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LREA's 82nd ANNUAL MEETING

Together Towards Tomorrow

Join us!

Thursday, June 8th

Britton Event Center

1203 3rd St. Britton, SD

~Registration begins at 6 P.M.~

~Business Meeting begins at 7 P.M.~

PRIZE Giveaways

\$500 Cash Prize – Bill Credits – Gift Cards

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\$35 Meal Voucher to a Participating
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MAY 14, 2023

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YOU GET THE CREDIT



How You Get Cash Back Over Time

As a not-for-profit, any funds remaining after expenses have been paid, are allocated to your member Capital Credit account. Capital Credits are allocated based on how much electricity you use in a given year.



Capital Credits

Margins leftover after all expenses are paid, are allocated to each member as Capital Credits based on electricity use. Notice of Capital Credits are sent to each member in the spring, usually in April to inform you of your Capital Credits for the previous year.

Ongoing Infrastructure Improvements and Maintenance

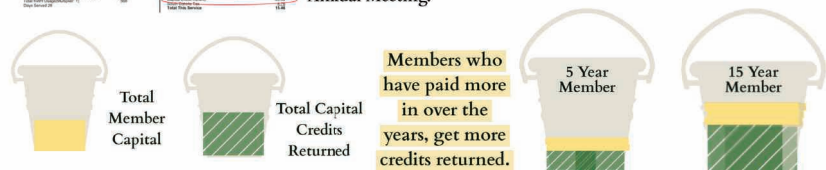
When margins are not retired, they are used to improve the distribution system and should be viewed as the member's equity investment in the cooperative. The equity investment minimizes the amount the cooperative has to borrow. Excess margins are returned over time to all members over the course of up to 25 years.



Account Summary	
Account Number	0001
Statement Date	04/01/2023
Statement Period	01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022
Billing Summary	
Previous Balance	\$0.00
Payments to Date	\$100.00
Service Charge	\$0.00
Current Balance	\$0.00
Total Amount Due	\$0.00
Messages	
You have received your Capital Credit statement for the year ending 12/31/2022. The total amount of your Capital Credits is \$100.00. This amount will be applied to your account starting in May 2023.	
Service Details	
Service Address	123 Main St, Webster, SD 57274
Service Type	Residential
Service Status	Active
Service Start Date	01/01/2022
Service End Date	12/31/2022
Service Notes	Service was provided as per contract.

Capital Credit Payouts

The retirement of Capital Credits is a decision made by the Board of Directors based on the financial condition of the cooperative. A portion of your total Capital Credit Account is "retired" and returned to active members in the form of a Bill Credit, typically seen on the May bill. Inactive members are mailed a check after the Annual Meeting.



Workplace Safety: Avoid Common Electrical Hazards

Contact with or exposure to electricity is one of the leading causes of workplace fatalities. Follow these tips to avoid electrical injury:

Overhead Power Line Contact

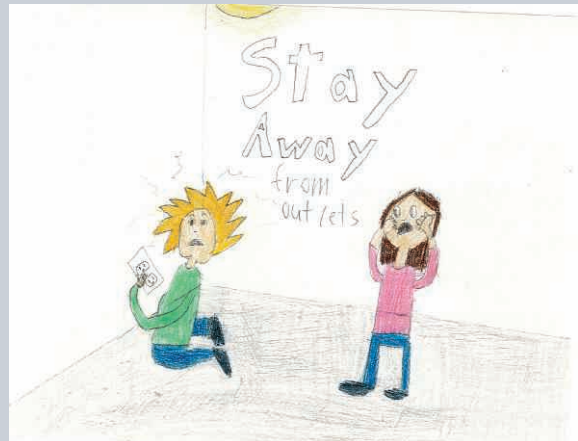
- 46% of all electrical fatalities are caused by contact with overhead power lines
- 57% of overhead power line fatalities were in non-electrical occupations
- Always assume all lines are live and dangerous
- Always look up; be aware of overhead power lines
- Keep yourself and equipment at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines
- Do not touch anything that is in contact with overhead power lines
- Carry equipment, including ladders, horizontally to avoid contact with power lines
- Stay at least 35 feet away from downed lines

