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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.



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IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
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MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

BY DENNIS HERMAN GENERAL MANAGER

There's an old political saying: "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu." This adage is the perfect answer to the question, "Why vote?" It's a blunt description of what happens when you don't engage in the political process.

If you don't vote, you're not only missing the opportunity to support a candidate who shares your views and concerns, you're also allowing others to chart a course that impacts your future. That's why we're encouraging all Highline Electric Association members to recognize National Voter Registration Day on September 22, 2020. Whether you're registering yourself or others to vote, or helping members of our community get organized, there are many ways to get involved.

YOUR VISION, YOUR VOTE

While local elections may not be as exciting as the high-profile presidential election, they are just as critical. Local elections have a direct impact on your community and on your quality of life.

Like the national level, local elections represent who we are as a community and, more importantly, where we want to go. Whether it's an election for a mayor, sheriff, state representative, school board or an electric co-op board member, your vision for the community is tied to your vote.

Voting keeps elected officials accountable. Elections are a direct and tangible source of feedback. For example, Highline Electric Association board members provide strategic guidance on the direction of the co-op and how it serves the community. Local board members embody the voice and identity of the community.



DENNIS HERMAN

STAYING IN SYNC WITH THE COMMUNITY

Ultimately, the role of the co-op board is governance. While day-to-day decisions are made by our employees, bigger decisions are made by the board members whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the consumer-members it serves. Highline Electric Association Board members provide their perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments.

However, boards are not perfect and we need you, the consumer-members of the co-op, to help keep the system in check. We depend on you and your neighbors to vote so we can stay on course and ensure that we are in sync with the community we serve.

A strong voter turnout shows investment in the community and ensures that a diverse number of views are represented. The whole community benefits when more people participate in the process because greater numbers reflect a consensus on the direction of the future and the will of the people.

By voting in national, state and local elections, you serve as a role model for your family, friends and colleagues. Voting demonstrates your support for the community and helps officials chart a course for the future. Democracy is not a spectator sport. Research candidates, learn about ballot issues and get out and vote!

To learn more about National Voter Registration Day or to get involved, visit nationalvoterregistrationday.org.

Co-op Connections Card — Local Business List

As a member of Highline Electric, you're eligible for discounts through our Co-op Connections Card program. The following is a list of local businesses that are participating in the program. For up-to-date listings of local and national offerings, visit Highline's website at www.hea.coop and click on "Co-op Connections Card." Questions? Call 1-800-816-2236 or email info@hea.coop.

Company	Location	Discount or Offer
Baja Tacos	Sterling	One free large drink with purchase of \$2.00 or more
Barkwell Animal Care Center	Holyoke	When you schedule a pet dental cleaning, we will add on a fluoride treatment for free.
Brewed Awakening Coffee & Bake Shop	Holyoke	10% off entire order
Cattleya Floral	Sterling	\$5.00 off cash & carry purchase of \$30 or more
Colorado Popcorn Company	Sterling	Buy one large popcorn, get one free! Any flavor.
The Dutchoven Smokehouse and Steak Co.	Haxtun	Free drink and 4oz side with purchase of regular BBQ Sandwich
Furniture Mart	Sterling	5% off in-store purchases plus 12 month interest free financing available every day and other promotions
Grease Monkey	Sterling	10% off invoice
Happy Tax	Northeastern Colorado	FREE Consultation; 10% off Year 1 tax preparation
Holyoke Veterinary Service	Holyoke	15% off small animal services
Holyoke Fitness Club	Holyoke	20% off ANY Membership
JayDee's Photography	Sterling	40% off family portraits
Johnson Chiropractic P.C.	Sterling	Free Biofreeze pain relief applicator on initial visit
Journal Office Supply	Sterling	10% off all purchases - does not include sale or special price items
Julesburg Family Market, Inc.	Julesburg	5% off on Tuesdays <u>only</u> - excludes sale items, tobacco/cigarettes, lotto and hardware
Main St. Gifts & Baskets	Sterling	20% off all gifts excluding gourmet food & CME items
Partylite Gifts, Kala Yost - Consultant	Holyoke	10% off all orders over \$40.00
Scholl Oil & Transportation Company	Holyoke	\$3.00 off a full service oil and filter change at Scholl Service Center at 625 E Denver St.
The Country Rose	Haxtun	15% off floral arrangements and plants, must present card in person
Walker Pharmacy	Sterling	10% off gift and over-the-counter items
Wolf Auto Center Sterling LLC	Sterling	10% discount on parts & service
Zoe's Nook	Sterling	15% off entire ticket

as of 4/17/20

Highline Electric is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

Let Us Know About Life Support

If you have anyone on life-support systems at your residence, please notify Highline. The co-op will try to notify all consumer-members on life-support systems of any planned outages. Highline will not terminate a service if a licensed physician makes a certification in writing of a medical emergency. This continuance of service will be effective for 60 days from the date of said medical certification. One 30-day extension may be granted if a second medical certification is received prior to the expiration of the initial continuance period. These provisions may be used only once during any period of 12 consecutive months.

