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FROM
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Connect and Celebrate Your Cooperative

ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON County Electric Cooperative, I'd like to invite you to join us for the co-op's annual meeting August 5 at Hamilton Independent School District's Chandler Craig Auditorium.

You likely already know several good reasons to attend the annual meeting: to hear about the latest goings-on at Hamilton County EC, get a barometer of its overall financial health, hear the results of the director election and other business matters, and if you're lucky, win a door prize. Some of the meeting's less tangible benefits may not have occurred to you, though.

In our fast-paced, hyperconnected world, casual human interaction has become strikingly unusual. We encounter automated phone menus when accessing many services, schedule appointments online, use apps to order groceries, and often keep up with many loved ones and friends almost entirely through social media. While these technological innovations afford convenience and bridge gaps in geography, the increasing relegation of socializing to the digital realm can leave us feeling, ironically, disconnected. We may have more "friends," but those friendships are perhaps shallower in nature than relationships nurtured in real life.

Here's where Hamilton County EC's annual meeting comes in. It presents a unique opportunity for neighbors to gather with one another and connect through conversation, enjoy a meal and listen to music. To some of our younger or newer members, the idea of a community gathering like this may seem quaint, but the time and fellowship with your fellow members represents a key part of the cooperative difference—that we're not a faceless, large entity you encounter only through billing statements each month. We're neighbors who all share in the co-op's success and progress.

We live in divisive times. A momentary, warm, in-person interaction provides a boost that likes and shares within social media simply can't duplicate. Our shared investment in the workings of the co-op benefits each of us, and enhancing our community's quality of life is something we all can agree on.

Your presence and input enable us to do the best we possibly can for our members and our community. Whether you are a longtime annual meeting attendee, have never attended or fall somewhere in between, I urge you to circle August 5 on your calendar.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's annual meeting. ■



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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 1 and 3 expire this year.

- ▶ District 1 is the area west of U.S. Highway 281 in Hamilton County served by the cooperative.
- ▶ District 3 is the area in Coryell County served by the cooperative.

The cooperative will elect directors by mailed ballot only.

One ballot was mailed to each membership in a separate mailing June 22. 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 bill payment in the ballot envelope.

See Page 21 of this issue for information about the nominees.

Votes will be counted Friday, August 5. Members must mail their ballots in time for the ballots to arrive in the Hamilton County EC post office box by noon Friday, August 5. Results of the director election will be announced later that evening during the annual membership meeting and will be posted on Hamilton County EC's website, hamiltonelectric.coop, and its Facebook page and published in the October issue of *Texas Co-op Power*. ■

Hamilton County EC Annual Membership Meeting Friday, August 5

Hamilton ISD Chandler Craig Auditorium, 611 S. College St.

HAMILTON COUNTY Electric Cooperative invites all members to attend the annual membership meeting August 5 at Hamilton Independent School District's Chandler Craig Auditorium.

Dinner 5–6:15 p.m.

To accommodate the expected large crowd, dinner will be served in two locations: the Hamilton Junior High School cafeteria and the high school commons area. A catfish and barbecue dinner will be catered by J&M Hill Country BBQ. It is not necessary to register before dining.

Registration

Member registration cards may be entered at Hamilton High School's Chandler Craig Auditorium for prizes. A registration card was mailed to each member June 22 along with the ballot for the director election. Be sure to bring your registration card with you to avoid waiting in line to obtain one. You will also present the card to receive an attendance gift. Members must be present to win prizes.

Business Meeting

Business will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chandler Craig Auditorium. Information will include the operation of the cooperative, results of the director election and highlights of co-op accomplishments throughout the past year.

Entertainment

Hard Luck Band is a collection of musicians who play Western swing. With saxophone, fiddle, steel guitar, bass, piano and drums, their music combines the down-home quality of country music with the sophistication of jazz.

We hope you will come out and help us celebrate 83 years of providing electric service.

