

How Your Co-op Manages Threats to the Electric Grid



MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER/CEO STEVE YOUNG

WHILE THE THREAT OF CYBERATTACKS ON THE electric grid gets a lot of attention these days, physical damage from storms or critters is still much more likely to disrupt power.

In fact, there are many physical threats to our power delivery system that Hamilton County Electric Cooperative works hard to deflect on a daily basis. From weather events (such as

planned events or in preparing for more predictable events, including winter storms or summer flooding. In the rare event of a major outage, our network of sister co-ops are ready to pitch in quickly and help us get power restored. That's because we're part of one large cooperative community, and Cooperation Among Cooperatives is a guiding principle for co-ops everywhere.

2. Planning, preparing and practicing. We test disaster and business continuity plans regularly and take pride in being prepared at all times. Plans not only focus on how to prevent outages but also how to respond and recover in the event of an incident. Maintenance work such as vegetation management and pole inspections may seem routine but is strategically performed to proactively reduce power disruptions. Trees that are too close to power lines can cause major damage and outages during a storm.

3. Coordinating with stakeholders. Hamilton County EC places a lot of importance on collaboration with fellow cooperatives, industry partners and government agencies. We work closely with the rest of the electric utility industry, our regional grid operator, the departments of Homeland Security and Energy, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on matters of critical infrastructure protection, which includes sharing information about potential threats and working together to avoid disruptions.

You can help us in this endeavor to keep electricity flowing by:

- ▶ **Reporting suspicious activity.** Be mindful of unusual situations and immediately report them to Hamilton County EC or local authorities. For example, if you see noncooperative personnel near a substation, please report it. If you see something that doesn't seem right, let us know so that it can be investigated.

- ▶ **Checking for damage.** If you see tree branches or other vegetation growing too closely to power lines or utility poles, please contact us so we can keep the lines clear to provide the most reliable service.

Although the electric grid is incredibly resilient and can withstand many physical impacts, it's also a dynamic infrastructure that requires constant attention. To power your lives, your electric co-op is vigilant in ensuring grid protection from physical and cyber threats.



ice storms, high winds and flooding) to criminal activity (including copper theft and transformers taking gunfire), it takes a proactive approach to consistently deliver reliable service to our members. Even something as small as a squirrel can damage our system's infrastructure and cause power outages.

If the lights do go out, we are ready to restore power as quickly and as safely as possible. Here are three key ways Hamilton County EC works to keep your power as reliable as possible:

1. Being part of the community. Electric co-ops know our communities. We live and work in the neighborhoods and towns we serve, which is why you may know many of our board members and employees.

We know that emergencies can happen at any time and that relationships are important in urgently responding to un-



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Win a Trip to Washington, DC!

June 17–26

YOU'RE A TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR OR SENIOR. YOU'RE SMART; YOU HAVE BIG dreams. Maybe you've never been out of the state, and maybe you've never flown on a plane, but you want to travel—to experience a big city, visit historic landmarks and meet people, and not just fellow high schoolers but influential public figures, like your U.S. representative.

If that describes you, then you're a candidate to apply for a slot on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 17–26, sponsored by Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association and organized by Texas Electric Cooperatives.

Youth Tour is an action-packed trip to the U.S. capital with more than 150 of your peers and chaperones from across Texas. You'll visit the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, memorials and more.

You could be a part of this legacy shared by the more than 4,400 past Texas Youth Tour students who have participated since 1965.

Eligibility: Students who have completed their sophomore year of high school and whose parent or legal guardian is a member of Hamilton County EC are eligible to apply for this trip of a lifetime.

Contest Rules: Students must complete a 2020 Youth Tour application and submit an essay not to exceed 500 words on the following theme: Should electric line-men be considered first responders? Why or why not? The winners will be chosen according to originality and content of their essays. Essays must be attached to the completed application and submitted no later than Friday, February 21.

For more information, visit texasyouthtour.com. Contact Keela Payne at Hamilton County EC by phone at (254) 386-9428 or by email at keela.payne@hamiltonelectric.coop for an application.

