



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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Get Involved! Join us at the Annual Meeting.



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

One of my favorite events is coming up on May 13, 2023, when Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCE) will host our Annual Meeting for you, the members we proudly serve. I always look forward to this event because it's a great opportunity for our employees and myself to talk with our members and hear what's on their minds.

know where community investments are most needed. And by the way, if you consider running for the board in the future – please complete your petition and express your interest in being on the board and that you are willing to serve.

This local input means those closest to the community know its needs and priorities and help direct where co-ops dollars are spent. Every year, we invest funds to make updates to our local system, which helps maintain reliability and grid resilience. Think of it this way, by making these investments in our local system, we can ensure you have reliable power for everyday life.

We hope you will join us for the Annual Meeting, which will take place at MSU-Northern's Student Union Building on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. We thank you in advance for getting involved because your participation means so much to us.

During the Annual Meeting, we'll share a few brief business updates on financial reports and recent projects/investments. But we're going to have some fun too! We'll have activities for the kids, a great meal, member prizes and one lucky Grand Prize winner. Spending time with you and hearing your take on our communities' energy future is so important to us. In fact, it's essential because everything we do is shaped by the members of our communities.

Our board of Trustees is comprised of five members who live and work right here in our local service area, so they are in the best position to

Our core purpose and mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable power. But as a co-op, we're also motivated by service to our community, rather than profits. We hope you will join us for your annual meeting on May 13, 2023. We look forward to seeing you! Please join me in thanking our linemen and celebrating Lineman Appreciation Day on April 11.



The Power Behind Your Power

You may have noticed Hill County Electric’s crews working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our communities. The linemen’s job is tough, but their job is essential and often done in challenging conditions. Being a lineman may not be a glamorous job, but it is essential to our communities. Without their dedication and commitment, we would not have the reliable electricity we need for everyday life.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools that linemen carry while climbing a pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? Not to mention needing to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall. Shortcuts are not an option and there is no room for error in this line of work.

Everyday can be Lineman Appreciation Day. Thank you, Trevor, Russell, Josh, Wes, Tad, Jordan, Jacob, Dakota, Jake H and Jake W., also Master Electricians Mark and Terry.

**JOIN US FOR
HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC'S 78TH
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**



PICK YOUR GRAND PRIZE!



Pit Boss Smoker



YETI Power Station

May 13th, 2023
MSU-N SUB Ballroom
 Registration at 9am - Business Meeting at 10am

\$500 Bill Credit

HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 

**COMMITTED TO THE JOB.
COMMITTED TO SAFETY.
COMMITTED TO YOU, OUR MEMBERS.**

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HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately **658** account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:

Planned Outage: 484

Weather: 116

Material/Equipment fault or failure: 45

Public: 12

Unknown: 1

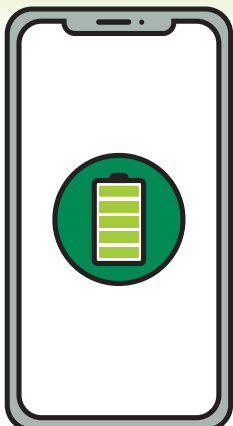
ELECTRONICS EFFICIENCY WORD SEARCH

Did you know there are ways you can reduce your electronics energy use?

Read the energy-saving tips below, then find and circle the **bolded** words in the puzzle.



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



- Use a **power strip** with an on/off switch when powering multiple electronics to easily manage energy use.
- For devices that require **batteries**, use **rechargeable** ones, which are more cost-effective and environmentally friendly.
- **Unplug** electronic products that consume energy even when they're not in use, like **phone chargers**.
- Use the sleep or **power management** mode on your **computer** to save on energy costs.

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.

Triangle Communications is offering the following items for sale to the public:

Continental Conti Hybrid Tires For Sale

6 each Continental Conti Hybrid HS3 225/70R19.5 tires. \$600 for a set or \$100 per tire. Only driven 10 miles. Call 406.394.2879 for more information.