Accidental Contact with Energized Conductors or Parts

- 45% of all electrical fatalities were caused by working on or near energized conductors or parts
- 74% of these fatalities were in electrical occupations
- Always test for voltage before you perform work. Be sure to also test the area around the equipment you are working on to avoid accidental contact with energized equipment
- Always perform a site and risk assessment before conducting work. Hazards exist on and near the equipment you are working on
- When possible, turn off power before conducting work
- Follow proper lockout / tagout procedures
- Avoid complacency. Every job is different, make sure you follow the hierarchy of controls and other electrical safety work practices on every job

Electrical Safety in the Workplace

- 69% of all electrical fatalities involved non-electrical occupations
- Know when to say when. If you feel unsafe performing a job, say something
- Be aware of potential electrical hazards in the workplace. Avoid electrical rooms and other potentially hazardous areas
- All electrical work should be completed by qualified workers with proper training
- GFCI protection should be installed where electricity and water may come in contact
- Five sources accounted for 92% of all electrical fatalities
 - Overhead power lines
 - Unexpected contact with electricity
 - Working on energized parts
 - Ground faults
 - Damaged wiring



Power Line Safety

Serena Dekrey, age 9

Serena Dekrey, age 9, gives wise advice to readers on electrical safety. She cautions us to be careful around power outlets. Serena is the daughter of Don and Cassandra Dekrey, members of Sioux Valley Energy based in Colman, S.D.

Kids, send your drawing with an electrical safety tip to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). If your poster is published, you'll receive a prize. All entries must include your name, age, mailing address and the names of your parents. Colored drawings are encouraged.

COMFORTING CASSEROLES

PHEASANT CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1 pheasant
1/2 cup melted butter
Bacon grease
1/2 cup flour
4 cups milk
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

METHOD

Mix flour, salt, pepper, and roll pieces of pheasant in the mixture. Brown in bacon grease. In separate pan, mix butter, milk, and 6 T flour. Stir and bring to a boil. Pour over the pheasant that had been put in a baking dish with bacon laid over it. Bake until tender.

Gail Klipfel
Ellendale, N.D.

TACO CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 package taco seasoning mix
1 can (16 ounces) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
1 can (11 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 cup crushed tortilla chips

METHOD

Preheat oven to 400°F. Brown meat in large skillet on medium-high heat. Drain fat. Stir in seasoning mix, beans, tomato sauce and corn. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Spoon into 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and tortilla chips. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve with assorted toppings, if desired.

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CHICKEN, BROCCOLI, AND RICE CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1 lb. chicken tenders
1 cup long grain rice
1 1/2 cups chicken stock
1 cup milk
2 tsps. garlic powder
2 tsps. onion powder
1 1/2 tsps. whole rosemary leaves, crushed
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
1/2 tsp salt
2 cups broccoli florets
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

METHOD

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spread chicken and rice in greased 2-quart baking dish. Mix stock, milk and seasonings in medium bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Slow pour over chicken and rice. Cover with foil. Bake 45 minutes. Remove foil. Stir in broccoli. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered, 15 minutes longer or until rice has absorbed all the liquid and broccoli is tender.

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Please send your favorite recipes to your local electric cooperative (address found on Page 3). Each recipe printed will be entered into a drawing for a prize in December 2023. All entries must include your name, mailing address, phone number and cooperative name.

Annual Meeting of Members

Meetings of Members From the LREA Bylaws

Annual Meeting: Article 3, Section 1

The annual meeting of the members shall be held at such time and place within a county served by the Cooperative, as selected by the Board of Directors and which shall be designated in the notice of the meeting, for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to make adequate plans and preparations for

the annual meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not result in a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

Notice of Members' Meetings: Article 3, Section 3

Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an annual meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten days nor more than sixty days before the date of the meeting, either personally or

by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

LREA 2023 Annual Meeting Notice

Lake Region Electric Association will host our 82nd Annual Meeting in Britton, SD at the Britton Event Center. The doors will open for registration beginning at 6:00 PM. The Business Meeting will be called to order at 7:00 PM where member-owners will hear from our leaders about what has been happening around our service area, discuss future planning and present awards. There will be an election for director seats for District 2 and District 4.


