



News FOR YOU...

March 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 

Members to Share in Special Refund

Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors recently approved a special refund of \$1.26 million. This was the result of a recent damage award received by our wholesale power provider, Dairyland

Power Cooperative. The award was based on the federal government's ongoing breach of contract regarding Dairyland's shutdown of the La Crosse Boiling Water Reactor facility. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 gave the government responsibility for storage of the nation's spent nuclear fuel, with a deadline of January 31, 1998, to begin

accepting the fuel. This money will be returned to Barron Electric members who were on the cooperative lines from 1999-2006. The average check will vary and is based on the amount of kilowatt-hour usage during that period. Checks will be mailed at the end of March.

Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "This is the largest refund of its kind in the history of the cooperative. We are excited to return this to our member-owners."



77th Annual Meeting Set for Saturday, April 6

Join Barron Electric Cooperative for the 77th Annual Meeting set for Saturday, April 6 at the Barron High School. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the business meeting following at 10 a.m.

Business Meeting

Members will elect directors to the board, who will represent Districts 3, 6, and 9. Learn more about environmental regulations from Don Huff, Director of Environmental Affairs at Dairyland Power Cooperative. Visit Barron Electric's technology booth to find out more about SmartHub, which will be coming soon.

Electronics Recycling Drive and Free Shredding

5R Processors will hold their Electronic Recycling Drive, while Confidential Records will provide free shredding of documents, up to 100 pounds. More information is available on page 2.

Kids' Carnival

There will be a Kids' Carnival for children ages 3-12, which includes games, face painting, and lunch. The grand prize drawing will be a 16 GB iPod Touch.

Prizes

The grand prize for adult members will be a choice of an EnergyStar appliance including a refrigerator, clothes washer, or dishwasher. There will be 99 small appliances awarded. Members of the cooperative who register prior to the 10 a.m. business meeting, and are in attendance at the meeting, will be eligible to win. Members and guests will receive a lunch and a pound of cheese.



Bring your family to the 77th Annual Meeting. The Kids' Carnival will include games, face painting and more. Lenore Berg and Chuck Kirkwood will provide musical entertainment.



Notice of Proposed Change to Bylaw Regarding Payment to Estates

Barron Electric Cooperative members attending the 77th Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 6 will vote on the following proposed bylaw change:

Change to Bylaw Article VII, Section 2. (e) Payment to Estates: Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the board at its discretion, shall have the power at any time upon the death of any patron, who was a natural person, if the legal representatives of his estate shall request in writing that the capital credited to any such patron be retired prior to the time such capital would otherwise be retired under the

provisions of these bylaws; to retire capital credited to any such patron immediately upon such terms and conditions as the board, acting under policies of general application, and the legal representatives of such patron's estate shall agree upon; provided, however that the financial condition of the Cooperative will not be impaired thereby; provided further however, that the aggregate amounts so retired in any one year ~~shall not exceed \$75,000.00~~ **be left to the board's discretion**; provided further, however,

that if acting under policies of general application the amount mentioned above is not sufficient to retire the capital credited to any such patron or patrons such patron or patrons shall have the capital credited to them retired in the next succeeding year before any other retirements are made in such succeeding year; and provided further that the total jointly owned patronage credits of any married patron dying after January 1, 1986, may be paid to the surviving spouse upon proper application.

Electronic Recycling Drive and Shredding Available at Annual Meeting

5R Processors will hold an electronic recycling drive from 8:30 – 10 a.m. at Barron Electric's annual meeting on Saturday, April 6. 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.....\$10 each

(Includes refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, and dehumidifier. 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

Confidential Records Incorporated will be available to shred personal documents for members from 8:30 – 10 a.m. Members can stop at their truck, which will be located at the back of the high school parking lot, and can have up to 100 pounds of documents shredded at no charge.



Bring your electronics to Barron Electric's annual meeting for recycling.



Save with Connections® Card at Markie P Construction

Welcome Markie P Construction, our newest Connections® Card partner. Are you remodeling, building, or needing some home repair? Call Mark Schwartz at 715-924-3488. Show your Connections® Card and receive a 10% discount on labor, up to a maximum of \$250 per job.



Scan for savings!





