

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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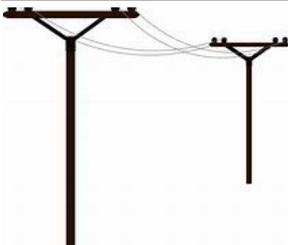
**OFFICE PERSONNEL**

Jason Brothen.....Manager  
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***NOMINATING COMMITTEE & ANNUAL MEETING***

The 2024 Nominating Committee members were picked by the board of trustees at the December meeting, and the names were then posted. The Nominating Committee will meet on January 9 at the MYEC office.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to select candidates for the board of trustees. The Cooperative members will have an opportunity to vote for candidates at the next annual meeting. The Committee consists of two members from District #4 (Howard Flats/Southern Rosebud Creek) and District #7 (Hysham Rural/Ingomar/Vananda) along with one member from each of the other 5 districts. The committee will nominate candidates for the two seats that are up for election. The present trustees holding seats in these districts are Steve Nile (District #4), and Jim DeCock (District #7). You can go to MYEC’s website ([www.myec.coop](http://www.myec.coop)) to see the map of the Districts.

If you are a member of Mid-Yellowstone Electric Cooperative, a bona fide resident in District #4 or District #7, and are interested in becoming a candidate for the board of trustees, contact one of the Nominating Committee members and ask to be considered for nomination. If you are unsure of your eligibility, please call the office for assistance.

This year’s annual meeting will be held on March 20 at the Rosebud-Treasure County Fairgrounds in Forsyth. Be sure to look at your March *Rural Montana* magazine for more details. Information about the Nominating Committee and annual meeting will also be posted in the *Forsyth Independent*, MYEC’s website ([myec.coop](http://myec.coop)) and MYEC’s Facebook page. Please call the office if you have any questions.

**Attention Students!!**  
Scholarship Deadlines Approaching — visit [myec.coop](http://myec.coop) for scholarship information

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**DECORATING OF THE TREE**

The Hysham First and Second grade classes, accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Klein, came to the office to decorate MYEC's tree with their homemade ornaments. Every year it is a joy to see what new ideas have been found to create the crafty Christmas ornaments. The children take turns placing their own specially made ornament at just the right location on the tree. We appreciate all of the hard work they do to make our tree beautiful.

**HOLIDAYS IN HYSHAM**

MYEC prepared a float for the Parade of Lights held on Dec. 1. Rudolph was leading the way! Picture taken by Ruth Baue.



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**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR HOME—**

Every year most people begin their year with new year resolutions to help improve their personal life in some way or another. But have you ever thought about making new year resolutions for your home—more specifically, your home's electrical system? Here are 5 tips to get you started on improvements to keep your home's electrical system safely upgraded in the new year.

1. **Switch out Light Bulbs for Energy Efficient LEDs.** Although they initially cost higher, LED Energy Star qualified bulbs end up paying for themselves in energy savings in about 10 years. They use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs and last 35 to 50 times longer.
2. **Reset Your Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) Outlets.** You will find these outlets in moisture-prone areas such as the kitchen and bathroom as the current National Electrical Code requires. Simply press the test/reset button and make sure the outlets trip and reset correctly. If they are malfunctioning, call your local electrician to have them replaced to reduce electrocution risk.
3. **Replace the Batteries in Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.** Replacing the batteries should be done at least once a year, and both of the detectors should be tested monthly to ensure proper functionality. Remember that smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10 years. Depending upon the model, older model carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 3 years, and the newer ones, every 5-6 years.
4. **Have a Whole-House Surge Protector Installed.** To reduce damage from power surges, have a whole house surge protector installed by your local electrician at the panel and additionally multi-outlet power strip surge protection for delicate circuitry, telephone and cable lines. This will ensure both main zone as well as secondary zone surge protection to absorb any excess power that seeps through the primary protection.
5. **Reduce Your Overall Energy Consumption.** This can be done in a variety of ways: turning lights out after you leave a room, unplugging and turning off electrical devices when not in use and ensuring lighting and appliances are Energy Star qualified. Another suggestion would be to have an electrician perform an energy audit for your home to ensure its electrical system is operating at maximum efficiency.

Source: *Internet*