



MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

STEVE YOUNG

## Your Vote Counts at Your Co-op

**DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL** is critical to the operation of every co-op.

While national elections dominated the headlines for most of the past year, local elections and local representation are just as important.

Here at Hamilton County Electric Cooperative, we want to remind you that voting for politicians is not the only way we as co-op members can practice democracy.

Every co-op—whether it’s your electric cooperative, your credit union or a farm cooperative—follows the basic principle of one member, one vote. That most often comes into play when you’re asked

Co-ops invite participation. In fact, an active, engaged membership is important to the survival of a co-op. Most cooperatives serve far fewer people than investor-owned utilities, which can have millions of customers. If you are not actively involved with co-op activities, we all suffer. As the electric utility industry evolves, having engaged members willing to take an active role is crucial.

Columinate, a cooperative network of consultants, has developed the following structure to encourage member participation in consumer co-ops such as electric cooperatives. At Hamilton County EC, we believe in this concept, known as the Own, Use, Serve and Belong model.

**Own** refers to each member truly believing and feeling that they do indeed share in the ownership of the co-op. This can come from attending the annual meeting, voting, receiving capital credits or participating in other co-op events.

**Use** means you use the resources of the co-op wisely (after all, you are an owner of those resources). You utilize the energy audits that Hamilton County EC offers. You use energy-efficient appliances, seal your home’s windows and doors, and use LEDs—and you turn them off when you leave the room.

**Serve:** If we are successful with “own” and “use,” perhaps you will feel called to serve your co-op—maybe as a member of the board, volunteer, committee member or community contributor at co-op-sponsored events.

**Belonging** is something we all seek. In the early days, when the co-op was getting started, neighbors helped neighbors. Although now our lives seem busier and more electronically driven than ever, a sense of connection and belonging is still necessary for our communities to thrive.

Remember: You have a voice in your co-op. ■



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to vote on who will represent you on your co-op’s board of directors. These folks are your friends and fellow community members. Occasionally, you may also be asked to vote on a co-op policy, such as a change to the bylaws.

Every member of our cooperative in good standing may run for the board—one of the key differences between co-op members and customers of other types of utilities.

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# HCEC Scholarships Awarded to 8 Students

**EACH YEAR** Hamilton County Electric Cooperative proudly awards scholarships to area students who are planning to attend a technical school, college or university. The scholarships, worth \$1,000 each and spread evenly across two semesters, are awarded to students whose parents are members of Hamilton County EC.

This year HCEC awarded eight scholarships across the cooperative's service area. Winners are chosen by a committee that is independent of HCEC. The board of directors and staff of Hamilton County EC would like to congratulate these students and wish them much success in continuing their education.

The following students received scholarships for the 2021–2022 school year.

**Taylor Ann Collett,**  
Hamilton ISD

**Christian Ryder Dolloff,**  
Evant ISD

**Emma Lauren Grebe,**  
Goldthwaite ISD

**Ben Charles Hollingsworth,**  
Gatesville ISD

**Brinlee Rebecca Johnson,**  
San Saba ISD

**Kassidy Rose Langley,**  
Hico ISD

**Alexis Madison Parker,**  
Lampasas ISD

**Savannah Caye Simerly,**  
Lometa ISD

## Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association

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**Toll-Free** 1-800-595-3401

**Web** [hamiltonelectric.coop](http://hamiltonelectric.coop)

### General Manager/CEO

Steve Young

### Board of Directors

**Sam Campbell,** President, District 6

**Dusty Duncan,** Vice President, District 5

**Robert Straley,** Secretary-Treasurer, District 4

**Jack Caldwell,** District 1

**Melvin Eilers Jr.,** District 7

**Brandon Haile,** District 2

**Ervin Koerth,** District 3

## 24/7

## Outage Hotline Numbers

For information and  
to report outages,  
please call us.

