

HIGH WEST ENERGY

Your Touchstone Energy®



APRIL 2013

It's Not Just Another Camp!

It's the 2013 Youth Energy Camp which is held at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey, NE. The dates are July 15-19.

Right now, you're thinking that this is the zillionth camp you've heard about and that this camp is just like all of the rest. It costs a bunch, you won't know anyone there, it's going to be awkward, and you won't get anything out of going except a sunburn.

Think Again!!

It's free, you're going to make life-long friends, and learn about the electric industry through interesting workshops, fascinating demos and presentations by re-gional experts addressing the many issues affecting the rural electric program.

Oh Yea!

There's also canoeing, sports, a banquet and a dance. A tour of the Gerald Gentleman Power Station and the Kingsley Hydro-Electric Power Plant provides a first-hand look at the process of generating electricity.

Now that you know this isn't just another camp, you may be asking yourself, "should I go?"

You Bet!!

Three campers will be selected from the group, to serve as Nebraska's Ambassadors to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

To be eligible for this year's camp, you must:

- currently be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- be sponsored by a Nebraska Rural Electric Association member-system (High West Energy)
- complete the application form below and



High West Energy, Inc.

Box 519

Pine Bluffs, WY 82082

307/245-3261

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2013 YOUTH ENERGY CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____ Phone# (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

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PO Box 519
Pine Bluffs, WY 82082-0519

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The monthly board meeting is normally held on the 4th Monday of each month.



District 11 - Troy Freeburg, Bushnell, NE
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General Manager: Brian D. Heithoff
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri - 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Open During Noon
Closed Weekends - Holidays

PHONE NUMBERS

Outage calls 24 hours a day
Laramie County 245-3261
Toll Free 1-888-834-1657

WEBSITE INFORMATION

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BILLING QUESTIONS

Local 245-3261
Toll Free 1-888-834-1657

Don't Penalize Yourself!!

If your bill is average, (approximately) 950 kwh a month, it would be \$120.74.

Facility Charge	\$10.50
First 500 kwh @ \$.12371	61.86
Next 450 kwh @ \$.09235	41.55
Sales Tax (Approximate)	<u>6.83</u>
Total	\$120.74

If your payment is not in our office by 5:00 p.m. on the 28th day of the month, 5% or in this case, \$6.03 discount lost will be added..... \$6.03

If the bill is unpaid after 7 days and one of our employees is sent to collect, there will be a collection fee of \$25.00..... \$25.00

If the service is disconnected and then reconnected during regular working hours, there will be a reconnect fee of \$35.00..... \$35.00

Cost of Extra Charges **\$66.03**

Cost of one month service plus penalties **\$186.76**

In addition, there is a fee of \$25.00 for checks returned by the bank. Also, if disconnected service is restored after regular working hours, the reconnect fee is \$45.00.



Have we got a deal for you!!



2006 Chevy 3500 Extended Cab 4x4,
Duramax, Allison Tran. AC, PW, PD,
with utility box, 175,000 miles,
some hail damage



2006 Ford F-150 Extended Cab 4x4,
5.4 Titon, auto, AC, with flatbed, 133,500 miles,
some hail damage



2008 Ford 5500 dually 4x4,
6.4 Power Stroke, AC, PW, PD,
110,000 miles, no bed, transfer case,
or drive shaft. Needs lots of work.



2003 Chevy Silverado 1/2 ton 4x4,
4.8 Vortec, auto, AC with 118,000 miles

All vehicles have been well maintained, but used.

**Inspections can be made at
High West Energy
6270 Co. Rd. 212
Pine Bluffs, WY**

We will be taking sealed bids from April 1 thru April 30

**If you have questions, call High West Energy at 1/307/245-3261 or 1/800/245-9292
and ask for Jeff Bruckner**



High West Successful In Protecting Service Area

High West Energy gained the approval of the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) on March 13, 2013 on its joint request with Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power, to essentially solidify certificated electric areas around Cheyenne. This decision culminates over 18 months of work by HWE to protect its service area from being eroded as the City of Cheyenne continues to annex more area to its east.

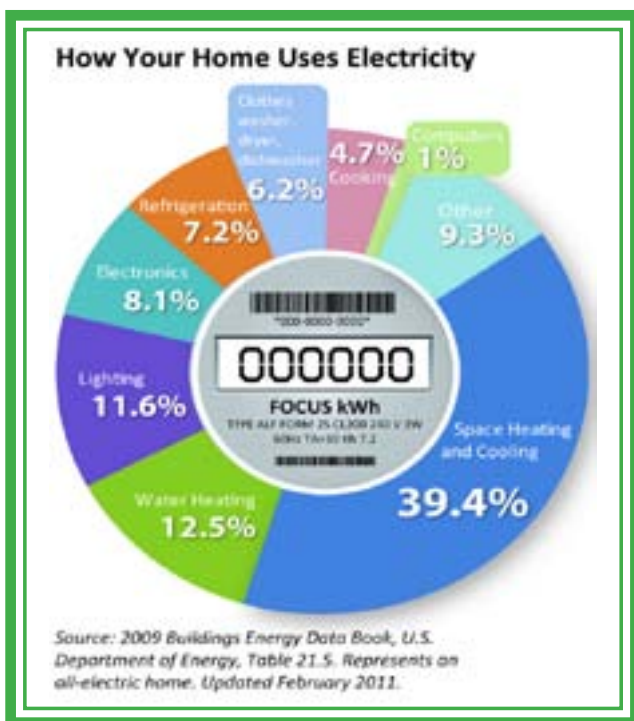
“We are very pleased with the decision as it allows us to spend our resources on serving our members rather than fighting disputes. This is beneficial to the cooperative and its members, maybe more so than many people realize.” said Brian Heithoff, General Manager for HWE.

In January, High West Energy gained the approval of the Cheyenne City Council on its franchise request. That approval was contingent upon the PSC approving an agreement between HWE and CLFP establishing areas where each would serve going forward. A public hearing

at the PSC offices in Cheyenne was scheduled for March 13, 2013, during which time the final decision was made. The decision allows both HWE and CLFP to continue providing electric service to those we currently serve.

The approval also helps settle a 30 year plus dispute between the two utilities as to who will serve where. Since the early 80’s HWE has been denied a franchise by Cheyenne on at least four occasions and its service area recinded by the PSC multiple times.

The decision provides certainty for both utilities, which is important so that each can properly plan for the installation of electric lines and substations, which are many times 50 to 60 year investments. Without certainty, utilities may be reluctant to make investments in their electric system for fear that it might be taken away at some future date, thereby stranding those investments. The decision will also help HWE better manage its costs and rates. Serving more dense areas around Cheyenne allows your cooperative to spread its fixed costs over a larger consumer base, which results



Spring “Ain’t So Hot”

Sometimes we think that welcoming Spring, which begins March 21, is just a habit carried over from some other time or place. Most of us have to leave the comfortable indoors and get out into the rain and mud and go to work.

Usually, Spring comes too early, or too late, it’s too wet or too dry, the birds wake us up early or steal the seeds as fast as you plant. It’s just not good.

Thinking about Spring “objectively” as the psychologists say, “ain’t so hot,” and we suggest changing the seasons so one can go directly from comfortable fire-side of Winter to the warm sand or cool, shady woods of Summer and just skip all the mud, muss, and extra work Spring brings along with the nosiy birds, stinging bees and parasitic butterflies - or is that thought just a bunch of hooley?