




# HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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## January CEO Message



Craig Gates  
General Manager/CEO

I would like to congratulate HCE Board Trustees Leslie Smith and Nick Siebrasse on receiving their Credentialed Cooperative Director certificates from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Being elected to serve on any Board is more than just attending meetings. The electric cooperative industry faces new challenges daily. Board members are required to constantly increase their knowledge of the electric utility industry. It is also important for Trustees to have knowledge and understanding of the cooperative principles and business model. HCE partners with NRECA to continue the education for our new and current Trustees for the benefit of HCE's members. In fact, it is in our bylaws that Trustees must obtain a minimum credentialed status to remain a Trustee.

All of our Board of Trustees are committed to our members every day and that thought process and care is also exhibited by our employees.

We, like all cooperatives, operate according to the following Seven Cooperative Principles that guide the decisions made by HCE:

- Voluntary and open membership
- Democratic member control
- Members' economic participation
- Autonomy and independence
- Education, training, and information
- Cooperation among cooperatives
- Concern for community

Our Board, Management and employees are all committed to the communities we serve and finding innovative ways to serve our communities and members remains out top priority.



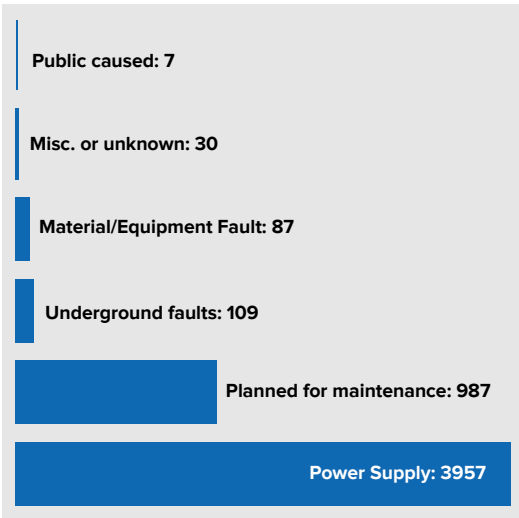
Leslie Smith  
Board of Directors



Nick Siebrasse  
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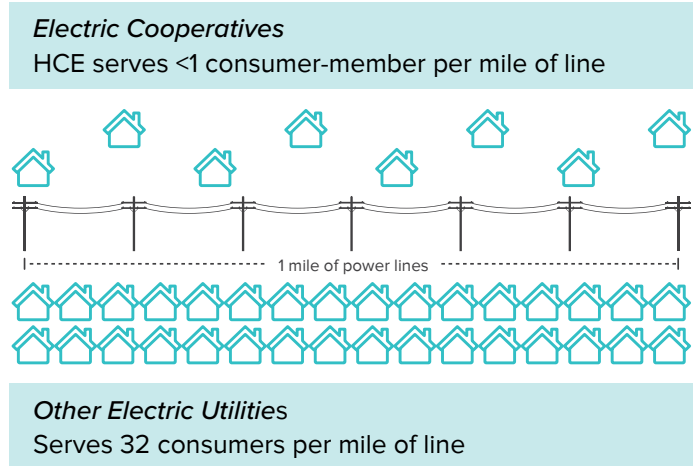
## HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately **5177 account hours** affected by outages. Of these hours



## Going the Extra Mile

Electric co-ops maintain more miles of power lines per consumer than other electric utilities. Even though we power fewer consumers on our lines compared to other utilities, we'll always go the extra mile for you, the consumer-members we proudly serve.



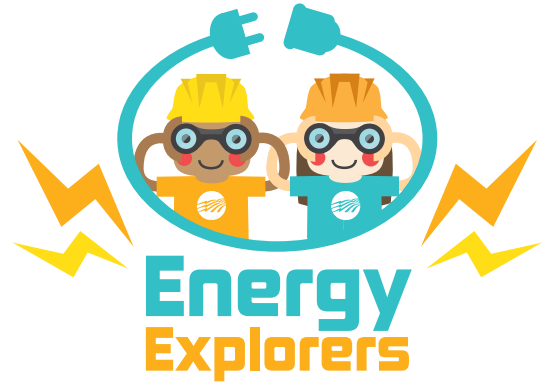
# AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

Scammers will threaten you with everything from shutting off power to your home to legal action. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.

- Our employees will never show up at your door to demand payment.
- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. Our representatives have access to the details they need to service your account.
- Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.
- If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing the co-op, please let us know as soon as possible.

# WINTER ENERGY EFFICIENCY CROSSWORD

Did you know there are several ways you can fight the winter chill and save energy at home? Complete the crossword puzzle below to learn how to save energy during winter months.



**1 Down:** Open curtains and blinds during the day to allow \_\_\_\_\_ in to warm your home.

**2 Across:** If you have a \_\_\_\_\_ at home, ask an adult to close the flue when a fire is not burning.

**3 Down:** Unplug phone and tablet \_\_\_\_\_ when they're not in use.

**4 Across:** Instead of turning up the thermostat, wear additional layers of \_\_\_\_\_ to stay warm.

**5 Down:** Always turn off \_\_\_\_\_ when you leave a room.

**6 Across:** Ask an adult to check the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for your home's heating system. This should be replaced regularly.

*Answer Key: 1 Down) sunlight 2 Across) fireplace 3 Down) chargers 4 Across) clothing 5 Down) lights 6 Across) air filter*

# 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.

### Wanted 55 to 59 Chevy

Wanting to buy a '55 to '59 1/2-ton Chevy or GMC pickup, running or not. Call 406.326.2287.

### 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.

### 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 height x 42" back. Asking \$150, call 406.378.3233.

### Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach

2012 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 x 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.

### Hot Tub

Hot tub for sale, needs work. Call 406.378.3212.

### 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.

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