



# HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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## CEO Message

### Thank You for Joining Us for Hill County Electric's 80th Annual Meeting



Craig Gates  
General Manager/CEO

Thank you to all the members who joined us in person and for those that voted via mail-in ballot on Saturday, May 10th, on the HCE campus for Hill County Electric's 80th Annual Meeting of Members. It was a pleasure to welcome

everyone to our campus, and we hope you enjoyed the new venue as much as we did.

During the meeting, members participated in voting for one trustee position and proposed Bylaw Amendments, both in person and by mail. Your involvement helps shape the direction of our cooperative, and we sincerely appreciate your engagement.

Shane Barrett and Tyler De La Vega ran for the District 1 Trustee seat. Shane received 201 votes and Tyler received 83 votes. The Bylaw changes had 253 yes votes and 33 no votes. HCE's Bylaw books will be updated soon for our membership. Congratulations to Shane Barrett and on the Bylaws passing.

The Annual Meeting is more than just a business meeting, it's a chance to connect, reflect, and celebrate what makes HCE unique. As a cooperative, we exist to serve our members and

support the communities we're a part of, not to generate profits for outside investors. That's the cooperative difference. At HCE, our members aren't just customers; you are the heart of our organization.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the meeting and to those who participated by mail-in ballot. It shows that our members still want to take part in the cooperative experience.

Your continued support is what keeps us strong.



This year marks a remarkable milestone for us at Hill County Electric as we celebrate 80 years of service, innovation, and commitment to rural Montana. Since 1945, we've been more than just a power provider - we've been a trusted partner, lighting the way for generations of families and businesses. As we look back on eight decades of dedication to the communities we proudly serve, we are filled with gratitude for our members and the opportunity to continue our mission of bringing reliable, affordable energy to the heart of Montana.



80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



# Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners!

Thank you to all the students who applied for scholarships this year! We're proud to support the next generation of learners. Visit [www.hcelectric.com/scholarships](http://www.hcelectric.com/scholarships) to explore all of our opportunities.



**Lance Rutledge**  
MECA Memorial 1st Place  
Basin Central



**Cadence Kallenberger**  
MECA Memorial 2nd Place  
Basin 2nd Place



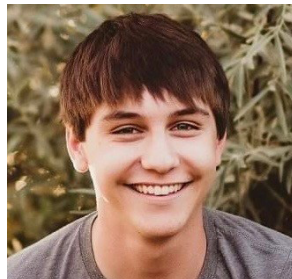
**Gracie Skoyen**  
Tell Us Your Story



**Keaten Chinadle**  
Trades Scholarship



**Reinhard Bold**  
Trades Scholarship



**Colton Spicher**  
Basin 1st Place



**Kohen Sullivan**  
Lineman Scholarship



**Laura Dailey**  
Chester-Joplin-Inverness  
Public Schools  
Teacher Appreciation Program

**Ready to Rewrite Your Story?  
HCE's Non-Traditional  
Scholarship Can Help.**

**UP TO TWO \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS  
EACH YEAR FOR ADULT LEARNERS**



Whether you're going back to college after a break or finally pursuing that trade you've always dreamed of, Hill County Electric wants to support your journey. That's why we offer **up to two \$1,000 scholarships each year for adult learners (25+)** who are ready to take the next step in their education or training.

**See details and apply online by July 1st at [www.hcelectric.com/ntsp](http://www.hcelectric.com/ntsp)**

# Swap and Shop

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members! Ads submitted online are usually added within 2 to 3 business days.

Due to print deadlines and space available, some ads may appear in the next month's magazine.

*\*Denotes photo available on website*

## Heavy Duty Car Dolley

Hand crafted heavy duty car dolley, new tires and wheels, dexter axle, electric brakes. Asking \$300.00. Call 406.547.2184.

## 1993 Ford Explorer

4 liter V-6, motor runs, good tires, needs transmission, clear title. Asking \$400.00 or best offer. Call 406.547.2184.

## Cajun electric smoker

Cajun electric smoker with timer, thermostat, burns pellets. Asking \$75.00, call 406.547.2184.

