

# News FOR YOU...

February 2018

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

Photo by Clara Peterson

Barron Electric Cooperative

## Mandy Straw Promoted to Director of Finance Pete Olson Retiring After 21 Years

**M**andy Straw will assume her duties on March 1 as Director of Finance. She will oversee general accounting, budgeting, audits, accounts payable, accounts receivable and distribution of capital credits. General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "Mandy's work experience and knowledge of the cooperative's accounting procedures will be valuable; I am excited she accepted this new position." Mandy remarked, "I look forward to the challenges and meeting the needs of our membership."

Mandy began her employment at the cooperative in 2000 as Accounting Assistant. In 2005, she was promoted to Supervisor of Accounting. She has an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Chippewa Valley Technical College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Lakeland College.

Pete Olson, Barron Electric Cooperative's Supervisor of Finance and Consumer Accounting, will be retiring this month after working at the cooperative for 21 years. Dallas Sloan commented, "Pete has been a key player in the financial workings of the cooperative. We appreciate his dedication and attention to detail." Pete remarked, "Barron Electric has been a great place to work. I enjoyed working with my coworkers and meeting the needs of our members."



## 82nd Annual Meeting Focuses on Technology

**S**ave the date for Barron Electric's 82nd Annual Meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 24 at the Barron High School. Guest speakers Jeff Springer of Dairyland Power and Matthew Blacker of ZEF Energy will discuss electric vehicles and charging stations. Chris Kroeze, a Nashville recording artist, will perform during registration and lunch. Bring the entire family as kids won't want to miss facepainting by Paula McDaniels. The grand prize will be one year of energy, up to \$100 per month and not including the fixed charge.

*Members will have the opportunity to learn more about electric vehicles and charging stations.*



# Preserving Memories with Seasons Photography



Vicky Hultman

Seasons come and go, but photos are forever. Vicky Hultman, owner and photographer of Seasons Photography, takes pride in ensuring that the portraits

will preserve memories for years to come. Vicky remarked, "I love meeting people and being able to create something really meaningful to celebrate families and to mark their family history." She takes the time to plan her client's session location, clothing, and goals for their images.

She started her photography business 16 years ago and her main subjects include families, babies, seniors and team photography. She added, "A photography session and

the resulting prints are a celebration of the people and relationships in our lives. I love being able to build a family up and support them in a small way through my profession." She began Seasons Photography Sports in addition to her boutique business where she sells prints and wall displays.

One of the biggest changes in the industry include the movement from printed to digital images. Vicky specializes in creating and providing printed images and products for her clients. She commented, "I believe digital images will be lost in time, and our family's histories

will be erased without tangible visual documentation."

Vicky can be reached at vicky@seasonsphotography.net or by phone at 715-234-3187. View her photos at [www.seasonsphotography.net](http://www.seasonsphotography.net) or on Facebook.



Vicky Hultman enjoys celebrating families through photography.

## Scholarships Available

Barron Electric will award \$14,000 in scholarships to fourteen high school seniors this spring. Over 300 seniors have received more than \$280,000 in scholarships since the program began in 1985.

### 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. Barron

Electric recommends that scholarship winners 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.

### Charles Van Sickle Scholarship Opportunity

This \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a pre-law or law student who has an interest in cooperative law. The scholarship will be awarded during the Spring 2018 semester. Applications are due April 1, 2018. For more information, visit <https://cooperativenetwork.coop/files/documents/2018-Van-Sickle-Scholarship-Application.pdf>.

# Mary Kutchera Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award

Mary Kutchera has been a member of the Spooner-Trego Lions Club for ten years. She currently serves as Vice President and has also served as treasurer. She has chaired the vision screening program where more than 300 children are screened annually and has also helped

coordinate the collection of eye glasses which are shipped overseas. The Lions Club buys glasses for those that can't afford a pair. Mary helps coordinate the Easter Egg hunt which attracts over 300 kids annually. She helps with Mad City, held at Shell Lake



and Spooner High Schools; this program teaches high school seniors how to manage their money. She has helped the 4-H serve ice cream at the Washburn County Fair and chaired the food booth at the Spooner Rodeo for six years. She said, "I joined the Lions Club to meet people and help in my community."

## Win a \$50 Electric Bill Credit

The Megawatt Community Service Award supports Barron Electric Cooperative's mission to improve the quality of life in the areas we serve and promotes our 7th Cooperative Principle, "Concern for Community." Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit. Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Application forms can be found at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.



Jody Schlapper, Barron Electric representative, presents the Megawatt Community Service Award to Mary Kutchera.

# Outage Texting Now Available



Barron Electric members now have the opportunity to text in their outage and receive a message when the outage is restored. If your mobile number is included on your account information, you can sign up for outage texting by visiting our website at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) and click on outage texting on the home page. If your mobile number is not listed on your account, please complete the form below or contact our billing department at 800-322-1008 to update your account information. Once your phone number is added, you can sign up for outage texting at [baronelectric.com](http://baronelectric.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Barron Electric Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Sign up for Auto Pay and Win a \$50 Credit

Auto Pay is a convenient way to pay your electric bill, saving you time and money. Members who sign up for Auto Pay will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50 electric bill credit. Sign up for Auto Pay through SmartHub at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) or by contacting the billing department at 800-322-1008.



# Director Notes



Scott Warwick serves as Secretary on Barron Electric's Board of Directors representing District 4, which includes the following townships: Roosevelt, Maple Plain, Lakeland, and Cumberland.

## Condensed Board Minutes November 29, 2017

- Director Helm gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Manager Sloan. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #92696 thru #92879 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$324,492 and capital credit estate checks of \$12,427. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,452,728; total receipts by wire and ACH- \$2,219,327; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$4,633,275; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$183,958 and power bill paid 11/30/17 in the amount of \$2,076,319. A membership list of 92 was presented and approved by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$270,181.70 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$69,040.45; change jobs - \$22,284.13; miscellaneous - \$178,857.12 and 2 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

## Cook's Corner

Crescent Apple Bites  
Dorie Magnus



1-tube crescent rolls  
1-apple peeled and cored  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 8x8 pan bottom. Unroll crescent rolls. Cut up apple into small slices. Add sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Mix together. Divide mixture onto triangle rolls. Roll dough around apple mixture and seal all seams. Put into pan. Bake 15-20 minutes until light brown. Eat as is or drizzle with powdered sugar glaze. Recipe can be doubled for 9x13 pan.

### Powdered Sugar Glaze

1 cup powdered sugar  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix powdered sugar and butter. Stir in vanilla and milk.

Win a cookbook if your recipe is chosen for Cook's Corner. Send in your favorite recipes to:

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opportunity provider.



## Monthly Photo Contest Spring Landscapes

Members are invited to participate in the 2018 photo contest. We are currently looking for spring landscape photos. Winning photos will be used on the cover of the *News for You*. If your photo is chosen, you will win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape).
- Photo must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) by February 10, 2018. Include your Barron Electric account number, address and phone number.