Tentative Agenda

- ▶ Call to order
- ▶ Invocation
- ▶ National anthem and Pledge of Allegiance
- ▶ Introduction of directors and guests
- ▶ President's opening remarks
- ▶ Order of business including director election results
- ▶ Manager's comments and adjournment
- ▶ Entertainment
- ▶ Drawing for prizes



Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association

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General Manager

Cody Lasater

Board of Directors

Robert Straley, President, District 4

Dusty Duncan, Vice President, District 5

Brandon Haile, Secretary-Treasurer, District 2

Jack Caldwell, District 1

Sam Campbell, District 6

Ervin Koerth, District 3

John Priddy, District 7

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Outage Hotline Numbers

For information and
to report outages,
please call us.

LOCAL

(254) 386-3123

TOLL-FREE

1-800-595-3401

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

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 St., Hamilton

Fort Gates Water Corp.

103 Gateway Circle, Gatesville

Head Insurance

1006 Fourth St., Goldthwaite

Kempner Water Supply

11986 E. Highway 190, Kempner

Lometa City Hall

109 W. San Saba St., Lometa

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Check us out at

TexasCoopPower.com/hamilton

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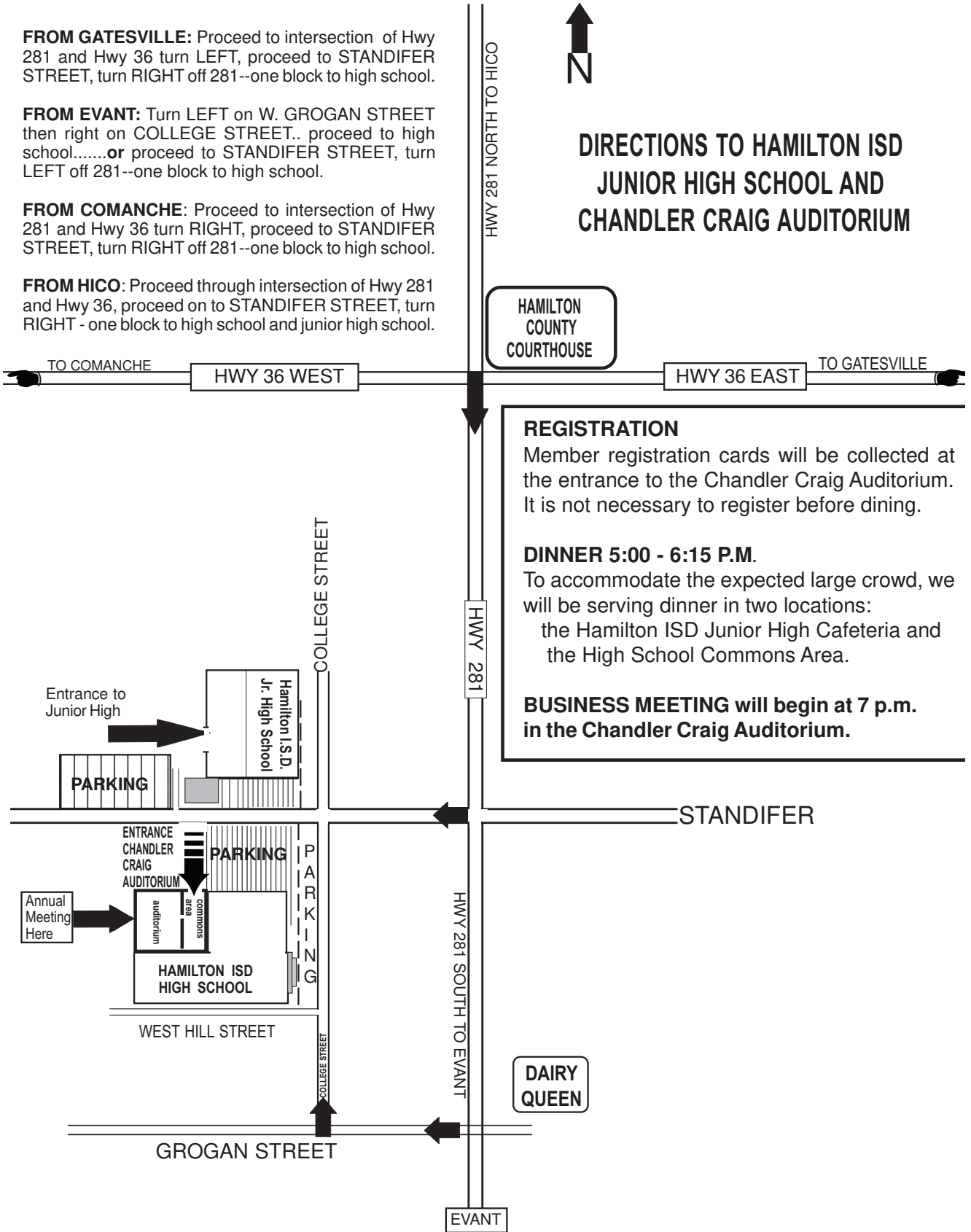
FROM EVANT: Turn LEFT on W. GROGAN STREET then right on COLLEGE STREET.. proceed to high school.....**or** proceed to STANDIFER STREET, turn LEFT off 281--one block to high school.

