



# HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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## 2024 Nominations for Board of Trustee

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is time for members to consider running for the Hill County Electric Board of Trustees. District 4 and District 5 are the open districts this year.

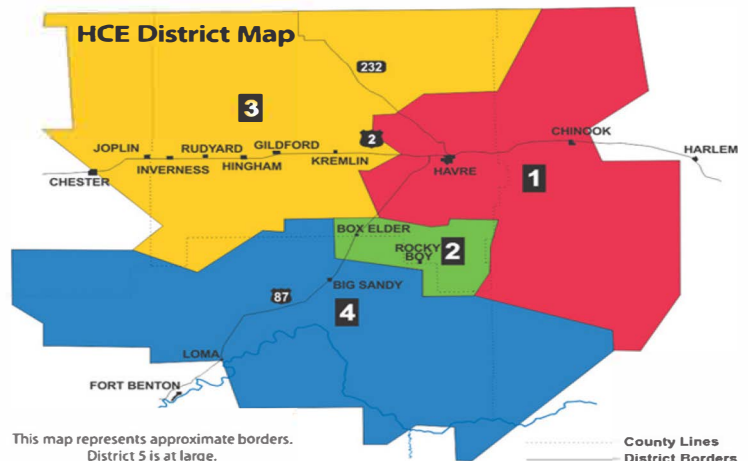
Nominee requirements to run:

- **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 same district as nominee**
- **Submit signed petition to the cooperative no later than March 27, 2024**

**After 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 on the mail-in ballot, as well as at the annual meeting for those who do not mail their ballot for the election of the Board of Trustees.

If you still have questions as to which district the 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 [https://www.hcelectric.com/images/documents/2022\\_HCE\\_Bylaws.pdf](https://www.hcelectric.com/images/documents/2022_HCE_Bylaws.pdf).



## Way to go, Leslie!

Board Trustee Leslie Smith of District 3 recently received the Board Leadership certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Hill County Electric bylaws require that Trustees gain their credentials to remain a board member. Leslie not only completed the required Director Credentials a few years ago, she has exceeded her requirement by obtaining her Board Leadership certificate.

An ever-changing business environment has imposed new demands on electric cooperative trustees, requiring knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a solid knowledge of the cooperative principles and business models.

All trustees at Hill County Electric have their Director Credentials, with Leslie Smith and Nick Siebrasse exceeding their Director requirements.

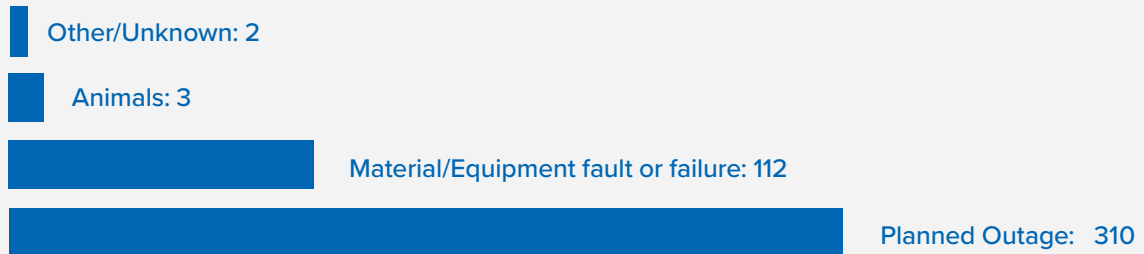
Congrats to Leslie for obtaining this next level of certification and we appreciate her dedication to all HCE members!

*Craig Gates*  
CEO Hill County Electric



### HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately **427** account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:





# Teacher Appreciation Program

Hill County Electric is proud to offer a unique opportunity to rural communities. Recruiting and retaining good, quality educators in rural schools is a significant problem in Montana. HCE will present an area teacher annually with a \$1,500 award through our Teacher Appreciation Program (renewable one-time) to a current or incoming educator who teaches at a Class C 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 C or smaller school district
- Award is paid after completing the school year
- Teacher does not have to be a member or member-dependent

Visit [www.hcelectric.com](http://www.hcelectric.com) to apply!

