



# HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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## 2025 Nominations for Board of Trustee

### Important Information

It is time for members to consider running for the Hill County Electric Board of Trustees. District 1 is the district up for election this year.

#### Nominee requirements to run:

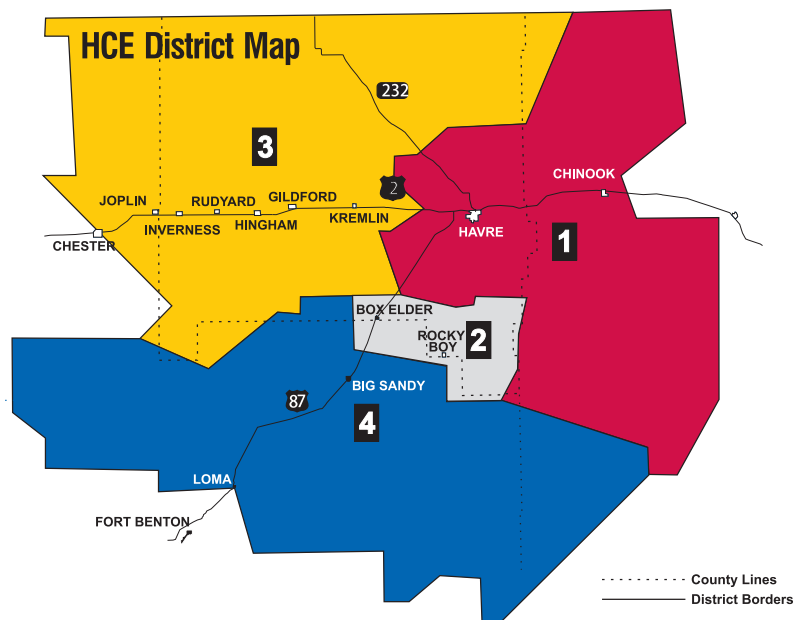
- Petition with district number and name of nominee
- Collect 15 current members' printed name, address and signature on petition
- Nominee must live within the district in which they are running
- To sign the petition, a member does not have to live in the same district as the nominee
- Submit a signed petition to the cooperative no later than **March 26th, 2025**

After the petition is submitted, it will be reviewed for accuracy and if it passes the low threshold of 15 valid signatures, the name of the nominee will appear in the mail-in ballot, as well as on the ballot at the annual meeting for those who do not mail their ballot for the election of the Board of Trustees.

If you have any questions as to which district a nominee lives in, you can call us at 406-394-7804 and someone will help you with the district information.

If you have any questions about our bylaws, please visit

[www.hcelectric.com/hce-bylaws](http://www.hcelectric.com/hce-bylaws)





## CEO Message



Craig Gates  
General Manager/CEO

At Hill County Electric, we prioritize our commitment to delivering reliable service and ensuring our members are kept informed, especially during unforeseen circumstances like power outages. We are excited

to announce the launch of our new Outage Management System, which is available on our website 24/7. This tool is designed to provide you with more timely and accurate updates regarding outages in our service area.

As an electric cooperative, we understand that power outages can be incredibly inconvenient and disruptive. They are events we do not take lightly, and we are constantly seeking ways to minimize their occurrence. HCE's proactive pole testing and replacement program is one of the ways that we try to minimize outages.

