




HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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May CEO Message

The Power Behind Your Power



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

Eighty-seven years ago on May 11th, 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). On that same day, a co-op in Mississippi became the first REA-financed co-op in the country to energize its lines.

In November 1939, Mrs. Roosevelt hosted a few visitors for tea. One of those visitors, Harry Slattery of the REA, shared many human-interest stories with Mrs. Roosevelt. She decided on her next trip,

she would visit farms that had recently been connected to electricity and share their stories in her newspaper column.

Like her husband, Eleanor Roosevelt understood first-hand the need for rural electrification. Mrs. Roosevelt wrote about rural electrification and related topics in her syndicated newspaper column, My Day, which ran daily from 1936 until her death in 1962.

Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCE) has a long history beginning in 1945. Local farmers in Hill County began advertising in the Havre Daily News for their neighbors to get their applications in to be part of the Farm Electrification at HCE. In April of 1946 HCE, received its first REA loan and hired Harold Ebaugh as the first manager. By 1948, 400 miles of line had been completed and energized. We can thank the first five members serving on the first HCE Board of Trustees and General Manager for their dedication to bring HCE to fruition.



HCE Grand Opening May 1951



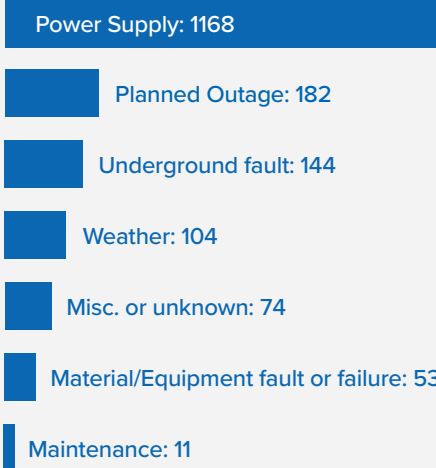
Early HCE Line Crew

Today, I am proud to say that we serve 3,864 meters and 3,082 miles of line in five counties. This could not have happened without our past board and I want to thank the Hill County Electric current board members and our employees for their hard work and dedication to the members we serve.

I would like to remind all our HCE members to attend the 77th Annual Meeting of Members for Hill County Electric Cooperative on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Student Union Building on the campus of MSU-Northern. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the Business meeting will follow at 10:00 am. Hope to see you there! If you can't make it, please vote by mail-in ballot. As always, stay safe and stay healthy!

HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately 1,736 account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:

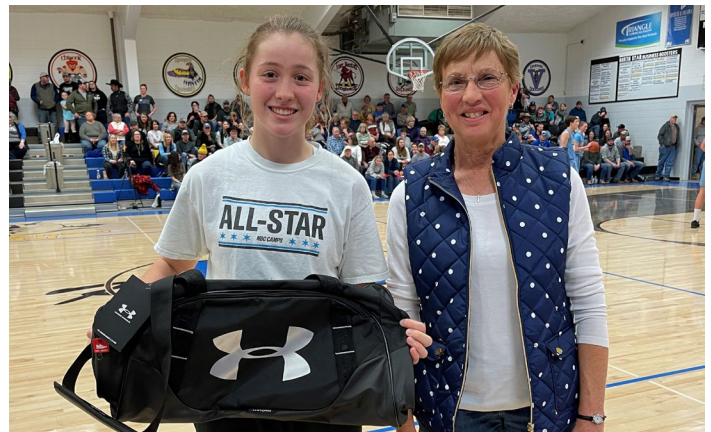


HCE Capital Credit Checks Mailed

The HCE Board of Directors approved a general retirement of dividends totaling \$490,779.24 to HCE members who had service with HCE between 1987-2020. This year's retirement included:

- 100% of 1987 & 1988
- .5% (1/2 of 1%) of 1989-2020

Checks will be mailed in May and will include on the check stub an explanation of what capital credits are, how they are refunded and the beginning and ending balances of each members capital credit account. Checks are NOT issued for a retirement less than \$5.00. Please contact HCE's Capital Credit Representative at 394-7804 with any questions.

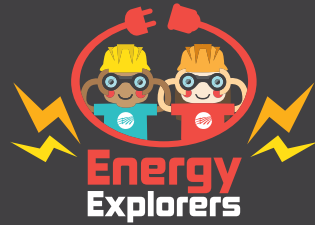


Local High School Students Win Trip of a Lifetime to Washington, DC

Congratulations to Colton Spicher and Laynie Sattoriva for being selected to represent HCE on the trip of a lifetime to Washington, DC.


