

POWER LINE

August 2022



Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224



Operation Round Up® Grant Applications Due Sept. 9th

Operation Round-Up non-profit grant applications MUST be returned to our office or postmarked, NO LATER than September 9th, 2022. Operation Round-up applications can be found on our website or in our office.

19 Local High School Seniors Receive a \$615 Scholarship for 2022!

Red Rock Central

Hailey Amsden
Karli Arkell

Tracy Area High School

Annaka Hook
Kaylee Campbell
Lauren Zick

Springfield Public School

Zach Hensch
Kyle Quesenberry
Carter Hillesheim
Caleb Hauger

Redwood Valley High School

Ella Fuhr

Wabasso Public School

Kaiya Wiese
Jacob Doyle
Kelsey Fischer
Zachary Turbes
Hannah Scheiber
Katelynn Riley

MVL

Ella Schlei

Great Plains Lutheran High School

Paige Schoer

Cedar Mountain

Madilyn Mages

ATTENTION PARENTS:

If your child is a recipient of the \$615 Operation Round-Up Scholarship, Please make sure our office has proof of enrollment with the Student ID and address for the admissions office.

Information can also be emailed to sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com
If you have questions, please call our office!



Operation Round-Up is possible because of our generous members!

 **WE WILL BE
CLOSED
LABOR DAY**

September 5th





Madilyn Mages



Madilyn Mages, daughter of Tony and Anita Mages of Morgan, MN was Redwood Electric Cooperative's 2022 Washington D.C. Youth Tour Trip representative.

Madilyn participated in leadership training, engaged in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, and toured Washington, D.C.

Some of her highlights of the trip included touring the memorials, monuments and meeting new friends. Madilyn stated, "I didn't think I would be so moved by all the architecture of the sculptures or be amazed at the number of soldiers buried in Arlington Cemetery. I really enjoyed learning all the history and meaning behind all the memorials."

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour celebrated its 56th anniversary this year and has brought nearly 50,000 high school students Washington, D.C.

A Safety Note from Your Cooperative – July 2022



Your Storm Response

We have definitely had some wild weather this spring and summer. I actually felt relief when we got through winter and thought we could rest again. And, then came the storms. Not just one storm but back to back to back storms! In our cooperatives, we are prepared for storms and practice our response. We have systems in place to call in crews and other employees. We also have mutual aid plans so we can get help from our neighboring or state-wide cooperatives. We work together to get all of us back to operating conditions efficiently and, more importantly, safely.

And we know these storms impact you, too. You may be without power or you may even be without your home! If you have been fortunate to not have damage or to not have lost power, then count your blessings. But, what is your storm response? Don't wait for the unfortunate event to happen; make plans now and be ready to respond.

PREPARE

1. Have a sturdy shelter to go when the storms strike.
2. Place your emergency kit in this shelter. One thing we might not remember – keep a pair of shoes in this place in case you find yourself in there in the middle of the night.
3. Review with your insurance company the coverage you have for the variations of storms – wind damage, flood damage, tornado, etc.
4. Consider purchasing a generator and know how to use it safely. If your generator connects directly to your household wiring, install a transfer switch to prevent backfeed which could electrocute a lineworker repairing the line.



Lines still energized even with tree pulling them down (retrieved from Lake Region's Facebook)

RESPOND

5. Never walk outside after a storm unless you have a spotlight and can see where you are going. There might be downed lines still energized and you may step on it or run into a low-hanging line.
6. Never touch a line on the ground. YES, it can still be energized. In fact, stay far, far away.
7. Don't ever touch anything in contact with a power line, even if it is to remove a tree limb. The limb can be energized. Leave this action to the co-op.
8. Never drive over a downed line.
9. Do not walk into a flooded area. Submerged outlets and electrical cords may energize standing waters.



Lines still suspended even with pole broken and on ground (retrieved from Lake Region's Facebook)

Monitor Road Ditches & Field Burning

The area around the pole should be worked up and free of all vegetation at least four feet around the base. The pole should also be watched so the fire doesn't accidentally ignite it. Damage from field fires occur to poles and damage ranges from surface charring to destruction. This damage may cost the individual conducting the fire anywhere from \$2,000 or more, depending on the location of the pole and the severity of the damage. Sometimes the damage can result in unnecessary power outages. Pole fires are usually reported by someone driving by. Quick response is critical to avoiding outages for co-op members.

Please DO NOT leave road ditch or field fires UNATTENDED!



Fall is around the corner and there will be many long hours spent working in the fields.

Redwood Electric would like to remind everyone to **LOOK UP** when moving farm equipment and

STAY A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY from power lines.

Office Hours & Contact Information

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