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# HIGHLIGHTS

From Big Horn Rural Electric Company

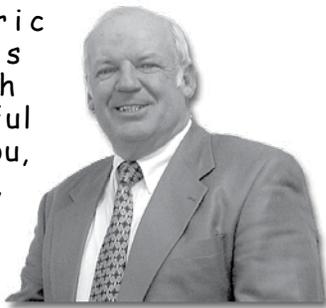
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**WREA**  
Western Rural Electric Association



## Dear Big Horn Rural Electric Company Member-Owners:

Your electric cooperative is celebrating its 75th year as a successful business supplying you, the member-owners, electricity. The 73rd annual meeting will be held on March 10, 2012, at the Greybull High School Gym beginning at 11:00 am. Reports will be given concerning the financial condition of your company as well as issues that affect you, the member-owners. Mike McInnes, Senior Vice President at Tri-State, our power supplier, will report on Tri-State issues. The director election of District 5 (Lovell, Frannie, Deaver) will be held.



Your annual meeting affords you the opportunity to ask questions and state your opinions as a member owner of Big Horn Rural Electric Company. Local control has kept your company sound for 75 years! Your Board of Directors, Management and Employees urge you to attend and bring a neighbor!

Regards,

Thomas P. Delaney  
Board President

Mark your calendars!  
2012 Annual Meeting is March 10th at the  
Greybull High School Gymnasium

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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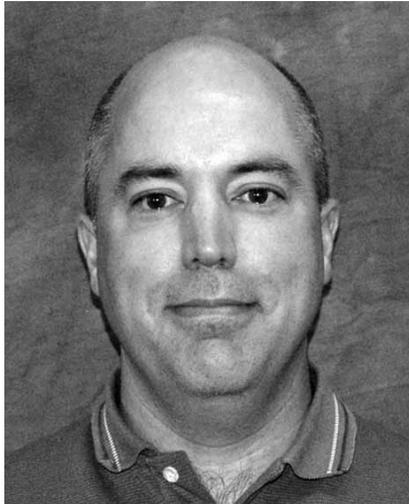
### ANNUAL MEETING

**GRAND PRIZE**  
**\$750 Energy Credit**  
**District Prizes**  
**\$75 Energy Credit**

# Director Candidates

## Stephen C. Harper

District #5



I have a sincere desire to serve the community in which I reside. In part, I would like to fulfill this desire by serving you on the Board of Directors of Big Horn REC, which provides such an essential service to our communities.

I have had a wide range of experiences that I believe will be of a benefit to the cooperative. They include: 1. Twenty years of accounting and business experience in both the utility and entertainment industries. 2. Twelve years of reporting to a board of directors in both a cooperative and private setting. 3. Two years of serving on the board of directors of Western Independent Networks in Oregon. 4. A developed understanding of cooperative principles through my current position as CFO at Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. (TCT). 5. Seventeen years of managerial experience.

By serving as your representative, I realize how important it will be to stay informed of the various issues that affect this industry, and the importance of coming to each board meeting prepared. I promise to do just that.

My wife, Shannon and I have six beautiful daughters ages 4 through 15 (Jordan, Madison, Kayden, Ashton, Paiton and Reagan), and we thoroughly enjoy living in this great community.

Thank you for your consideration.

## Charles N. Monk

District #5



Charlie Monk is a third generation Wyoming Native and lifetime resident of Big Horn County. Big Horn REA has been a part of that life for many years.

Charlie graduated from Cowley High School and attended Northwest College in Powell. He worked as a lineman for Big Horn Rural Electric for 31 years. As a current board member he is Big Horn's representative on the Tri-State Board and represents Tri-State on the WREA Board.

Charlie has completed the NRECA Credentials Cooperative Directors Institute program, the Board Leadership training course for Rural Electric Systems, and received the Wyoming Rural Electric Association Outstanding Leadership Award. He has had previous board experience on the Cowley Wyoming School Board, Sidon Irrigation Board, Bank of Bridger Board of Directors, served as a Wyoming Transportation Commissioner, and was a Big Horn County Commissioner for 16 years, along with various church leadership positions.

Charlie and Donna have 9 grown children, 30 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. In their spare time they raise a few cows.

"I am proud to have served you as a member on the Big Horn REA Board, providing reliable power at an affordable price and keeping the Co-op financially sound is a top priority. I wish to continue serving you as your board member. I am willing to dedicate the time necessary to carry out this responsibility. I would appreciate your vote."

