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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.

HEA Office Hours
Holyoke & Sterling:
M-Th 7 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Ovid: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9–3

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MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT

BY DENNIS HERMAN GENERAL MANAGER



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As November kicks off, it's hard to believe we'll soon be gathering with family and friends to celebrate the holiday season. This festive time of year brings joy and warmth, but as the weather gets cooler and we spend more time indoors, the holidays can also bring increased energy use and a higher risk of electrical and fire hazards.

As your local electric cooperative, our team at Highline Electric Association cares about your wellbeing. This month, I'm sharing a few practical tips to help you stay safe and efficient during the holiday season.

Safety first.

My family truly enjoys decorating our home for the holidays. Before we deck the halls, I always check electrical cords and light strands to make sure they aren't frayed or damaged. This gives us peace of mind, knowing our holiday lights are ready to safely brighten our home. I also double check the lights we use outside to make sure they're rated for outdoor use.

Like many households, we also enjoy holiday-scented candles. While festive, lit candles can create fire hazards and should never be left unattended. One of the best and easiest ways to safeguard your home is to test smoke alarms often. I test mine on the first of each month, so it's easy to remember. Testing smoke alarms only takes a few seconds and could save lives, so make it a habit

Tis the season for savings.

Spending more time indoors with a few guests in the home can really impact home energy use. Take a few small steps to save

energy during the holiday season to lower your bills.

Since heating and cooling makes up the majority of home energy consumption, the thermostat is one of the best places for savings. Lower it a few degrees, especially when family or friends stop by. Good company brings additional warmth to your home.

Your family can also save energy by decorating with LED holiday lights. LEDs are the most energy efficient lighting options available, and they last much longer than traditional bulbs.

There's no denying one of the best parts of the holiday season is the food — not just the meals but the time we spend together in the kitchen. There are many ways to save in the heart of your home, but one of the best approaches is to cook with smaller countertop appliances, such as air fryers, slow cookers, and toaster ovens. These handy appliances consume a fraction of the energy used to heat the oven, creating the perfect recipe for mealtime and energy savings.

I hope you will implement some of these energy-saving and safety tips into your holiday plans. For additional advice, visit our website at www.hea.coop. We're here to help you with safety and savings year-round.

From your friends at Highline Electric, we hope your holiday season is merry and bright.

HEA Welcomes New Employees to the Co-op

We're excited to welcome three new employees to the Highline Electric Association team and look forward to their future success.



▲ Logan Cordell

Logan Cordell joined Highline Electric as an apprentice lineman. Logan's first day was September 3.

Originally from Cope, Logan graduated from Arickaree High School before attending Colorado Mesa University Tech. Throughout high school, Logan worked for farmers.

In his free time, Logan enjoys hunting, fishing, and watching sports. He is the son of Craig and Angie Cordell.

Logan shared, "This is the job I have always wanted to do, and this is where I want to be doing it."



▲ Chance Everhart

Chance Everhart also joined Highline Electric as an apprentice lineman on September 3.

Chance grew up in Sterling, graduating from Merino High School before attending CMV Tech. Prior to joining Highline, he worked as a pharmacy technician and completed line school.

In his free time, Chance enjoys golfing, weightlifting, and playing frisbee golf. He is the son of Todd and Jennifer Everhart.

"I've been working here since I got out of school and have enjoyed working with everyone. I'm excited to start my career at Highline," Chance said.



▲ Wes Longshore

Wes Longshore joined Highline Electric as a System Engineer on September 19. Originally from Cope, Wes attended Arickaree High School and earned his degree from Colorado State University.

Prior to joining Highline, he worked as a Transmission Planning Engineer at Duke Energy in Plainfield, Indiana. Wes is excited to be back in Northeastern Colorado with his wife Sophia. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and golfing.

"I am excited to be back in Northeastern Colorado! I look forward to furthering my knowledge of the electrical grid and REAs."

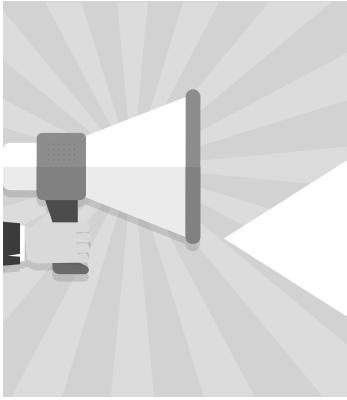
WELCOME to the TEAM!

DOE Awards HEA Funds for Wildfire Resilience Project

Highline Electric Association was recently awarded grant funding to participate in the Wildfire Assessment and Resilience for Networks project by the U.S. Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office (Award Number DE-GD0000885).

The project aims to strengthen the co-op's distribution grid using proven methods and advanced technologies, with the aim of

reducing wildfires and enhancing wildfire resilience. Please join us November 6 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Phillips County Event Center to hear more about this important project. Highline staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have about this upcoming project.



Important Payment Reminder

When submitting your payments, please remember to include the payment stub along with your check. Doing so helps ensure accurate and timely processing of your payment. Please pay close attention to the due date on your statements. If the due date falls on a weekend, your payment is due the next business day.

As a reminder, we are closed on Fridays, including **November 15**. Payments will be due by close of business on **Monday, November 18**.

