

News FOR YOU...

\$25,000 Helps Students Pursue Their Dreams

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! Barron Electric Cooperative is proud to award \$25,000 in scholarships to 25 high school seniors. Since the program began in 1985, Barron Electric has given more than \$360,000 to over 400 students. *(continued on page 3)*



Barron



Isabella Lyste



Braden Wirth

Birchwood



Laura Hrdlicka



Kara Kreier

Cameron



Kendra Crotteau



Katelyn Dummer

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser



Summer Ahrens



Greta Jorstad

Clayton



Rhea Bodsberg

Clear Lake



Caleb Logan



Riley Peterson

Cumberland



Amie West



Gaitlyn Johnson

MISO Predicts Power Shortages this Summer

Dairyland Power Cooperative, Barron Electric's wholesale power supplier, is a member of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for operating the power grid in 15 states and Manitoba,

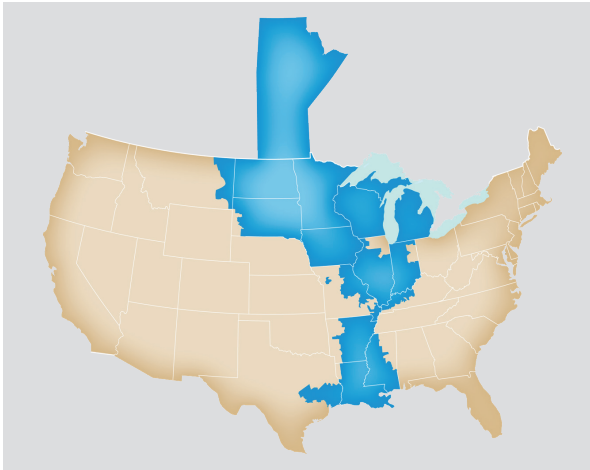
Canada. MISO predicts power shortages this summer during times of peak demand due to two predominant factors: the increase in electricity use as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic ease and the retirement of generators has been faster than the pace of adding new energy resources.

New generation resources being built are intermittent wind and solar, which are not always available when needed.

Zak Joundi, MISO's Executive Director, recently stated, "MISO's northern and central regions are at heightened risk for controlled load sheds or planned blackouts." MISO may activate emergency plans, which would result in load shedding (reducing the demand for electricity) outside of seasonal full

load control hours (2 p.m. to 6 p.m., in the summer). If the power grid is nearing capacity, members will be asked to begin conservation measures such as limiting the use of air conditioning. Members should also delay the use of dishwashers, washers and dryers and other nonessential electricity items. These measures take some pressure off the grid to help keep the lights on and help avoid blackouts. Cooperative members who depend on electricity for oxygen or other life-sustaining medical equipment should have a plan in case of a power outage. Owning a backup generator can provide peace of mind.

In addition, the Energy Information Administration forecasts higher electricity prices this summer due to the increase of natural gas prices as well as an increased demand after COVID. Due to these factors, members will likely see power cost adjustments.



MISO oversees the regional power grid, including the four states Dairyland Power serves including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois.



See Chris Kroeze at Barron's Music in the Park

Wednesday, June 8



Barron Electric Cooperative is proud to sponsor Chris Kroeze at Barron's Music in the Park on Wednesday, June 8. The concert will start at 6:00 p.m. at Anderson Park, North Mill Street in Barron. Food and beverages will be available for sale starting at 5:00 p.m., and proceeds will be donated to the Honor Flight.

Honor Flight

Barron Electric will be holding a fundraiser for the 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 looks forward to sponsoring them.

Veterans from the Merchant Marine, WWII, Korea, or Vietnam can complete an online application at neverforgottenhonorflight.com/application to sign up for the Honor Flight. For more information, please contact 715-573-8519.



Scholarship Winners *(continued from page 1)*

Hayward



Nolan Gay

New Auburn



Triton Robey

Prairie Farm



Justyne Frisley



Shaylee Stokes

Rice Lake



Brynn Olson



Carter Schulz

Shell Lake



Cade Hanson



Jacob McNulty

Spooner



Zachary Huebner



Brody Jepson

Turtle Lake



Toby Kahl



Kirstan Keppen

Summer Energy Tips



1. An air conditioner requires regular maintenance. Schedule an appointment with a heating and cooling contractor today.
2. Replace or clean the filters on your air conditioning unit. Replacing a dirty filter with a clean one can help lower your unit's energy consumption by 5% to 15%.
3. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
4. Wash full loads of dishes and clothes for better efficiency.

Source: energy.gov

Cooks Corner

BLT Pasta Salad

2 cups pasta farfelle uncooked
3 cups Romaine lettuce chopped
3/4 cup red onion chopped
1 cup tomatoes chopped
4 slices bacon cooked and crumbled
1/4 cup ranch dressing
1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 T. red wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Cook pasta. Meanwhile prepare the rest of the salad.
2. In large bowl, add tomatoes, lettuce, bacon, and red onion.
3. In small bowl, mix ranch, yogurt, mayonnaise, vinegar and pepper. Mix well.
4. Drain pasta and rinse with cold water.
5. Toss pasta with the dressing mixture until evenly coated.

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*Condensed Board Minutes March 30, 2022



Mike Baker, Vice President of Barron Electric's Board of Directors, represents District 3, which includes the following townships: Crystal, Stone Lake, Sand Lake, Beaverbrook, Madge, Birchwood, Sarona, and Cedar Lake.

- The minutes of the 86th Annual Meeting, March 26, 2022, were approved as written.
- Director Kessler gave the treasurer's report, with comments by General Manager Torud. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #99985 thru #100086 of CCF Bank in the amount of \$136,417 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$15,200. Director Kessler reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,317,223; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$3,187,746; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$6,055,803; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$187,099 and power bill paid 03/30/2022 in the amount of \$2,489,433.
- A membership list of 40 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of February in the amount of \$107,430.77 was presented for approval and included new services - \$3,722.43; change jobs - \$0; Other Work Order Projects - \$103,708.34 and 9 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 3,400 consumer hours off, which is 110.9% above 2021 hours of 1,612. Overtime year-to-date is 193.75 hours, which is 29.17% above 2021 hours of 150.00.

* [View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.](http://barronelectric.com)

Monthly Photo Contest Winners receive a \$50 Credit

E-mail your summer photo 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.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by June 10, 2022. 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.

