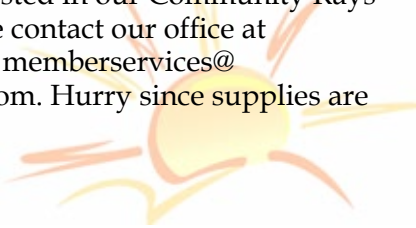


# News FOR YOU...

## Community Rays Units Available-Buy Yours Today!

**C**ommunity Rays is the alternative to buying your own solar system. We now have 40 solar units of Community Rays available for purchase. Members can buy units at a cost of \$700 per unit with a 16-year agreement. Barron Electric installed a 100 KW community solar array in 2014. Community Rays was developed for those members interested in an affordable option to purchase renewable solar energy. Each unit generates approximately 385 kilowatt hours annually. If you are interested in our Community Rays program, please contact our office at 800-322-1008 or [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com). Hurry since supplies are limited.



*Community Rays has generated over 550,000 kWhs since it was installed.*



## Beaudette Chairs WECA Legislative Committee

**J**ennifer Beaudette, Director of Member Services, was unanimously selected to be the next chair of the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's (WECA) Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee is made up of representatives from all of Wisconsin's 25 electric cooperatives and discusses state and federal public policies to determine if/how electric cooperatives should engage. As Chair of the Legislative Committee, Jennifer will lead the quarterly meetings, help set the committee's agenda, and play a special role in organizing electric cooperatives' political engagement across the state. She will also help manage the ACRE program, which supports candidates for state and federal office who support the mission of rural electric cooperatives.



## Monthly Photo Contest Spring Landscapes

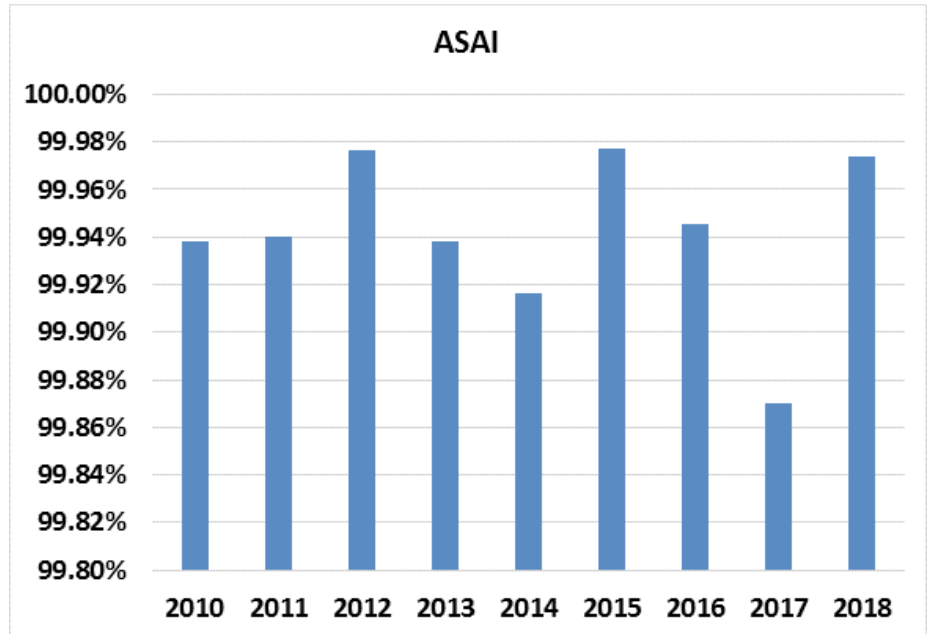
E-mail your spring landscape photos for our photo contest. Winning photos will be used on the cover of the *News for You*, and winners will receive a \$50 credit on their electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- 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](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) by April 10, 2019. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.

## Take a Vacation with 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](http://barronelectric.com) or by contacting the billing department at 800-322-1008.

## Members Have Power 99.97% of the Time



*Barron Electric strives to provide reliable service. Members have power 99.97% of the time.*

## Join the 500 Members Enrolled in Outage Texting

**B**arron Electric member-consumers have the opportunity to text in their outage and receive a message when the outage is restored. If your mobile number is included on your account information, you can sign up for outage texting by visiting our website at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) and click on outage texting on the home page. If your mobile number is not listed on your account, please complete the form below or contact our billing department at 800-322-1008 to update your account information. Then, visit our website at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com).



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Employee Spotlight

## Working for our Members

Jill Humphrey has worked at Barron Electric Cooperative for over 18 years in the Operations Department. She is responsible for the cooperative's inventory and assisting with outage data.

Jill commented, "I like the variety of tasks, great co-workers, and helping our members." One of the biggest changes she has seen at the cooperative is the use of technology in the mapping system and outages. She added, "Members can now see the outage map on our website and sign up for outage texting."



## Master Gardener Receives Megawatt Community Service Award

Congratulations to Sheri Snowbank, this month's Megawatt Community Service Award winner. Sheri has been the Superintendent of the Horticulture Building at the Barron County Fair for seventeen years. She is responsible for helping the judges and finding volunteers to staff

the building during the County Fair. She is also a member of the Barron County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV). The group works to advise and educate the public on gardening and will be offering MGV training starting September 3.

### 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. Each winner will receive a \$50 electric bill credit. Application forms can be found at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.



## Cook's Corner

### Seafood Snack Mary Nilssen

½ cup butter, softened  
1 jar Old English Cheese  
1 ½ tsp. Mayo  
1½ tsp. Garlic Salt  
½ tsp. Seasoned Salt

1 (7 oz. can of crab meat or tiny shrimp)  
6 English Muffins

Place first 5 ingredients in blender or food processor. Add seafood & mix slightly. Spread mixture on split muffins. Place on cookie sheet & freeze. When frozen, cut each split muffin into six wedges. Bag & freeze till needed. When ready to serve, take amount needed & spread mixture side up on a cookie sheet. Broil till slightly browned & bubbly. Serve immediately. These can also be made & cooked without freezing. Great for gatherings!

# 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 February 1, 2019

- 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: #95520 thru #95709 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$267,050 and capital credit estate checks of \$11,045. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,516,201; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,853,457; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 4,333,900; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$272,825 and power bill paid 01/30/19 in the amount of \$2,418,495.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 43,941 consumer hours off, which is 79.6% below 2017 hours of 215,594. Overtime year-to-date is 3,482.50 hours, which is 28.2% below 2017 hours of 4,853.

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**B**arron Electric's Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Program helps to reduce outages and allows accessibility for line crews and equipment. In order to create safe working conditions for ROW contractors, the cooperative encourages members to remove abandoned fences. This helps reduce the additional costs associated with hand-clearing. Barron Electric and contractors representing the cooperative are not responsible for fence repair due to age and normal deterioration.

If you have any questions regarding Barron Electric's ROW Clearing program, please contact Barron Electric's Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or [operations@barronelectric.com](mailto:operations@barronelectric.com).

## Attention High School Students

**D**o you want to improve your leadership and communication skills, have the opportunity to organize a cooperative, and meet people from across the state? The WECA Youth Leadership Congress will be held July 24-26 at UW-River Falls. Social media coverage can be viewed by searching #wiscylc2016. For application forms, please contact our office at 800-322-1008 or [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com).



More than 120 students attended last year's Youth Leadership Congress.