FROM COMANCHE: Proceed to intersection of Hwy 281 and Hwy 36 turn RIGHT, proceed to STANDIFER STREET, turn RIGHT off 281--one block to high school.

FROM HICO: Proceed through intersection of Hwy 281 and Hwy 36, proceed on to STANDIFER STREET, turn RIGHT - one block to high school and junior high school.



DIRECTIONS TO HAMILTON ISD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND CHANDLER CRAIG AUDITORIUM



HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

REGISTRATION
Member registration cards will be collected at the entrance to the Chandler Craig Auditorium. It is not necessary to register before dining.

DINNER 5:00 - 6:15 P.M.
To accommodate the expected large crowd, we will be serving dinner in two locations:
the Hamilton ISD Junior High Cafeteria and the High School Commons Area.

BUSINESS MEETING will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chandler Craig Auditorium.

DAIRY QUEEN

Director Nominees—Ballots Will Be Counted August 5



District 1

The area west of U.S. Highway 281 in Hamilton County served by the cooperative

Jack Caldwell

Caldwell was elected as a director for the Hamilton County Electric Cooperative board August 2, 2019. He completed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's five courses to earn Credentialed Cooperative Director certification in December 2019.

Caldwell is a third-generation rancher and co-owner of Caldwell 2J Ranch, which includes cow-calf operations, backgrounding, feedlot, custom farming and hunting.

He resides 10 miles northwest of Evant and has been a member of HCEC for 18 years. He is a Hamilton Independent School District graduate and achieved Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts of America.



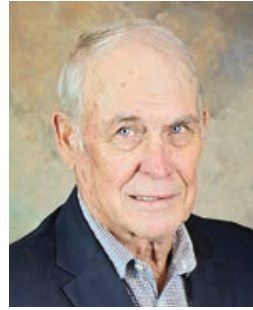
Darren Poe

Poe resides west of Evant and has been a member of HCEC for four years. He and his wife, Laurie, relocated their residence to his 130-year-old family farm four years ago, but he has been involved with ranching activities there for over 40 years.

Poe is currently employed part time at HW Lochner Engineering's Waco office, where he oversees phases of Texas Department of Transportation roadway construction projects. He is on the Texas Asphalt Pavement Association's professional engineering services committee.

Poe earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and is a licensed professional engineer. He retired from TxDOT, where he last served as the director of construction for the Waco district. In this role, he was directly responsible for all roadway construction in the eight-county district. He also served as area engineer for TxDOT in Gatesville.

Additionally, Poe served as the assistant director of utilities for the city of Brownwood, where he was responsible for water distribution, wastewater collection and wastewater treatment facilities.



District 3

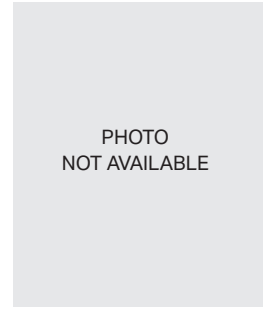
The area in Coryell County served by the cooperative

Ervin Koerth

Koerth has been a director on the Hamilton County EC board since 2006. He resides in Gatesville and has been a member of HCEC for 53 years.