**LOCAL**  
(254) 386-3123

**TOLL-FREE**  
1-800-595-3401



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Independence Day**  
Sunday, July 4

**National Chili Dog Day**  
Thursday, July 29

**International Day of Friendship**  
Friday, July 30

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### ABOUT HAMILTON COUNTY EC

HCEC owns and maintains more than 4,000 miles of line to provide electric service to more than 12,000 members in Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Mills and San Saba counties.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS AND LOCATIONS

**Online** at [hamiltonelectric.coop](http://hamiltonelectric.coop)

**Call** 1-877-833-4031 to pay using our automated phone system (credit/debit card or check).

**Bank draft** can be set up or bill payments can be charged to a debit or credit card monthly.

#### Hamilton County EC Office

112 E. Gentry, Hamilton

#### Brown & Wesson Insurance

915 Third St., Goldthwaite

#### Fort Gates Water Corporation

103 Gateway Circle, Gatesville

#### Kempner Water Supply

11986 E. Highway 190, Kempner

#### Lometa City Hall

109 W. San Saba St., Lometa

### VISIT US ONLINE

[hamiltonelectric.coop](http://hamiltonelectric.coop)

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# Hamilton County EC Director Election

**TO MAINTAIN EQUITABLE** geographical representation of all areas on the board of directors, Hamilton County Electric Cooperative's bylaws provide for seven districts from which directors are to be elected.

The three-year terms of the directors representing districts 2 and 5 expire this year.

- ▶ District 2 is the area east of U.S. Highway 281 in Hamilton County served by the cooperative.
- ▶ District 5 is the area west of U.S. Highway 281 in Lampasas County, including all areas in San Saba and Llano counties served by the cooperative.

**The cooperative will elect directors by mail ballot only.** One ballot was mailed to each membership in a separate mail-

ing June 23. Any member may vote for one candidate in each district listed on the ballot. You do not have to live in one of these districts to cast your vote. Please include your name and address on the ballot return envelope so the co-op can use it to confirm voter membership. Voter membership must be confirmed for votes to be counted. Please do not enclose your bill payment in the ballot envelope.

**The votes will be counted Friday, August 6.** Members must mail their ballots in time for the ballots to arrive in the Hamilton County EC post office box by noon Friday, August 6. Results of the director election will be posted on Hamilton County EC's website, [hamiltonelectric.coop](http://hamiltonelectric.coop), and Facebook page and published in the October issue of *Texas Co-op Power*. ■

## Hamilton County EC Director Nominees



**BRANDON HAILE**  
District 2

Haile was appointed to the Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in March. He resides 3 miles north of Hamilton and has been a member of Hamilton County EC for 16 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science in animal science from Tarleton State University. Haile is a fifth-generation rancher and farmer in northern Hamilton County, the chief operating officer of Ranglers Convenience Stores, and was the owner of Shamrock Fertilizer and Chemical from 1996 to 2017. He has served on the Quiznos franchise advisory board since 2017. Haile was president of the Hamilton County Junior Livestock Association board from 2010 to 2012 and served on the Erath County Farm Bureau board from 1998 to 2004.



**JAKE MURPHREE**  
District 2

Murphree resides 5 miles east of Hamilton and has been a member of Hamilton County EC for 17 years. He earned a ranch management degree from Texas Christian University. Murphree owns and operates Lone Star Liquids, a custom application fertilizer business. He volunteers with and serves as a director on the boards of the Hamilton County Farm Bureau and Friends of Hamilton Independent School District. Murphree is also active in the Hamilton County Junior Livestock Association.



**DUSTY DUNCAN**  
District 5

Duncan has been on the Hamilton County EC Board of Directors since 2014 and currently serves as its vice president. He resides 4 miles west of Lometa and has been a member of the co-op for 12 years. Duncan earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences from Texas A&M University in 2004. He is a rancher, wildlife biologist and the owner of Texas Ranch Outfitters, a full-service ranch and wildlife management company.



**DERYL WAYNE HOYT SR.**  
District 5

Hoyt resides 10 miles north of San Saba and has been a member of HCEC for four years. He attended junior college in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Hoyt owned San Saba Printing & Office Supply for 43 years. He is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of San Saba and was recognized as one of the top ten Jaycees in Arkansas. He has served as a chamber of commerce director in San Saba, Kingsland and Llano. Hoyt served as mayor pro tem for three terms on the San Saba City Council and has served on the boards of Hill Country Community Action, the Central Texas Council of Governments, San Saba Central Appraisal District and San Saba Economic Development Corporation. Hoyt is a deacon at the Church of the Hills in Lometa.

