

# HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Election 2023 Results

June 16, 2023

We the below named members of the 2023 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 #1 is **Sara Schlattmann**. The

board candidate elected as a director for a three-year term for District #4 is **John Fernandez**.

We appreciate all the members who submitted a mail in ballot. Your bill credit will be applied to your account 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



**Sara Schlattmann**  
District 1



**John Fernandez**  
District 4

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### CLOSED

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



# Summer of Safety

Big Horn kicked off the 2023 Summer with safety demonstrations and visits around the area. The crew participated in the Greybull Elementary Job Fair on May 23rd, the Heroes for Heroes event in Ten Sleep on June 1st, and the Kid's Fair in Lovell on June 3rd.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. William Butler Yates*

## Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

We awarded \$20,000 worth of scholarships this year to the following students:

- Brinley Casey
- Irving Castro
- Orrin Cooper
- Aubrienne Crosby
- Clayton Edwards
- Maddie Felkins
- Xantha Jerome
- Mona Jordan
- Sophia Mendez
- Pablo Mendez

- Sadie Nielson
- Ryan Nunn
- Abigail Olson
- Sydney Olson
- Jake Schlattmann
- Jayden Tippetts
- Cale Wright

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.



## 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



# New Structures & Power Lines

When you're building or renovating a structure, it's important to consider safety first. This includes considering the location of nearby overhead power lines. Keeping an appropriate distance between your building and Big Horn's power lines is a vital part of ensuring the occupants of your buildings are safe. It will also help you avoid future mistakes and delays.

The National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) requires that all structures – including homes, buildings, garages, signs, and billboards – be located at a minimum safe distance away from

overhead power lines in every direction. The NESC rules provide the standard for safety around electrical lines. Big Horn and all its members must follow these rules.

**Please contact Big Horn for the below reasons:**

If you are planning on building or renovating any structure located closer than 100 feet horizontally from an overhead power line; if a portion of your structure or building is located underneath a power line; or if you are planning on building a grain bin or remodeling areas that contain an existing grain bin. The National Electrical

Safety Code (NESC) requires an 18 feet minimum vertical clearance from the highest point of the filling port of the grain bin to nearby high voltage wires and a 55 feet minimum distance from the power line to the grain bin wall.

Big Horn wants to make sure your building process goes as smoothly as possible. Don't let assumption interfere with your timeline. Contact us if you have any question or are unsure about the distance between power lines and your structure.

## HIGHLIGHTS

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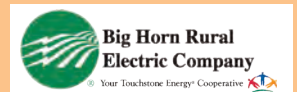
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After 5 p.m., weekends and holidays all calls will be answered by our professional answering service, who will contact the appropriate person(s).



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