

News FOR YOU...

Barron Electric Cooperative
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Captured by the lens of
Kim Bauer

Cooperative Effort Has Sent 128 Veterans on a Trip of a Lifetime

Barron Electric Cooperative, Federated Youth Foundation, and Co-Bank's Sharing Success Program recently donated \$15,000 to Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Over the past four years, Barron Electric's efforts raised over \$64,000, and 128 Veterans had the opportunity to visit memorials in Washington D.C. Aaron Torud, Barron Electric's General Manager, remarked, "We are pleased to sponsor our Veterans on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight and show

our appreciation of their service to our country."

Barron Electric Member Jerry Severson was a member of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission 47. He said, "Participating in the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight" to Washington D.C. was a moving, honorable experience as we received the honor and respect from our country for our service in Korea and Vietnam. Arriving

in D.C., over 200 people greeted and thanked us at Reagan Airport. This continued as students and citizens generously thanked us as we visited the WWII, the Korean and the Vietnam Memorials, plus the Air Force Memorial and Marine Memorial. We also witnessed the

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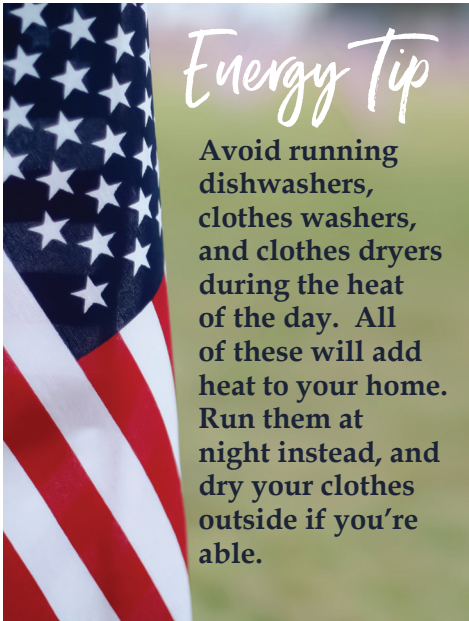


Jerry Severson, Army Veteran and Barron Electric member, found his friend's name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. More than 58,000 service members who gave their lives between 1957-1975 are listed.

Photos by Dave Junion



Larry French, Navy Veteran and Barron Electric member, far left, took a picture at the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, one of many stops included on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight.



GPS and Pole Testing Continues

Global Mapping Solutions (GMS) is working on Barron Electric's system. GMS will be on members' property to inventory and take pictures of equipment, i.e. meters and transformers. Their vehicles will display signs with Barron Electric's logo, and GMS crews will carry identification badges noting they are contracted by Barron Electric.

Pole Testing

American Energy Services is testing poles in Stanfold Township in Barron County. A sign that displays Barron Electric Cooperative's name will be displayed on their vehicles, while a 4-wheeler may be used to move efficiently throughout the system. If you have questions, please call 800-322-1008 or e-mail operations@barronelectric.com.



Trip of a Lifetime

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reverent ceremony of the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. A grand surprise happened upon returning to Wausau Airport at 11:30 p.m. The airport was packed with students, adults, family, friends, bands and military units greeting us which was overwhelming and showed the respect and appreciation of our local communities and a grateful nation." Jerry added, "It is with gratitude and thanks to Barron Electric for helping sponsor this Never Forgotten Honor Flight."

Member Larry French was also part of Mission 47. Larry was an air traffic controller for over 30 years. He served in both the Navy and Army Guard and is one of three generations to serve in wars. He

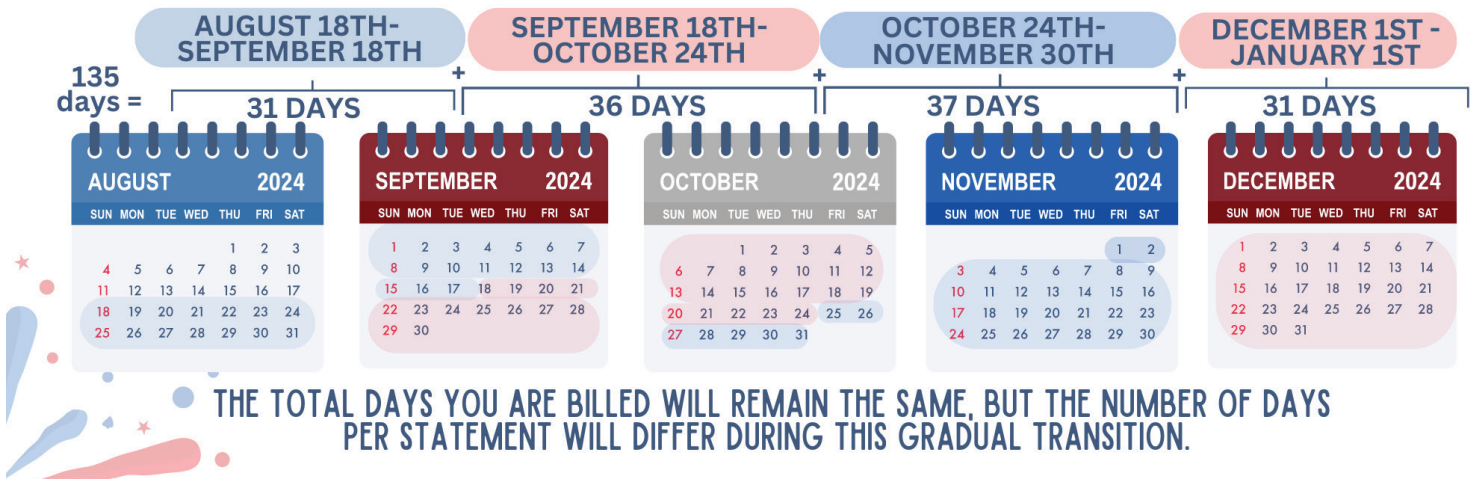
remarked, "I really enjoyed the people I met and hearing about their experiences."