# Scholarships Awarded to Youth Tour Winners

**THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION** has sponsored the Government-in-Action Youth Tour since before Texas' own Lyndon B. Johnson became president of the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of this nationwide program in 2020 and 2021. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of all those involved.

Emma Grebe, a senior at Goldthwaite High School, and Sami Thompson, a senior at Lometa High School, were selected in March to represent Hamilton County Electric Cooperative on Youth Tour. Each submitted an essay in response to this prompt: If you had the opportunity to change one thing about your school or community, what would it be and why?

In light of this year's Youth Tour cancellation, Hamilton County EC will award Grebe and Thompson a \$1,000 scholarship each. 2020 Youth Tour essay winner Sawyer Wright of Hamilton will also be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, as she was supposed to attend the 2021 Youth Tour due to its cancellation in 2020.

Following are the winning essays submitted by Grebe and Thompson.



## Youth Tour Essay by Emma Grebe

If I could change one thing about my school, it would be to diversify and expand learning opportunities. Many high school students like me begin their freshman year with no clue what career they would want to do in the future. Most students say, "I don't have to worry about

my college plans yet, because I'm only a freshman in high school." However, your senior year will slip up on you faster than you realize. I think branching out and widening the types of elective classes to focus on college degrees and areas of specialties such as business, fashion design, nursing, etc., would help students explore future career opportunities.

Growing up in the small town of Goldthwaite, Texas, I have been grateful to be involved in countless activities. I have seen the importance of small-town communities coming together. Yet, as my senior year is quickly coming to an end, I am reflecting even more on previous experiences and the opportunities I've encountered that could help me pave a path for my future. I have struggled with thinking about what degree I would like to pursue. There are so many to choose from, and it can be overwhelming.

Thankfully, I had a life-changing opportunity to work during the summer of 2018 and 2019 at the Dallas Market Center, where I was a specialized sales assistant. My aunt, Tosha Pearson, is the West Coast Director of Sales for Road Runners. Road Runners is a multiline rep agency for producers of gifts, jewelry, personal care, etc. I was able to help sell products of different companies to gift shops and businesses throughout the state of Texas! I finally realized my strengths, which are consulting and communicating with people and their businesses.

This experience was the moment I realized what career path I wanted to pursue. However, many people at my school do not get the opportunities to try different career paths. If I could

change one thing about my school, I would expand and create career classes like an introductory course to business management or an introduction to nursing. This idea will not only help students have a better understanding of job options in the future but will also teach them skills that they could use for the rest of their lives.

In summary, as my high school chapter is coming to an end, I'm excited to begin a new one at Texas A&M University, where I will be beginning my undergraduate studies this fall in the school of business. Senior year is stressful enough, and the fear of the future can be scary. I hope Goldthwaite High School will expand their coursework and even utilize past graduates of GHS to help aid in sharing experiences and career path information. This unique opportunity will help students be more prepared to make the best decision possible as they venture out of high school. If I had the chance to help students be more equipped for future life ahead, I would do it in a heartbeat!



## Youth Tour Essay by Sami Thompson

I've thought about what could really improve my school and community and have come up with an idea that will benefit both. Society's idea of an educated person is usually someone who has gone to college for four years and has a bachelor's or master's degree. While this is true,

and I want to go to college, this isn't the answer for everyone. Some of the smartest people I know didn't go to college and instead started their career right out of high school. What if Lometa ISD had a great vocational education program that served both the school and the community?

There are a lot of positives that come from a vocational program. It can help a young adult to choose his/her career and then receive hands-on training for it. A vocational program can also help community members that are stuck without a job to get the training to find a new and better career. It's so hard these days to find electricians, plumbers, bookkeepers, hairstylists, and even people to work on your computers, just to name a few. If more people were trained with vocational training, it would be productive for our country and make us stronger and more prosperous.

Vocational training might help students not to be pressured and think they must go to college to be successful. So many kids go to college and then figure out it isn't for them but then have student debt without ever even graduating. Maybe colleges will be a little less crowded if vocational training is offered in all schools.

Vocational education prepares kids to think outside the box and plan their future based on not what society expects but instead what their goals and interests are in life. This type of education will prepare a "middle level" of trained people that are desperately needed right now. Some will go on to use this education to start their own business.

