



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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CEO March Message

Since we are a cooperative, Hill County Electric (HCE) has a different way of operating. HCE continues to learn from you, our members about what is important to you. HCE was built by the communities we serve, for the members we serve.

In December HCE sent out a survey to our members asking if you were aware of programs we offer and a few questions on how you use your electric service. Thank you to everyone who returned the survey, the response was overwhelming! The data we collect from these kinds of surveys, helps us plan for current and future offerings.

We constantly work to improve the efficiency in how we operate. To do this, HCE needs to have up to date data so we can continue to provide the high level of customer service that our members expect and deserve. Accurate contact information can help HCE improve not only customer service, but also communications for reporting and repairing outages.

We do our best to maintain service, but occasionally it is necessary for HCE to plan outages to update, repair or replace equipment. If we have your current contact information, HCE can provide advance notification to affected members through automated phone messages or emails. Be assured, HCE will never share your information with any third parties, it is only used to send important information to you.

Here are a couple of ways you can update your HCE contact information:

- Email your account name, account number, current billing address, phone number (please specify mobile or landline) and email address to **hcebilling@itstriangle.com**.
- Complete the contact update form at **<http://www.hillcountyelectric.coop/customer-information-update>**.
- Update you mailing address on the back of your payment stub.

Stay connected with us through our Facebook page, website or in person. We are listening!



UTILITY POLES ARE NOT BULLETIN BOARDS

Staples, nails and tacks used to hang signs and fliers create dangerous obstacles for electric lineworkers.

Their jobs are dangerous enough - help us keep them safe!



Attaching Items to Poles is Dangerous and Illegal!

It is dangerous and against the law to attach signs or other objects, like cameras, to HCE's poles.

Signs and other items attached to the power poles pose a safety hazard for linemen trying to work on them. Attachments can become hazardous obstacles which could result in a slip or fall. Sharp objects left in the pole can puncture rubber gloves and other safety equipment used by the lineman making them vulnerable to electrocution.

HCE asks members to not attach signs, cameras, or other items to power poles. A lineman's job is dangerous enough, please help us keep them safe!

Switch to Paperless Billing & Win!



Sign up today for a \$10 bill credit & a chance to win a \$50 bill credit!

Switch Now!

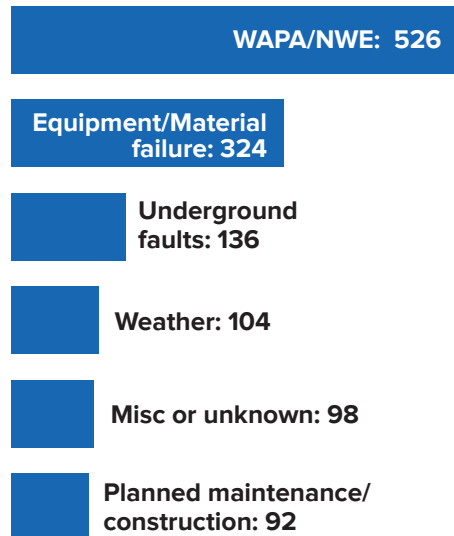
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HCE Happenings