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING



The 73rd Annual Meeting of Big Horn Rural Electric Company will be held at the high school gymnasium in Greybull, Wyoming on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of electing a director from Directorate District #5 and to receive and vote on reports covering the previous fiscal year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

/s/ John Joyce, Secretary

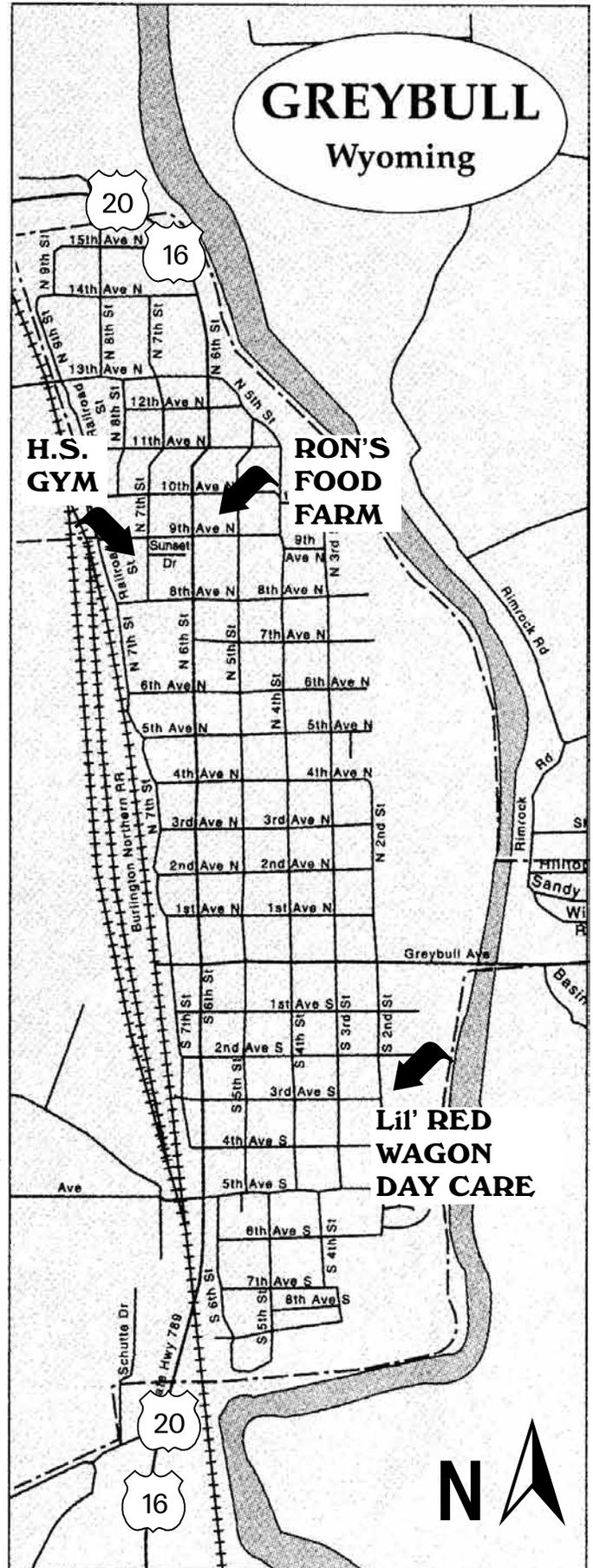
## How Do I Get There?



To get to the Annual Meeting, take Highway 16-20 through Greybull to Ron's Food Farm. Turn west on 9th Avenue North. Follow the signs to the Greybull High School Gymnasium.



Professional day care of children during the meeting will be available at the Lil' Red Wagon Day Care. To get to Lil' Red Wagon Day Care, turn east at the stoplight. At the last street before the Big Horn River bridge, turn right. Lil' Red Wagon Day Care is approximately three blocks down on the right. It is located at 300 3rd Ave S. They can be reached at 765-2227.



## AGENDA

- 9:45 a.m. Registration Begins, View Displays
- 11:00 a.m. Business Session Begins
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch is Served
- 1:00 p.m. Reconvene Meeting

## Lunch

Roast Beef au jus, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Corn, Cupcakes

Election for Director in District #5 - Lovell, Frannie, Deaver area.

## Why the jump in my bill?

Some of the common causes of high bill complaints are the following:

**\*\*Space Heaters:** Sizes from 600-1,500 watts on 10 hours a day can drive your bill up by \$12 to \$29 per heater a month. Use space heaters sparingly. If you're considering a new space heater, do some research. Some claim they'll save you 50 percent on your electric bill. But a 1,500 watt heater by any manufacturer plugged in for 24 hours will use the same amount of electricity and cost you the same.

**\*\*Engine Block Heaters:** Sizes vary from 1,000-1,800 watts and can add \$23 to \$42 a month. You only have to plug most vehicles in for one or two hours before starting. Consider purchasing an outdoor rated timer and extension cord.

**\*\*Stock Tank Heaters:** Sizes vary from 750 to 1,500 watts and can run \$34 to \$70 per month in the coldest months. Look for low-use or energy efficient models.

**\*\*Well Pumps:** A 2-horse power (hp) pump with a broken shut-off switch or faulty check valve will run non-stop and consume about 1,500 watts an hour. This added load could boost your monthly bill by \$69.

If you suspect that your bill is artificially high, start with a load test. Turn all your breakers off and while one person watches the meter, turn each breaker back on one at a time to see which makes the meter spin the fastest. Whatever is on that breaker is making your bill higher.



## Energy Efficiency

### *Tip of the Month*

Adding insulation to your home? An R-value indicates insulation's resistance to heat flow—a higher R-value means more effective insulation on material, thickness, and density. Your ideal R-value depends on whether your home is new or existing, your heating fuel, and where you live. Learn more at [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)

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