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**PIONEER ELECTRIC
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In Case of an Outage

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call 888-551-4140. After-hours calls will be answered by dispatch and forwarded to standby personnel.

Lineworker Appreciation Day 2020

Join us in recognition of Lineworker Appreciation Day on April, 13 2020. It is a day in which we express our heartfelt thanks to the men and women that power our communities.

Officially recognized in 2013, National Lineworker Appreciation Day was proposed by various utilities and cooperatives across the country. It was an effort by these groups to bring awareness of all that lineworkers do. From rebuilding spans of wire, setting poles or making general repairs, crews spend their days working to ensure that power is being distributed out members.

Pioneer Electric currently has 22 individuals that work on and help coordinate our line crews. These individuals are responsible for the maintenance of over 3,600 miles of distribution line across 10 counties in southwest Kansas.

There is a camaraderie in service as a lineman. Although, the efforts of those that work go sometimes unnoticed, we are thankful for all that they do.



Top: Eric Archuleta makes repairs on section of line in Ulysses.
 Bottom: Jacob Ogelvie (left) and Abel Diaz (right) start preparing on a job site for a project.



BRIGHT FUTURES

Pioneer Electric Awards Scholarships to 18 Southwest Kansas Students

In 2020, Pioneer Electric awarded \$23,000 in scholarships to 18 graduating high school students. These students were selected from over 60 applicants from eight schools serviced by Pioneer. Pioneer Electric offers two scholarship programs for local students; the general Pioneer Electric Scholarship and the Powerline Technology Scholarship. Both scholarships are non-renewable and are awarded to the school of the applicant before they begin their fall semester.

Applications are submitted digitally, each winter, and are then judged by a panel of Pioneer Electric's members. Each application includes a written statement outlining why they (the applicant) would be a good candidate, a resume showcasing their achievements and a transcript from their school.

"Once we receive a student's application, all of the student's identifying information is whited-out or removed," said Drew Waechter program coordinator. "This helps ensure that each applicant can be reviewed objectively and allows for their academics and community involvement to shine."

Applications are then sorted off, with those interested in powerline technology sent to operations employees for review. Top candidates



KADEN JAQUEZ - \$1,000

Powerline Technology Scholarship
Ulysses High School

are then given the opportunity for an interview and progress to the next step of the process.

"The interviews are important as they provide a chance for our judges to really meet the candidates and provides an opportunity for students to practice their skills," said Waechter. "By the end of the night, our judges have the difficult job of reviewing each application and interview and then selecting their winners."

Our goal with the program is to build



AARON DEGOLLADO - \$1,000

Powerline Technology Scholarship
Ulysses High School

NOT PICTURED
ISAAC DE LA O - \$1,000
Powerline Technology Scholarship
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a relationship with these students. We want for them to succeed in and help make all of our communities a bit brighter."

Additional information about the scholarship programs is available at pioneerelectric.coop or by contacting dwaechter@pioneerelectric.coop.



AMAYA OCHS - \$1,000
Syracuse High School



AUTUMN DEYOE - \$1,500
Ulysses High School



BAILEY SIPES - \$2,000
Stanton County High School



BRENDAN STEJSKAL - \$1,500
Ulysses High School



DANA GOSCH - \$1,000
Lakin High School



FRANCES GASKILL - \$2,000
Hugoton High School



JAYDEN SALAZAR - \$1,000
Syracuse High School



JENNA BEESLEY - \$1,500
Hugoton High School



JENNIFER JOHNSON - \$2,000
Ulysses High School



PAIGE MCMILLAN - \$1,500
Stanton County High School



SHANE CALVIN - \$1,000
Lakin High School



SHELBY SCHULTZ - \$1,000
Ulysses High School



TYANN WEIS - \$1,000
Ulysses High School



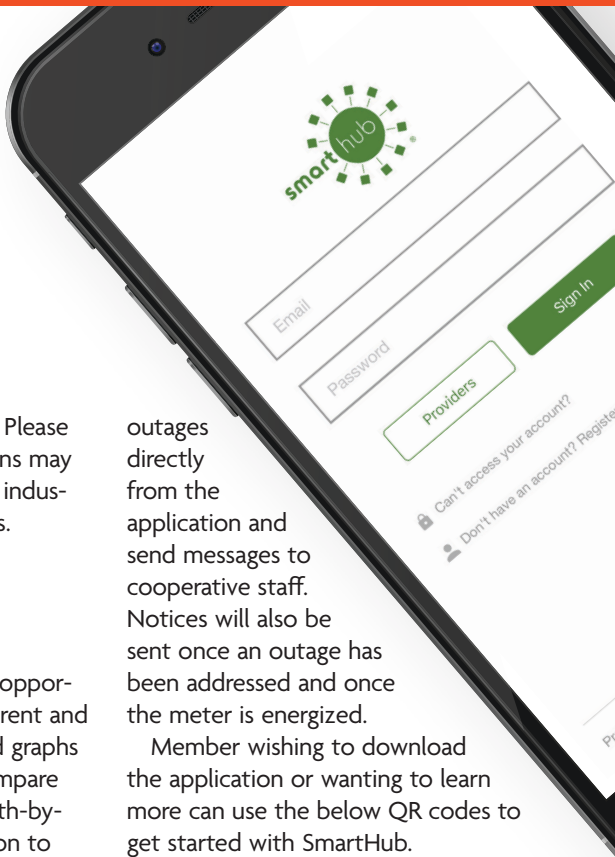
WHITLEE LARUE - \$1,000
Elkhart High School



ZACH FELDMAN - \$1,000
Ulysses High School



Your Updated Mobile Management Center



Let's be honest, between work, chasing after kids and the thousand other commitments that fill your day, managing your Pioneer Electric service is probably the last thing on your mind. Pioneer has proudly offered mobile service through SmartHub to members of the cooperative to help make managing service a little more flexible. With recent updates, the application has a new look and the same services that members have enjoyed.

Pay and manage your bill

Current and past billing statements can be viewed at anytime through the SmartHub application. These can be easily e-mailed, downloaded or printed off for your records. Members can also use SmartHub to make payments towards current bills. Application users can save cards or accounts to select and use to make a payment at any time (even

outside of regular office hours). Please note, that some payment options may not be available to commercial, industrial or irrigation based accounts.

Report outages and keep track of usage

In addition to past statement, SmartHub allows members the opportunity to keep tabs on their current and past electrical usage. Charts and graphs are available to members to compare usage hourly, daily or on a month-by-month basis. Use this information to better understand how you're using your electrical service and to help find ways to implement energy saving strategies.

The SmartHub application is also your ally during an outage situation. Notifications can be set to alert you of any outages tied to meters on your account. Additionally, member are able to report

outages directly from the application and send messages to cooperative staff. Notices will also be sent once an outage has been addressed and once the meter is energized.

Member wishing to download the application or wanting to learn more can use the below QR codes to get started with SmartHub.



IOS Devices



Android Devices

WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT, SO DO THEY.

#THANKALINEMAN

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