Koerth is a farmer and rancher who enjoys managing his cow-calf operation. He stays busy planting and harvesting oats and Sudan grass for livestock feed and maintaining his equipment, fences and buildings. He also is the caretaker and bookkeeper for Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, south of Evant.

Koerth earned a Bachelor of Science in physics and math from Texas State University and was previously self-employed performing commercial and residential concrete staining, which he continues part time. He was a skipper and owner of a commercial fishing business that operated in the Pacific Ocean off the coasts of California, Oregon and Alaska. They fished for salmon, herring, sardines and squid. Koerth also taught high school math and physics at Gatesville Independent School District.



Ken Poston

Poston resides 6 miles west of Gatesville off Highway 84 and has been a member of HCEC for 21 years. He has been a rancher for over 40 years and is the Coryell Health board vice president and the Coryell Memorial Hospital Foundation's president. He is an active member and supporter of the Coryell County A&M Club.

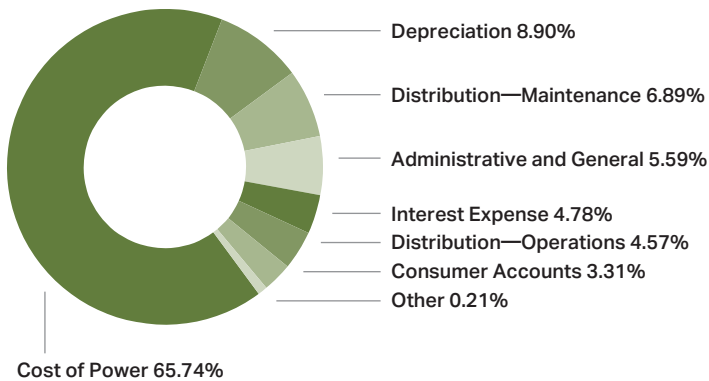
Poston earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from Texas A&M University. Prior to his retirement in 2021, he was executive vice president and chief operating officer at National United Bank in Gatesville, where he had been employed since 1985.

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

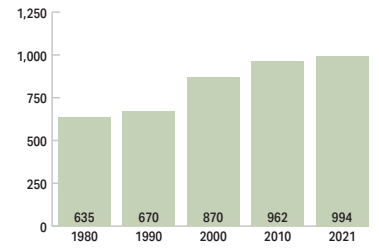
AS OF DECEMBER 31	2021	2020
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 29,800,402	\$ 26,073,116
Less: Cost of Power	(19,245,336)	(14,947,715)
Gross Margins	\$ 10,555,066	\$ 11,125,401
CONTROLLABLE EXPENSES		
Distribution—Operations	\$ 1,339,246	\$ 1,262,151
Distribution—Maintenance	2,016,627	2,216,223
Consumer Accounts and Sales	969,975	932,548
Administrative and General	1,637,388	1,292,394
Total Controllable Expenses	\$ 5,963,236	\$ 5,703,316
FIXED AND OTHER EXPENSES		
Depreciation	\$ 2,606,638	\$ 2,547,807
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,398,070	1,458,368
Other	62,140	6,472
Total Fixed and Other Expenses	\$ 4,066,848	\$ 4,012,647
OPERATING MARGINS	\$ 524,982	\$ 1,409,438
NONOPERATING MARGINS		
Interest Revenue	\$ 49,886	\$ 132,041
Capital Credits—Power Supplier	305,558	1,043,398
Capital Credits—Other	226,150	139,912
Other	32,340	6,663
Total Nonoperating Margins	\$ 613,934	\$ 1,322,014
Net Margins	\$ 1,138,916	\$ 2,731,452

The above report was taken from an independent audit made as of December 31, 2021.

