

News FOR YOU...

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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Photo by Mary Nietzel

Barron Electric Cooperative

All-Electric Chevy Bolt Open House

Barron Electric invites members to an open house featuring the all-electric Chevy Bolt on Wednesday, July 18 at Barron Electric's Spooner office. A lunch will be served.

The Chevy Bolt includes the following features:

- Up to \$2,000 savings annually on fuel
- 128-miles per gallon equivalent
- 238-mile range
- 0-60 mph in less than 7 seconds
- 60-kWh lithium-ion battery pack
- 8-year warranty on battery
- 10 standard airbags
- High-strength steel reinforced safety cage

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

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. Public charging stations can be found at plugshare.com.

Chevy Bolt Open House

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Barron Electric's
Spooner Office

1550 Paulson Drive
Spooner WI 54801

- Lunch
- Learn about the features of the Chevy Bolt
- Take a test drive



Stop at our Barron office and test drive a Chevy Bolt.



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Tips for Cool Summer Savings

Don't sweat the summer energy bills. These measures will help you stay cool and save all summer long:

- Sign up for the load management program for central air conditioners and receive a ***\$10 monthly credit during the months of June, July, and August.** Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. A load management device will be installed on the central air conditioning unit free of charge. The air conditioner will be cycled, 15 minutes on and 15 minutes off, during peak times. Contact Member Services at 800-322-1008 to sign up.
**Prorated first year. Conditions apply.*
- Turn on ceiling fans in occupied rooms. They make your skin feel cooler, reducing the need for air conditioning.
- Install Wi-Fi enabled programmable thermostats to save energy by automatically adjusting temperatures based on your schedule.

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.

Bill Taubman Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Lineman Jason Kircher presented a Megawatt Community Service award to Bill Taubman.

Vince Cosmano remarked, "Bill Taubman is a strong community member." Bill has served on the Shell Lake Arts Center Board of Directors since 1977 and has served as President for more than 15 years. His high school music teacher, Darrell Aderman, was instrumental in getting Bill involved. Darrell was the founder of the Indianhead Arts Center, now known as the Shell Lake Arts Center. Over 34,000 people have shared their love of music and art at the center. Bill commented, "The Shell Lake Arts Center has truly changed the lives of many young people."

Lion's Clubs International has also been a big part of Bill's life. He has been a member of three different clubs and has served as a club president for seven terms and is currently the Shell Lake secretary. He has also served as District Governor. He chairs the Wisconsin Lion's Missions Program. Bill travelled to Mexico many times to deliver fire department supplies, school supplies, and medical supplies. He has also participated in more than 25 Lions eyeglass missions in Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Haiti. More than 100,000 people received glasses as a result of those missions and for most of these people, this was their first pair of glasses. Bill traveled to Rockport, Texas last fall to work with Lions' members in the clean-up efforts after Hurricane Harvey.

Taubman is also an active member of Faith Lutheran Church and has served there in many capacities.

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

Breakfast Smoothie for Two Judy Earney

2 bananas (small) or 1 large
4 pitted dates
1 cup Greek Plain Yogurt
1/3 cup almond milk



Enjoy!

You can add pineapple and/or berries. Place in a blender to blend.

Employee Spotlight: Dave Peterson

Thank You for Your Service

Dave Peterson has worked as Barron Electric's mechanic since 2003, maintaining approximately 22 vehicles, trailers, plows, and linemen equipment. He has served in the Army National Guard for 22 years and is a Retired Sergeant First Class. He has traveled to six countries including Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama,

Kuwait, Iraq, and Germany. He earned the Purple Heart while serving with Charlie Company 1st/128th Infantry in Iraq, where he was only 22 feet away from a mortar that detonated.

Dave is Commander of the Barron VFW Post 8338. He said, "I enjoy the camaraderie of this organization, as well as giving back

and helping those in need." Dave is commander of the firing squad for Veteran's funerals, marches in local parades, and participates in school programs. One of their biggest fundraisers is the pancake breakfast, which is held at the Barron VFW from 8:00-11:30 a.m. the second Sunday of each month.



Dave Peterson oversees the firing squad.



Dave is pictured next to the United States Army monument at the Veteran's Memorial at the Wayside Cemetery in Barron.

Monthly Photo Contest Summer Landscapes



Members are invited to participate in the 2018 photo contest. We are currently looking for summer 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 July 10, 2018. Include your Barron Electric account number, address and phone number.



**Our office will be closed on
Wednesday, July 4 in observance
of Independence Day.
Have a safe holiday!**

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, Stanfold, Rice Lake, and Doyle.

Condensed Board Minutes April 25, 2018

- The minutes of the 82nd Annual Meeting were presented having been approved by the Teller Committee on March 25, 2018 immediately following the Annual Meeting.
- 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: #93458 thru #93588 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$393,098 and capital credit estate checks of \$20,917. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$894,589; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$40,530; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 1,820,048; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$172,433 and power bill paid 04/25/18 in the amount of \$2,067,308.

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Today's refrigerators use far less energy than older models. If your unit is over 10 years old, consider replacing it with a new, high-efficiency product. When shopping for a new refrigerator or freezer, look for the Energy Star label. Energy Star certified units are up to 20 percent more efficient than standard models. Barron Electric offers a \$25 rebate on Energy Star refrigerators.

Refrigerator Cost Comparison	
Type	Annual Cost
10-Year Old Standard Unit	\$77
New Energy Star Model	\$57
Annual Savings	\$20

Sign up for Outage Texting

Nearly 400 Barron Electric members have signed up for outage texting and can text in their outage and receive a message when the outage is restored. Member Lynn Isvik said, "This was easy to use and worked great on my smartphone. The outage map was also helpful." If your mobile number is included on your account information, you can sign up for outage texting by visiting our website at 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. Once your phone number is added, you can sign up for outage texting by visiting our website at barronelectric.com.



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