Hamilton County EC Scholarship Program

WILL YOUR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE need money for college? Hamilton County Electric Cooperative Association will be awarding scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for the 2020–2021 school year (\$500 per fall and spring semester).

To be eligible you must:

- ▶ Be a senior attending a high school within the HCEC service area and graduating in May 2020.
- ▶ Be a dependent of an active HCEC member.
- ▶ Reside full time in the home of a parent or guardian who is a full-time resident in HCEC's service area.
- ▶ Have applied for admission as a full-time student to a technical school, college or university.
- ▶ Winners must use the scholarship awarded within one year of issuance.

Applications are now available and will be accepted until **March 31**. Scholarship winners will be chosen by a committee independent of Hamilton County EC. For more information and an application, contact Keela Payne by phone at (254) 386-9428 or by email at keela.payne@hamiltonelectric.coop.



**HAMILTON COUNTY
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Steer Clear of Driving in Bad Weather

THOUGH THEY MAY MAKE FOR A PRETTY SEASONAL BACKDROP, SNOW AND ICE CAN complicate even modest travel plans. It's unsafe to drive when visibility is vastly reduced or when you can't fully control your car. According to AAA, wintry weather and its byproduct—hazardous road conditions—are a factor in nearly a half-million

crashes and more than 2,000 road deaths each year. With those figures in mind, here are some tips to minimize the risk to yourself and other motorists during winter weather.

Don't drive unless you must. It really isn't worth the risk to your safety and that of others to venture out onto potentially unsafe roads for any circumstance that isn't urgent. Pay attention to weather reports so you can run any time-sensitive errands and stock up on supplies before



adverse conditions arrive. If you must drive to work, that's one thing. But don't tempt fate if you can help it.

If you have to drive, eliminate distractions. Keep your phone out of reach or set it to airplane mode—a good practice year-round but especially important when roads are dicey.

Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car, including water, nonperishable food, warm clothing, a flashlight, glass scraper, blankets and medications.

Before you set out, alert others to your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.

Make sure your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.

Keep your car's gas tank at least half full to prevent a frozen fuel line, which could leave you stranded.

Don't use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface.

Drive slowly. Reduce your speed to counteract the lower traction that accompanies snow and ice.

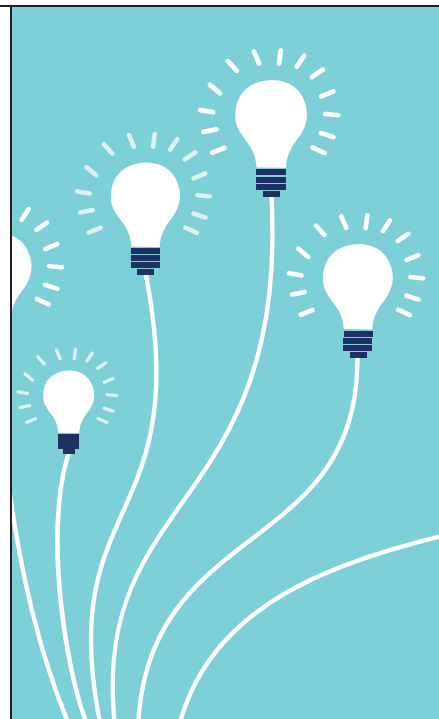
Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly can help maintain traction and avoid skids. Since it takes longer to slow down on icy roads, take your time to slow down for a stop sign or light.

Increase your following distance to five to six seconds to act as a buffer against the longer distance you'll need to stop.

If possible, don't stop when going uphill.

A final note for winter driving: Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area such as a garage.

Exercise a little caution and good judgment to stay safe as you negotiate whatever conditions the last snap of winter brings this year.



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Don't Ignore Flickering Lights

JUST AS AN AMBULANCE'S FLASHING lights alert you to an emergency, so should a flickering lightbulb get your attention.

