



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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Craid Gates
General Manager/CEO

April CEO Message

Linemen across the nation work in dangerous or difficult situations to provide safe and reliable power to our members. To recognize their dedication, April 13, 2020 has been designated National Linemen/Line-worker Day. On this day, Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCE) and other

HCE's support team in our main office in Havre may not be in the field, but the lineman could not do what they do without the whole team. Thank you also to Jim Sands, Warren Schmitt, Shane Kemmer, Terry O'Leary, Teresa Jensen, Katie Valdez, Jennifer Jones, and Miranda Hencz.

The service-oriented mentality that all HCE employees possess, is something you and I can be very proud of! Every day is Lineman Appreciation Day at HCE and we thank our members who reach out to us on social media

electric cooperatives across the country, will honor these brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on and remember those who have lost their life while performing their jobs.

HCE's linemen work around the clock to keep the power flowing to our members 365 days a year. Whether we are restoring power after a major storm or completing day to day activities in our electric system, these linemen are dedicated to keeping the lights on.

It is quite a task to maintain over 3,000 miles of line, across five counties, in all kinds of weather. Thank you to HCE Linemen: Josh Pulse, Larry Hilliard, Russell Gregoire, Trevor Henry, Tad Darrah, Kris Cote, Jordan Hagen, Jake Wamsher, Wes Gingery, and our newest employee Jacob Ingram. These linemen set aside their personal lives to restore power when a storm occurs, even during holidays, vacations, and family events.

**COMMITTED TO THE JOB.
COMMITTED TO SAFETY.
COMMITTED TO YOU, OUR MEMBERS.**



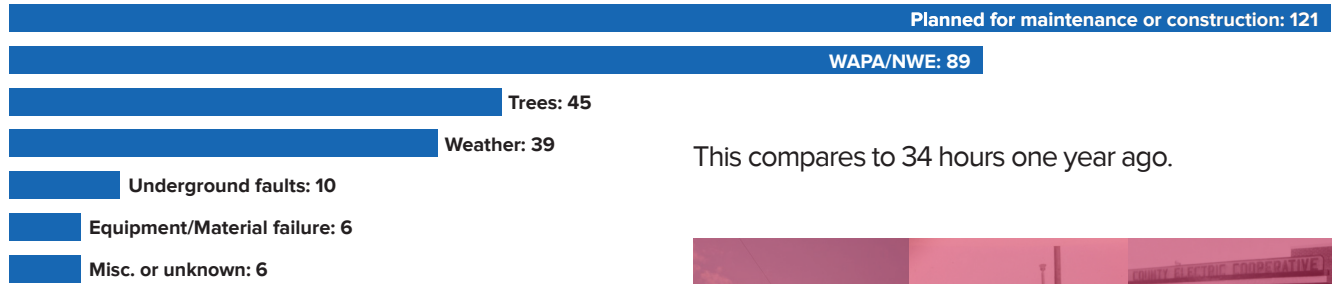
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HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately 316 account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:



This compares to 34 hours one year ago.

HCE Youth Tour Winners Announced

Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCE) has selected Laramie Peterson of Kremlin and Tavie Wortman of Big Sandy to represent HCE on the 2020 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. These young ladies will join thousands of sophomores and juniors from across the country to experience our nation's history in the place where it all began. HCE is proud to provide this all-expense paid trip of a lifetime each year to recognize outstanding youth from our rural communities and inspire them to be part of HCE's future as well as leaders in their communities. Congratulations Laramie and Tavie!



Join us on May 16th at the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom in Havre, MT
 Registration at 9am • Business Meeting at 10am

Attendees could win \$750 cash or credit towards a new generator!

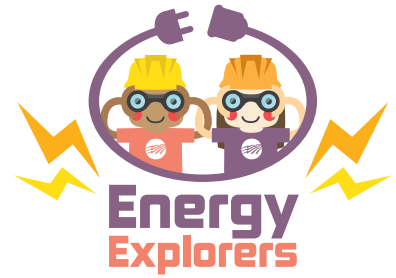


Laramie Peterson



Tavie Wortman

LINEWORKER GEAR WORD SEARCH



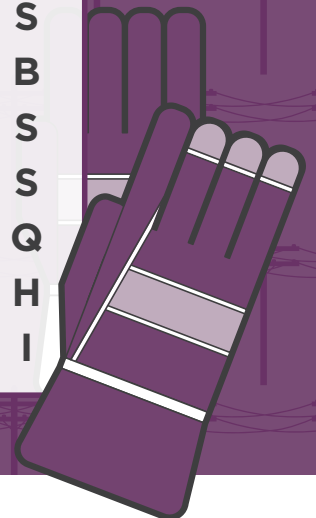
Did you know lineworkers wear special protective gear to keep them safe while working on power lines and other electrical equipment?

Read the descriptions to learn about a lineworker's gear and find the bolded words in the puzzle below.

- **Safety goggles** keep debris away from lineworkers' eyes while on the job.
- **Hard hats** protect lineworkers from head injuries and falling debris.
- **Work boots** provide extra protection while lineworkers work with heavy materials that could fall near their feet.
- **Flame-resistant** clothing keeps lineworkers safe from electrical hazards.
- **Insulated gloves** protect lineworkers from electrical shock while working on power lines.
- **Equipment belts** hold several tools that lineworkers need to get the job done.



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SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members!

