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Electric Company

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2025 ELECTION RESULTS >>>



We below named members of the 2025 Credentials & Election Committee for Big Horn REA do hereby stat 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 **Mike Miller**.

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. Your bill credit will be applied to your account on your July bill.

District #1 Robin Allen
District #2 Carolyn Walton
District #3 Brittany Flitner

District #4 Sharon Fech
District #5 Carmen Dickson

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August



- 2- Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 4- Bills Sent Out
- 5- National Night Out-Greybull Park
- 16- Kid Outdoors Day
- 25- August Bill Due

September



- 1- REA Office closed-Labor Day
- 2- Bills are sent out
- 25- September Bill Due

SCHOLARSHIPS

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

~ Benjamin Franklin

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

We awarded scholarships this year to the following students:

- Kiyoshi Smith
- Jessica Mendez
- Summer Teter
- Maycee McKim
- Jordan Broederlow
- Sophia Mendez
- Braxto Felkins
- Kyler Winters
- Carlee Lowry
- Grainger Russell
- Breanne Walker
- Fatima Chavez
- William Agaard
- Jordan Casey
- Seth Horton
- Kinsey Jones
- Levi Wardell
- Riley Tujillo

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, and Melissa Harrington who volunteer their time to invest in our youth.



Big Horn's General Manager presenting a check to Heather Jolley for the Medicine Lodge Kid Outdoor Day!



Save the Date



Medicine Lodge Kid Outdoor Day

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Registration opens: July 3rd
Applications will be available through WYO G&F
<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/>




Applications will be available through the Wyoming Game and Fish Website.

<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/>

Search Kids Outdoor Day

Big Horn REA will have their safety demo trailer set up and give the kids a safety presentation.



»»» ENERGY EFFICIENCY: TIP OF THE MONTH

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat such as clothes dryers and dishwashers during the evening when the outdoor temperature is lower. Running heat-emitting appliances in the evening will reduce indoor heat gain during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest and ultimately keep your air conditioner from working harder than necessary.

Source: energy.gov

IS YOUR ELECTRIC BILL HIGHER THAN YOUR NEIGHBOR'S? WHY?

FACT: Your electric bill reflects the amount of electricity used by you and your family in your home.

- Does your neighbor have fewer people living in and visiting the home?
- Is the neighbor's house smaller? Newer? Better insulated? Does it have new windows and doors?
- How much hot water does your neighbor use? And what about your neighbor's use of appliances and lighting?
- What is your thermostat setting in summer and winter, compared to your neighbor?

No matter how similar you think your house is to your neighbors, you can never know what exactly is going on in the other house. It's like comparing apples and oranges...it just doesn't compute.

HOT, DRY SUMMER MEANS EXTRA CAUTION

With seemingly no end in sight to our hot, dry summer, Big Horn REA would like to remind our members that your safety is of the utmost importance to us. Hot, dry conditions make the threat of wildfires more of a concern, as we have seen in Wyoming and our surrounding states. Summer thunderstorms bring with them lightning and wind that can easily cause outages and fires. We will do everything in our power to prevent our equipment from causing any unforeseen issues such as outages and wildfires, but sometimes Mother Nature has other ideas.



Big Horn REA is asking for your help in keeping our power lines clear of anything that may cause issues. We may be asking you to allow us to trim or remove trees that are near our lines. We ask that you keep equipment, hay stacks, grain bins, etc. away from our lines. If you see something, i.e. tree branches, balloons, equipment, in our lines, please call the office as soon as possible so our linemen may correct the issue.

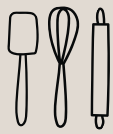
Electric utilities like Big Horn must manage vegetation around power lines for a multitude of reasons. Vegetation is one of the leading causes of outages on both distribution and transmission systems. Outages lead to increased costs, decreased revenues, and dissatisfied members.

In addition, tree and power line conflicts and downed power lines pose serious safety issues for both co-op employees and members. There are also issues regarding wild fires caused by tree and power line conflicts. These types of fires create serious liability issues for the utility.

Finally, increasing regulations regarding vegetation around power lines have made compliance a primary reason to manage vegetation. The public, regulators, and lawmakers have increased expectations of utilities regarding the prevention of future tree and power line related incidents.

In this regard, Big Horn REA will err on the side of safety. You may find that an outage will take longer to repair than you are used to. Due to this strict liability, and the increased risk of fire, Big Horn will be patrolling the whole section of line before putting the power back on. Also, for those members on the mountain, after an outage, Big Horn will put the line on "one-shot" which will cause the line to go out if there is any form of problem where as normally you may just notice a bump. We would rather have you be out of power for a bit longer than have a spark from a tree branch laying on a power line cause a fire that destroys your property.

We appreciate your understanding if outages take a little longer, or if we are being overly cautious, but by working together we will hopefully get through the summer unscathed.



Recipe

• made with love •



Name of the dish Strawberry Pretzel Salad,
by Jazmin Irvine

Ingredients

- 6 oz strawberry Jell-O
- 2 C boiling water
- 2 ½ C salted pretzels(measured before crushing)
- ¼ C granulated sugar
- 8 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 8 oz package cream, softened
- ½ C granulated sugar
- 8 oz cool whip, thawed in fridge
- 1 lb fresh strawberries, hulled & sliced

Directions

Pre-heat oven to 350°F. Combine strawberry Jell-O with 2 cups of boiling water and stir until completely dissolved. Set aside to cool to room temperature. Crush 2 ½ cups pretzels in a sturdy ziploc bag, using rolling pin. In medium sauce pan, melt 8 Tbsp butter then add ¼ cup sugar and stir. Mix crushed pretzels. Transfer to 13x9 glass casserole dish, pressing the pretzel mix evenly over the bottom and bake for 10 mins, then cool to room temp. When pretzels have cooled, use an electric hand mixer to beat 8 oz cream cheese and 1/2 cup sugar on med/high speed until fluffy and white. Fold in 8 oz Cool Whip until no streaks of cream cheese remain. Spread mixture over cooled pretzels, spreading to the edges of the dish to create a tight seal. Refrigerate 30 min. Hull and slice 1 lb strawberries then stir into your room temperature jello. Pour and spread strawberry jello mixture evenly over your cooled cream cheese layer and refrigerate until jello is set (2-4 hours).




WANTED

We would love to hear from our members!



Got a scenic photo of a place on our grid or a recipe created by you?

Please email us at jazmin@bighornrea.com to have your photo or recipe added to our monthly newsletter! 

If your submission is chosen to be published in our newsletter you will receive a \$25 bill credit!

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