It may be that the bulb is simply about to burn out. But sometimes a flickering bulb is a sign that the light fixture is damaged or the electrical connection is faulty. Don't ignore these signs!

Turn off the power immediately and check the connection to the fixture and its internal wiring. If you're not confident in your abilities, call an electrician. Leaving a flickering light on could present a risk of electrical fire.

The same is true for a lamp that burns too hot. You may have installed the wrong wattage lightbulb. If the wattage is too high, the heat builds up and cannot escape. Check the rating on your lamps and light fixtures to make sure you're using the right size and kind of bulb.

You should be especially concerned about warm or hot bulbs if you've made the smart move to energy-efficient LED or CFL bulbs, which typically produce very little, if any, heat when in use.

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Hamilton County EC Office

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

Bill payments can be set up to be bank drafted or charged to a debit or credit card monthly.



Somebody Told Me ...



WE ALL HAVE A “SOMEBODY” in our lives who is the source of a wealth of information—some true and some not so reliable. “Somebody” has spread a lot of myths about saving energy, and we’d like to set the record straight.

Myth: Leaving a light on uses less energy than turning it off and on several times.

Even though a higher level of current is needed to turn on a light, this higher level is only used for a fraction of a second. When a light is kept on, it uses a lower level of power but for much longer. Leaving a light on for longer than a few seconds uses more energy than turning it off and back on as needed.

Myth: Appliances don’t use energy when they are turned off.

Thanks to standby power settings, most appliances constantly use energy to be ready for immediate usage. These “energy vampires” cannot be turned completely off without unplugging the device altogether.

Myth: Closing air registers saves energy.

Forced-air heating systems are designed to operate with all of the registers open. The blower won’t perform as well with registers closed and can create whistling in the ducts. In some

cases, duct systems have so many leaks that closing a register won’t force more warm air into other rooms—it will force more air out of the leaks.

Myth: Washing dishes by hand rather than running them through the dishwasher can save energy.

Washing a load of dishes by hand requires a lot of hot water and therefore a lot of energy. Today, most dishwashers have energy efficiency settings that typically allow you to run a load of dishes using less water and less energy than washing by hand.

Myth: Electronic chargers don’t use energy if plugged in and disconnected from the device.

Most chargers use power while plugged in but not connected to their device. If your charger feels warm to touch, it is most likely using power. It is best to just assume that all of your chargers waste energy when left plugged in, so unplug them when they are not being used.

Myth: Most heat is lost through windows.

While heat can be lost through windows, window heat loss is only a small percentage of the total heat loss in most homes. Typically, walls account for much more heat loss because of their large surface area. It’s best to consider insulating walls before upgrading windows.

Myth: Replacing windows is a good investment.

New windows can increase security and comfort, but they’ll take 20–30 years to pay for themselves. Replacing single-pane windows with double-pane low-e windows will save energy and money, but in a house with 20 windows, it’ll take you almost 24 years to recoup the cost of the new windows. That being said, if you plan to stay in your home and the existing windows are drafty and in disrepair, it’s probably a good idea to replace them.

Myth: Sleep mode is just fine for computers overnight.

Your computer continues to draw quite a lot of power in sleep mode so that the computer can be ready to pop back on at a moment’s notice. It is best to shut your computer down all the way overnight or when you are planning on not using it for a while.



The Amazon Echo Plus is one of the most popular smart speakers on the market today.

Is Your Digital Assistant Draining Your Energy Bill?

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS OR LISTEN TO THE NEWS BY SIMPLY using your voice? That's the power a digital assistant can provide. These handy products have made their way into homes across the country since the first smart speaker became available in late 2014. At the end of 2018, there were 66.4 million users of smart home assistants or smart home speakers in the U.S.

Today, 1 in 4 Americans own a smart speaker, and 40% of those folks also have more than one smart speaker at home. The most popular of these devices is the Amazon Echo, although Google Home products are selling at a rapid rate. Other top brands include Apple's HomePod, the Sonos One and the JBL Link 10.

