

# HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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**Our mission** is to provide our members with reliable, high-quality electricity and other needed services, which will improve their economic and social well-being and provide significant long-range benefits for our communities, our state and our nation.

## SUMMER HOURS:

HEA's Sterling and Holyoke  
offices are open  
Monday–Thursday  
7 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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# LOANS AVAILABLE THROUGH HIGHLINE

BY DENNIS HERMAN GENERAL MANAGER



DENNIS HERMAN

Highline Electric Association, like all cooperatives, operates according to the same set of core principles and values. These values have been articulated in the Seven Cooperative Principles and include:

1. Open and Voluntary Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

While each of these values is equally important, my focus today is on Highline's Concern for Community. While HEA's concern for the communities it serves is evident in several initiatives, efforts in the areas of economic development and energy efficiency stand out. HEA's participation in the USDA's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program began over a decade ago when grant funds awarded to Highline provided low-interest loans to aid in the construction of the Crook Community Center and Fire Hall, and Melissa Memorial Hospital in Holyoke. As these low-interest loans were repaid to HEA, they established a revolving loan fund that has provided nine subsequent loans to diverse economic development projects within our service territory and remains as a potential source of funding for business loans going forward. HEA has once again submitted a successful application to the REDL&G program. Funds from our latest application will help the Haxtun Hospital District to construct a new clinic on Main Street. As the district repays this loan, a portion of the funds will go to increase the size of Highline's revolving loan funds. These recycled funds will stay in our community to further stimulate economic development.

HEA's commitment to improving energy efficiencies within our service territory

is further evidence of the concern we have for the communities we serve. HEA's energy efficiency rebate program, coupled with the rebates provided by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., has provided our members with over \$100,000 in rebates over the past three years in support of the purchase of energy-efficient equipment. Rebates are currently available for qualifying equipment, including heat pumps, water heaters, air conditioners, irrigation motors, commercial LED lighting and Energy Star®-certified appliances.

The approval of HEA's application to the USDA's Rural Energy Savings Program provides another source of funds to our consumer-members who wish to make energy efficiency improvements. These low interest loans can be used to fund a range of investments in efficiency, including improved insulation, Energy Star-qualified window upgrades, insulated door upgrades, energy-efficient water heaters, Energy Star-qualified heating and air conditioning equipment, LED lighting and controls, and Energy Star-qualified appliance upgrades when attached to real property. The interest rates on these loans will never exceed 3% and loan terms can extend up to 10 years. Loan payments are incorporated into your monthly Highline bill, providing our consumer-members with an easy and convenient way to realize energy-efficiency improvements in your home or business.

HEA continually strives to provide resources and implement programs to improve our members' quality of life. Details of the opportunities discussed here can be found on our website at hea.coop or by calling and speaking with a member services representative.



## New Director: **David Carlson**

**D**avid Carlson joined the Highline Electric Board of Directors in June. David is a fifth generation ag and cattle producer who was born and raised in Sedgwick County and presently resides in Deuel County, Nebraska, on the family ranch. David attended Colorado State University for two years before returning to the family operation. He has served 12 years on the CHS Grainland Board of Directors, as well as serving as vice chairman of the William Stretesky Foundation since 2013.

David and his wife Billie have four children. Dalton, 20, Nolan, 18, Jaxon, 16, and Ryen, 14, all are very active with sports and school activities, along with helping out on the farm. As a family, they enjoy showing cattle at numerous shows around the country. They focus on breeding stock of many breeds but mainly show Maine Anjou heifers. David also serves as vice president of the Rocky Mountain Maine Anjou Association.

David was happy to learn he was chosen to fill the vacancy following the Board's interview process. "I look forward to representing the members of Sedgwick and Deuel counties. I feel it is important for Highline to continue to invest in our service and communities, while keeping our power as affordable as possible. As a director, I want to be available to any and all consumer-members and employees for questions or concerns."

# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM UTILITY SCAMS



- Never give personal information to an unknown visitor or caller.
- Demands for payment by gift card or cryptocurrency should immediately raise red flags.
- When in doubt, call your electric co-op directly.

## HEA IS CLOSED September 5 for Labor Day

# PESTICIDE SAFETY

*Please protect our employees*

**O**ur employees face serious health risks when they unknowingly enter a field that was sprayed with any chemical. Just as you would not subject your family or employees to risk, we do not want to subject our employees to risk. Please consider the following:

- If you used any chemicals on a field, please notify Highline. You may call the office or you can place a flag at the entrance to the field. Please note the day when it is safe to enter the field and what chemical was used.
- Notification signs or flags are available free of charge at any Highline office.
- If calling during in an outage, please notify Highline if the field was sprayed.
- The initial and long-term effects of absorbing chemicals in the body are extremely hazardous to one's health. Please don't subject our employees to these dangers.





