



Big Horn Rural  
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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## ELECTION 2024 RESULTS >>>

We below named members of the 2024 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 #5 is **William E. "Willie" Bridges**.

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 Georgia Hunt  
District #2 Veda Gerrard  
District #3 Brittany Vigil

District #4 Ann Lawler  
District #5 Jan Asay

HAPPY  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

~William Butler Yates

### Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

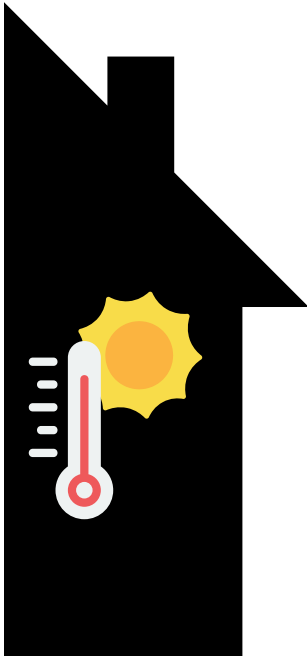
We awarded scholarships this year to the following students:

- Hayden Paxton
- Caroline Boyer
- Elizabeth Bleiher
- Joey Chatwin
- Sophia Mendez
- Summer Teter
- Jason Moody
- Reagan Foss
- Seth Horton
- Jessica Michaels
- Kreed Jolley

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.



REDUCE YOUR ENERGY USAGE TO HELP

## BEAT THE PEAK

- ✓ Turn off and unplug any unnecessary lights or electronics.
- ✓ Use curtains and blinds to keep the sun out.
- ✓ Set your air conditioning thermostat a few degrees higher.
- ✓ Wait to run the dishwasher or do laundry until late in the evening.



### >>> ENERGY EFFICIENCY: TIP OF THE MONTH

Electricity used to operate major appliances accounts for a significant portion of your home energy use. Here's an easy way to lighten the load on your clothes dryer. Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water shortening the drying time. If your dryer does not include an autosense feature, reduce the timer to about half of what you normally would. Remove the towel about 15 minutes after the cycle begins. Shorter drying times will extend the life of your dryer and save energy.

Source: [homesandgardens.com](http://homesandgardens.com)

# AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

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Consumers with water, gas and electricity connections have long been targets for utility scams. In today's digital world, every swipe and click increases the risk of potential scams.

Scammers are more sophisticated than ever before, and they understand our increasing reliance on technology. With their sharpened digital knives, scammers have adapted their tactics to trick unsuspecting consumers through a variety of methods.

We at Big Horn REA want to help you avoid energy scams, whether a financial loss or leak of your personal information. We'd like to share updates on some of the latest utility scams, as well as tips to help you stay safe from the craftiest scammers.

## Utility Scams

Scammers usually disguise themselves either physically or digitally as utility employees or representatives to steal consumer's money or personal information. A common trick is to claim a consumer's bill is past due and threaten to disconnect service if payment isn't received immediately. Scammers approach consumers through a variety of means, including phone calls, text messages, emails and even in-person visits. However, the digital line of attack is increasingly more common.

New capabilities disguising caller ID or "spoofing" can make the phone number you see on caller ID appear to be from a trusted source. Spoofing makes it easier for scammers to deceive you because it's more difficult to immediately verify the call. Another recent scam uses fraudulent websites that are identical to a utility payment webpage and what's worse, these pages are often promoted on search engines to trick consumers into clicking and making a payment.

## What Big Horn REA Will (and Won't) Do

We will never demand an instant, immediate payment and threaten to disconnect your service without prior notices or warnings. We strive to resolve challenging situations and work with our members to avoid disconnects.

We will never call and ask for your Social Security number or banking details over the phone or through email. We offer several secure payment options, including in-person, over the phone with a member service representative, by mail-in check, at our website at [bighornrea.com](http://bighornrea.com), and auto-draft payments.

## Avoiding Scams

Whether in-person, over the phone or online, always be suspicious of an unknown individual claiming to be a Big Horn REA employee requesting banking or other personal information.

If you're ever in doubt about a potential energy scam, just give us a quick call at 307-568-2419 so we can assist. Big Horn wants to help protect you and our community against utility frauds, and by notifying us about potential scams, you can create the first line of defense. We encourage you to report any potential scams so we can spread the word and prevent others in our community from falling victim.



## DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER.



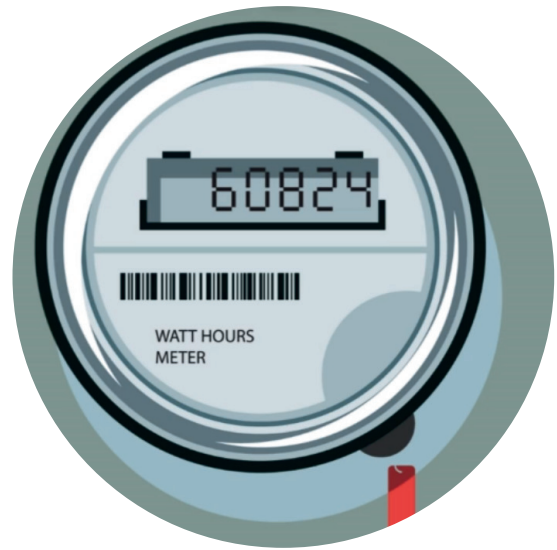
Never break a meter seal.



Never open a meter base.



Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.



If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please let us know.

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