



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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Annual Meeting Update



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

Thank you to all of our members who joined us for Hill County Electric's 78th Annual Meeting of Members at the MSU-Northern Student Union Building on May 13, 2023. I'd like to congratulate Board Members

Trevor Standing Rock (District 2) and Leslie Smith (District 3) for being re-elected to serve their respective districts for another term at the annual meeting.

We recognize the vital role HCE plays in energizing our local economy, but to continue to innovate and effectively serve the community, we rely on you, our members, to give input and be part of the grassroots efforts that may be needed throughout the year. We value your perspective and cannot operate effectively to help our community thrive without you. Let your voice be heard.

Most consumers would not equate active involvement with their electric company with helping their community, but HCE is not an ordinary utility company. We are a

cooperative and our business model is meant to serve the members and the community in which it operates – not to make a hefty profit for investors. The difference is HCE's members are more than consumers, they are members of the cooperative.

Our core purpose and mission is to provide safe, reliable and affordable power to our members. But as a cooperative, we are motivated by service to the community, rather than profits. After meeting our annual expenses, we invest back in the cooperative and the wider community. We depend on the guidance and perspective of our Board to help set priorities for the cooperative and guide governance decisions.

Every summer, for example, we participate in the Youth Tour and take local high school students to the nation's capital to meet with lawmakers, enabling students to learn firsthand how our democracy works. We have a scholarship program and a teacher appreciation program that helps our rural teachers.

As always, stay safe and stay healthy!

The HCE Board of Trustees approved a General Retirement of Capital Credits for our members. Checks were mailed around the end of May. Contact HCE with any questions.

- 100% of 1989
- 50% of 1990
- .5% (one half of one percent) of 1991-2021

All of 1989 and 1/2 of 1990 and 1/2% of 1991-2021 \$470,134.22



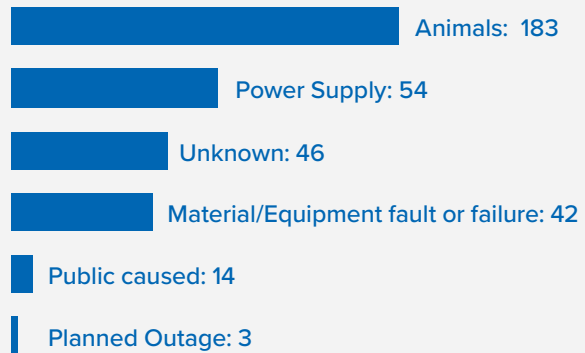
FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

Fireworks and the Fourth of July go hand-in-hand, and we want you to have a safe, fun-filled celebration! About two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries occur between June 16 and July 16, so keep these safety tips in mind:

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your community before using them.
- Never buy professional-grade fireworks. They are not designed for safe consumer use.
- Keep small children a safe distance from all fireworks including sparklers which can burn at temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees.
- Never reignite or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to thoroughly soak duds before throwing them away.
- Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks to avoid contact injuries or noise reactions.

HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately **342** account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

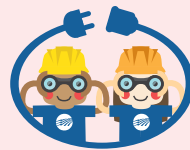
Did you know the combined use of large appliances like dishwashers, clothes dryers and washing machines account for the largest percentage of electricity use in the average U.S. home? Take small steps to save energy when using these appliances.

Only run full loads in the dishwasher, and thoroughly scrape food from dishes before loading. Dry towels and heavier cottons separate from lighter-weight clothing, and clean the lint screen after every use. Wash clothing in cold water to save energy used to heat water.

Source: EIA and DOE



FOURTH OF JULY



Energy Explorers

COLORING SHEET

The Energy Explorers wish you and your family a safe and Happy Fourth of July! Complete this coloring sheet and spread the message of safety.



SAFETY TIPS

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIP:

Kids should NEVER play with fireworks! Only adults should handle fireworks.

GRILLING SAFETY TIP:

NEVER run and play near a grill! Keep a minimum of three feet between you and the grill.

SUNBURN SAFETY TIP:

Avoid sunburn! Remember to apply plenty of sunscreen (SPF of 30 or higher) if you're playing outdoors.



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

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.