## HEA SUPPORTS ALS

Funds are being donated on behalf of Bryan Kroeger, husband of HEA employee Tammy Kroeger (pictured at center), who was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gherig's disease) in 2021. Not all employees who participated are pictured.

In the June edition of *Colorado Country Life*, we talked about Highline Electric's Walk/Bike to Work Day to benefit the ALS Association. Concern for community is a cooperative principle that HEA puts into action. On June 22, HEA hosted a walk/bike to work day and donated \$50 to the ALS Association for every

employee who participated. HEA is proud to report that employees raised \$1,450 to be donated to the ALS Association Rocky Mountain Chapter. With matching funds available through Basin Electric Cooperative, we doubled our donation for a total of \$2,900.



### New Employee: Meet **Carl Haughn**

Carl joined us on June 27 as the second IT Administrator.

Carl grew up in Washburn, Wisconsin, with his parents Gary and Karen and attended Washburn High School. Later he graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Stout.

Prior to coming to Highline Electric, Carl was a network security analyst for Bayfield County in Washburn.

In his spare time, Carl enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, photography and video games.

Carl is "excited to learn more about the electric industry." Congratulations Carl, and welcome to the Highline family!



**Congratulations** to the HEA employee who observes an August employment anniversary: **Jim Jackson, 3**

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

An easy way to save energy is to seal air leaks and holes where plumbing pipes run through walls in your home. You can also check wall-mounted cabinets for plumbing holes or air gaps in the back.

Fill any holes or gaps with spray foam. Wear protective gloves and use a damp rag for cleanup.

