

# HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

*The Beacon*

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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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# KNOW THE SIGNS OF A SCAM

BY DENNIS HERMAN GENERAL MANAGER



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It's no secret that consumers with water, gas or electricity connections have long been targets for utility scams, but fraudsters have changed their tactics since the COVID-19 pandemic. Consumers became more reliant on technology for work, school and commerce. Scammers noted these shifts and adapted their tactics to this changed environment.

Imposter scams are the number one type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission. While scam artists may come to your door posing as a utility worker who “works for the power company,” in today's more-connected world, attempts are more likely to come to your electronic device through an email, phone or text message.

## Common types of scams

A scammer may claim you are overdue on your electric bill and threaten to disconnect your service if you don't pay immediately. Whether this is done in person or by phone, text or email, the scammers want to scare you into immediate payment so you don't have time think clearly.

If this happens over the phone, simply hang up. If you're concerned about your bill, call us at any of our offices: Holyoke 970-854-2236; Sterling 970-522-2650; Ovid 970-463-5440; or toll free at 800-816-2236. Our phone number can also be found on your monthly bill and on our website at www.hea.coop. If the scam is by email or text, do not respond and delete it immediately. If you're unsure, you can always call us or use our mobile app to check the status of your account. Remember, Highline Electric

Association will never attempt to demand immediate payment after just one notice.

Some scammers may falsely claim you were overcharged on your bill and say they want to give a refund. It sounds easy. All you have to do is click or press a button to initiate the process. If you proceed, you will be prompted to provide banking or other personal information. Instead of money going into your bank account, the scammers can drain your account and use personal information such as a Social Security number for identity theft.

If this “refund” scam happens over the phone, just hang up and block the phone number to prevent future robocalls. If this scam attempt occurs via email (known as a “phishing” attempt) or by text message (“smishing”), do not click any links. Instead, delete it and, if possible, block the sender. If you do overpay on your electric bill, Highline will automatically apply the credit to your next billing cycle. When in doubt, contact us.

## Defend yourself against scams

Be wary of calls or texts from unknown numbers. Be suspicious of an unknown person claiming to be a utility worker who requests banking or other personal information.

We want to help protect our community against utility scams, and you can help create the first line of defense. Please report any potential scams to us so we can spread the word to prevent others in the community from falling victim.



**OFFICES CLOSED for Fourth of July**



## New Employee Meet Tyler Hase

Tyler Hase started his employment with Highline May 23 as an apprentice lineman based out of the Holyoke office.

Tyler grew up with his mom and dad in Kirk, and attended Liberty High School. He currently lives in Akron and plans to move to Holyoke soon. In his free time, Tyler enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing.

Prior to coming to Highline, Tyler attended Western Colorado Community College in Grand Junction and was farming.

“I’m grateful to be coming to work right out of line school for a great company that’s close to home,” Tyler said.

Congratulations, Tyler, and welcome to the Highline family.

## 2022 COUNTY FAIR DATES

Perkins | July 18-23

Washington | July 25-30

Phillips | July 26-30

Dundy | July 27-31

Yuma | July 27-August 4

Logan | July 28-Aug 7

Sedgwick | August 3-7

Chase | August 7-13

Deuel | August 11-13



## 7TH ANNUAL COLOR RUN

Participate in this year’s Ovid Days Color Run.

**JULY 9  
OVID PARK**

For more information and to register, visit <https://fb.me/e/1vsw5JHx3> or call or text 970-580-5448.

## PESTICIDE SAFETY

*Please protect our employees*



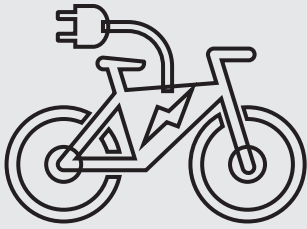
Our employees face serious health risks when they unknowingly enter a field that was sprayed with any chemical. Just as you would not subject your family or employees to risk, we do not want to subject our employees to risk. Please consider the following:

- If you use 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 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.



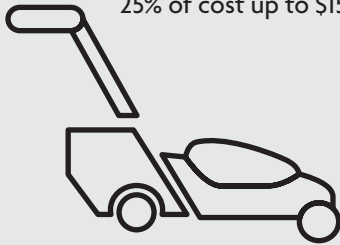
# OUTDOOR ELECTRIC POWER EQUIPMENT Rebates

It's almost summer and you may be spending more time outdoors. Thinking of upgrading your gas-powered lawn mower or leaf blower to electric? Highline Electric Association offers a variety of rebates for outdoor electric power equipment. Eligible rebates must be submitted within 90 days of purchase. Rebate amounts under \$25 will be issued as a credit on the consumer-member's HEA account. Rebate requests must include itemized payment receipts (including product model number). Maximum yearly outdoor equipment rebate of \$300 per account,



