



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Alvin Harimon

Dear Consumer,

Already it is May and May Day on the 1st and National Teacher Day on the 3rd. May the fourth be with you on the 4th as it is Star Wars Day, on the 5th is Cinco de Mayo (and Mike Kildow's birthday, just put that in there to see if he reads this). On the 6th is Military Spouse Appreciation Day and National Nurses Day. On the 7th is the National Day of Prayer and the 8th is Mother's Day. On the 9th is Lost Sock Memorial Day and if you had waited a day you probably would have found most of them on the 10th as it is Clean Your Room Day, but on the 13th is Friday the 13th and the 15th is National Chocolate Chip Day. Armed Forces Day is on the 21st and on the 23rd is Lucky Penny Day. On the 25th is National Missing Children's Day and on the 28th is National Hamburger Day. Then on the 30th is Memorial Day and the last day of the month on the 31st is World No Tobacco Day.

With all of the high winds we had back in April our lines held up very well. We did have a few minor outages and I want to thank those of you that called in and were very understanding of the situation with the winds. We work year around on the maintenance and rebuilding of our system and at times like that it really shows. Whenever we do have an outage we appreciate everyone who calls in, even if you think it has already been reported it helps us narrow down where the problem may be if we know what areas are out. As always be safe out there and remember to let us know if you see something that is or could become a problem. Thank you and have a good May.



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 washers 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.

Chimney Rock PPD Welcomes New Linemen

Joel Duffield is a Journeyman Lineman. Joel graduated from Chadron State College in 2006 with a major in Industrial Management with Manufacturing Option and a minor in Electronics. He also graduated from WNCC in 2007. Joel previously worked for PREMA in Alliance and Xcel Energy in Texas. When asked what he liked about being a lineman this was his reply: "There is a brotherhood in line work that is unrivaled in the workforce. It starts in apprenticeship when you are learning from your journeyman brothers. It continues as you expand and refine your trade with every ice-filled blizzard, freezing drizzling morning, and lightning filled stormy night as you are giving it your all to keep the power on. And finally, passing on what you have learned to the next generation of future linemen." Joel enjoys spending time with his wife, Kelsey and their three daughters: Ashlyn, Bailey, and Jordyn. You can also find him out running, coaching track and field, or riding and working on his motorcycle.



Dalton Propp is a new Apprentice Lineman. Dalton is a graduate of Scottsbluff High School and graduated from Western Nebraska Community College's Powerline Construction and Maintenance Technology Program in 2021. He has previously worked for the City of Sidney. Dalton's favorite thing about being a lineman is working outside everyday. In his free time you will likely find him hunting or fishing.



Tanner Rafferty was hired as an Apprentice Lineman. Tanner graduated from Bayard High School. He attended lineschool at Western Nebraska Community College in Alliance and graduated in 2021. Tanner completed his internship at Chimney Rock PPD prior to being hired. He also has worked on his family ranch. He enjoys the people he works with and keeping the power on for our customers. Tanner enjoys hunting, fishing, and working with cattle and horses on the family ranch with his parents Scott and Joy Rafferty.



Prioritize Safety Year-Round

At Chimney Rock PPD, we recognize Electrical Safety Month every May, but we also know the importance of practicing safety year-round. From our employees to you, the consumers we serve, we recognize that everyone has a part to play in prioritizing safety.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured or electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. Electricity is a necessity, and it powers our daily lives. But we know first-hand how dangerous electricity can be because we work with it 365 days a year.

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Given the prevalence of electrical devices, tools and appliances, here are a few practical electrical safety tips.

- * Frayed wires pose a serious safety hazard. Power cords can become damaged or frayed from age, heavy use or excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them, as they could cause a shock when handled.

- * Avoid overloading circuits. Circuits can only cope with a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle--by having too many devices running on one circuit.

- * Label circuit breakers to understand the circuits in your home. Contact a qualified electrician if your home is more than 40 years old and you need to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.

- * Use extension cords properly. Never plug an extension cord into another extension cord. If you "daisy chain" them together, it could lead to overheating, creating a potential fire hazard. Don't exceed the wattage of the cord. Doing so also creates a risk of overloading the cord and creating a fire hazard. Extension cords should not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

Talk with your kids about playing it safe and smart around electricity. Help them be aware of overhead power lines near where they play outdoors.

Our top priority is providing an uninterrupted energy supply 24/7, 365 days per year. But equally important is keeping our community safe around electricity.

Contact Chimney Rock PPD for additional electrical safety tips or if you would like us to provide a safety demonstration at your school or upcoming community event.



Bacon Wrapped Asparagus Bundles

1 1/2 lbs asparagus spears,
trimmed 4 to 5 inches
long tips

Extra-virgin olive oil, for
drizzling

A few grinds black pepper
4 slices center cut bacon
or pancetta

Chopped chives or scal-
lions, optional
garnish

Preheat oven, if using to
400 degrees F.

Lightly coat asparagus
spears in extra-virgin olive
oil. Season the asparagus
with black pepper. Take a
quick count of the spear
tips. Divide the total
number by four. Gather
that number of spears
and use a slice of bacon
to wrap the bundle and
secure the spears together.
Repeat with remaining
ingredients.

To grill, place the bundles
on hot grill and cover.
Cook 10 to 12 minutes
until bacon is crisp and
asparagus bundles are
tender.

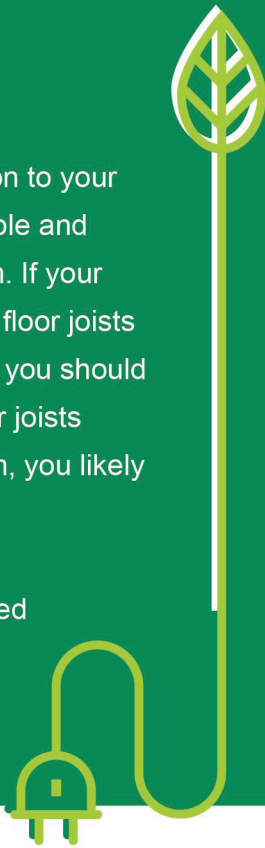
For oven preparation,
place bundles on the
slotted broiler pan. Bake
12 minutes.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Even in summer months, adding insulation to your attic can keep your home more comfortable and save energy used by your cooling system. If your attic insulation is level with or below your floor joists (meaning you can easily see your joists), you should add more. If you can't see any of the floor joists because the insulation is well above them, you likely have enough insulation.

Attic insulation should be evenly distributed with no low spots. Make sure the areas along the eaves are adequately covered.

Source: energystar.gov



Our Office Will Be Closed

Monday, May 30th

In Observance of Memorial Day



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May Board Meeting:
May 9th - 9:00 am

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