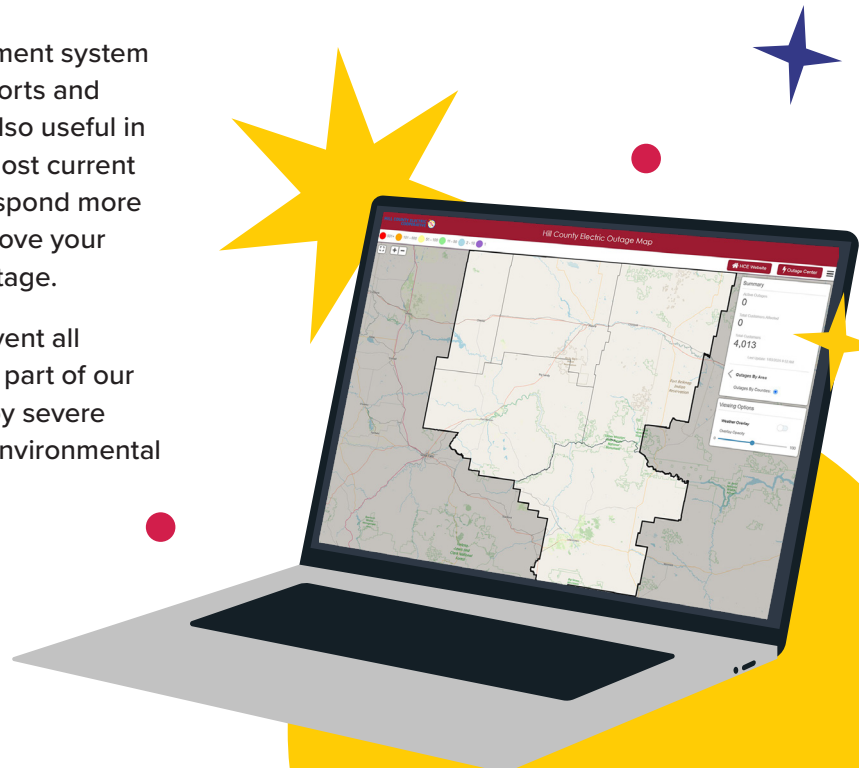
Our webpage-based outage management system not only allows us to track outage reports and restoration efforts in real-time but is also useful in helping keep you informed with the most current information. Our goal is not only to respond more efficiently to outages, but also to improve your ability to check on the status of an outage.

While we wish it were possible to prevent all outages, we recognize that they are a part of our service landscape - whether caused by severe weather, equipment failure, or other environmental factors.

We encourage you to visit our website at [www.hcelectric.com](http://www.hcelectric.com), and click on the Outage Information tab. There you will find the number to call and report an outage 24/7, as well as the ability to check the status of our current outages. The HCE team of dedicated employees are also available to assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

At Hill County Electric, we are committed to improving our service and enhancing your experience. This new outage management system is just one of the many steps we are taking to ensure that you, our valued member, receive the best possible service.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work to better serve our members!



# SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING!

## HCE Tell Us Your Story Scholarship

*Applications due March 1st*

## Lineman Workforce Development Scholarship

*Applications due March 1st*

## MSU-Northern Electrical Tech Workforce Development Scholarship

*Applications due March 1st*

Please help us spread the word by encouraging students to apply for these amazing opportunities. More information and applications can be found at [www.hcelectric.com/scholarships](http://www.hcelectric.com/scholarships)

## 2024 Scholarship winners



*Laramie Peterson*



*Lily Wickum*



*Lanie Sattoriva*



## Teacher Appreciation Program *Visit [hcelectric.com](http://hcelectric.com) to apply*

Recruiting and retaining good, quality educators in rural schools is a significant problem in Montana. We are proud to offer a unique opportunity to rural communities to help with this issue.

Each year, we will present an area teacher with a \$1,500 award through this program (renewable one-time) to a current or incoming educator who teaches at a Class B or smaller school district in HCE's service area. Funds may be matched by one of HCE's partner companies.

### **Program Requirements**

- Teach in a B or smaller school district
- Teacher does not have to be a member or member-dependent

# 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*

## 2016 Ford F350 Super Duty Crew Cab\*

Has 161,136 miles. Asking \$20,000. Call Brian at 406.394.2879 for more information.

## Makita Cordless Weed Trimmer

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

## Wanted to Buy

8-12' triple k. Three point or hitch. Call 406.759.5670.

## Wanted 1955 to 1959 Chevy or GMC Pickup or Parts

Call 406.326.2287.

## Original Can Filter

1 original can filter, 12" diameter, 13" tall. Asking \$100, call 406.547.2184.

## Hydrofarm Grow Light Fixtures

\$20 each or 4 for \$60. Call 406.547.2184.

