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Respect the Orange Signs and Cones

Many people say they can't find enough hours in the day to complete all their tasks. For that reason, they try to use drive time to be productive. They might call their boss, text their best friend or apply mascara.

Multitasking can be an effective use of time — but not while driving.

In 2017, 799 people died in work zone accidents, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Although this reflects incidents that took place in road construction zones, know that accidents, injuries and deaths can happen in any roadside work zone, including utility work zones.

That is why we ask you to help keep our crews safe by slowing down and following work zone instructions — including moving over to give them space — anytime you see orange warning signs and cones leading up to a work zone.

Cars or trucks that speed through a work zone not only endanger workers

on the ground, but they can threaten workers in the air. Driving too fast or not moving over can endanger a lineworker elevated in a bucket truck by causing the bucket to move or sway.

Lineworkers already face enough hazards to contend with by working high up on power lines while battling the elements. Their profession consistently ranks on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' most dangerous jobs. Do your part — please don't add noncompliant drivers to the mix.

Other 2017 statistics released by U.S. DOT's FHWA show there were:

- ▶ **203** fatal crashes where speeding was a factor
- ▶ **222** fatal work zone crashes with large trucks or buses
- ▶ **132** worker fatalities in road construction sites

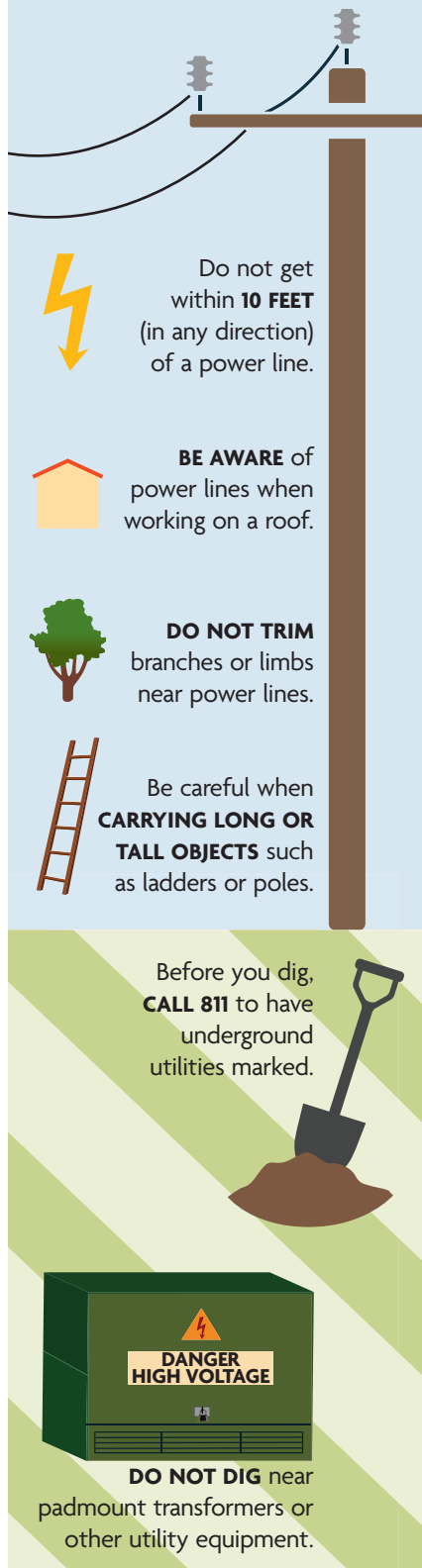
Do us a favor, drive safely and undistracted.

In Case of an Outage

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, please call 800-828-5538. The office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday. After hours, calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to our on-call personnel.



LOOK OUT FOR POWER SOURCES



On April 13 Remember to #ThankALineworker

You've got friends
in high places.



Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation's energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, Ninnescah Electric, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they're restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op.

When a storm hits, they set aside

their personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn't work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker.

Ninnescah Electric is proud to honor our lineworkers who maintain 2,134 miles of power lines in our service territory. Ninnescah Electric invites all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. On April 13, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.

Source: energy.gov



Help Us Locate These Former Members

Below is a listing of members who have retired capital credits owed to them, but for whom we no longer have valid mailing addresses. If you recognize a name on this list, please alert the member (or member's heirs) so they can begin working with the cooperative to claim the capital credits. Please have them contact our office at 620-672-5538 or 800-828-5538.

