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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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## ACROSS THE BOARD

BY MARK FARNSWORTH GENERAL MANAGER



MARK FARNSWORTH

“There is no real ending. It’s just the place where you stop the story.” — Frank Herbert

My story is coming to an end as the general manager of Highline Electric Association. A few months over 17 years ago, I came to Highline from Bayard, Nebraska, where I was the general manager of Chimney Rock Public Power District. Sheryl and I were looking forward to moving to Holyoke as we began another chapter in our lives. It’s been a good chapter for us.

When we moved to Holyoke our oldest son was just married. He and his wife, Jessica, now have five children and, more importantly, we have five grandchildren. Our youngest son, Jared, was a pre-engineering major in college. He and his wife, Lindsay, now live in San Francisco where he works for Toyota.

I read an article in the Holyoke paper about me when I started. I made a statement that Highline was an excellent organization, that there were extremely talented people working here. In some ways nothing changes. Highline continues to be an excellent organization with talented people. That starts with your board of directors. Your choices in who you elect to the board has kept Highline a strong organization. As with the board, employees have changed over the years, but we hired good people who want to serve Highline consumer-members. It has been my pleasure to serve with the board and employees of Highline.

I will watch from the sidelines as our industry continues to change. Technology and public policy will drive the change. As the capital cost of solar and wind generation

declines, renewable energy will become a larger part of our generation fleet. The sun doesn’t always shine and the wind doesn’t always blow, so storage will need to be developed or adequate coal and/or gas power plants will be needed to provide reliable power in those situations. As members, you may desire to have distributed renewable generation behind your meters. What will be the correct rate designs for Highline if that is the case? How will Highline provide reliability for all members?

As public policy changes and legislative regulations are developed concerning carbon emissions, our cost of doing business will increase, but remaining affordable will continue to be at the heart of the decisions your board of directors and employees must make. At the annual meeting I talked about upward rate pressure. Highline has not had a rate increase for five years to cover internal costs. The employees have done a great job in keeping our costs under control. I believe there will need to be a rate increase in 2020 to cover those costs. We have tried to keep rates as affordable as possible with the weak agricultural economy of the last five years. That one’s on me.

I want to thank the board of directors, employees and all the Highline consumer-members for the opportunity to serve you as the general manager. We will be moving closer to the grandchildren, so if you are by Johnson Lake in Nebraska, give us a call.

# Congratulations to This Year's Scholarship Recipients

Earlier this year, dependents of Highline Electric Association consumer-members competed for scholarships provided by HEA in conjunction with power suppliers Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Over 50 applications from 14 different school districts were considered for two renewable, four-year scholarships at \$1,000 per year and eight one-year \$1,000 scholarships. In addition, one \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Basin Electric and two one-year \$500 scholarships sponsored jointly by Tri-State and HEA were awarded.

A scholarship committee evaluated applications to determine awards — an extremely difficult task considering the quality of applications submitted.

Kaylee Camblin, Holyoke High School, and Elijah Meakins, Haxtun High School, received the renewable four-year scholarships at \$1,000 per year.

Winners of a one-year \$1,000 scholarship were Brooklyn Bohler and Kathleen Masters, both of Sterling High School; Joey Gerk and Dawson Knode, both of Haxtun High School; Alexia Hernandez and Kinlie Lewis, both of Caliche High School; Brooke Sigmon, Fleming High School; and Colby Purkeypille, Holyoke High School.

Two one-year \$500 scholarships sponsored jointly by Tri-State and HEA were awarded to Paul Brophy, Yuma High School, and Kenzie Grauberger, Caliche High School.

The committee awarded the \$1,000 consumer scholarship sponsored by Basin

Electric to Reid Kaiser, Sterling High School, and Brooke Stromberger, Caliche High School, was chosen by Basin Electric for the \$1,000 employee dependent scholarship.

HEA is a nonprofit, rural electric cooperative that provides electric service to roughly 4,000 consumer-members in seven counties in northeastern Colorado and four counties in southwestern Nebraska.

Highline Electric Association may award scholarships each year to assist students in attaining higher education. Application information, when available, is posted on Highline's website, [hea.coop](http://hea.coop), and made available to area high schools within the service territory each year during the fall, as well as posted on the HEA Facebook page.

## 3-Step HVAC Test

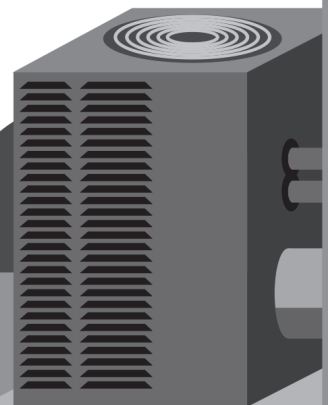
**As summer temperatures rise, so do electric bills. Follow these steps to test the efficiency of your HVAC unit.**

The outdoor temperature should be above 80 degrees, and you should set your thermostat well below the room temperature to ensure the system runs long enough for this test.

1. Using a digital probe thermometer (about \$12), measure the temperature of the air being pulled into your HVAC filter.
2. Measure the temperature of the air blowing out of your A/C vent.
3. Subtract the A/C vent temperature from the HVAC filter temperature. You should see a difference of about 17 to 20 degrees. If the difference is less than 17 degrees, you may need a licensed technician to check the coolant. If the difference is greater than 20 degrees, your ductwork may need to be inspected for airflow restrictions.



