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BE PREPARED FOR MOTHER NATURE

At Big Horn REA we know that being without power is inconvenient and frustrating, and we assure you that one call is all you need to make. Big Horn will work around the clock, if necessary, to restore your service as quickly as possible.

While the electricity is off, keep the refrigerator and freezer closed. Food can keep for at least 24 hours in these appliances. Unplug any major appliances (TV, microwave, etc.) to make sure there isn't any damage when the power is restored.

BE PREPARED

As hard as we work to keep power reliable, mother nature has a mind of her own, so storms and power outages are a reality of living in Wyoming. If you or your business cannot afford to lose money during a power outage (planned and unplanned) you should consider having a back-up plan. Having a back-up plan in case of a prolonged power outage should also be a reality for those of us who live here. While Big Horn understands the sense of

urgency experienced during an outage, it's not always feasible for crews to respond immediately to every area impacted, so please be prepared. Consider the following questions:

- Do you need a generator?
- Do you have extra water?
- Do you have flashlights and batteries?
- Do you have a backup heat source?
- Do you have a plan to keep pipes from freezing during winter outages and food from spoiling during summer outages?
- Do you have provisions for the needs of your animals?
- Do you have problem trees near power lines that need removed?
- Do you have alternative provisions if you rely on electricity for medical purposes?

STANDBY GENERATORS

We understand the inconvenience of having a backup system. Having a standby generator can save you, your family, your facility, or your business, from having to experience occasional power outages from

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CLOSED

Big Horn REA offices will be closed Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day.



Honoring the American Worker

Cabin owners, we're powerless to improve communication without your help!

- Please make sure to contact us and give us your updated home phone number, cell phone number, and your email address so that we can contact you! As you know there are more threats to your area than in the residential areas. During these hot summer days, you can never be too sure what mother nature is cooking up. So, if she does decide to stir the pot and we must shut your power off we will contact you.



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inclement weather and it offers a certain sense of extra security. Make sure to do your research before purchasing a generator. Your attention to safety precautions will ensure your generator doesn't send powerful electricity the wrong way down the line. This is called back feed, and if the generator is installed improperly, your standby generator, even small portable generators, can threaten your safety, the safety of anyone else near a downed power line and the safety of our linemen.

LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

If someone in your home is dependent on life-support equipment,

do not wait until an outage to notify us – CALL US NOW – at 307-568-2419. We will do our best to give these residents priority when services are reconnected. Power outages are a reality,

and can be prolonged depending on the situation, so if you must have power, Big Horn suggests that you have a stand-by generator available as a precautionary measure.

Save the date! We are excited to announce that Medicine Lodge Kids' Outdoor Day will be held August 27 this year!



Youth from across the Big Horn Basin are invited to join us at Medicine Lodge State Archaeological Site near Hyattville for a fun-filled day outside learning new outdoor skills! Registration and more details will be available mid-July on the [Medicine Lodge Facebook page](#) or at [wgfd.wyo.gov](#).



What is the Cooperative Advantage?

- Electric co-ops are **community-focused organizations** that deliver safe, reliable and affordable energy to their consumer-members.
 - Our electric co-op is unique because **we belong to the communities we serve**. The co-op is **led by its members**, which gives us a unique understanding of the needs of our local communities. In fact, many of **our leaders and employees live right here in the community** and are members of the co-op—just like you!
 - Because we answer to local members (that's you!) rather than far-away shareholders, **we're more nimble and able to respond quickly to the changing needs of our community**. We even share any excess revenue
- with our members because we're not-for-profit.
- Even though we're locally-owned and operated, **we cooperate with other electric cooperatives** across the country to develop new technologies, invest in equipment and infrastructure that benefits multiple co-ops in a region, and assist with major outages. This type of **collaboration allows us to address complex challenges** while remaining true to our local roots.
 - Our electric co-op was built by the community, belongs to the community and continues to be led by the community**—that's the cooperative difference!



Above Todd Herman our Interim Line Superintendent presented Rusty Burden with his Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship during the last Safety Meeting.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

An easy way to save energy is to seal air leaks and holes where plumbing pipes run through walls in your home. You can also check wall-mounted cabinets for plumbing holes or air gaps in the back.

Fill any holes or gaps with spray foam. Wear protective gloves and use a damp rag for cleanup.



Source: Dept. of Energy



Watt's Cookin'

— At Big Horn REA —



Shane's Gravy

Ingredients:

¼ cup whole wheat flour	2 cups vegetable broth (low sodium)
2 Tbsp nutritional yeast	2 Tbsp soy sauce (low sodium)
1 tsp onion powder	½ tsp yellow mustard
½ tsp garlic powder	½ tsp kitchen bouquet (optional)
½ tsp black pepper	

Directions:

1. Toast dry ingredients over low heat, until aromatic.
2. Slowly add vegetable broth, whisking to remove any clumps.
3. Add soy sauce, mustard, and kitchen bouquet and stir to combine.
4. Simmer on med-low heat until bubbly and thickened.

SHANE MULLOY



Shane is our newest Journeyman Lineman.

What do you bring to your co-op?

Work ethic, reliability, hard worker, and I am a fun outgoing guy.

What is the best thing about working at Big Horn?

Hunting, fishing and being part of a team that works together and has fun doing the jobs at hand.

What is your favorite meal from childhood?

Steak and potatoes. Bone in ribeye and garlic mashed potatoes, gravy goes real nice with the potatoes.

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After 5 p.m., weekends and holidays all calls will be answered by our professional answering service, who will contact the appropriate person(s).

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