



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

June is here and that means school is out and the first day of summer cannot be far behind. The first week of June is National Fishing Week so make sure and take advantage of that. As I was looking through my list of weird holiday celebrations I could not help but notice how many were celebrating some kind of food. So here is a list of food related holidays with a few others thrown in. On the 3rd is National Doughnut Day and the 4th is Applesauce Cake Day, and on the 5th is National Frozen Yogurt Day. The 6th is WWII D-Day, on the 7th is National Chocolate Ice Cream Day, then the 9th is National Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie Day. The 11th is National Corn On the Cob Day, the 12th is National Jerky Day and National Peanut Butter Cookie Day, and the 15th is National Prune Day and Fresh Veggies Day along with Eat Your Vegetables Day on the 17th. The 18th is International Picnic Day and International Sushi Day, the 19th is Father's Day and National Turkey Lovers Day, the 20th is Ice Cream Soda Day and finally on the 21st is the first day of summer which we can celebrate on the 22nd as it is National Chocolate Éclair Day and National Onion Ring Day. The 24th is National Food Truck Day, the 25th is National Catfish Day and the 29th is Waffle Iron Day. With all of these days to celebrate food it is no wonder I have become a little rounder than I used to be, I was much better off before I started looking up all of these days.

I know you have all been busy out doing field and yard work and as summer rolls on you will be doing many other things as well, remember to look up when doing anything that is sticking up in the air as power lines are usually present. Have a good and safe summer and don't forget our phones are always answered if you have a problem or see something that could become a problem.



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
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- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp

- *Energy Star Appliances (refrig, freezer, clotheswasher 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.

2022 Scholarship Winners

Chimney Rock Public Power District and its suppliers, Basin Electric and Tri-State Generation and Transmission are proud to announce this year's scholarship winners.

Ava Imhof has received a \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship. She is the daughter of Mike and Sara Imhof of Scottsbluff. Ava attended Scottsbluff High school and was active in journalism activities, Math Club and participated in math competitions. She was the Editor-in-Chief of the Scottsbluff High School newspaper. Ava plans to attend either the University of Nebraska at Lincoln or South Dakota School of Mines and major in Physics.



Laura Albro, a 2022 graduate of Bayard High School, has received a \$500 Tri-State Generation and Transmission scholarship. Laura is the daughter of Jon and Ann Albro. During high school she was active in FFA, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Cross Country, Lead Team, and National Honor Society. She was also active in 4-H. Laura plans on attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and major in Agronomy.

Madison Oliverius received a \$500 Tri-State Generation and Transmission scholarship. Madison is from Bayard and is the daughter of John and Heather Oliverius. She attended Bayard High School and participated in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, track, FFA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Certified Emergency Response Team, Destination Imagination and Quiz Bowl. She was also in 4-H and was a Bayard American Legion Girls State Representative. She plans on attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney to earn a degree in Elementary Education.



Safety Tips for Before, During and After the Storm

Storm season is in full swing. Many summer storms have the potential to produce tornadoes—they can happen anytime, anywhere, and can bring winds over 200 miles per hour.

As adults, we understand the importance of storm safety, but younger children and teens may not realize the dangers storms pose. That's why it's so important to talk to your family and have a storm plan in place. Here are several tips you can share with your loved ones.

Before the Storm

- Talk to your family about what to do in the event of a severe storm or tornado. Point out the safest location to shelter, like a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of your home. Discuss the dangers of severe thunderstorms; lightning can strike 10 miles outside of a storm. Remember: when you hear thunder roar, head indoors.
- Make a storm kit. It doesn't have to be elaborate—having a few items on hand is better than nothing at all. Try to include items like water, non-perishable foods, a manual can opener, a First-Aid kit, flashlights and extra batteries, prescriptions, baby supplies and pet supplies. Keep all the items in one place for easy access if the power goes out.