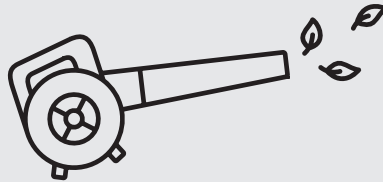
## E-BICYCLES

25% of cost up to \$150



## MOWERS

Walk-Behind Mower:  
25% of cost up to \$150



## LEAF BLOWERS, POWER WASHERS, PRUNERS & TRIMMERS

25% of cost up to \$50



## Additional Batteries for Outdoor Electric Power Equipment

- 50% of cost up to \$25
- Battery-only purchases not eligible (must purchase when you purchase associated equipment)



**Congratulations** to the following HEA employees who observe employment anniversaries in July:

Nick Saylor	32
Dennis Herman	30
Jeff Blochowitz	20
Imer Rodriguez	7
Benjamin Kafka	7



Always assume a downed power line is energized. Downed lines can energize the ground up to 35 feet away.

# 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.

- ABBOTT, PAM  
 ABERNATHY, BRETT  
 ABERNATHY, TERRY  
 ABTS, DANI  
 ABTS, KEN  
 ABTS, MARY J  
 ACHEN, NORA JEAN  
 ADAMS DRUG CO INC,  
 ADAMS, LEROY W  
 ADAMS, VIRGINIA  
 ADLER, JAKE  
 ADMIN, FARMERS HOME  
 ADYE, JULIE A  
 AGRI-FEEDERS, SOUTH  
 PLATTE  
 AGUILAR, HILARIO  
 AGUIRRE, LETICIA  
 AHLGREN, HARRY & JOAN  
 AHNSTEDT, GERALDINE  
 MAE  
 ALBER, ELNORA L  
 ALBERS, JAMES M  
 ALBERTSON, HARRY L  
 ALBRANDT, THOMMI  
 ALBRECHT, EDWARD  
 ALCORN, SAM L  
 ALLEN, ANN DAXTON  
 ALLEN, DANITA  
 ALLEN, DENNIS  
 ALLEN, EDGAR D  
 ALLEN, JEFF  
 ALLENDORF, DUANE  
 ALVAREZ, JOE M  
 AMADOR, ARDIE  
 AMEN, DAVID & JACOB  
 AMESBURY, DANIEL  
 ANASTASSIA,  
 ANCONA, TERRY  
 ANDAVAZO, MANUEL  
 ANDERSEN, BYRON R  
 ANDERSEN, DEBBIE  
 ANDERSEN, KARYN L  
 ANDERSEN, TOM  
 ANDERSON, ARTHUR A  
 ANDERSON, BILL  
 ANDERSON, DAVID L  
 ANDERSON, DON  
 ANDERSON, MONTY  
 ANDERSON, PAUL  
 ANDRES, MIKE  
 ANKENY, CAROLINE  
 ARENA, CROOK  
 RECREATIONAL  
 ARMSTRONG, GRACE  
 ARMSTRONG, SCOTT  
 ARNOLD, CHARLES &  
 KRISTI  
 ARVISO, ARMANDO  
 ARVIZO, JERESEL  
 ATKINS, DARL E & LARRY  
 ATKINS, DEBRA  
 ATKINS, KATHY  
 ATTCO  
 ATWOOD, LARRY  
 AUSTILL, CAROL  
 AWS  
 BABCOCK & BROWN  
 ENERGY  
 BADE, STEVE R  
 BAILEY, DEBORAH  
 BAILEY, STEVE  
 BAK, DORIS JEAN  
 BAKER, CHASE  
 BAKER, JOE P & BARBARA L  
 BAKER, MARK  
 BAKER, TRACY  
 BALL, SARA  
 BALL, SHANA  
 BALLARD, STEPHANIE  
 BANE, DAISY  
 BANE, DAVID  
 BANK, CENTURY  
 BANK, FIRSTIER SAVINGS  
 BAPTISTA, STEVEN  
 BARAY, LUIS  
 BARBER, PAM  
 BARBMOORE, DUANE K  
 BARE, SKYE L  
 BARGER, CHRIS  
 BARKLEY, FRANCES  
 BARNARD, ROBIN E  
 BARNES, MELINDA  
 BARNETT, DAN  
 BARRETT, ART  
 BARRETTE, HOPE  
 BARRITT, STACY  
 BARROWS, DANIEL  
 BARTELS, A E  
 BARTON, DARREN R  
 BASEGGIO, VINCENT  
