

# News FOR YOU...

## Cooperative Membership Pays: Nearly \$900,000 in Cashback Credits to be Returned

October is the best month ever, because it is a time when cooperatives come together to celebrate Cooperative Month. Barron Electric will be returning nearly \$900,000 in cashback credits to eligible members. Members can pick up their cashback credit check at the events listed below, enjoy a free lunch, take a ride in a bucket truck (weather permitting), view the electric safety demonstration, and visit cooperative and community booths. Bring food or personal care items for local food pantries, and you might just win a prize. There will also be a Med Return box for unwanted medications.

Checks will be mailed after the events to members who are unable to attend. We look forward to celebrating Cooperative Month with our members.



## Cooperative Month Kickoff Events 2024



Prizes! Free Lunch! Cashback Credits & More!

**Tuesday, October 8th,**  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Barron Electric's Spooner Location  
1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner, WI

**Thursday, October 10th,**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Mosaic Technologies  
401 S. 1st St. Cameron, WI



# The Outpost: A Place of Peace and Comfort

Ron and Michelle Lovelien followed their dream 17 years ago when they opened their first coffee house in Eau Claire on their wedding anniversary. Working together has been no problem for these two lovebirds, as Ron explains, "Michelle and I are so close and so dedicated to each other." He commented about their coffee houses in Eau Claire, "We wanted to create a space where people came together and built relationships, like the TV show 'Cheers.'" They eventually sold the coffee houses in Eau Claire, and moved north, where they opened The Outpost near McKenzie Lake. The Loveliens recently purchased a building on Barron Electric lines and moved the Outpost to Trego.

Just off Highway 53, you will find a charming store filled with candles, games, puzzles, clothing, decor, and their famous fresh roasted coffee. The coffee comes in a variety of

flavors from almond berry to black bear mint brownie, and bourbon pecan to name a few. Coffee can be delivered straight to your door, saving 5% on every order through a subscription. Coffee beans are grown on independent, Fair Trade certified organic farms in Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, and Sumatra.

## Signature Style Salon & Community Room

You will also find Signature Style Salon, a hair salon for women, men, and children. In addition, a community room can be rented for meetings, group activities, or is available for office/retail space.

For more information, visit them on the web at [outpostcoffeeandgifts.com](http://outpostcoffeeandgifts.com). The Outpost is located at N7341 Liesch Road, Trego. Hours are:  
Wednesday-Friday.....10am-5pm  
Saturday .....10am-4pm  
Sunday .....10am-2pm



Meet Michelle and Ron Lovelien, owners of The Outpost, a gift shop and coffee roasting company in Trego.



Find freshly roasted coffee in a variety of flavors.

## GPS Project Continues

Global Mapping Solutions (GMS) is working on Barron Electric's system. GMS will be on members' property to inventory and take pictures of equipment, i.e. meters and transformers. Their vehicles will display signs with Barron Electric's logo, and GMS crews will carry identification badges noting they are contracted by Barron Electric.

## Condensed Board Minutes

July 31, 2024

Randy Cook is President of Barron Electric's Board of Directors and represents District 7 which includes the following townships: Stanley, Sumner, Strickland, Stubbs, Rusk, and Big Bend.

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #103233 through #103329 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$612,069 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$8,769. Total receipts in the office \$3,085,149; total receipts by wire and ACH \$2,153,146; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$4,354,605; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$230,943 and the power bill was paid on 07/31/2024 in the amount of \$2,102,820.
- A membership list of 88 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of June in the amount of \$506,536.17 was presented for approval and included new services \$33,867.61; change jobs \$23,766.22; Other Work Order Projects \$448,902.34 and 22 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 36,836.79 consumer hours off, which is 72.10% above 2023 hours of 21,404.26. Overtime year-to-date is 1,956.75 hours, which is 53.59 above 2023 hours of 1,274.00.



