

News FOR YOU...

Barron County Strong



Annual Meeting 2019-

March 30, 2019

The Power Behind Your Cooperative

As a member of Barron Electric Cooperative, you have the opportunity to attend one of the most important meetings of the year for your cooperative. The 83rd annual meeting, set for March 30, is your opportunity to become involved in the operation of your Cooperative by electing directors that represent you and learning more about the cooperative.

The Annual Meeting is a fun-filled event for our members and

their families. In addition to the business meeting, which will include elections for Districts 3, 6, and 9, there will be lots of prizes and a grand prize of a free year of energy, up to \$100 per month excluding fixed charges. A pound of cheese will be given to all attendees. Children, ages 3-12 years of age, will have fun at the Kids' Program, which includes face-painting,

games, and crafts.

Food Pantry Donation

Bring a food pantry donation for Prairie Farm Food Pantry. Your name will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket.

The strength of our Cooperative comes from our members. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 30. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Barron High School.



The Kids' Program includes food, fun, and face-painting by Paula McDaniels.



You could be the next winner of a free year of energy, up to \$100 per month, excluding fixed charges. Pictured is last year's winner, Sandy Schoenfuss, and General Manager Dallas Sloan.

Giving Back to the Community



Barron Electric is proud to recognize Alex Sutton as the Megawatt Community Service Award winner.

Alex Sutton said, "I grew up in Spooner and wanted to give back to the people that supported me by being involved in the community." She has been involved in the Junior Achievement Program, which offers a six-week class to elementary students teaching them about businesses and how to succeed in their community. She is treasurer of the Spooner Chamber of Commerce, a position she has held for the past eleven years. She is a board member for Leadership Washburn County, where she helps plan sessions for the participants, which helps them become effective leaders. Congratulations to Alex Sutton on winning the Megawatt Community Service Award.



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.



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 by February 10, 2019. Include your Barron Electric account number, address and phone number.

\$1,000 Scholarships Available to Help Students Reach Their Goals

Barron Electric will award \$14,000 in scholarships to fourteen high school seniors this spring. Take advantage of this great opportunity!

Eligibility

Graduating seniors are eligible if they attend any of the high schools listed, and whose parents or guardians are current members of Barron Electric. The high schools include: Barron, Birchwood, Cameron, Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Clayton, Clear Lake, Cumberland, Hayward, New Auburn, Prairie Farm, Rice Lake, Shell Lake, Spooner, and Turtle Lake. Barron Electric recommends that scholarship winners rank in the top 6-25% of their class. Applicants must plan to attend an institution of post-secondary education.

Selection Process

Selection of recipients will be determined by the high schools' scholarship committee based upon Barron Electric's eligibility criteria. Students should check with their high school guidance office for the scholarship application and deadline.

Funds for Scholarships

Funds for scholarships are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust consisting of unclaimed capital credits from former members.



Fresh Products at Great Prices

As a truck driver, Tim Losey was looking for a career change when the opportunity arose to purchase Frisinger Distributing, Inc. in Barron. The business was established in 1975 by Don Frisinger to provide fresh products at great prices.

Customers travel from all over to purchase a variety of fresh products. Customers can choose from over 26 varieties of cheese, as well as fresh and frozen meats including seafood, beef, chicken, and pork. Tim commented, "Cheese in bulk is very popular, as well as our Abbyland hotdogs." Shipments arrive daily from four major local suppliers. A variety of spices are available for your cooking needs. One of the spices is Alpine Touch, Montana's special spice, which will make your cooking come alive. The store also carries Griller's Gold, a premium wood pellet grill fuel. Homemade candies and snack items are also available for purchase. Jolie commented, "For large orders such as graduation parties, preorders are greatly appreciated."

Frisinger Distributing, Inc. is located at 1666 11½ Avenue in Barron and open Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm and Saturday 8 am - 12 pm. You can visit them on Facebook or on the web at frisingers.com. For more information, call 715-537-3422.



Tim and Jolie Losey look forward to finding a product to meet your needs.

Employee Spotlight Working for our Members

Nellie Cupp works as a Member Account Representative for the Member Services Department. If you call about a water heater, scholarship or rebates, you will likely speak with Nellie. "I like the variety of job duties and the positive work environment created amongst co-workers," remarked Nellie.

