



# HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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## February CEO Message

For the shortest month of the year, February is packed with holidays like Presidents' Day and Valentine's Day and to a few lesser known "national" days like National Tater Tot Day and even National Tortilla Chip Day.

I'd like to recommend another national holiday and this one is not just for February. For Hill County Electric Cooperative (HCE), every day is Cooperative Member Day. Here are few reasons we love serving our members:

- **The co-op wouldn't exist without our members.** HCE exists to serve you, our members. Members are the reason we were created in 1945.
- **HCE is part of the communities we serve.** Commitment to Community is an essential core value at HCE. HCE trustees, management and employees are part of the communities we serve. Living and working here makes our commitment to our communities even more important to the whole HCE family.
- **Supporting our youth.** HCE provides

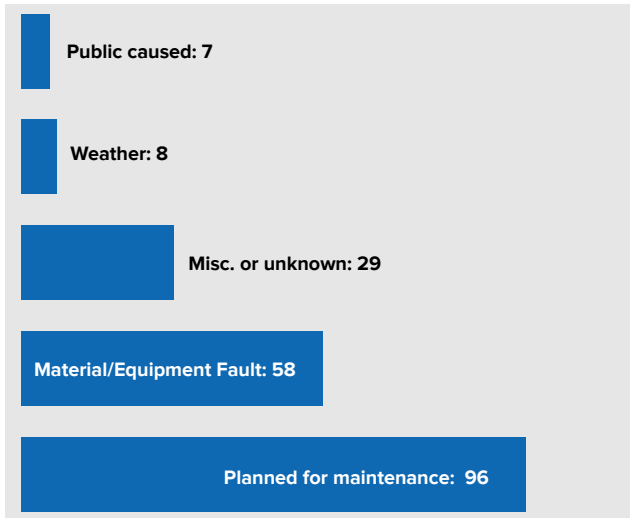
opportunities for our local students including five scholarship and the chance to win a trip of a lifetime to Washington DC. Visit our website at [www.hcelectric.com](http://www.hcelectric.com) to check out the scholarships available under the Community tab.

- **HCE's trustees are members.** Our trustees live and work in the areas they serve. They represent members from the different districts in our service area and make decisions to lead HCE into the future. Thank you, Shane, Leslie, Nick, Gerald, and Trevor for your dedication to serving your fellow members.
- **You help us.** HCE's members are great. We do our best to avoid outages, but sometimes Mother Nature has different ideas. We appreciate our members reporting power interruptions. You understand and are patient as our crews work to restore power safely. Our electric crews always put their safety and the safety of our members first.

Serving our members with affordable, reliable electric service is HCE's mission. Thank you for letting us serve you now and into the future.

## HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately **198 account hours** affected by outages. Of these hours:



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

About 30% of a home's heating energy is lost through inefficient windows. Caulk and weatherstrip all windows to seal air leaks.

When running your home heating system, lock all operable windows to ensure the tightest seal possible.

Source: Dept. of Energy



## Five Ways to Save Energy When Working from Home

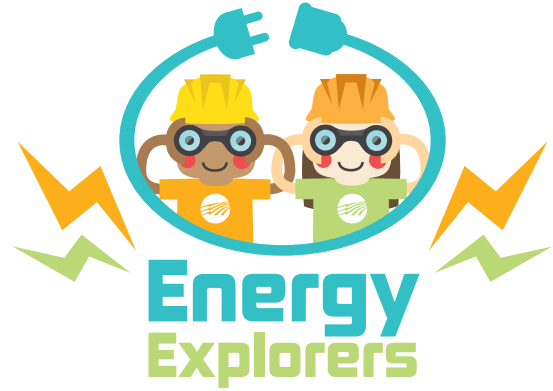
More Americans are working from home than ever before. More time spent at home means more energy used throughout the day. Here are five easy ways to save energy when working from home:

- **Use a smart power strip.** Plug in devices, like computers, monitors and routers, to a smart power strip to ensure these devices aren't drawing power when they're not in use.
- **Unplug your least-used equipment.** Unplug your least-used electronics and devices, since many of these draw power even when they're not being used.
- **Choose ENERGY STAR®-certified office equipment.** Look for the ENERGY STAR® label to ensure you're getting the most energy efficient features. Computers, monitors, imaging equipment and other office electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating include power management features to make saving energy easy, and most are designed to run cooler and last longer.
- **Flip the switch and use natural light instead.** Take advantage of natural light and additional warmth from the sun. When you're working during the day, open blinds, curtains and other window coverings to let natural light in—and don't forget to turn off the lights to reduce energy use!
- **Lower the thermostat.** Set the thermostat to 68 degrees or cooler during winter months. You're more likely to stay focused and alert when it's cooler in your home, so all the more reason to mind the thermostat.

