

HIGHLIGHTS

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ANNUAL ELECTION



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At Big Horn REA, your voice matters. For more than 80 years we have been owned and governed by members like you. Your vote in our annual Board of Directors election is your voice in your cooperative, a chance to weigh in on leaders who will represent you and your interests.

Big Horn REA made the decision to forego the 2022 Annual Meeting. However, we will be holding a director election using mail-in ballots again this year. There is one board candidate, Steve Helburn, for District # 2 (Greybull, Shell area) and one board candidate, John Joyce, for District #3 (Ten Sleep, Hyattville area) that was nominated by the Nominating Committee on March 21, 2022.

The Bylaws of Big Horn Rural Electric Company provide for the election of directors by members using mailed ballots. You will receive your ballot and Annual Report in the mail in a specially marked envelope. No member may submit more than one ballot. Please indicate your vote by placing an (X) in the square next to the candidate and sign your name where indicated.

Please be sure to use the envelope that was included with your ballot to return it. This envelope ensures your ballot will be mailed to an independent auditor for vote tally. Any ballots returned directly to Big Horn REA **WILL NOT** be counted. Ballots must be received no later than



Wednesday June 15th, 2022 by 1:00 PM in order to be counted and to receive a \$25.00 credit on your next electric bill. The \$25.00 credit is one per membership – not one on each electric account you have with Big Horn REA.

Thank you for your participation in the election of directors for YOUR cooperative – we need your vote!

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CLOSED

Big Horn REA offices will be closed May 30, 2022 in honor of Memorial Day.



Take advantage of electric gardening tools!

Powered by electricity can support your green thumb. These electric-powered tools can last longer and are emissions-free, meaning you'll smell the scents of summer, not the smell of exhaust. Plus, with modern technology, they are just as effective as gas-powered alternatives.

The benefits of electric garden tools:

1. They are low maintenance. With electric models, you

don't need to store gasoline, perform oil changes, treat fuel, change spark plugs, or change filters.

2. You don't need to purchase gas, which with these prices is a good thing, and it'll save you a little money.

3. They store easily and start-up easily in the spring and whenever you need them. The prep work at the start of the season is taken away with electric models.

4. Electric models are lightweight and easier to handle for all your lawn and garden needs.

5. You are reducing your carbon footprint when you use rechargeable electric-powered tools. Electric gardening tools reduce emissions and energy consumption without sacrificing power or efficiency.

Make sure to attend your district meeting for a chance to win an electric power tool!

DON'T FORGET



There are rebates available for electric yard and electric equipment! Qualifying products include:

- 25% of cost up to \$1,000 for riding mowers.
- 25% of cost up to \$150 for snow blowers, walk-behind mowers, and e-bikes.
- 25% of cost up to \$100 for chainsaws.
- 25% of cost up to \$50 for trimmers, leaf blowers, and power washers.
- 50% of cost up to \$25 for additional batteries with original purchase.

Spring into Safety with National Electrical Safety Month

Every day, we rely on electricity to power our homes and offices. However, it is important to always be safe around electric appliances, equipment, and power lines. May is National Electrical Safety Month, and it's a great time to raise awareness on how to avoid potential electrical hazards.

By taking simple precautions, everyone can avoid electrically related fires, fatalities, injuries, and property loss.

Here are some safety tips:

Indoors:

- Check electric cords for fraying or cracking. Replace cords that may be damaged, and don't overload electric outlets.
- Remember extension cords are intended to be temporary; they are not

intended as permanent household wiring.

- Don't run cords under carpets or rugs and don't tack or nail cords to walls or floors.

- Keep electric appliances and tools away from water. Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water; instead, turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.

- Never put anything other than an electrical plug in an outlet. Use outlet covers or caps to protect children.

- Keep your home's electrical system in good repair. Contact a licensed electrical contractor if you have flickering lights, sparks, non-functioning outlets, or need wiring repairs or

upgrades.

Outdoors:

- Never touch downed power lines!

- Always call Big Horn REA or 911 if you see lines down.

- Watch for overhead lines every time you use a ladder, work on roofs, trees, or carry long tools or loads. Keep kites, model airplanes, and metallic balloons away from power lines.

- Know what's below before you dig. At least 3 days before starting any digging or excavating project, call 811, the National One Call Center, to have underground utility lines, pipes, and cables marked for free.

Avoid planting trees underneath power lines or near utility equipment.

By now you have received your Horse Power charge for irrigation. If you have changed your Horse Power or you think it is wrong, please contact us at the office at 307-568-2419.

BIG HORN RURAL ELECTRIC

Power Outage

This is to notify you that there is a **PLANNED OUTAGE FOR MEETEETSE AND LOVELL.**
ALL LOVELL AREA: MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022
FROM 9:00 AM—2:30 PM
ALL MEETEETSE AREA: SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022
FROM 9:00 AM—2:30 PM

However, if circumstances occur that will not allow the work to be done on these dates there will be alternate dates selected to complete the work.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thank you in advance for your understanding!

Board & Staff of Big Horn Rural Electric



Watt's Cookin'

At Big Horn REA



Heather's Chocolate Syrup Brownies

Brownie Ingredients:

½ cup butter softened	1 ½ cup chocolate syrup (Yes, really this much)
1 cup sugar	1 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
4 eggs	1 cup walnuts (optional)

Directions

- Mix everything in a bowl
- Bake at 350° for 30 minutes

Quick Frosting:

Mix ⅔ cup sugar	3 Tbsp butter
3 Tbsp milk	½ cup chocolate chips

- Bring to a boil, boil for 30 sec
- Remove from heat, stir ½ cup chocolate chips until melted
- Mixture will be thin

HEATHER LAWRENCE



Heather is our Office Administrator. If you've come into the office, you have probably seen Heather!

- **What do you bring to your co-op?** A positive attitude, a willingness to learn and a team-oriented mentality.
- **What is the best thing about working at Big Horn?** The people! Members and coworkers alike. The folks in the Big Horn basin make it easy to show up every day!
- **What is your favorite meal from childhood?** Any dessert. I have always had a sweet tooth!

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(307) 568-2419 or 1-800-564-2419
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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