

# News FOR YOU...

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Photo by Polly Spenle

Barron Electric Cooperative

## The Power of the Sun

**B**arron Electric's Community Rays project has produced over 518,000 kWh of energy since October of 2014. Environmental benefits are mounting with nearly one million pounds of CO2 emissions saved by year-end and the equivalent



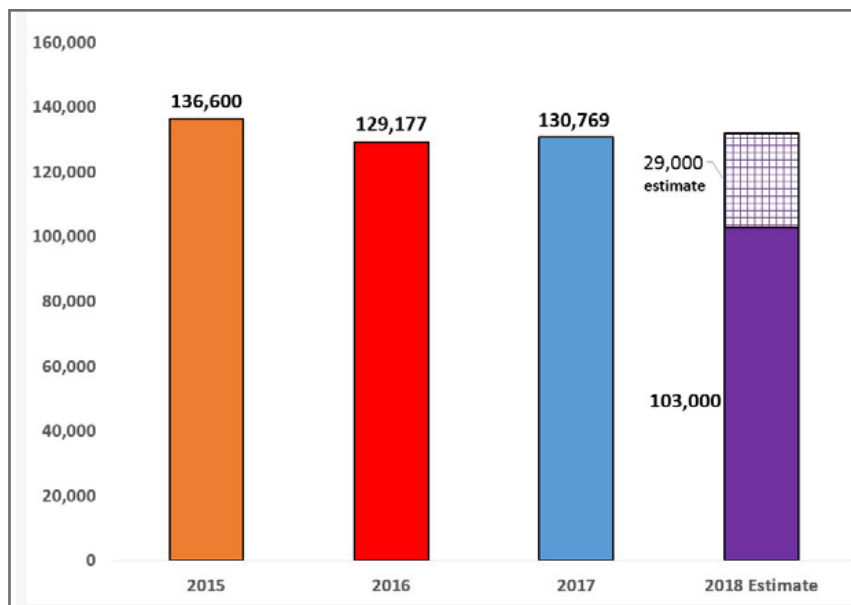
of over 20,000 trees planted. Over 80 members have received nearly \$46,000 in credits based on the energy produced from the system. One unit produces \$37 annually on average.

What can members expect when installing a solar system at their home? A 1-KW system should produce 1,300 kWh annually or approximately \$128 annually.

### Is Solar in Your Future?

Members can receive a 50% rebate, up to \$200, for a site assessment performed by a MREA certified assessor for a small-scale renewable energy project that is 20 KW or less. A certified assessor will analyze your home's renewable energy potential. Members will also receive a 30% tax credit when installing renewable energy. Prior to starting your project, please contact the Member Service's Department at 800-322-1008. Barron Electric is your trusted energy provider.

### Annual Energy Produced by Community Rays in kWh



The graph shows the amount of energy produced each year by Barron Electric's Community Rays project.





# Dependable Storage Solutions



*Trim is added to this customized shed.*

A career in the logging business led to a business venture for Darren Wiggers. Darren had the opportunity to become an authorized dealer for Old Hickory Buildings. Red Cedar Portable Buildings in Rice Lake was established in 2014. Employees have built over 4,500 portable storage solutions for customers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. Darren said, "I enjoy working with the customers and delivering a product that exceeds their expectations. Each day brings new opportunities."

A variety of shed options are available to meet the customers' needs, including storage barns, sheds, portable buildings, mini barns, garages, cabins, playhouses and more. For more information, visit their store Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. located at 1660 20 1/2 Street, Rice Lake or call 715-296-2370.

## Cook's Corner

### Bran Muffins Linda Nyhagen

Combine:

¼ cup butter  
½ cup boiling water  
1 ¼ cups All Bran, Bran Buds or  
Bran Flakes

Add:

1 egg  
1 cup buttermilk  
2 T. molasses  
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix and then add:

¾ cup flour  
½ cup whole wheat flour  
¼ cup sugar  
1 ¼ tsp. soda  
¼ tsp. salt

Mix above. Then add 2/3 cup raisins and 1 chopped apple. Put in muffin tins. Bake at 350 degrees for 22 minutes. Recipe can be doubled. They freeze very well.



*A side porch package can be added to a utility shed or lofted barn.*



*Lofted barns are available in a variety of sizes.*

# Pick up Your Capital Credit Checks at Cooperative Month Events

Barron Electric Cooperative will return approximately \$602,000 in capital credits to members and former members who were on Barron Electric lines in 1997 and/or 1998. Enjoy lunch and pick up your check at the following events:



## Capital Credit Open House

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Barron Electric's Spooner Office  
1550 Ramsdell Road  
Spooner, WI 54801

## Cooperative Month Event

Thursday, October 4, 2018

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Barron Electric's Barron Office  
1434 State Highway 25 North  
Barron, WI 54812

*Food donations will be collected for local food pantries.*



## Blood Drive

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Barron Electric's Barron Office  
1434 State Highway 25 North  
Barron, WI 54812

### Walk-ins Welcome

To schedule an appointment,  
visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call  
800-733-2767.

## Interest in Electric Vehicles Continues to Grow

Over 200 people attended the Chevy Bolt Open House events in Spooner and Barron. Participants learned more about the Chevy Bolt, Chevy Volt, Tesla X series, and Tesla S series. Several participants test drove the Chevy Bolt.

### September 10-14 Drive Electric Week

Stop at our Barron office and test drive the Chevy Bolt and receive a free promotional item. The Chevy Bolt has many features including 238-mile range, an 8-year warranty on the battery, travels

from 0-60 mph in less than seven seconds, and one pedal driving.

### Electric Vehicle Charging Hub

The first electric vehicle charging hub in Western Wisconsin just opened in Tomah at the Ground Round. This includes a DC fast-charging station and two Level II charging ports.



*At 99 years of age, this gentleman is sitting in the driver's seat of an all-electric Chevy Bolt and hasn't forgotten the days of horse and buggy.*



*Owners of two different models of Tesla talked with guests about the features of these vehicles.*



# 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 27, 2018

- 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: #93728 thru #93862 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$325,674 and capital credit estate checks of \$18,055. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,117,257; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,031,352; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 1,913,326; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$192,304 and power bill paid 06/27/18 in the amount of \$2,007,796.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 12,360 consumer hours off, which is 90.7% below 2017 hours of 132,509. Overtime year-to-date is 852.25 hours, which is 50.9% below 2017 hours of 1,736.50.

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## Monthly Photo Contest Fall Landscapes



Members are invited to participate in the 2018 photo contest. We are currently looking for fall landscape photos. Winning photos will be used on the cover of the *News for You*. If your photo is chosen, you will win a \$50 credit on your 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](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) by September 10, 2018. Include your Barron Electric account number, address and phone number.

## Sign up for Outage Texting

Barron Electric members have the opportunity to text in their outage and receive a message when the outage is restored. If your mobile number is included on your account information, you can sign up for outage texting by visiting our website at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) and click on outage texting on the home page. If your mobile number is not listed on your account, please complete the form below or contact our billing department at 800-322-1008 to update your account information. Once your phone number is added, you can sign up for outage texting by visiting our website at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com).



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