## 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)



## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

# 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

### Mechanics Special

2010 Ford Explorer XLT, excellent body and interior, nice tires, 150,000 miles, needs timing chain replaced. Can send photo, \$2000 or best offer. Retail value approx. \$6,500-\$7,000. Call 406.374.2458.

### For Sale or Trade

300 Rem. WinMag, 26" Barrel, Timney trigger. Trade for youth model 7mm08 or 308. Call 406.932.4057.

### 2001 Dodge Dakota

Cab and half pickup, 2-wheel drive, air and 148,000 miles, asking \$2,000. Call 406.378.3131.

### Big Foot Pickup Camper

10 foot camper with overhead over pickup cab. Includes queen size bed, sleeps 4. Also has air conditioning, a refrigerator, stove and shower. Asking \$1,500, call 406.301.4035.

### Antique Farmhouse cabinet with countertop\*

Two pull-out cutting board surfaces, 3 drawers, 2 tilt-out bins. One door, no back, 33 1/2" tall x 62" long, 24" deep. Asking \$125. Also selling Antique Wilson oak Hoosier-style cabinet, original hardware and zinc pull-out surface, \$1,200 or best offer. Call 540.624.0502.

### Farm Sink For Sale\*

White porcelain over steel, double basin/double drain. Approx. 62" long, has metal cabinet sides and bottom need work, drawers and hardware in nice shape. Asking \$600 or best offer. Call 540.624.0502.

### TAMKO T-Lok Shingles\*

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

### Free Moving Supplies

Flattened boxes (Lowe's small, medium sizes and more). Bags of bubble wrap, air bags, packing paper and foam peanuts. Hobson area, 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.

### Sheetrock Lift

Heavy Duty sheetrock lift. Asking \$500, call 406.945.3764.

### Men's and Women's Golf Clubs

One set of men's golf clubs, left-handed and one set of women's golf clubs, right-handed. Both only used once, asking \$50 each, call 406.945.3764.

### 1995 Bounder Class A Motorhome\*

36ft Bounder Class A Motorhome with only 53,000 miles, diesel pusher, LP generator, all new tires, 2 filled propane tanks, 3-way refrigerator/freezer. 3 burner stove/oven, microwave, queen bed, shower/bath/toilet, 2 AC units, LP furnace, lots of storage, well kept interior. Asking \$23,000, call 406.357.3491.

### Whole & Half Pork For Sale

Farm raised in Havre, processed at the Saco Pay and Save. Taking pre-orders for July 2024 processing & October 2024 processing season. Whole pork \$450 plus processing fees, half pork \$250 plus processing fees. You receive approx. 150lbs of meat per whole hog. Delivering processed meat locally and between Saco and Havre on pickup day. Contact Josh or Twyla Knudson by email: noneckfarms@gmail.com or call or text 406.230.2281.

### Flexicoil S1070 Sprayer

2009 model, 1600-gallon tank, tire size 480/80R38. \$10,500 or best offer, call 406.262.3395.

### Two Flexicoil Sprayers

567 XL models, 120 ft booms, 1 in good shape and one use for parts. Asking \$10,000 or best offer. Call 406.262.3395.

### Winkel Portable Cattle Chute

Has options, 30-inch swing gate like brand new, stored inside. Asking \$4250 or best offer. Call 406.262.3395.

### 1984 Styger Panther Series IV

KM360 4-wheel drive, SF4 Hydraulics and 8500 hrs. Stored inside for 10 years, new batteries, runs good. Asking \$33,500 or best offer. Call 406.262.3395.

### Ford Escape Parts Vehicle

2001 Ford Escape parts vehicle. Body and all glass in excellent condition, 4 Wheel Drive is good. Engine blown. Asking \$800, call 406.355.4123.

### Cooper Tires

Four 225/60/R16 studded snow tires in good condition, asking \$150. Four LT245/75/R16 Open Country tires in good condition, asking \$175. Call 406.355.4123.

### Adjustable Bed for Sale

Still in box-new, twin-size adjustable bed (knees, head raise and lower). Price new was \$855, make a reasonable offer. Call 406.262.0603.

### Puppies For Sale\*

LGD Anatolian/Karakachan puppies. Call 406.931.0225.

### 1989 Dodge D100\*

318V8, auto, short box, all original, 88k very scarce, runs great. Call 406.350.1392.

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.