

POWER LINE

May 2025



Redwood Electric Cooperative

60 Pine Street • Clements, Minnesota 56224

\$1,000 Basin Scholarship Kendall Huhnerkoch

Kendall Huhnerkoch, daughter of Brent & Lynne Huhnerkoch of Redwood Falls, was selected to receive the 2025 \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship. She will be attending St. Cloud State University to major in nursing and to play volleyball. Her long term goals include becoming a travel nurse and taking care of as many people as possible, while creating a good hospital culture.

Kendall has been active throughout her high school career at Redwood Valley High School, being in volleyball, basketball, track & field, club volleyball, jazz band, concert band, pep band, drumline, musical pit band, women's choir, FCA, bible study, and HOSA. She is also involved in Student Council, NHS, PALS,

Kendall also spends time helping her local church with teaching Sunday school, baking/serving meals, and other activities. She has been on the A honor roll since 5th grade, received several honors and awards for volleyball, and track & field.

Kendall volunteers at the local blood drive, highway cleanups, vision and hearing screenings at school, and helping coach kids sports camps.

Congratulations Kendall!!



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MEMORIAL DAY

R E M E M B E R A N D H O N O R

— MAY 26TH —
OFFICE CLOSED



REDWOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

THANK YOU TO ALL THE
MEMBERS WHO JOINED US
FOR YOUR ANNUAL MEETING!
CONGRATULATIONS, TO THE
DOOR PRIZE WINNERS!



A storm warning means **TAKE ACTION**

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.

UPDATE YOUR INFO!

Contact our office:

507-692-2214

office@redwoodelectric.com

- You no longer have a landline.
- You have a new cell phone number.
- You have additional numbers you want listed on your account.
- You have an email address.
- You can't remember the last time your contact information was updated.

Call or email us to make sure your account is up to date!

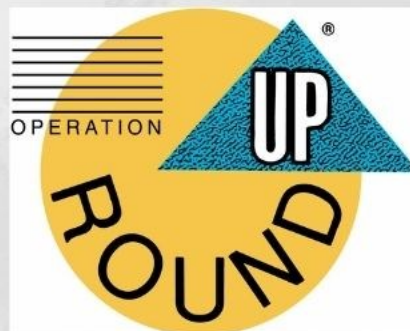


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OPERATION ROUND-UP
SCHOLARSHIP



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO
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May Is Electrical Safety Month

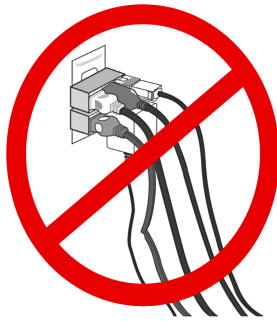
We use electricity every day. This invisible force has become so commonplace that it can be all too easy to overlook possible electrical hazards, even in the safety of our own homes. May is Electrical Safety Month, and a good time to put the most important safety tool you have—your brain—to work.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration warns that electrical current levels as low as 3 milliamperes can result in injury. In a 2009 report on electrocutions associated with consumer products, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated an average of 70 fatalities per year (from 2007 to 2009). The most common product categories associated with these electrocutions were small appliances, large appliances, and power tools.

Knowing what to be on the lookout for and knowing the safe steps to take can make all the difference in preventing accidents. Safe Electricity offers the following home safety tips to help arm you with the knowledge to stay safe and help others stay safe.

- Always read and understand the operator's manual before using an appliance or tool.
- Make sure recognized safety laboratories, like UL, ETL, or CSA have certified the electrical appliance, tools, and cords you plan on using.
- Never use a product with a damaged electrical cord.
- Never use extension cords on a permanent basis.
- Only use extension cords properly rated for the devices you plan to plug into it.
- For the safety of children in your home, install tamper-resistant outlets or protective coverings.
- If your outlets are warm to the touch, immediately shut them off at the circuit breaker, and contact a qualified electrician to make repairs.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCIs) in areas that may be wet or damp. GFCIs help protect against electrical shock. Use the test and reset button monthly to ensure they are working properly.
- Never use power tools outdoors if it is raining or the ground is wet.
- If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker, or has given you an electrical shock, immediately unplug it and have it repaired or replaced.

To learn more about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



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