



News FOR YOU...

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"Barron Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that provides energy, products, and services to improve the quality of life in the area we serve."

Barron Electric Cooperative

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Spooner Veterinary Clinic: The Caring Place for Your Pets

Barron Electric Cooperative proudly serves Spooner Veterinary Clinic, which provides a wide variety of services for pets – from boarding and grooming to preventative care, dentistry and surgery – as well as an assortment of products to keep pets healthy. According to Medical Director Dr. Gary Sloniker, "We are in a service business, and the most important part of the equation is our patients and clients." Fortunately, changes in technology have simplified

the equation for the benefit of all involved. "It used to take five days to get blood work results, and now we can have them in one day," Dr. Sloniker said. He added, "Our clinic also uses a digital radiography machine where images are read around the world, and results are obtained in as quickly as 15 minutes."

Keeping your pet healthy can add years to its life. Dr. Sloniker stressed the importance of regular wellness exams and testing, as well

as maintaining your pet's correct weight. Cats are true carnivores and need a high-fat, high-protein and low carbohydrate diet. He recommends giving cats a 3-ounce can of food two times a day. Dogs prefer a meat-based diet. Also important to remember is that pets are at risk for the same illnesses as humans. Dr. Sloniker noted that "there are a lot of cancers in dogs and

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Anything Goes Quartet Performing at Barron Electric's Annual Meeting



Anything Goes Quartet includes members Ken Gonske, Albin Peterson, Doug Haugestuen, and Carl Peterson. They will perform at Barron Electric's Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 29 during registration (8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.) and lunch, which follows the business meeting.



Dr. Sloniker's interest in becoming a veterinarian began after reading about the profession in the encyclopedia.



Enchanted Barn to be Featured at Annual Meeting



Learn more about the Enchanted Barn at Barron Electric's 78th Annual Meeting set for Saturday, March 29 at the Barron High School.

Megawatt Community Service Award Process

Barron Electric is rewarding members and their families for community service by awarding a \$50 electric bill credit to the chosen winners on a monthly basis. Nominate a member by completing the application form, available at barronelectric.com in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.



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Barron Electric to Award \$14,000 in Scholarships to High School Seniors



Nicole Capra, Hayward High School graduate said, "Thanks to Barron Electric for generously donating money for scholarships and helping young people further their education and take the next step into their lives."

Barron Electric will award \$14,000 in scholarships to fourteen high school seniors this spring. Since the program began in 1985, 282 seniors have received \$234,500 in scholarships.

Eligibility

Graduating seniors are eligible if they attend any of the high schools listed, and whose parents or guardians are current members of Barron Electric. The high schools include: Barron, Birchwood, Cameron, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Clayton, Clear Lake, Cumberland, Hayward, New Auburn, Prairie Farm, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, Spooner, and Turtle Lake. Scholarship winners will rank in the top 6-25% of their class. Applicants must plan to attend an institution of post-secondary education.

Selection Process

Selection of recipients will be determined by the high schools' scholarship committee based upon Barron Electric's eligibility criteria. Students should check with their high school guidance office for the scholarship application and deadline.

Funds for Scholarships

Funds for scholarships are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust consisting of unclaimed capital credits from former members.

Donation Will Help Kamp Kenwood

Barron Electric Cooperative recently donated \$500 to the Wisconsin Farmers Union Foundation to be used to build storm shelters at Kamp Kenwood. The camp serves young people from all over the state. Carolyn Verhulst, President of the Barron County Farmers Union, said, "We greatly appreciate Barron Electric's support of Kamp Kenwood. The storm shelters will help keep visitors safe."



Randel Peters presents a \$500 check to Carolyn Verhulst, President of the Barron County Farmers Union.

Barron Electric to Sponsor Students to Youth Conferences and Washington D.C.

