

News FOR YOU...

December 2017

Barron Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that safely provides energy, products, and services to improve the quality of life in the area we serve.

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Cooperative to Return \$2.6 Million

Dairyland Power Cooperative, Barron Electric's power supplier, won a \$73.5 million settlement from the U.S. government. The government failed to take spent fuel from Dairyland's shutdown nuclear power plant in Genoa. This is the second award Dairyland has received for having to store the uranium, which remains in dry casks at the plant site, as well as transferring the fuel to dry storage. The plant is being decommissioned.

Dairyland Power has returned \$2.6 million to Barron Electric. Barron Electric's Board President Selmer Nelson said, "The board of directors felt strongly that this money should be returned to the members who paid it as part of their electric bill." If you were a

member of the cooperative from 2007-2012, you will receive a refund. Those members who are receiving a refund of \$15 or less will see a credit on their electric bill. Those members who are receiving a

refund of \$15 or greater will receive a check by December 15. Please contact the Billing Department if you have any questions regarding this refund at 800-322-1008 or barronec@barronelectric.com



Dairyland Power has a power purchase agreement in place with EDP Renewables for the entire energy output of the Quilt Block Wind Farm, located in Darlington, Wisconsin. The wind farm will produce enough clean electricity to power more than 25,000 homes.



Barron Electric's Board of Directors approved a \$2.6 Million refund to members who were on our lines from 2007-2012.

Potatoes Help Make the Holidays Brighter



Barron Electric representatives Roger Erickson, Jill Humphrey, and Jody Rindsig delivered 250 pounds of potatoes to Paul's Pantry in Rice Lake, represented by Pat Rausch.

Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "This will be the fifth year Barron Electric employees and Nuto Farms have teamed up to make this season a little brighter by donating potatoes to our local food pantries." Pat Rausch of Paul's Pantry said, "In 2016, we served over 14,500 hot meals, had over 4,400 pantry visits, and gave over 490,000 pounds of groceries." She added, "The potatoes will be very well received." Barron Electric representatives delivered over 3,200 pounds of potatoes to food pantries in Barron, Birchwood, Cameron, Chetek, Cumberland, Hayward, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, Spooner, and Turtle Lake.

Nate Steines Awarded Highest Safety Honor



Nate Steines, Director of Operations, was recently presented with the Herman C. Potthast Award, which recognizes distinguished safety performance. Nate assisted victims at the scene of a rollover accident, using his first aid skills acquired at Barron Electric. Nate thanked the cooperative for offering the training necessary to help these individuals. A Washburn County sheriff's officer described the actions as "heroic." General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "We are proud of Nate's willingness to help others by using his safety training skills. Barron Electric linemen have monthly safety meetings. All employees participate in basic first aid and various safety training."

Pictured: Nate Steines of Barron Electric Cooperative accepts the Herman C. Potthast Award from Garry Christopherson of Dairyland Power Cooperative (left). Barron Electric Cooperative Manager Dallas Sloan is pictured right.

Right-of-Way Clearing Equals Less Outages

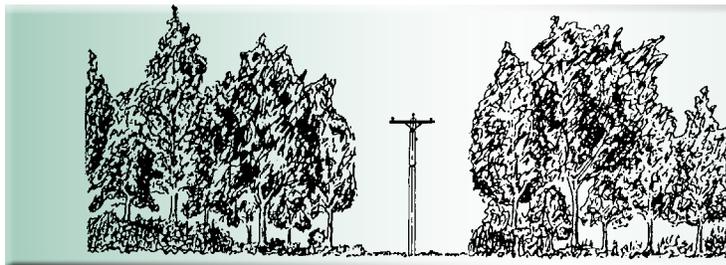
The Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Program helps reduce contact between trees and power lines. Trees and vegetation growing into the cooperative's right-of-way can cause power outages, block access for maintenance and repairs, and become a safety hazard. Barron Electric will clear trees and brush in the following townships:

Contractors clear trees and brush in sixty-one townships on a rotational schedule every five to six years. This may include mechanical chopping, hand-cutting and side-trimming. No chemicals are used. Only primary lines are cleared, which supply power to the transformer that serves your location. The following year, Barron Electric line crews perform routine line patrol and trim trees or branches as needed along secondary wires between the transformer and your meter.

If you have trees that are growing into power lines, contact Barron Electric at 800-322-1008. Never try to cut or trim them yourself.



TOWNSHIP	COUNTY
Prairie Farm	Barron
Dallas	Barron
Sioux Creek	Barron
Prairie Lake	Barron
Chetek	Barron
Stanley	Barron
Rusk.....	Burnett
Sheridan.....	Dunn
Sand Creek	Dunn
Evergreen	Washburn
Trego	Washburn



A minimum of 15 feet of clearance is required on each side of the top wire and 20 feet at the ground line on each side of the pole. ROW may be cleared 20 feet, ground to sky.



Enhancing the Charm at the Red Barn

Barron Electric donated \$500 to the Red Barn Theatre to help assist with renovations including a more handicap-friendly environment, adding a women's bathroom and concessions to the main floor, and upgrading the lighting and sound system. Pictured are Red Barn Theatre's Fundraising Committee Members Patsy Vork and Bob Rogers, Barron Electric Board Director Richard Bol, and Committee Member Paul Chase.

Director Notes



Arlyn Helm serves as treasurer on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, representing District 1 which includes the following townships:

Brooklyn, Gull Lake, Stinnett, Hayward, Scott, Casey, Trego, Springbrook, Bass Lake, and Rusk.

Condensed Board Minutes September 27, 2017

- Director Helm gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Manager Sloan. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #92311 thru #92583 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$293,697 and capital credit estate checks of \$0. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,621,299; total receipts by wire and ACH- \$957,257; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$3,111,747; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$185,900 and power bill paid 09/27/17 in the amount of \$2,329,396. A membership list of 84 was presented and approved by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$393,543.13 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$29,955.98; change jobs - \$31,885.97; miscellaneous - \$331,701.18 and 1 retirement. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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The Spirit of Christmas

Sherry Shipman's involvement in the Spirit of Christmas has led her to the Megawatt Community Service Award. The program started 27 years ago when Stan Mercer approached Sherry about helping people with food and gifts at Christmas. In 2016, 171 families were helped, which included 459 children. Sherry said, "Many businesses, school groups, churches, individual families, and community organizations work hard to make it all come together." For more information, please call 715-736-0042 between Monday through Thursday from 1-4 p.m. Sherry also helps at the Rice Lake High School teaching kids how to sew. She volunteers at Brentwood Senior Living, painting nails for residents.



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Nominate a Member

The Megawatt Community Service Award supports Barron Electric Cooperative's mission to improve the quality of life in the areas we serve and promotes our 7th Cooperative Principle, "Concern for Community." Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Application forms are available at barronelectric.com in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008. Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit.



Cook's Corner

Sauerkraut Meatball Appetizer Jane Ritzinger

1 package of frozen or homemade meatballs
1-15 oz. can plain sauerkraut, drained
1-15 oz. can whole berry cranberry sauce
1-12 oz. jar chili sauce
1 cup dark brown sugar

Mix sauerkraut, sauces and sugar. Pour over meatballs in a crockpot. Cook for 6 hours on low. Serve hot.