Thank you for your attention, and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

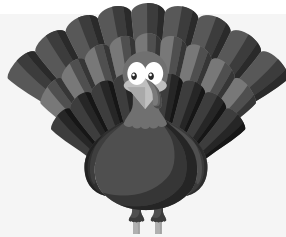
Important Account Information

Did you know the description field on your account plays a key role in ensuring the accuracy of your payments and helps during outages? This field allows us to quickly identify the correct account and appears on your billing statement as your personal identifier.

If your account doesn't currently have a description or if it needs to be updated, please contact us. Ensuring this information is accurate helps us serve you more efficiently.

Rebate Submission Deadline

To ensure your rebate is processed and paid in 2024, please submit all rebate paperwork to HEA by **December 12**. Any submissions received after this date will be processed in the new year. Visit www.hea.coop/rebates.



**Highline Electric Offices
will be closed
November 28-29.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Congratulations

Highline Electric Association employees celebrating a work anniversary this month are:

Chris McKay — 18 years
Eric Luedke — 11 years



Attention Students: Apply for a Trip of a Lifetime

Each year, Highline Electric Association sponsors all-expenses-paid trips for two students to attend the Washington DC Youth Tour and two students to attend Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs. To be a lucky winner of one of these two awesome experiences, please complete the application submission on our website. Your application must be received by December 15.

Please complete the application at www.hea.coop/youth.



DO YOU SEE YOUR NAME BELOW?

Below is a list of Highline Electric Association members who have unclaimed capital credits from the cooperative. HEA publishes the unclaimed capital credit list each year to notify HEA members that the co-op issued them a capital credit check, and that the check has not been cashed.

Look for your name in the printed list below. If you're a current member and find your name, email capitalcredits@hea.coop or call 970-854-2236.

SCOTT, ED	SMITH, KENNETH J	TAYLOR, JERRY D	VANCE, ROBERT R	WESTOVER, ALVIN R
SCOTT, ROBYN	SMITH, KIMBERLY	TAYLOR, RICHARD & SUSAN	VANPELT, BEN	WHALEY, PATIENCE
SEAFOOD, DAN'S CAJUN	SMITH, LINDSEY P	TAYLOR, ROLAND A	VASS, ROCKY	WHEAT BELT PUBLIC POWER
SEALE, TIFFANY D	SMITH, MAX	TEBBE, DAVID	VAUGHAN, DANA H	WHEAT, ANGELINA
SEARLE, TROY	SMITH, ROB	TEDDER, KATHIE	VAUGHN, DONNA L	WHEATON, DR L
SECRIST, DANIEL M	SMITH, STANLEY S	TEETER, CHARLES R	VAZQUEZ, SARA	WHEEL, WAGON
SECRIST, LESLIE E	SMITH, STEVE	TELECASTING, AMERICAN	VELETA, EBER AARON	WHITBECK, ELMER
SEDGWICK COMPUTERS	SMITH, TERRY	TELEPHONE, MOUNTAIN STATES	VENABLE, CHRIS	WHITE, JASON B
SEIDEL, KENNY E	SMITH, TERRY J	TEMPLE, WILLIAM	VICK, RAY	WHITE, JOSH
SEIP, MERRILL R	SMITH, THEODORE	TEPLY, PATSY	VICKERS, MISTY	WHITE, ROBERT E
SELLERS, JERRY L	SMOTHERMAN, GREG J	TESKE, DANIEL & SHEILA	VICKERS, PRESTON A	WHITE, WANDA
SELVEY, MICHAEL	SOBOTT, TED	TETSELL, DONALD A	VIDAL, PHILIP	WHITE, WILLIAM C
SEME, MARTIN	SOSA, JAMEE	THIESSEN, KELLY	VIGEN, KELLY	WHITSEL, TOM
SERRANO, ESEQUEO	SOWDER, ORVAL	THOMAS, ED	VILLA, GENETTE M	WHITMAN, WANDA
SERVICE, LINDSEY'S GRINDING	SPARKS, PAUL	THOMAS, ROGER L	VILLARREAL, RAMON	WICAL, DENNIS J
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SEWARD, JIM	SPICER, DARLENE	THOMPSON RANCH	VLEET, RICHARD VAN	WIENKE, ED
SHAFFER, CARROLL J	SPIELMANN, TRAVIS	THOMPSON, IAN	VLIET, DONALD VAN	WIENKES, JASON
SHARP, ROBERT	SPITZ, JAY	THOMPSON, JAMES	VOGELER, DANIEL L	WIESNER, JOHN
SHAW, SHIRLEY	SPORTS, HORIZON MOTOR	THOMPSON, JASON	VONDY, VIC & KIM	WIEST, KRISTIN
SHEKINAH,	SPRAGUE, KENNETH A	THOMPSON, JENNIFER	VOSBURG, SCOTT	WIL TEL CO (5794)
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SHEPHERD, STERLING	SPRINKLE, PEGGY JOANNE	THOMPSON, KIM	W B I PRODUCTIONS INC	WILDE, BRANDON
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SHINER, KIRK A & KRISTINE A	STARK, TRAVIS	TIPPERARY OIL & GAS CORP	WAILLES, VIRGINIA	WILLIAMS, DANNY H
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