

News FOR YOU

Introducing the 2023 Scholarship Winners

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Jacob Burbach



Cody Cox



Paige Davis



Simeon Doyen

Barron Electric is proud to recognize these high school students who each won a \$1,000 scholarship. The cooperative has given \$394,500 in scholarships since 1985.



Leah Ebner



Jayden Eraquam



Regina Frisle



Brock Hauck



Emma Johnson



Ella Malmanger



Brody McConnell



Alyse Metcalf



Sophie Nichols



Wyatt Nitchev



Olivia Paffel



Monty Peterson



Emma Schlosser



Dalton Schroeder



Madyson Styer

Each Piece is one of Perfect Imperfection



Wildwoods Manufacturing designs and builds high-quality custom furniture, which is sold at Retreat Home Furniture in Hayward and HOM Furniture stores.

Wildwoods Manufacturing creates high-quality custom furniture in the heart of timber country. Located on Barron Electric Cooperative lines just south of Hayward on Highway 63, Wildwoods employs nine people. The employees' experience and exceptional finishing skills help to create beautiful wood products which can be purchased at Retreat Home Furniture in Hayward and HOM Furniture stores.

Ryan Hexum, owner, focuses on what intrigues customers. That, as well as his experience in retail furniture, has helped shape the business. Ryan will draw up the plans for a product, and the employees design and build it. He remarked, "I'm very grateful for the

employees and their experience. A woodworker is rare, a unicorn." He added, "Moving in the direction of the economy has allowed our company to pivot from product line to product line."

Customers have fallen in love with products made from reclaimed wood and barnwood, leaving them with a unique piece of history. Wildwood's Granary Collection is derived from the Old Globe Granary Elevators of Superior, which were the largest in the world. These grain bins included Eastern White Pine, along with Oak, Douglas Fir, and Southern Yellow Pine. The wood was saved from demolition and became reclaimed and repurposed in 2007.

Their furniture covers all price points and includes items such as tables, chairs, headboards, nightstands, and more. For custom-orders, call 715-934-2233, or visit wildwoodsmfg.com.



Employees are the key to the success of the business.



*Kindness is
in your blood*

Blood Drive

Barron Electric Cooperative
Located at 1434 State Highway 25
Thursday, June 15, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Win a \$50 Credit in the Photo Contest

E-mail your summer 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 June 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.

Tyler Nanstad Promoted to Spooner Line Superintendent

Barron Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce the promotion of Tyler Nanstad to the position of Spooner Area Line Superintendent upon the retirement of Scott DeVoe. Tyler will be responsible for planning and supervising work for the construction, operations, maintenance and repair of the cooperative's electric distribution system in the northern service territory. Tyler has been a lineman for Barron Electric

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for seven years. Prior to working at Barron Electric, he worked for Spooner Utilities, Xcel Energy in LaCrosse, and Com Ed in Chicago. Tyler remarked, "I look forward to contributing to the Cooperative's ongoing efforts to maximize our integrated systems to their full potential. With safety as our number one priority, I will continue the process of designing the system with reliability and long-term growth in mind."

General Manager Aaron Torud commented, "Tyler's experience, positive attitude and forward thinking will be beneficial in this position." He added, "Scott's 33 years of experience at the cooperative and exceptional work ethic will be greatly missed. He has formed valuable relationships with our members and employees. We wish Scott the best in his retirement."



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Orion Thompson



Sarah Weber



Anna Widiker



Carli Wilson



Joshua Young



Grace Zeien

Funds for Barron Electric Cooperative scholarships come from the Federated Youth Foundation, a trust of unclaimed capital credits. The Federated Youth Foundation has specific requirements for which the funds can be used. Legally, we cannot use funds from unclaimed capital credits to reduce rates.



Pole Testing Helps Improve Reliability

American Energy Services is currently testing poles in Bashaw Township. Once completed, the following townships are scheduled: Clear Lake and Clayton Townships in Polk County, as well as Almena and Clinton Townships in Barron County. A magnetic sign that displays Barron Electric Cooperative's name will be displayed on their vehicles, while a 4-wheeler may be used to move efficiently throughout the system. If you have questions, please contact our office at 800-322-1008 or e-mail operations@barronelectric.com.

*Condensed Board Minutes

March 29, 2023



Mike Baker, Vice President of Barron Electric's Board of Directors, represents District 3, which includes the following townships: Crystal, Stone Lake, Sand Lake, Beaverbrook, Madge, Birchwood, Sarona, and Cedar Lake.

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #101499 through #101607 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$234,177 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,261. Total receipts in the office - \$3,057,287; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$2,915,403; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$4,998,756; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$188,366 and power bill paid on March 29, 2023, in the amount of \$2,140,452.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of February in the amount of \$118,461.44 was presented for approval and included new services - \$2,234.77; change jobs - \$0; Other Work Order Projects - \$116,226.67 and 0 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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

Ensuring Financial Stability



Financial stability is one of the cooperatives' key initiatives. The cooperative has hired Power Systems Engineering to help evaluate the rates including the facility charge. The facility charge covers all fixed expenses and does not fluctuate based on members' usage. Some of the infrastructure needed to provide reliable power include substations, transformers, poles, power lines, trucks, and maintenance. With upward pressure, supply chain issues, and the price of transformers, equipment, wire, and fuel increasing, Barron Electric's Board of Directors will be evaluating the rates and fixed charge while ensuring that costs are spread fairly among all members.

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ON US*!

Starting Monday, June 5th
*while supplies last

