

News FOR YOU...



Wherever the Road Leads, Your Cooperative Is There

October is National Cooperative Month – a time to celebrate the cooperative difference and the people who make it possible, you.

*Wherever the
Road Leads...*

**YOUR COOPERATIVE
IS THERE.**

Join Barron Electric and neighboring
cooperatives for

**COOPERATIVE MONTH
KICK OFF EVENTS 2026**

**Tuesday, October 6th
11:00am-1:00pm**

Barron Electric's Spooner Location
1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner, WI

**Thursday, October 8th
11:00am-2:00pm**

Barron Electric's Cooperative Headquarters
1434 State Hwy 25 N, Barron, WI



Prizes! Free Lunch! Cashback Credits & More!

Bring this card with you to one of the events!

This year, we invite you to celebrate that cooperative difference with us at our Cooperative Month Kickoff Events, Tuesday, October 6 in Spooner and Thursday, October 8 in Barron. From the roads that wind through our communities to the homes, farms and businesses we serve, Barron Electric is there. And because we are a cooperative, we're more than an electric utility – we're member-owned and committed to putting our members and communities first. But being a member of Barron Electric means more than simply receiving electricity. You're a member-owner of a not-for-profit cooperative. That means the cooperative exists to serve its members – not outside shareholders. The money we collect for providing electric service is used to operate and maintain the system, invest in our communities and keep the cooperative strong for the future.

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One of the most tangible ways that cooperative difference comes full circle is through Cashback Credits. As a cooperative, Barron Electric allocates capital credits to members based on their patronage, or the amount of electricity they purchase from the cooperative. When the cooperative's financial position allows, the Board of Directors may approve retiring a portion of those credits and return them to members.

That's what your Cashback Credit check represents: a portion of the capital you've earned through your membership being returned to you. This year, nearly 8,000 members will receive Cashback Credit checks representing capital credits earned from their electric service. Eligible members will receive a post card in the mail. **Please bring your post card to either event to pick up your Cashback Credit check.**

All members are invited to enjoy a free lunch, enter to win prizes, and more. Please bring a nonperishable food item for local food pantries. Those who donate will have their name entered into a prize drawing. Small appliance recycling will also be available at the Barron event on October 8; drop-offs can be made as you leave. You'll also have the opportunity to visit with Barron Electric employees, neighboring cooperatives and community partners while celebrating the cooperative spirit that keeps our communities connected. Happy Cooperative Month!

Has Your Road Taken You Somewhere New?

Wherever the road leads, your cooperative is there — and sometimes that road takes you beyond Barron Electric's service territory.

Members move, change jobs, relocate for family or simply take a new path in life. Even when you're no longer receiving electricity from Barron Electric, you may still have Cashback Credits waiting for you. Barron Electric is currently looking for former members with unclaimed Cashback Credit checks.

Each year, we work to return these funds to their rightful owners, but sometimes a check can't find its way home. An outdated address is often all it takes for a Cashback Credit to become unclaimed.

Take a look at the list of members with unclaimed Cashback Credits at barronelectric.com/cashback-credits. You may even recognize a former neighbor, friend, family member or fellow community member. If someone you know is on the list, please contact Barron Electric so we can help reunite those Cashback Credits with their owner.

A current mailing address is needed to locate former members and return their capital credits. Contact us at 800-322-1008 or billing@barronelectric.com. Unclaimed funds that remain unclaimed will be forfeited to the Federated Youth Foundation and used by the cooperative for educational or charitable purposes as directed by our bylaws.



Developing the Next Generation of Cooperative Leaders

What does it mean to be a leader? And what does leadership look like in a cooperative?

Those are just a few of the questions students explored at this year's Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) at UW-Stout. Barron Electric Cooperative was proud to sponsor two local students, Alexa Keown and Myella Burch, to attend the conference and experience firsthand what it means to be part of the cooperative community. YLC is designed to help young people develop their leadership skills while giving them a deeper understanding of the cooperative business model. Throughout the conference, students learn how cooperatives operate, why member-ownership matters and how cooperation can make a difference in their communities.

