

POWER LINE

December 2020



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OFFICE CLOSED

December 24th & 25th

January 1st



ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS!!

Scholarships for High School Seniors and College Students

Applications can be mailed, emailed or dropped off at our office using our drop box.

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60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224*

Operation Round-Up Scholarship

High School seniors attending college in the fall of 2021 can receive an education scholarship. Applicants must be a high school senior at the time of application, parents/guardians must be members of REC, and the applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school for the fall of 2021.

Deadline is March 5th, 2021



Basin Electric \$1,000 Scholarship

Redwood Electric is honored to partner with Basin Electric to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a dependent of a Redwood Electric member. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school for the fall of 2021.

Deadline is February 5th, 2021

Youth Tour Scholarship

Minnesota has decided not to participate in the 2021 Youth Tour due to the uncertainty and extensive pre-planning that would have already needed to be done. Instead Redwood Electric will be offering 3 Cash prize scholarships!

2-\$1000 Cash Prizes

1-\$500 Cash Prize

Requirements: Applicants must be a high school senior & the student's parent or guardian must be a member of Redwood Electric Cooperative.

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The Most Beautiful Tree

Growing up in South Dakota, my parents would spray a tumbleweed white (they get pretty big in SD) and then string lights on it. This was the “tree” the kids would decorate. We also had the more traditional one in the living room with the special and memorable ornaments. Seems sort of crazy now, but as kids we loved that tumbleweed tree. And, when I look around the stores, it’s sort of crazy too. There are so many types of trees one can buy: real trees, artificial trees with lights already on them, purple trees, ceramic trees . . . hmmm, I didn’t see tumbleweed in the store, though.

Yet, no matter the tree, the lights warm our winter nights and put the twinkle in our hearts. So, let’s make sure your tree decorating is done safely this year. The last thing we want is to create an unsafe condition in our homes.

If you are decorating your tree, or already have it in place, take a few minutes to answer these questions and then take any necessary actions to correct your unsafe condition.

- ☐ Are your electrical decorations purchased from reputable retailers and are approved by a national recognized testing lab such as UL, Intertek, or CSA?
- ☐ Did you inspect your lights, decorations and extension cords for damage?
- ☐ Did you make sure to not connect more than three strings of incandescent lights together?
- ☐ Are you making it a habit to turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to sleep?
- ☐ Have you kept your tree and other decorations at least 3 feet away from heating equipment or an open flame?
- ☐ Who have you assigned to keep the Christmas tree watered? Note – the elf-on-the-shelf won’t do it.
- ☐ Are you overloading your electrical outlets? They can overheat and cause a fire.



Let’s keep the warmth in your home, not from a fire, but from the joy your tree brings, whatever type of tree you have adorned, with its beautiful twinkling lights . . . and may the traditions continue.

*Prepared by Minnesota Rural Electric Association
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Problems Paying Your Electric Bill?

Energy Assistance May Be Available

United Community Action

Marshall Office: 507-537-1416
Redwood Falls Office: 507-637-2187
Willmar Office: 320-235-0850

The Salvation Army HeatShare

320-235-2033
507-537-1416

Veterans Services (MAC-V)

Redwood County: 507-637-4034
Lyon County: 507-537-6729
Brown County: 507-233-6636

Salvation Army

Redwood Falls: 507-637-2187

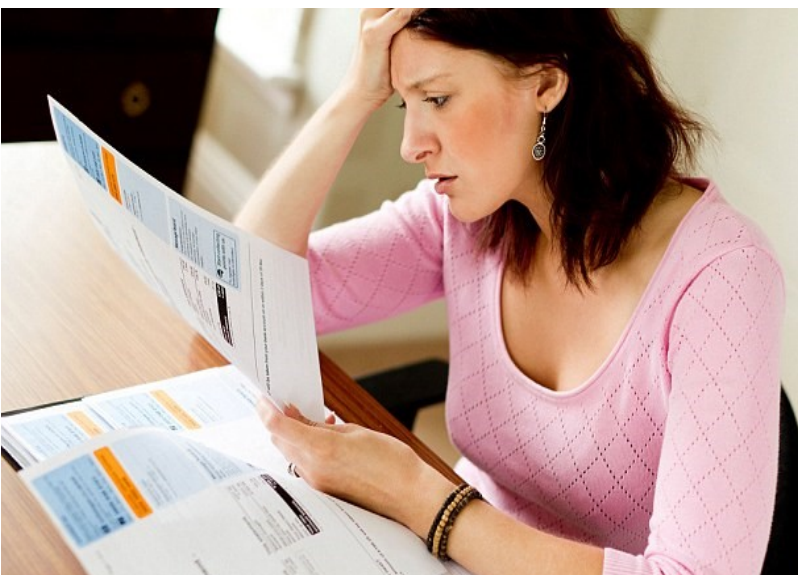
Redwood County Human Services

507-637-4041
Toll Free: 888-837-6713

The ARC Minnesota Housing Access Program-Southwest Region

Cheryl Hutchens: 507-345-4223
<https://www.arcminnesota.org/ways-we-can-help/housing-access-services/>

"The Southwest Region provides programs and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, Waseca, Watonwan, and Yellow Medicine counties."



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