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



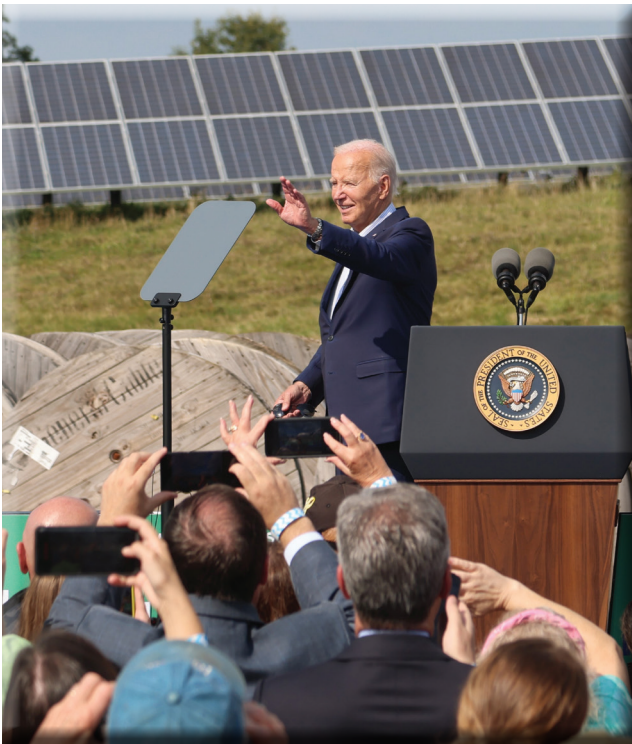
# Dairyland Awarded New Empowering Rural America Program Grant

President Joe Biden joined U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack for an event on September 5 at Vernon Electric Cooperative celebrating the award of a \$579 million New Empowering Rural America (New ERA) grant to Dairyland Power Cooperative to accelerate the clean energy transition. The funds will develop projects totaling 1,020 megawatts (MW) of power purchase agreements for solar and wind energy installations in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Projects include 593 MW of wind, 427 MW of solar and 60 MW of energy storage.

"This is the most significant, transformative investment in electricity and electrification and clean energy for rural America since FDR's New Deal nearly 90 years ago," said President Biden. New ERA funding will accelerate Dairyland's carbon profile goals, resulting in a 3.3 million metric tons carbon reduction for approximately 70% decrease in carbon emissions. Dairyland has already retired 579 MW of coal generation since 2014 and reduced its coal generation investment by 60% since 1999.

"One in five rural Americans will benefit from these clean energy investments, thanks to partnerships with rural electric cooperatives like Dairyland," said Secretary Vilsack. "Put simply, this is rural power, for rural America." The award will allow Dairyland to advance clean energy transition plans more quickly and affordably. "Dairyland is honored to receive the New ERA award, which provides an incredible opportunity to accelerate deployment of renewable energy investments, facilitate economic growth and job creation, promote environmental stewardship and justice, all while lowering energy costs for rural communities," said Dairyland President and CEO Brent Ridge.

Source: Dairyland Power Cooperative



President Biden shared the news of Dairyland Power's \$579 million grant, which will help accelerate the clean energy transition.

Note: Dairyland Power and Barron Electric have hosted elected officials from all political parties. However, Dairyland and Barron Electric are not a partisan organization and do not endorse individuals or elected officials.

*Every Student Deserves a Bright Future!*

**Up to \$30,000 in scholarships to be awarded**

Scholarships	Eligibility	Selection
Cooperative District Draw	High School Seniors of Barron Electric members who will be attending a technical college or two/four year college/university	Three applicants from each of our 9 Districts will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship
Non-Traditional/ Adult Students	Must be a Barron Electric Member and enrolled in college/technical courses	One applicant will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship
Electrical Related Trade	Must be Barron Electric members or have guardians who are, and should be enrolled in an electric-related trade or field program. This opportunity is available to high school seniors, adults students, and others (for example, second-semester freshmen)	Two applicants will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship

\* Students who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for multiple scholarships, but no student may receive more than one scholarship.

# THIS AUTUMN, AS THE LEAVES GRADUALLY CHANGE SO WILL OUR BILLING CYCLE

THE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE WILL SHIFT FROM THE 18TH-18TH TO THE 1ST-1ST.



THE TOTAL DAYS YOU ARE BILLED WILL REMAIN THE SAME, BUT THE NUMBER OF DAYS PER STATEMENT WILL DIFFER DURING THIS GRADUAL TRANSITION.

As shown in the graphic above, Barron Electric Cooperative has changed their billing cycle to the 1<sup>st</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> to better align with our wholesale power bill from Dairyland Power Cooperative. **Members should receive their bills by the 14th of the month. Bills will be due on the 28th of each month.**

Members who participate in the Auto Pay program will have their billing amounts deducted between the 25th - 28th of each month. If you have any questions, please contact the billing department at [billing@barronelectric.com](mailto:billing@barronelectric.com) or 800-322-1008.

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## Savings from the Sun



Community Rays panels are available for \$450 each with a 10-year agreement. These solar panels are maintained by Barron Electric, offering members the opportunity to purchase clean energy without the hassle of equipment installs or upkeep. In 2023, members received over \$33 per unit as a renewable energy credit on their electric bill. Contact Barron Electric at 800-322-1008 or e-mail [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) if you are interested in purchasing panels.