

The CIRCUIT

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative



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June 2022

Holiday Office Closing

In observance of Independence Day, the Ark Valley office will be closed on Monday, July 4th. If you experience an outage, please call 888-297-9212.



Happy Father's Day!

Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a Dad. ~ Anne Geddes



Summer Line Crew Hours

Ark Valley's line crews will begin working summer hours when we experience extreme heat.

Each year, during this period, the line department will begin work at 7 a.m., continuing until 3:30 p.m. We change the schedule in an effort to complete most of the day's work before the major heat of the day arrives. The office will remain open and operating on the normal 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday schedule.

The after-hour emergency telephone numbers are not affected by this in any way. If you need assistance, please give us a call at 620-662-6661 or 888-297-9212.



Tips for a Safe Harvest

During harvest season, many farmers reap the benefits of advancement in agricultural technology. With the help of GPS auto-steer devices, farmers are able to decrease driver error and maximize productivity. Yet despite these advances, safety risks remain.

One critical part of safety around electricity is awareness. It's important to remember that farm machinery is vulnerable to hitting power lines because of its large size, height and extensions. Being aware of the location of overhead power lines and planning a safe equipment route can help reduce accidents.

Regardless the technology used on the farm, keep the following electrical safety guidelines in mind:

- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Always be aware of where overhead power lines are, never park underneath them, and maintain at least a 10-foot clearance around all utility equipment in all directions.
- Look up and use care when moving any equipment such as extending augers or raising the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Inspect the height of farm equipment to determine clearance.
- Always set extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads to prevent contact with overhead power lines. Grain augers should always be positioned horizontally before being moved.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.

If your equipment does make contact with a power line, remain in your vehicle. Immediately call 911 and wait for the lineman to deenergize the line. Warn others to stay away from the vehicle at least 30 feet, because the vehicle exterior and the ground around it may be energized.

The only reason to exit equipment that has come into contact with overhead lines is if the equipment is on fire, which is rare. However, if this is the case, jump off the equipment with your feet together and without touching the ground and machinery at the same time. Then, still keeping your feet together, hop to safety as you leave the area.

We hope you never find yourself in a situation where farming equipment contacts power lines or poles, but if you do, we hope you'll remember these safety tips. Practicing safety on the farm year-round yields positive results.



Drawing Winner

PAUL MONROE is the winner of our \$25.00 readership drawing.

Paul, to claim your prize, please contact Ark Valley by June 30, 2022 & give us the account number from your bill.

Irrigation On-Peak Demand Period

June 1st through September 30th Weekdays, 2:30-6 p.m. (excluding holidays). Typically occurs on days with temps above 95 degrees.

You will receive notification via your preferred method. Call us with changes to your notification preference.



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Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Trustees for the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association held its regular meeting for the month of April on April 25, 2022.

Everybody welcomed its newest Trustee members, Steve Schweizer of Plevna and Jaime Howard of Alden, to the Board of Trustees. Steve had previously served as an Ark Valley Trustee from 2009 to 2021. During that time, he held several Board leadership roles, including President. He did not run for reelection in 2021, because the Ark Valley bylaws limit a Trustee's tenure to 12 consecutive years. This is Jaime's first time serving on the Board.

A thorough review of the 2022 Annual Meeting was undertaken by the Board and staff. The Board was relieved the event occurred without any scheduling interruptions caused by Covid. By all accounts, the meeting was a success. After the review was completed, the Board instructed staff to begin preparations for the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members, including reserving the Sunflower North building at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, booking the sound system provider, and taking bids for catering services.

The results from a recent CPA Audit prepared by Kevin S. Kelso, CPA, P.C., P.A., was presented by General Manager, Jackie Holmberg. The audit covered financial activity from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021. As part of the audit process, the auditor reviewed the Cooperative's financial statements, numerous accounting records, the Cooperative's internal control process, and interviewed management. After it was concluded, the auditor issued the best audit opinion available, "an unmodified report with no identified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies." After the Trustees asked questions and discussed the audit report with Holmberg in depth, a motion was made and seconded to accept the audit as presented, and the motion passed.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

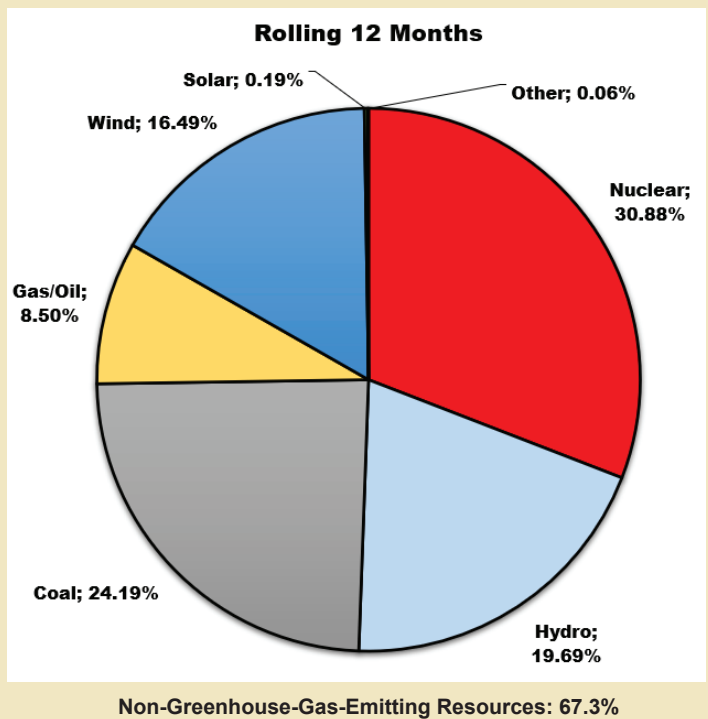
Even in summer months, adding insulation to your attic can keep your home more comfortable and save energy used by your cooling system. If your attic insulation is level with or below your floor joists (meaning you can easily see your joists), you should add more. If you can't see any of the floor joists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



Ark Valley's Energy Resources by Fuel Type April 2022



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