



# HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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Craig Gates  
General Manager/CEO

## December CEO Message

Safety is our number one priority at Hill County Electric (HCE). Our days without a loss time incident number are well over a year. HCE's focus on safety comes from our Safety, Loss Control and Compliance Specialist, Todd Solomon, our employees and management team.

Returning home from the Operations Conference, Todd and his Manager, Jim Sands, came upon an accident. Todd and Jim assisted the local volunteers at the scene. Just another example how safety and helping people are very important to Todd and Jim.

On behalf of everyone at HCE, we wish Todd nothing but the best in his retirement. We will miss you.

After 30 years of dedicated service to HCE and Triangle Communications, Todd has announced his plans to retire.

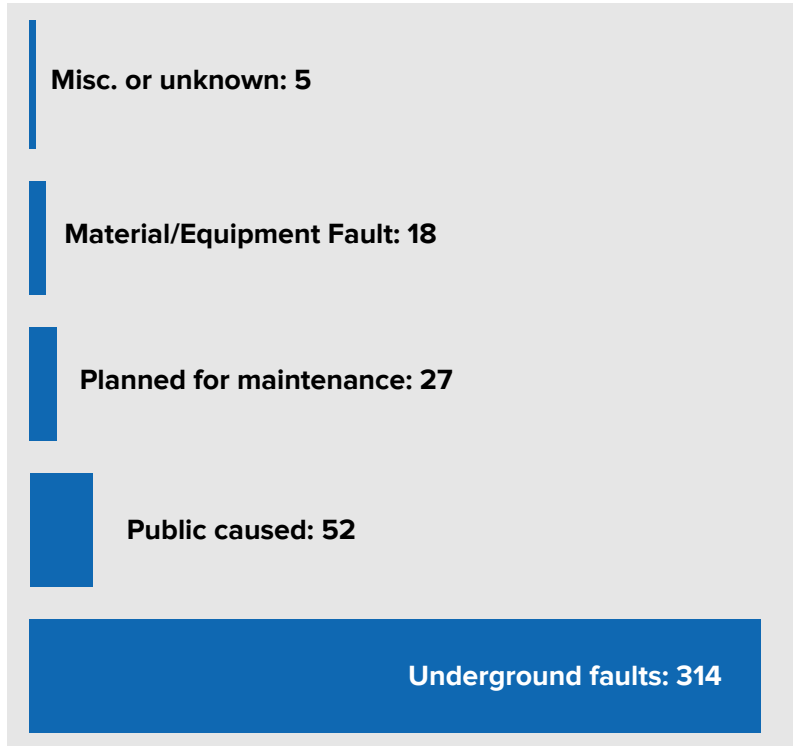
Todd and his wife began working at HCE and Triangle Communications in 1991 as groundskeepers which also included inside office maintenance. While working for HCE and Triangle, Todd was also working for the Havre Fire Department as a firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). When he retired from the fire department after 25 years, Todd's role at HCE expanded to include not only safety training in Havre, but also traveling across the state sharing his knowledge with other cooperatives.

Todd's dedication to safety and the cooperative is evident in all he does, which is why he received the 2016 Governor's Safety Achievement Award based on his employee training, ongoing safety efforts and investigation of accidents. At MECA's Operations Conference Todd received the 2021 Power Up Award.



## HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately **416 account hours** affected by outages. Of these hours:



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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

We will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st.

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## Thousands in Scholarships Awarded Each Year!

**\$500 MECA Scholarship - January 15th**

**\$1,000 Basin Electric Scholarship - January 15th**

**\$1,000 Tell Us Your Story Scholarship - March 1st**

**\$1,000 Lineman Workforce Development Scholarship - March 1st**

**\$500 MSU-N Electrical Tech Workforce Development Scholarship - March 1st**

**\$100, \$200, \$300 & \$500 Luck of the Draw Scholarships @ Annual Meeting**

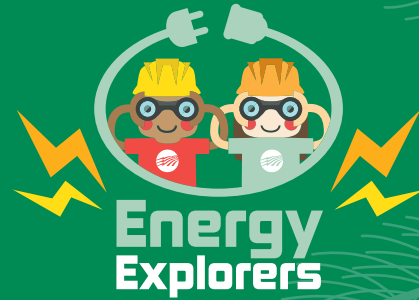
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# HOLIDAY SAFETY WORD SEARCH

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.