Never Forgotten Honor Flight, a not-for-profit organization, consists of dedicated volunteers providing Veterans with respect, gratitude and honor, by flying them free of charge to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. There are Barron Electric members on the Honor Flight waiting list, and Barron Electric looks forward to sponsoring them. Priority is given to terminally-ill veterans, followed by veterans serving before May 7, 1975. Veterans can complete an online application at neverforgottenhonorflight.com/ application to sign up for the Honor Flight. For more information, please contact 715-573-8519.



Barron Electric Cooperative, Federated Youth Foundation, and Co-Bank's Sharing Success Program donated \$15,000 to Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Pictured are Jordan Ellison, Barron Electric Employee and Army Veteran; Jim Campbell, Never Forgotten Honor Flight and Marine Veteran; and Scott Warwick, Barron Electric Director and Army Veteran.

THE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE WILL BE SHIFTING FROM THE 18TH-18TH TO THE 1ST-1ST.



Barron Electric Cooperative will be changing their billing cycle to the 1st- 1st to better align with our wholesale power bill from Dairyland Power Cooperative. To accommodate for the change, members will notice a change to their billing starting in October as shown in the graphic above. **Members should receive their bills by the 14th of the month. Bills will be due on the 28th of each month.**

Members who participate in the Auto Pay program will have their billing amounts deducted between the 25th - 28th of each month. If you have any questions, please contact the billing department at billing@barronelectric.com or 800-322-1008.

Powering Possibilities Discussed at Dairyland Power’s Annual Meeting



Keynote Speaker Isaac Orr discussed the EPA’s rules for reducing carbon and how a shortfall of energy will impact millions of people.

Brent Ridge, *Dairyland Power Cooperative’s President and CEO, told annual meeting attendees, “The utility industry is in a period of transition, which Dairyland must be prepared to meet within the guardrails of safety, reliability, and affordability.” The annual meeting report included a title called, “No Transmission, No Transition,” which indicated that 161 renewable energy projects are dependent upon the completion of the final mile of the 345 kV Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line located between Iowa and Wisconsin. This project will benefit grid resilience, lower costs and power millions of homes with renewable energy.

Isaac Orr, vice president, researcher and co-founder of Always on Energy Research, an environmental research company, said, “Grid watchdogs are warning that the Midwest is the region most at risk of rolling blackouts in the coming years due to coal plant retirements and growing demand for power from data and manufacturing centers.” He discussed the rules issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) aimed at reducing carbon. EPA models, which vary by region, use estimates that include up to 100% of capacity output for solar and geothermal sources. The end result, he said, is a shortfall of energy that will impact millions of people. He added, “Although renewable energy is an important resource, wind and solar alone simply cannot replace the reliability attribute of the coal, natural gas and nuclear fleet, which is why Dairyland is smart to explore new nuclear technologies.”

*Dairyland Power is Barron Electric’s wholesale power supplier.

Summer Photos Needed

E-mail your summer photo to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

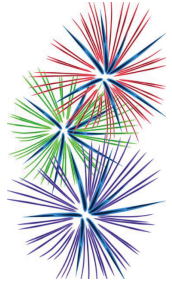
- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by July 8, 2024. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.



Save Energy and Money with New Energy Star Appliances

Many of us are looking for ways to save money. When purchasing new appliances, look for the Energy Star label, which ensures you are buying one of the top efficient models. Barron Electric offers rebates on the following appliances:

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| Energy Star® Clothes Washer | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Electric Clothes Dryer | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Dehumidifier | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Dishwasher | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Freezer | \$25 |
| Energy Star® Refrigerator (>= to 10 cubic feet)..... | \$25 |
| Inductive Range | \$25 |
| Refrigerator or Freezer Recycling | \$25 |
| Room Air Conditioner Recycling | \$25 |



Rebates must be submitted within three months of purchase. Visit our website at barronelectric.com for more details on our energy efficient rebates and energy saving tips.



Condensed Board Minutes

April 24, 2024



John Blaskowski 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.

- Jim Halvorsen from CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2023 audit to the directors. Mr. Halvorsen reviewed the audit procedure, findings and explained the process. The 2023 audit was approved as presented.
- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #102922 through #103020 from CCF

Bank in the amount of \$284,422 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,785. Total receipts in the office \$2,222,839; total receipts by wire and ACH \$136,911; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$2,256,354; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$228,642 and the power bill was paid on 04/24/2024 in the amount of \$2,039,630.

- A membership list of 51 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of March in the amount of \$251,370.63 was presented for approval and included new services \$0; change jobs \$4,106.93; Other Work Order Projects \$247,263.70 and 7 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 4,354.19 consumer hours off, which is 49.63% below 2023 hours of 8,645.06. Overtime year-to-date is 328 hours, which is 10.57% below 2023 hours of 366.75.

View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.

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