## Mini Washing Machine For Sale

Mini washing machine, capacity 1KA, B-Quick Bubbleator, portable, great for RV's or apartments. \$35.00. Call 406.547.2184.

## Professional AG Lane Chicken Cages

Asking \$800 call 406.945.2027 with questions.

## Flexi-Coil Sprayer

65XL Sprayer 130 ft booms, 1,000 gallon tanks, wind screens. \$750 or best offer, call 406.262.3969.

## Sooner Aluminum 20 ft. Stock Trailer Gooseneck

Asking \$9,500. Call 406.326.2284.

## German Shepherd Puppy

Black/Tan in color, call 406.326.2287.

## Barrett Cattle Trailer

50 ft. Barrett Cattle Trailer. Asking \$10,000. Call 406.301.4035.

## 2021 Massimo 550 L Quad 4x4 EFI

Power steering, hand guards, 50-inch snowplow, winch, safety start, reverse safety bell, parking brake,

headlights and driving lights. Brake lights rear driving lights, two up seat, 145 miles with 16.7 hours, front and rear storage. 2-wheel and 4-wheel selector button, rear receiver hitch, liquid cooled, rear independent suspension, fixed issues with dash, new spark plug, fresh gas, checked all fluids and filters including coolant, battery checked out good. Asking \$5,995. Call 406.265.1735.

## 2003 Honda Odyssey

35.6 Cyl, motor, automatic transmission, front wheel drive. 192,300 miles, runs good, fresh oil change and lube. Windshield wiper fluid tank has a hole in it that needs repair or replace, tires are at 65-70% Reduced to \$2995, absolutely sold as is, no payments, no holds, no trades. Call 406.265.1735.

## Love Seat and Couch

Love seat and couch with flower print, solid wood, make an offer and you haul. Call 406.932.4591.

## 12' Foot Dump Trailer with Split Seasoned Ash

12' dump trailer of split seasoned ash, \$350.00. Delivered, not stacked. Call 406.561.6315 or email [scleveland546@gmail.com](mailto:scleveland546@gmail.com).

## Cattle Stock Trailer

48 ft. (older but in good shape) asking \$10,000.00 – Call 406.301.4035.

## Whole or Half Pork 2025 Processe

Processed at Pay-N-Save in Saco, MT with pick up in Havre, MT. Processing in September 2025 with limited quantities available. Whole price: \$450\* Half: \$250\*Processing is an additional fee. Any and all questions welcomed. Twyla Knudson

on Facebook Marketplace or email [noneckfarms@gmail.com](mailto:noneckfarms@gmail.com). Please call or text 406.230.2281.

## Metal Roofing

18 sheets of 29 gauge Tuff Rib-9'1" long and 36" wide. Color burnished slate. Asking \$600. Call 406.265.6974.

## Complete Stained Glass Crafting System for Sale

Includes glass, grinder, foiler, scoring machine, cutting pad and many tools. Call for details, asking \$200. Call 406.547.2184.

## Wilray Flat Bed Trailer\*

Wilray Flat Bed Trailer, \$2,400. Deck size 81"x10'. Torsion bar, 3500 lbs. axle. Extra cross stringers, 2011 model. Spare tire included. Call 406.437.1187.

## Toro Snowblower

Very nice 21-inch, electric start Toro Snowblower, like new, asking \$375, call 406.378.3226.

## 2015 F250 Platinum Crew Cab Diesel\*

2015 F250 Platinum Crew Cab Diesel, black, 111,000 miles. Asking \$36,900, call 406.945.2180.

## Livestock Guardian Pups\*

Anatolian Shepherd/Karakachan. Guard goats, sheep, chickens, cows and kittens. Call or text 931-0225 or email [Hoofnpawsworkingstock@gmail.com](mailto:Hoofnpawsworkingstock@gmail.com)

## Makita Cordless Weed Trimmer

Brand new Makita cordless weed trimmer, includes 2 batteries, charger, goggles, cinch sack. Asking \$395. Call 406.374.2406.

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