Whole & Half Pork For Sale

Farm raised in Havre, processed at the Saco Pay and Save. Processing in June and October. Whole \$450 plus processing and half is \$250 plus processing. You receive appr. 150 lbs of meat per whole hog. I deliver processed meat locally and area between Saco and Havre on pickup day. Contact Twyla at 406.230.2281 (text or call). Also on Facebook.

Hunting Lease Wanted

Respectful, honest group of sportsmen seek long-term yearly hunting lease for elk, deer and other game. We are willing to compensate a landowner well for premier hunting. We will work with landowner to manage game and allow period(s) for landowner and family to hunt, Contact David at 406.263.2133, serious inquiries only.

Tires For Sale

Four 33x12.50R17 General Grabbers at 95% on black aluminum rims, 5x5.5 bolt pattern. Asking \$1,200, call 406.566.2274.

1955 Ford 600 Series Tractor with Ford loader

Does not run but not seized, good tins. Asking \$1,500, call 406.566.2274.

1985 Ford F150

4x4 1985 Ford F150 4x4, 300-6, 4 speed, good body, very little rust, front dif bad but have used one for replacement. Parked because of starter/solenoid issue 12 years ago. Asking \$5,000, call 406.566.2274.

Musical Instruments, Books and misc

Yamaha FG800 guitar and case, \$125.00. The Old West (Time-Life Books) 27-volume set plus Master index, \$150.00. Bamboo Lupaca pan flute, 21 pipes with case, \$110. Can text photos. Call 406.622.5093 or 406.231.0969.

Culvert For Sale

Galvanized steel culvert, 12" diameter, 14' long. Never used, \$225, call 406.547.2184.

Car Dolly

Heavy duty car dolly with new tires and wheels, Dexter axle, electric brakes, \$400. Call 406.547.2184.

Cooper Discovery Tires For Sale*

Four Cooper Discovery 245/60R20 with about 7,000 miles.

Hot Water Radiator For Sale*

Hot water radiator, under window size on legs. Asking \$100. Call 540.624.0502

Farm Sink For Sale*

Double basin, double drain farm sink, 66" long, white porcelain over steel. Sears steel cabinets included. \$600 or best offer. Call 540.624.0502.

Items For Sale

5-8 foot banquet tables and Lowry Holiday Organ, donation suggested for tables and organ. Yamaha Digital Piano, \$500. Call 406.366.4625.

Feandrea Cat Condo*

Condo is 33" high, like new for large cats up to 16 pounds. Light gray with a large top perch, 22"x15.7". Removable and washable top pad. Asking \$55, cash. Call 406.355.4204.

Walker Bay Dinghy

10ft. Walker Bay rigid dinghy with inflatable tubes (non-sinkable). Includes 6 hp., long shaft, 4 cycle Mercury motor (less than 100 hrs.), trailer, life jackets, anchor and oars. \$2,000. Call 406.547.2184.

Ford F250 Box For Sale

A box for a 2020 Ford F250. It has been rhino lined, in excellent condition, white in color. Asking \$600 or reasonable offer. B&W turnover ball, will deal. For more information call 406.669.3183.

Looking For Burn Barrel

Wanting to purchase a burn barrel. Call 1-480-669-4258.

1951 Ford 3/4 Ton Pickup

Ford F250 truck with flatbed. Has a good motor, new radiator and new battery. In good shape, call 406.301.4035

Professional Candle-Making Equipment

Includes everything needed to make candles, wicks, dyes, scents, additives, etc. Include tall metal molds that are different shapes and short round molds. Approximately 10 molds and instructions, too many more items to list. Asking \$300, or best offer. You pick up, one large plastic tote and a smaller box. Call 406.622.5170, please leave a message if no answer.

Tractors and Machinery For Sale

1956 IHC 350 utility with loader and 3 pt blade; 1976 986 with loader and blade; 1972 4166 with duals; Ditch Witch trencher with backhoe trailer and extra parts; 1972 IHC 1700 16ft box and hoist 404; 1969 IHC 1750 16ft box & hoist 392; 1970 New Holland 1048 stacker; 1978 IHC 1460 24ft header; 1970 Case 30 ft cultivator; 1970 Geyser 24ft cultivator. As is condition, make offer. Call evenings 406.781.4245 or 406.739.4361.

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