, the 29th is Arbor Day and we close out April on the 30th with National Raisin Day.

Some of you may be out working in the fields, so just a reminder to be aware of poles and wires as you go about your daily activities. As I have mentioned before, if you have a problem or see anything that could become a problem give our office a call as the phones are answered 24/7 and it could keep an outage from happening or cut down the time of an outage. Be safe and have a good spring.



Our Office will be Closed

Friday, April 15th

in observance of

Good Friday

***Happy Easter from
Chimney Rock PPD***

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. and submitted within 90 days.

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 - \$50/unit
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
15 SEER Minimum
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, freezer, clothes or dish washer and clothes dryers)\$30-\$90
- *Induction Cooktops 30" or larger, must be replacing gas
- *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 \$150
- *Whole House Fans - \$100
- *Smart Thermostats - \$25

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.

Lineman Appreciation Day

April 11, 2022

Your Power Works Because of What They Do!

The Lineman

The snow blew in with a bitter, cold wind
and dredged up old memories again.
Of long days and nights in a land with no light
as he works on a line with no end.

He plows thru a drift, yells "Hey there it is"
the wire is down on the ground.
With a call back to Base to tell them the case,
now that the fault has been found.

As he readies his gear he says a quick prayer,
that reminds him that he's not alone.
Then up in the air, he makes that repair
and he thinks of his sweet girl at home.

With a voice full of cheer, he calls "I'm in the clear
and ready to give it a go".
A friend up the line tells him "That sounds just fine"
and he lets the energy flow.

The day has been long, and the last outage run,
it's time to head it for home.
And the land that was night is now filled with light.
"The Lineman was never alone".

It is fitting to say that the Lineman this day
worked 'til that last light was on.
But the true story told is a story of old,
"IN GOD'S LIGHT WE ARE NEVER ALONE".
by Ron Hubbard

The Power Behind Your Power

You have probably noticed our line crew out working
on power lines and other equipment, it's no secret that
a lineworker's job is tough. As we celebrate Lineman
Appreciation Day here are some interesting facts about
electric lineworkers.

Did you know the equipment and tools that a line-
man carries while climbing a pole can weigh up to 50
pounds?

Linemen work non-traditional hours, outdoors in
difficult conditions.

Did you know that to become a journeyman lineman it
can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about
four years)?

Linemen are committed to their career - they work long
hours and there is an ever-present danger working on
high voltage power lines. A lineworker is listed in the
top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Chimney Rock PPD has 9 linemen that are responsi-
ble for keeping power flowing 24/7, 365 days a year.
They maintain 3,265 miles of line across Scotts
Bluff, Morrill, Box Butte, Sioux and Banner Counties.

Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of
these hard working men, we simply would not have the
reliable electricity that we need for everyday life.

Pictured top row left to right: Ron Hubbard, Brandon
Wyckoff, Tanner Rafferty and Joel Duffield
Front row left to right: Jacob Ashmore, Justin
McAllister, DJ Kearns, Bryce Hargens, and Dalton
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Reap What You Sow: Stay Safe During Planting Season

Long hours and fatigue are a constant battle for farmers during planting season. If you farm, remember to take care of yourself by getting as much rest as possible and allowing yourself breaks to clear your head. Be especially aware of electrical hazards around the farm. Be cautious and think twice before acting around electricity.

- If your machinery or vehicle comes in contact with a power line, do not get out. Once contact has been made with a live line (even when your tractor or truck makes contact), you are now a “pathway to ground” and you could get electrocuted if you step out. Instead, stay where you are and call 9-1-1 to dispatch the appropriate utility to de-energize the power.
- If you come across an accident or incident near a downed power line, alert individuals (from a distance) to stay in the tractor or vehicle as long as there is no imminent danger. Do not approach the scene.
- When using machinery with long extensions or tall antennas and when using ladders, look up to avoid contact with overhead power lines.
- Even if there is no contact, an electrical current can jump or arc so keep equipment at least 10 feet from surrounding power lines at all times.
- Remember, non-metallic materials (such as tree limbs, ropes and hay) can conduct electricity, depending on dampness and dust/dirt accumulation.
- Visually inspect overhead lines, which may not meet height codes due to age or pole damage. If a wire is hanging low or is on the ground, consider it energized and stay at least 50 feet away; call 9-1-1 to have the operator dispatch the utility.
- Every day, map out where equipment will be moved to ensure it will clear power lines.
- When working in the vicinity of power lines, always use a spotter who has a broad vantage point.
- Train anyone working with or for you (including seasonal employees) to be aware of power line locations and teach them proper clearance distance. Also design and implement a safety training program that includes a review of electrical hazards and how to safely deal with power lines.
- According to American Family Insurance, “Know Your PTO.” To stay safe when working with a power take off (PTO), always disengage the PTO, turn off the engine and remove keys before getting off the tractor. Also, never step across a rotating power shaft.

Grandma's Lemon Meringue Pie

1 cup white sugar
2 Tbs. all-purpose flour
3 Tbs. cornstarch
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups water
2 lemons, juiced & zested
2 tablespoons butter
4 egg yolks, beaten
1 (9 inch) pie crust, baked
4 egg whites
6 Tbs. white sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

To make lemon filling:

In a medium saucepan, whisk together 1 cup sugar, flour, cornstarch, and salt. Stir in water, lemon juice and lemon zest.

Cook over medium high heat, stirring frequently, until mixture comes to a boil. Stir in butter. Place egg yolks in a small bowl and gradually whisk in 1/2 cup of hot sugar mixture. Whisk egg yolk mixture back into remaining sugar mixture. Bring to a boil and continue to cook while stirring constantly until thick. Remove from heat. Pour filling into baked pastry shell.

To make Meringue: In a large bowl, whip egg whites until foamy. Add sugar gradually, and continue to whip until stiff peaks form. Spread over pie, sealing the edges at the crust.

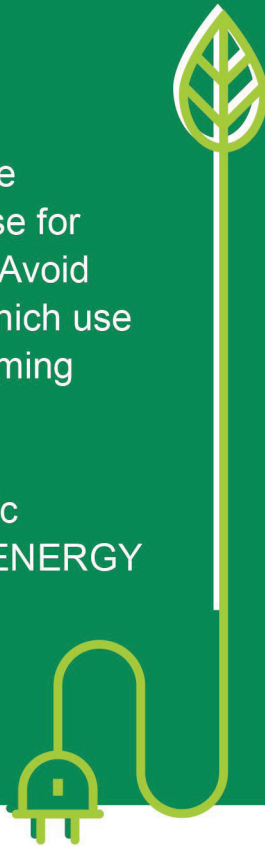
Bake for 10 minutes, or until meringue is golden brown.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching. Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than streaming through a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with electronic equipment that has earned the ENERGY STAR® rating will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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

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Follow farm safety rules around power lines.