Alpine Petroleum Inc	Damson Oil Corp	Jaeger Brian R	Redstone Oil & Gas Co
Adams Butch	Dreher Terry	Johnson Dale	Rohlman Russell A
Atkinson Charles S	D W S Properties	Kimball Ron	Rose Leanne
Anson Transportation Co	Deckard Wayne	Kinsley Feed Yard	Reed Dewey L
Aetna Cattle Co	Dickson Orlyn	Keimig Steve	Rollins Dianne
Allender Duane %Darrin	Droste Leonard	Ks Natural Partnership	Rusk Greg L
Allison Jeannine R	Davies Jon M	Klein David	Sun Gas Co Midcont D
Alpha Broadcasting Inc	Eads M J	Kindsvater Mona	Steffens Joe A
Becker Family Propertie	Elleron Oil Company	Kirkland Phillip L	Slater Whitney L
Brown Garry R	Ervin Charles	Kumberg Charlie B	Smith Barbara
BP Exploration Inc	Espinosa Teddy L	Leckner Robert	Stueve Steven
Blubaugh Jim	Elliott Brad	Liedtke Oper Corp	Schreifels Mark
Bankson Bill	Emrick Jim	Lemon James D	Spence Marilyn
Bortz Wilford M	Energy Marketing Inc	Lucas Dale D	Southerland Randall
Barbee James R	Freeman Rodney L	Liberty Cellular Inc	Stinnett Investments
Beard Karen	Flodman Robin E	Mardis Robert K	Sunrise Operating Co
Bliss Communications	Fina Oil & Chemical	Moore Craig A	Savely Charlie B
Barker Dennis Scott	Ferrell Betty J	Maida C A	Spencer Bob
Baja Petroleum Corp	Gleason Lee	Mixon David	Thimesch Tom
Balding Harold	Gould Richard Conserv	Miracle Loren W	Trieb Thomas W Jr
Benson Bruce W	Garten Michael L	Marvin Audine J	Thomson Tim
Beal Carol	Greer Jim	McCall Richard	Truitt Darrell
Biles Robert E	Griffin Shawn	Mills Marvin L Jr	Tex/Con Oil & Gas
Backues Billy G	Girard Timothy A	Miller Dale G	Thom Wayne
Brozek Bonnie	Gasperson Willis L	Marston Stacey L	Tripp Patrick D
Balding Carl D	Gilleece Gregory D	McClure Donald E	Trisum Ventures Inc
Brown Ann Machalle	Gatz Farms	Menkhoff Harry W Jr	Tarrant John E
Barker Dennis L	Goering Randy	Moore Rhonda B	Thieme Robert J
Belcher Ronda K	Gaston Larry	Melton Doug	Tammen Ron
Big Horn Petroleum	Guttridge Gary G	McMillan Alan	Tanner J W
Boyd Donald E	Gillette Randy	Miller Terrence L	Triplett D W
Blake Tim	Hill Doris L	McCollough Richard L	Trident NGL Inc
Berexco Inc	Harris Glen L	Midway Cable TV Co	Unruh Galen
Crosby Gary M	Henderson Rick L	Nagy Richard A Sr	Unruh Eric
Curtis Mary J	Hartman Paul D	NPF Energy Corp	Unruh Tim
Church Sam	Haynes Danny R	Nash Kevin L	Vess-Trans Pac Oper
Compton Lynn A	Hanshaw Tim L	Nace Tim	Vandever Lance
Campbell Don	Hildebrand Rex	OXY NGL Inc	Vinopal Tim
Cline John	Holderness Lynn E	Osprey Oil & Gas Inc	Werner Tom
Cox Lloyd Dean	Haefner Keith	Old Barn Rest & Club	Wussow Debbie
Caldwell John	Hallwood Petroleum Inc	Out West Shop	Wachalovsky Rainer M
Conyers Randall	Hembree John D	Pederson Kevin	Warner Debra
Cushenbery Tracie	Hunter Haskell L	Pintail Petroleum	Wyman Del
Columbian Services Corp	Harner Darrel	Peoples Randall S	Woodward William P
Cheatum Noah	Harnden Wayne	Pritchard Jerry L	Wesley Elma J
Carr John	Hayes Body Shop	Pratt Jaycees Inc	Williams Frank
Chinn Karen	Howell William	Pike Kenneth	Walker Barkley R
Cook C B	Hoberek David	Parker/Parsley Develop.	Wes-Kan Towers
Depenbusch Renee	Jones Jack L	Polly Terry	Young Bernard C
Dressel Darin L	Jr's Retreat Club	PG&E Resources Co	Yoder Brent

Don't Wait too Long to Pay a Delinquent Bill

A job Ninnescah Electric employees and some members dread each month is the collection of delinquent electric accounts.

