



**DS&O ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

HEADLINER

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Office Hours

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Open over the lunch hour

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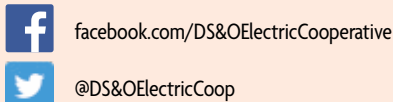
**CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK IN
WALMART SUPERCENTER**
521 E. Chestnut St., Junction City, KS 66441

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447 Harrison, Lindsborg, KS 67456

Outage Information

**IN CASE OF AN OUTAGE, CALL
800-376-3533.** After-hours calls will be
answered by dispatch and forwarded to
standby personnel.

Find Out More



ANNUAL MEETING URGENT UPDATE

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19),
DS&O Electric Cooperative has postponed
its annual meeting, previously scheduled for
April 14, until further notice.

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

to Members of DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The board of directors of DS&O Electric Cooperative, Inc. will meet on April 20, 2020, at 6 p.m. at the cooperative's office, located at 201 Dakota Drive in Solomon, to discuss and vote upon the following rates, which can be viewed at dsoelectric.com: R-11, R-21, R-31, Cargill-17, Magellan-17, GS-D-17, GS-L-17, GS-TOU-17, I(a)-18, and I(b)-18.

The meeting is open to members. If you plan to attend, please contact the DS&O Electric Cooperative office during business hours at 800-376-3533.

K.S.A. 66-104d(g) provides that members may petition the Kansas Corporation Commission to review of any rate change.

Meet our 2020 Scholarship Winners



Holly Brockmeier



Cobey Fiske

This is our third year awarding scholarships to area high school students and each year we have had an overwhelming number of students apply. The response has been so high the board of directors doubled the number of scholarships to be awarded in 2020. This year we awarded eight scholarships, in the amount of \$1,000 each, to local students pursuing higher education.

We congratulate the accomplished students who were awarded a DS&O Electric Scholarship. Each winner demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and community service.



Sydney Hynes



Abbie Hudson

2020 Recipients

Be sure to congratulate the students listed below.

- ▶ **HOLLY BROCKMEIER** – Hope High School, daughter of Glen and Nancy Brockmeier
- ▶ **SYDNEY HYNES** – Ell-Saline High School, daughter of Tracy and Michelle Hynes
- ▶ **ABBIE HUDSON** – Little River High School, daughter of Roger and Kristen Hudson
- ▶ **ABIGAIL JOHNSON** – Southeast of Saline High School, daughter of David and Peggy Johnson
- ▶ **KATELYN MODELMOG** – Southeast of Saline High School, daughter of Chris and Carol Modellmog
- ▶ **CAMERON MILLER** – Solomon High School, son of Todd and Denise Miller
- ▶ **COBEY FISKE** – Solomon High School, son of Todd and Sheri Brungardt
- ▶ **SYDNEY STOUT** – Washburn University, daughter of James and Becky Stout



Abigail Johnson



Katelyn Modellmog



Cameron Miller



Sydney Stout

DS&O members.

If a member is applying for himself or herself, then such member must be in good standing with the cooperative for at least 12 consecutive months. Good standing is defined as “a member that has paid all bills to the cooperative for which they are legally responsible or liable for the most recent 12 months without having been issued more than two disconnect notices.” This good standing requirement does not apply to dependents of active DS&O members.

Applicants must currently be a student at or be entering an accredited university, college, or vocational school in Kansas.

Scholarships are for one year and can only be awarded to an individual one time. If an applicant is not chosen to receive a scholarship, then that applicant may apply in future years, as long as they meet application requirements. DS&O employees and their dependents are not eligible. DS&O directors and their dependents are also not eligible.

Visit our website at dsoelectric.com or contact our office if you need more information about our scholarship program.

2021 Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and all college students who are dependents of active



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rainwater from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.

Source: energy.gov

Planning a Yard Project? Don't Just Dig In

April is National Safe Digging Month. It reminds us all that as we begin beautifying our yards, we shouldn't just dig in. According to 811, the "Call Before You Dig" national hotline, an underground utility is damaged every nine minutes because someone didn't call before digging.

