



# News FOR YOU...

September 2013

**"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**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Save the Dates: October 8 and October 10

*Pick up your Capital Credit Check and Celebrate October is Cooperative Month*



**Members receiving a capital credit check will receive a postcard in this month's mail. Please bring your postcard to the Cooperative Month events.**

**B**arron Electric Cooperative will be returning more than \$650,000 in capital credits to over 10,200 current and former members. Checks will be distributed at Cooperative Month events set for Tuesday, October 8 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) at Barron Electric's office in Spooner and on Thursday, October 10 (Noon - 4 p.m.) at Barron Electric's office in Barron. Enjoy lunch, live music and visit community booths. Help stock food shelves by bringing a non-perishable food donation and receive a compact fluorescent light bulb.

**Barron County Cooperatives will host the Cooperative Month event on Thursday, October 10 which includes:**

- Red Cross Blood Drive (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.) To schedule an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767.
- Barron Maple Grove Fire Department's Jaws of Life (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.)
- Barron County's K-9 Units (2 p.m.)
- Badger State Recovery, Inc. Shredding (12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- 5R Processors Recycling (12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

See page 2 for more details on the electronic's recycling drive and free shredding.

## Jim Metcalf Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



**C**ongratulations to Jim Metcalf who was awarded the Megawatt Community Service Award. Jim works at Sterling Bank in Chetek. He was treasurer and past president of the Chetek Lions Club. He currently serves as treasurer for the Chetek Community Club. He has helped with highway clean-up, the Liberty Fest concession stand, and was a Christmas for Kids fundraising volunteer. He said, "I enjoy working on economic development to help businesses grow and create more jobs." He also serves as treasurer of Farm Technology Days. Jim remarked, "It was great to see the entire county come together to make this event happen."

### 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](http://barronelectric.com) in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.



## Pay by Phone

Members can make payments on their account via phone by calling 866-999-4492. Have your Barron Electric account number handy, as well as the last four digits of the social security number on file at the cooperative. Members who do not have a social security number on file with the cooperative will need to call the office at 800-322-1008 to set up a PIN code. This new payment method complies with federal regulations. Members have the option to have payment information retained for future use.

## Court Order Revives Yucca

In August, a federal court directed the government to carry out its lawful obligations in developing a national repository for high-level nuclear waste. The order by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit won't necessarily mean opening a repository for spent nuclear power-plant fuel at the partially completed Yucca Mountain facility in Nevada, but it does compel the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to proceed with review of the project.

Since the Yucca Mountain project was put on hold and there was no progress toward any national storage solution, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Barron Electric's wholesale power supplier, completed an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at its Genoa Site in 2012. Moving the spent fuel to this interim facility is reducing the annual cost for Dairyland's members from about \$6 million to \$2 million. In 2013, it will cost Barron Electric \$282,235 for this expense. Moving spent fuel also allows the remainder of the La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor (LACBWR) to be decommissioned in the coming years. LACBWR was shutdown and placed in SAFSTOR in April 1987.

## Electronic Recycling Drive and Shredding Available at Co-op Month Events

5R Processors will hold an electronic recycling drive at Cooperative Month events set for Tuesday, October 8 at Barron Electric's Spooner Office and Thursday, October 10 at Barron Electric's Barron Office. Items that will be accepted for free include: central processing units, laptops, scanners, docking stations, copy machines, fax machines, printers, VCR/DVD players, phones, audio visual equipment, typewriters, calculators, wire/cabling, cash registers, keyboards, stereo equipment, Uninterrupted Power Supplies, satellite receivers, and aluminum.

**Fees for processing the following equipment are as follows:**

Broken glass on TVs/Monitors.....	\$10 per unit
Wood Console TVs, Projection TVs .....	\$15 each
Plastic TVs/Monitors.....	\$5 each
Wood Speakers .....	\$10 each
TV CRT tubes.....	\$10 each
Data Wiping.....	\$10 each
Freon Containing Units .....	\$15 each

(Includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. White goods without freon are free.) Barron Electric offers members up to \$25 for the recycling of refrigerators, freezers, and window air conditioners. If you have any questions, please contact 5R Processors at 715-322-4480.

### Shredding

Badger State Recovery will be available to shred personal documents for free. Their corporate headquarters is located in New Auburn. They strive to make clients recycling initiatives as affordable and simple as possible.

