

Barron Electric Cooperative
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News

Celebrating the Cooperative Difference One Principle at a Time

Cooperatives were built on seven principles that help define them. One of those principles is member economic participation or Cashback Credits. Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved retiring

Cashback Credits for the year 2003 at 68% of the remaining balance of the cooperative portion, as well as the remaining balance of the G&T portion from 1994. Over 14,000 members and former members

will share in more than \$900,000. Retirement amounts under \$10 for active members will be applied to members' billing accounts in October. Checks will be available

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COOPERATIVE MONTH EVENTS

Cashback Credit Checks • Food • Fun • Prizes

Tuesday, October 3
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Barron Electric's Spooner Office
1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner

Thursday, October 5
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Barron Electric's Barron Office
1434 State Hwy 25 North, Barron

Fall Into Savings



Save money this fall with the following programs and energy tips.

Energy Star Appliances

Energy Star appliances are designed to use less energy, therefore helping you save money on your electric bill. Barron Electric offers rebates on Energy Star appliances from refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, and clothes washers and dryers. Check our website at www.barronelectric.com/rebates-2023 for more details.

Auto Pay

Sign up for Auto Pay to save money. Log into your SmartHub account or sign up for SmartHub to get started. Those signing up for Auto Pay will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 electric bill credit. Visit barronelectric.com to get started.

Spooky Energy Savings

Treat yourself to a lower energy bill with these energy-saving tricks. Your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand. To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher. For additional savings, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting. A rinse aid can help dry dishes faster.

One of the easiest ways to save energy is through thermostat control. Smart thermostats can help you manage heating and cooling costs by learning your daily routine and adjusting the temperature settings accordingly.



Seal air leaks around your home to keep out the winter chill. Apply caulk and weatherstripping around drafty windows and doors to help lower energy use and make your home more comfortable.



Cooperative Month Events Continued from Cover



at Cooperative Month events on October 3 and October 5. For those unable to attend the events, checks will be mailed by October 31.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Another cooperative principle members will see at these events is "Cooperation among Cooperatives." Barron Electric, Citizens Connected, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Mosaic Technologies, WESTconsin Credit Union, and Synergy will be hosting the Cooperative Month event in Barron.

Concern for Community & Donation to Food Pantries

"Concern for Community" is another principle that cooperatives follow. There are many community organizations at both events that can help make your life easier. We will also have a MED box at each event to take unwanted prescriptions. You can help by bringing a personal hygiene or food item for Washburn County Food Pantry and Turtle Lake Food Pantry. Anyone donating items will have their names entered for a prize drawing.

*Condensed Board Minutes

July 26, 2023



Randy Cook is President of Barron Electric's Board of Directors and represents District 7 which includes the following townships: Stanley, Sumner, Strickland, Stubbs, Rusk, and Big Bend.

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #101952 through #102049 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$357,789 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$16,351. Total receipts in the office - \$2,406,514; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$96,842; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,007,308; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$210,362 and power bill paid on July 26, 2023, in the amount of \$2,298,974.
- Inventory of Work Orders summarizing construction activity for the month of June in the amount of \$220,197.51 was presented for approval and included new services - \$13,243.50; change jobs - \$7,248.61; Other Work Order Projects - \$199,705.40 and 0 retirements. The Inventory of Work Orders stood approved as presented.

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Northwood's Best Kept Secret

Josh Topper was intrigued with his high school job at a tool and die shop, where he learned from a very skilled machinist. Josh's interest in helping customers find solutions encouraged him to establish Topper Machine. This full-service machine shop offers turning, boring, milling, drilling, fabricating, welding, engineering, and design.

Josh has helped many large businesses with repairs that are completed in a timely manner. He has shipped products around the world, including Hawaii, Argentina, and South Africa. Josh's motto is, "Done Right, The First Time." Josh also works with the high school youth apprentice program; he has hired students to help them learn more about the trade.

Topper Machine is located at N7952 Island Lake Road in Spooner. Due to the sensitivity of some of their work, they are open by appointment only. Learn more at toppermachine.com or call 715-635-2942.



Josh Topper, Owner of Topper Machine, uses the Milling Machine to remove material from the surface of a workpiece.



E-mail Your Favorite Family Photo for Your Chance to Win a \$100 Bill Credit

Barron Electric is looking for a family photo to feature on the cover of the 2024 Annual Report. If your photo is chosen, you will win a \$100 credit on your electric bill.

- Photos 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 November 15, 2023. 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 our annual report, on our website, and other publications.

Mark your calendars for Barron Electric's Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, March 23 at the Barron Area Community Center.



Win a \$50 Credit

E-mail your winter 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 October 10, 2023. 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.

Do You Need Help Paying Your Electric Bill?

Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) assists eligible households with their heating and electric bills. This program is funded by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Public Benefits (PB) program. If you need help paying your electric bill, please contact the following agencies:

Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Dunn, Washburn, and Polk Counties: Call Westcap at715-265-4271
 Rusk County715-485-8400
 Sawyer County715-634-4806

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Friday, October 13



10/13/2023
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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