## 1993 Safari Motorhome For Sale

3430 Cummins, 8.3 turbo-charged, intercooled. Allison World transmission with 6 speed and 2 overdrive gears. Well kept records, 98,600 miles. Asking \$17,500. Call 406.547.2184.

## Leader Accessories Brand Travel Trailer (camper) cover

Fits 24 to 27 foot camper. Made of 100% polypropylene. Used, but in excellent condition. Call 406.357.2891.

## Cattle Squeeze Chute

Powder River Squeeze chute. Asking \$2,000 Call 406.301.4035.

## 1970 3/4 ton Ford Pickup with Flatbed

1970 3/4 Ford Pickup with flatbed. Call if interested at 406.301.4035.

## Large Brown Cloth Lift Chair\*

Chair is in excellent condition, Free to be picked up from my home. Call 406.395.4581.

## Weatherby 257 Magnum

Weatherby 257 Magnum, new in gun case. Burris scope mounted, never loaded, never fired. One-inch MOA. 60 rounds of Weatherby ammunition. Asking \$750. Call 406.390.3522.

## LGD Pups For Sale

Two females left, out of great working mother. She is Ackbash/Komondor. Sire is Ackbash/pyrenees/Anatolian. Born July 4, 2024. Ready to go, right with flock. Asking \$450. Near Moore, MT Call 406.374.2406.

## 1984 Steiger Panther Series IV

Model KM-360 4-wheel drive, SF4 Hydraulics and 8500 hrs. Stored inside for 10 years, new batteries, runs well. Asking \$29,500 or best offer. Call 406.262.4466.

## Two Flexicoil Sprayers

S67 XL models, 120 ft booms, 1 in good shape and one use for parts. Monitor included. Asking \$4,300.00. Call 406.262.4466.

## 1984 Rare Cultivator

Rare 60 ft Cultivator, Morris. Model CP-760 Magnum. Harrows included. Asking \$7,500.00. Call 406-262-4466.

## Set of 4 stock wheels

Set of 4 stock wheels from 2016 Dodge Ram pickup truck. Very good condition \$700 OBO. Call 406.357.2891.

## Boat, Motor, Trailer and Motorcycles For Sale

15 ft. boat, motor & trailer

2004 Harley Davidson Fat Boy (5000 actual miles)

2013 Harley Davidson v-Rod

2012 Suzuki V-Strom (5000 actual miles)

Call 406.399.4949.

## Big Foot Camper

Big Foot 10 FT Camper with A/C, toilet, refrigerator and bed for sale, call 406.301.4035.

## Craftsman 2 stage snowblower with tire chains

Craftsman 28-inch electric start, 2 stage snowblower with tire chains. Asking \$500 obo, call 406.395.4581.

## Tubular Aluminum Table

Tubular aluminum inversion table, lightly used. Asking \$50. Call 406.395.4581.

## Early 1970's Disassembled Triumph Spitfire\*

Early 1970's Disassembled Triumph Spitfire. Call 406.372.3161, asking \$2,500 OBO

## TAMKO T-Lok Shingles\*

Up to 12 bundles, 22 shingles to a bundle. Tile red blend color, \$50 per bundle. Call 540.624.0502.

## Hay For Sale

Alfalfa Hay, Alfalfa Grass mix, plain grass, Hay Barley in round bales. Call 406.671.6876, 406.671.6633 or 406.473.2422.

*Swap & Shop is a classified advertising section of the Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric websites and newsletters. It is maintained as a service to customers and communities wanting to buy, sell and announce non-commercial items. To have an ad included, simply enter all the pertinent information on the online form. An administrator will review the information within two business days and if approved, the ad will then appear. It will stay online for 60 days unless you notify us to remove or change it. It will also appear in any of the newsletters printed during that 60 day window. Triangle reserves the right to abbreviate ads and if the section is full, we will display ads on a first come, first-served basis. If you're unable to enter your ad online you may mail or e-mail it to us using the contact info inside the front cover of this magazine. Happy swapping and shopping.*