



Chimney Rock News



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Manager Memos -by Curtis Kayton

Safety isn't just for work:

Summer is just a busy time. The growing season is on, construction projects are at full throttle, and literally everything about our jobs is busy. On top of all that busyness we have a wide range of summer pursuits during our off time that should not detract our focus on safety.

Safety should always be on our minds when we get our precious time off work to enjoy our summer activities. Family vacations, trips to the lake, ball games, and camps do not even scratch the surface of the exposure to some of the same hazards we encounter at work, and at play. The hazards are many, but I am going to focus on proximity to high voltage powerlines.

Flying kites, throwing balls, or casting fishing lines should never be done near overhead powerlines. Furthermore, never climb trees that have grown into powerlines but report those immediately to your local utility.

Another hazard to be on alert for is downed wires after storms. Should you encounter a downed wire on your car do not try to drive away out from under it or try to get out unless you smell gas, or the car is on fire. It is critically important to "hop" out of the car and continue to hop away at least 100 feet from the downed wire.

Those green boxes we call pad mount transformers are not playground equipment. Please teach your children not to play on or around them.

Finally, down-guys. Those are the wires that come down from the top of the pole and attach to anchors to support the line. On occasion they are hit by cars, or accidentally broken by mowers. If you see a loose down-guy, again report it to your local utility so they can restore facilities to their safe condition.

Safety is our top priority at Chimney Rock PPD, and if you would like to know more about safety in the world of High Voltage electricity, please visit SafeElectricity.org.

On behalf of your local electric utility, we want to wish everyone a very wonderful and safe summer.

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 - \$50/unit
- *Heat pumps-\$150-\$500/ton
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- *Electric motors 10-500 hp \$8/hp
- *Old refrigerators and freezers 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 lawnmower - 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.

2024 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.

Grace Dean has received a \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship. She is the daughter of Jerod and Kelly Dean of Bridgeport. Grace attended Bridgeport High School and was active in volleyball, basketball, track, band, and B-Club. Grace was a member of the National Honor Society and served as the class president all 4 year of high school. Grace attends the All Souls Catholic Church where she is a member of the choir and served as a Faith Formation teacher. Grace plans to attend Doane University and major in Elementary Education and will compete on the track and field team.



Lexi Fiscus a 2024 graduate of Bayard High School, has received a \$500 Tri-State Generation and Transmission scholarship. Lexi is the daughter of Allen and Julie Fiscus. During high school she was active in volleyball, basketball, track, Lead Team FFA, and 4-H. She was also won several MAC and WTC Conference awards. Lexi plans on attending Central Community College where she will play basketball and major in Precision Ag.



Jade Gier received a \$500 Tri-State Generation and Transmission scholarship. Jade is from Scottsbluff and is the son of Heath and Jennifer Gier. He attended Bayard High School and participated in golf and FFA. Jade plans on attending Western Nebraska Community College to get his generals, then the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to major in anthropology and become an archaeologist.



Don't just pack your bags; Prepare your home for vacation

Your bags are packed and you're ready to leave for a much-needed vacation. As you pack for your destination, remember your home needs a little prep, too. Along with the usual tasks such as having your mail stopped, there are other steps you can take to help deter burglars and even save you a little green.

Before you leave, here are some ways to save money on your energy bill:

- Adjust your hot water heater. For a natural gas water heater, turn it to low or vacation mode. For an electric version, turn it down or off at the circuit breaker panel.
- Set or program your thermostat to a temperature that mimics the outside temperature (about 80 to 85 degrees). This still protects your wood floors and furniture, as well as if you have pets keeps them comfortable, but saves on energy costs.
- Do not completely turn off your air conditioning during vacation, however, so that the air in your house continues to circulate.
- Unplug small appliances and electronic devices including gaming systems so that they don't draw power. Also do not leave chargers plugged into an outlet. (This tip is important when you're home as well. Do not leave chargers plugged in when they're not in use since they can overheat. Unplug charging devices after electronics are fully charged.)
- Make sure your sump pump is working.

Take these electrical and plumbing precautions:

- Turn off water valves to the dishwasher, washing machine and all sinks. Or, consider shutting off the main water valve, which cuts off water to the house but still allows water supply to an outdoor sprinkler system.

Here are some ways to keep your home look lived in and ward off burglars:

- If you have a smart home, it's easy to regulate lights in your home remotely. Turn various lights on and off intermittently or have them timed to do so.
- If you do not have smart lighting, put various lights on timers.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to park in your driveway occasionally while you are gone.
- Use motion detectors on outside lights.
- Before you leave, check all windows and doors to make sure they are locked.

And finally, remember to clean out your fridge before leaving so that you don't come home to moldy leftovers.

Chicken & Shrimp with Lemon Cream Sauce

10 ounces uncooked fettuccine
1 lb fresh asparagus, trimmed & cut into 2 inch pieces
1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 lb uncooked shrimp, peeled and de-veined
1 cup heavy whipping cream
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
3 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

In a Dutch oven, cook fettuccine according to package directions, adding asparagus during the last 3 minutes.

Meanwhile, sprinkle chicken with garlic salt. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add chicken; cook until chicken is no longer pink, 8-10 minutes.

Stir in shrimp and cream; cook, covered, until shrimp turn pink, 2-3 minutes. Stir in lemon zest, lemon juice, salt & pepper. Drain fettuccine and return to pan. Add sauce; toss to coat.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Electricity used to operate major appliances accounts for a significant portion of your home energy use.

Here's an easy way to lighten the load on your clothes dryer. Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water, shortening the drying time. If your dryer does not include an autosense feature to determine drying time, remember to reduce the timer to about half of what you normally would. Remove the towel about 15 minutes after the cycle begins. Shorter drying times will extend the life of your dryer and save energy.

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July Board Meeting:

July 17th - 8:00 am

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High-Pressure Tactics

Scammers will pressure you, creating a sense of urgency. Claims that your power will be disconnected without immediate payment are common with utility scams.

Sketchy Payment Methods

Scammers may ask for unusual payment methods like gift cards or cryptocurrency. In these cases, it's likely a scam.

Dodgy Communication

Whether an email, text message or letter, utility scams typically include poor grammar, spelling errors or unusual email addresses. These are common warning signs of a scam.

