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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program LIHEAP: Notice of Winter Shut-Off Protection

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2024. To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact the Human Services Department at 800-283-4465, or the appropriate tribal or pueblo entity, for eligibility information for the LIHEAP program. Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2024, through March 15, 2025, if

you meet the qualifications of LIHEAP and have no past due amounts or remain current on any installment agreements for amounts due as of November 15, 2024. Members of New Mexico's tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission's consumer relations division at 888-427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance. For an application, please visit www.hsd.state.nm.us



Experts say the best way to get the optimal performance and longevity out of your furnace is to have an annual furnace inspection done. It is recommended that the inspections are done in late summer or early fall, just before the heating season begins.

Zia Natural Gas Company offers a rebate to customers for completing an annual furnace inspection. You choose how you would like the rebate; we'll send you a check or you can apply the rebate to your Zia Natural Gas account.

Filing for the rebate is easy. Simply go to www.zngc.com and find our **Energy Efficiency Program** under the "Save Energy & Money" tab and print the Rebate Application and the 16 Point Natural Gas Furnace Inspection Form. Then contact your favorite licensed plumber or HVAC specialist and schedule a furnace inspection. Your licensed plumber or HVAC specialist will fill out the 16-Point Inspection form and part of the Rebate Application form. Return the completed Rebate application, 16-Point Inspection form, and a copy of the inspection invoice to Zia Natural Gas Company and you're done!



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- ◆ Make sure to have all furnaces, flues, and chimneys in your home or business inspected every year by a qualified industry professional to ensure their efficiency and safety. These are items that will no doubt be kicked into gear during the cold winter months, so now is the perfect time for these inspections.
- ◆ Install a programmable thermostat to help ensure that you don't forget to adjust the temperature in your home throughout the day. Regulating your thermostat can amount to real savings while keeping you warm during the winter months.

- ◆ When replacing appliances around your home remember to ask about natural gas models. Natural gas water heaters and other appliances are typically much more efficient than other versions and will help cut energy costs during the winter heating season.
- ◆ Look for the blue flame. If pilot lights and burners have a steady, blue flame, they are operating correctly. (Decorative gas fire logs are the only exception. Their flame is usually yellow).
- ◆ Keep the areas around all appliances clean and unobstructed to allow for proper air flow.
- ◆ Install one-way heat exchangers on your kitchen fan, clothes dryer, and bathroom fan vents in order to prevent cold air from leaking in and warm air leaking out.
- ◆ Anytime you make changes to your home, from servicing a fuel burning appliance to changing your windows, always have a licensed expert make sure that all your equipment is operating properly – safety is important year-round.
- ◆ Always use your nose. If you ever smell natural gas, leave the premise and contact Zia Natural Gas and dial 911, when necessary.
- ◆ Be sure to look at our Energy Efficiency Program for rebates on high efficiency natural gas appliances at www.zngc.com under the Save Energy & Money tab.



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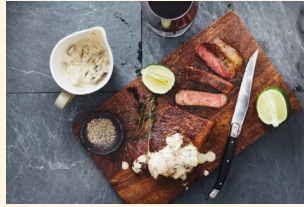


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Crock Pot London Broil Steak & Mushrooms

Ingredients

- 3 tsp all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp sweet paprika
- 1 6-oz jar mushrooms, drained
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- 1 lb London Broil or round steak
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Directions

1. In a small bowl, combine the flour, ground black pepper, and paprika.
2. Rub the steak on all sides with the mixture.
3. Place the steak in the crock pot.
4. In a bowl, combine the drained mushrooms, cream of mushroom soup, tomato soup, and onion soup mix and mix well.
5. Pour the mixture over the meat.
6. Cover the pot and cook on low for about 6 to 7 hours, or cook on high for about 3 1/2 hours.

Slice the steak thinly for serving.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ruidoso

Saturdays in Sept - The local Farmers Market will be held at All American Park. Local vendors with produce and others locally made items. Every Saturday through October, from 9am to 1pm.