Source: Dept. of Energy



# Unclaimed Capital Credits

The following is a list of Highline Electric Association consumer-members who have an unclaimed capital credit. If you find your name on this list, please contact Highline Electric during business hours at 970-854-2236.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| DEC'D, LEAVETA BREMER   | ELLIOTT, GEORGE          | FORSYTHE, PEGGY L       | GLINES, DANIEL         | HARAGAN, MATTHEW D    | HOCH, RICHARD A       |
| DEC'D, MAYNARD LANGE    | EMERY, STEVEN R          | FOSTER, JOEL            | GOBLE, SANDRA K        | HARDEN, LEE M         | HOCKENSMITH, DAN &    |
| DEDO, DAVID             | ENERGY OIL & GAS INC     | FOWLER, CHAD            | GODDARD & MONTE        | HARDING, ELIZABETH    | SHIREEN               |
| DEE, LISA               | ENGELKER, JAMES P        | FOXHOVEN BANDAG         | HILLIKER, TAMMY        | HARMON, RAYMOND       | HODGE, TRAVIS         |
| DEE, MELINDA            | ENGELKER, JEAN P         | SHOP LLC                | GODDARD, TAMMY         | HARMON, RONALD        | HODGES, JAMI          |
| DEHNING, LANCE          | ENSR                     | FOXHOVEN, MATT          | GOFF, ROYCE L          | HARMS, ALVA F         | HODGES, LYNN R        |
| DEMERS, KARLA D         | ENTERPRISES, KULBE       | FRAKER, DEAN            | GOFORTH, DAMOTH        | HARMS, CAMERON        | HOEFLER, IRMINA M     |
| DENBO, SPENCER & KELLY  | ENTERPRISES, SKAER       | FRANK, LENNY OR LISA    | GOMEZ, BOBBI JEAN      | HARMS, CAROLINE       | HOEPPNER, RICHARD     |
| DENMAN, TROY            | ENTERTAINMENT, ADAMS     | FRANK, LEROY            | GOMEZ, VENANCIO        | HARMS, GARY W         | HOEPPNER, WM SCOTT    |
| DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIR | ERDELYI, ELIZABETH       | FRANSON, JEFF & ANITA   | GONZALES, DAISY        | HARMS, STEVEN         | HOFFMAN, KURT &       |
| DERBY, J'NEANNE         | ERICKSON, GERALD J       | FREDRICK J GILLIS III   | GONZALES, LINDEN       | HARMS, WALTER W       | MELISSA               |
| DETERDING, WILMA        | ESKEW, JEREMY            | FREELAND, JENNIFER      | GONZALES, MANUEL       | HAROLD, RONALD L      | HOFFMAN, TRENT        |
| DEVEREAUX, SUZY         | ESTATE, DORVIN E         | FREEMAN, JOSEPH         | GONZALES, PABLO        | HARRELL, BRIAN        | HOGGARTH, TROY        |
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| INC                     | EULER, DONALD            | FREIGHTWAYS, PLATTE     | GOODWIN, RANDY         | HARTMAN, ROBERT M     | HOLGUIN, ROSA         |
| DICKINSON, JEANNETTE R  | EVANS, BRIAN T           | VALLEY                  | GORMAN, BRIAN E        | HARTY, MICHAEL J      | HOLLINGSWORTH, TYLER  |
| DICKSON, ROSEMARY       | EVANS, JOE               | FRIEND, SCOTT           | GORMAN, LEOETTE        | HARVEY, EVA           | HOLLOWAY, ADAM        |
| DIETZ, MEL              | EVANS, VICKIE            | FRIES, DOUGLAS          | GORMAN, PATRICIA V     | HASSLER CROP          | HOLLOWAY, MARTHA      |
| DIETZ, SCOTT            | EVERHART, LARRY A        | FRISTROM, VIOLA         | GOSS, JUDY             | INSURANCE LLC,        | HOLMBERG, DONALD L    |
| DILLEHAY, ALFORD        | EVERS, ANDREA            | FRITZLER, CHRIS A &     | GP, D & J FARMS        | HASSLER, HANK         | HOLNESS, WILLIAM      |
| DITTLER, KURT           | EVERS, JAMES D           | DAVID E                 | GRAHAM, BILL L         | HASTINGS, DAN         | HOLT, ERNEST          |
| DIV, NEBRASKA NETWORK   | EVINGER, GEORGE H        | FRITZLER, HAROLD        | GRANADOS, RIGOBERTO    | HATCH, DOUGLAS D      | HOOD, MEDORA          |
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| DOBSON, DERRICK L       | EXCELL SERVICES INC      | FULLER, JAMES R &       | GRAVES, TERRY J        | HAWKER, JAMES B       | HOPMEIER, W BRUCE     |
| DODSON, MYRON E         | FACILITIES, RAILROAD     | KATHY S                 | GRAY, MELVIN A         | HAYES, JASON & SUNNY  | HORN, DALE VAN        |
| DOMAN, JAMES A          | FALCONBURG, DARRIN       | FURNISH, AUDREY D       | GREEN, DEWEY           | HAYES, LEE & SANDIA   | HORNER, CLARENCE H    |
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| DONNELSON, KARL F       | DEBORAH                  | GALE, DAVID C           | GREGG, DELBERT         | HAYNES, JERRY         | HOUSER, WILBUR        |
| DOOLEY, DEBBIE          | FARM CREDIT BANK OF      | GALLES, SHANE           | GREIM TRUST, GILBERT J | HAZELRIG, PAUL        | HOUSING, COLORADO     |
| DORLAND, DAVE           | WICHITA                  | GALVAN, GUADALUPE       | GRENZ, TERRI           | HEIL, LEONARD L       | HOUSTON, MARY         |
| DORWELL, JOHN F         | FARMS, BOGGS             | GALVAN, LUPE            | GRETCH, CLAUDIA        | HEIMBEGNER, TROY      | HOWARD, CLINT         |
| DOWNING, ERIC R         | FARMS, BOHLENDER         | GALVIN, KAREN           | GRIFFEE, KEVIN         | HEIN, JACOB K         | HOWARD, DAVID         |
| DOYLE, ANNA M           | SOUTH                    | GARCIA, DAVID           | GRIFFITH, JOHANNA      | HEIN, MRS EILEEN      | HOWE, JIM             |
| DRACON, GEORGE W        | FARMS, CSS               | GARCIA, GLORIA          | GRINSTEAD, RONNIE      | HEISEL, KINCH         | HOWLAND, WESLEY C     |
| DRAGWAY, JULESBURG      | FARMS, D-T               | GARCIA, ISMAEL M        | GROSS, DONALD          | HEITGERD, RON         | HOYER, LEAH           |
| DREIER, LYNN            | FARMS, MIKE ROTH         | GARDINER, GEORGE L      | GROSS, WIND            | HELM, ALAN            | HOYT, LAURIE          |
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| COMPANY                 | FARMS, NEWTON            | GARDNER, JIM            | GUADARRAMA,            | HELTIBRIDGE, CLAY     | HUFFMAN, PAM          |
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| EDWARDS, LANA           | FLOYD, RUSSELL           | GILLHAM, RONALD K       | HAMIL, DONALD WM       | HILLYER, SKYLAR M     | INC, L X M & T        |
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