- 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.



# SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members! \*Indicates photo available on the website. Please note: Magazines go to print a month before they are distributed to members.

## Wrenches

Sizes 1 1/16, 1 1/8, 1 1/4, 1 1/2.  
Asking \$60, call 406.292.3680.

## Ratchet and Sockets\*

3/4" Drive Ratchet, extension and sockets. Sizes 1 1/8, 1 5/16, 1 3/8, 1 7/16, 1 1/2, 1 5/8, 1 3/4, 1 7/8. Asking \$90, call 406.292.3680.

## Antiques and Collectibles

Antiques and Collectibles from the past for sale December 4th & 5th at Hwy 87 and 4th Ave in Loma from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Dolls (large & small), 1940's and newer marbles, 1950's cigarette lighters, post card collection, records (78's, 45's & 33's), matchbook collection, jewelry (1940's to 90's), glassware and silverware, all genres of books, magazines and newspapers. There will also be old light fixtures and lamps, radios and record players, antlers, tools, furniture and more. For more information call 406.739.4361.

## Pool Table

Choose between 1 of 2 full-size pool tables. Your best offer please and you haul. Call 406.566.2510 afternoons to see the tables.

## Looking For

Looking for an older model Chevy Pickup with a 6-cylinder motor that runs, preferably a 2WD. Also looking for a 292 Chevy that runs. Call 406.932.4748.

## Thermador Cook Stove

Has gas burners and electric oven. Size: 30" wide x 36" front high x 42" back. Asking \$150, call 406.378.3233.

## Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach

T2012 Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach model 30'AG, In excellent condition, stored inside, only 33,000 miles. Pictures sent on request. Asking \$88,500, call 406.570.4909.

## 2003 H2 Hummer\*

Lifted 2003 H2 Hummer with 85,000 miles for \$23,000. Excellent condition with giant subwoofer, off-road tires, Brimbo super sports brakes, LED headlights, sunroof, custom exhaust and undercarriage train horns with in-cabin air compressor. Call 406.669.3336.

## Collectibles For Sale\*

Selling Hazel-Atlas "Orchard" clear glass, apple-shaped dishes, plates and cups; Cornishware by T.G. Green Ltd. "Jersey blue" with white polka dots; Teapot and 4 mugs; 1 gallon brown and cream color crockery jugs with handles; Vinyl LP records (1956-1976), mainly soundtracks; gilt-framed mirror with beveled glass (21.5 high c 39.5 wide) from 1940's; American Beauty Dolls of Hollywood (10.5 inches tall & in original box); Smurf deka brand plate, cup and bowl made in USA; Smurf metal license plate ("Honk if you like Smurfs"); Eagle galvanized 2.5-gallon red gas can; Call 406.671.4787 or email buffalo@itstriangle.com.

## Ford Rangers

Two Ford Ranger 4x4's both supercabs and run great. One is a 1989 5-speed with 133,000 miles, very clean. Second is a 1993 with an automatic transmission, 4.0L-v6 with 129,00 miles, needs some body work and paint. Take your pick, \$2,500. Call 406.378.2288.

## Hot Tub

Hot tub for sale, needs work. Call 406.378.3212.

## McCormick Deering Combine

1956(ish) McCormick Deering Combine. Ran great last time it was started about 10 years ago. Need to get it hauled off the place. FREE to interested person(s). Call 406.572.3317.

## Farm For Sale

1175-acre farm NE of Harlem. 840 crop land, balance pasture. Available after harvest. \$750.00 per acre crop land and \$225.00 for grazing. Located in Township 32N Range 25E Sections 4,9,5,6,8 Blaine County. Montana cadastral site has satellite pictures of the farm. Call 406.355.4773.

## Napa Collector's 1993 Toys

Collection includes Semi-Truck and Tractor-Trailer; Jeep and boat; Sound Machine Pickup; Semi-Truck trailer; Sound Machine Semi-Trailer. All in original collector boxes. Call 406.262.3392 for more information and pricing.

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