

Barron Electric Cooperative
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News FOR YOU...

Improving Reliability at the Shell Lake Substation

Barron Electric Cooperative line crews worked with Dairyland Power Cooperative and Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental to install a new 10 MVA transformer at the Shell Lake Substation to help improve reliability. The new transformer weighed in at 55,000 pounds. Transformers are used for receiving energy from higher voltage levels and then transform and distribute this energy to lower voltages. Members on the Shell Lake Substation did not experience an outage, since they were backed to two substations. Line Superintendent Scott DeVoe remarked, "I used the SCADA System to operate electronic oil circuit reclosures at 4 different substations, which made the process more efficient."



Doug and Emily Drafall Win the Megawatt Community Service Award



Emily and Doug Drafall are pictured with their son, Reid, and are Barron Electric's latest Megawatt Community Service winners.

The Drafalls have been involved with the Vermillion Cruisers, one of several Barron County 4-H Clubs. Emily has served as a 4-H Leader for 10 years, where she helps the club set goals and answers questions from participants. She served as President of the Barron County 4-H Council, which oversees all of the 4-H clubs in Barron County and helps operate the food stand at the Barron County Fair. Funds raised are distributed to the 4-H clubs and used for scholarships.

Emily has helped with the Cumberland Basketball Association for several years. Emily is the secretary of the First Lutheran Church Council. She has served as the President of the Heart of the North Builders Association and continues to serve on the Board of Directors. This association includes professionals in residential and light commercial construction throughout Barron and Rusk Counties. Members are dedicated to honesty, integrity, value, and professional growth. Emily remarked, "I enjoy giving something back to the community and making a difference for the people involved. When volunteering, you always develop new skills while building on existing experience and knowledge."

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.

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 or by contacting the billing department at 800-322-1008.

Employee Spotlight Working for our Members



Ben Brede graduated from Dakota County Technical College. He worked at Anoka Electric Cooperative (aka Connexus Energy) until starting at Barron Electric in 2002 as a lineman. He said, "I enjoy working with my co-workers and serving our members. I also enjoy locating underground faults and felling trees. It's incredible to be part of an organization where everyone comes together during the aftermath of a storm. Everyone has a key task in restoring power and keeping people safe."

Helping Graduates Pursue Their Dreams

Barron Electric Cooperative awarded \$12,000 to 12 seniors. Since the scholarship program began, the cooperative has awarded over \$311,000 to 358 students. Funds for this program are derived from unclaimed capital credits.



*Jody Bates
Prairie Farm*



*Brianna Crotteau
Cameron*



*Kiana Fall
Clayton*



*Brooke Hanson
Chetek Weyerhaeuser*



*Walter Herrman II
Barron*



*Madison Jenkins
Rice Lake*



*Mackenzie Johnson
Cumberland*



*Alexandra Krause
Hayward*



*Alixander Logan
Clear Lake*



*Mitchell Lutz
Turtle Lake*



*Andrew Martin
Shell Lake*



*Morgan Rabuck
Spooner*



Director Notes



Selmer Nelson represents District 8 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the townships of Crystal Lake, