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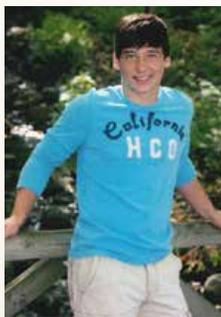
"Barron Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that provides energy, products, and services to improve the quality of life in the area we serve."

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Scholarship Program Helps Students Pursue Their Dreams

Barron Electric Cooperative's Scholarship Program, established in 1985, has helped 296 students further their education by awarding over \$248,000. Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "Our scholarship program recognizes and encourages academic and community achievements of students in our service territory." Barron Electric is proud to recognize the following 2014 winners:



*Bryce Befort
Clayton
High School*



*Elizabeth Below
Rice Lake
High School*



*Michaela Brekken
New Auburn
High School*



*Laura Crites
Barron High School*



*Sabrina Dennis
Hayward High School*



*Bryce Gjerde
Birchwood Blue
Hills Charter School*



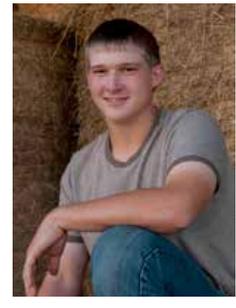
*Kelsey Hammons
Clear Lake
High School*



*Alexandria Hotchkiss
Spooner High School*



*Emily Kohlen
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser
High School*



*Ryan Melton
Shell Lake
High School*

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Celebrate June Dairy Month at the 40th Annual Barron County Dairy Breakfast

The 40th Annual Barron County Dairy Breakfast will be held on the Kodesh Family Farm on Saturday, June 7. Duane and Nancy purchased the farm, located on Barron

Electric lines, in 1997 and milked 50 cows and farmed 160 acres. Today, the farm has grown to 310 cows, 325 heifers, and includes 700 tillable acres, where corn and alfalfa are planted.

The farm has grown into a family business, where sons, Justin (Chrissy Berlin) and Trevor (Kaylie Rankin), all play an important role in the success of the business. Duane commented, "Technology and equipment have changed the way we do business."

Barron County Dairy Breakfast Saturday, June 7

Breakfast will be served from 6-11 a.m. and includes the all-Wisconsin omelet, pancakes, real maple syrup, milk, cheese, deep fried cheese curds, applesauce, ice cream sundaes, and coffee. There will be educational displays, exhibits showcasing equipment from the 1970s, a farm tour, petting zoo, door prizes, and live entertainment. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, while ages 5 and under are free. The farm is located at 1583 24th Avenue, Rice Lake. Take Highway 48 west of Rice Lake, go north on County Road V, and west on 24th Avenue. Follow the signs.



Join the Kodesh Family for the 40th Annual Barron County Dairy Breakfast on Saturday, June 7. Pictured are Chrissy Berlin, Justin, Duane, Nancy, and Trevor Kodesh and Kaylie Rankin.

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Scholarships... *Continued from Cover*



Nicole Lutz
Turtle Lake
High School



Megan Maresca
Cameron High School



Maggie Wright-Racette
Prairie Farm
High School

Congratulations Class of 2014!



Amaris Vesely
Cumberland
High School

Kim Barta Wins Megawatt Community Service Award

Kim Barta has helped with the Barron County Dairy Breakfast for 35 years. He helps find volunteers to assist with the breakfast and helps with the set-up and clean-up. He said, "This year, the breakfast will be more educational. Our goal is to educate the public about the agricultural industry." Kim also helped with Farm Technology Days, co-chairing the Commemorative Tractor Committee. He is chairman of the Barron County Dairy Promoters, serves on the Barron County Farm Bureau, and is a member of the Red Cedar Choir. Kim served on the Board of Directors for NorthStar Cooperative for 15 years.

Win \$50

Barron Electric is rewarding members and their families for community service by awarding a \$50 electric bill credit to the winners of the Megawatt Community Service Award 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.