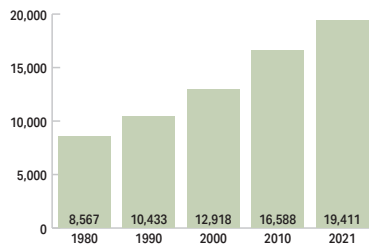
2021 Operating Expenses



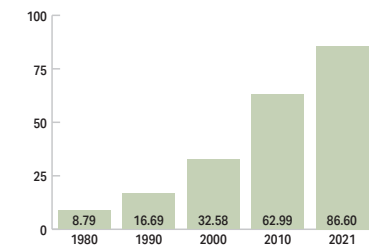
Average Monthly Kilowatt-Hour Usage



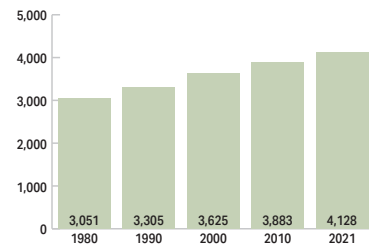
Meters Served



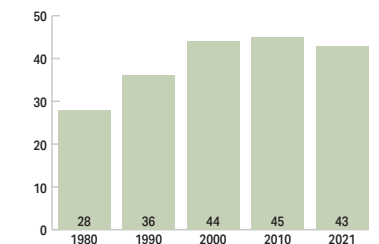
Total Utility Plant in Millions



Miles of Line



Number of Employees



Balance Sheet

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 2021 2020

ASSETS

UTILITY PLANT

Electric Plant in Service	\$ 86,606,062	\$ 85,540,685
Construction Work in Progress	592,551	160,266
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(21,048,609)	(19,104,795)
Utility Plant—Net	\$ 66,150,004	\$ 66,596,156

Investments in Associated Organizations **\$ 15,334,051** **\$ 14,986,316**

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash—General	\$ 3,683,888	\$ 1,716,783
Temporary Cash Investments	352,616	3,705,700
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,036,504	\$ 5,422,483

Accounts Receivable, Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts (\$77,049 in 2021 and \$77,534 in 2020)	\$ 2,218,231	\$ 2,220,802
Materials and Supplies	226,628	188,696
Unbilled Revenue Receivable	812,116	891,278
Prepayments and Other	373,314	349,672
Total Current Assets	\$ 3,630,289	\$ 3,650,448

Deferred Charges **\$ 60,095** **\$ 387,193**

Total Assets **\$ 89,210,943** **\$ 91,042,596**

EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES

EQUITIES

Memberships	\$ 126,111	\$ 122,556
Patronage Capital	42,444,394	41,337,644
Other Equities	3,654,616	3,622,450
Total Equities	\$ 46,225,121	\$ 45,082,650

LONG-TERM DEBT

CoBank Mortgage Notes	\$ 7,401,879	\$ 8,071,888
FFB Mortgage Notes	28,641,043	29,576,335
CFC Mortgage Notes	1,373,795	1,862,419
Advance Payments	0	(51,833)
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 37,416,717	\$ 39,458,809

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	\$ 2,075,300	\$ 1,992,700
Accounts Payable—Purchased Power	1,450,671	1,431,624
Other Accounts Payable	120,953	196,172
Uninvoiced Purchased Power Payable	505,214	534,315
Consumer Deposits	236,327	269,449
Accrued Liabilities	950,814	1,362,185
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 5,339,279	\$ 5,786,445

Deferred Credits **\$ 229,826** **\$ 714,692**

Total Liabilities **\$ 89,210,943** **\$ 91,042,596**

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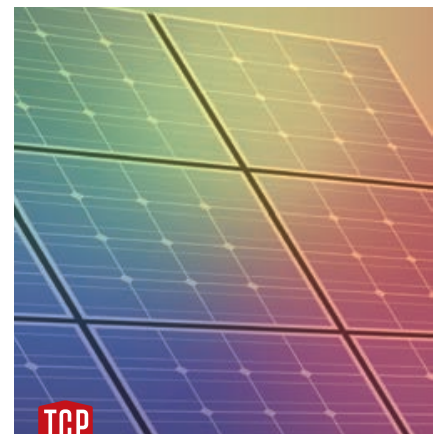
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Independence Day
Monday, July 4

Give Something Away Day
Friday, July 15

International Day of Friendship
Saturday, July 30

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HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

Community Calendar

The following community event information was gathered in late May. Please contact event sources directly to confirm event dates and details.

Comanche

Scavenger Hunt at the Museum, July 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Comanche County Museum, 402 Moorman Road. For information, call (325) 356-5115.