Nellie previously worked for Vinopal Title and Abstract in Rice Lake prior to starting at Barron Electric. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from UW-La Crosse where she double majored in Communication and Women Studies. She also has an Associates Degree from UW-Barron County. Nellie enjoys giving back to the community through food drives and serving meals.



Nellie Cupp

\$3,500 Special Rebate on a 100% Electric Nissan Leaf

Members are eligible for a \$3,500 rebate on an all-new Nissan Leaf just for being a member of a Touchstone Energy Cooperative. Receive up to \$7,500 in Federal EV tax credits as well. The Nissan Leaf boasts a range of up to 151 miles. Prices start at \$29,900. For more information, visit <https://nreca.app.box.com/s/kltf4u14p6r4fh151co645kafg01owjl>



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Director Notes



Randy Cook is President of Barron Electric's Board of Directors and represents District 7, which includes the following townships:

Stanley, Sumner, Strickland, Stubbs, Rusk, and Big Bend.

Condensed Board Minutes November 28, 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: #95235 thru #95354 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$335,104 and capital credit estate checks of \$24,637. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,404,257; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,175,510; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 2,011,015; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$193,551 and power bill paid 11/30/18 in the amount of \$2,139,757.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 41,818 consumer hours off, which is 79.9% below 2017 hours of 207,855. Overtime year-to-date is 3,170.75 hours, which is 28.6% below 2017 hours of 4,440.

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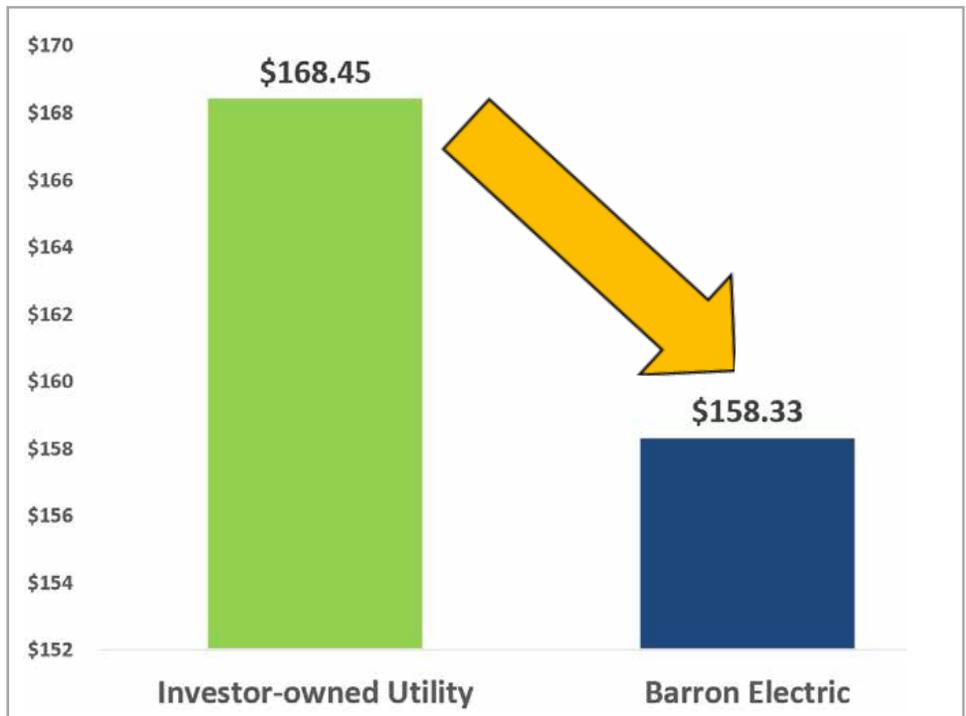
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Barron Electric's average monthly bill is 6% lower than an Investor-owned Utility.

Cook's Corner

German Chocolate Cream Cheese Bars Sharon Gotautis

18 ¼ oz. German Chocolate Cake Mix
8 oz. package cream cheese (room temp.)
½ cup sugar
1 cup milk chocolate chips (divided)

Prepare cake according to box. Pour into 9x13 greased pan. In small bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar. Stir in ¼ cup chocolate chips. Drop by tablespoons over batter. Cut through batter with a knife to swirl cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with remaining chips.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool and cut into bars. Can use a 15x10 pan for thinner bars.



Welcome Home Jayme!

