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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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INTRODUCING DENNIS HERMAN AS GENERAL MANAGER

Highline Electric Association is pleased to announce Dennis Herman as its general manager. He began working on July 1 following Mark Farnsworth's retirement.

"This is an exciting time for electric utilities and I'm looking forward to what the future holds for Highline," Herman said. "I'm glad to have the opportunity to work in this new capacity with the great employees and board of directors at Highline."

Herman grew up in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, where he attended high school. He later obtained a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering at the University of Wyoming and a master's in business administration with an emphasis in finance and accounting from Regis University.

In 1992, Herman came to Highline Electric as a system engineer. In 2005, he became the manager of corporate services, a position he held until becoming the general manager. Throughout the years, he's had experience serving in interim positions as manager of member services and manager of engineering.

Herman currently resides in Holyoke with his wife, Trudy, and their three children, Austin, Josie and Lauren. Trudy is a speech language pathologist for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) out of Haxtun where she visits Lone Star, Revere, Julesburg and Fleming school districts. Austin just finished his sophomore year at Colorado State University where he's majoring in mechanical engineering.



DENNIS HERMAN

This summer Austin is interning at Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association in Fort Collins. Josie has completed her junior year at Holyoke High School and is deciding which college to attend. Lauren is done with her freshman year at Holyoke High School and will spend much of her summer playing softball and basketball. Dennis and Trudy enjoy spending time following their children in their many activities.

Congratulations, Dennis!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

If electric wires in your neighborhood are sagging or a tree limb is pushing the line out of place, keep your neighborhood safe by alerting Highline Electric Association.



Membership Benefits

BY TADIUS HUSER

MANAGER OF MEMBER SERVICES

Wait, you mean benefits other than affordable and reliable power? Yes, in fact, there are many benefits, and your member services team wants you to be aware of what they are and how you can take advantage.

Let's start with how we reward you for implementing energy efficiency in your home or operation through our rebate program. Tri-State Generation and Transmission offers its member, Highline, a comprehensive **energy efficiency rebate program** where in many cases Highline also contributes to the rebate award. A popular rebate members are eligible for are LED bulbs and fixtures, both residential and commercial. Another commonly redeemed rebate segment is for Energy Star certified appliances, which include refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers and dishwashers. We also offer an additional credit for the recycling of the refrigerator or freezer you are replacing.

Another rebate that may not be so well known, but is perhaps the most generous, is for ground source and air source heat pumps, as well as split system air-conditioning units. We also offer generous rebates for electric water heaters. For the many irrigators in our membership we offer rebates for premium efficiency irrigation motors as well as variable frequency drives. Of course there are limitations you need to be aware of, and we encourage you to either call us before you make your purchase to verify eligibility or reference our website at www.hea.coop under Energy Efficiency for specifics.

We try to make applying for rebates as simple as possible; we ask for your receipt and/or invoice, proof of Energy Star certification (where applicable) and the Highline account number of the service where the equipment is being installed. Lastly, rebate applications must be submitted within 120 days of equipment purchase date, not installation date.

Beyond our rebate programs we also offer our members the ability to save money on purchases through local businesses as

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***One-time Credit/Debit Card Payment** – call in or go online to complete a one-time card transaction.

*Not available to irrigation and large power accounts.



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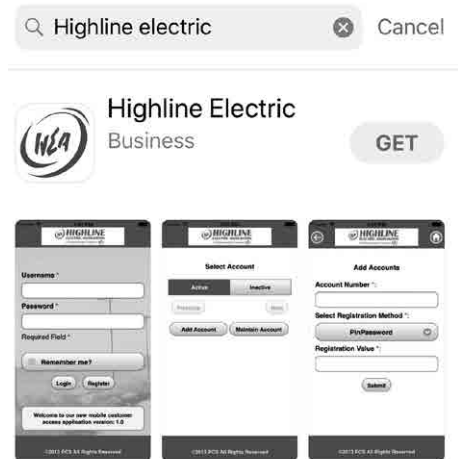


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well as national vendors through our **Co-op Connections program**. To redeem at local businesses, you simply present your Co-op Connections card (that we issue you for free) upon checkout at the various businesses that participate. The full listing of participating vendors is available on our website under About Us. For a listing of all national vendors offering discounts for pharmacies, lodging, event tickets, insurance and more, please sign up for free by visiting www.connections.coop.

