



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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Annual Meeting — May 11, 2024



Craig Gates
General Manager/CEO

Hill County Electric is pleased to invite you to join us for our Annual Meeting. This event marks an important milestone for our organization as we reflect on the achievements of the past year and look ahead to the future. We cordially invite all

our cooperative members to come together and be a part of this significant event.

The Annual Meeting is a time for us to celebrate the successes of the previous year and recognize the hard work and dedication of our team. It is also an opportunity for us to share our plans for the future and gather valuable insights from our stakeholders. We value your contribution and feedback, and this event provides us with a platform to engage with you and strengthen our relationships.

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on May 11, 2024, at the MSU-Northern Ballroom in the Student Union Building on the campus of MSU-Northern in Havre, MT. The event will include a message from our Board President, Board Secretary, other board members, the CFO, Mark Majeres and me, the CEO, Craig Gates. Mr. Majeres will highlight the financials of the cooperative and I will cover some key achievements of the company in the past year and

discuss the current state of the industry. While you are at the meeting, you will have an opportunity to speak to various departments if you have any questions.

We also understand the importance of giving back to the communities and the members we serve. We strongly believe in making a positive impact in our communities, and we look forward to your support.

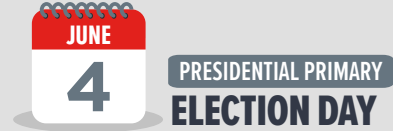
Attending the Annual Meeting not only allows you to learn more about your electric cooperative and its operations, but also gives you a chance to be a part of your organization. Your presence and feedback are invaluable to us, and we highly encourage you to attend and actively participate in the meeting.

In conclusion, our Annual Meeting is an essential event for our organization, and we welcome you to join us for this celebration of our achievements and a discussion about the electric industry. We look forward to your presence and support as we continue to grow and succeed together. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the Business Meeting begins at 10:00 am.

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

GET OUT THE VOTE

in MONTANA



WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?

Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2020, only 66.8% of the voting-age population in the United States reported voting.

Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2024 election cycle.



MONTANA'S ABSENTEE AND MAIL-IN VOTING PROCEDURES

Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:

- No excuse required to request an absentee ballot
- Applications can be submitted via mail or in-person

MONTANA'S EARLY VOTING DEADLINES

Early Voting **Begins: May 6, 2024**

Early Voting **Ends: June 3, 2024**



Data as of 09/20/23

DEADLINES TO KNOW FOR VOTING IN MONTANA



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 6, 2024

30 days before Election Day, Same-day registration is permitted through Election Day



ABSENTEE / MAIL-IN VOTING BALLOT DEADLINES:

Request must be received by

June 3, 2024



BALLOT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Must be received by 8 PM on Election Day

Information provided by NCSL, HeadCount, and US Vote Foundation. Check your state's website for the most up-to-date voter information.

HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately 1010 account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:

Weather: 750

Material/Equipment fault or failure: 260

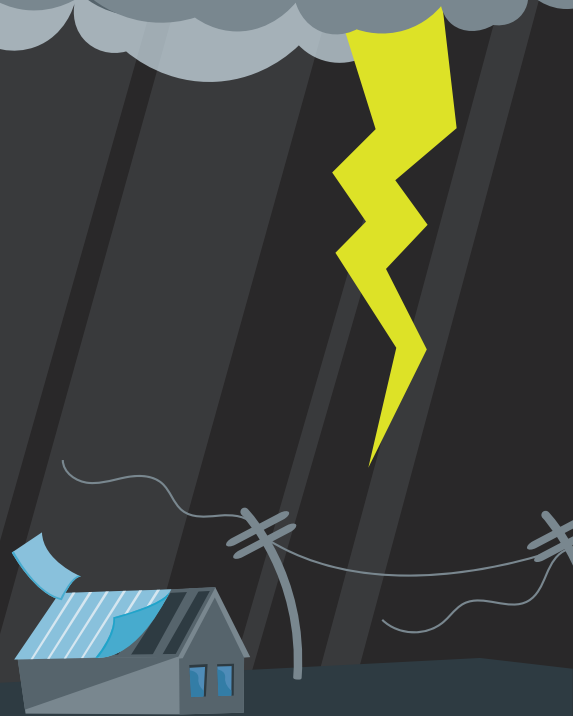
STORM SAFETY FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

Spring is a wonderful season, but it can bring powerful storms.

