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Our mission is to provide our members with reliable, highquality 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.

HIGHLINE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER



KNOW THE SIGNS **OF A SCAM**

BY **DENNIS HERMAN** GENERAL MANAGER

t'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



DENNIS HERMAN

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



Call Highline

1-800-816-2236



7TH ANNUAL COLOR RUN

Participate in this year's Ovid Days Color Run.



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

SPRAYING ur 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:

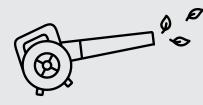
- If you use any chemicals on a field, please notify Highline. You may call the office or you can place a flag at the entrance to the field. Please note the day when it is safe to enter the field and what chemical was used.
- Notification signs or flags are available free of charge at any Highline office.
- 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



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

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,



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:

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

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 ADI FR JAKE ADMIN, FARMERS HOME ADYE, JULIE A AGRI-FEEDERS, SOUTH PLATTE AGUILAR, HILARIO AGUIRRE, LETICIA AHLGREN, HARRY & JOAN AHNSTEDT, GERALDINE MAF 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 ANKENEY, 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 BIERMAN, JAMES F 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, SKYEL 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 &** I AWRENCE **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 IOY **BEISNER, ANDREA BEJARANO, EMMANUEL** BELL, DAVID V BELL, DWANE OR MARY BELL LOIS M BELLENDIR, ANNIE E BELLENDIR, ANTHONY BELUSCAK, WALTER & I INDA 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

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