

# GLACIER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. HIGHLINER

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## GLACIER ELECTRIC

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**Hugo Anderson**  
(406) 873-5566

## ANDERSON NAMED GENERAL MANAGER OF GEC



Hugo Anderson, GEC's new General Manager

On May 15th Glacier Electric Cooperative will have a new general manager. Matt Hudson will be stepping down, while Hugo Anderson prepares to take on his new role at GEC.

Mr. Hudson has accepted a general manager position in his home state of Missouri for Missouri Rural Electric Cooperative. A cooperative similar in size to Glacier Electric. Matt says he

is going to miss the employees, board members, and members of Glacier Electric, along with the scenery of Montana "I would like to thank the Montana Electric Cooperative Association (MECA) staff

for their hard work, and for making me feel welcome. Also to the Western MT G&T, and all the Montana Coop-

erative managers for their help."

While Mr. Hudson is moving to his new cooperative, Glacier Electric's own Hugo Anderson will step up to the plate as general manager.

Hugo has been the operations manager of Glacier Electric since 2009. Hugo and his wife Patty moved to Cut Bank from Medicine Lake, MT, where Hugo worked for Sheridan Electric.

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## GLACIER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE Board Room Report

The Glacier Electric Board of Trustees' regular board meeting is held on the last Wednesday of the month.

**Action Items:** Selected ten Energy for Tomorrow Scholarship Recipients.

**Date of Last Board Meeting:** March 29, 2017

	YTD 02/28/2017	YTD 02/28/2016
kWh Sold	33,543,490	31,072,551
Revenue	\$3,011,810	\$2,850,194
Cost of Power	\$1,434,002	\$1,271,575
Margins	\$276,527	\$224,596

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Cut Bank, MT 59427

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P.O. Box 609  
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**Summer Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday  
7am-5:30 pm  
CLOSED on Fridays

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Prior to working for Sheridan Electric, Hugo worked for Red Rock Power, Inc. where he started as an apprentice lineman. From his initial start doing “grunt” work in 1979, Hugo has 38 years of cooperative experience. “I grew up in a co-op, and worked for a co-op, I truly believe in the electric cooperative.”

Hugo believes the biggest benefit of Glacier Electric is the knowledgeable staff, and employees. “The workforce at GEC is one of the best, because they can handle situations as they arise.”

When asked what issues he sees in the future, Mr. Anderson says keeping rates low as our power supplier raises our rates. As the general manager, he will work closely with our Board of Trustees to ensure that our members will continue to get their electricity safely and reliably.

One project that Hugo has had a major role in is the building of a new substation. This substation will benefit every single member, because it is a major switch station. It will ensure a reliable system for every line, and can be the difference in the amount of time it takes to get the lights back on in a major outage.

Hugo looks forward to his new job as general manager, and knows the best part of Glacier Electric Cooperative is the membership. He will continue to work with members, board members, and the Glacier Electric Employees to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable electricity for the cooperative.

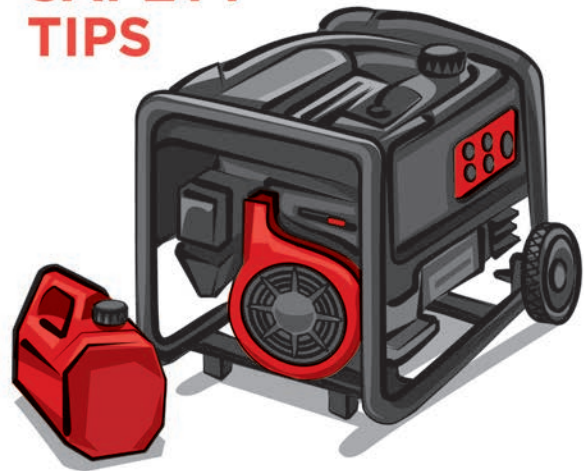
**Energy Efficiency**  
Tip of the Month



Keep warm summer air outside where it belongs! Add caulk and weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

**GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS**



**N**ever connect a standby generator into your home’s electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment.

**Stationary Generator:**

An approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the electric co-op, should be installed by a professional.

**Portable Generator:**

Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.

Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Make sure it’s out and away from your garage, doors, windows and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is **deadly**.

Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.

Start the generator first **before** connecting appliances.

Source: SafeElectricity.org

**May Office Closures**

**May 3rd Closed for Employee Safety Training**

**May 29th Closed for Memorial Day**



**Glacier Electric will be starting  
Summer Hours on May 1st**

**Summer Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Offices will be closed on Fridays**

*Summer Hours are effective May 1st to September 29th.*







## Efficiency Tips for Outdoor Shops and Barns

By Meghaan Evans

There are many benefits to having an energy efficient outdoor shop or barn. Aside from saving energy, an efficient outdoor building can keep the environment around your structure healthy and safe; save money on your water bill; keep your animals happier and healthier; and save you from costly structural repairs.

Whether you are looking to build a new structure, or make changes to an existing structure, there are many ways you can make your outdoor shop or barn more energy efficient.

Are you planning to build a new structure on your property? Follow these tips to achieve energy efficiency:

- Location matters. If possible, carefully consider where you build your shop or barn. Consider drainage, sun exposure and how the building may affect your neighbors.
- Start with a sustainable design plan. A sustainable design plan, according to the U.S. General Services Administration, includes the ability to use environmentally preferable products; protect and conserve water; enhance indoor environmental quality; and optimize operational and maintenance practices.
- If you are hiring a contractor to help build your structure, make sure you look for companies who specialize in “green” buildings and energy efficient practices.
- Choose efficient building methods. Pole barns offer reliable shelter without costly excavation, concrete foundations or general site disruption.

Follow these tips to make energy efficient upgrades to an existing structure:

- Replace indoor lighting with energy efficient LED bulbs.
- Ensure your existing structure has adequate insulation levels.
- Choose outdoor lighting designed to be energy efficient, and install motion detectors to

reduce energy consumption when not in use.

- Plant trees around your metal shed or barn. In colder climates, trees act as a windbreak, and in warmer climates, trees have a natural cooling effect that can reduce temperatures in your metal building 3 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Consider adding a ceiling fan to circulate air. Typically, there is a 2 degree Fahrenheit temperature increase for every one-foot increase in ceiling height. A ceiling fan can help keep warm air close to the ground in the winter, and circulate fresher, cooler air in the summer. Not only will this help with energy costs, it will also help keep the air in the building from becoming hot and stagnant, which will keep harmful bacteria from building and will keep insects at bay.

### 60 Plus

#### Program 2017

Members age 60 and older, turn in this form to GEC for your chance to win \$100.

Last month's winner was:  
**Kay Halvorson  
of Cut Bank**

Bring your entry to one of our offices or mail it to:  
**Glacier Electric Co-op  
P.O. Box 2090  
Cut Bank, MT 59427**

### 60 Plus Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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