Whether you're working remotely or not, these practical tips can help everyone reduce their energy use.

# ENERGY CONSERVATION BINGO

Cross off a square for each energy conservation task you complete. Share this with your friends and family to see who can get a “BINGO” first!



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Turn water off while brushing your teeth	Use a reusable bag	Pick up trash	Turn off lights when you leave a room	Walk somewhere instead of riding in a car
Unplug unused phone chargers	Collect items to recycle	Use a smart power strip	Carpool with friends	Reuse a water bottle
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# SWAP AND SHOP

Welcome to our Swap and Shop! Feel free to post and find classifieds from other members! \*Indicates photo available on the website. Please note: Magazines go to print a month before they are distributed to members.

### Home For Sale

5 Bedroom, 2 bath home with attached garage and 40'x40' shop on 3.5 acres southeast of Havre on Hwy 87. Call 406.395.5915 for more details and pricing.

### Well Water Treatment System

EcoSmart POEW system. Uses zero salt and zero chlorine. Brand new in box, never installed-great water. Call 406.395.5915 for more information.

### Property and Business For Sale

Opportunity for some interested in antiques and second-hand merchandise. Two-bedroom home and one-room schoolhouse plus original GN depot and two storage buildings. Located on four lots (130x150) total along Hwy 87 between Havre and Great Falls. Sold as-is with all remaining contents and fixtures. Good hunting and fishing area. Call 406.739.4361 for more details.

### Sioux Hardseat Facer and Valve Grinder

Asking \$1,500. Call 406.262.3050.

### Bissel Cleaner

Bissel Cleaner new in box. Purchased for \$277.00, asking \$200.00. Call 406.262.3050.

### Wanted 55 to 59 Chevy

Wanting to buy a '55 to '59 1/2 ton Chevy or GMC pickup, running or not. Call 406.326.2287.

### Napa Collector's 1993 Toys

Collection includes Semi-Truck and Tractor-Trailer; Jeep and boat; Sound Machine Pickup; Semi-Truck trailer; Sound Machine Semi-Trailer. All in original collector boxes. Call 406.262.3392 for more information and pricing.

### Ratchet and Sockets

3/4" Drive Ratchet, extension and sockets. Sizes 1 1/8, 1 5/16, 1 3/8, 1 7/16, 1 1/2, 1 5/8, 1 3/4, 1 7/8. Asking \$90, call 406.292.3680.

### Antiques and Collectibles

Antiques and Collectibles from the past for sale December 4th & 5th at Hwy 87 and 4th Ave in Loma from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Dolls (large & small), 1940's and newer marbles, 1950's cigarette lighters, post card collection, records (78's, 45's & 33's), matchbook collection, jewelry (1940's to 90's), glassware and silverware, all genres of books, magazines and newspapers. There will also be old light fixtures and lamps, radios and record players, antlers, tools, furniture and more. For more information call 406.739.4361.

### Pool Table

Choose between 1 of 2 full-size pool tables. Your best offer please and you haul. Call 406.566.2510 afternoons to see the tables.

### Looking For

Looking for an older model Chevy Pickup with a 6-cylinder motor that runs, preferably a 2WD. Also looking for a 292 Chevy that runs. Call 406.932.4748.

### Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach

2012 Tiffin Allegro Open Road Coach model 30'AG, In excellent condition, stored inside, only 33,000 miles. Pictures sent on request. Asking \$88,500, call 406.570.4909.

### 2003 H2 Hummer

Lifted 2003 H2 Hummer with 85,000 miles for \$23,000. Excellent condition with giant subwoofer, off-road tires, Brimbo super sports brakes, LED headlights, sunroof, custom exhaust and undercarriage train horns with in-cabin air compressor. Call 406.669.3336.

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