Whether it is a do-it-yourself project or you are hiring a professional, call 811 two to three days prior to starting any digging project to request that all underground utilities be marked. The service is free and can help prevent costly repairs to underground wires later.

You may think it won't hurt anything to dig in an unmarked yard when landscaping, installing a fence, deck or mailbox, or even planting a small flower bed or bush, but damaging an underground cable can have serious consequences.

Hitting a line could result in serious injuries and disrupted service for you and your neighbors. It could also make a dent in your wallet for repair fees or

other fines.

The 811 hotline points out that there is more than one football field's length of buried utilities for every man, woman and child in the U.S. Before digging:

- ▶ Notify Kansas One Call by calling 811 or making an online request two to three days before work begins.
- ▶ Wait the required amount of time for affected utility operators to respond to your request.
- ▶ Confirm that all affected utility operators have responded to your request and marked underground utilities.
- ▶ Dig carefully around the marks with care.

Remember that privately owned underground lines will NOT be marked by location flaggers. Examples of private lines/equipment include well and septic, underground sprinkler systems, invisible fencing, gas or electric lines serving a detached building, as well as any lines (electric, water, sewer) from the meter to your home.



10 REASONS WE APPRECIATE

LINeworkERS

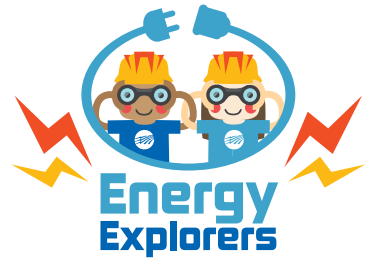
Although we appreciate each and every co-op employee, it takes a special kind of person to be an electric lineworker. Here are the top 10 reasons we appreciate our lineworkers.

- 10 They are specially trained to work on power lines and related equipment.
- 9 They are dedicated to safely and efficiently restoring power following weather or outages.
- 8 They work overtime, many holidays and get up in the middle of the night to help restore power.
- 7 They enjoy serving our communities.
- 6 They aren't afraid of heights.
- 5 They help other electric co-ops with major outages at a moment's notice.
- 4 They lend their talents in many ways, including educating the public about electrical safety.
- 3 They have each other's backs.
- 2 They are trained to work safely on both dead and live power lines.
- 1 We couldn't provide excellent service without them or any of our other dedicated employees.

LOOK OUT FOR POWER SOURCES

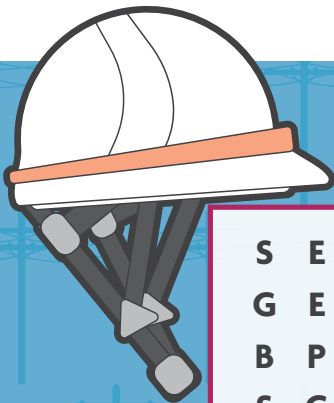
- Do not get within **10 FEET** (in any direction) of a power line.
- BE AWARE** of power lines when working on a roof.
- DO NOT TRIM** branches or limbs near power lines.
- Be careful when **CARRYING LONG OR TALL OBJECTS** such as ladders or poles.
- Before you dig, **CALL 811** to have underground utilities marked.
- DO NOT DIG** near padmount transformers or other utility equipment.

LINWORKER GEAR WORD SEARCH



Did you know lineworkers wear special protective gear to keep them safe while working on power lines and other electrical equipment? Read the descriptions to learn about a lineworker's gear and find the bolded words in the puzzle below.

- ▶ **Safety goggles** keep debris away from lineworkers' eyes while on the job.
- ▶ **Hard hats** protect lineworkers from head injuries and falling debris.
- ▶ **Work boots** provide extra protection while lineworkers work with heavy materials that could fall near their feet.
- ▶ **Flame-resistant** clothing keeps lineworkers safe from electrical hazards.
- ▶ **Insulated gloves** protect lineworkers from electrical shock while working on power lines.
- ▶ **Equipment belts** hold several tools that lineworkers need to get the job done.



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