Another benefit we are pleased to offer to help ease paying your monthly bill is our **auto-pay option**. We can set up an auto draft through your financial institution of choice. Simply call our main office at 970-854-2236 and ask to speak with Joanie in our billing department. We can also set up auto-pay through your preferred debit or credit card. Please contact any of our three offices to set up this service. And yes, there is an app for that! Highline offers a free app for both iOS and Android mobile devices where you can easily view and pay your monthly bill, as well as view details for each of your accounts, such as statement, payment and usage history. To add this app to your device, simply search your preferred app store for "Highline Electric" and you should see our app pop up in your search.

Highline is also pleased to announce another member benefit that was recently launched. Highline now offers **low-cost financing for energy-efficient improvements** for residential and commercial applications through the Rural Energy Savings Program. Whether you are looking to shore up insulation or weather stripping for your home or heated shop, or are looking to replace older and not-so-efficient doors, water heaters, heating



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and cooling equipment, lighting and even appliances, Highline can help you with your project. The primary benefits are an easy application process through Highline and, once the loan is approved and processed, the loan payments show up as a separate line item on your monthly Highline Electric bill. The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 at a fixed interest rate of 3% for a maximum term of 10 years. To apply, please contact your local office to get a loan pamphlet, which includes the application. You can also email info@hea.coop to request a loan pamphlet, or download a copy from hea.coop under Community and Financial Opportunities.

We are happy to offer these benefits and, more importantly, ensure all members are aware of how to engage with us to take advantage of these programs. Our commitment to our members is to make your lives better, and we want to hear from you how we can improve. Please feel free to call our main office and ask for Jessie or me in member services at 970-854-2236 so we can continue to best serve your needs.



Seth Baker and Carson Ebke work from a bucket truck at Hotline School. Photo by Jeff Poe.

Hotline School

In May, HEA sent 10 crew members to Mesa Hotline School in Grand Junction.

In addition to HEA's crew, lineworkers came from other Colorado electric co-ops and electric utilities from 14 other states. The first session, May 6-9, saw 258 participants. The second session, May 13-16, had 179. Students learned skills and procedures through indoor and outdoor instruction.

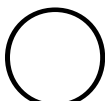
Classroom training focused on transformers, rigging techniques, troubleshooting problems with overhead and underground lines, accident investigating, job briefings, chainsaw safety, critical

thinking and how to stay safe while working with electric lines. Outdoor training included working with circuit reclosers, working with "hot" lines where electricity is present, transmission work, installations, locating faults, testing and more.

Those who attended Hotline School included Seth Baker, Luke Bracelin, Carson Ebke, Karson Harryman, Benjamin Kafka, Jace Rhodes, Imer Rodriguez, Casey Krening (instructor, aerial gloving I), Landon Shaffer (instructor, aerial gloving II) and Jeff Poe (field committee).

PESTICIDE SAFETY

Please protect our employees

 Our 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.



HEA Wants to Advertise Your Business for FREE!

Let HEA promote your local business 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 consumer-members through your doors. We also have a mobile app that "geo locates" the discounts, so our consumer-members know the businesses to visit. To learn more, go to connections.coop to watch a short video. If you want to sign up your business to participate or request 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.

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

Nick Saylor	29 years
Dennis Herman	27 years
Jeff Blochowicz	17 years
Imer Rodriguez	4 years
Benjamin Kafka	4 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.