Hankook Smart Flex Tires For Sale

14 each Hankook Smart flex DH 35 225/70R19.5, 4 each Hankook Smart flex AH 225/70R19.5. \$600 for a set of 6 or \$100 per tire. Driven approximately 5,000 miles. Call 406.394.2879.

Pirelli Scorpion ATR Tires For Sale

8 each Pirelli Scorpion ATR 265/70R17. \$400 for a set or \$100 per tire. Only driven 10 miles. Call 406.394.2879 for more information.

2015 GMC Sierra 3500 SLE For Sale

Crew cab with 4-wheel drive, gas engine with 183,000 miles. Asking \$22,000. Can be sold with fiberglass utility service body \$4,500.

2013 GMC Sierra SLE For Sale

Crew cab diesel with 4-wheel drive. Has 230,00 miles. Needs new injection pump/injector. Comes with fiberglass utility box and pickup box. Asking \$8,000. Call 406.394.2879 for more information.

Brand New Troy Snow Blower

Never used 24-inch Troy snow blower with electric start, forward and reverse. Asking \$1,500, call 406.473.2308.

Farm Equipment For Sale

CIH 1680 Combine 4500 hours near new 30.5x32 tires. CIH SRX 160 sprayer 134ft booms, sprayair 10x70 swing away auger, two 30ft Honey Bee Heapers 1280 mount, CIH Trimble 750, E-Z Steer. Call 406.398.5593 or 406.265.0937 for pricing and more information.

Fifth Wheel Hitch For Sale

Fifth wheel hitch in great condition. Manufactured by RBW Industries, model LR-1000. Asking \$200, call 406.945.3651.

John Deere For Sale

John Deere 60 wide front. Call 406.326.2287.

Farm Equipment For Sale

CIH 9280, 5500 hrs, very good 24.5-32 tires. CIH 1680 Combine 4500 hrs, very good 30.5-32 tires. CIH SRX 160 Sprayer with 1600 Gallon tank, 134' booms, 10x70 swing away auger. Call 406.398.5593 or 406.265.0937.

Don Greytak Print*

Don Greytak picture with 12 farm pictures. Asking \$100, call 406.292.3680.

John Deere Single Hitch*

John Deere Single hitch for 9400 or 9450 Grain Drill. Asking \$200, call 406.292.3680.

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 406.669.3333 (no texts, landline only please).

Dutchman 5th Wheel Toy Hauler

Two slides, generator, microwave, roof air, 10-foot walled-off garage with tie-down rails and awning. Turn key with dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and some blankets. Stored inside, non-smoking and very clean older owners. Or without any extras. Asking \$28,900 offers or will possibly consider trades. Call 406.265.0990.

1985 Versatile Blade

1985 Versatile 5000 blade, 35.5 ft. Asking \$2,500, call 406.378.3212.

Misc Items For Sale

Weight Bench with weights, \$300; Older piano; Bull Frog Hot Tub, needs repairs, \$200, call 406.378.3212.

Tin Lizzie Sewing Machine

Tin Lizzie 18 Long arm sewing machine and 10-foot Gracie frame, \$5500 or best offer. Call 406.292.3663.

Steel Headache Rack

Steel headache rack for full-size Chevy pickup truck. Steel stock pen with full wood floor that fits full-size pickup bed (up sliding gate). Please call to inquire and schedule to view. Reasonable offers encouraged, call 406.390.3522.

**Indicates photo available on our website version.*

Swap & Shop is a classified advertising section of the Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric websites and newsletters. It is maintained as a service to customers and communities wanting to buy, sell and announce non-commercial items. To have an ad included, simply enter all the pertinent information on the online form. An administrator will review the information within two business days and if approved, the ad will then appear. It will stay online for 60 days unless you notify us to remove or change it. It will also appear in any of the newsletters printed during that 60 day window. Triangle reserves the right to abbreviate ads and if the section is full, we will display ads on a first come, first-served basis. If you're unable to enter your ad online you may mail or e-mail it to us using the contact info inside the front cover of this magazine. Happy swapping and shopping.