



News FOR YOU...

June 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 

Spring Storm Leaves 8,400 Members Without Power

The spring snow storm that began on May 1 left approximately 8,400 Barron Electric members without power. Three substations were down due to transmission outages which affected 4,600 members. Restoration of Power in an Emergency (ROPE) was initiated to request additional help from other electric cooperatives in the state to restore the power safely and quickly. Barron Electric line crews, along with crews from Polk Burnett Electric Cooperative, worked in heavy snow, ice, and rain to repair equipment on main feeder lines first. Crews continued to work on smaller line outages and individual locations.



Al Gravesen, Director of Operations, said, "We appreciate our members' patience during a storm of this magnitude." Barron Electric urges everyone encountering downed power lines to assume that they are live. Since it is impossible to know if a power line is energized or not, one should always avoid it. Please contact Barron Electric Cooperative if you see a downed power line. To report outages, Barron Electric encourages members to call 866-258-8722.

14 Seniors Awarded \$1,000 Scholarships

Barron Electric Cooperative awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to 14 graduating seniors. Since the program began in 1985, 282 students were awarded scholarships totaling \$234,500. General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "Barron Electric Cooperative is proud to offer these scholarships to help students further their education and pursue their future goals."



*Kade Antczak
Prairie Farm*



*Zachary Bartsch
Cameron*



*Bradley Burton
Shell Lake*

*Congratulations to the
Class of 2013!*



(See more scholarship winners on page 2...)

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Nicole Capra
Hayward



Holly Davis
Turtle Lake



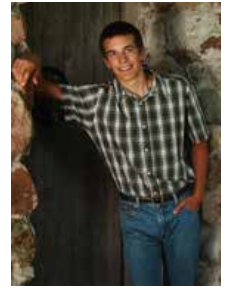
Rachel Hall
Birchwood



Marissa Lee
Clayton



Hunter North
New Auburn



Jacob Pintens
Barron



Ellen Reidt
Spooner



Paige Traczyk
Chetek/
Weyerhaeuser



Nathan Tripp
Rice Lake



Kyle Whitman
Cumberland



Justin Wickboldt
Clear Lake

Visit our Booth at Farm Technology Days July 9 - 11

Barron County Farm Technology Days will be held July 9 - 11 at Breezy Hill Dairy, located at 147 16th Street, Dallas. Barron Electric Cooperative is a platinum sponsor of the event and will have a booth featuring products using the latest technology, while line crews will present high voltage demonstrations each day at 11:30, 1:00, and 2:00 in the youth area.



About Farm Technology Days
The Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is the largest agricultural show in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the nation. The three-day outdoor event showcases the largest improvements in production agriculture, including many practical applications of recent research findings and technological

developments. Barron County ranks among the top ten counties in Wisconsin in annual cash farm marketing. Principle farm commodities produced are dairy (milk) and turkeys. Corn, soybeans and vegetable production are other leading sources of agricultural sales.

\$50 Electric Bill Credit Winner

Congratulations to Carol Anderson, who won a \$50 electric bill credit for signing up for Electronic Funds Transfer. Carol said, "This is a win-win situation."



Barron Electric Cooperative's Board President Selmer Nelson presents a \$5,000 check for Farm Technology Days. Accepting the check are Mary and Alex Olson, who own Breezy Hill Dairy. They will host Farm Technology Days July 9-11. Visit barronfarmtech.com for more information.

Larry Hoyer Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Larry Hoyer is Barron Electric's latest Megawatt Community Service Award winner. Larry has served several terms on the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors. During this time, 3 homes were built for families who were living in inadequate shelter. Larry remarked, "One of my favorite jobs is working with the kindergarten and 1st grade students at Woodland School, where I help out daily with reading, math and projects." In addition, Larry and his wife, Linda, have been co-chairing the grounds office committee for Farm Technology Days. He is also involved in the Long-Range Planning Commission for the Township of Barron and Barron County's Solid Waste Management Board.



Nominate a Member for the Megawatt Community Service Award

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. General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "This directly reflects Barron Electric's mission statement to improve the quality of life in the area we serve and exemplifies the 7th cooperative principle of concern for the community."

Nominate a member by completing the application form, available at barronelectric.com in the news area or by contacting the office at 800-322-1008.

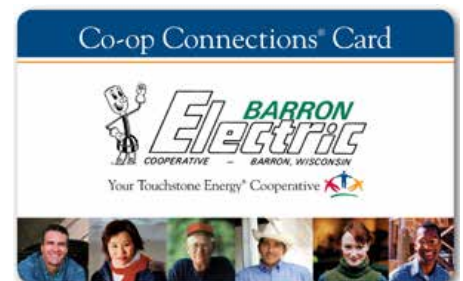


Each year, the total amount of electricity we use as a cooperative family has been increasing. With the electricity demand and the market's power prices in our region highest on weekdays between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., we all have an opportunity to help keep rates affordable. We ask members to shift their energy usage to before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. weekdays. Our goal is to lower our entire co-op's demand for power during these more costly summer peak demand hours to prevent higher energy charges from being passed along to our members. What can members do?

- Wait until after 7 p.m. to recharge portable electronics and cell phones.
- Delay laundry.
- Close your drapes and windows during the day so the air conditioner runs less.

Save Money with the Co-op Connections® Card

Barron Electric members have saved over \$6,600 on prescriptions by using the Co-op Connections® Card. Visit connections.coop or scan the QR code below to find local and national savings.



Scan for savings!

Save \$30 Annually with Central Air Program

Members are eligible for a \$10 monthly credit during the months of June, July, and August, \$30 annually, by participating in the load management program for central air conditioners. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.



Yes, I want \$30 (\$10/month for 3 months). Sign me up for the Central Air Program. Please return this form with your electric bill. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Barron Electric Account #: _____

Director Notes



Lynn Peterson represents District 6 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors which includes the townships of Clinton, Barron, Maple Grove, and Prairie Lake.

Condensed Board Minutes March 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: #84344 thru #84430 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$297,339; capital credit estate checks \$5,057 and capital credit retirement checks \$356. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,300,191; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$1,038; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,094,902; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$146,826; power bill due 03/27/13 - \$1,925,660. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$58,300.58 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$116.66; change jobs - \$2,633.24; miscellaneous - \$55,550.68 and no retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 8,524 consumer hours off, which is 19.6% below 2012 hours of 10,602. Overtime year-to-date is 244 hours, which is 1.01% below 2012 hours of 246.50.

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Sale on Electric Grills

Make summer grilling easier with electric grills from Barron Electric. Electric grills are on sale through the month of June, just in time for Father's Day! Choose from three different models:

Cart-style Grill.....\$150.22
Smoker Grill\$87.34
Table-top Grill\$68.33

Please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 if you have any questions about these products.



Cook's Corner

Rich 'N' Buttery Bars Marie Whalen



½ cup cold butter or margarine
1 package (18-1/4 ounces) yellow cake mix
1 egg beaten

Filling

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
2 cups confectioners' sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Additional confectioners' sugar

In a bowl, cut butter into cake mix until crumbly. Add egg and mix well. Press into a greased 13-in. x 9 in. x 2 in. baking pan.

In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla; beat until smooth. Spread evenly over the crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 degrees; bake 10 minutes longer. Dust with confectioners' sugar while warm. Cool to room temperature before cutting. Yield: 4 dozen

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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