



# HELPING HANDS IN THE COMMUNITY



Left to right: Fire Chief Brock Frierhood, Ambulance Director Brett Frierhood, and District 3 board representative Jim Kinzie.

Bayfield Electric is always trying to practice our seven cooperative principles. One of those is concern for community. What does that mean? It means we take our commitment to investing in the communities we serve very seriously, and we work hard to develop those communities. Bayfield Electric supports many groups, local events and businesses daily. In addition to giving monetary support, we donate time and resources to events and organizations whose goals align with ours.

Recently, Bayfield Electric donated a \$1,000 grant through Dairyland Power to the Barnes Ambulance and Fire Department. District 3 board member Jim Kinzie presented the check to Ambulance Director Brett Frierhood and Fire Chief Brock Frierhood.

## HOTLINE DEMONSTRATIONS BRING SAFETY EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY

We use hotline demonstrations to help you, our members, better visualize the power of your electricity. Live demonstrations allow for discussion and observations, which leads to increased self-awareness and understanding of how an electrical system works. It also increases awareness of dangerous situations and how to recognize and avoid them. As providers of safe and reliable electricity, we have the responsibility to educate our community.

If you or someone you know is part of an organization that would like to see a hotline demonstration, give us a call! We have done demonstrations for many schools and fire departments, and we would love to spread the knowledge. Our office number is 715-372-4287.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS THAT HELPED CELEBRATE CO-OP MONTH

In celebration of National Co-op Month this year, Bayfield Electric Cooperative randomly drew member accounts and contacted 20 winners to receive a \$25 bill credit. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you!



### ALL REBATE PAPERWORK DUE DECEMBER 31

All rebate applications must be submitted to Bayfield Electric Cooperative by December 31, 2024. Rebates may be issued until funds are depleted. Any qualified items purchased after December 31, 2024 will receive the 2025 rebate amount, if available. Please visit our website, [www.bayfieldelectric.com](http://www.bayfieldelectric.com), or call our office, 715-372-4287, to learn more.

# COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

## BAYFIELD LINEMEN ASSIST IN HURRICANE RELIEF



As part of the sixth Cooperative principle, Cooperation among Cooperatives, and working together through a program called ROPE (Restoration of Power in an Emergency), Bayfield Electric responded to a request from South Carolina for restoration assistance following Hurricane Helene.

Bayfield Electric sent two linemen and a truck to assist. They joined a convoy of linemen and trucks from 14 other Wisconsin co-ops and started the journey to South Carolina. Crews faced challenges with working conditions, widespread damage and changing weather. The crews worked in teams for 16-hour days and slept on cots in tents. Their hard work and efforts brought relief and joy to local residents once they saw their homes and businesses energized once again.



Forty-five Wisconsin linemen took part in the hurricane relief effort.



# FOUR WAYS SANTA SAVES ENERGY IN HIS WORKSHOP



The holiday season is finally upon us and Santa and his elves have been especially busy as they gear up for their biggest night of the year. It's no secret that Santa is known for running an efficient workshop—how else could he make all those toys in time for Christmas Eve? Rumor has it that one way Santa ensures an efficient workspace is through energy-saving measures.

- 1. Santa leaves his decorations up year-round, so by using LED holiday light strands, he's able to save money on his monthly electric bills. LED holiday strands can last up to 20 seasons, which makes them a great option for any festive home.**
- 2. Santa requires several power tools to make a year's worth of new toys. That's why he insists on using cordless power tools with ENERGY STAR rating. According to energystar.gov, if all power tools in the United States used ENERGY STAR- rated battery chargers, 2 billion kWh hours of electricity could be saved—that's equivalent to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1.7 million tons!**
- 3. Mrs. Claus loves to keep warm by the fire in the evenings, and Santa knows one of the best tricks to ensure fireplace efficiency. While a fireplace can keep a small area of your home cozy and warm, it can also pull heated air from the room through the chimney. That's why Santa always closes the fireplace flue when a fire isn't burning.**
- 4. Santa also saves energy by using power strips. Power strips are ideal for workshops, craft nooks, game rooms and other spaces in your home. With one simple switch, you can conveniently control several devices and electronics that are plugged into the power strip.**

This holiday season, let's take a page from Santa's handbook and remember to save energy when possible. With these four tips, you'll be well on your way to savings (and hopefully the "nice" list too)!



# Happy Holidays

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Our offices will be closed  
on  
**Tuesday, Dec. 24,**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 25, and**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 1**  
to celebrate the  
holidays.

Have a safe and  
happy holiday  
season!

## MONTH OF DECEMBER

Billing date:

**December 10, 2024**

November Usage

Bills Due Upon Receipt

Gross due after:

**December 30, 2024**

Disconnect date:

**January 15, 2025**

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