

News FOR YOU...

Barron Electric Cooperative
February 2020
Photo by Mary Nietzel

One Member to Win a Free Year of Energy at 84th Annual Meeting

All members are invited to attend Barron Electric Cooperative's 84th Annual Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, March 28 at the Barron High School. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. with the business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Enjoy music by the Stringsmiths during registration and lunch. A kids' program for ages 3-12 will include face painting, games, and a grand prize. Members will have the opportunity to win a free year of energy, excluding fixed charges, and 99 small prizes. During registration, meet Member Cindy Sesolak who will share her experience of tracking Monarch Butterflies.

Members will vote for Board Directors representing Districts 2, 4, and 8. These districts are highlighted on the map to the right. In order to be eligible for nomination by petition, each signature on the petition must be that of the individual in whose name the membership is held. Members, one per household, who sign the petition must reside in the respective district. Director nominees must reside within the district they are to represent. Members may call Barron Electric's office and request a petition or write their own.

If it is desired to have the nominee's name on the printed

ballot, it is necessary that the properly signed petition be received at the office of Barron Electric Cooperative, PO Box 40, Barron, WI 54812, no later than 12 o'clock noon, **Monday, February 10, 2020**. If the nominee wishes to be on the biographical handout at the Annual Meeting, a photograph and biographical information needs to be submitted with the signed petition. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Horstman at 800-322-1008.

Resolutions

All resolutions must be in writing, properly signed, dated, and with the member's address and phone number. Hand-written resolutions will be considered only if legible as determined by the Resolutions Committee. Resolutions to be considered must be received no later than 12 o'clock noon on **Monday, February 10, 2020** and should be addressed as follows:

**Barron Electric Cooperative
 Board President;
 c/o Resolutions Committee
 Barron Electric Cooperative;
 PO Box 40; Barron, WI 54812**

Resolutions received by the deadline will be reviewed by the

			Brooklyn	Gull Lake	Stinnett	Hayward	
Scott	Casey	Trego	Spring Brook	1 Bass Lake	Bass Lake		
Rusk	2 Evergreen	Spooner	Crystal	3 Stone Lake	Sand Lake		
Dewey	Bashaw	Beaver Brook	Madge	Birchwood			
Roosevelt	Barronett	Sarona	Long Lake	Birchwood			
Maple Plain	Lakeland	Bear Lake	5 Oak Grove	Cedar Lake			
Crystal Lake	4 Cumberland	Stanford	Rice Lake	Doyle			
Almena	Clinton	Barron	Stanley	Sumner	Strickland	7 Stubbs	
Clayton	Turtle Lake	8 Arland	6 Maple Grove	Prairie Lake	Chetek	Rusk	Big Bend
Clear Lake	Vance Creek	Prairie Farm	Dallas	Sioux Creek	9 Dovre	Sampson	
New Haven	Sheridan			Sand Creek			

Resolutions Committee appointed from the membership of the Cooperative by the President of the Board of Directors. Copies of resolutions to be presented and considered at the Annual Meeting will be mailed in advance to the members so that each member will have time to consider the same.



**Save the Date
 March 28, 2020**

Couple Dedicated to Lions Club Mission

We are proud to recognize Ken and Delores LaFaive for their outstanding community service. Ken serves as secretary of the Chetek Lions Club, while his wife, Delores, serves as membership chairperson. Lions Clubs are dedicated to serving others, and their main focuses

include the environment, diabetes, cancer, vision, and hearing. Some of the club's projects include selling deer hides with the proceeds being used for campers attending the Wisconsin Lions Camp. Lions are dedicated to improving the lives of the visually impaired and preventing avoidable blindness.

Because of the Lions, vision testing for children takes place at area schools in Barron County. Delores is also District Governor for the Lions Club, which includes visiting the 45 clubs in northwest Wisconsin.

Delores also helps with the Meals on Wheels Program at the Senior Citizen's Center in Chetek. Over 30 meals are delivered daily Monday through Friday. Ken has helped with the Chetek Food Pantry and has done a variety of jobs for Habitat for Humanity. They have both helped ring bells for the Salvation Army.