Google Home starts at about \$129, and the Amazon Echo starts at about \$180. However, there are smaller, more basic versions that can be purchased for \$100 less—the Amazon Echo Dot and Google Home Mini. These smart speakers can help you set reminders, inform you of today's top news stories, help you order products online, play music and even tell jokes!

As smart speakers become more prevalent, you may be wondering how these products affect your energy bills: Turns out, not a lot.

Tests have shown that the Amazon Echo uses 3 watts of electricity while on standby mode, which means that if the Echo were left on standby mode for one year, it would consume about \$3.15 in electricity. While moderately active (like telling a joke or playing music at a medium volume), the Echo uses 4 watts. At its highest power use (like playing music at full volume), it uses 6.6 watts; if used consistently at this level, it would consume about \$6.93 of electricity over the course of a year. For comparison, the Google Home uses slightly less energy than the Echo at 2 watts while in standby mode, saving about \$1 a year in total energy costs.

There are plenty of reasons to buy a smart speaker; don't let the additional cost to your energy bill stop you from adding one to your home.

Keep Warm, Save Energy

FEBRUARY CAN BE HARD ON ENERGY

bills, but cold winter weather is no match for a home that is prepared to fight it. Address these common winter culprits throughout your house:

Drafty doors and windows. An easy fix with a big payback is weatherstripping. Caulk or apply weatherstripping around all window and door seams, especially those leading to the attic. Weatherstrip your attic access door.

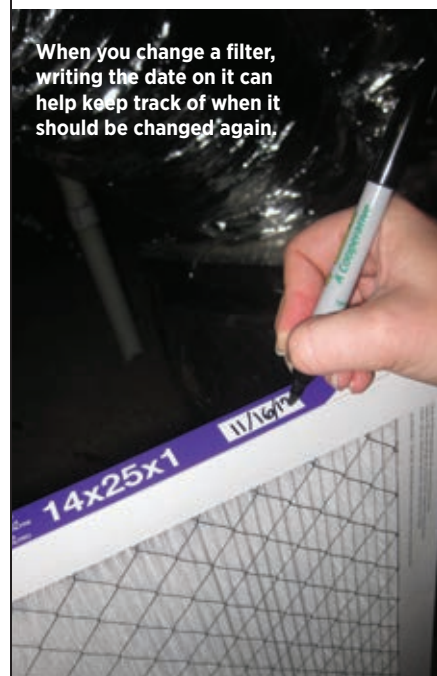
Dirty filters. Dirty filters make your heating system work harder to warm the air. Aim to change the filter every three months, or more often if it is especially dirty.

Leaky ducts. A contractor can test your ducts for leakage and repair any problems. Repair visible or accessible leaks with metal tape—not duct tape.

Chilly water heater. If your water heater is older or not well insulated, wrap it in an insulating jacket.

Wood fireplace. Traditional fireplaces pull heated air out of the house. When not in use, check that the damper is completely closed.

When you change a filter, writing the date on it can help keep track of when it should be changed again.



Community Calendar



Comanche

Second Saturday Shenanigans, historical downtown square. Shop, snack, sip. For details, visit facebook.com/comanchechamber.

Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association Motorcycle Parade, April 10, historic downtown and around.

Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association State Rally, April 10–12, Comanche City Park, 1200 Comanche Trail. For more information, visit tmra.org.

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

Copperas Cove

Fishing in the Park, February 15, City Park duck pond, 1206 W. Ave. B. This is a free event. If you are 18 years or older, it is required by the state that you have a fishing license. If you have any questions, contact Ashley at (254) 542-2719.

Easter Egg Roundup, April 4, 9–11 a.m., City Park, 1206 W. Ave. B. This is a free event. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be 9:45–11 a.m. and are free to take using personal cameras and phones. If you have any questions, contact Ashley at (254) 542-2719 or awilson@copperascovetx.gov.

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

Evant

Market Day on the Square, March 21, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Free pop-up canopies available by request on first-come, first-served basis. Contact Charlotte at (512) 750-9870 or Karen at knw@centex.net.

