

News FOR YOU...

August 2018

Photo by Celeste Rouse

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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Members Test Drive the All-Electric Chevy Bolt



Members had the opportunity to test drive the all-electric Chevy Bolt.

Nearly 100 members and guests had the opportunity to visit with representatives about all-electric vehicles and test drive the all-electric Chevy Bolt. The all-electric Tesla Model S series, owned by Harold Gonske, and the Chevy Volt hybrid, owned by Dairyland Power, were also on display. Ann Chudy remarked, "The Chevy Bolt was interesting; we really liked it and were surprised at the pick-up." Joe Thomas agreed, "It has a lot more get up and go on the road and was better than I expected." Check out the Chevy Bolt at our next open house:

Chevy Bolt Open House and Lunch

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Barron Electric Cooperative

1434 State Highway 25 North, Barron



Barron Electric installed electric vehicle charging stations at their offices in Barron and Spooner. Members purchasing an electric vehicle are eligible for a free charging station. Visit barronelectric.com for more details on this program. Charging stations can be found at plugshare.com.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Look for LED products and fixtures for outdoor use, such as pathway, step and porch lights. Many include features like automatic daylight shut-off and motion sensors. You can also find solar-powered lighting for outdoor spaces. Source: energy.gov



Dick Fankhauser Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Congratulations to Dick Fankhauser for his outstanding community service. Photo by Bill Thornley

Dick Fankhauser's job brought him to the Spooner area. His supervisor at the time involved him in the Spooner Rodeo, where he started selling tickets in 1978. Today, he has served 33 years as Chairman of the Spooner Rodeo. Celebrating 65 years, the 2018 rodeo drew cowboys from 28 states, 92 barrel racers and 55 team ropers, as well as speciality acts. A committee of 72 people works hard to bring the best show to the fans and has helped make the Spooner Rodeo one of the top rodeos in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. (PRCA) The Spooner Rodeo Committee has been honored as Committee of the Year in the PRCA.

The Spooner Rodeo is committed to the community and has helped support many organizations including the American Cancer Society, 4-H, and FFA Clubs. They have also funded many buildings at the Washburn County Fairgrounds.

The 2019 Spooner Rodeo is set for July 11-13. Advanced ticket sales will start October 1 and sell fast. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information, visit spoonerrodeo.com.

Win a \$50 Electric Bill Credit

Nominate a member for the Megawatt Community Service Award. Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit. Application forms can be found at barronelectric.com in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.

Cook's Corner

Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert Karen Simonson

- 12 unwrapped ice cream sandwich bars
- 12 oz. caramel ice cream topping
- 12 oz. Cool Whip
- Chocolate Syrup-approximately 1/4 cup or to taste
- 2 crushed Symphony candy bars

Place the 12 ice cream sandwich bars in a 9x13 pan. Pour caramel over bars. Spread Cool Whip over caramel. Drizzle chocolate over Cool Whip and top with crushed candy bars. Cover. Freeze 45 minutes and enjoy.



Save the Dates
2019 Spooner Rodeo
July 11-13, 2019



Commitment to Community

At Barron Electric Cooperative, we are committed to giving back not only today, but every day. Giving back is an important part of our culture, whether it is a donation through our Federated Youth Foundation Trust or employees involved in service organizations and local events.



Barron Electric donated \$500 to Northern Star Council Boy Scouts of America. The cooperative also donated to Chippewa Valley Council and Girl Scouts of Northwestern Great Lakes.



Barron Electric Cooperative Board Director Mike Baker (left) presents a \$500 check to Carly Moline, Associate Director of the Shell Lake Arts Center, which will help with program expenses.



Nellie Cupp, Member Account Representative at Barron Electric, presented first aid kits to Lori Bowman, Executive Director of Benjamin's House.

Sign up for Auto Pay and Win a \$50 Credit

Auto Pay is a convenient way to pay your electric bill, saving you time and money. Members who sign up for Auto Pay will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50 electric bill credit. Sign up for Auto Pay through SmartHub at barronelectric.com or by contacting the billing department at 800-322-1008.

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

May 30, 2018

- 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: #93589 thru #93727 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$250,947 and capital credit estate checks of \$3,736. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,345,779; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,708,098; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 4,498,311; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$180,836 and power bill paid 05/30/18 in the amount of \$1,914,445.

Unclaimed Capital Credits We need your help!



We are looking for members who have unclaimed capital credit checks which were issued in 2014. Capital credits are a member's share of the cooperative's margins for a year in which revenues exceeded expenses. The amount a member is credited is proportionate to the member's usage for the year(s) retired. Barron Electric's Board of Directors approves the amount retired.

A list of the members we hope to locate is included at barronelectric.com. Click the ad on our homepage to view the names. A current address is needed so we can locate these members and refund their capital credits. If you can help us find these people, contact us at 800-322-1008 or billing@barronelectric.com.

Unclaimed funds will be forfeited to the Federated Youth Foundation and used by the cooperative for educational or charitable purposes as directed by our bylaws.



Monthly Photo Contest Fall Landscapes

Members are invited to participate in the 2018 photo contest. We are currently looking for fall landscape photos. Winning photos will be used on the cover of the *News for You*. If your photo is chosen, you will win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape).
- Photos must be high resolution, at least 300 dpi.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by August 10, 2018. Include your Barron Electric account number, address and phone number.

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