

# Power Talk

## McCone Electric Co-op, Inc. Newsletter

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



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### Insider View at McCone Electric



Michael Hoy  
General Manager

As summer arrives, so begins our 2017 construction work. There are several projects planned throughout the service territory. Once completed, they will help maintain and enhance the power grid.

The first project is the Brockway Tie Line project. This will allow us to transfer some load from the Circle substation to the Brockway Substation. This load balancing allows McCone Electric to maximize existing equipment. It also delays costly substation upgrades.

Next, members in the northern part of our service area will be moved onto our automatic meter reading system. Crews will install equipment at the Wolf Point substation. This eliminates the need for manual monthly meter readings. The equipment also helps McCone Electric identify the location of power outages.

The Flowing Wells Substation will receive new equipment. The upgrade requires scheduled outages in order to safely install the equipment. McCone Electric will notify members prior to a pair of afternoon outages scheduled for a late June or early July timeframe.

We plan to replace 500 old poles and add circuit fuses. This will help reduce the number of members effected by local outages.

Finally, two projects we anticipate doing this summer. One is a line rebuild in the Glendive area. The Dawson North Rebuild project will allow for load growth on the Dawson Substation. The other is the Circle Alley Reconductoring project. We will replace old wire with new, larger sized wire.

While contracted crews will be helping us on these projects, McCone Electric linemen will also respond to outages and extending new services to members as needed.

### **The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of McCone Electric Co-op, Inc. is set for June 2, 2017**

Look for mail-in ballots in mid-May. All three districts have candidates running for three year terms. This is your chance to select your Board of Directors. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership.

May this be an amazing year for you.

Cooperatively yours,  
Michael Hoy

May 2017

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP FRIDAY JUNE 2, 2017**

Celebrating 75 years, McCone Electric Coop invites you to attend your annual meeting to hear a report on 2016 business, vote for directors, enjoy a great meal, attendance gift, and door prizes.



**MCCONE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**Special events and meeting all at the Circle Country Market:**

Come and see the Electric Safety Demonstration Trailer 10:00 AM.-11:00 AM

Free Blood Pressure Clinic with Redwater Valley Ambulance Crew 10:00AM

Meeting Registration : 11:00AM

Meet the Director candidates 11:00 AM to 1:00PM

Lunch: 11:00AM to 12:30PM

Meeting starts at 1:00PM

# Safety Demonstration Trailer

To provide a graphic reminder that electricity is the safest form of energy, but only when treated with respect, McCone Electric will perform electric safety demonstrations, at our **ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY JUNE 2, AND ALSO AT THE CIRCLE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 6TH AT 6:00 PM AND AT THE MCCONE ELECTRIC OFFICE IN JORDAN JUNE 7TH AT 6:00 PM**

Experienced linemen conduct high voltage demonstrations showing how dangerous it is to come in contact with power lines.

The demonstration shows what happens when a hot dog, a grapefruit, a string, a tree branch or a tire have contact with electricity.

McCone Electrics' safety demonstration offers the public a chance to save a life.



# MCCONE ELECTRIC SPONSORS TRIP TO HELENA for Richey and Jordan, Juniors and Seniors



The Legislature was in session, and McCone Electric sponsored a trip for area Junior and Senior students from Jordan, and Richey to get a first hand look at how our Montana State Legislature works.

There were 30 students, 12 from Richey, and 18 from Jordan. McCone Electric would like to thank Jon Barnhardt from Richey High School, and Nate Olson from Garfield County High School for putting in the extra effort to arrange this trip for these students. Also, thanks to volunteer chaperones Bob Stephenson, Beth Lawrence, and Shawn Fitzgerald from Jordan.

The students will have a better understanding of how our Montana Legislative system works. These students will always remember the fun trip, and later on they might be more willing participants in our political system.

“Your continued support of this excellent educational opportunity is very much appreciated! Our students met with OPI Superintendent of Public Instruction, Elsie Arntzen, and sat in on both House and Senate hearings. Along the way they toured museums and manufacturing facilities and learned a great deal!” Says superintendant Nate Olson from Garfield County Public Schools.

*McCone Electric sponsors this Legislative trip every other year when the Legislature is in session. Schools in our membership area, Jordan, Richey and Circle Schools are welcome to participate.*

# McCone Electric District Map

## McCone Electric Annual Meeting

### Friday June 2, 2017

Circle Country Market, Circle Montana



**McCone Electric Co-op., Inc.**  
**Office Hours**  
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays  
 Telephone 406-485-3430  
 or toll-free 1-800-684-3605



The Trouble Reporting Number is  
 406-485-3430 or 1-800-684-3605  
 A dispatcher is available to  
 answer your call at all times

**OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**  
 Conrad Moline, Pres. ....Brockway, MT  
 Dean McCabe Vice Pres. ....Circle, MT  
 Ruth Hinnaland, Sec. ....Brockway, MT  
 Patti Murphy, Treas. ....Circle, MT  
 Arne Sutton. ....Circle, MT  
 Brent McRae. ....Jordan, MT  
 Don Bogar. ....Vida, MT  
 Brent Kluth. ....Vida, MT  
 Kurt Voss. ....Circle, MT

**OPERATING REPORT**  
 McCone Electric Co-op., Inc.  
 Year-To-Date  
 For Period Ending: February 28, 2017

Total Income.....	\$1,992,663
G&T Capital Credits.....	\$0
Cost of purchased Power .....	\$709,444
Total Operating Cost.....	\$890,087
Total Margins .....	\$393,132
KWH Purch. (Yr.-to-Date) .....	17,717,404
KWH Sold (Yr.-to-Date) .....	15,653,158
Meters Billed .....	5,250
Miles of Line in Service.....	3,831

**LINE PERSONNEL**

**CIRCLE / RICHEY AREA**  
 Ed Crockett.....Plant Superintendent  
 Rex Sikveland.....Line Foreman  
 Bryan Becker.....Sub Foreman  
 Clay Nagle..... Sub Foreman  
 Nathan Tuttle.....Apprentice Lineman  
 Hunter Braaten.....Apprentice Lineman  
 Talyor Hanson.....Apprentice Lineman  
 Dhareen Villaluz.....Apprentice Lineman  
 Scott Becker..... Meter Technician

**JORDAN AREA**  
 Jordan Dasinger..... Sub Foreman  
 Adam Stanton..... Sub Foreman  
 Lance Anderson..... Lineman  
 Jonathan FitzGerald.....Apprentice Lineman

**OFFICE PERSONNEL**  
 Michael Hoy.....General Manager  
 Theresa Haynie..Manager/Finance & Admin.  
 Scot Brown...Mgr. Member Services/Compliance  
 Jennifer Hogan..... Plant Accountant  
 Sonja Arnston..... Payroll/Accts. Payable  
 Nichole Sikveland..... Consumer Accountant  
 Donna Lala..... Consumer Service Rep.  
 Vickie Brown.....Cashier / Receptionist  
 Dan Hammons.....Member Services Advisor