

# News FOR YOU...

## Osprey Have New Seat at Baseball Field

Ospreys, who had built a nest above the spotlights at the Barron High School Baseball Field, now have a new home thanks to the Barron School District, the Barron High School Technology Education Class, Dairyland Power Cooperative, and Barron Electric Cooperative who

all worked together to make this a reality. Dairyland Power donated a 70' pole, labor, and equipment to set the pole. Shane Massey's tech ed class built the nesting platform for the ospreys, and Barron Electric helped coordinate the project. "This was a great opportunity to work together and improve the quality of the environment," commented Jennifer Beaudette, Director of Member Services at Barron Electric Cooperative.

Osprey nests are usually located near water and situated on top of large trees, utility poles, and poles installed for them. Osprey nests consist mostly of sticks. They may use the same nest for several years resulting in a large nest. Barron Electric has set poles for nearly 20 osprey nesting platforms throughout their service territory to help improve their environment.



*Barron High School's Tech Ed Class built the platform. Pictured are Shane Massie, instructor for the class, Students Devan Keilholtz, Kendyl Lansin, and Annikka Moe, and Dairyland Lineman Ryan Flock.*

**Add Some Sparkle to Someone's Holiday Season by Giving Blood**

**Blood Drive**  
 Friday, December 9  
 9 am - 4 pm  
 at Barron Electric Cooperative  
 Call 1-800-RED CROSS to make an appointment.

**Give the Gift of Light**

Are you having trouble finding the perfect gift for that someone special? Give the gift of light this holiday season. Brighten a member's life by giving them a credit on their electric bill. Pay \$25, \$50, or any amount desired towards their bill. Send a check with the member's name, address and phone #. Please contact our billing department at [billing@barronelectric.com](mailto:billing@barronelectric.com) or 800-322-1008 if you have questions. Have a safe and healthy holiday season from all of us at Barron Electric Cooperative!



During times of high demand for electricity on the regional grid, a peak alert will be declared. Peak alerts will now occur in the morning hours from 6:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. as well as evening hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We ask that members shift their flexible electricity use until after 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m. Delaying the use of appliances such as dishwashers, washers, and dryers can help reduce the demand on our electric grid. For load status information, visit our website at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) and click on the load status button at the top of the page.



**Save Energy and Money with Energy Efficient Products**

Energy Star appliances can help save energy and money. Barron Electric members purchasing the following appliances are eligible for the rebates listed:

Energy Star® Clothes Washer .....	\$25
Energy Star® Electric Clothes Dryer .....	\$25
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer .....	\$50
Energy Star® Dehumidifier .....	\$25
Energy Star® Dishwasher .....	\$25
Energy Star® Freezer (must be a minimum of 10 cubic feet) .....	\$25
Energy Star® Refrigerator (>= to 10 cubic feet) .....	\$25
Inductive Range .....	\$25
Refrigerator or Freezer Recycling .....	\$25
Room Air Conditioner Recycling .....	\$25

Barron Electric's rebate programs can be found online at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) in the rebates area. Programs expire December 16, 2022.



# A Great Eye for Detail

Lucas Olson's love for cars and boats has been a great ride so far. After graduating from Rice Lake High School, he attended Wyotech in Laramie, Wyoming where he mastered the art of trim and upholstery. Bringing this knowledge back to Rice Lake, he established Olson's Upholstery and Tint in 2006, providing automotive and marine upholstery, along with 3M automotive window tinting and spray on bedliners to northwest Wisconsin and surrounding areas. His great staff and eye for high-end detail have won many awards and recognition in the industry.

They offer a variety of services including custom automotive interiors and repairs, complete pontoon restoration including new flooring, seat upholstery and custom-made canvas covers, commercial upholstery services, motorcycle seats and gel inserts, computer cut 3M automotive window tint, Rhino spray on bedliners and many vehicle accessories.

In 2021, Lucas also invested into operating his business with solar panels. He calculates a 7-8 year payback. Olson's Upholstery is open Monday-Thursday 8am - 4:30pm and Friday 8am - 11:30am. Visit them at [olsonsupholstery.com](http://olsonsupholstery.com) or call 715-234-1390 for a free estimate.



Lucas Olson, Owner of Olson's Upholstery in Rice Lake, worked on this '33 Ford Roadster which took First Place in the Street Rod Pre '49 Convertible/Roadster Category at the 2022 Kool Deadwood Nites Car Show.



## Monthly Photo Contest Win a \$50 Bill Credit

E-mail your winter photo to [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) by December 10, 2022 for a chance to win a \$50 bill credit. Criteria for the photos includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo. 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.

Have a safe and healthy Christmas and New Years from all of us at Barron Electric Cooperative. Our office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

# Together We Can Make a Difference

Concern for community is a trademark of cooperatives and one of the seven cooperative principles. Barron Electric Cooperative and employees recently teamed up with member Nuto Farms to purchase and deliver over 3,000 pounds of potatoes to 13 food pantries in Barron, Birchwood, Cameron, Chetek, Cumberland, Hayward, Prairie Farm, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, Spooner, and Turtle Lake. The potatoes were delivered to the food pantries in time for families to enjoy their Thanksgiving meal. Aaron Torud, Barron Electric General Manager, remarked, "Barron Electric employees continue to show their support and concern for our communities in a variety of ways." Dennis Huber, Board Director for the Chetek Food Pantry, commented, "We are fortunate to live in a generous community."



Hayward Food Pantry Representative Karen Geise was excited to receive 250 pounds of potatoes from Barron Electric representatives Nellie Cupp, Ben Brede, Dee Abbott, and JT Gunderson.

## \*Condensed Board Minutes September 28, 2022



\* *View full board minutes on SmartHub at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com).*

*David Olson represents District 1 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the following townships: Brooklyn, Gull Lake, Stinnett, Hayward, Scott, Casey, Trego, Springbrook, Bass Lake, and Rusk.*

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #100714 thru #100869 of CCF Bank in the amount of \$283,187 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$10,042. Total receipts in the office - \$2,445,757; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,419,286; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$3,295,674; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$205,494 and power bill paid 09/28/2022 in the amount of \$2,256,579.
- A membership list of 68 was presented and accepted without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of August in the amount of \$237,543.02 was presented for approval and included new services - \$31,969.91; change jobs - \$12,329.56; Other Work Order Projects - \$193,243.55 and 3 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Overtime year-to-date is 2,373.75 hours, which is 6.31% below 2021 hours of 2,533.75.



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