There will be snacks and beverages provided; a meal will NOT be served. Attendees will receive a meal voucher for \$35.00 that they can redeem at a local participating restaurant of their choice! Members attending the meeting will receive a gift, as well as be entered to win bill credits, door prizes and a \$500 cash prize. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the local food pantry. Every item donated gets you an entry into a drawing for a \$50 gift card!

The Annual Meeting Notice will be sent to member-owners in a letter also detailing their Capital Credit Refund. The letter should be brought to the annual meeting as your registration and door prize entrance. Active members will receive the letter in an envelope marked Annual Meeting Notice. The letter will have pertinent information regarding your LREA capital credits, annual meeting details, and a contact update form. Registration is quick and easy with the annual meeting letter notice. A simple scan automatically marks the member as present and entitles the member to vote. This process will also assist LREA in tracking attendance numbers, district representation, and other valid information.

We are here to serve you! Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns: 605-345-3379 or 1-800-657-5869.



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 District 3: Weston, Newport, Lowell, Waverly, Hamilton, Hickman, Sisseton and Fort.
 District 4: Eden, Buffalo, Drywood Lake, Nutley, Grenville, Raritan, and Liberty.
 District 5: Kosciusko, One Road, Waubay, Alto, Ortley, Racine and Central Point.
 District 6: Farmington, North Andover, South Andover, Homer, Union, Independence, Kidder, Lynn, and Bristol
 District 7: Scotland, Oak Gulch, Valley, Troy, Butler, York, Webster, Rusk, Highland, and Morton.



Election to Be Held for Director Seats

Serving on the Board of Directors is a commitment that requires representatives to attend local meetings on a monthly basis as well as state and national meetings. Board members attend trainings and pursue educational opportunities so that they are well informed on regulations and industry trends in order to best serve the members of Lake Region Electric Association.

Two Director seats will be up for election at the LREA Annual Meeting to be held in Britton, SD, June 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The seats up for election are District 2 and District 4. Individuals who wish to run for election must file a petition signed by fifteen (15) fellow members 45 days prior to the annual meeting. Potential Director candidates must be an active member of LREA and agree

to attend all meetings. Nominations can be accepted from the floor during the annual meeting. Candidates will be published in the “Annual Meeting Notice to Members.”

Our service area is divided into 7 districts, as shown on the Lake Region electric Director Map, with each district being represented by an elected official. This year District 2 and District 4 are up for election. District 2 is currently represented by Director Mark Wismer. District 4 is currently represented by Director Thomas Steiner. Both incumbents are eligible for re-election. Members living in these districts who are interested in serving on the Lake Region Electric Association Board of Directors are encouraged to call 605-345-3379 Toll Free: 1-800-657-5869 or stop by our office at 1212 Main Street in Webster

for more information or to request a petition. Those wishing to make a nomination from the floor must call the office in advance of the annual meeting to pre-check the candidate for eligibility.

Qualifications and all other guidelines can be found in the Lake Region Electric Association, Inc. Bylaws. A copy of the current approved bylaws can be obtained by calling the LREA office. A digital copy is also available for viewing or printing on the website: www.lakeregion.coop.

TUCKER KRAFT



Kraft refuses to go down amongst a group of Redbird defenders.

Tucker Kraft's Road to the NFL

Frank Turner

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With a population of 500 residents, Timber Lake, S.D., may seem similar to many small-town communities across the state. The town is known for its scenic beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities, and rich history. However, what really sets Timber Lake apart from the rest is a homegrown NFL prospect: Tucker Kraft.

At an impressive 6-foot-5 and weighing 254 pounds, Kraft has proven himself to be South Dakota's latest up-and-coming football star. Ask any fan of college football and they will tell you that Kraft has the size and skill set to make waves on a professional level.

Luckily, Kraft's talents haven't gone unnoticed. During his latest breakout season as SDSU's All-American tight end, Kraft left an impression on NFL

scouts with his ability to outrun opponents, snatch incredible catches and charge through multiple tackles. A top contributor in nearly every game, Kraft led the Jackrabbits to their first-ever FCS National Championship. The historic season quickly cemented Kraft's place as a top tight end in the NFL Draft.