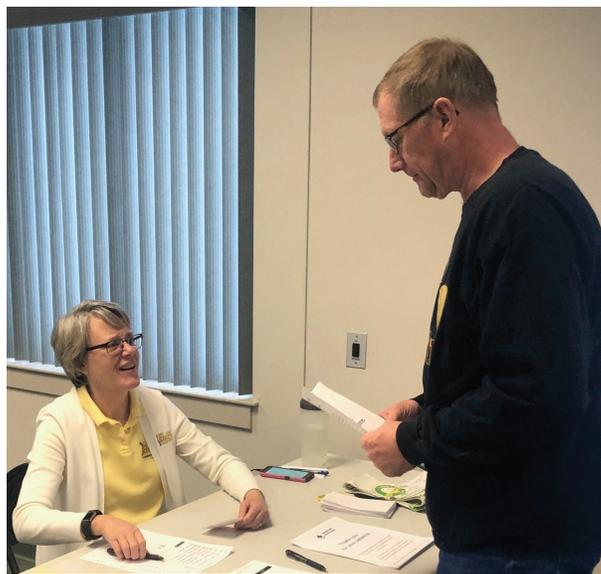
Win a \$50 Electric Bill Credit

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 in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.



Jody Thill, Barron Electric's Member Account Representative, congratulates Delores and Ken LaFaive on winning the Megawatt Community Service Award.

Employees Show Concern for Community



Becky Scott, Accountant Level 1, helps register participants at the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Last year, Barron Electric Cooperative employees volunteered nearly 200 hours to help support non-profits, coach youth sports, and help chaperone school activities. Employees and directors also donated to non-profit organizations, and these donations were matched by the cooperative. General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "I am proud of our employees and directors' commitment to their communities. We truly live our cooperative principle of concern for community."



Congress Passed the RURAL Act



Jennifer Beaudette (second from left), Barron Electric's Director of Member Services, talked with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (center) about the RURAL Act.

Congress passed the RURAL Act, which will protect more than 900 electric cooperatives throughout the nation from the risk of losing their tax-exempt status when they accept government grants for disaster relief, broadband service and other programs that benefit cooperative members. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) CEO Jim Matheson remarked, "This legislation will save electric cooperatives tens of millions of dollars each year. It will also protect cooperative members from unfair increases in electric rates." The legislation showed bipartisan support with more than 300 co-sponsors in the 435-member House and nearly two-thirds of the senate. All of the Wisconsin Delegation signed on to support the RURAL Act.

Source: NRECA

Test Drive an All Electric Vehicle

The Chevy Bolt electric vehicle (EV) is an affordable all-electric vehicle that offers an EPA-estimated 238 miles of range on a full charge. When planning a road trip, the myChevrolet Mobile App with Energy Assist uses information such as the vehicle's current charge, driving conditions and real-time weather to calculate the most efficient route for you. This feature also tells you where the nearest charging station is located and automatically updates as conditions change.

Charging the vehicle is as easy as plugging in a cell phone. A color touch-screen display gives you real-time vehicle information, shows your battery levels, estimated range and charge settings.



Test out Barron Electric's all electric Chevy Bolt.

Monthly Photo Contest Spring Landscape

E-mail your spring 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 by February 5, 2020. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric Cooperative permission to use your photo in a variety of publications and on our website.



Cook's Corner

**Caventine
Michelle Boutwell**

- 1 head cabbage - shredded
- 1 lb. bacon, cut in pieces
- Mushrooms (I use about 2-3 packages of fresh sliced mushrooms)
- 1 stick butter
- Bowtie pasta (cooked according to directions on box)

Fry bacon, take out of pan. Put shredded cabbage in fry pan (with bacon grease) and fry until tender. Add mushrooms and sauté slightly. In a bowl, put all ingredients and mix well. Lightly grease a roaster or casserole dish, layer with some mixture, top with some pats of butter, repeat. Bake at 350 degrees until heated throughout (about 30-40 minutes).

Director Notes

Larry Kuhl represents District 5 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the townships of Long Lake, Bear Lake, Oak Grove, Stanford, Rice Lake, and Doyle.



*Condensed Board Minutes November 27, 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: #96966 thru #97088 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$250,887 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$44,685. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,922,775; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,036,356; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,085,991; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$195,889 and power bill paid 11/27/19 in the amount of \$1,974,780.
- A membership list of 80 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$152,605.97 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$31,502.16 change jobs - \$23,295.88; miscellaneous - \$97,807.93 and 1 retirement. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

* View full board minutes on SmartHub.

Employee Spotlight Working for our Members

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Barron Electric is an equal
opportunity provider.



J.T. Gunderson, helps construct and maintain Barron Electric's distribution system, as well as restoring outages. A graduate of Spooner High School, J.T. graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College's Line School program. He is currently enrolled in the state indentured apprentice program, a 4-year program consisting of schooling and on-the-job training to become a journeyman lineman. Lineworkers attend monthly safety meetings



to review a variety of topics to help perform their job safely. J.T. remarked, "It is truly rewarding being part of a company that not only puts safety first within the day to day operations but also one that is so ingrained with helping the community."

JT Gunderson talks with students at Spooner Elementary about his career as an apprentice lineworker.