Kim Barta is the Megawatt Community Service Award Winner. He has helped promote the agricultural industry.

Randy Cook Elected to Barron Electric's Board of Directors

Randy Cook was elected to Barron Electric's Board of Directors to complete a one-year term in District 7. "Electricity is a basic necessity of life, where we get our energy from today and where we will get it in the future is of great interest to me," commented Randy. He added, "In addition, producing electricity that is affordable, dependable, and sustainable while being safe and friendly to our environment is very important."

Randy is the District Director for the Farm Service Agency Division; he oversees operations in 19 county's offices which provide over \$295 million dollars in loans and program benefits to agricultural producers throughout northwest Wisconsin.

Randy and his wife, DeeAnn, own and reside on a farm in the Town of Stanley. He has served in leadership roles in his church and other community organizations.



Sign up Today for Youth Conference

The 2014 Youth Leadership Congress will be held at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on July 16-18. Barron Electric will be sponsoring high school students to this exciting conference. Youth speaker Craig Hillier will present an interactive session that will captivate and motivate students. Chad Pregracke will talk about his fascinating work in cleaning up the lakes and rivers all around the country. Keynote speaker David Mann will be closing out the conference by giving tips and guidance for being a leader.

Win Trip to Washington D.C.

Students will also have the opportunity to write an essay. The top essay winner will travel to Washington D.C. for NRECA's Youth Tour set for June 12-19, 2015. For a registration form, contact Barron Electric's Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or e-mail mklump@barronelectric.com.

Director Notes



Mike Baker serves as Vice President on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, representing District 3, which includes the following townships:

Crystal, Stone Lake, Sand Lake, Beaverbrook, Madge, Birchwood, Sarona, and Cedar Lake.

Condensed Board Minutes March 26, 2014

- 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: #86124 thru #86307 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$233,722; capital credit estate checks of \$4,874 and capital credit retirement checks of \$537. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,754,367; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$668,703; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,976,896; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$158,487; power bill due 03/26/14 - \$2,075,845. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$85,231.21 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$0; change jobs - \$0; miscellaneous - \$85,231.21 and 1 retirement. Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 14,318 consumer hours off, which is 40.5% above 2013 hours of 8,524. Overtime year-to-date is 487 hours, which is 49.9% above 2013 hours of 244.

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Members Share Energy Stories

Member Leslie Jones said, "I have been using a power strip on all of my electronics. I shut the power strip off in the evening hours." Leslie has been tracking his usage on SmartHub and found that he has saved money every month by doing this. His usage has dropped by approximately 100 kilowatt-hours per month, saving him over \$100 annually.

Member Robin Hanson said, "I started using SmartHub to pay my electric bill; it was a quick and easy App." When propane prices skyrocketed, the Hansons purchased an energy efficient electric heater to help offset the LP prices. Robin said, "I decided to track our usage on SmartHub to see how the new heater was going to affect our electric bill. We noticed on the days that we plugged in our skid-steer, the usage was considerably higher." She remarked, "This is a valuable resource for members."

Accessing SmartHub

Members can access SmartHub via Barron Electric's website at barronelectric.com. Members can create an account using their Barron Electric account number. Once logged in, members can view daily, monthly, and annual usage compared to average temperatures. Members can make payments or contact the office.



Visit SmartHub.

Cook's Corner

Cracker Bars Adeline Tomesh

60 Keebler Club Crackers
1 stick butter
1/2 cup white sugar
2/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1 cup finely crushed graham crackers
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup butterscotch chips
1/2 cup peanut butter



In ungreased 9x13 pan, layer 30 Keebler Club Crackers, salty side up. In pan with handle, melt butter, add sugars, evaporated milk, crushed graham crackers. Bring to boil, stirring over a minute. Spread over crackers and layer 30 more crackers on top. In another pan, over hot water, melt chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, and peanut butter. Frost over crackers.

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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