Salt Lime & a Good Time, July 23, noon–4 p.m., courthouse square. Celebrating National Tequila Day! There will be tequila cocktail, mocktail and salsa/dip making contests. The tortilla chips will be supplied by Comanche's Five Star Dairy Queen. Wristbands will be available for \$10 to sample the contest concoctions. Entry forms are available at the Comanche Chamber of Commerce and on the chamber's website, comanchechamber.org. To enter one or more of the event's contests, email your completed form to comancheevents@gmail.com or drop it off at the chamber of commerce at 304 S. Austin St.

Kid's Day at the Museum, August 13, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Comanche County Museum, 402 Moorman Road. For information, call (325) 356-5115.

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

Copperas Cove

Farmers Market, each Thursday, May–October; 4–7 p.m. The market features locally grown, handmade and handcrafted items.

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

Evant

For information about Ewant events, contact P-Cay Burkhalter at (254) 791-5441 or pcay@buonavistawildlifesafari.com.

Gatesville

Fireworks Show, July 4, dusk. Fireworks will be set off near the football field and will be best visible from the eastern areas

of town. Sponsored by H-E-B Helping Here and the city of Gatesville.

Chamber Market Days; July 9, August 10; 8 a.m.–1 p.m.; Cotton Belt Depot, 2307 S. Highway 36. Browse vendors' offerings including fresh fruits and vegetables, metal decor, honey, salsa, jellies, baked goods, plants, homemade crafts, and furniture.

Gatesville Riding Club Annual Rodeo, July 28–30, 7:30 p.m., Gatesville Riding Club, Veterans Memorial Drive. For more information, visit gatesvilleridingclub.com.

Cowboy Marketplace at the Rodeo; July 29, 4–8 p.m.; July 30, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; Gatesville Civic Center, 301 Veterans Memorial Loop. The market will feature vendors selling rodeo, western, and farm-and-ranch-themed merchandise. Free admission. For vendor sign up, go to visitgatesvilletx.com or call (254) 499-0102.

For more information about Gatesville events, call the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce at (254) 865-2617, visit gatesvilletx.info or download the Explore Gatesville app.

Goldthwaite

Independence Day Celebration, July 2, 6:30–9 p.m., City Park. Veteran's and children's parades, talent show and pie-eating contest. Hot dogs and drinks, \$1 each, and free ice cream.

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

Hamilton

Circle T Arena, 4007 W. Highway 36. For information on upcoming events, visit circletarena.net/calendar or call (254) 386-3559.

For more information about Hamilton events, visit Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at hamiltontexaschamberofcommerce.com or on Facebook, call (254) 386-3216, or email hamiltonchambertx@gmail.com.

Hico

Old Settlers Reunion, July 14–16. The event will feature a parade through downtown and a carnival and concerts at Hico City Park.

For information about Hico events, visit hicoctxchamber.com or [facebook.com/hicoctxchamber](https://www.facebook.com/hicoctxchamber)

hicochamberofcommerce, call (254) 434-1249, or email chamberhicoctx@gmail.com or bluestarhico@gmail.com.

Kempner

Kempner's 25th Birthday Celebration, August 6, Kempner City Hall.

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

Lampasas

Lampasas Trade Days; July 2–3, August 6–7; 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, ironwork, outdoor decor, plants, tools, and food concessions. For more information, contact Barbara Postel at (512) 734-1294.

Spring Ho Festival, July 4–10. Featuring live music, shops by the creek, entertainment for kids and families, fireworks show, and parades. For information, visit springho.com.

Toughest 10K in Texas, and 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run; July 9, 7 a.m.; Hancock Golf Course Pavilion.

Britches & Bows Golf Tournament, July 16–17, 8 a.m., Hancock Park Golf Course, 237 Naruna Road. For information, call (512) 556-3202.

Denim and Diamonds Gala, July 23, 5–10 p.m., Lampasas County Youth Livestock Center, 283 U.S. Highway 190. An evening of elegance and fun hosted by Lone Star Social Services, benefiting Lone Star Fostering Connections, 501(c)(3) for Heritage House Hospital.

Howdyfest Golf Tournament and Concert, August 13, Hancock Park Golf Course, 237 Naruna Road. Sponsored by Howdy Enterprise.

