



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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OCTOBER CEO MESSAGE

Celebrating Our Membership

Fall is a busy time and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community, and sports activities in full swing. October is also when cooperatives everywhere celebrate National Co-op Month. When I say Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCE) celebrates Co-op Month, it really means we are celebrating you! After all, our co-op wouldn't exist without you, our members.

Our core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our corner of the world a better place. "Concern for community" is one of the seven guiding principles that all co-ops share. Similar to how our wires run through our service territory, concern for our community flows through all of our decisions—because being a co-op means being a responsible partner and good neighbor.

HCE works to help our community thrive through initiatives led by employees and local board members, comprised of invested neighbors who live in the communities we serve. Because we're local, we understand our communities' unique needs and strive to help meet them.

We're proud to support local youth through our Youth Tour and scholarship programs. HCE also contributes funds to assist low-income members with meeting their energy needs. HCE members may qualify to receive assistance by applying with the Havre District IV HRDC office, who administers the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

Contact the Havre HRDC or Rocky Boy LIEAP office to apply.

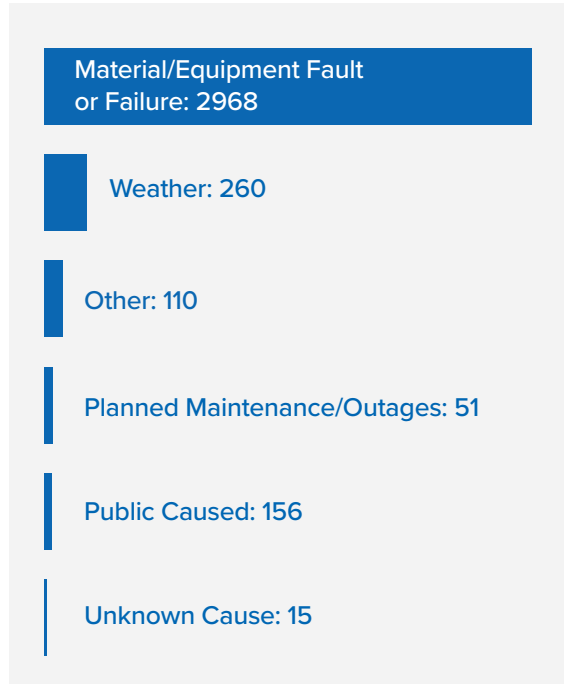
Above all, as a co-op we put our members' priorities first. We want to empower you to manage energy use at home. If you haven't already, I encourage you take a moment and download our SmartHub app from Apple's App Store or through Google Play. Through the app, you can conveniently monitor your bill and view your energy use. Prepaid Metering and Budget Billing are additional app features available to our members. We are here to help, so give us a call if you have questions about your energy bills. Learn more about the services HCE has to offer on our website, www.hcelectric.com.

The word "cooperative" is close to "cooperation," meaning people working together towards a common goal—mutually benefitting one another and the larger community. That's the essence of the cooperative spirit. We were built by the members we serve.

Note: *In the November CEO message I will continue the discussion from my September message regarding what a peak is and the answer for sequestering future CO2 emissions while still having a base load available 24/7.*

HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately 3449 account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:



SWITCH TO
Auto Pay
 With Paperless Billing!

Switch to Auto Pay with Paperless Billing to receive a \$1 monthly bill credit. Plus, receive a \$10 one-time credit AND be entered into a monthly drawing for a \$50 bill credit!

HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



Focused on YOU.

Electric cooperatives were created to serve their members. Because we're a co-op, we're able to adapt to our community's unique needs. That's the power of co-op membership.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

WORD FIND

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Backhoe
Cable TV
Call
Dig
Electric
Gas
Hardhat
Locate
Max
Maxine
Safety
Shovel
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Utility
Water
Sewer

Extra Credit

Coax
Dumb Bunny
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Swap and Shop

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!

Check out the current version online at www.hcelectric.com/swap-and-shop. Ads submitted online are usually added within 2 to 3 business days. Due to print deadlines and space available, some ads may appear in the next magazine.

Concrete Tools

Clipper Power Trowel, 36ft, \$300; Rebar Cutter and Bender, \$195; Milwaukee Roto Hammer heavy duty with bits, \$225. Call or text 406.561.6314.

Hamilton Stand-up Piano

Includes bench and sheet music, sounds great. Asking \$250. Text questions to 406.561.6314.

Misc Items For Sale

Bullfrog hot tub, needs repair \$200; older piano-refinished with bench; weight bench with weights, \$300; variety size new bolts by the number; 1985 Versatile 5000 series blade 35.5 ft, \$2500. Call 406.378.3212.

Wanting to Buy

Looking to buy 1955 to 1959 Chevy car or pickup to restore or driveable, cash. Call 406.326.2287.

Mobile Home For Sale in Havre

1983 Gallitan Mobile Home 16'x63', two bedroom and 1 1/2 bath. Asking \$6,000 OBO. May be viewed after 4:00 pm most days. Located in Havre, MUST BE MOVED. For more information, call Bill at 406.344.3453.

King Kutter Rotary Mower

3-point 6 ft wide King Kutter rotary mower. Like new, asking \$2,000. Call 406.355.4936.

Boat and Motors for Sale

11-foot aluminum boat with 2 outboard motors, a 6hp two-stroke outboard motor, and a 2 hp two-stroke outboard motor. Includes fuel tank and oars. Best offer, call 406.669.3330 (no texts, landline only please).

1,500 Gallon Galvanized Metal Water Tank

11 ft. long, 4'10" diameter. Tank is in good shape with exception of small leaks where skids had been welded to bottom of tank. Works good for short hauls. Make offer, call 406.353.4462.

Property for Sale

Located in historic town where Lewis & Clark camped (Decision Point). Small home/original Great Northern Depot and 1 room school house all housing antiques, collectibles, and as-is items for sale. All merchandise and display equipment goes with the property. Priced to sell at a reasonable offer. Call 406.739.4361 or 406.781.4245 for more information.

Wanting to Buy

Antique wood cookstove and horse drawn wagon. Call 406.707.0244.

Delta AI Cream Separator*

Cream separator for sale, call for pricing 406.780.1572.

Sleigh Bed, Dresser, and Antique Organ

Sleigh bed and matching dresser. Asking \$350 for set. Old antique pump organ, needs work. Asking \$50 for organ. Call 406.674.5520.

Ranchhand Grill Guard & Receiver Hitch

Ranchhand grill guard and front receiver hitch plus all mounting hardware that fits 2014 Ram 1/2-ton 4x4. Please call 406.390.3522 for an appointment to inspect or to ask questions. Reasonable offers are desired.

Ginger McSpadden Dulcimers For Sale

Two ginger McSpadden dulcimers in excellent shape. \$150 each, call 406.932.4583.

Grain Lifters

John Deere and Gaterman grain lifters for combine or swather. Call 406.622.5170 for more information.

National Finals Rodeo Tickets For Sale

National Finals Rodeo Tickets in Las Vegas, 2 tickets. Five (5) nights December 1-5, 2022, seats located in Sec 226, Row H, seats 15 & 16. Asking \$825.00, call 406.759.5894.

Singer Sewing Machine*

Singer sewing machine with cabinet, \$300. Call 406.402.0622.

**Indicates photo available on our website version.*

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