

NorVal News

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Nick's Notes

By Nick Dulaney,
Line Superintendent

The 2023 construction season is closed, and it was a success. I am always amazed at what we can accomplish with the lead times the way they are right now.

The crew finished the 3 phase Dry Prairie Project in Opheim along with the overhead to underground E Hanson Tap north of Glasgow. We are trying to complete all of the outstanding underground projects before that dreaded white stuff starts to fly.

We have decided to try out some cellular meters in the "harder to reach" areas of our system. These meters use cellular signals to relay readings back to our office. This will improve our billing process by making it more efficient for Melissa every month.

October is also Annual Meeting month! I can't wait to see everyone in Opheim on October 24.



Spooky Energy Savings

This spooky season, we're sharing a few energy-saving tricks so you can treat yourself to lower energy bills. Here are four simple ways to summon the spirit of energy efficiency.

Conjure instant savings with a smart thermostat.

One of the easiest ways to save energy is through thermostat control, since home heating and cooling account for a large portion of monthly energy use. Smart thermostats can help you manage heating and cooling costs by learning your daily routine and adjusting the temperature settings accordingly. You can control a smart thermostat from anywhere (through your smart phone), which allows you to prevent unnecessary energy consumption while you're away. Sorcery!

Get rid of goosebumps by eliminating ghostly drafts.

The winter chill is just around the corner, so now is the time to seal air leaks around your home. Apply caulk and weather-stripping around drafty windows and doors to make your home more comfortable and lower energy use.

Illuminate your lair with energy efficient lighting.

LED bulbs use 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent light bulbs. Make the switch to reduce energy used for lighting. Remember to use LEDs when it's time to decorate for the upcoming holiday season. LED light strings offer an average of 88% energy savings compared to traditional incandescent light strings.

Stir up savings with countertop cauldrons.

Cooler weather summons our favorite soup recipes. Small countertop appliances like slow cookers use less energy than cooking meals on the stovetop. Grab your book of spells (or recipes) and start stirring up savings in the kitchen.

When we look around our homes, there are many opportunities to save energy. So this spooky season, investigate your space and unlock a different kind of magic – the kind that brings real energy savings.



Welcome to NorVal, Ryan!



Ryan Bergtoll is a Glasgow native. After graduating in 2012, he attended Bismarck State to become a lineman. After graduating line school, Ryan traveled during his 6 year apprenticeship and his first two years as a lineman. Missouri is one of his favorite places he has been.

Ryan and his wife, Nichole, met while he was working in Kansas City and got married at the beginning of August. Nichole is currently attending her last year in law school with a goal of practicing family law after graduation.

In Ryan's free time, he enjoys hunting and bow fishing. His future plans involve staying close to home right here in Glasgow.

Annual Meeting

We can't wait to see everyone at the 15th Annual Meeting of the members!

The meeting will be held on **October 24** at the **Opheim High School**:

- Registration will begin at 4:30
- Dinner at 5:30
- Business Meeting will begin at 6:30

All members will receive a **\$30 bill credit** on their primary account upon registering.



Don't forget your canned goods!

We will be giving a **\$10 bill credit** to all members who bring in non-perishable, non-expired foods to the annual meeting!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Due Date: January 30, 2024

All dependents of members graduating high school in 2024 are eligible to apply for all three of the scholarships available!

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MEMBER APPRECIATION

EVERY WEEK IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER 5 · 7-5:30

MOVIE NIGHT

OCTOBER 24 · 4:30

ANNUAL MEETING
OPHEIM HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 12 · 11-2

SOUP BAR

OCTOBER 31 · 3:30-5:30

TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 19 · 2-4

DONUT DAY

ALL MONTH
GUESS HOW MANY CANDIES
ARE IN THE JAR

COME IN THE GLASGOW OFFICE FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN A \$30 BILL CREDIT!