Gary Solum Awarded Megawatt Community Service Award

Meet Gary Solum, our latest Megawatt Community Service Award winner. Gary has been a member of the Turtle Lake Lions Club for 53 years, currently serving as President. He also had the opportunity to serve as District Governor and the State Lions President. He said, "I enjoyed the opportunity to meet people." Some of the projects he helped with included the Christmas light project, and taking seniors from elderly housing to see the fall colors and holiday lights. He has also chaired the Turtle Lake Fair Committee for 42 years and is active in the FFA Alumni, American Legion, and Parkview Methodist Church.

He was the ag instructor at the Turtle Lake High School prior to taking the position of Adult Farm Instructor at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College. There he worked with 435 farmers throughout his career. He

was also the State Ag President. In 1995, he spent a month in the Ukraine with VOCA (Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance), to help bring agriculture education to the farmers.



Congratulations to Barron Electric Member Gary Solum, Barron Electric's Megawatt Community Service Award winner. Gary will receive a \$50 credit on his electric bill.

Nominate a Member for the Megawatt Community Service Award

Barron Electric Cooperative wants to reward members and their families for community service by awarding a \$50 electric bill credit to the chosen winners on a monthly basis. Barron Electric's 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 online at barronelectric.com in the news area or by contacting the office at 800-322-1008 to have the application form mailed.



Country Wood Shop will be the Featured Business at Annual Meeting

Country Wood Shop will be the featured business at Barron Electric's annual meeting on Saturday, April 6. Stop and view their custom furniture. Receive a 2% discount on custom-made furniture orders by showing your Connections® Card.

Country Wood Shop offers beautiful handcrafted hardwood and hickory log furniture. Their shop is located at 16646W Metcalf Road in Stone Lake. Take Highway 70 to Stone Lake, go north on Stone Lake Road and ½ mile east on Metcalf Road. From Highway 27, go west on Metcalf Road 1 ½ miles. For questions or to visit their showroom, call 715-865-2511 or 715-699-2511.



Beautiful wood furniture will accent any home. Visit Country Wood Shop's booth at Barron Electric's annual meeting.

Klump Promoted to Member Technology Coordinator

Melissa Klump was recently promoted to the position of Member Technology Coordinator. Her previous job was customer service representative for the Billing and Finance Department. She will be responsible for promoting Barron Electric's programs and products, as well as events. She will also manage the key accounts program. General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "Melissa's excellent customer service skills and experience at the cooperative will help meet the needs of our members."



Director Notes

Selmer Nelson is President of Barron Electric's Board of Directors representing District 8, which includes the townships of Crystal Lake, Almena, Clayton, Turtle Lake, Arland, Clear Lake, Vance Creek, Prairie Farm, New Haven, and Sheridan.



Condensed Board Minutes December 19, 2012

- 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: #83905 thru #84031 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$204,757; capital credit estate checks \$333 and capital credit retirement checks \$32,768. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,223,607; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$8,354; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$914,767; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$84,775; power bill due 12/26/12 - \$1,803,990. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$149,070.40 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$21,855.01; change jobs - \$12,928.57; miscellaneous - \$114,286.82 and 1 retirement. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 35,991 consumer hours off, which is 61.2% below 2011 hours of 92,819. Overtime year-to-date is 3,350.75 hours, which is 6.13% below 2011 hours of 3,569.50.

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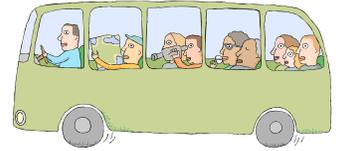
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Need a Ride to the Annual Meeting?

A shuttle service will be available to the annual meeting for those members who live in the northern part of Barron Electric's service territory. The shuttle will leave at 8:30 a.m. from Barron Electric's Spooner office, located at 1550 Paulson Drive. If you are interested in this service, please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 by **Monday, March 18.**



Last Chance to Win a \$50 Credit

Are you looking for a no-hassle solution for paying your monthly electric bill? Try our Electronic Funds Transfer Program. This program is free, saves time and postage, and eliminates the chance for late fees. Sign up during January, February, or March, and your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 electric bill credit.

Scan the QR Code or visit barronelectric.com for more details. Members can also contact the cooperative's office at 800-322-1008 for more information.



Cook's Corner

Pork Chops and Stuffing Eileen Robarge

- 4 pork chops
- 3 cups soft bread cubes
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1/3 cup water

Brown chops on both sides. Place in shallow baking dish. Lightly mix together bread cubes, onion, butter, 1/4 cup water, and poultry seasoning. Place a mound of stuffing on each chop. Blend soup and 1/3 cup water; pour over pork chops. Bake in 350 degree oven for 1 hour or until tender.

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

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