

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.

News FOR YOU...

September 2017

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\$10,000 Donation Helps Tornado Victims

Barron Electric Cooperative was able to donate \$10,000 to the Barron County Tornado Disaster Relief Fund through unclaimed capital credits and CoBank's Sharing Success Program, which matches contributions made by businesses to charitable organizations. Foster Friess issued a challenge pledging to match up to \$1,000,000 raised in donations. Over

700 individuals and organizations have responded to this challenge raising over \$1,000,000. The Board of Directors is pleased that the county is able to double this donation through the generous challenge issued by Foster Friess. The focus of the funds will target housing needs for the tornado victims. Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan remarked,

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to help those impacted by the tornado."

Barron Electric's donation is derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members. CoBank's Sharing Success has matched contributions to hundreds of charitable organizations in 50 states.



Barron Electric's Board of Directors presented a \$10,000 check for the Barron County Disaster Relief Fund. Pictured are Barron Electric Board members Mike Baker, Richard Bol, Scott Warwick, Selmer Nelson, Larry Kuhl, Jennifer Ioland, Finance Director for the Tornado Disaster Relief Fund, Barron Electric Director Lynn Peterson, Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff, and Barron Electric Board Directors Arlyn Helm and Tim Kessler.

Better Air Quality with Filter Easy®

Barron Electric has partnered with FilterEasy®, and members have the opportunity to order filters online while receiving the first shipment **free***. Automatic deliveries right to your door remind you to change your filter. Choose filters based on the needs of your household. Visit Barron Electric's website at barronelectric.com, and click on the FilterEasy® logo to get started. If you have any questions, please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or memberservices@barronelectric.com.

**Free shipment pertains to 1" filters only. FilterEasy® only accepts credit card payments.*

FilterEasy®

Upgrading Transformer at Johnson Timber Substation



Barron Electric crews worked together with Dairyland Power, PV Farmer and Utilities Plus to upgrade a transformer at the Johnson Timber Substation to help improve reliability.

Joanne Spenle Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Jody Rindsig, (right) presents the Megawatt Community Service Award to Joanne Spenle.



Joanne Spenle started taking accordion lessons when she was 12-years old. She has shared her love of music by playing at nursing homes in Barron, Chetek, Cumberland, Chippewa Falls, Weyerhaeuser and Eau Claire. Joanne said, "It makes my day when I see the toes tapping and hear the audience sing along to their favorite songs." She was secretary for the Potato Lake Association which works to improve the quality of life for all that use the lake. Some of their projects included testing and monitoring the water quality, sending members to CPR and first aid courses, and purchasing defibrillators. Joanne was also clerk for the Town of Rusk.

Nominate a Member

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." Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Application forms can be found at barronelectric.com in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008. Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit.

Darien Traczyk Elected to WECA's Youth Board



Barron Electric sponsored Darien Traczyk (Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School), Grace Olson (Spooner High School), and Ana Drost (Rice Lake High School) to the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Leadership Congress. The students' parents are members of the cooperative.

More than 120 students from throughout the state learned about cooperatives and developed their leadership skills at the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's (WECA) 54th annual Youth Leadership Congress at UW-River Falls. Activities included team-building exercises that presented challenges requiring cooperation for a successful outcome, presentations by renowned motivational leaders, and district meetings in which students tackled real cooperative issues. Darien Traczyk who was sponsored by Barron Electric was elected to the 2017-18 Youth Board, which is tasked with planning and helping to run next year's program.

Overhead Power Line Safety

Here are some steps to help keep you safe while working around overhead power lines:

- Locate all overhead power lines.
- Keep equipment 10 feet away from all overhead power lines.
- Do not touch anything that is in contact with the power line.
- Beware of fencing near power lines.



Celebrate Cooperative Month 2017

Pick up your capital credit check at one of the following locations:

**Tuesday, October 3
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Barron Electric's Spooner Office
1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner

**Thursday, October 5
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Mosaic Telecom
401 S. 1st Street, Cameron

*Lunch • Displays
Bring items to be donated to area food pantries for a chance to win a prize.*



Our office will be closed on Monday, September 4. Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

Director Notes



Tim Kessler represents District 2 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the following townships: Evergreen, Spooner, Dewey, Bashaw, and Barronett.

Condensed Board Minutes June 28, 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: #91896 thru #92041 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$583,840 and capital credit estate checks of \$21,951. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,223,499; total receipts by wire and ACH- \$1,187,734; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,511,671; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$266,852 and power bill paid 06/28/17 in the amount of \$1,817,484. A membership list of 77 was presented and approved by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$182,178.97 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$22,949.02; change jobs - \$6,354.63; miscellaneous - \$152,875.32 and 5 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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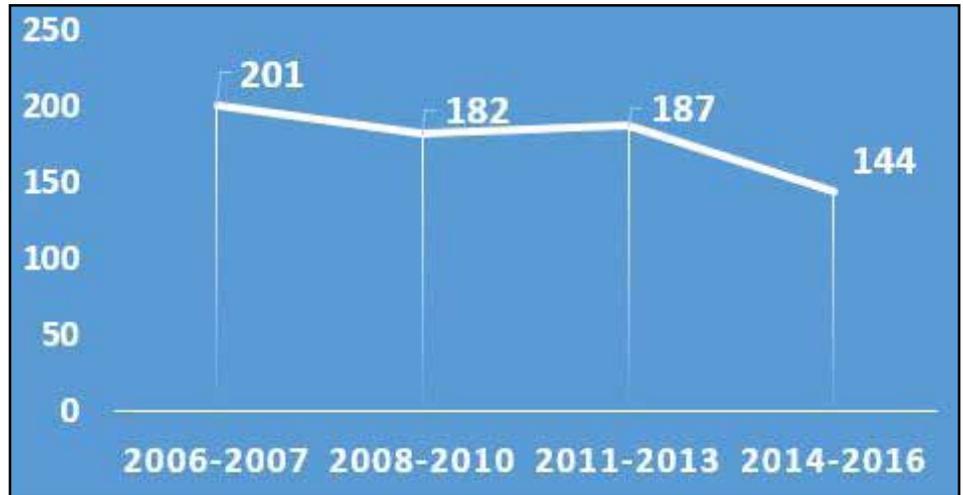
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Irrigators Become More Efficient



Irrigator accounts have become more efficient, and the average KW demand has declined by 30% in the last ten years. Barron Electric offers rebates to help reduce energy usage and save money. A variety of rebates are available for the following items: variable frequency drives, circulation fans, exhaust fans, dairy plate coolers, Energy Star appliances, energy efficient lighting, central air, and air source and ground source heat pumps. More information is available at barronelectric.com in the commercial and residential area or by calling our office at 800-322-1008.

Cook's Corner

Inside-out Chocolate Bundt Cake Jalayne Keller

4 1/2-ounce package instant chocolate pudding
2-layer size chocolate or Devil's Food Cake Mix
12 oz. chocolate chips
1 3/4 cups milk
2 eggs
Confectioners sugar



Combine pudding mix, cake mix, chips, milk and eggs in a bowl. Mix by hand until well-blended, about 2 minutes. Pour into greased and floured 12-cup tube or bundt pan.

Bake at 350 for 50-55 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly pressed with fingers. Do not overbake. Cool 15 minutes in pan. Remove and continue cooling on rack. When cool, sift confectioners sugar on top.

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

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