

News FOR YOU...

Members to Share Nearly \$2,000,000 in Cashback Credits and NWPAA Refund

Nearly \$1,000,000 in cashback credits, also known as capital credits, will be returned in October to Barron Electric Cooperative members and former members. This is the largest return in the history of the cooperative and includes Barron Electric patronage, Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) patronage, and the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPAA) refund. Dairyland Power, Barron Electric's wholesale power supplier, won a settlement from the U.S. government, since the government failed to take spent fuel from Dairyland's shutdown nuclear power plant in Genoa. DPC returned nearly \$1,000,000 in 2022 to Barron Electric, which is being returned to members.

Members and former members who will receive a Cashback Credit check will receive a postcard in September. Checks that are less than \$10 for current members will appear as a credit on their October electric bill.

Join us for Cooperative Month events, enjoy lunch, take a bucket truck ride, and pick up your Cashback Credit check. There will be a Med Drop Box at both locations for expired, unused or unwanted medications.

Cooperative Month Events

Tuesday, October 4

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Barron Electric's Spooner Office
1550 Paulson Drive
Spooner, Wisconsin 54801

Thursday, October 6

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mosaic Technologies
401 S. 1st Street
Cameron, Wisconsin 54822

Give More Life, Donate Blood



Blood Drives
Thursday, October 6
at Mosaic Technologies
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 14
at Barron Electric Cooperative
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Visit
redcrossblood.org
to see times
available or call
1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767).



One of the seven cooperative principles is Members' Economic Participation. This year, Barron Electric Cooperative will be returning nearly \$2,000,000 in Cashback Credits.

Happy
Labor
Day



Our office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe holiday weekend!

House Move Encounters 20 Barron Electric Crossings



Barron Electric line crews were on hand to assist with a house move that traveled eight miles through rural Chetek. Wires were lifted or dropped at 20 different crossings as the 27' house made its way to a new home. We appreciate members' patience during this process.

Fun and Education for Seniors

Gail Olah Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Gail Olah serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Rice Lake Senior Citizens Center and is the latest Megawatt Community Service Award winner.

Member Gail Olah has served four years as the President of the Board of Directors for the Rice Lake Senior Center (RLSC). She also served as secretary for two terms. The Rice Lake Senior Center is an activity and resource center for those 55 years and older. They have nearly 200 members and have been in operation for approximately 50 years. Members have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including Tai Chi, rosemaling, ceramics, cards, puzzle table, card making, and yoga. They welcome any age to participate in their programs.

One of Gail's friends talked her into taking a rosemaling class. Rosemaling is the art of painting wood items and objects with flower motifs. Gail has done rosemaling for 16 hotels in the midwest, as well as restaurants, churches, and homes. She has rosemaled at five of the Norske Nook restaurants. She has also taught rosemaling classes and piano classes at the RLSC.

Meals are served Monday through Friday at 11:45 a.m. at the RLSC; the cost is \$5 for those 60 years and older while those under 60 years pay \$10. RLSC is located at 12 West Humbird Street, Rice Lake. Visit ricelakeseniorcenter.org for more information.

Win a \$50 Electric Bill Credit

Barron Electric is led by members like you who understand and listen to the community. Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Winners will receive a \$50 electric bill credit. Application forms can be found at barronelectric.com in the community area.

Nearly \$16,000 Helps Honor Flight Participants

Barron Electric sponsored Chris Kroeze at Barron's Music in the Park and together raised nearly \$16,000 for Never Forgotten Honor Flight. This 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. Barron Electric Member Bill Huiras had the opportunity to experience the Never Forgotten Honor Flight in 2019, an experience he will always remember. Bill served in the Army from 1950-1952 and was stationed in North Korea. While there, he worked with electricity and generators. He said that his favorite part about Honor Flight was the reception when he arrived home. He remarked, "It was a beautiful trip; I really enjoyed it."

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.

Pictured right: Barron Electric donated \$15,945 to Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Pictured are Tim Kessler, Barron Electric director and Army Veteran, Mike Romsos, Barron Maple Grove Fire Chief, Bill Huiras, Barron Electric Member and Army Veteran, Jim Campbell, Never Forgotten Honor Flight and Marine Veteran, and Dave Peterson, Barron Electric employee and Army Veteran.



Attracting Monarchs



The Butterfly Garden in Sarona was a team effort between Member Nuto Farms and Barron Electric Cooperative. Monarch butterflies have been listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, due to a significant decline since the 1980s. Barron Electric has created three gardens to help attract Monarch butterflies.

Understanding KW Demand

Coming soon, members will see KW Demand on their billing statement. What does this mean? Demand is the maximum requirement of electricity needed at any given time. Imagine putting marbles in a tube. If you only have one tube (or power line), only so many marbles are going to flow through the tube at any given time. The more electrical devices that are operating at one time, the higher the demand.

Why is demand important?

Barron Electric must plan for future growth and design electric power lines, transformers, substations and other equipment to supply the maximum requirement of electricity by all members.

Food Drive

Your donation helps families in need

Bring your food donations to Cooperative Month events on Tuesday, October 4 for the Washburn County Food Pantry or Thursday, October 6 for the Cameron Food Pantry. "We are in need of personal hygiene items including deodorant, hair products, and body soaps," said Mark Fagerstrom, Washburn County Food Pantry. There will be a prize drawing for those who bring an item. Thank you for your support.



Principle #7
Concern for Community

*Condensed Board Minutes

June 29, 2022

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

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 General Manager Torud. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #100409 thru #100544 of CCF Bank in the amount of \$675,875 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$22,102. Director Kessler reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,633,293; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$2,296,418; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$4,108,573; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$211,557 and power bill paid 06/29/2022 in the amount of \$1,914,987.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of May in the amount of \$106,796.77 was presented for approval and included new services - \$10,018.90; change jobs - \$5,257.83; Other Work Order Projects - \$91,520.04 and 10 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 40,532.38 consumer hours off, which is 343.94% above 2021 hours of 9,130.12. Overtime year-to-date is 1,167 hours, which is 19.42% above 2021 hours of 977.25.

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Photo Contest Winner will Win a \$50 Bill Credit

E-mail your *spooky* 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 September 9, 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.