Manuello, Robert E	Michael, Mary L	Nielsen, Elisabeth	Pepitone, Leroy J	Reinmuth, Dale	Schemenaur, Glenda
Marcotte, Dale	Michel, Tom	Nielsen, Teresa	Pepple, Roy	Reisig, Robert A	Schiel Farms Llc
Maret, Ralph	Michele R Te Maat	Nolan, Michael L	Perea, Nau	Reitz, Leroy E	Schilke, Cory
Mariano, Hermelando	Mikelson, Gene	Noland, Verlie	Perez, Carlos	Renteria, Beatrice	Schilke, Dave & Steve
Marick, Germaine	Milburn, Elaine	Noon, Lynda	Perez, Juan	Reynoso, Ezequiel & Leticia	Schilke, Josh
Marick, Natalee	Miller, Daniel E	Nopens, Dallas	Pesek, Rick J	Rhoades, Dennis	Schmale Realty
Marie, Madelynn	Miller, Daniel L	Norrell, Carrie	Peterson, Cami	Rhoades, Marlin	Schmidt, Howard M
Markel, Andy	Miller, Dennis	Norris, Jerry	Phelps, Robert S	Rhodes, Lee A	Schmidt, Warren
Market, Hometown	Miller, James A	North, Elizabeth	Phillips, Ryan	Richards, Kent	Schneider, Clifford E
Marlatt, James	Miller, Joyce	Nowakowski, Stephen	Piel, Stephen	Richesin, Brent	Schneider, Scott Or Natalie
Marshall, Marilyn	Miller, Kathryn B	Noyes, Dick	Pierce, Ken	Ridlen, Virginia	Schneider, William
Marshall, Michael	Miller, Kelly B	Noyes, Helaman	Pittman, Delbert	Ridnour, John	Schnell, Donna M
Martin, Allen & Sally	Miller, Mollie	Noyes, Richard	Pittman, Jamie	Rigel, Ron	Schnell, Richard
Martin, Carolyn	Miller, Rebecca	Nunez, Jaime	Pittman, Paul E	Riggs, Robert	Schneller, Keith R
Martin, Chris	Miller, Richard R	Nuss, Troy	Pivonka, Lorraine L	Risberg, Wayne	Scholz, Steve
Martin, Stacy	Miller, Susan Reese	O'brien, Kevin	Pizza, Julesburg	Rivera, Floyd	Schramm, Allen &
Marvin, Brent L & Julie J	Miller, Terri L	O'donnell, Robert	Plank, Tricia	Rizzolo, Rose Mary	Schuler, Candy
Mason, Jay	Minardi, James & Deborah	Ogden, Lisa M	Platt, Becky	Robbins, James	Schuler, Gerald G
Matoush, Brad L	Misplay, Mike	Ogerly, Jerry	Platte River Cellular Of Co	Robert Ray Riggs Jr	Schulte, Dennis
Matoush, Sherri	Mitchell, Dudley	Ogg, Mary	Plog, Archie & Ethel Mae	Robert W Wertz Estate	Schulte, Fred C
Matthews, Chris	Mitchell, Dustin	Oil, Bright & Schiff	Plog, Virginia Alene	Roberts, Jason P	Schwab, Shannon
Matticks, Jeannine M	Mitchell, James E	Oil, New London	Pollart, Charles A	Robinson, Rob	Schwanke, Peter
Matticks, Velma G	Mitchell, Joe B	O'lakes, Cenex Land	Pork, Spring Creek	Robinson, Robby	Scott, Andrew
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Maurer, Ronnie	Mobile, Western	Oliver M Gerbitz Jr	Porter, Leo	Robirds, James W	Scott, Robyn
Maynard, Herman B	Moist, Mabel L	Olsen, Doris Jo	Potter, Diane K	Rocha, Consuello	Seafood, Dan's Cajun
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Mcbride, Laura	Monk, Jeff	Oneal, Jim	Powell, Danee	Roedel, Merle	Segelke, W Everett
Mccall, Marvin	Monteith, Tom	O'neal, Shawn M	Powell, Dianne	Roeder, Duane	Seidel, Kenny E
Mccann, Sean Or Diane	Montgomery, Michael	O'neil, Patrick	Powell, Richard & Laura L	Rogers, Ann	Seifried, Clarence
Mccormick, Bill	Moody, James P	Moody, Agnes	Prairie, Sun	Rogers, Devin	Seip, Merrill R
Mccormick, Othella & Howard	Moore, Norval & Margaret	Ortega, Sergio	Pratt, Morgan	Rogers, Donald G	Selvey, Michael
Mccormick, Rebecca	Morales, Erica	Osborn, Angelia & Montgomery	Preston, Cecil E	Rogers, Heather	Seme, Martin
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Medley, Jill A	Munson, Lyla	Padilla, Sonya	R L Franklin Jr	Ruch, Harlan	Sherman, Jerry
Medley, Kendall A	Munson, Roger	Page, Michael L	R P M Salvage	Ruff, Patricia	Sherman, Sally
Meek, Heidi	Murphy, Darlene	Palm, Matthew & Melissa	R, Allen Callaway & Iniss	Ruiz, Antonio	Shields, Dan
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