Ninnescah notifies the delinquent member three times prior to collection:

- ▶ We mail nonpayment notices;
- ▶ The past due amount is listed on the new bill; and
- ▶ We make courtesy calls reminding members of the delinquent bill.

We will no longer make courtesy collection trips. This means if we have to go to your home, we will either collect the money or the meter will be disconnected for nonpayment, and the additional charges listed below apply.

Trip Charges (per meter)

Collection Charges	\$50 + tax
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge before 3 p.m.	\$100 + tax
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge after 3 p.m.	\$150 + tax
Plus the amount of your delinquent bill.	

If you have any questions about a delinquent bill or need to make payment arrangements, please call our office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 620-672-5538 or 800-828-5538.

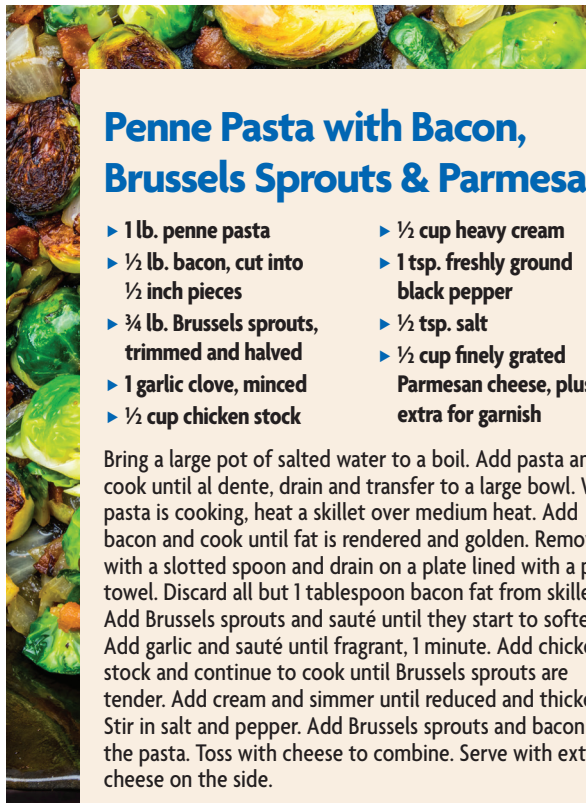
Welcome New Members

Eck Services LLC – Kingman
JMS Wind Energy Inc.– Tygh Valley, OR
David L. Scott – Greensburg
Carrol W. Gibson Rev Liv Trust – Medicine Lodge
Gabriel G. &/or Taylor P. Bronkhorst – Byers
Jon A. Myers – Pratt
Nash Oil & Gas Inc. - Newton

Recipes

from Our
Members' Kitchens

We hope you enjoy these recipes. In order to continue this page, PLEASE submit your favorite recipes.



Penne Pasta with Bacon, Brussels Sprouts & Parmesan

- ▶ 1 lb. penne pasta
- ▶ ½ lb. bacon, cut into ½ inch pieces
- ▶ ¾ lb. Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- ▶ 1 garlic clove, minced
- ▶ ½ cup chicken stock
- ▶ ½ cup heavy cream
- ▶ 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- ▶ ½ tsp. salt
- ▶ ½ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for garnish

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente, drain and transfer to a large bowl. While pasta is cooking, heat a skillet over medium heat. Add bacon and cook until fat is rendered and golden. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on a plate lined with a paper towel. Discard all but 1 tablespoon bacon fat from skillet. Add Brussels sprouts and sauté until they start to soften. Add garlic and sauté until fragrant, 1 minute. Add chicken stock and continue to cook until Brussels sprouts are tender. Add cream and simmer until reduced and thickened. Stir in salt and pepper. Add Brussels sprouts and bacon to the pasta. Toss with cheese to combine. Serve with extra cheese on the side.

Brenda Head, Byers

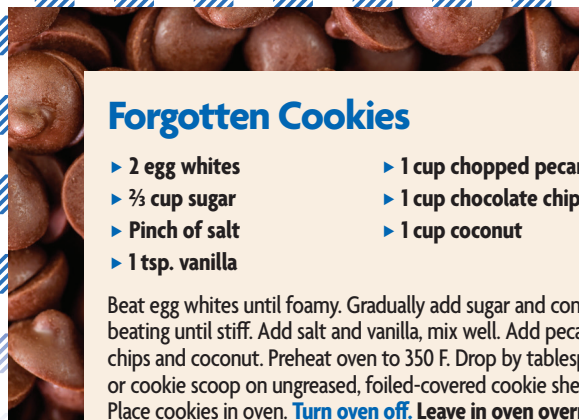
Want to share your recipe?

