

News FOR YOU...

Barron Electric Cooperative
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Photo by Mara Schack

Bob Haddick's Motto is "Never Give Up"

"Never Give Up" is a motto Bob Haddick lives by. The saying now decorates the walls at Water's Edge Senior Living in Hayward, a place where Bob has volunteered for 37 years. They're not sure who put the saying there, but Bob's dad, a former resident, lived by those same words. While taking a tour of Water's Edge Senior Living, everyone seems to know Bob. Bob shares his love of gardening with residents and staff who enjoy the fresh produce. Bob's raised garden can be found at the front of the building for residents and visitors to see.

Bob followed in his father's footsteps and also served on the Gull Lake Town Board for 28 years, where he served as a supervisor and a chairman. He also served 15 years on the Washburn County Soil and Conservation Board and over 20 years on the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

Win a \$50 Electric Bill Credit

Barron Electric is led by members like you who understand and listen to the community. Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit. Application forms can be found at barronelectric.com in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.



Bob Haddick is this month's Megawatt Community Service Award Winner. He is pictured with Heather Sheehan, VP of Senior Services at Water's Edge Senior Living, and a plaque of Bob's motto, "Never Give Up."



Bob, who just turned 90, is proud of his 37 years volunteering at Water's Edge Senior Living in Hayward.

Winter Outage Safety Tips

Barron Electric members have power 99.87% of the time. In the event of a power outage, follow these safety tips:

- We encourage members dependent on medical equipment to have an alternate source of electric power and communication on hand, such as a back-up generator, extra batteries, flashlights, nonelectric telephones and cell phones, to provide for life support and comfort in the event of an extended outage.
- It is important that all members provide us with current telephone numbers. Please contact our office at 800-322-1008 or billing@barronelectric.com with current information, or if your condition or contact information changes.
- During the winter months, it's best to maintain a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food. Items such as fruit bars, peanut butter, nuts, trail mixes, crackers, and canned juices are great ideas.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Food will keep for hours if opening the door is kept to a minimum. Snow or ice from the outside can be placed in a plastic bag and placed in the refrigerator or freezer to keep food cold.
- Put extra clothes on children and animals or wrap up in blankets.



Employee Spotlight Working for our Members



Jason Humphrey is Barron Electric's Network Administrator; he maintains the integrity of our information systems. He remarked, "The world of Information Technology continues to advance at a rapid pace, presenting new challenges and opportunities on a daily basis. It is incredibly rewarding to be part of a team that recognizes the importance of offering our members the services they want while ensuring their data is secure." Jason has received degrees from WITC in Rice Lake including an Associates of Applied Science Degree-Computer Information Systems Micro Specialist and Network Specialist.

Monthly Photo Contest Winter Landscapes

E-mail your winter landscape photos for our photo contest. Winning photos will be used on the cover of the *News for You*, and winners will receive a \$50 credit on their electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape).
- Photos must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by December 5, 2019. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric Cooperative permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.



Give the Gift of Time

Auto Pay is a convenient way to pay your electric bill, saving you time and money. Members who sign up for Auto Pay will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50 electric bill credit. Sign up for Auto Pay through SmartHub at barronelectric.com or by contacting the billing department at 800-322-1008.



Local Troop Deployed

Seth Abbott, a member of the 829th Engineer Vertical Construction Company, recently left for Afghanistan for a year. Seth's mom, Dee Abbott, is a Member Account Representative at Barron Electric. She said, "We are all very proud of him! We are already counting down the days until his return. Thank you to all for the amazing support that has already been shown."



Seth Abbott is pictured with his family: Roger, Emma, and Dee Abbott during a huge send-off.



Electricity Brings Smiles to Guatemala Village



Linemen from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois brought power to a remote village in north-central Guatemala. Extreme heat and rough terrain didn't deter the project, as they finished ahead of schedule. Line crews worked with local utility workers to install transformers, string wire, and build a distribution system that will power 50 homes, a school, and a church. Barron Electric Cooperative donated \$2,500 toward electrifying this Guatemala Village.

Cook's Corner

Venison Herb Roast Mary Burmeister

- 3-4 lb. rump, loin or rib roast
- 1 T. oil
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 tsp. marjoram
- 1 tsp. dried thyme
- 2 tsp. dried rosemary
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 cup apple juice
- 1 cup water

Dry meat well; cut several slits in meat about 1/2" deep. Rub roast with oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Combine next five ingredients; pat mixture on roast and stuff into slits. Pour juice and water into roasting pan. Set roast into liquid. Bake uncovered at 325 degrees for about 1 hour, until flour mixture adheres to meat. Baste often with liquid; add more if needed. Finish baking about 1 hour. Keep basting. Serves 6.

Director Notes

Larry Kuhl represents District 5 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the townships of Long Lake, Bear Lake, Oak Grove, Stanfold, Rice Lake, and Doyle.



Condensed Board Minutes September 25, 2019

- 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: #96682 thru #96775 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$377,408 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$10,020. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,848,965; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$232,992; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,527,371; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$199,438 and power bill paid 09/25/19 in the amount of \$2,441,077.
- A membership list of 85 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$155,846.34 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$10,100.65 change jobs - \$20,040.56; miscellaneous - \$125,705.13 and 0 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

Helping Members with Their Energy Bills

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) is designed to provide assistance for heat, electric and energy crisis situations. WHEAP may assist eligible households in lowering the burden of some of their energy costs. Fuel types eligible include wood, propane, natural gas, electricity, or fuel oil. Your household may be eligible based on several factors. Income guidelines for 2019-2020 Home Energy Plus Program Year and local agency phone numbers are listed below:

Household Members	Annual Income	Contact your local agency:
1	\$28,673	Barron 715-537-5691
2	\$37,496	Burnett 715-349-7600
3	\$46,318	Chippewa 866-794-7788
4	\$55,141	Dunn 715-232-1116
5	\$63,964	Polk..... 715-485-8400
6	\$72,786	Rusk..... 715-532-2299
7	\$74,440	Sawyer 715-635-8270
8	\$76,095	Washburn..... 715-468-4747

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office will be closed on
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and Wednesday, January 1.