Kraft recalls the moment everything fell into place: "I just realized that when I had the ball, no one could touch me," he said. "I knew after that season that I was completely capable of playing with the pros."

Timber Lake High School head football coach Ryan Gimbel says he is not surprised to see his former stu-



Tucker Kraft

dent and player on the doorstep of the NFL. Countless hours in the weight room and gym, he said, revealed Kraft to be a student-athlete with incredible drive.

“Seeing the raw natural talent of Tucker spoke for itself and what he could accomplish, but he also had the dedication to take it to that next level,” said Gimbel. “To me, it wasn’t a surprise, and that was our running joke when he left high school – ‘I’ll see you playing on Sundays.’”

Kraft’s journey to the NFL, however, was not without its fair share of adversity. Growing up in Timber Lake, Kraft lost his father to a plane crash when he was only 12 years old. Kraft overcame the childhood tragedy with his two brothers and mother by working tirelessly on and off the field. Honoring his father’s legacy, Kraft followed in his father’s footsteps to become an All-American college star like his father had done before him.

“My brothers took a big part in raising me after my dad died,” said Kraft. “My mom, my aunts and uncles all played a role, but I pride myself on getting a lot of things done independently.”

Steely determination has carried Kraft to the highest level of football, and not even dramatic injury has been able to slow him down. In November Kraft officially declared his name in the NFL draft. Kraft’s friends and family cheered him on as he showed off his incredible strength and skill on national television at the NFL Combine. There, Kraft proved his ability to play alongside the likes of Dallas Goedert, Riley Reiff and South Dakota’s other pro footballers.

“I was kind of star-struck walking in,” said Kraft. “Sitting down with the head coaches of the NFL franchise, you realize that you are at this level now. This is a job interview.”

The NFL Combine, however, will

not be the last of Kraft’s time on national television. Ranked as the sixth top tight end, Kraft’s eyes are set on the draft in April. And, although he hails from somewhere small, Kraft plans to loom large on the field as a starting player with great potential.

“I want to go to a team that’s going to use me, whether I’m on the line of scrimmage in the trenches with the big guys or catching balls and getting yards after the catch. I want to make an impact on a team, day one.”

Whatever happens in April, Kraft’s hometown is ready to cheer him on. According to Gimbel, most of Timber Lake is ready to don colors and jerseys that they are not used to wearing to support their hometown kid.

“The buzz in our town has just erupted,” said Gimbel. “Our community, school, and family friends – they all want to see him be successful in the opportunity that he has worked for.”



NFL prospect Tucker Kraft evades a tackler, leading SDSU to a 31-7 win last November against the Illinois State Redbirds.

There's Value in Belonging to Your Electric Cooperative



Tim McIntyre
General Manager

We have it pretty easy these days in forms of comfort and convenience, we just expect that the power is going to be there when we wake up and flip that switch to turn on the light. We expect the power to be there when we turn our coffee pot on to get that first cup of joe on a cool morning, some people don't even have to turn a pot on, they have a smart device that is programmed to brew their coffee exactly how and when they want it! But times weren't always so easy, they may have been simpler, but they were tough. The big electric companies would not consider providing service to our rural area, because it was not profitable enough for their investors. In the dead cold of winter about 83 years ago, some local farmers, businessmen and residents had had enough, they were ready to make their lives easier, despite being ignored and cast aside by the big power companies. With some determination and a lot of cooperation, they came together and formed Lake Region Electric Association. They did this in order to get electricity to their homes and farms. Through war, and other obstacles, they were finally successful, electrifying homes and farms through lake Region lines on a blustery October day in 1946.

These days, Lake Region Electric not only strives to bring you that reliable power that you depend on every moment of every day, we do our best to keep our costs down while maintaining margins that meet our borrowing requirements so that we can provide rate stability for our members. In addition to keeping the cost of electricity reasonable for the members of Lake Region, we return excess margins to you in the form of Capital Credits. Margins leftover after all expenses are paid, are allocated to each member as Capital Credits, based on electricity use.

