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# Teeing Off for a Cause

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES THROUGH CHARITY

In communities across BARC's territory, one local charity is making a big difference. Unity4Kids provides vital support to schools, students and families in need in Alleghany, Bath and Rockbridge counties. Whether it's through supplying jackets, shoes and supplies, helping with back-to-school needs, or assisting area families fulfill Christmas wishes, this organization is committed to building stronger, healthier communities from the ground up.

This year, BARC was proud to support their mission by hosting a charity golf tournament fundraiser, bringing together community members, sponsors and industry businesses for a day of fun, connection and giving back. Held at the Cliff View Golf Course in Falling Springs, 44 golfers teed off for a good cause. Thanks to generous donations, sponsorships and participant fees, BARC raised over \$2,000 — 100% of which went directly to Unity4Kids.



Left: Unity4Kids director, Tammy Reid, accepts tournament proceeds from BARC staff. Top: Golfers at the BARC Tournament. Bottom right: 2024 Christmas present donations from Unity4Kids.



These funds will support youth needs, Christmas gifts and family support services — providing stability and care for those who need it most.

This year, Unity4Kids will be providing Christmas gifts to 150 kids at the Alleghany YMCA, supporting students in Rockbridge and Bath counties with hygiene and personal care items, and helping foster children and families through local schools and social services.

They will also be extending Christmas support to Bath County High School and other local schools — making the season brighter for our community's children.

Tammy Reid, Director at Unity4Kids, says, "I appreciate BARC's willingness to bring awareness of Unity4Kids to the public. We have been blessed to help so many."

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated during their

time off, donated or volunteered. Your support is helping create a brighter future for countless families and children in our community. Together, we're proving that, when we come together with purpose, we can drive meaningful change.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:

**First place team:** Ashby Taylor, Caleb Fry, Lucas Kirby and Dylan McComb

**Second place team:** Jesse Skovira, Wade Ryder, Louie Dufour and Nate Hiner

**Third place team:** Scott Sorrels, Brian Argenbright, Robbie Bontz and Graham Law

**Closest to the Pin:** Caleb Fry, Bill Buchanan and Dylan McComb

To learn more on programs, like Unity4Kids, supporting our communities, please visit: [barcelectric.com/givingback](http://barcelectric.com/givingback).

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## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

With the holiday season approaching and more time spent in the kitchen, consider ways to save energy in the heart of your home. When possible, cook meals with smaller, energy efficient appliances, such as toaster ovens, slow cookers and air fryers. When using the range, match the size of the pan to the heating element. Keep range-top burners and reflectors clean so they reflect heat more efficiently. After your holiday meals are complete, load the dishwasher fully before starting the wash cycle.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



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# BARC Communities

## BARC Enhances Infrastructure to Deliver More Power to Members

BARC Electric's operations team installed a new high-voltage breaker on our interconnection point with Dominion Energy for the high-voltage feed to the Cornwall substation in Rockbridge County. This new breaker allows BARC to better coordinate with the transmission system that will allow for a planned future upgrade in the Cornwall substation, doubling the station transformer's capacity to provide energy to our members.



## BARC Promotions



Cody O'Neill (left) has been promoted to Electric Construction Foreman. Jess Pritt (middle) has been promoted to General Foreman, overseeing electric construction in Bath, Alleghany and Highland counties. Stevie Clark (right) has been promoted to General Foreman, overseeing electric construction in Rockbridge and Augusta counties. Congratulations to these employees on their well-deserved promotions!

## BARC Hosts Third Annual Safety Day

On Sept. 25, BARC Electric Cooperative and BARC Connects employees gathered for the third annual All-Employee Safety Day to put focus on the cooperative's No. 1 priority — safety.

Bill Buchanan, BARC CEO says "Our All-Employee Safety Day was a valuable opportunity to come together, refocus on best practices and reinforce our commitment to a safe workplace. It not only strengthened our knowledge but also fostered a culture of accountability and teamwork."



## Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 2

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday, Nov. 1.

## BARC Holiday Closings

### THANKSGIVING

Thursday, Nov. 27  
Friday, Nov. 28

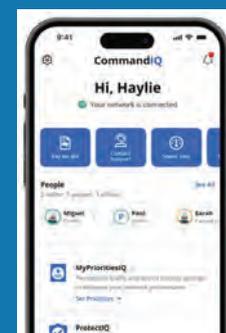
### CHRISTMAS

Thursday, Dec. 25

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, Jan. 1

## The BARC Connects Wi-Fi App is now ALL-NEW and IMPROVED!



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