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CEO Message

Hill County Electric & Triangle Communications Host 3rd Annual Opportunity in Trades Day



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

At Hill County Electric, we are committed to investing in our communities and the future workforce. That's why we recently hosted the 3rd Annual Opportunity in Trades Day, an event designed to

introduce high school students to hands-on careers in skilled trades.

This year, we partnered with Triangle Communications, MSU-Northern, CHR Solutions, Vermeer, and VEC to offer nine different learning tracks in the morning. During lunch, students heard from industry professionals about the many career paths available in the trades, including **job opportunities, wages, and training programs**. In the afternoon, they selected a track that interested them most and participated in a hands-on activity.

Students had the opportunity to engage in a variety of real-world tasks, including:

- Wiring a meter loop
- Path to becoming a lineman
- Building and testing cables

- Operating a bore machine through a virtual simulator provided by Vermeer, as well as an actual bore machine
- Conducting a Geo Caching exercise using GPS coordinates
- Running diagnostics on a Vermeer plow and a digger truck
- Hands on welding exercise

At Hill County Electric, we believe events like this are essential in showcasing career paths beyond a traditional four-year degree. The trades provide excellent opportunities, offering hands-on learning, good wages, and the ability to earn while you learn.

This year, nearly **170 students** from 10 area high schools attended the event. MSU-Northern also brought students from its Plumbing, Welding, Diesel Technology, and Global Positioning courses, allowing high schoolers to interact with those already pursuing careers in these fields.

We are proud to support programs that help students explore fulfilling career options, and look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

SCENES FROM
Opportunities in Trades Day



SAVE THE DATE!

Hill County Electric's 80th Annual Meeting of Members

May 10th, 2025
HCE Campus – Building 8

Registration at 9am – Business Meeting at 10am

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NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!

The Annual Meeting will
be in Building 8 on the
HCE Campus.

2121 US Hwy 2 in Havre

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Up to two \$1,000
scholarships awarded!

Apply by July 1st

hcelectric.com/scholarships

RATE INCREASE DATES

Effective 4/1 there will be an irrigation rate
increase of 7% per kWh.

The rate increase will go into effect for residential
rates on 6/1.

See our website for more details.

Swap and Shop

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members! 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 month's magazine.

**Denotes photo available on website*

Heavy Duty Car Dolley

Hand crafted heavy duty car dolley, new tires and wheels, dexter axle, electric brakes. Asking \$300.00. Call 406.547.2184.

1993 Ford Explorer

4 liter V-6, motor runs, good tires, needs transmission, clear title. Asking \$400.00 or best offer. Call 406.547.2184.

Cajun electric smoker

Cajun electric smoker with timer, thermostat, burns pellets. Asking \$75.00, call 406.547.2184.

Mini Washing Machine For Sale

Mini washing machine, capacity 1KA, B-Quick Bubbleator, portable, great for RV's or apartments. \$35.00. Call 406.547.2184.

Professional AG Lane Chicken Cages

Asking \$800 call 406.945.2027 with questions.

Flexi-Coil Sprayer

65XL Sprayer 130 ft booms, 1,000 gallon tanks, wind screens. \$750 or best offer, call 406.262.3969.

Sooner Aluminum 20 ft. Stock Trailer Gooseneck

Asking \$9,500. Call 406.326.2284.

German Shepherd Puppy

Black/Tan in color, call 406.326.2287.

Barrett Cattle Trailer

50 ft. Barrett Cattle Trailer. Asking \$10,000. Call 406.301.4035.

2021 Massimo 550 L Quad 4x4 EFI

Power steering, hand guards, 50-inch snowplow, winch, safety start, reverse safety bell, parking brake,

headlights and driving lights. Brake lights rear driving lights, two up seat, 145 miles with 16.7 hours, front and rear storage. 2-wheel and 4-wheel selector button, rear receiver hitch, liquid cooled, rear independent suspension, fixed issues with dash, new spark plug, fresh gas, checked all fluids and filters including coolant, battery checked out good. Asking \$5,995. Call 406.265.1735.

2003 Honda Odyssey

35.6 Cyl, motor, automatic transmission, front wheel drive. 192,300 miles, runs good, fresh oil change and lube. Windshield wiper fluid tank has a hole in it that needs repair or replace, tires are at 65-70% Reduced to \$2995, absolutely sold as is, no payments, no holds, no trades. Call 406.265.1735.

Love Seat and Couch

Love seat and couch with flower print, solid wood, make an offer and you haul. Call 406.932.4591.

12' Foot Dump Trailer with Split Seasoned Ash

12' dump trailer of split seasoned ash, \$350.00. Delivered, not stacked. Call 406.561.6315 or email scleveland546@gmail.com.

Cattle Stock Trailer

48 ft. (older but in good shape) asking \$10,000.00 – Call 406.301.4035.

Whole or Half Pork 2025 Processe

Processed at Pay-N-Save in Saco, MT with pick up in Havre, MT. Processing in September 2025 with limited quantities available. Whole price: \$450* Half: \$250*Processing is an additional fee. Any and all questions welcomed. Twyla Knudson

on Facebook Marketplace or email noneckfarms@gmail.com. Please call or text 406.230.2281.

Metal Roofing

18 sheets of 29 gauge Tuff Rib-9'1" long and 36" wide. Color burnished slate. Asking \$600. Call 406.265.6974.

Complete Stained Glass Crafting System for Sale

Includes glass, grinder, foiler, scoring machine, cutting pad and many tools. Call for details, asking \$200. Call 406.547.2184.

Wilray Flat Bed Trailer*

Wilray Flat Bed Trailer, \$2,400. Deck size 81"x10'. Torsion bar, 3500 lbs. axle. Extra cross stringers, 2011 model. Spare tire included. Call 406.437.1187.

Toro Snowblower

Very nice 21-inch, electric start Toro Snowblower, like new, asking \$375, call 406.378.3226.

2015 F250 Platinum Crew Cab Diesel*

2015 F250 Platinum Crew Cab Diesel, black, 111,000 miles. Asking \$36,900, call 406.945.2180.

Livestock Guardian Pups*

Anatolian Shepherd/Karakachan. Guard goats, sheep, chickens, cows and kittens. Call or text 931-0225 or email Hoofnpawsworkingstock@gmail.com

Makita Cordless Weed Trimmer

Brand new Makita cordless weed trimmer, includes 2 batteries, charger, goggles, cinch sack. Asking \$395. Call 406.374.2406.

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