



# BIG FLAT NEWS



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## SCHOLARSHIPS

### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Basin Electric is offering  
\$1,000 for college

**B**ASIN Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC) offers a \$1,000 scholarship to students enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

The scholarships are awarded based on academic record, the potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals, and an outside appraisal.

BEPC scholarship applications are due in the Big Flat Electric office by January 31, 2022.

For an application or more information, please contact Big Flat Electric Cooperative or go online to [www.bigflatelectric.com](http://www.bigflatelectric.com). RM

MECA's scholarship  
application due Jan. 25

**M**ONTANA Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA) offers a \$500 scholarship to any college-bound undergraduate student. The applicant's parents or guardian must be receiving electric services from Big Flat Electric Cooperative.

The scholarship may be used at a Montana college or university, or any out-of-state institution. Funds for these scholarships come from donations that honor the memories of deceased directors, managers and employees who have served the electric cooperative.

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# Julia's Junque

Co-op member offers vintage furniture, gifts, home decor and more in unique Malta shop

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**O**N the corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue in Malta is the festive store Julia's Junque, owned by Megan Pankratz. When you are looking for vintage painted furniture, home décor, gifts, toys and much more, be sure to stop.

Five to six years ago, Megan's mom, Veronda Biggart, was a key factor in getting the business going with her painted furniture. Megan signed her mom up for a rescued and reclaimed show in Billings. Her mom agreed as long as Megan took some of her painted furniture. From that point forward, Megan says "It just got crazier and crazier." Veronda said that if it weren't for Megan, they would be sitting with a lot of painted furniture in their garages.

Julia's Junque was chosen as the business name from her late sister, Julia, and a TV show with a store that had "Junque" as part of the name.

Megan credits her husband, Dustin, for being a trooper and a great furniture mover. Along with Dustin, Megan has great support from her three children, family, friends and volunteers helping every way they can.

The painted furniture and creative item contributors are her mom and sister, Brady Brooks. Both are also a large part of her success, and still answer the phone when she calls for help and support.



Megan Pankratz is the owner of Julia's Junque, a specialty gift, home decor and vintage furniture shop in Malta. Megan has decked the store out in preparation for the holiday season. Check out her website at [juliasjunque.com](http://juliasjunque.com). | **PHOTO BY SHAWNA MYERS**

"The local people have been so kind with a great deal of support and encouraging words," Megan said.

Megan advertises on KMMR, Super Shopper, Facebook, Instagram and [juliasjunque.com](http://juliasjunque.com). She can be reached by phone, (406)654-7448, for any ques-

tions or information. She also offers painting classes at the store, where created items are taken home.

While shopping this holiday season locally, be sure to stop, shop and see her very festive store. It won't disappoint. **RM**





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— MEGAN PANKRATZ, OWNER OF JULIA'S JUNQUE





# HOLIDAY SAFETY WORD SEARCH

Remember to keep electrical safety in mind this holiday season!  
Read the safety tips below, then find and circle the bolded words in the puzzle.



D T T X M L N L W V B H G P M  
P E Y E N H S A G E T Q W C O  
D C R A K P T C K J X N C J Q  
E X R E I O J I T B S L E Y I  
M P W W T W F R V V Z U U V J  
X R K Z Z A T T L X W L M X Y  
D T Z G P N W C C N L Z A H Z  
I N S P E C T E D P F R R Z T  
D P G V B E E L L Q P H V W F  
A J K F L B A E S K H I Z W M  
N M V D T W V X R I R B H U C  
C O N B B R W O H O W Q N Q P  
X A W X S N O I T A R O C E D  
C K L B T K R A J B C M D Y P  
X C M A Y S K B O Y Q M Q K Q

- Do not overload electrical outlets with too many **decorations** or appliances.
- Make sure your Christmas tree is **watered** daily.
- Turn off all **electrical** decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never leave a **candle** burning if you're not in the room.
- Extension cords used for holiday decorations should always be **inspected** for damage or exposed wires.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

FROM OUR CO-OP FAMILY TO YOURS,  
WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

**BIG FLAT ELECTRIC WILL BE CLOSED  
DEC. 23 AND 24 FOR CHRISTMAS,  
AND  
DEC. 31 FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

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