During the Storm

- Pay attention to local weather alerts—either on the TV, your smartphone or weather radio—and understand the types of alerts. A thunderstorm or tornado watch means these events are possible and you should be prepared; a warning means a thunderstorm or tornado has been spotted in your area and it's time to take action.
- If you find yourself in the path of a tornado, head to your safe place to shelter, and protect yourself by covering your head with your arms or materials like blankets and pillows.
- If you're driving during a severe storm or tornado, do not try to outrun it. Pull over and cover your body with a coat or blanket if possible.

After the Storm

- If the power is out, conserve your phone battery as much as possible, limiting calls and texts to let others know you are safe or for emergencies only.
- Stay off the roads if trees, power lines or utility poles are down. Lines and equipment could still be energized, posing life-threatening risks to anyone who gets too close.
- Wear appropriate gear if you're cleaning up storm debris on your property. Thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves will help protect you from sharp or dangerous debris left behind.

Summer is a time for many fun-filled activities, but the season can also bring severe, dangerous weather. Talk to your loved ones about storm safety so that everyone is prepared and knows exactly what to do when a storm strikes.



Grilled Brown Sugar-Mustard Chicken

1/2 cup yellow or Dijon mustard

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

8 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)

In a large bowl, mix mustard, brown sugar, allspice and pepper flakes. Remove 1/4 cup mixture for serving. Add chicken to remaining mixture; toss to coat.

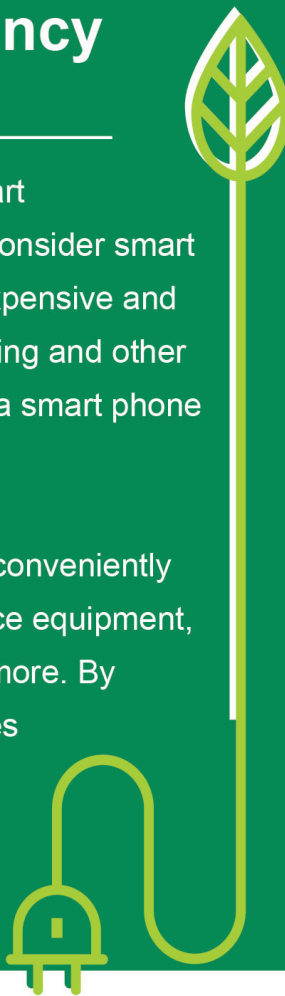
Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 inches from heat 6-8 minutes on each side or until a thermometer read 170 degrees. Serve with reserved mustard mixture.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

If you're looking to add smart technology to your home, consider smart plugs. Smart plugs are inexpensive and can be used to control lighting and other electronic devices through a smart phone app.

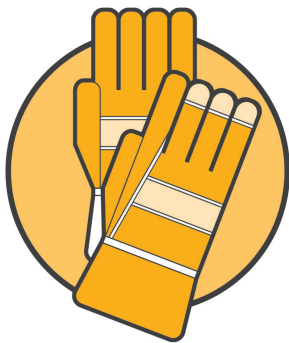
With smart plugs, you can conveniently manage lighting, home office equipment, video game consoles and more. By powering off unused devices when you're away, you can save energy (and money!).

Source: energystar.gov



Five Tips for Hiring an Electrician

A licensed electrician can help with a variety of home projects from lighting upgrades to full renovations. Keep the following tips in mind if you're looking to hire an electrician.



- 1. Hire a licensed, qualified electrician for the job.**
Look for a master electrician to manage the project. Master electricians have the most experience and will often oversee the work of a journey-level electrician or apprentice.
- 2. Make sure the electrician is insured.**
Seasoned electricians know the importance of protecting themselves in case of an accident.
- 3. Read all the reviews.**
Hire an electrician that has several positive reviews – not just one or two. Read reviews on different sites, like Nextdoor, Yelp and HomeAdvisor, and consider asking your neighbors for recommendations.
- 4. Determine your budget. Get two quotes.**
Knowing your budget upfront helps move the process along. Prices can greatly vary, so get multiple quotes (at least two).
- 5. Talk timeline.**
Some electricians accidentally overbook projects. If your job is time-sensitive, convey that early on and discuss a realistic timeline with the electrician.

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