Lake Region members not only belong to our local cooperative, but we are also members of East River Electric and Basin Electric. We all are guided by the same cooperative principles and

operate very similarly, working to keep expenses down and revenue stable, returning excess margins to members. Margins are returned to Lake Region from East River and Basin annually and that is passed through to you, the member-owners of Lake Region. In 2022 Basin experienced higher than expected year-end margins due to surplus sales in the energy market and greater than normal performance from their subsidiary, Dakota Gasification. Because of this, they distributed the excess margins to their members. The Lake Region Board of Directors approved \$400,000 of that money be distributed to current active members who had service in 2022. This is in addition to the regular retirement of Capital Credits that you will see reflected on your May bill!

Being a member of a cooperative will continue to not only provide you with the reliable power that you depend on, but it will also continue to reward you, the member-owners of Lake Region, as it has in the past. Take a look at these numbers:

- In the past 25 years, Lake Region has allocated more than \$8.5 million in margins. Over \$3.75 million has already been returned to members.
- In addition, over the past 25 years, Basin and East River have retired over \$1.425 million in allocations which has been passed on directly to Lake Region's members.
- In total, over \$5.1 million dollars has been returned to YOU.

I hope that each and every member of Lake Region Electric Association takes pride in being a part of not only this cooperative, but also East River, Basin and an entire network of rural electric cooperatives nationwide. We are here to serve you and continue to add value to your life.

Thank you & God bless,
Timothy McIntyre



Capital Credit Refunds Approved for 2023

The Lake Region Electric Association Board of Directors approved approximately \$832,000.00 in capital credit retirements at their regular meeting in February. Active Members will see the credit on their May billing that is sent out at the beginning of June. The bill will clearly show the capital credit refund as a deduction (credit) and should be kept for tax purposes. Inactive members will be mailed a check in June.

LREA allocates any excess margins to our member-owners (consumers) after paying all the bills, reinvesting in infrastructure, and meeting our financial obligations. Lake Region tracks the allocations and refunds the money as cash positions allow, back to you, our member-owners. The amount retired in 2023 consists of 100% of years 2004

and 2005, as well as 25% of 2022 excess margins. The total amount to be refunded also includes the retirement pass through of East River and Basin's capital credits of \$264,000. The amount that each member is refunded is based on the electricity purchased during the years for which capital credits are being paid.

A complete explanation of the cooperative's capital credits, patronage capital, can be found in the LREA Bylaws. A copy of the Bylaws is available in digital format on our website: www.lakeregion.coop. Anyone who needs a new, paper copy, of the Bylaws can contact our office by calling 605-345-3379 or toll free 1-800-657-85669 or by emailing your request to lakeregion@lakeregion.coop.





ELECTRIC SAFETY IN ACTION

In a controlled demonstration, Journeyman Lineman Brady Gaer uses life-size equipment on the high voltage demonstration trailer to educate students about electricity.

Empowering the Public to Stay Safe

Frank Turner

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Electric safety is a topic that South Dakota students are excited to engage with. They often ask questions like, “What should you do if your tractor equipment touches a power line?” or “How can birds sit safely on a power line?” or even “What does it look like when something comes in contact with high voltage?”

These are some of the most popular questions Oahe Electric’s Chief Financial Officer Valerie Marso has not only been answering but also demonstrating for more than 20 years.

“They always just have tons of questions,” said Marso. “It’s always fun to hear what they come up with next.”

It’s not just for entertainment, however. Oahe Electric and its employees are committed to realizing their goal of zero accidents at home and at work. Part of preventing tragedy starts with educating the public, especially youth, on how to stay safe around electricity.

In the last year alone, Oahe Electric traveled to nine different schools and led demonstrations for more than 900 students. For Marso, verbal communication is only half the battle when it comes to educating students

about electric safety. The real impact, she said, comes from showing them.

“The visuals and the noise that the high voltage makes really lands in a way that you just can’t convey with words,” said Marso. “It can scare the students a little bit, but I think it gives them a healthy respect for electricity.”

Co-op across the state, including Oahe Electric, use three different interactive safety demonstrations to hone their message about safety: Power Town, Co-ops in the Classroom and the high voltage demonstration trailer.