Swap & Shop is a classified advertising section of the Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric websites and newsletters. It is maintained as a service to customers and communities wanting to buy, sell and announce non-commercial items. To have an ad included, simply enter all the pertinent information on the online form. An administrator will review the information within two business days and if approved, the ad will then appear. It will stay online for 60 days unless you notify us to remove or change it. It will also appear in any of the newsletters printed during that 60 day window. Triangle reserves the right to abbreviate ads and if the section is full, we will display ads on a first come, first-served basis. If you're unable to enter your ad online you may mail or e-mail it to us using the contact info inside the front cover of this magazine. Happy swapping and shopping!

2001 Prowler 5th Wheel Trailer

Prowler 32 1/2 ft 5th wheel trailer with three slides, four new 16 inch tires and two air conditioners. 7100 generator also available. Trailer is in great shape. Asking \$7,500, call 406.654.2756.

2009 Toyota Camry

2009 Toyota Camry with 121,000 miles. It is an automatic 2.4 liter with good tires. Runs great and gets good fuel mileage. Call 406.262.4310.

Troy-Built Chipper/Shredder

8HP Troy-Built chipper/shredder, good for home or small acreage. Includes four shredder grates. Asking \$250 OBO, located in Havre. Call 307.277.5782.

Singer Treadle Sewing Machine

Patented 1910 Singer Treadle Sewing Machine for sale. "An oldie but a goodie." Machine is in good shape, works and has attachments. Call 406.622.3605 or 406.788.2717.

2011 Lund Tyee

2011 1950 Lund Tyee, 225 Mercury Verado with only 240 hours, complete canvas, Minnkota Terrova trolling motor and HDS 7 Lowrance. Excellent condition, always covered and stored in heated garage during winter. Asking \$39,995 or best offer, call 406.265.4009.

Kenworth T800 Day Cab

2004 Kenworth T800 Day Cab, tractor, 10 speed, C-15 Cat engine with 700,000 miles. Asking \$38,000 or best offer. For picture and more information call Mike at 406.799.6978.

Own Your Own Business Opportunities

Owner is retiring and looking to sell all merchandise and equipment for a Second Hand and Antique Store. Plus, an upholstery machine and a large selection of material and supplies to open your own upholstery shop in addition to a large supply of materials to refinish furniture. If interested or for more details, call 406.739.4361.

Buffalo Meat

Buffalo meat for sale by the half or whole. Call 406.697.0993.

4000-Watt Generator

Sears/Craftsman 4000-watt generator. 110 outlets work, but the 220 outlet needs to be rewired. Make an offer. Call 406.353.4462, located in the Harlem area.

Yamaha Motorcycle

2007 Yamaha motorcycle \$1,500 or best offer. Call for a picture, 406.350.0385.

Ali Arc Aluminum Front Bumper

Bumper has push bar and lights. Fits 2008-2010 Ford F-450 and 550 Super Duty truck, in good condition. Asking \$600, call 406.397.3333.

2014 Flat Bed Trailer

2014 PJ 30-foot flatbed trailer. Has 10-foot hydraulic dovetail, dual wheel 16,000 pounds, tandem axles and air brakes. Excellent condition, asking \$14,000. Call 406.397.3333.

1994 Ford Truck

1994 Ford L-900 truck cat 3176 with 370 horsepower motor, a 9-speed transmission and 4-way lockers. Good condition, asking \$9,000. Call 406.397.3333.

1995 John Deere

1995 John Deere 8100 MFWD tractor with power shift, 100 PTO, 3-point hitch and 7817 hours. In good condition, asking \$47,000. Call 406.397.3333.

Wanted to Buy

Looking to buy a 1955 to 1958 Chevy car or 1/2-ton truck. Call 406.326.2287.

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Looking to purchase a small upright freezer in the Havre area. Call 406.395.4581.

1967 Ford Thunderbird

Two-door classic vehicle with a 390 engine and 90,000 actual miles. It has new tires plus an excellent interior but needs some minor bodywork and paint. Asking \$7,000, call 406.357.4282.

Leer Topper

2016 Leer topper off a 2006 short bed Chevy. Topper is taller in the back to make lots of room, like-new condition. Can send pictures, call 406.379.2605.

Electric Service Loop

200-amp electric service with loop, mast and wires. Located in Harlem area. Asking \$150, call 406.353.4462.

Tractors and More

IHC Industrial tractor with loader, T9 IHC Caterpillar with dozer and grapple bucket (older one), 990 David Brown tractor with loader and Suzuki 200 2x4 four-wheeler (as is). Call 406.739.4361 evenings for more details.

Misc Items

For sale a post pounder, three-point cement mixer and pickup box off 2001 pickup. For pricing and more information call 406.945.0905.

2016 Dodge Ram (Price Dropped)

2016 Dodge Ram 1500 crew cab with four-wheel drive, a 5.7 Hemi, traction control and back up camera, 49,540 miles. Runs great and is powerful. Price reduced from \$26,900 to \$22,499, call 406.390.6946. No texts, please.

Hay

Hay barley net wrap round \$70 a ton. Grass alfalfa/sanfoin mix round net wrap \$65/2nd cutting. Alfalfa net wrap round \$100. Grass hay net wrap \$80. Alfalfa grass small square bales \$3 a bale 406.473.2202 or 406.671.6633.

Pontiac Bonneville

1997 Pontiac Bonneville extremely well maintained, asking \$5,000 or best offer. Call 406.372.3276.

F350 Ford Flatbed

1994 F350 Ford Flatbed pickup 4x4 with manual transmission. Odometer reads 190,383 (as is). Asking \$3,500, call 406.654.2784.

Toolboxes and More

Two diamond plated toolboxes for short box pickup, one Craftsman workbench toolbox with multi drawers. Also, a heavy-duty electric start snowblower and Ford Ranger pickup topper. Please call 406.547.2450 for more information and prices.