For information about Evant events, contact Charlotte Looney at evantchamber@gmail.com or (512) 750-9870.

Gatesville

Gatesville Spursquicentennial (150th birthday) volunteer recognition program; June 1, 2019–December 1, 2020. We want to recognize the people who continue to make Gatesville a great place to live through their service to the community as volunteers. Log 150 volunteer hours to be recognized. Volunteer logs are available at City Hall, the chamber of commerce and Gatesville Public Library, or download one at gatesville150.com/volunteer. For more information, visit gatesville150.com or facebook.com/spursquicentennial.

Chamber Market Days, second Saturday of each month in the parking lot of the historic Cotton Belt Depot, 2307 S. Highway 36. Vendors display unique merchandise and farm-fresh foods. Visit gatesvilletx.info for more information.

Gatesville Country Music Hall of Fame Show/Jamboree, third Friday of each month, 7–8 p.m., City Auditorium, 110 N. Eighth St. A family-friendly event. There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted for the performers. Visit gatesvillecountrymusichallof fame.com or call Roger Viers at (254) 547-6834 for more information.

Circus, April 25, parking lot of the historic Cotton Belt Depot, 2307 S. Highway 36.

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

Goldthwaite

Goldthwaite State Championship BBQ & Goat Cook-Off, April 24–25, Goldthwaite City Park. For more information, contact the Mills County

Chamber of Commerce at (325) 648-3619 or gcc@centex.net.

For more information about Goldthwaite events, visit millscountychamber.com or call the Mills County Chamber of Commerce at (325) 648-3619.

Hamilton

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

Home and Garden Spring Fling, March 9, 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church Family Life Center, 143 E. Highway 22. \$10 admission includes lunch and dessert, early snacks and beverages, speakers, vendors, silent auction, door prizes and entertainment. Sponsored by the Hamilton Extension Education Association Council. Benefits 4-H. For more information, contact Jeanie Harrison at (254) 372-4572 or harrisonx2@hughes.net.

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

Hico

Hico Spring Open House, March 21. Celebrate the beginning of spring in historic Hico. Local merchants will be hosting their spring open house with special discounts and terrific treats.

For more information about Hico events, visit hicochamber.com or facebook.com/hicochamberofcommerce, call (254) 434-1249, or email chamberhicothx@gmail.com.

Lampasas

Lampasas County Museum, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., 303 S. Western Ave., between Second and Third streets. Learn about the history of Lampasas County

through permanent displays and special exhibitions. Free of charge.

Wild West Casino Night, February 15, 5:30 p.m.–midnight, Lampasas County Show Barn, intersection of Highway 283 N. and Highway 183. \$50 per person includes a steak dinner with all the trimmings, Vegas-style games and a chance to win a \$900 travel voucher for an exciting trip. BYOB. Hosted by LAFTA, Vision and Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce. Purchase tickets at the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce office.

LTx BBQ Fest Lampasas, April 3, 6–9 p.m., taster's choice; April 4, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., cook-off; 580 Sports Complex at 2351 FM 580 W. Guaranteed \$5,000 payout and state championship-sanctioned. Additional activities include a cornhole tournament (sponsored by Home Place Floors) and kids 'que (sponsored by Lampasas Builders Mart). Prizes will be awarded for all events and categories. Sponsored by the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce.

Spring Courtyard Square Garage Sale, April 25, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., courtyard square downtown. For more information, contact Andy Berry at (512) 556-5434.

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

Lometa

Carnival, March 26–28, 6–11 p.m., Regional Park.

