

Barron Electric Cooperative
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News FOR YOU...

7 CO-OP PRINCIPLES

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"Our mission is to help improve the quality of life in the areas we serve. Our employees are dedicated to their communities and spent over 130 hours helping out through our Community Service Program," remarked General Manager Dallas Sloan.



Barron linemen helped the Turkey Store with the Tree of Hope for Jayme Closs.



Employees volunteered at the Spooner Rodeo.



Barron Electric and Co-Bank donated to the Spooner Veterans Memorial.



The cooperative and employees donated over 3,200 pounds of potatoes to 13 food pantries, including WE Share Food Pantry in Rice Lake.



The Chevy Bolt made its first appearance in Rice Lake's Holiday Light Parade.

Great Reputation for Food and Service

David and Mary Larson, as well as their staff of 16 employees, look forward to offering their customers great food and service at Tracks Bar and Family Dining in Spooner. David said, "From ribs, steak, and Friday night fish, my son, Dan, is an exceptional cook." Over 20 items, along with homemade soup, are featured on their salad bar. David and Mary purchased the restaurant 12 years ago and renovated it after a fire. Make tracks to Tracks Bar and Family Dining,

located two miles west of Spooner on Highway 70. Reservations are taken, except for Friday nights. Check out their Facebook page for directions and hours.



Customers enjoy the homemade soup and variety of items on the salad bar.

Looking for a Leadership Role?

What makes Barron Electric part of the community? We are led by consumers like you, who listen and understand the communities they serve. Lynn Peterson, who has been an integral part of our Board of Directors and has represented the members' best interests, will be retiring this year. This will leave an open position in District 6, which includes the townships of Clinton, Barron, Maple Grove, and Prairie Lake. More information regarding the director nomination process is included in this month's bill insert. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 800-322-1008.



Monthly Photo Contest Winter Landscapes

We are looking for winter landscape photos for our photo contest. 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 January 10, 2019. Include your Barron Electric account number, address and phone number.

Jill Washkuhn Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Congratulations to Jill Washkuhn for her involvement in the community. Jill serves on the United Way of Rice Lake Board of Directors and is a member of the Holly Auction Committee. The United Way of Rice Lake's mission is to help improve the quality of life and support services through agencies such as Barron County Area Literacy Council, Barron County Office on Aging, and Barron County Restorative Justice Program. She serves on the Heart Island Family Enrichment Center Board of Directors. This non-profit organization offers programs and services at no cost to families in Barron County. She also helps with the Golf Fore A Cure, where proceeds are given to the Pink Ribbon Advocacy of Barron County.

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.



Congratulations to Jill for her outstanding service in Barron County.

Congratulations Member Chris Kroeze



Member Chris Kroeze of Barron was runner-up in NBC's "The Voice" finale. He represented our community so well on the National stage. We wish him continued success!

WINTER WEATHER TIPS



Build your emergency winter power outage survival kit with the following items:

- Flashlights with new batteries
- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Blankets and warm clothes

If the power is out, never use outdoor cooking equipment such as a grill or a gas heater indoors as a heat source. Those items can produce deadly carbon monoxide gas. Make sure you have a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector. A gas-powered generator should never be used inside a home.



Director Notes



Tim Kessler represents District 2 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the following townships: Evergreen, Spooner, Dewey, Bashaw, and Barronett.

Condensed Board Minutes October 31, 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: #94734 thru #95234 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$604,936 and capital credit estate checks of \$20,775. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,775,269; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$2,745,771; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 5,462,332; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$189,623 and power bill paid 10/31/18 in the amount of \$2,135,642.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$184,673.57 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$40,750.43 change jobs - \$18,540.74; miscellaneous - \$125,382.40 and 1 retirement The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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Cook's Corner

My Favorite BBQ Pork Ribs Marsha Bruner

~ I do quite a few pork ribs at a time, freezing extra for reheating later.

Remove excess fat on ribs. Salt & pepper to your taste. Shake garlic powder over the ribs on both sides. In a large slow pot, place ribs. Toss in half of a sliced up onion. Turn on low for about 8 hours. When ribs are done gently, remove ribs placing them on a large pan, single layer.

Homemade BBQ Sauce

One Large Onion, Finely Chopped
About 2 Cups of Catsup
½ teaspoon each, Salt & Pepper
1 Tablespoon of Garlic Powder
1 Tablespoon of Worcestershire Sauce
1/3 - ½ Cup of Brown Sugar

Stir sauce. Spread homemade BBQ sauce over top of ribs. Put in oven at 250 degrees for 10 minutes or until onion is cooked. Any excess BBQ sauce can be refrigerated and used on burgers, chicken, chops, etc.

Sign up for Outage Texting

Barron Electric members 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 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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Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy New Year!