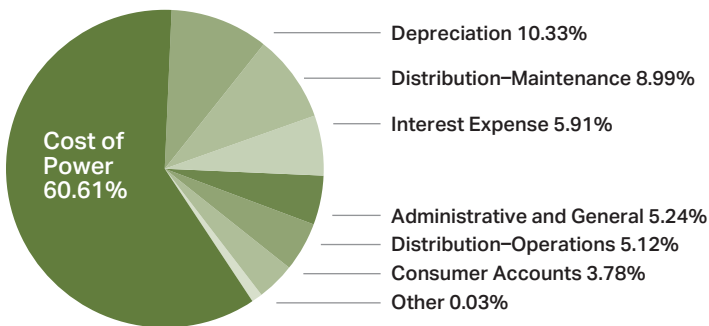
Vocational training can bring a community together and help everyone that is interested find a career path without going to an expensive college. ■

# Statement of Revenue and Expenses

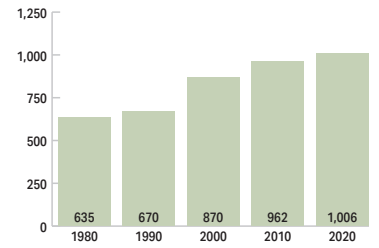
AS OF DECEMBER 31	2020	2019
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 26,073,116</b>	<b>\$ 26,645,352</b>
Less: Cost of Power	(14,947,715)	(15,892,947)
<b>Gross Margins</b>	<b>\$ 11,125,401</b>	<b>\$ 10,752,405</b>
<b>CONTROLLABLE EXPENSES</b>		
Distribution—Operations	\$ 1,262,151	\$ 1,261,152
Distribution—Maintenance	2,216,223	2,222,381
Consumer Accounts and Sales	932,548	974,490
Administrative and General	1,292,394	1,332,912
<b>Total Controllable Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,703,316</b>	<b>\$ 5,790,935</b>
<b>FIXED AND OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
Depreciation	\$ 2,547,807	\$ 2,469,197
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,458,368	1,808,983
Other	6,472	11,656
<b>Total Fixed and Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,012,647</b>	<b>\$ 4,289,836</b>
<b>OPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>\$ 1,409,438</b>	<b>\$ 671,634</b>
<b>NONOPERATING MARGINS</b>		
Interest Revenue	\$ 132,041	\$ 492,477
Capital Credits—Power Supplier	1,043,398	1,188,316
Capital Credits—Other	139,912	117,644
Other	6,663	419,676
<b>Total Nonoperating Margins</b>	<b>\$ 1,322,014</b>	<b>\$ 2,218,113</b>
<b>Net Margins</b>	<b>\$ 2,731,452</b>	<b>\$ 2,889,747</b>

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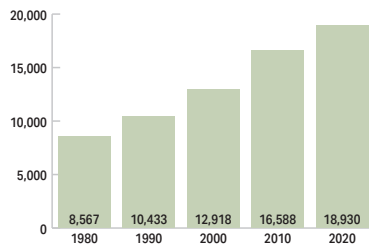
## 2020 Operating Expenses



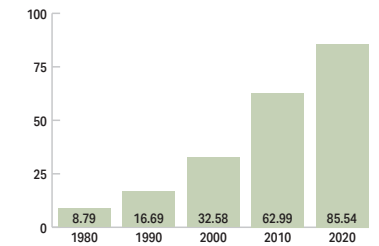
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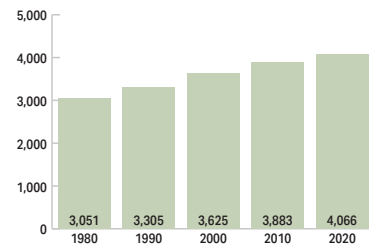
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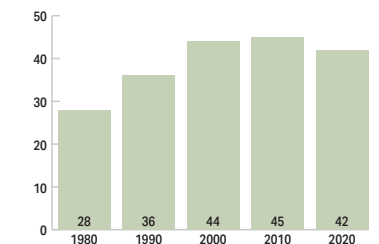
## Total Utility Plant in Millions



