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WATTS NEW

NEWSLETTER



OPERATION ROUND UP

Several members have signed up for our new program: Operation Round Up. By agreeing to round up your electric bill to the next dollar we hope to create a fund to give back to our community and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Sign up by calling the Wheatland REA office at (307) 322-2125 or online at www.wheatlandrea.com. Applications for funds are available at the REA office.

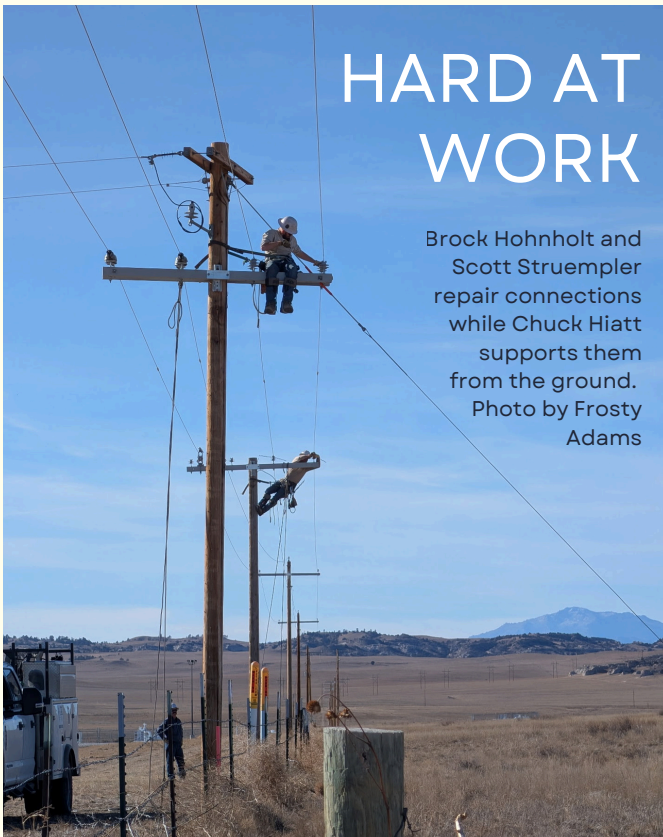
ADAMS NAMED NEW ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Clay Becker has left the REA to explore new opportunities in Alaska. Our new Engineering Technician is Frosty Adams. He has been a lineman with the REA for six years and has also done an amazing job presenting safety demonstrations at the local schools. Clay has been showing him the ropes and he is eager to excel in his new role at the REA.



HARD AT WORK

Brock Hohnholt and Scott Struempfer repair connections while Chuck Hiatt supports them from the ground.
Photo by Frosty Adams



Check out our Facebook page for updates and happenings at the Wheatland REA!

www.facebook.com/WheatlandREA

TREE TRIMMING

Wheatland REA has partnered with Wright Tree Service to trim tree limbs away from power lines this summer.

Tree trimming is vital for reliability and wildfire mitigation.

POLE TESTING UNDERWAY

Wheatland REA has contracted with Intec Services to test pole integrity starting in June for approximately 10 weeks. This is to insure safe reliable power for the Wheatland REA membership! Areas to be tested...

- Town of Chugwater
- Glendo and Surrounding Areas
- Between Guernsey Reservoir and Northeast of the Town of Wheatland

DRONE INSPECTIONS

EDM International will be performing Drone inspections on the power poles and lines during the month of July east of the Town of Wheatland.



WHAT IS WILDFIRE MITIGATION

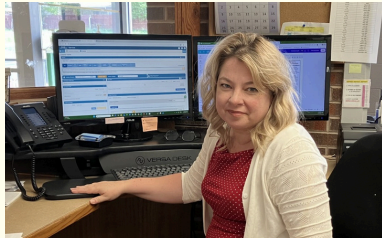
Wildfire mitigation involves proactive strategies, community planning, and legislative measures to reduce the risk and impact of wildfires on people, property, and ecosystems.

The REA uses the summer months to trim back trees and other vegetation that are growing too close to power lines and may cause a fire hazard.

The lack of moisture in the last year is cause for concern and the fear of fire is very present with the dry conditions. However, there is some good news on the wildfire front. According to Boise State Public Radio, wildfires have been getting bigger and burning more ground in recent decades, but fewer fires are being started. Most wildfires are started by humans and the number of fires has gone down which means awareness and prevention campaigns have been working. Everyone is more aware of the dangers and so are paying attention and using safe practices around fire.

There are several websites with tips and maps of current fires in the area. <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/> This the official source for active wildfire information, including fire maps, closures, evacuation notices and incident updates. <https://smokeybear.com> is another resource that has kid-friendly tips for preventing fires and staying safe.

NEW FACE AT THE FRONT DESK



Ton Winter has joined the office crew as the new Administrative Assistant. Please be patient as she "learns the lines" at the REA.

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If you need to make a payment arrangement or want to inquire about energy assistance programs, we are here to help you. If you are struggling with a high bill and want to discuss options, please give us a call 307-322-2125

DISCOVERY DAY



Tate Bauersachs and Poston Anderson brought the trucks out to play at the annual Kiwanis Discovery Day. Photo by Anika Baker.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FARMER'S MARKETS

Guernsey
Thursdays • 5-7 pm
Gordon Davis Park

Wheatland
Saturdays • 8:30 - 12:30 pm
Pocket Park

July 4

GUERNSEY
Pancake Breakfast
7-9 am
Parade • 10:30 am
Car Show • 11-2 pm
Concert • 7 pm

GLENDO
Ranch Rodeo - 2 pm

July 8

WHEATLAND
Reading of the
Declaration of
Independence
Platte Co. Courthouse
3:30 pm

July 18

GUERNSEY
Guided Hike at
Guernsey State Park
Newell Bay • 9 am

July 24

GLENDO
Wetlands Exploration
Wetland Trailhead
4 pm

July 24 - August 1

WHEATLAND
Platte County Fair
August 1
Pancake Breakfast
7 am
Parade • 10 am
Free BBQ • 11 am

August 22

GUERNSEY
Duck Daze
5K • 8 am
Duck Race • 10:30 am

August 26-29

GLENDO
Artist in Residence
Glendo State Park
Paper Swords the
music of Phil Black