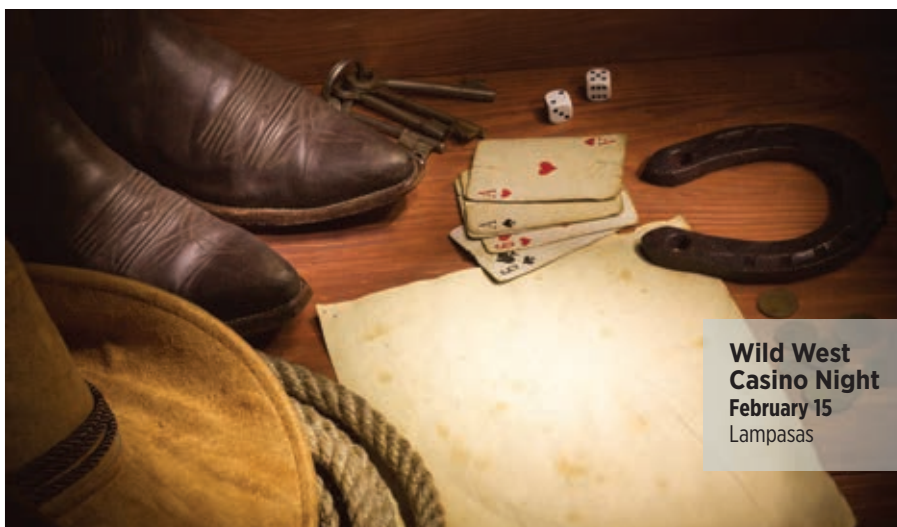
Rodeo, March 27–28, 7:30 p.m., Arena at Regional Park, junction of U.S. 183 and U.S. 190. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids, and free for 6 and under free and active military with ID. Friday night is open mic night and karaoke, and Saturday night is the Rodeo Dance. Sponsored by the Lometa Lions Club.

Diamondback Jubilee Rattlesnake Roundup, March 28, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Regional Park. Featuring music, team roping, arts and crafts, vendors, Lil Buckaroo Rodeo and snakes! For vendor booth information, contact Susan Hines at (512) 556-2822.

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

Pearl

Pearl Bluegrass First Saturday Jam and Stage Show; February 1, March 7, April 4; Pearl Community Center. Free stage shows 12:30–5 p.m. Open jamming all day and evening Thurs-



**Wild West
Casino Night**
February 15
Lampasas

day–Saturday. RV hookups \$15/\$20 per night. **Bluegrass café Saturday**, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Family-friendly event that bluegrass and old-time music lovers of all ages will enjoy. For more information, visit pearlbluegrass.com.

Pearl Book Cottage; February 1, March 7, April 4; 10 a.m.–6 p.m. All kinds of books and resale items. Payment by donation with all proceeds going to charity. For information, call (254) 865-9282 or (254) 865-5864.

Community Meal, third Thursday of each month, 11:30 a.m., Pearl Baptist Church, Highway 183. Contact Connie at (254) 223-0621.

Pearl Community Garage Sale and Flea Market, March 13–14, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Giant building and outside awning full of everything you can imagine. Serving breakfast and lunch all day. The Pearl Book Cottage will also be open. For more information or to get a vendor space, please call (254) 865-5864. Dealers welcome.

Pearl Book Cottage Plant Sale, April 4, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Featuring succulent and tropical plants.

Pidcoke

Valentine's Dinner, February 16, 6 p.m., Pid-

coke United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 11230 FM 116 N., halfway between Gatesville and Copperas Cove. Sponsored by PUMC men's group. To purchase tickets, contact John Gallen at (254) 542-2107 or Rev. Jim Hartley at (254) 300-6342.

Easter Service, April 12, 8 a.m., Pidcoke United Methodist Church, 11230 FM 116 N. Breakfast and an Easter egg hunt will follow the service.

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

San Saba

Creative Quilting Event, April 16–17, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., San Saba Civic Center, 1190 S. Thomas Stewart Dr. Featuring Susan K. Cleveland, quilt designer, author, teacher, inventor and admirer of all things quilterly. Sponsored by the San Saba County Chamber of Commerce.

For more 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 or sansabachamber.org.

WE WELCOME YOUR EVENT SUBMISSIONS

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 will be published monthly, and it will contain 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, write to HCEC at P.O. Box 753, Hamilton, TX 76531, or call 1-800-595-3401.