To submit your recipe please send or e-mail the following information:

- ▶ Your name, contact information and Ninnescah account number
- ▶ The recipe (clearly printed or typed)

Send your entry to: Ninnescah Electric, Attn: Recipes, P.O. Box 967, Pratt, KS 67124 OR email to: naschenbrenner@ninnescan.com

We hope you are enjoying the recipes from your neighbors.

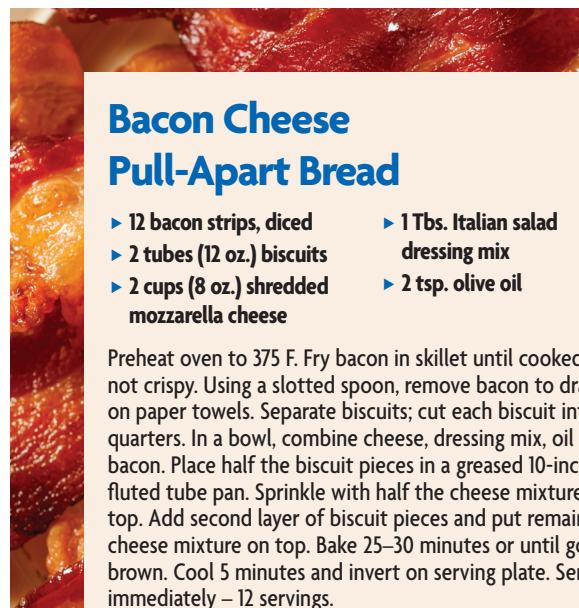


Forgotten Cookies

- ▶ 2 egg whites
- ▶ ⅔ cup sugar
- ▶ Pinch of salt
- ▶ 1 tsp. vanilla
- ▶ 1 cup chopped pecans
- ▶ 1 cup chocolate chips
- ▶ 1 cup coconut

Beat egg whites until foamy. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until stiff. Add salt and vanilla, mix well. Add pecans, chips and coconut. Preheat oven to 350 F. Drop by tablespoon or cookie scoop on ungreaased, foiled-covered cookie sheet. Place cookies in oven. **Turn oven off. Leave in oven overnight!**

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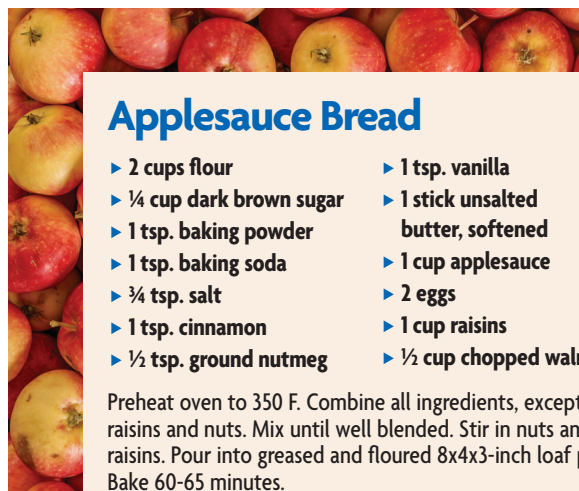


Bacon Cheese Pull-Apart Bread

- ▶ 12 bacon strips, diced
- ▶ 2 tubes (12 oz.) biscuits
- ▶ 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese
- ▶ 1 Tbs. Italian salad dressing mix
- ▶ 2 tsp. olive oil

Preheat oven to 375 F. Fry bacon in skillet until cooked but not crispy. Using a slotted spoon, remove bacon to drain on paper towels. Separate biscuits; cut each biscuit into quarters. In a bowl, combine cheese, dressing mix, oil and bacon. Place half the biscuit pieces in a greased 10-inch fluted tube pan. Sprinkle with half the cheese mixture on top. Add second layer of biscuit pieces and put remaining cheese mixture on top. Bake 25–30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 5 minutes and invert on serving plate. Serve immediately – 12 servings.

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Applesauce Bread

- ▶ 2 cups flour
- ▶ ¼ cup dark brown sugar
- ▶ 1 tsp. baking powder
- ▶ 1 tsp. baking soda
- ▶ ¾ tsp. salt
- ▶ 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ▶ ½ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ▶ 1 tsp. vanilla
- ▶ 1 stick unsalted butter, softened
- ▶ 1 cup applesauce
- ▶ 2 eggs
- ▶ 1 cup raisins
- ▶ ½ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 F. Combine all ingredients, except raisins and nuts. Mix until well blended. Stir in nuts and raisins. Pour into greased and floured 8x4x3-inch loaf pan. Bake 60–65 minutes.

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