## Miles of Line



## Number of Employees



# Balance Sheet

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 2020 2019

## ASSETS

### UTILITY PLANT

Electric Plant in Service	\$ 85,540,685	\$ 84,171,651
Construction Work in Progress	160,266	206,071
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(19,104,795)	(17,330,853)
<b>Utility Plant—Net</b>	<b>\$ 66,596,156</b>	<b>\$ 67,046,869</b>

Investments in Associated Organizations	\$ 14,986,316	\$ 14,287,775
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### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash—General	\$ 1,716,783	\$ 2,798,746
Temporary Cash Investments	3,705,700	695,709
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,422,483	3,494,455

Accounts Receivable, Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts (\$77,534 in 2020 and \$95,223 in 2019)	\$ 2,220,802	\$ 2,026,635
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Materials and Supplies	188,696	182,906
Unbilled Revenue Receivable	891,278	841,765
Prepayments and Other	349,672	327,290
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,650,448</b>	<b>\$ 3,378,596</b>
<b>Deferred Charges</b>	<b>\$ 387,193</b>	<b>\$ 457,868</b>

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 91,042,596</b>	<b>\$ 88,665,563</b>
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## EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES

### EQUITIES

Memberships	\$ 122,556	\$ 119,260
Patronage Capital	41,337,644	38,764,652
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	0	0
Other Equities	3,622,450	3,463,982
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>\$ 45,082,650</b>	<b>\$ 42,347,894</b>

### LONG-TERM DEBT

CoBank Mortgage Notes	8,071,888	8,723,298
FFB Mortgage Notes	29,576,335	30,442,564
CFC Mortgage Notes	1,862,419	2,340,452
Advance Payments	(51,833)	(1,938,343)
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>\$ 39,458,809</b>	<b>\$ 39,567,971</b>

Accumulated Postretirement Benefits	0	0
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### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,992,700	\$ 1,957,200
Accounts Payable—Purchased Power	1,431,624	1,302,706
Other Accounts Payable	196,172	156,844
Uninvoiced Purchased Power Payable	534,315	504,558
Consumer Deposits	269,449	309,121
Accrued Liabilities	1,362,185	1,827,751
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,786,445</b>	<b>\$ 6,058,180</b>
Deferred Credits	\$ 714,692	\$ 691,518
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 91,042,596</b>	<b>\$ 88,665,563</b>

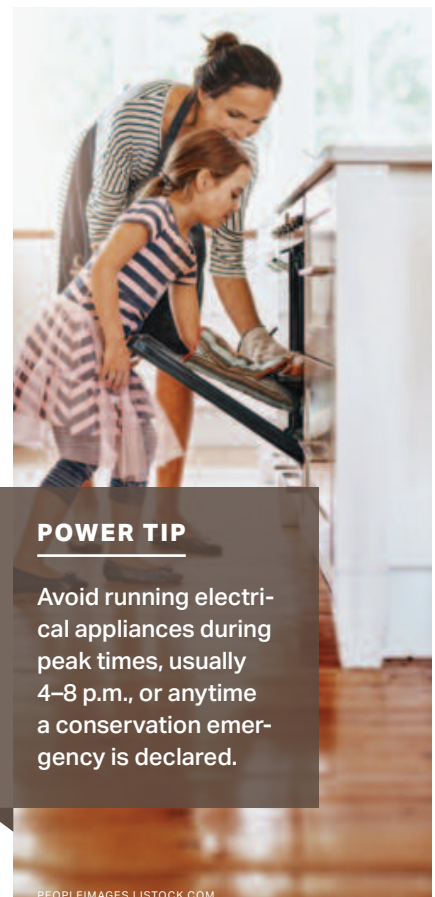
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### DID YOU KNOW?

The first four common domestic items to be powered by electricity were the sewing machine, fan, kettle and toaster.

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### POWER TIP

Avoid running electrical appliances during peak times, usually 4–8 p.m., or anytime a conservation emergency is declared.

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# Community Calendar

Hamilton County Electric Cooperative is actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic. The following community event information was gathered in late May with sincere hopes that these events will be held. Please contact event sources directly to confirm event dates and details.

## Comanche

**Second Saturday Shenanigans Sip, Snack and Shop;** July 10, August 14; 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; historic downtown square.

