



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."

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Farm Technology Days Attracts Nearly 40,000

Organizers for Farm Technology Days estimated that nearly 40,000 people attended the show, which was held at Alex and Mary Olson's farm near Dallas. Barron Electric Cooperative was one of 650 vendors to participate in the show. Barron Electric linemen presented high-voltage demonstrations that stressed the importance of electrical safety. Next year's Farm Technology Days show will be held August 12 - 14 in Portage County.



Pictured above: Lineman Dan Ripplinger shows the potential dangers of electricity when a tire comes in contact with a power line. Pictured right: Many visitors stopped to see the solar panel, where silicon solar cells convert sunlight into electricity to produce 100 watts in full sunshine.

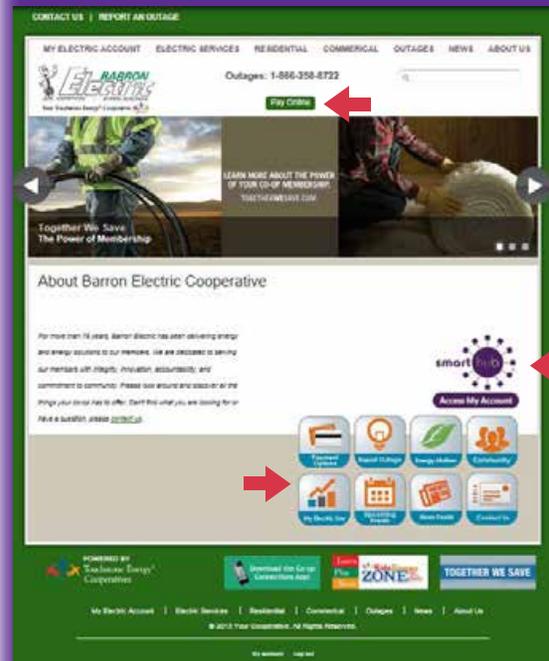


SmartHub and New Website Coming Soon

SmartHub will be available on the new website. Members will find it easy to:

- Pay their electric bill with checking or credit card, previously known as E-bill
- View current and previous bills and statistics
- View payment history
- Sign up or change automatic payment information
- Sign up for paperless billing

To access SmartHub on the new website, members can click on the areas marked with a red arrow.



Employees Involved in Your Community

Barron Electric employees have put in over 130 hours helping in their communities from Girl Scouts, youth soccer, Special Olympics, and Farm Technology Days. This new program allows employees to use 16 hours annually for community projects.



Pictured left: Employee Jody Schlapper, second row-far right, helps with Spooner Special Olympic athletes at the State Tournament. Pictured Above: Employee Aaron Paulson, far left, explains the next drill to 5-6 year-old boys and girls youth soccer.

Barron Electric Donates to Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary

Barron Electric Cooperative recently donated \$2,000 to the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary to be used towards the

purchase of 83 acres adjacent to Hunt Hill. Executive Director Storme Nelson said, “We greatly appreciate the support of local businesses and

individuals. The new land will provide more program areas for families visiting Hunt Hill, protection of natural habitats, and a possible new nature center site.” Barron Electric’s General Manager Dallas Sloan said, “We are proud to support Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary and their future growth.”

Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature sanctuary dedicated to connecting people to the environment and offers a variety of opportunities for guests. Trails are open to the public and are free to hike. More information can be found at hunthill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.

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



Storme Nelson, Executive Director of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, and Gary Davis, President of the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, accept a \$2,000 check from Mike Baker, Vice President of Barron Electric Cooperative’s Board of Directors.

Sue Adams Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award

Congratulations to Sue Adams who was awarded the Megawatt Community Service Award. Sue has helped with the Washburn County Food Pantry in a variety of ways since 1984. In 2000, she became the director of the Washburn County Food Pantry. They serve between 300-350 families monthly. Approximately 20-30 volunteers help make this possible. Sue also helps her husband, Chuck, with Ruby's Pantry. They serve between 550-600 people each month. Ruby's Pantry also helps build ramps, provides utility assistance, and helps with car and home repairs.

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. General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "This directly reflects Barron Electric's mission statement to improve the quality of life



Sue Adams is Barron Electric's Megawatt Community Service Award winner. Pictured with Sue is Carrie Baribeau, Barron Electric's Marketing Specialist.

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.



Energy-efficient Lighting Gives Bush & Gilles Furniture Bright New Look

Bush & Gilles Furniture of Spooner updated their lighting to T8 fixtures and received a \$980 rebate from Barron Electric Cooperative and Dairyland Power Cooperative. Owner Kevin Gilles said, "The lighting is brighter than the previous fixtures and enhances our showroom." Jennifer Beaudette, Barron Electric's Director of Member Services, said, "Barron Electric encourages energy efficiency among all members. This helps to hold down costs by deferring the need for new generating capacity."

Barron Electric offers lighting rebates on compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), light emitting diodes (LED), T5 fixtures, and T8 fixtures. For more information, contact Barron Electric's office at 800-322-1008 or visit our website at barronelectric.com.



Kevin Gilles, Owner of Bush & Gilles Furniture, accepts a \$980 rebate check from Barron Electric Board Director Arlyn Helm.

Director Notes



Arlyn Helm serves as treasurer on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, representing District 1 which includes the following townships: Brooklyn, Gull Lake,

Stinnett, Hayward, Scott, Casey, Trego, Springbrook, Bass Lake, and Rusk.

Condensed Board Minutes

May 29, 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: #84615 thru #84751 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$411,455; capital credit estate checks \$24,542 and NWPA Refund checks of \$86,231. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,823,699; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$1,304,177; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$3,359,291; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$175,104; power bill due 05/29/13 - \$1,640,078. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$69,383.87 was presented for approval, and included change jobs - \$1,097.47; miscellaneous - \$68,286.40 and no retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 12,961 consumer hours off, which is 22% below 2012 hours of 16,624. Overtime year-to-date is 616.25 hours, which is 4.61% below 2012 hours of 646.

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Cook's Corner

No-Bake Strawberry Pie Delores Kuhl



One graham crust or regular pie crust that has been baked

Combine in saucepan or microwave safe bowl:

1 cup sugar

1 cup water

2 Tablespoons cornstarch

Bring to boil, remove from heat and add:

1 package (3 oz) strawberry jello, stir until well dissolved

Cool mixture and add: 1 pint or more washed, hulled and sliced strawberries.

Refrigerate mixture for about 45 minutes or until it begins to congeal. Put into crust and cool completely. Top with whipped cream or ice cream.

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

Barron Electric Cooperative
PO Box 40
Barron WI 54812
Attn: Carrie

Correction and Compliment for Rhubarb Torte Recipe

Last month's Rhubarb Torte recipe contained an error. Please note that the crust should be baked for 10 minutes. However, as noted by one member, she used gluten-free flour and said that the crust turned out perfect when baking it for 45 minutes. We apologize for any inconvenience.



*I was so pleased with this recipe I just had to send my kudos to Beverly Nesseth for sharing her Rhubarb Torte recipe. My family loved it!
Thank you,
L.P.
Bear Lake, WI*