HEA Wants to Advertise Your Business for FREE

Let Highline Electric Association promote your local businesses for free through its HEA Co-op Connections program. HEA does all the advertising for FREE; all it asks is that you provide a discount for consumer-members.

We will do the promoting to get our 4,100-plus members through your doors. We also have a mobile app that “geo locates” discounts, so our members know the businesses to visit. To learn more, go to www.connections.coop to watch a short video. If you want to sign up your business to participate or want more information, email info@hea.coop or call Jessie at 970-854-2236.

Sign up today and grow your business with the free help of HEA and more than 4,100 of your fellow consumer-members.

Pesticide Safety

Please protect our employees

Our employees face serious health risks when they unknowingly enter a field that was sprayed or chemigated 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.



OFFICES CLOSED September 7 in observance of Labor Day

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following employees who observe an employment anniversary in September:

Elon Nelson44 years
Darrin Manuella29 years
Steve Deaver16 years

Cooperative Principles

Highline Electric adheres to these seven cooperative principles:

1. Voluntary and open 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

It's Baby Safety Month

Keep little ones safe and be sure your outlets are all tamper resistant and all electrical hazards, such as electrical cords, are out of reach. For more baby safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Unclaimed Property

In 2019, Highline Electric Association retired the remainder of 1996 and 1997 capital credits, as well as 12.71% of 1998 credits from Tri-State Generation and Transmission. It also retired the remainder of 2004 and 41.25% of 2005 for HEA. If you see a name you recognize on the unclaimed property list, please have that individual (or a representative of that individual if they are deceased) call Elise at 970-854-2236 or email her at elisep@hea.coop.

Wagner, Laverne D	Warnick, Abraham & Michelle	Werner, Robert E	Wientjes, Jason	Wilson, Brian	Wright, Edward L
Waide, Lloyd	Warren, Rodney	Western Tel Comm Inc.	Wiesner, John	Wilson, Carol	Wright, Jack
Wailles, Virginia	Warren, Sherri	Westover, Alvin R	Wil Tel Co (5794),	Wilson, Christine	Wurl, Steve
Walchle, Bernard	Waterstradt, Kevin	Whaley, Patience	Wiley, Leonard	Wilson, Johnny C	Yates, James Darrell
Walker, Colby	Watkins, Madeline W	Wheat, Angelina	William C Van Wart,	Wilson, Paul K	Yost, Dennis & Cheryl
Walker, Gerald L	Watkins, Susan	Wheel, Wagon	Williams, Anita	Wilson, Randy L	Yott, Bernie
Walker, James J	Watson, Michael	Whitbeck, Elmer	Williams, Brian	Wilson, Vaughn	Young, Kathleen M
Walker, James Or Amy	Watson, Ramona	White, Jason B	Williams, Bruce J	Wilson, Wade D	Young, Owen
Wallin, Gary	Watts, Karen	White, Josh	Williams, Crystal M	Winslow, Greg D	Young, Raymond David
Wallin, Leon	Wauneta Community,	White, Robert E	Williams, Danny H	Wirges, Thomas N	Young, Scott
Wallin, Thelma M	Weber, Lola	White, William C	Williams, Leroy	Witte, Clarence E	Yvonne A Adams Trust,
Walser, Michael	Weber, Shannon	Whitesel, Tom	Williamson, Barbara	Wolff & John Mcknight, Lisa	Zech, Velma
Walter F Gall Jr,	Weddell, Judy	Whitman, Wanda	Williamson, Carolyn R	Wonderly, Julana	Zimmerman, Dudley C
Walters, Stephen	Wedig, Linda	Whitmire, John L	Williamson, Daniel	Wood, Aaron C	Zink, John
Walz, Marlene & Troy	Wegner, Peggy	Wical, Dennis J	Williamson, Katherine	Wood, Tab	
Walz, Michael	Weingardt, Dan	Wickman, Harry	Wills, Bob	Wood, Terri L	
Ward, Kenneth	Wells, Michael	Wickman, Mark	Wilms, Rashelle	Woolery, Preston	
Warner, John C		Wienke, Ed	Wilson, Adam	Woolf, George	

FARM SAFETY EQUIPMENT REACH

Make sure EVERYONE is trained on safe practices around electricity. Utilize these safety tips for you, your employees, seasonal workers, family members, and anyone else accessing your farm.

- Know the dimensions of any far-reaching equipment, such as chemical sprayers, tillage equipment, other extensions or augers.
- Machinery extension dimensions include length when extended horizontally and upright for transport.
- Always use the lowest (shortest) setting for extensions when moving loads.
- These power-line safety principles also apply to arms, booms, truck beds, ladders and other items or mechanisms that extend, lift, or are far reaching.

If your equipment does hit a power line, pole, or guy wire, do not leave the cab. Immediately call 9-1-1, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.



Safe Electricity.org



September 2020
Energy Efficiency
Tip of the Month

Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the lint filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once per month to remove residue and increase air circulation.

Source: energy.gov