For more information about Comanche County events, contact the Comanche Chamber of Commerce at (325) 356-3233 or email [comancheevents@gmail.com](mailto:comancheevents@gmail.com).

## Copperas Cove

**Farmers Market,** each Thursday through October, 4–7 p.m., at the corner of Avenue D and Second Street. Offering locally grown produce and handcrafted items. Sponsored by the city of Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation. For more information contact Ashley Wilson at (254) 542-2719 or [awilson@copperascovetx.gov](mailto:awilson@copperascovetx.gov).

For information about Copperas Cove events, contact the Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce at (254) 547-7571, email [chamber@copperascove.com](mailto:chamber@copperascove.com) or visit [copperascove.com](http://copperascove.com).

## Evant

**Fireworks,** July 4, Evant Park.

**Music on Safari,** July 10, 7–8:30 p.m., Buena Vista Wildlife Safari and RV Park, 1830 U.S. Highway 281 S. Featuring Johnny Prather.

For information about Evant events, contact P-Cay Burkhalter at (254) 791-5441 or [pcay@buenavistawildlifefarisafari.com](mailto:pcay@buenavistawildlifefarisafari.com).

## Gatesville

For more information about Gatesville events, go to [visitgatesvilletx.com](http://visitgatesvilletx.com) or [gatesvilletx.info](http://gatesvilletx.info) or call the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at (254) 865-2617 or Gatesville Convention and Visitors Bureau at (254) 865-8951.

## Goldthwaite

For more information about Goldthwaite events, visit [goldthwaiteareachamber.com](http://goldthwaiteareachamber.com), call the Goldthwaite Area Chamber of Commerce at (325) 648-3619 or email [gcc@centex.net](mailto:gcc@centex.net).

## Hamilton

**Circle T Arena,** 4007 W. Highway 36.

For information on upcoming events, visit [circletarena.net/calendar](http://circletarena.net/calendar) or call (254) 386-3559.

For more information about Hamilton events, visit the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or at [hamiltontexaschamberof](http://hamiltontexaschamberof)

## Hico

**Old Settler's Reunion,** July 15–17. Enjoy many activities, such as a disc golf tournament, lawn mower races, a horseshoe-pitching contest, carnival, concert and dance. For more information visit [facebook.com/hicocivicclub](http://facebook.com/hicocivicclub).

**Hico Old Settler's Run to Remember 5K,** July 17, 110 Pecan St. We invite participants to run in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Gather a group of friends and family, get matching T-shirts and honor a loved one while promoting your own health and wellness. For more information visit [runsignup.com/race/events/tx/oldsettlers](http://runsignup.com/race/events/tx/oldsettlers).

For information about Hico events, visit [hicotxchamber.com](http://hicotxchamber.com) or [facebook.com/hicochamberofcommerce](http://facebook.com/hicochamberofcommerce), call (254) 434-1249, or email [chamberhico@gmail.com](mailto:chamberhico@gmail.com) or [bluestarhico@gmail.com](mailto:bluestarhico@gmail.com).

## Kempner

For information about Kempner events, call Kempner City Hall at (512) 932-2180.

## Lampasas

**Trade Days;** July 3–4, August 7–8; 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; 2646 E. Highway 190. Merchandise includes antiques, collectibles, quilts, crafts, folk and fine art, new home furnishings, shabby chic furniture, new clothing, jewelry, candles, handbags, electronics, iron works, outdoor decor, plants, tools and food. For more information contact Barbara Postel at (512) 734-1294.



Old Settler's Reunion  
July 15–17  
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**Spring Ho Festival, July 5–11.** Activities and festivities all week long. For more information contact the Spring Ho committee at (512) 556-5301 or visit [springho.com](http://springho.com).

**Toughest 10K in Texas, 5K and 1 Mile Run; July 10; 7–10 a.m.;** Hancock Springs Park Pavilion; 1600 U.S. Highway 281 S.