Sept 1 - End of Summer Bash at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Send off summer in style at our largest End of the Summer Bash yet! Bring your whole family for an epic day with a LIVE DJ, delicious food and drinks and exciting children's activities, all leading up to our dazzling drone and fireworks show. This FREE event is going to be summer's most spectacular celebration! 12pm to 9pm

Sept 28 - Ruidoso Oktoberfest, Raise a stein to Ruidoso Oktoberfest at Downshift Riverside in beautiful Midtown Ruidoso! Collective Good Beer initiative, which will raise funds for those affected by the Salt/South Fork Fires and floods. Beer, German food and lots of fun for the whole family. Entertainment all day outside on the main stage and inside the Riverside live stage.

Las Cruces

Sept. 14 - 2024 Health & Biz Expo being held at Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. from 10am to 12pm This event is organized by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and will feature various health and business-related exhibitors, workshops, and networking opportunities.

Sept 25 - 29 Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo Daily entertainment, vendors, exhibits, Concerts and more! Come see all the fun at 12125 Robert Larson BLVD in Las Cruces, NM. Check the schedule at snmstatefairgrounds.net

Starts Sept 28 Mesilla Valley Maze located in the west valley of Las Cruces, they offer 30 acres of family fun! Corn Maze, pumpkin patch, hayrides, giant slides and more! 11am to 7pm every Saturday and Sunday thru the end of October.

Hobbs

Sept 4 - Zia Natural Gas is hosting a meet and greet and ribbon cutting at our Hobbs office, 510 E. Bender Blvd. from 9 to 11am. Come join us for Energy Efficiency Program updates and meet our partner CLEAResult!

Sept 28 - United Way Chilifest, Mark your calendars for the highlight event of the year! Join us on September 28th, 2024, for a day filled with excitement, delicious chili, classic cars, unique arts & crafts, and thrilling silent auction items.

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LIEAP: Notice of Winter

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If you or someone you know, needs assistance with heating bills this winter, please contact the Department of Family Services (DFS) at 800-457-3659 or Wyoming LIEAP at 800-246-4221 to get more information. Applications for LIEAP are available online from DFS starting the first week in September 2024. Applications may also be picked up from the local DFS office beginning the second week in September 2024. Applications are accepted until February 28, 2025.



Planning on digging?

Any excavation in Wyoming requires all homeowners and excavators to dial the three, easy to remember, nationally recognized numbers, 811 or submit your ticket online.

<https://www.onecallofwyoming.com/homeowners/>



"As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, tipping generously, waving at police, sharing food, giving children a thumbs-up, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at passersby, and buying a stranger a cup of coffee." unknown



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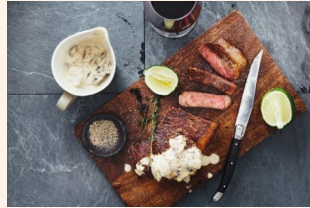


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Thermopolis

Continuing in September – Thermopolis - **Red Dirt Master Gardeners Farmers Market** Downtown Thermopolis, 5th Street between Warren and Broadway, every Saturday June through September (weather permitting) 8:00 AM - Noon.

September – Thermopolis - **BINGO** HSC Senior Citizen Center Bingo Every Saturday at 6:00pm HSC Senior Citizen Center, 206 Senior Ave.

September – Thermopolis - **Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class** at the Armory. Kids ages 7+ & Adults FREE. No gear required. For questions contact Bradyn Harvey @ 307-921-0089 Every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday. Kids: 5:30 - 6:30pm Adults: 5:30 - 7:00pm

Basin

September 5 – Basin - **BINGO**. Basin City Arts Center 6:30-8:30pm. \$10 per packet.

September 9 – Basin - **Friends of the Basin Library** 2 p.m. Presentation of the Peg Paxton Plaque Big Horn County Library. Light Refreshments

Worland

September 10 – Worland - **WTS Chamber Harvest Festival Pioneer Square**. 8:00 AM 2:00 PM. Crafts, vendors & much more. For more information about the festival call Ruth Dugger, WTS chamber executive director for applications/ \$25 booth fee or apps on website: wtschamber.org. 307-347-3226.

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