 BASEGGIO, VINCENT &  
 LAWRENCE  
 BASHAM, KATHERINE  
 BASS, DAN  
 BASS, PAUL  
 BASSETT, FRANCES  
 BATTY, PAUL J  
 BAUCKE, EDWIN L  
 BAUDER, BRIAN  
 BAUER, KENNETH L  
 BAUER, M SCOTT  
 BAUM, LILLY  
 BAYSIDE MARINA  
 BAZAN, RAMIRO  
 BEAMER, KEITH  
 BECKER, LINDA M  
 BEEDE, CRAIG  
 BEELER, JAMES R  
 BEEMER, JERRY R  
 BEGIN, DARLENE M  
 BEGLEY, MARY ANN  
 BEHYMER, JOY  
 BEISNER, ANDREA  
 BEJARANO, EMMANUEL  
 BELL, DAVID V  
 BELL, DWANE OR MARY  
 BELL, LOIS M  
 BELLENDIR, ANNIE E  
 BELLENDIR, ANTHONY  
 BELUSCAK, WALTER &  
 LINDA M  
 BEMUS, MELISSANNE  
 BENNETT, TRAVIS  
 BENSON, CURTIS  
 BENSON, MICHAEL W  
 BENSON, PAULINE L  
 BERG, RICHARD J  
 BERG, TED  
 BERGERON, GLEN  
 BERGES, TONY LEE  
 BERNARD, JOHN  
 BERRY PETROLEUM  
 BERRY, WAYNE L  
 BEST, PHILIP N  
 BEUTLER, T SCOTT  
 BEVANS, JOAN L  
 BIERMAN, JAMES F  
 BILGER, KEVIN  
 BILLINGER, TONYA  
 BINGHAM, JOHN BRUM  
 & BETTY  
 BIRCH EXPL LTD LIABILITY  
 CO  
 BIRD, DONALD L  
 BIRGE, STEVE  
 BIRKBECK, JERED & LAURA  
 BJL HOLDINGS LLC  
 BLANKENSHIP, ROBERTA  
 BLEDSOE, HENRY A  
 BLUE BIRD MOBIL HOMES  
 INC  
 BLUE CREEK INC  
 BLUE RANCH LLC, THE  
 BODEN, LAVERN F  
 BODINE, DEBORAH  
 BOEHM, PAUL  
 BOEKHOUT, TED  
 BOHLENDER, DANETTA  
 BOLIN, RODNEY &  
 TIFFANY  
 BOND, DENNIS L  
 BONNE, SHIRLEY  
 BOPPE, SUSAN  
 BORNHOFT, TOM  
 BORNMAN, JOHNNY  
 BOSCHEN, MARY L  
 BOSTRON, JOHN  
 BOSTRON, PHIL A  
 BOURNE, MARCUS  
 BOWER, DAVID  
 BOYER, DAVID  
 BRACHTENBACH, ZANE  
 BRACKEN, HOPE  
 BRADLEY, DEBRA  
 BRADLEY, MARK  
 BRADLEY, TIINA  
 BRAKHAGE, KRISTA M  
 BRANDT, AGATHA  
 BRANDT, JOHN F  
 BRANDT, LLOYD  
 BRANT, MICHAEL  
 BRAUER, DOUGLAS R  
 BRAWLEY, SHAWN  
 BRAZ, BILL  
 BREDEHOFT, DEBORA  
 BREIDENBACH, KEVIN  
 BRENDA K VAN WYE  
 SIEVERS  
 BRETZ, ROBERT & DIANA  
 BRIDGERS, ELIZABETH  
 BRIGGS, MICHELLE L  
 BRIGHAM, HOWARD L  
 BRILEY, ROSE  
 BRINER, MILFORD C  
 BRINKEMA FARMS  
 BRISBY, TAMMIE  
 BROCK, WILLIAM P  
 BROCKBANK, BRIAN  
 BROOK, JIM  
 BROOME, ELIZABETH  
 BROPHY, DONALD  
 BROTHERS, MONTEITH  
 BROTHERS, SCHNEIDER  
 BROUGHTON, RHONDA S  
 BROUGHTON, ROLAND E  
 BROWN, BERNARD K  
 BROWN, FRANK C  
 BROWN, JOYCE M  
 BROWN, PHILIP D  
 BROWN, ROGER  
 BROWN, SUSAN J  
 BROWN, TOBY R  
 BROWN, VICKI  
 BROWNING, GEORGE O  
 BRUNK, MOLLY  
 BRUNKHARDT, MARK D  
 BRUNS, GEORGE  
 BRUNS, MARVIN  
 BRYAN, ROBIN J  
 BRYANT, TRESSIE  
 BUCHANAN, DONNA  
 BUCHANAN, ED & SHEILA  
 BUCHANAN, JOSEPH R  
 BUCHLEITER, LORRAINE A  
 BUCHLEITER, ROGER D  
 BUDD, JAMES S  
