

News FOR YOU...



Level 3, DC Fast Charger Installed at The Prime in Trego Grand Opening Tuesday, September 28

Electric vehicle owners will be excited to find a 50 KW, Level 3, DC fast charger as well as a 11.5KW, Level 2 charger at The Prime Bar and Family Dining in Trego. This fills a 155-mile gap between fast chargers on Highway 53.

The CHARGE™ network of EV fast chargers gets you where you need to go, quickly. Most Level 3 chargers provide a 80% charge in 30 minutes. These charging stations are the quickest way to charge a vehicle.

We invite members to join us for a grand opening on Tuesday, September 28 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. during National Drive Electric week. Coffee and cookies will be served, and a coupon will be provided for a discount at The Prime Bar and Family Dining.

Free Charging Station from Barron Electric

We offer a free Level 2 electric vehicle charger to members who purchase an EV. The charger works with all EVs, including Tesla vehicles, using Tesla's charging adapter. We encourage charging at night when demand for electricity is low. Some conditions do apply. For more details, visit our website at barronelectric.com.



Proposed Solar Legislation

In August, Wisconsin Senator D'Amico Stroebel (Saukville) introduced SB 490 to the State Senate. Co-authored by State Representative Tim Ramthun (Campbellsport), the bill would allow third-party community solar programs in Wisconsin. Third-party community solar is when a non-utility entity builds a solar array and sells subscriptions for the power generated by the array to utility customers. As proposed, SB 490 would apply to investor-owned utilities, while electric cooperatives are currently exempt. However, policymakers could amend the bill and include cooperatives in the future.

Barron Electric supports renewable energy and common-sense solutions to reduce our carbon intensity. However, we want to make sure it is done in a way that is equitable for all members, supports a safe and reliable power grid, and doesn't push additional costs onto non-subscribers. As a cooperative, we are concerned that, as written, the bill does not accomplish these objectives.

Dairyland Power Cooperative is our wholesale power provider and has set a goal to reduce their carbon intensity by 50 percent, over 2005 levels, by 2030. Currently, renewable energy makes up about 24 percent of Dairyland's generation mix. In January, they began purchasing the electricity generated from 52 megawatts (MW) of the Tatanka Ridge Wind Farm. By 2023, they will add the 149 MW Badger State Solar array into their energy mix. This is building on the 18 local, distributed solar facilities totaling 25 MW already located in Dairyland's four-state service area.

Passion for Photography

Working remotely from home, Janis Volker, a counselor at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Middle School and High School, found the wildlife in her yard to be very relaxing. Janis remarked, "It opened up a whole new world that I had previously ignored." She decided to capture those moments through photography by taking thousands of photographs. She took online classes to learn more about enhancing her photography skills. This new hobby was a way to take a break from the daily stress and live in the moment.

Janis sells canvas prints and greeting cards, and friends encouraged her to create a calendar filled with her pictures. View her work online at www.janisvolkerphoto.com.



Photographing wildlife provided peace of mind during the COVID pandemic.

\$18,300 Donated to Never Forgotten Honor Flight *Flying Veterans to See the Memorials*

Barron Electric Cooperative donated \$18,300 to Honor Flight from proceeds raised at the Chris Kroeze concert at Barron's Music in the Park, as well as a donation from the Barron Maple Grove Fire Department and matching donations from the Federated Youth Foundation and Co-Bank's Sharing Success Program.

Honor Flight

The Never Forgotten Honor Flight is a not-for-profit organization 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 is proud to help sponsor them.

For more information visit neverforgottenhonorflight.com



Barron Electric Cooperative presented Never Forgotten Honor Flight with a check for \$18,300. Pictured are Army Veteran Ben Cole-Assistant Fire Chief of the Barron Maple Grove Fire Department; Army Veteran Dave Peterson-representing Barron Electric and the Barron VFW POST 8338; Marine Veteran James Campbell-Never Forgotten Honor Flight; Army Veteran Dennis Stillwell-Barron Electric Member and on the list for Honor Flight; and Army Veteran Tim Kessler-Barron Electric Director.



Chris Kroeze made time for a photo with his family.



Barron Electric Cooperative employees sold concessions at Barron's Music in the Park featuring Chris Kroeze, with proceeds going towards the Honor Flight.

Photo Contest

Winner receives a \$50 Credit



E-mail your fall photos to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by September 9, 2021. 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.

Electrical Safety During Fall Harvest

Fall harvest is a busy time for farmers, but safety, especially around electrical hazards, should be a priority. "Overhead power lines often fade into the landscape, since we are so used to seeing them," says Erin Hollinshead, executive director of Safe Electricity. During harvest and anytime, precautions are needed around power sources that include overhead and underground power lines.



- Safe Electricity advises the following safety guidelines:
- Inspect the height of the farm equipment to determine clearance.
 - Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
 - Access a grain bin from the side without a power line or pole.
 - Keep equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.
 - Lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving loads.
 - If equipment hits a power line, remain inside the cab unless there is smoke or fire. A downed powerline can electrify equipment, the cab, and the ground, or anything else in the area. Call 911, warn others to stay away, and wait for the utility crew to cut the power.
 - To exit the cab safely, stand or crouch on a cab step and jump to the ground keeping both feet together. Do not make contact with the cab. Hop at least 50 feet away, keeping both feet together and touching the ground at the same time. Hopping decreases the chances of stepping from one voltage to another, which can create an electrical path through the body causing severe burns, shock and electrocution.

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* View full board minutes on SmartHub.



Patricia Mandel represents District 6 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors which includes the townships of Clinton, Barron, Maple Grove, and Prairie Lake.



- Director Kessler gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Interim General Manager Olson. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #99025 thru #99142 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$501,586 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$17,071. Director Kessler reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,637,555; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,880,710; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$3,909,391; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$197,792 and power bill paid 06/30/2021 in the amount of \$1,718,486.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of May in the amount of \$146,452.27 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$21,087.95; change jobs - \$16,939.66; miscellaneous - \$108,424.66 and 4 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 9,130 consumer hours off, which is 58.05% below 2020 hours of 21,762. Overtime year-to-date is 977.25 hours, which is 21.51% above 2020 hours of 804.25.