Read the clues below, then use the word bank to complete the storm safety tips.



1. Keep a _____ handy in case of a power outage.
2. Be watchful for signs of a thunderstorm, including dark skies, flashes of _____ or strong winds.
3. If a _____ is issued, seek shelter in a centrally-located room in your home, a basement or storm cellar.
4. If you're outside and hear _____, go indoors immediately.
5. Practice a tornado _____ with your family once a year.



WORD BANK

- thunder
- drill
- flashlight
- tornado warning
- lightning

Answer Key: 1. flashlight 2. lightning 3. tornado warning 4. thunder 5. drill

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*

Flexi Coil 51ft Drill Cultivator

5,000 culv, no cart. Asking \$5,000, call 406.376.3215.

1998 Carelift Telehandler ZB8040*

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Oak Cabinet with TV and Sony Sound System*

Oak cabinet with Sanyo TV & Sony Sound System (sell as a unit). Call 406.390.1362.

1986 Ram D50*

1986 Ram D50. 2.0 Mitsubishi, 2wd, 5 manual, 140k miles, no rust, recent service, starts instantly, 27mpg, all switches, lights and radio work. Never towed anything. Call 406.390.3522 Asking \$3,500/OBO. Price reduced.

Quick Release Towing System

Stow Master 5000 quick-release towing system. Asking \$225. Call 406.547.2184.

Walker Bay Boat

10-foot walker bay boat with rigid inflatable tubes, 6hp mercury, 4 cycler motor, includes trailer. Asking \$1,500. Call 406.547.2184.

Heavy Duty Car Dolly

Dexter axle, electric brakes, new tires and wheels, asking \$400. Call 406.547.2184.

2003 Subaru Impreza

All-wheel drive 5-speed, new motor parts. Has 181,000 miles. Asking \$1,500. Call 406.547.2184.

Wanted Single Barrel Shot Gun

Single Barrel Shot Gun. Call 406.326.2287.

Wanted 1955-1959 Chevy or GMC Parts

Pickup parts or whole pickup. Call 406.326.2287.

Jeep Wrangler For Sale*

1997 Jeep Wrangler with 134,000 miles. Asking \$6,800. Call 406.366.0653.

F150 4x4 Parts Truck 85 ft.

It might be something minor, was running before they fixed fusible links, new coil, map sensor, voltage regulator, new tires and mags. \$1,500 or best offer, call 406.357.5442.

Antique Monarch Wood Cookstove*

Antique Monarch wood cookstove for parts or restoration. Asking \$200/OBO, call 540.624.0502.

Two Folding Arched Steel Ramps

Ramps suitable for ATC, UTC, or small tractor. Ready to use, factory made, traction surface. To make a reasonable offer, call 406.390.3522.

IH Cadet 1450 Hydrostatic PTO*

400 hours, one bottom plow with 40 inch rototiller, 44 inch mower deck, 44 inch push blade and Trac-vac and attachments. Call 406.390.3522.

2014 Massey Ferguson Heston 2956A*

2014 Massey Ferguson Heston 2956A baler with twine and net. 11,486 bales, well maintained and shedded. Asking \$20,000, call Don at 406.799.4131 or 406.357.4131.

Taking pre-orders for Sept. 2024 processing

Farm raised in Havre, processed at the Saco Pay and Save. Whole pork \$450 plus processing fees, half pork \$250 plus processing fees. You receive approx. 150 lbs of meat per whole hog. Delivering processed meat locally and between Saco and Havre on pickup day. Contact Josh or Twyla Knudson by email: noneckfarms@gmail.com or call or text 406.230.2281 or find Twyla Knudson on Facebook.

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