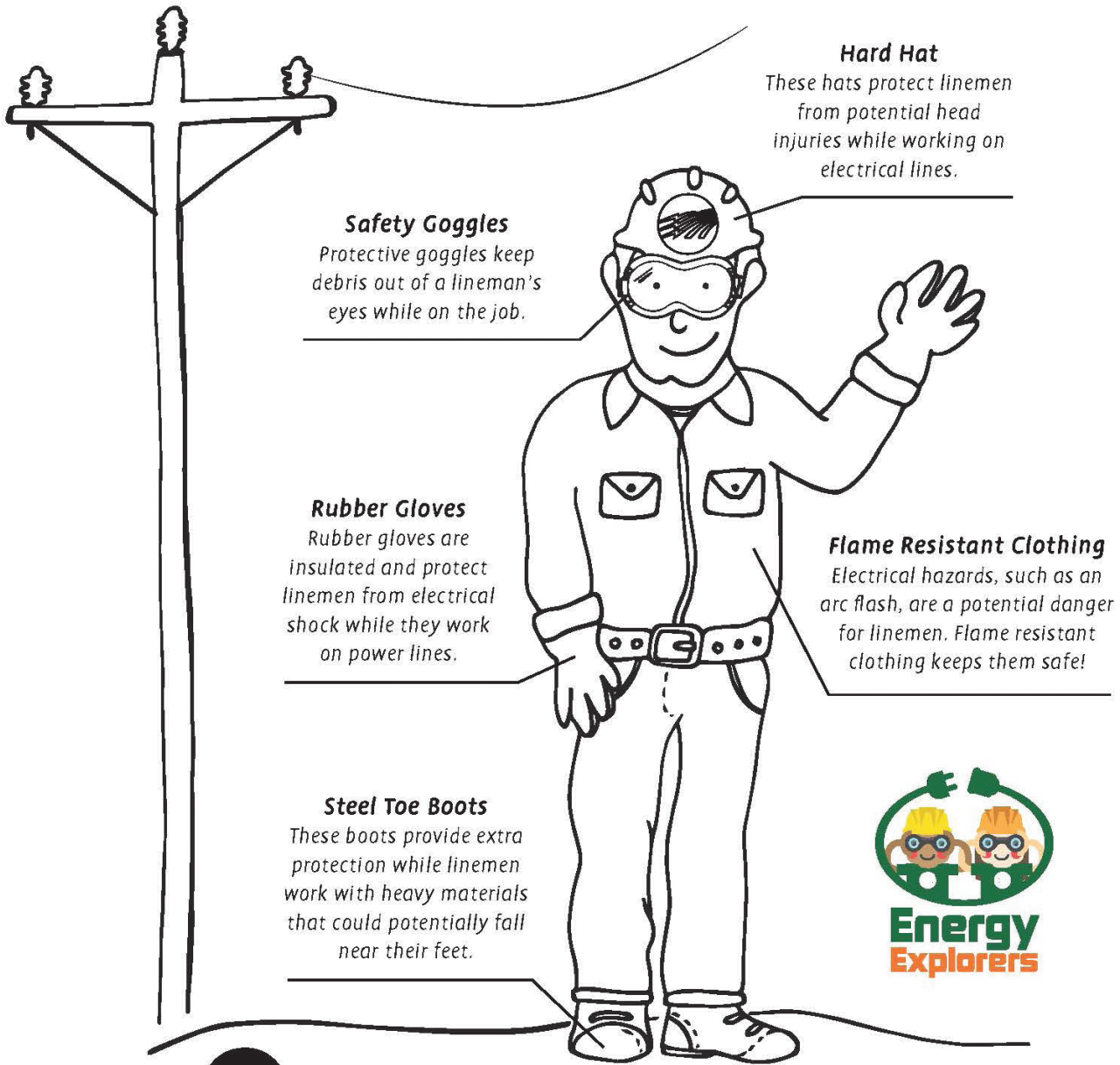
Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately 1,280 account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:



This compares to 103 hours one year ago.

Linemen Gear Up For Safety

Did you know electric co-op linemen wear special safety gear to protect them on the job? Complete this coloring sheet and learn how they stay safe. Remember to always look up and practice safety when playing outdoors near power lines!



Hard Hat

These hats protect linemen from potential head injuries while working on electrical lines.

Safety Goggles

Protective goggles keep debris out of a lineman's eyes while on the job.

Rubber Gloves

Rubber gloves are insulated and protect linemen from electrical shock while they work on power lines.

Flame Resistant Clothing

Electrical hazards, such as an arc flash, are a potential danger for linemen. Flame resistant clothing keeps them safe!

Steel Toe Boots

These boots provide extra protection while linemen work with heavy materials that could potentially fall near their feet.



America's Electric Cooperatives

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!

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.

Quilt Show at Montana Seed Show

Nimble Thimble Quilt Show at the 2020 Montana Seed Show in Harlem on March 13th & 14th. Entry date is Friday, March 6, 2020. Contact Sharon Goodrich at 406.379.2663 or Carla Becker at 406.353.2213 or 406.353.2256.

11th Annual Arts & Crafts Spring Fling in Big Timber

Calling all artists and crafters! The 11th Annual Arts & Crafts Spring Fling in Big Timber has openings for vendors. The event will take place at the Big Timber Civic Center on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Interested artists and crafters of homemade and handmade items are asked to contact Becky at 406.930.1880 or email becky@voyafa.com.

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.

Sewing Machine and Cabinet

Pfaff sewing machine and cabinet. Asking \$100, call 406.739.4476.

Wanting To Buy

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.

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.