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Press Release

WASHINGTON D.C. – A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

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A Lincoln County High School student was selected to join about 20 other Montana students for an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Lincoln Electric Cooperative.

Chelsea Workman, a junior at Lincoln County High School and the daughter of Bill & Gail Workman of Eureka, will tour the Capitol June 18-23. Chelsea's selection was based on essays submitted to LEC. This year's topic was: "Imagine yourself as a freshman legislator in the 2005 Montana legislative session. What are the top two issues you would focus on and why?" The annual Youth to Washington Tour offers 1,400 high school students from across the country the opportunity to experience our country's national treasures, see government in action and discuss the issues of the day with their Congressmen and Senators. Montana Youth Tour directors will arrange their delegation's visits to their U.S. Representative and Senators' offices, federal agencies, and other educational and sightseeing activities. In addition to the planned statewide activities, the Youth Tour experience encompasses multi-state activities coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

For some, the Washington Youth Tour is their first experience away from home. For many, it is their first trip to Washington where they have the opportunity to see our nation's history and democratic ideals in action. For these students, the trip is more than seeing monuments and going to museums, it is about being part of something special. They have the opportunity to interact with their peers, the best and brightest students rural America has to offer.

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