 BUEHLER, DENNIS  
 BUFFALO HILLS SIGN INC  
 BUFFALO HILLS SIGN  
 BUILDERS, COPPERSTONE  
 BULLOCK, JASON  
 BUNNER, JERRY  
 BURGESS, DUWAYNE G  
 BURKE, JIM & BAILEY  
 BURMESTER, TAMIE R  
 BURNS, DELMAR L  
 BURTARD, ROB  
 BURTON, DAVID  
 BURTON, KAREN  
 BUSHEFF, LILA MAE  
 BUSIG, INEZ  
 BUSS, RAYMOND J  
 BUTLER, H M  
 BYAM, KENIS D  
 BYERLY, THOMAS K  
 C F GREEN PACKING  
 PLANT  
 CAHOW, ROBERT E  
 CAIN, RAY D  
 CALVERT, MAX A  
 CAMPANY, MARK  
 CAMPBELL, COURT &  
 SANDRA  
 CAMPBELL, MARCIE  
 CAMPFIELD, TAMARA S  
 CARPENTER, WILLIAM S  
 CARR, MIKE J  
 CARRASCO, TRINIDAD  
 CARUSO, RUTH  
 CARVER, DANIEL & STACIE  
 CASILLAS, RUBY A  
 CASKEY, HELEN F  
 CASTILLO, JERONIMO  
 CASTILLO, MARY M  
 CASTRO, ROBERTO  
 CAVALLI, PAUL  
 CAZARES, FABIAN  
 CENTEX HOME EQUITY  
 CORP  
 CHADA, BETTY L  
 CHADWICK, ROD OR  
 CAROL  
 CHAMBERLAIN, DALE  
 CHAMBERS, KEN & SONIA  
 CHAMBERS, MONTE  
 CHAMPION GROCERY  
 CHANDLER, WILLIAM OR  
 AUBREY GOSSETT  
 CHAPEL, STEVEN G  
 CHAPMAN, CAROL L.  
 CHARD, PAUL  
 CHARLES, TIMI  
 CHARTIER, BRIAN & PATTI  
 CHRISTENSEN, JOHN A  
 CHRISTENSEN, LORRAINE  
 OR BET  
 CHRISTIAN, MARJORY  
 CHRISTNER, JAMES  
 CHRISTOPHER, GERALD  
 CHRISTOPHER, KURT  
 CHURCH, LAMAR  
 CHRISTIAN  
 CITATION OIL & GAS  
 CORP  
 CLARK, BECKEY  
 CLARK, BRADFORD J  
 CLARK, LOUISE  
 CLARK, PAUL  
 CLARK, RAYMOND G  
 CLARK, ROBERT E  
 CLARK, TIM & STEPHANIE  
 CLASON, DENNIS  
 CLAY, ANDY  
 CLEANDIRT GRAINS &  
 SEED LLC  
 CLEAVER, E M & MAITIE  
 CLEAVER, TERRI  
 CLEVELAND, NORMAN  
 CLOUSE, KASSIDY  
 CLOUSE, SUSAN  
 CLUB, MERGS UNLIMITED  
 CO, AMOCO PIPELINE  
 CO, ASH & WHITE CONST  
 CO, CAVE RANCH  
 CO, CONTINENTAL  
 OPERATING  
 CO, HAMILTON LAND &  
 CATTLE  
 CO, HARRIS LIVESTOCK  
 CO, HEADINGTON OIL  
 CO, HONDO OIL & GAS  
 CO, KIEWIT WESTERN  
 CO, LEWIS & CLARK EXPL  
 CO, LUNA  
 CONSTRUCTION  
 CO, MOUNTAIN BELL  
 CO, NOLBURN ENERGY  
 CO, SCHEEL INVESTMENT  
 CO, SUN OIL  
 CO, THE HOUSTON  
 EXPLORATION  
 CO, UNOCAL PIPELINE  
 CO, VALLEY IMPLEMENT  
 CO, WESTERN SUGAR  
 COCHRAN, VIRGINIA  
 COGAN - DECEASED,  
 ROBERT  
 COLE, JUDI  
 COLLIER, SHARON  
 COLORADO  
 CONSTRUCTORS INC  
 COLVIN, JEFF  
 COMFORT HOMES,  
 COMMUNICATIONS, A  
 T & T  
 COMMUNICATIONS,  
 CHAMPION  
 COMMUNICATIONS,  
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 COMPANY, EQUITY OIL  
 CONE, BARRY  
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 CONST, BLACKHAWK  
 CONSTRUCTION,  
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