



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC NEWS & VIEWS

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Reflect and Honor: May is Military Appreciation Month



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May is Military Appreciation Month, and in the words of John F. Kennedy, “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

Memorial Day has been around since 1866 and first formalized in 1868 as it was called Decoration Day.

This is because people decorated the graves of the people who died in the civil war. During World War I the idea to honor the dead of all of our wars was taking hold. It wasn't until Memorial Day was passed in the US Congress in 1968 and it became effective in 1971 declared as a federal holiday and placed on the last Monday in May, that it became what it is today.

We honor all of those whose served and can never forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, who gave their life for our country and our freedoms. As you enjoy your various Memorial Day festivities this month, I hope you will join us in pausing to reflect on the sacrifices of our country's veterans and their families.

At Hill County Electric (HCE), we are grateful to have veterans working for us, and we are proud to serve veterans and their families within our

communities. As we pause on Memorial Day to remember that for those who served, “all gave some and some gave all”, the month of May also holds several other important anniversaries and events. Including Military Appreciation month, our National Day of Prayer, VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Week, Armed Forces Day and of course Memorial Day.

Please join us in taking a moment to show your appreciation to a veteran – not just this month, but every month and pray for the families of those who lost loved ones and also for those that are still in harm's way on our behalf.

I also want to remind everyone that our annual meeting is Saturday, May 13 at the MSU-N Student Union Building, hope to see you there and if you can't make it, please vote by mail!

Semper Fidelis, and always stay safe and stay healthy!



HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC'S 78TH ANNUAL MEETING

Keep an eye on your mailbox for official mail in ballots for our annual election. Your ballot must be received by the Law Firm by May 10th, 2023 to be counted.

Instructions are included in the ballot package. Ballots will **ONLY** be accepted by US mail in the self-addressed prepaid envelope. HCE will **NOT** accept ballots directly.



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JOIN US FOR
HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC'S 78TH
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS



PICK YOUR GRAND PRIZE!



Pit Boss Smoker



YETI Power Station

May 13th, 2023
MSU-N SUB Ballroom

Registration at 9am - Business Meeting at 10am

HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 

\$500 Bill Credit

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Hill County Electric (HCE) recognizes that acquiring a job and staying competitive in the workplace includes showing employers you have the skills, knowledge and experience to get the job done. Returning to or starting college along with learning a new trade is required in many cases. This is why HCE is proud to offer up to two \$1,000 scholarships per year to adult learners attending college or a trade school for the purpose of educational training to improve their career opportunities.

Deadline to apply is July 1st

Visit us online at
www.hcelectric.com/community/scholarships
for complete requirements on the scholarships HCE offers.

HCE Happenings

Last month, Hill County Electric (HCE) had approximately **167** account hours affected by outages. Of these hours:

Material/Equipment fault or failure: 130

Unknown: 22

Weather: 10

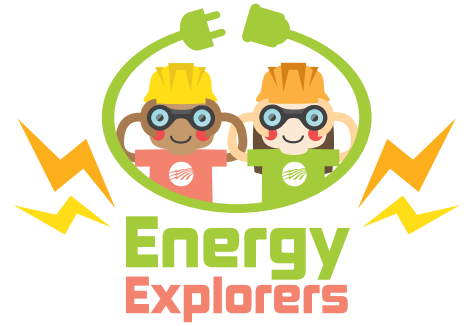
Maintenance: 5

SPRING EFFICIENCY WORD SCRAMBLE

Did you know there are several ways you can save energy during spring months?

Read the efficiency tips below and unscramble the bolded letters to reveal how you and your family can save energy during springtime.

Don't forget to check your work in the answer key below!



1. Sealing air leaks around doors and **diwwson** saves energy and keeps your home comfortable.

2. LED **hlgist** typically use 75% less energy than traditional incandescent light bulbs.

3. Unplug devices and electronics that consume energy even when they're not in use, like phone **scragher**.

4. Planting shade **esrte** around your home can block unwanted heat from the sun.

5. Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Turn them off when you leave the room to save **yengre**.

Answer Key: 1) windows 2) lights 3) chargers 4) trees 5) energy

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.

1951 Ford 3/4 Ton Pickup

Ford F250 truck with flatbed. Has good motor, new radiator and new battery. In good shape, call 406.301.4035.

Professional Candle-Making Equipment

Includes everything needed to make candles, wicks, dyes, scents, additives, etc. Includes tall metal molds that are different shapes and short round molds. Approximately 10 molds and instructions, too many more items to list. Asking \$300, or best offer. Available for pick up, one large plastic tote and a smaller box. Call 406.622.5170, please leave a message if no answer.

Upright Piano and Organ

Free church piano and organ, needs work. Located in Havre. You haul, message denisekova@gmail.com if interested.

Tractors and Machinery For Sale

1956 IHC 350 utility with loader and 3 pt blade; 1976 986 with loader and blade; 1972 4166 with duals; Ditch Witch trencher with backhoe trailer and extra parts; 1972 IHC 1700 16ft box and hoist 404; 1969 IHC 1750 16ft box & hoist 392; 1970 New Holland 1048 stacker; 1978 IHC 1460 24ft header; 1970 Case 30 ft cultivator; 1970 Geyser 24ft cultivator. As is condition, make offer. Call evenings 406.781.4245 or 406.739.4361.

Mazama Luxury Touring Tires

4 new tires off a 2023 Chrysler 300 with less than 300 miles on them. Size 215/65 R17 99H, tires are siped. Bought at Les Schwab, saved for new car but didn't fit cross posted. Pick up and delivery options can be discussed. Paid \$1,000, asking \$650. Contact Allan or Kathleen at 406.945.0705 or 406.265.6839.

Fuel Tank and Stand For Sale

1,150 gallon fuel tank, asking \$650 or best offer. Wooden stand and iron supports for tank, asking \$200. Call 406.737.4486.

Lowry Holiday Organ and Banquet Tables

The Stanford Presbyterian Church has a Lowry Holiday Organ to get rid or give a donation to the church. Also available are five 8-foot banquet tables for sale; \$10 each. Call Rose at 406.366.4625 for more information.

Nosler .45 ACP 185 grain HP Custom Competition Reloading Bullets*

Nosler .45 ACP 185 grain HP Custom Competition reloading bullets. 250 per box, asking \$70 (about 3000 bullets available). Call 406.669.3200 (located west of Billings area).

.243 WSSM Winchester Unprimed Brass

For Sale 49 pieces of .243 WSSM Winchester unprimed brass, asking \$80. Call 406.669.3200 (located west of Billings)

Oak Table For Sale

Oak table with two leaves, seats 14. Asking \$300 or best offer. Call 406.378.2503.

Brand New Troy Snow Blower

Never used 24-inch Troy snow blower with electric start, forward and reverse. Asking \$1,500, call 406.473.2308.

Farm Equipment For Sale

CIH 1680 Combine 4500 hours near new 30.5x32 tires. CIH SRX 160 sprayer 134ft booms, sprayer 10x70 swing away auger, two 30ft Honey Bee Heapers 1280 mount, CIH Trimble 750, E-Z Steer. Call 406.398.5593 or 406.265.0937 for pricing and more information.

Fifth Wheel Hitch For Sale

Fifth wheel hitch in great condition. Manufactured by RBW Industries, model LR-1000. Asking \$200, call 406.945.3651.

John Deere For Sale

John Deere 60 wide front. Call 406.326.2287.

Restorable Vehicles

Many older model restorable vehicles. Call 406.395.4611 to see.

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