

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Apply Now for Cooperative Leadership Camp!



**F**or nearly three decades, the electric cooperatives of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming have conducted, an outstanding educational seminar known as the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. Every July, nearly 100 high school students travel to Clark, Colorado (north of Steamboat Springs) after being selected by their local cooperatives as participants.



expected to take part in the workings of the coop by seeking election to the board or by serving on one of the camp activity committees.

Several special presentations are highlighted at the camp including electrical safety, leadership skills, avian protection, and a simulation to help students understand the legislative process. The group visits the Craig Station Power Plant and the Trapper Coal Mine which supplies Craig.

The primary objective of the camp is to provide an educational experience for young people on the organization and operation of a cooperative. The seminar strives to help develop leadership skills that will assist students with the challenges they will face in the future.

Of course, there is plenty of time for recreation. Glen Eden Resort has a volleyball court, swimming pool, hot tubs, and tennis courts. There will be a dance, pizza parties, banquet, a trip to the top of Mt. Warner, time to explore Steamboat Springs, and a raft trip down the Colorado River.

The best way to learn about cooperatives is to form one, and that is what the participants do. When students arrive the first day, they form a cooperative and elect a board of directors. Each member of the cooperative is

If you are interested in attending the camp, please contact Jazmin Jara at Big Horn REA, 1-800-564-2419 or visit our website [www.bighornrea.com](http://www.bighornrea.com).



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It's that time of year again! Daylight Savings ends. Set your clocks back by one hour on November 6.



### CLOSED

**Veteran's Day is Nov 11.**  
THANK YOU VETERANS!  
In observance our office will be closed.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**  
Our office will be closed November 24-25.  
Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.





## Please Be Aware Of Your Surroundings!

Pictured is a cement truck in the Otto area that rolled in front of our power pole.



Pictured is our pole in Lovell area that was hit by a swather.



Pictured is a downed powerline in the Ten Sleep area. A truck hit and shattered the pole causing the line to go down. Remember if you happen to hit a power line make sure to stay in your vehicle and call 911 as soon as possible.



Low Income **ENERGY, WEATHERIZATION** and **HOME WATER** Assistance Programs

### Apply now for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP):

The state of Wyoming has a Low Income Energy Assistance and Weatherization Program to provide help with energy costs:

- Heating Assistance for the months of November through May.

- Crisis Assistance to eligible clients who are facing emergency situation in paying utility bills.

Please find the current application at <https://www.lieapwyo.org/forms-and-application.html>.

## Project Planning 2023

Over the next couple of months, your Board of Directors and staff will be planning for 2023! You have an opportunity to be involved with your cooperative. Big Horn wants to know if you have potential for new or additional service load requirements such as a bin dryer, irrigation motor, or home upgrade within the next year or even several years for future planning.

It is important for Big Horn to gather this information as it can be utilized in our construction work plan, scheduling, and budget. Providing this information will benefit you because we can make plans to upgrade the electrical facilities to meet any new or additional load growth of services. If system upgrades are planned for, then Big Horn can commit financial and operation resources for upcoming projects to serve the needed facilities. Otherwise, a request by an applicant for a service that would require a line conversion (i.e. from single phase to three phase power), line change, line upgrade and or a system facility betterment will require the applicant to pay the entire cost. Big Horn is continuing to see supply chain issues in hardware, transformers, meters, and poles. We have worked diligently at ordering to meet the needs of our members but the more information we have from members in advance the better off we all are.

You can access the Project Planning Sheet on our website at [www.bighornrea.com](http://www.bighornrea.com) or stop by the office and fill one out. The information needs to be submitted by December 15, 2022.



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### TIRED OF MULTIPLE PAGES OF BILLS?

Many members of Big Horn REA have several accounts. This means, each month, you receive several pages worth of billing statements. We understand this can be frustrating at bill-paying time. We want to make you aware that we offer Invoice Billing.

Invoice Billing is a convenience we offer to you, our members. Instead of multiple pages each month, you will receive one sheet listing each of your accounts and their bill amount. On the bottom stub you will see one total – all of the individual accounts added together!

We encourage you to take advantage of this program if you are a multi-account member. Call our office at 1-800-564-2419 and let us know you are interested and we will get it set up for you.

That was easy!



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your home heating system ready for the winter chill? One of the easiest ways to keep your system running efficiently is to regularly replace filters. If your central air system has a furnace filter, it should be replaced about every 90 days.

If your home is heated through warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to boost efficiency.



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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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