



Manager Memos -by Curtis Kayton

Dear Consumer,

Greetings! My name is Curtis Kayton, and I began employment as your new General Manager on May 1st. A fun-fact about me is that I was born in Scottsbluff, so in a way I feel like I am coming home. I was 13 when I cleaned off my first digger truck for our family business and looking back, that event is credited as the birthplace of my career aspirations. Poles, wires, and linemen fed my desire to learn after graduating from Holdrege High School. I continued those pursuits as a Navy Seabee from 1989-1994 and the private sector until another significant event redirected my path.



In 2000 I became employed in Nebraska's Public Power industry, and it was then that my life calling had been revealed. Nebraska is the only state where 100% of the electric grid infrastructure is owned by you the public. To me, Public Power is the pinnacle of public service and a role that has brought me great satisfaction over my career. There are many uncertainties in our future and navigating these uncertainties while keeping rates affordable, and reliability high will remain a top priority. Now as I continue my journey from the Chimney Rock PPD wheelhouse, I could not consider myself more fortunate to work with the employees, and governing board of directors of your Public Power District.

My wife Shelly, and I will be moving to Scottsbluff in mid-June. We have two grown sons, and their families are in Denver and Lincoln. More importantly, our sixth grandchild will arrive in early December! We are looking forward to engaging in a new community and forming new relationships.

I would love to hear from you so do not hesitate to stop in the office in Bayard to introduce. I can be reached at curtisk@crppd.com, or stop in!

Energy Efficiency Credits

Energy Efficiency Credits are available on electric motors, electric heating, electric hot water heaters, 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 - New construction or replacement of gas
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
15 SEER Minimum
- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Old refrig and freezer going to be recycled
- *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 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.

2023 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.

Cambree Schmaltz has received a \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship. She is the daughter of Eric and Britni Schmaltz of Bayard. Cambree attended Bayard High School and participated in cross country, track, basketball, and golf. She also was active in Quiz Bowl, One Acts, National Honor Society, Lead Team, and FFA. She plans to attend Kansas State University and major in Agricultural Business.



Parker Farrenkopf, a 2023 graduate of Bridgeport High School, has received a \$500 Tri-State Generation and Transmission scholarship. Parker is the son of Cameron and Tanya Farrenkopf. During high school he was active in football, basketball, track, FCA, Teammates, B Club, One Acts, band, and National Honor Society. He was also involved in Keightion's Kritters and Gloryland Church. Parker plans on attending Casper College and major in Aviation.

Jordyn Neiger is a 2023 graduate of Bayard High School, she has received a \$500 Tri-State Generation and Transmission scholarship. She is the daughter of Travis and Kelli Neiger. During her high school career Jordyn was involved in cheer, softball, basketball, and volleyball. She was also a member of One Acts, Lead Team, FFA, choir, swing choir, National Honor Society, and the Chimney Rock Pioneer Committee. Jordyn plans on attending Chadron State College to major in Pediatric Nursing.



Stay safe while spending time outdoors

As temperatures increase and sunny days abound, it is easy to be footloose and fancy free. As you spend more time outdoors, keep these safety tips in mind to have a great summer.

Pools and hot tubs

Before opening your pool or hot tub for the season, ensure there is ground fault circuit interrupter protection on underwater lighting circuits, as well as for lighting around pools, hot tubs and spas. Have your pool's electrical system inspected. Faulty wiring can cause swimmers to experience electric shock drowning.

Boating and swimming

When boating or swimming, know that faulty wiring can cause the water to become energized. Never go swimming near boats plugged into shore power or docks with an electrical source. Energized water can cause electric shock drowning.

While recreating

According to the National Lightning Safety Council, approximately 440 people are struck and killed by lightning each year.* Nearly two-thirds of the deaths occurred while enjoying outdoor leisure activities — 33% of the fatalities occurred during water-related activities such as boating, spending time on the beach and swimming, while 14% happened during sporting activities such as fishing, soccer and running.

During a storm

When angry clouds roll in, take them seriously. Have a weather app installed on your phone to inform you of weather alerts. Lightning can occur up to 10 miles away from the heart of the storm, so if you hear thunder, take cover. A watch means that conditions are likely for severe weather to develop; a warning means take action.

When playing

When flying drones, remote-controlled planes, toys or kites, fly them in a wide-open area free from overhead power lines. If a toy or object gets stuck in an overhead power line, do not try to remove it. Instead, call your electric utility and a crew will address the issue safely.

Ensure that overhead power lines do not run through or over a tree before your child starts to climb. Select trees that are in a wide-open space without overhead power lines nearby.

If kids are playing with a ball and it goes inside a substation fence, teach them to never touch or climb the fence to attempt to retrieve it or any other item. Instead, call your electric utility to safely take care of it. The same precaution applies to a pet or animal inside the fenced area of a substation.

Releasing balloons

Although not an outdoor recreational activity per se, be careful with metallic balloons. If they are released or accidentally let go and get caught in a power line or other utility equipment, they can cause a major power outage. Additionally, be careful during a balloon release regardless of the type of balloon. Be sure to release balloons in wide-open areas that far from overhead power and airports.



Raspberry Pork Medallions

- 1 pork tenderloin (1 lb)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 2 tablespoons seedless raspberry spreadable fruit
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh mint, optional

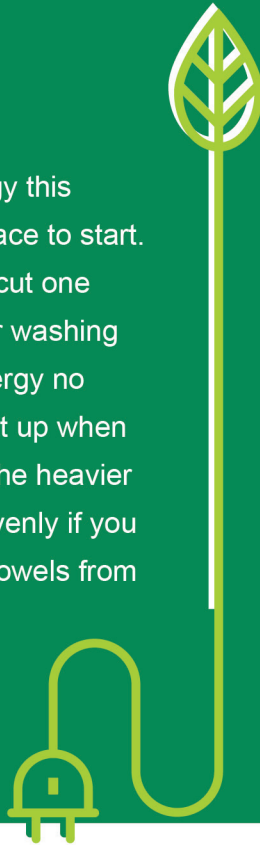
Cut tenderloin crosswise into eight slices; pound each with a meat mallet to 1/2-in. thickness. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add pork; cook 3-4 minutes on each side or to 145 degrees. Remove from pan; keep warm.

Reduce heat to medium-low; add soy sauce, garlic and ginger to pan, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Add raspberries, spreadable fruit, basil and, if desired mint; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until slightly thickened. Serve with pork.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Looking for additional ways to save energy this summer? Your laundry room is a great place to start. Wash clothes with cold water, which can cut one load's energy use by more than half. Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up when you can. When drying clothes, separate the heavier cottons. Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.

Source: Dept. of Energy



CRPPD Welcomes Shecky Francisco, Cashier/Receptionist

Hi, my name is Shecky and I joined CRPPD in March 2023. I was born in Scottsbluff and was raised in Mitchell. I graduated from Mitchell High School in 1989. I attended Western Nebraska Community College and obtained an Associate's Degree in Business. I began my career in Orthopedics where I worked for 21 years. I have one daughter, Sierra whom works and resides in Gering with her husband, Justin and my mother whom resides in Mitchell. I have a big heart for all animals but especially love and care for my beloved, Hennessy whom is a very large English Mastiff. In my spare time, I enjoy camping, traveling and riding my motorcycle. I'm very excited for my new position here at CRPPD and for serving our line and the Bayard community.



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