POWER LINE May 2023

Redwood Electric Cooperative

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\$1,000 Basin Scholarship Recipient-Elizabeth Fultz

Elizabeth Fultz, daughter of Jayson and Sheila Fultz of Tracy, was selected to receive the 2023 \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship.

Elizabeth will be attending the University of Minnesota to pursue a degree in kinesiology and minoring in psychology. She hopes to pursue a career in athletic training and help future athletes.

She has been active throughout her high school career



at Tracy Area High School. Currently, Elizabeth is on the A Honor Roll, Academic All-Conference for Volleyball, National Honors Society, and the class Vice President. She is

also part of the Big buddies and Peer helpers programs. Elizabeth participates in extra curricular activities including volleyball, basketball, track, choir, and band. In addition to her involvement academically and athletically, Elizabeth volunteers at her church helping with the sound board, cleaning, and volunteering for other church festivities. She is also active in her 4-H club.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and best wishes to her!

CONGRATULATIONS!





Our office will be closed on May 29th for Memorial Day

2023 Youth Tour Trip Winner



Katherine Riley Erickson Wabasso High School 10th Grade

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REC is proud to announce the 2023 Youth Tour Contest Winner, Katherine Riley Erickson, a sophomore from Wabasso High School. She has been selected to represent Redwood Electric at the 2023 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 13-18. She is the daughter of Roberta Jo Riley of Lamberton. She will be representing REC among 1,900 other high school students from cooperatives throughout the country.

Students that apply participate by completing an application and writing an essay. REC's Board of Directors Scholarship Committee then reviews each submitted application and essay, choosing the winner.

For some, the Youth Tour is a first experience away from home. For many, it is their first trip to Washington, D.C., where they have the opportunity to see our nation's history come alive

before their eyes. The Youth Tour is a "Trip of a Lifetime" that includes meetings with national leaders, leadership training, visiting all the historic sights, meeting and discussing their views and interests with students from other states while learning about government, history, and careers in public service and electric cooperatives. This program is designed to identify and encourage future leaders in our community and give them the opportunity to experience first hand how coops play a huge role in our nations success.



A storm warning means TAKEAGTION

Stay Safe During and After a Storm

Storms can be unpredictable and wreak havoc on the power grid. Severe wind and ice accumulation can cause power lines to gallop or snap. Tornadoes and hurricanes can bring down transmission towers, power poles and power lines and damage other equipment. Lightning can strike a transformer. All types of severe weather events can cause damage or make utility equipment difficult to access.

Do all you can to keep yourself and others safe during or after a storm.

KEEP YOU AND YOURS SAFE

- Install a weather app for severe weather notifications.
- Shelter in a safe area. (Storm warning = take action!)
- Have an evacuation plan in place (e.g., for floods, wildfires).
- Make sure your emergency kit is properly stocked and up to date.
- Follow all manufacturer's instructions when using a generator.
- Place a portable generator at least 20 feet away from doors and windows.
- Use a generator in an open area (not in a garage, carport or enclosed space).
- Ensure carbon monoxide alarms are installed on every level of your home.

KEEP OTHERS SAFE

Do not plug a generator into a wall outlet, which can cause backfeed. Backfeed means that power can go from your home back into the power grid and endanger crews that are working to restore power.

DURING CLEANUP

- If there is an outage, do not go outdoors until the power has been restored.
- Ice, snow, standing water or storm debris could be covering downed power lines.
- Never approach a downed power line; call 9-1-1 to report it. Alert others to stay away.
- Do not trim trees/branches within 10 feet of an overhead power line.

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Cucumber Avocado Salsa

Ingredients

- 1 large cucumber (peeled, seeded & finely chopped)
- 1 avocado finely chopped
- 1 medium tomato (finely chopped and seeded)
- 1/4 cup red onion (finely chopped)
- 2-3 tablespoon fresh cilantro (finely chopped)
- 1 garlic clove (minced)

For the sauce

- 1/4 c reduced fat sour cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoon lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Tortilla Chips

Instructions

- 1. In a medium bowl, combine the first six ingredients and gently toss.
- 2. In a separate bowl, combine the sour cream, lemon juice, lime juice, cumin and salt.
- 3. Pour over cucumber mixture and gently toss to coat.
- 4. Serve with tortilla chips.





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