One of the most popular, Power Town, is a small-scale, tabletop model of a few quaint houses attached to a small power grid. The miniature electrical system shows students how electrical current moves through

various items they may encounter in their daily lives, presented in a fun and easy-to-learn format. Line-workers, who work on the real equipment every day, lead the demonstration and teach students about personal protective equipment worn by co-op employees to complete their jobs safely.

Co-op in the Classroom is yet another powerful initiative South Dakota co-ops engage in to promote safety across the state. Working in conjunction with East River's Education and Outreach Program, co-ops meet the students where they are in the classroom to teach local youth the importance of respecting electricity through hand-on lessons that engage and excite the audience.

Lastly, the high voltage demonstration trailer is a portable unit that carries life-size equipment from events to local schools. It's a demonstration that always leaves an impression. Within a safe environment, students get to see actual equipment, such as utility poles, electrical conductors and distribution transformers, in action. Each hour-long demonstration shows what can happen when objects such as animals, trees, ladders and even fruit come into contact with power lines.

"This is equipment that our linemen work on every day, so they are comfortable showing these students how energy works," said Marso.

These demonstrations not only

entertain, but also promote a healthy and safe environment for co-op members and the public. During one of Oahe Electric's latest outreach events, Marso recalled listening to a small group of kids talk about how they sometimes sit on "the green boxes." They were referring to underground transformers. It became a teachable moment that left an impact on both the students and teachers.

"We told them to never touch them," she said. "You never know what going on in there, and it's always better to be safe than sorry. It was at least one person who took something home and actually used it. Moments like that show we are really making an impact with these students."



Oahe Electric Power Supply Specialist Steve Long teaches electric safety using Power Town, a miniature model used in safety demonstrations.

Lake Region Awards Scholarships to Area Students

Laura London

Lake Region Electric

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients Matthew Mork and Ashton Mills! Lake Region Electric is proud of your accomplishments, and we are happy to be able to support your future goals. We look forward to your continued success!

Matthew Mork Awarded The Lake Region/Basin Electric Power Scholarship

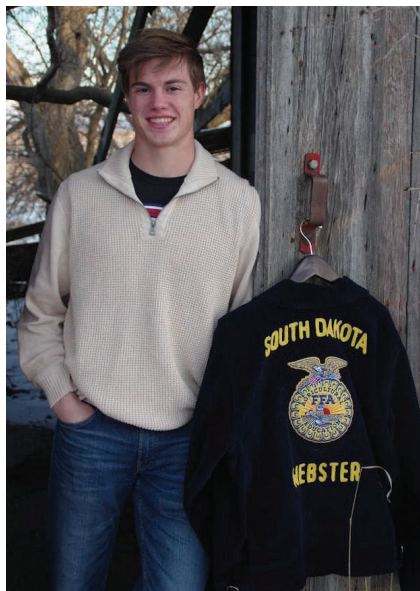
Webster Area High School student Matthew Mork has been selected as the recipient of the Lake Region/Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to the dependent child of member-owners of Lake Region Electric Association. Recipients of this scholarship are selected based on academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals, and an outside appraisal.

Teacher Adam Mines speaks highly of Matthew, "Matt is a fine young man, and his resume speaks for itself. He is the type of student that makes me enjoy teaching." Matt is the son of Lake Region Electric member-owners Jerry and Rita Mork of Pierpont. He plans to attend the University of Kansas to study economics. Following graduation, he intends to go to law school so that he can become an attorney. "I'd also like to impart my sincere gratitude to all those who have made this award available, I am humbled to receive such an

honor. I'd like to thank them for their investment in the youth of this region."

Duane Snaza Memorial Scholarship Recipient Ashton Mills

Ashton Mills from Britton-Hecla High School has been selected as the recipient of the Lake Region Electric Duane Snaza Memorial Scholarship. This Scholarship is named in memory of a former Lake Region Electric employee. It is awarded to the dependent child of a Lake Region Electric member, based on the following criteria: participation in school and community activities, grade-point average, work experience, SAT/ACT scores, statement by student explaining his/her educational and



Matthew Mork was awarded The Lake Region/Basin Electric Power Scholarship.



