

News FOR YOU...

Members Helping Members

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our members financially. Even though, there are many forms of assistance available, including unemployment benefits, small business loans, and food through local schools and food pantries, there are still bills to pay.

Members can help family, friends, neighbors or even strangers stay current on their electric bill.

If you would like to help a member by paying \$50, \$100, \$200 or any amount desired toward their electric bill, please send a check with the member's name, address

and phone number. If you have any questions, please contact our billing department at 800-322-1008 or billing@barronelectric.com for more details.



Energy Assistance Extended Through September 30

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Department of Administration has adjusted the eligibility requirements for residents who are seeking heating and electric assistance through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). Eligibility will now be based on the household's previous month of income, rather than the former requirement of the previous three months of income. This will allow those who are recently affected by COVID-19 to receive assistance quickly. Energy Assistance will be open through September 30 for the heating season 2019-2020, with the 2020-2021 season beginning October 1.

Contact your local agency:

Barron	715-537-5691
Burnett	715-349-7600
Chippewa	715-726-7840
Dunn-please call WestCAP.....	715-265-4271 ext 0
Polk.....	715-485-8400
Rusk.....	715-532-2299
Sawyer	715-634-4806
Washburn.....	715-468-4747

Barron Electric Becomes a 100% Green Facility

Dairyland recently created an Evergreen 100% Green Facility program, which retires renewable energy credits (RECs) to match the annual energy consumption of member cooperative facilities. The retired RECs assigned to each cooperative come from Dairyland's renewable generation facilities and power purchase agreements, which include solar, wind, hydro and biogas resources. Over 800 credits were retired on Barron Electric's behalf, which makes the cooperative a 100% Green Facility.

Things Just Don't Happen, People Make Them Happen

Beverly Stencel said, "Things don't just happen, people make them happen." She volunteers with local organizations because she believes strongly in being one of those people who help make things happen in the community that she lives in.

Beverly is this month's Megawatt Community Service Award winner. Beverly specialized in the areas of leadership and organizational development throughout her career at the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service in Washburn County. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Washburn County Lakes &



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Rivers Association and has been a volunteer educator with their Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) program for three years. The YES program provides water-related environmental stewardship education to schools in Washburn County. Beverly teaches water chemistry and water stewardship lessons. She lives on Trego Lake and has served on the Board of Commissioners for the Trego Lake District.

Her volunteer work with the Wisconsin Northwest Heritage Passage focuses primarily on supporting their non-profit Arts in Hands gallery, located in downtown Spooner. She volunteers in the gallery as well as providing presentations to those interested in learning more about the history of the art displayed. Beverly remarked, "When I retired, I felt strongly about continuing to be active with these two organizations, in support of their respective missions of water stewardship and the local arts."

Beverly has also been a long-time volunteer with Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary and the Washburn County Humane Society, assisting them at educational and fund-raising events. She served on the Board of Directors of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary in the early 1990's, and, with former Board member Bob Dreis, worked to obtain State Scientific Natural Area designation for part of the Sanctuary property.



Commitment to Community

**The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations.
Barron Electric Cooperative will be hosting a blood drive on**

Thursday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at Barron Electric Cooperative

1434 State Highway 25 North, Barron

**Please call 1-800-733-2767 or
visit [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter
"Barron Electric" to schedule an appointment.**

Congratulations Class of 2020

Barron Electric Cooperative is proud to present the 2020 scholarship winners. Each student wins a \$1,000 scholarship. Barron Electric has awarded more than \$320,000 since 1985.



Grace Arrigoni
Rice Lake



Samuel Beckendorf
Barron



Eryn Boese
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser



Jamey Crotteau
Cameron



Nikki Gunderson
Cumberland



Briley Hansen
Prairie Farm



Isabelle Magnuson
Clayton



Cameryn Matson
Clear Lake



Alexandria McConnell
Hayward



Ben McNulty
Shell Lake



Gatlin Swan
Spooner



Lucas Torgerson
Turtle Lake

Winning Photos Receive a \$50 Bill Credit

E-mail your summer 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 June 5, 2020. 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.

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Mike Baker represents District 3, which includes the following townships: Crystal, Stone Lake, Sand Lake, Beaverbrook, Madge, Birchwood, Sarona, and Cedar Lake. Mike also serves as a director on Dairyland Power Cooperatives's Board.

- The minutes of the regular board meeting from February 26, 2020 were approved as presented.
- A membership list of 37 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- General Manager Sloan presented a COVID-19 update to the board. Questions and concerns were discussed.

** View full board minutes on SmartHub.*

Win a \$50 Bill Credit



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.