**The Spirit of Second Street, July 11, 1–4 p.m., Second Street.** You don't want to miss this celebration of the historical contributions of Second Street. We are closing the street, opening up historic buildings for you to tour and bringing in some gorgeous cars, food trucks and a jazz band—and the best part is that it's free! Tour the Keystone Star Hotel, Humble Station/Cecil's Barbershop, Lampasas Auto Company Museum, Lampasas County Museum, the Little Hotel, the post office and the Santa Fe depot, and see Merritt Roman's rock collection. Bring the whole family. We hope that if you enjoy the event you will consider making a donation to the Lampasas Heritage Foundation, which was formed to recognize, celebrate, protect, restore and enhance the historical assets of Lampasas.

**Bellamy Brothers with special guest Aaron McDonnell, July 15, 6–11 p.m.,** Putters and Gutters Fun Center, 2341 U.S. Highway 281 S. Tickets \$25–\$27.

**Hoffpaur Riata Roundup Rodeo, July 29–31, gates open at 4:30 p.m.,** 580 Sports Complex Arena at 2351 FM 580 W.

For more information about Lampasas events, contact the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce at (512) 556-5172 or [lampasasinfo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lampasasinfo@sbcglobal.net), or visit [lampasaschamber.org](http://lampasaschamber.org).

## Lometa

For information about Lometa events, contact the city of Lometa at (512) 752-3331.

## Pearl

**Pearl Bluegrass; July 3, August 7;** doors open at 7 a.m.; Pearl Community Center; 6301 FM 183. Jams and stage shows throughout the day. Acoustic bands (no electric instruments) and musicians are invited. No fee to play onstage or to watch the shows. For information on how to sign up to perform, contact Anji Pearl Day at (325) 665-7996. Kitchen open 11 a.m.–5 p.m. RV parking with full hookups available on a first come, first park basis; 30 amps are \$20, and 50 amps are \$25. For more information visit [pearltx-communitycenter.com](http://pearltx-communitycenter.com) or the Pearl Community Center Facebook page or the Positively Pearl Facebook page.

**Pearl Book Cottage; July 3, August 7; 10 a.m.–5 p.m.** All kinds of books and resale items. Payment by donation with all proceeds going to charity. For more information call (254) 865-9282 or (254) 865-5864.

## Pidcoke

For more information about Pidcoke United Methodist Church events, call (254) 300-6342 or visit [pidcoke-umc.org](http://pidcoke-umc.org).

## San Saba

**We the People Extravaganza, July 2–4, Mill Pond Park, 110 Thomas Stewart Drive.** Friday: kickball tournament. Saturday: Stan Weik's 5K Cancer Stomp and 1-mile fun run, car show, parade, cornhole tournament, paddleboards and kayaks, vendors, and a concert and dance featuring Rick Trevino. Sunday: golf tournament, vendors and fireworks. For more information visit [sansabachamber.org](http://sansabachamber.org).

For information about San Saba events, contact the San Saba Visitor Center at (325) 372-5200 or the chamber of commerce at (325) 372-5141, or visit [sansabatexas.com/calendar](http://sansabatexas.com/calendar) or [sansabachamber.org](http://sansabachamber.org).

## Fourth of July Safety Reminders

**SOME COMMUNITY FIREWORKS** shows might still be on hold this summer as public health recommendations evolve. If you plan to use your own fireworks, check first if it is legal in your area, and remember these safety pointers from the American Red Cross and National Safety Council.

- ▶ Never give fireworks to small children.
- ▶ Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.
- ▶ Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- ▶ Keep a supply of water such as a garden hose or bucket of water close by as a precaution.
- ▶ Make sure the person lighting fireworks wears eye protection.
- ▶ Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight a "dud."
- ▶ Never use fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- ▶ Don't light fireworks indoors.
- ▶ Don't try to relight or handle defective fireworks.
- ▶ Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets. ■



### Hamilton County Electric Cooperative welcomes your local event submissions.

If you have any events that you would like listed in the Community Calendar, please contact Donna Harris. Information must be submitted two months in advance for the magazine. The calendar is published monthly and contains events scheduled in the month of publication and the following two months. HCEC reserves the right to edit and exclude events based on space available and other considerations. We do not certify the accuracy or reliability of any information posted in any listing in this Community Calendar. Please contact the event source directly to confirm event details. Email [donna.harris@hamiltonelectric.coop](mailto:donna.harris@hamiltonelectric.coop); write to HCEC at P.O. Box 753, Hamilton, TX 76531; or call 1-800-595-3401.