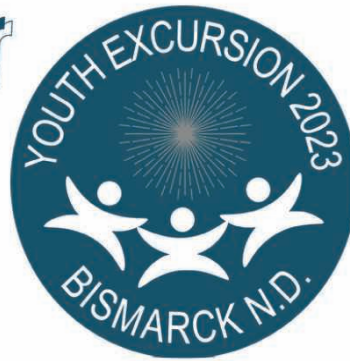
Duane Snaza Memorial Scholarship Recipient, Ashton Mills.

career goals, a written recommendation by a third party and presentation of the application. Ashton will receive \$1,000 towards his school expenses.

Britton-Hecla teacher Christina Bosse appreciates Ashton's involvement at school, and his dedication to the Britton community, and youth sports. She commends his work ethic and school performance, "He is a very good student; he works hard and is motivated." Ashton is the son of Lake Region Electric members Jeffrey and Kelly Mills of Britton. He will be attending Mitchell Technical College in the fall where he will be pursuing a degree in radiologic technology. Ashton plans to return home after earning his rad-tech degree to work in the local hospital radiology department. Ashton is very grateful to Lake Region and the member-owners for the scholarship: "Thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient of the Lake Region Electric Duane Snaza Memorial Scholarship. I am incredibly honored and humbled to receive this scholarship."

Free Trip For Teens!

July 24-27,
2023



Lake Region Electric Association will provide transportation, lodging, meals, entertainment, and sightseeing events.



Four Area Students Chosen to Represent Lake Region Electric in Washington DC

Lake Region Electric will be sending four area students to Washington, D.C. this summer. Rylee Huwe and Tommy Vergeldt of Webster Area High School, along with Maggie Kilker and Wyatt Tosse of Britton High School will join over 1800 other high school juniors and seniors traveling to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour. Delegates were selected through an application process which included a short essay. During the week, they will tour and learn about Washington, D.C., government, cooperative philosophy, and rural electrification. The student delegates are selected and sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives. The South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) coordinates arrangements for the South Dakota students.

TOUR

- Great Plains Synfuel Plant
- Freedom Coal Mine
- Antelope Valley Station Power Plant

Interactive Learning



Fun Activities

- Riverboat Cruise - Shopping
- Games - Meet New People
- Swimming at Aquatic Center



Visit our Website for details &
applications: www.lakeregion.coop

Or Contact Laura at Lake Region Electric:



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Applications Due June 1st



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MAY 6
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
 Lake Farley Park
 Milbank, SD
 605-432-6656

MAY 17
Norwegian Independence Day
 6 p.m.
 Vivian, SD
 605-222-3296

MAY 20
Buggy Museum Open House
 10 a.m.
 Stockholm, SD
 605-938-4192

MAY 20
Booth Day
 10 a.m.
 Booth Fish Hatchery
 Spearfish, SD
 605-642-7730

MAY 20
Frühlingsfest and Spring Market
 1 p.m.
 Main Street Square
 Rapid City, SD
 605-716-7979

MAY 25
Wine Walk
 5 p.m.
 Downtown Businesses
 Aberdeen, SD
 605-226-3441

MAY 26-28
Hidden Treasure Heritage Festival
 Lead, SD
 307-259-4484

MAY 27
Back When They Bucked All-Day Rodeo
 9 a.m.
 Days of '76 Event Complex
 Deadwood, SD
 605-717-7642

MAY 27
Norwegian Constitution Day
 11 a.m.
 Lake Norden, SD
 605-874-2171

JUNE 3
Health Connect of South Dakota: The Human Race 5K
 9 a.m.
 Sertoma Park
 Sioux Falls, SD

JUNE 11
River Honoring Community Potluck
 5 p.m.
 Clay County Park River Shelter
 Vermillion, SD
 605-670-0540

JUNE 16-18
Fine Arts In The Hills Show & Sale
 Main Street
 Hill City, SD
 605-574-2810

JUNE 17
Roslyn Vinegar Museum Festival
 11 a.m.
 Roslyn, SD
 320-808-8873

JUNE 21
2023 McCrossan Boys Ranch Golf Classic for Kids
 Central Valley Golf Course
 Hartford, SD
 605-339-1203

JUNE 23
Flandreau Fridays
 5 p.m.
 Downtown Flandreau
 Flandreau, SD

Note: Please make sure to call ahead to verify the event is still being held.