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

Lometa

Sunset at Stoneledge, July 23, 4 p.m., Stoneledge Winery, 518 County Road 1403. Featuring music by the Texas Elderly Brothers. For more information, call (512) 937-4252.

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

Pearl

Pearl Bluegrass; July 2, August 6; doors open at 7 a.m.; Pearl Community Center; 6301 FM 183. Stage show starts at 1 p.m. Acoustic bands (no electric instruments) and musicians are invited. No fee to play onstage or watch the stage shows. For information on how to sign up for the stage show, call Ronald Medart at (254) 865-6013. 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.

Pearl Book Cottage; July 2, August 6; 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Junk-in-your-trunk and farmers market outside the book cottage. Vendor booths \$5. Books and resale items will be available inside the building. For information, call Kay Pruett at (254) 865-5864.

San Saba

We the People Extravaganza, July 2, Mill Pond Park, 110 Thomas Stewart Drive.

Stan Weiks 5K Run & Walk Cancer Stomp, July 2, 7 a.m., downtown.

Parade and Vintage Car Show, July 2, 11 a.m., courthouse parking lot, 500 E. Wallace St.

Old Glory Golf Tournament, July 3, 1 p.m., San Saba River Golf Course, 723 CR 102. Call the pro shop at (325) 372-3212 for more information and to register.

For more information about San Saba events, contact the San Saba Visitor Center at (325) 372-5200 or the chamber at (325) 372-5141 or visit sansabachamber.org.

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 month. 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; write to HCEC at P.O. Box 753, Hamilton, TX 76531; or call 1-800-595-3401.

Linemen and Apprentices Set To Compete in July Rodeo

A TEAM OF HAMILTON County Electric Cooperative journeyman and apprentice lineworkers will compete against their peers from across Texas in the Texas Lineman's Rodeo on July 16 at Nolte Island Park near Seguin.

The lineworkers will compete in various timed events that mirror much of the work they do daily, such as climbing poles, repairing power lines and working on equipment. A standout event involves a pole-top rescue of a mannequin the size and weight of an injured lineworker. Apprentices also take a written test.

Hamilton County EC plans to send two journeyman lineworker teams, two apprentice teams, three judges and spectators to cheer them on. The competition takes place in a Guadalupe River-bottom field studded with nonenergized utility poles.

The public is welcome to attend to support Hamilton County EC's teams in person or learn the results via Hamilton County EC's Facebook page or in the September issue of *Texas Co-op Power*. For more information, visit tlra.org. ■

Your Co-op's Employees Are Part of the Community

KEEPING THE ELECTRICITY on is a lineworker's main responsibility, but every member of Hamilton County Electric Cooperative's crews lives and works right here in our community. They're volunteer firefighters, youth league coaches and Scout leaders.

And sometimes their training is put to work in lifesaving ways.

Take John Hert, for example. The Central Texas lineworker was finishing lunch and refilling his drink at a diner in Kingsland back in February when he heard a commotion in the restroom area.

"I heard somebody say, 'Hey, she's choking!'" Hert said.

He sprang into action, putting his training to work and performing the Heimlich maneuver, which he had never had to administer in his 19 years as an EMT.

A lifelong co-op member who was at the restaurant with her husband and mother had run to the restroom to dislodge a piece of food and was struggling to breathe. Her husband was yelling for help.

"I told him that I could help," said Hert, who left a firefighting career to work as a lineworker. After several attempts, Hert was able to dislodge the food from her airway. "We got her to a chair and sat her down, and her color immediately started coming back," he said. "It gives you a good feeling that her family was so appreciative and that your actions kept her alive."

Of course, it's not every day that lineworkers get the chance to save a life, but we do depend on them day in and day out to light our lives. Our lineworkers go through rigorous training not only on how to build, repair and maintain our electric system but on how to do it safely. That training includes courses in first aid and emergency response, so they're always ready to help their fellow lineworkers in an emergency—or their neighbor, fellow co-op member or a stranger.

Hamilton County EC employees work in all conditions, around the clock, to keep our lives powered, and they're a valuable part of our community. ■