

# HIGHLIGHTS

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# HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

## The Results Are In —

June 17, 2022

We the below named members of the 2022 Credentials & Election Committee for Big Horn REA do hereby state that the engagement letter between Big Horn REA and James Reilly, CPA, P.C. regarding the mail in ballot process was reviewed. The procedures used to determine a thorough and accurate vote count do seem reasonable.

The board candidate elected as a director for a three-year term for District # 2 is **Steve Helburn**. The

board candidate elected as a director for a three-year term for District #3 is **John Joyce**.

We appreciate all the members who submitted a mail in ballot. All valid ballots will receive a bill credit on your next bill.

### Committee Members:

- District # 1 Robin Allen
- District # 2 Carolyn Walton
- District # 3 Betty Jo Stiffney
- District # 4 Sharon Fech
- District # 5 Stacey Workman



**Steve Helburn**  
District 2



**John Joyce**  
District 3

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## CLOSED

**Big Horn REA offices will be closed July 4th — Happy Independence Day!**



Happy Independence Day

# Scam Alert ~~~~~

Members, please be aware that there is a phone scam involving utility customers receiving phone calls from perpetrators warning of immediate disconnection if there is not a payment over the phone. Big Horn REA does not disconnect customers without an in person and phone contact.



If you receive a phone call from a person representing themselves as a Big Horn REA employee and you suspect it is a scam, hang up. Do not give the caller any personal information. Be especially protective of your social security number, bank and credit card numbers, and driver's license number.

You should also not assume that you can trust caller ID to let you know where a caller is located. Because scammers may use internet calling technology, the area code you see may not reflect where they really are. The caller ID may not properly identify who or what location they are representing.

If someone appears at your door claiming to represent Big

Horn REA, you can call us at 1-800-564-2419 to verify the visit. Never let anyone into your home unless you have scheduled an appointment or unless the person has proper identification. The Big Horn REA logo should appear on shirts and vehicles. If you suspect someone is impersonating a Big Horn employee, do not let them into your home and call the police immediately.

Members can safely make payments through Big Horn's website or by calling us at 1-800-564-2419. Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Finally, please warn neighbors, friends and relatives of these types of scams.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

As students start getting ready to start college or to go back to college for the semester, we want to give a HUGE congratulations to our scholarship recipients. We awarded \$14,250 in scholarships this year.

## Congratulations to the Class of 2022 students:

Tyson Christiansen and Josey Steed of Rocky Mountain High School, Dace Bennett and Calvin Erickson of Meeteetse High School, Abigail Casey and Sophia Mendez of Burlington High School, Irving Castro of Greybull High School, Shaylee Bowers and Ashlyn Fink

of Lovell High School.

## Congratulations to returning students:

Aubrienne Crosby of Cowley, Morgan Haley of Greybull, Seth Horton of Otto, and Katelynn Lowry of Ten Sleep.

On behalf of the board at Big Horn REA we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all these students on their stupendous achievements. We hope that the way ahead is even brighter with this scholarship being the



foundation of their future success.

We are always grateful to our Scholarship Committee: Teresa Boyer, Gretchen Gasvoda, Linda Seaton, and Melissa Harrington, who volunteer their time to invest in our youth.

## Did you know?

Did you know that Big Horn REA is a proud sponsor of the Antelope Butte Summer Festival? The dates for 2022 are July 22-24. The Antelope Butte Summer Festival is a family-friendly weekend filled with live music and activities for everyone to enjoy! PLUS, Big Horn REA, as a member of Touchstone Energy, has arranged to have the Touchstone hot air balloon at the festival. Weather permitting, they will offer tethered rides on Friday evening and Saturday morning.



For more information, see their website:

<https://www.antelopebuttefoundation.org/home/big-horn-rea-summer-festival-at-antelope-butte>

## Summer Electrical Safety Tips: Around the Home

One of the most important things to remember is that water and electricity don't mix well—in fact, they are deadly dangerous together.

- Keep all electrical toys and appliances away from the water. This means pools, bathtubs, sprinkler systems, sinks, etc.
- Do not touch an electrical toy or appliance if you are wet or standing in the water. Electricity travels very quickly through water and leads to electrocution!
- Make sure the electrical connections to your pools and hot tubs are fully grounded. A residential electrician can help you if you have any questions about appliance connections and their safety.
- Make sure all major appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, air conditioners, etc.) are plugged into grounded outlets and not extension cords!
- Now is also a good time to go around your home and see that you have GFCI outlets installed in all "wet" areas of your home (bathrooms, kitchens, garages, basements, pool rooms, etc.)
- In the event of an emergency, know where your circuit breakers are and how to safely turn them off.
- Never plug in any appliance if you notice that the cord is frayed or damaged in anyway.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

The combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average U.S. home. Take small steps to save energy when using these appliances. Only run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food from dishes before loading. Dry towels and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing and clean the lint screen after every use. Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.



Source: EIA and DOE



# Watt's Cookin'

At Big Horn REA

## Recipe

### Justin's German Pancakes

#### Ingredients:

6 eggs	1 cup flour
6 Tbsp butter	Pinch of salt
1 cup milk	

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°  
 Melt butter in cake pan in oven  
 Beat eggs, add milk, flour, and salt.  
 Beat together, pour into cake pan and bake for about 25 minutes.

## JUSTIN WORKMAN



Justin is one of our new Apprentice Lineman. **What do you bring to your co-op?**

A good attitude and willingness to be a good team member and getting jobs done with safety in mind.

**What is the best thing about working at Big Horn?**

Working with good people.

**What is your favorite meal from childhood?**

German pancakes.

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