## Member Receives Rebate on Geothermal System



*Pete Olson, Supervisor of Finance and Consumer Accounting, presents a \$1,500 rebate check to Leslie and Thomas Fijalkiewicz for a ground source heat pump. Members installing ground source heat pumps are eligible for a \$300 per ton rebate. For more information on Energy Sense Programs, visit us on the web at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com).*

# Hannah's Youth Board Experience Includes Trip to NICE Conference

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**H**annah Schweitzer of Rice Lake is currently serving on the Cooperative Network's Youth Board and had the opportunity to attend the National Institute on Cooperative Education. She said, "Throughout the week, I participated in a Purdue Agribusiness Management Simulation that enlightened me on the importance of strategic planning." She added, "Dr. David Kohl, a Professor Emeritus at Virginia Tech, was my favorite speaker. He talked about growing up strategies."

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*Pictured First Row: Damian Wolfe, Emma Hesel, and Miranda McMullen. Second Row: Hannah Loudenbeck, Hannah Schweitzer, Justin Schwahn, and Alison Wedig. Hannah Loudenbeck, Damian Wolfe, and Miranda McMullen serve on the Cooperative Network Youth Board with Hannah Schweitzer. They will help plan next year's Co-op Yes Conference. The remaining students are Wisconsin State FFA Officers who attended the NICE Conference.*



## Dairyland Power Leads WI Utilities in Renewables

### Energy Sense Program Supports Renewable Energy

**D**airyland Power Cooperative has been identified as having made the most progress in meeting the Wisconsin Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) among utilities in the state, according to a report by the Public Service Commission. The RPS requires Dairyland to source 8.44 percent of their total member retail load from renewable forms of energy by 2015. In 2012, almost 12.5 percent of Dairyland's total Class A member sales came from renewable energy resources. Dairyland owns or purchases a variety of renewable generation including hydroelectric, wind, landfill gas, biomass, animal waste and solar.

#### Wind and Solar Renewable Energy Program

This program supports research and development of financially viable small-scale wind and solar renewable energy projects, 20 KW or less. Residential members are eligible to receive a 50% rebate, up to \$200 for a site assessment performed by a MREA certified assessor for a small-scale renewable energy project. A \$300 rebate is available for members purchasing a solar water heater with a controlled electric back-up.



# Director Notes



*Richard Bol represents District 9 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors which includes the following townships: Chetek, Dallas, Sioux Creek, Dove, Sampson, and Sand Creek.*

## Condensed Board Minutes June 26, 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: #84752 thru #84909 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$419,508; capital credit estate checks \$16,623 and NWPB Refund checks of \$14,093. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,887,792; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$884; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,347,513; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$163,933; power bill due 06/26/13 - \$1,643,969. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$59,430.80 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$26,141.23; change jobs - \$14,670.24; miscellaneous - \$18,619.33 and no retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 67,992 consumer hours off, which is 263.26% above 2012 hours of 18,717. Overtime year-to-date is 1,231.50 hours, which is 22.81% above 2012 hours of 1,002.75.

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# Barron Electric Donates to Scouting Programs

**B**arron Electric Cooperative recently donated \$500 to the Boy Scouts of America, Chippewa Valley Council. Bob Lorkowski, Blue Hills District Finance Chair, said, "Thank you for your support of Scouting. Your donation helps provide a high-quality program to over 4,700 youth." Barron Electric also donated \$500 each to Northern Star Council Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lake. Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "Barron Electric is proud to support the Scouting Programs, which provides valuable skills for youth."

Funds for Barron Electric donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members.



*Melissa Klump, Barron Electric's Member Technology Coordinator, presents a \$500 check to Bob Lorkowski, Blue Hills District Finance Chair.*

## Cook's Corner

### Wild Rice Casserole Clarice Simmons

- 1 cup wild rice
- 1 can beef consomme
- 1 can water
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 2 cans mushroom pieces and liquid
- 2 lbs browned beef
- 6 tbsp onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 bay leaf crumbled
- 2 tablespoons parsley flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon each of the following: paprika, pepper, poultry seasoning, garlic salt, onion salt, celery salt, accent

Mix everything together and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 3 hours.

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

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