AMERICA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES



# Students Headed for Youth Tour and Youth Leadership Camp This Summer

## WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR



Brooke Stromberger

Brooke Stromberger, a student at Caliche High School, was selected to represent HEA at the 2019 Washington D.C. Youth Tour in June. Brooke will join more than 1,900 other

students from around the country for a week to learn about electric cooperatives and legislative processes and have the opportunity to explore our nation's capital and meet U.S. senators and representatives.

Check our Facebook page in June to see pictures of the Youth Tour students in D.C.



Karsen Blochowitz



Anania Gallegos



Raegan Gerk



Zoie Krajewski

will join more than 100 other students from Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming and Oklahoma for a week in July to learn about the foundations of electric cooperatives and their impact in local communities, increase leadership skills and have adventures in the Rocky Mountains.


Be sure to check our Facebook page in July to see pictures of their experience at camp.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

Four students were selected to represent HEA at the 2019 Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs. The students are Karsen Blochowitz of Revere High School, Anania Gallegos of Sterling High School, Raegan Gerk of Caliche High School and Zoie Krajewski of Revere High School. Karsen, Anania, Raegan and Zoie

# PESTICIDE SAFETY

## Please protect our employees

 ur employees face serious health risks when they unknowingly enter a field that has been 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 have 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 in an outage, please notify Highline if the field has been 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.



## Join Us for a Retirement Celebration

Highline Electric would like to invite you to an **open house for Mark Farnsworth**, general manager. After being at Highline for over 17 years, and in the industry for over 40 years, Mark will retire. Mark and his wife, Sheryl, will move closer to their grandkids and spend time doing more of what they love. Please join us Friday, June 28 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Highline's Holyoke office to congratulate Mark and give him a warm send-off into retirement.

## Update Your Info

If you changed any of your contact information (i.e. phone number, email address, mailing address) since taking service with Highline Electric Association, **please update your information with us.**

Without up-to-date contact information we cannot get in touch with you to let you know about important matters concerning your account or electricity.

You may check this information with us by submitting an email under Contact Us at [hea.coop](http://hea.coop) or calling your local Highline office.

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

- Rance Ferguson.....26 years
- Joni Kinney ..... 7 years
- Alex Astley ..... 5 years

# UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

In 2018, Highline Electric retired the remainder of 1995 and 65.5% of 1996 for Tri-State Generation and Transmission, as well as the remainder of 2003 and 84.51% of 2004 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](mailto:elisep@hea.coop).

Floen, Michael	Gonzales, Daisy	Herrick, Kimberly A	Inc, S & M Land	Karg, Donald & Ruth	Lamm, Michelle
Floyd, Russell	Gonzales, Linda	Herrick, Mike	Inc, Saco Ag	Stoddard	Land, Rieke
Foiles, Clyde E	Gonzales, Pablo	Herzog, Shirley J	Inc, Sasr	Karg, Sam & Mabel E	Landsman, James & Cheryl
Foley, Gerald & Tammy	Gonzalez, Irma	Hessman, Elmer	Inc, Stauffer	Kari, Paul	Lane, James A
Foos, Velma	Goodwin, Randy	Hickey, Tammy	Communications	Karim, Mohamed M	Lang, Gregory
Forsythe, John W	Gorman, Brian E	Hielscher, Scott	Inc, Summit Springs	Karraker, Bradley W	Langin, Edward
Forsythe, Peggy	Gorman, Leoette	High Plains Coop Assn	Infante, Rafael	Kasten, Robert A	Langin, Phillip E & Joe
Forsythe, Peggy L	Graham, Bill L	Hiller, Joel M	Infante, Ray	Kauffmann, Lenny	Lappart, Lillian M
Foster, Joel	Granados, Rigoberto	Hilt-Dunlap,	Ingalls, Bob	Kaufman, G R	Lara, Adriana
Foxhoven Bandag Shop Llc	Grauberger, Robert L	Hines, Lynette	Inn, Park	Kaufman, Robert E	Larsen, Erwin J
Foxhoven, Matt	Graves, Terry J	Hinkhouse, Fern	Investments, Double N	Keiser, Richard	Lawn, Luxury
Fraker, Dean	Gregg, Delbert	Hinojosa, Jose	Investments, Greenwood-	Keith, Robert	Lawrence J O'sullivan Jr
Frank, Lenny Or Lisa	Gretch, Claudia	Hite, James A	Engle	Kelly, Trust, Calvin	Lawrie, Johanna
Franson, Jeff & Anita	Grinstead, Ronnie	Hite, Kent	Ireland, Ben	Kelly, Bryan C	Leavell, Grady R
Freeman, Joseph	Gross, Donald	Hjelm, Jason	Iribarren, Mike T	Kelly, Patrick	Lechman, Nathan E
Freeman, Sterling Cole	Gross, Wind	Hobbs, Alan D	Irwin, Patricia J	Kemling, Wilbur	Lee, Beverley S
Freightways, Platte Valley	Gruenewald, John R	Hobbs, Steven	Isbell, Tami	Kent, Stan	Lee, James H
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Fuehrer, Lisa	Hairsmith, The	Hoepfner, Wm Scott	Jaques, Dale W	King, Tricia	Lewis, Sally
Fugate, Cindy	Haith, Jim	Hoggarth, Troy	Jaramillo, Paula B	Kinnison, Rick	Lewis, William C
Fuller, James R & Kathy S	Halfacre, Harry W	Holguin, Rosa	Jazo, Marcus	Kinzie, Douglas O	Ley, James W
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Gibson, Keith D	Havely, Candace	Idland, Gerald & Deb	Jones, Renee	Krueger, Kay (Andrews)	Loudder, Carol
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