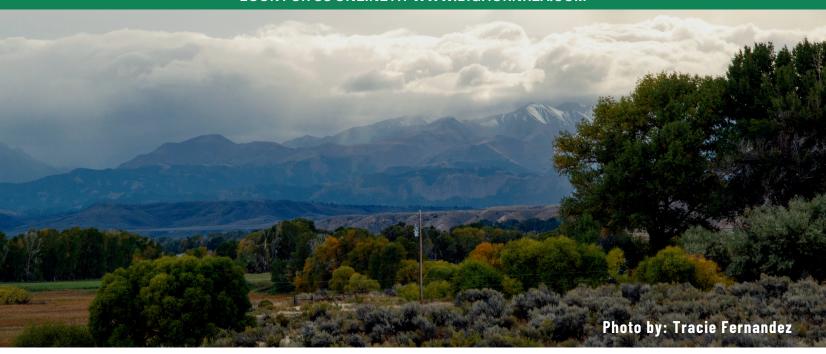
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RATE INCREASE >>> **COMING SOON**



Big Horn Rural Electric is committed to keeping electric rates as low as possible for our members. Over the past several years, we have diligently worked to operate our cooperative as efficiently as possible, despite significant price increases for many consumer products.

However, we have recently been notified by Tri-State Generation and Transmission that the cost of purchased power will be increasing. As a result, Big Horn Rural Electric will need to implement rate adjustments to maintain the cooperative's financial health and ensure our ability to provide safe and reliable power in the future.

Our Board of Directors has engaged C.H. Guernsey rate consultants to study our current rate structure and evaluate the overall impact of the projected rate increase planned for January 2026. While the rate study is still under review, we are preparing for this necessary adjustment.

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December



1- Bills Sent Out 18- Christmas party (early closure)

22- Autopay Day

25- Christmas Day (Closed)

29- December Bill Due

January



January 1- New Year's Day (Closed

5- Bills Sent Out

21- Autopay Day

26- January Bill Due

RATE INCREASE

The exact increase is currently unknown. Once the consultants present their findings to the Board, we will communicate the specific details to our membership regarding what you can expect for 2026.

We understand that raising utility rates is a difficult decision, especially during challenging economic times, and it is not one the Board takes lightly. However, it is essential to ensure the continued provision of safe and reliable power to our community.

BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Indoor Electrical Safety

- Because many people visit with young children, it's a good idea to cover unused outlets (including extension cords) with plastic caps to prevent children from shocking themselves.
- Be sure to use only lights and other electrical decorations that have been certified by an independent testing laboratory such as UL.
- Always inspect each decoration carefully before plugging into an electrical outlet. Look for cracked sockets, frayed wires and loose connections. If damaged, replace them with new decorations.
- Don't overload extension cords. It's recommended that a maximum of three sets of lights are used for each extension cord.

Outdoor Electrical Safety

- Use only electrical decorations that are certified for outdoor use.
- Make sure that outdoor extension cords and light strings are not near snow or standing water and are protected from the weather.
- Be aware of power lines when putting up or taking down holiday lights.
- It's recommended that outdoor electrical lighting and decorations are plugged into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).

Our office will be closed

December 25th and January

1st for the holidays.

Please call

1-800-564-2419 in case of outage or emergency.





ENERGY EFFICIENCY: TIP OF THE MONTH

With the holiday season approaching and more time spent in the kitchen, consider ways to save energy in the heart of your home. When possible, cook meals with smaller, energy efficient appliances, such as toaster ovens, slow cookers and air fryers. When using the range, match the size of the pan to the heating element. Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean so they reflect heat more efficiently. After your holiday meals are complete, load the dishwasher fully before starting the wash cycle.

APPLY NOW FOR COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP!

For 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 applying to their local cooperative.

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.

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 expected to take part in the workings of the co-op 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 electricity safety, leadership skills, avian protection, and a simulation to help students understand the legislative process. The group will visit the Craig Station Power Plant and the Trapper Coal Mine which supplies Craig with coal for generation.

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.

If you are interested in attending the camp, please contact Jazmin Irvine at Big Horn REA, 1-800-564-2419 or visit our website www.bighornrea.com.



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TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS:

Scammers will try anything to pressure customers into providing their personal information. If you are ever asked to pay your utility bill through a third-party transaction app, such as Cash App or Venmo, it's a scam. Remember, utilities will never request a payment through a third-party app. Always use authorized payment methods when paying your utility bills.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams



Recipe T

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Name of the dish

Rhubarb Pie by Tony Nelson

Ingredients

- 2 C sugar
- 1Tbsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- 1 Tbsp butter or margarine
- 1Tbsp flour
- 2 eggs
- 1Tbsp milk
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon

Directions

- Pre-heat oven to 450°.
- Mix all the ingredients well.
- Half of the mixture on the bottom of crust. Fill with rhubarb.
- · Add rest of the mixture on top of the rhubarb.
- Put other crust on top, then put the milk on top with cinnamon and sugar mixture on top.
- Bake at 450° for 10 minutes, then 350° for 60 minutes.



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