Barron Electric Cooperative will be sponsoring students to two youth conferences including the Co-op Yes! Youth Leadership Conference, which will be held March 17-18 in Eau Claire and WECA's Youth Conference at UW-River Falls on July 17-18. Students will have the opportunity to complete an essay. The top two essay winners will travel to Washington D.C. for the National Rural Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour set for June 12-19, 2015. Hannah Schweitzer, Cooperative Network Youth Board Member, said, "Being a member of the Youth Board has given me many leadership opportunities. I have met a lot of people and developed so many skills that will help me when I become an accountant."

Barron Electric invites high school

sophomores, juniors, and seniors, to apply for the Co-op Yes! Conference. Parents must be Barron Electric Cooperative members.

Did you know that Minnesota and Wisconsin lead the nation in cooperatives? Students will learn more about cooperatives at these conferences. Back by popular demand is Craig Hillier who will present his strong message with plenty of humor. Registration forms are available at barronelectric.com, just click on community and youth conference. Please return to Barron Electric by **Thursday, February 13** to memberservices@barronelectric.com, fax 715-637-1906, or mail to:

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Hannah Schweitzer, a Rice Lake High School student, helped to plan the Co-ops Yes! Youth Leadership Conference. She was elected to the Cooperative Network Youth Board after last year's conference.

Rick Rassbach Wins Megawatt Community Service Award



Met Rick Rassbach, Barron Electric's February Megawatt Winner. Rick serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club where they help with fundraising efforts. He commented, "This program can help change the life of a child, as well as the community." He also serves on the Family Service Volunteer Board, where they review budgets. He serves on the Leadership Barron County Board, which plans informative programs for participants. He is President-Elect of the Barron Kiwanis Club, as well as past president. He also serves on the Executive Board at the Barron Area Community Center. Rick is the Vice President of WESTconsin Credit Union's Barron office. He remarked, "I enjoy helping to make the community a better place to live."



Rick Rassbach is very involved with his community. Pictured right, he greets members at the 2013 Cooperative Month Event.

Spooner Veterinary Clinic

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cats, as well as heart disease, joint problems, etc." In fact, dental disease is the most common illness in dogs and cats, and left untreated can lead to more serious issues. "It's very important to clean your pet's teeth daily and bring them in for annual dental evaluations, and we feel so strongly about this that we currently offer them at no cost," commented Dr. Sloniker.

The veterinarians rotate between the Spooner Clinic and the Care Animal Clinic in Hayward, where they see between 5,000 to 8,000 pets annually. Spooner Veterinary Clinic is located at N4815 DVM Drive in Spooner. They can be reached at 715-635-2874, or you can find them on the web at spoonervetclinic.com.



Director Notes



Larry Kuhl represents District 5 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the townships of Long Lake, Bear Lake, Oak Grove, Stanfold, Rice Lake, and Doyle.

Condensed Board Minutes November 27, 2013

- Director Helm gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Manager Sloan. A report of vouchers for the month was printed as part of the board packet as follows: #85535 thru #85694 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$236,295; capital credit estate checks of \$12,480 and capital credit retirement checks of \$328,477. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,310,840; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$591,863; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,259,505; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$161,864; power bill due 11/27/13 - \$1,761,161. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 91,511 consumer hours off, which is 59.7% above 2012 hours of 35,100. Overtime year-to-date is 3,213.25 hours, which is 6.6% above 2012 hours of 3,000.50.

Shell Lake Students Learn About Career as Lineman



Barron Electric Lineman Jeff Sando talked about his career as a lineman to Shell Lake students taking Mr. Forsythe's Work Finance Class. Jeff talked about new construction projects, maintenance work, and restoring power in Barron Electric's service territory as well as helping restore power in South Dakota after an ice storm and in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

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Cook's Corner

Creamy Chicken Biscuits Marlene Prill

2 (7.5 oz.) tubes baking powder biscuits
2 (12.5 oz.) cans white chicken breast, drained
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 can evaporated milk
Shredded cheddar cheese



Layer biscuits in a 9x13 pan, then add chicken. Heat soups with evaporated milk until creamy, pour over chicken. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes.

Each recipe winner will receive a Farm Technology Days cookbook. Please e-mail your recipe to barronec@barronelectric.com or send your recipes to:

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