Students also hear from inspiring speakers who encourage them to think about leadership, resilience and the kind of impact they want to have on others. This year, Hunter Gillett returned as a featured speaker, sharing his powerful story of surviving a plane crash at 18 and the perspective he gained through that experience.

For Barron Electric, opportunities like YLC are about more than sending students to a conference. They're an investment in the next generation of leaders and in the future of cooperatives. We're proud to support young people like Alexa and Myella as they learn, lead and find their own ways to make a difference in their communities. And as it turns out, Alexa is already putting those leadership skills to work. Read on to learn more about the business she started.



2026 YLC attendees Alexa Keown and Myella Burch.

Featured Business

A Taste of Entrepreneurship: On Pointe Nuts

What do you get when you combine a young entrepreneur, a little creativity and a love of good food? On Pointe Nuts!

Barron Electric member Alexa Keown is bringing her entrepreneurial spirit to local communities with On Pointe Nuts, a Bavarian nut business offering freshly prepared treats with plenty of flavor. From Maple Praline Pecans and Sugar Glazed Almonds to other rotating varieties, On Pointe Nuts offers something for just about every sweet tooth. Alexa brings her nuts to farmers markets and community events throughout the area, giving customers the opportunity to enjoy her creations while supporting a young local entrepreneur.

Alexa is also a dancer, and her creativity, determination and willingness to try something new are evident in the business she has built. At a young age, she's already demonstrating the kind of innovation, leadership and entrepreneurial spirit that strengthens our communities. You can currently find On Pointe Nuts at the Spooner Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon and the Barron Farmers Market on Thursdays from 2–8 p.m. Follow On Pointe Nuts on Facebook to see where Alexa will be popping up next, along with current offerings and event information.

We're proud to feature On Pointe Nuts and celebrate the young entrepreneurs who are helping make our communities a great place to live, work and grow.

Scan the QR code to visit On Pointe Nuts on Facebook.



WIN A \$50 BILL CREDIT IN OUR PHOTO CONTEST

Email your fall 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 be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail photo by September 15 to: memberservices@barronelectric.com. 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 publications and our website.

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Supporting Hospice Care in Our Communities

Caring for our communities means
being there when our neighbors
need us most.

In 2026 Barron Electric Cooperative
made two \$8,000 donations to
support hospice care across our
service territory. In our northern
region, Regional Hospice Services
received \$8,000, while Rice Lake
Hospice received \$8,000 in our
southern region.



These donations were made possible through a combination of CoBank
Matching Funds and Barron Electric's Federated Youth Foundation,
allowing us to extend our support to organizations providing

compassionate care and comfort
to individuals and families in our
communities. We're grateful for the
work these organizations do for our
members and neighbors every day.



The Federated Youth Foundation
has specific requirements for which
the funds can be used. Legally,
Barron Electric is unable to use
funds from unclaimed cashback
credits to reduce rates.

*Condensed Board Minutes June 24, 2026



Tim Kessler is treasurer of Barron Electric's Board of
Directors. He represents District 2, which includes
the following townships: Evergreen, Spooner, Dewey,
Bashaw, and Barronett.

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #105796 through #105886 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$525,063 with capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$24,292. Total receipts in the office \$2,271,688; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,534,803; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$2,809,696; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$244,305 and the power bill was paid on 06/24/2026 in the amount of \$2,267,017.
- A membership list of 77 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of May in the amount of \$252,887.00 was presented for approval and included new services \$85,482.12, change jobs \$13,048.08, Other Work Order Projects \$154,356.80 and 4 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented..
- Outages year-to-date stand at 9,957.16 consumer hours off, which is 76.25% below 2025 hours of 41,926.71.
- Overtime year-to-date is 959.50 hours, which is 25.33% below 2025 hours of 1,285.00.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.