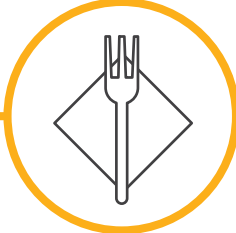


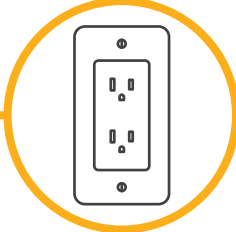

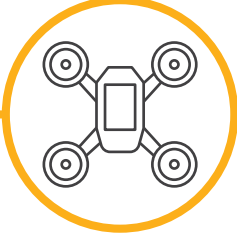
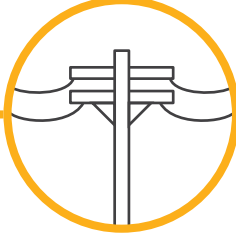

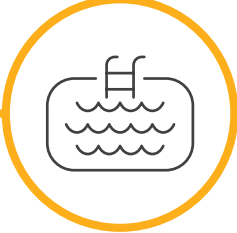


SPOT THE ELECTRICAL HAZARD

After you complete this activity, color the items with crayons or colored pencils.



When combined, electricity and common items that seem harmless can create dangerous situations. Look at the items grouped below, then circle the two items that (when combined) create an electrical hazard.

Check your work in the answer key.

1			
	toaster	fork	bagel
2			
	hairdryer	electrical outlet	running water
3			
	drone	power lines	picnic
4			
	swimming pool	floatie	extension cord

Answer Key: 1) fork & toaster 2) hairdryer & water or outlet & water 3) drone & power lines 4) extension cord & pool

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.

*Indicates photo available on our website version.

Flex-Coil Air Drill For Sale

57-foot Flex-Coil air drill, 3450 cart. Call Jim at 406.376.3215.

Front End Loaders For Sale

Westendorf TA45 Loader with quick attach 7 ft. bucket and quick attach Bale Spear, JD Mounts. Also selling a Leon Loader with 7 ft. Bucket, International Harvester mounts. Call 406.398.5330.

Versatile Tractors For Sale

850 Versatile, \$6,500 OBO and 145 Versatile \$2,500 OBO, call 406.355.4298.

Wanting to Buy

Looking to buy Chevy car or pickup to restore or driveable, call 406.326.2287.

221 Singer Featherweight Sewing Machine

221 Singer Featherweight Sewing machine with attachments. Call 406.353.2934 for more information and pricing.

Flex-coil Sprayer

67XL Flexcoil sprayer 113'. New 14.9-38 tires, double nozzle, 1,500-gallon tank, tons of extra parts plus good windshields. Great windproof sprayer, asking \$9,000. Call 406.945.0905.

Miscellaneous For Sale

110-volt seed treater and a wheat heart 8-inch drag auger. Call 406.945.0905 for pricing and more information.

1973 Chevy Camper Special

Rebuilt 454 motor. TH400 transmission less with less than 1000 miles on rebuilt motor and transmission, 7200 lb. GVW. Asking \$1,000, call 406-547-2184.

10-Foot Walker Bay RID

Ready to fish, 10-foot Walker Bay Rigid Inflatable Dingy with Mercury 6 hp long shaft 4-cycle motor. Less than 100 hours on the motor. Includes trailer, life jackets and anchor. Asking \$2,500, call 406.547.2184.

Wanted To Buy

Looking to buy an 8.5 ft x 24 ft enclosed car trailer. Prefer 5200 lb. axles, ramp door. Call 406.265.0063.

Tires For Sale

Goodyear Wrangler ST P235/75R16 tire and 16-inch rim. Asking \$150, if interested call 406.378.3243.

Country Home For Sale

3.5 acres, 5 Bedroom, 2 bath home with attached 2 car garage and 40'x40' studio fully contained, two outbuildings and close to town. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more details and pricing.

Well Water Treatment System

EcoSmarte clean well water system. Brand new in box, ready to install. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information.

Antique Air Compressor

Works well, call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information.

Log & Antler Benches

Beautiful log and antler deck furniture, 2 benches. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information and pricing

Hot Glass Equipment for Beadmaking

Complete hot glass equipment for beadmaking, both Pyrex and Morittie. Call 406.395.5915 or 406.390.1575 for more information.

John Deere Drill Hitch

John Deere drill hitch fits 9450 drill single hitch. Asking \$250, call 406.292.3680.

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