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natural gas arrives in Afton!

Wait. Don't we already have natural gas in Afton? Oh, *compressed natural gas* for vehicles!

Thanks to the Scherbel brothers, Paul and Marlow, Afton has a compressed natural gas (CNG) filling station for vehicles. The Scherbels — who own Scherbel Surveyor, Ltd, a land surveying company based in Star Valley — were looking for ways to be more efficient as a company when they stumbled upon the idea of CNG. The more they researched natural gas as an alter-

native fuel, the more they realized the many benefits of CNG. Scherbel Surveyor maintains a fleet of vehicles between their headquarters and satellite offices in Big Piney and Montpelier, Idaho, and work in Utah and Nevada also.

Besides saving transportation costs, sharing the alternative fuel with the community is also very appealing to the brothers. “Being able to offer the valley a low-cost, efficient, and very available fuel, along with taking a step toward energy independence, was a large motivation for us,” says Paul Scherbel. “Compressed natural gas is great for Star Valley and great for Wyoming.”

As of November, 2012, the Scherbels have a working CNG filling station. The facility is on their business lot, just off of Washington Street in downtown Afton, and is open to the public. According to Paul, “Right now we're on the honor code — you tell us how much you filled up and we'll bill you.” And if the slow fill is too slow, the Scherbels will lend you a car. “We're excited about CNG.”

So what is the comparison between CNG and gasoline? Right now CNG at the Scherbels will run you under \$2 per gallon.



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need help with your bill?

Having trouble paying a bill? There are several local and statewide bill assistance programs you should be aware of — these programs do overlap and in some cases cover expenses beyond energy bills.

- **LIEAP** — The Low Income Energy Assistance Program — Applications are accepted beginning the first working day in October through the last working day of February of the program year. LIEAP credits are based on household size, household income and the type of fuel used as the primary heating source. For fur-

ther questions please contact LIEAP at 1-800-246-4221.

- **ORU** — Operation Round Up — Although funded by Lower Valley Energy customers, ORU is administered by an independent board of directors to provide assistance with energy for local families and individuals needing assistance.

- **Energy Share** — A private, state-wide non-profit organization established to assist people in hardship circumstances with energy-related emergencies. Applications accepted December through May. For more information please contact the Community Resource Center at 307-739-4500.

- **Wyoming CSBG** (Community Service Block Grant) — Administered by the local Public Health office.

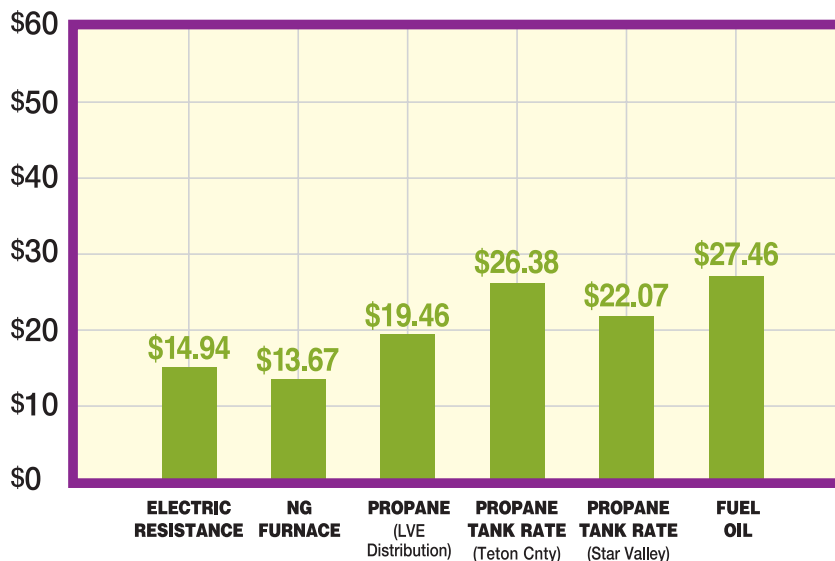
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