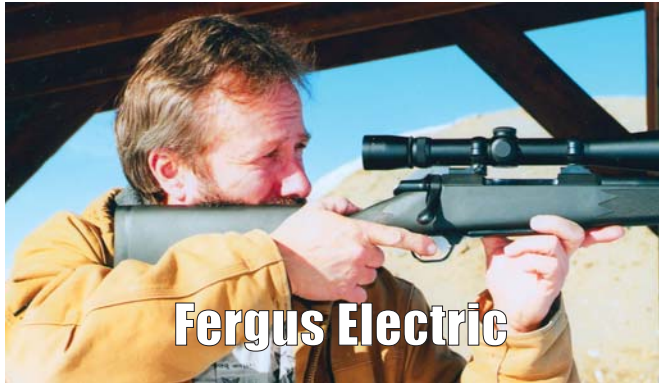


## WHAT'S GOING ON IN OTHER CO-OPS



### Fergus Electric

The Central Montana Shooting Complex is set to open this spring, according to Judy Byrne, a freelancer writing in the Fergus News pages of the co-op, based in Lewistown.

Located on 160 acres just a few miles north of Lewistown on Limekiln Road, this new entertainment venue offers a first-class shooting range to all levels of shooters from marksman to novice, Byrne writes.

The complex lies within a 15-minute drive from town and includes four pistol and rim fire rifle bays, a big-bore rifle range, skeet houses and a sporting clays course.

Ducks Unlimited is exploring the feasibility of adding a BB gun range to the setting, and organizer Dale Pfau eventually envisions an archery range, as well.

According to National

Rifle Association site review personnel, the Central Montana Shooting Complex offers the finest setting in the Western United States.

The Board plans to promote cowboy action shoots, combat pistol shoots, turkey and skeet shoots, and sporting clay shoots in addition to a free, public sight-in day each year and a number of instructional shoots.

"Sporting clay shooting is the fastest growing sport in America," says Pfau, who appears in the photo above, also by Byrne.

To purchase a membership or learn more about the Central Montana Shooting complex, contact Dale Pfau at Don's Store 538-9408.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Central Montana Shooting Complex through the Central Montana Foundation.

## Hill County Electric

Manager Rick Stevens of the Havre-based HCE reports in his column that trustees have been traveling the co-op's service area, meeting with members and discussing concerns in an informal setting.

The effort is to be an ongoing part of HCE's commitment to members and their electrical needs, he writes.

On a recent trip, the board met with tribal leaders at the Chippewa Cree Tribal Offices to discuss the rela-

tionship between the cooperative and tribal members.

"This is hoped to be the first of many meetings in order for the cooperative's board and management to achieve one of the primary goals of HCE's strategic plan, which is to maintain good relations with our diverse membership," Stevens writes.

He congratulated the Chippewa Cree Tribe on the opening of the Northern Winz Casino.

## Glacier Electric

Jeff Brown of Cut Bank won a Youth Tour to Washington trip with an essay telling how he would cope with rationing power limited to two hours a day.

Excerpts of Jeff's essay: *The safety of our town is the main concern.*

*The hospital and nursing home both have emergency back-up generators. We will need to make sure that fuel is available every day.*

*Shelters will be equipped with generators. This plan would also be carried out in Browning.*

*A sanitary drinking water supply is also a priority. The water treatment plant will get top preference in terms of fuel and a generator.*

*The average citizen would have to make decisions on whether to stay at home based on two criteria: Whether a supplementary, safe form of heat is available and whether enough food*



Jeff Brown

*could be gathered, cooked, or otherwise stored until the following day.*

*It will be important to warn citizens of the dangers of heating with fuels such as kerosene and propane.*

*This community has shown in the past that it can pull together to get things accomplished that an outsider would have not believed possible. One person alone accomplishes little — people working together can achieve miracles!*

## McCone Electric

Jack Miles of MEC, based in Circle, found a piece by Mrs. Leon Anderson from a 1952 newsletter and reprinted it this month.

Edited for space, here are the best parts:

*Bout tree veeks back a man come by mine house und say vot he going to put der lectric lights right by mine farm.*

*He say I oughta light der house und der barn mit lectricity, und run der vashing machine, und der churn, und der feed grinder, und der saw, und milk der cows mit it.*

*He say to me, "Do you vant der meter in der cellar?" Und I say, "Meet who?" Den he laff und laff. Und mit dot, I gets mad und say dot I am a married man and I vont meet any vomen in der cellar. . . . Und den he tells me dot der meter is a machine vot tells how much*



*shuuse ve use.*

*Vonday, I dink dot I try ta milk der cows mit lectricity vires und see if it vill do it like der lectric man says.*

*So I leads oldt brindle cow by der house, und mine vife she hold her by der horns. Und right avay quick I brings der vires oudt der vindow, und mit a pail under der cow, I vinded der vires on each teat uf der cow.*

*Dunder und Blitzen vot a time! Der cow yumped like she vas shot off a cannon. So look out ven you buy lectric lights in ur house.*