

Barron Electric Cooperative
August 2023
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News FOR YOU...

Youth Tour to D.C. Provides Valuable Experience



Pictured left: Nic Betz's essay won him a trip to the 2023 Youth Tour in Washington D.C. Right: Nic is pictured with the eleven Wisconsin participants.

Nic Betz of Turtle Lake joined eleven Wisconsin electric cooperative students on the 2023 Youth Tour in Washington D.C. More than 1,800 youth delegates and chaperones attended the Youth Tour. Nic said, "Thank you for the chance to visit D.C., it was a very astonishing trip. It's a place very few people from my hometown have the opportunity to see." When asked what he liked best about the trip, he replied, "The changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier was one of my favorite aspects of our visit. It was also interesting to watch the wreath being changed by four selected individuals from our group." Youth toured National Monuments, met with legislators, and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Barron Electric sponsored Nic to the Youth Tour. He attended WECA's Youth Leadership Conference in 2022, where he won Barron Electric's essay contest.



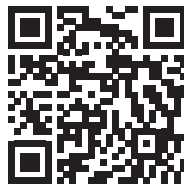
Students met with Congressman Tom Tiffany.

Beat the Heat with these Cool Rebates on Energy Star Appliances



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*Condensed Board Minutes

May 31, 2023



Scott Warwick serves as Secretary on Barron Electric's Board of Directors representing District 4, which includes the following townships: Roosevelt, Maple Plain, Lakeland, and Cumberland.

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #101715 through #101836 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$604,391 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$26,068. Total receipts in the office - \$2,700,652; total receipts by wire and ACH -

\$2,130,276; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$4,073,538; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$207,487 and power bill paid on May 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,921,777.

- A membership list of 75 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of April in the amount of \$91,709.72 was presented for approval and included new services - \$0; change jobs - \$1,681.96; Other Work Order Projects - \$90,027.76 and 2 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 9,909.78 consumer hours off, which is 34.64% below 2022 hours of 15,162.26. Overtime year-to-date is 612.50 hours, which is 12.41% below 2022 hours of 699.25.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.



Blood Drive

Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Barron Electric Cooperative
 1434 State Highway 25
 Barron, WI

Visit redcrossblood.org to see times available or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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The Possibilities are Endless

Joyce Halvorson has been a blacksmith for 30 years. With relatives as a tailor and blacksmith, the genes run in the family. Joyce is the owner of Johnson Creek Forge and Metal Works, located south of Barron, on Barron Electric Cooperative lines. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science and continued her schooling to become a farrier, where she worked with horses for fifteen years. As a farrier, she made her own tools which led her down the path of blacksmithing. She enjoys spending time in her workshop designing and creating products from metal. "Make Stuff" is written on her chalkboard. Joyce's work can be found at ArtZ in Amery and One 10 Gallery in Frederic.

Joyce is a member of the Badger Blacksmiths, a local group with more than 50 members, and Artist-Blacksmiths Association of North America. Both organizations are committed to preserving, promoting, and sharing technical skills and design excellence in the blacksmith community.

Order custom hand-forged products at 715-790-9166 or e-mail johnsoncreekforge@gmail.com.



Joyce Halvorson demonstrated the antique leaf spring power hammer machine, which is used to pound heated metal into shapes.



Joyce created this beautiful dragonfly displaying a variety of colors.



Unique pizza cutters complete a custom order.

Win a \$50 Credit in the Photo Contest

E-mail your fall photo to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by August 10, 2023. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.



Barron Electric Helps Cumberland ETC Shine Brighter

Cumberland Enrichment Through Culture (ETC) is dedicated to promoting the arts through education, participation in and presentation of cultural events for all ages. Barron Electric Cooperative recently donated \$1,500 to ETC. Lori Bock, President of the Cumberland ETC Board, remarked, "ETC is very grateful for all of Barron Electric Cooperative's donations including one for a new roof and new energy efficient LED lighting."

Funds for donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members.



Scott Warwick, Barron Electric Cooperative's Board Secretary, presented a \$1,500 check to ETC Board Members Dave Evenson, Larry Werner, Mike Clay, as well as Lori Bock, President of Cumberland ETC.



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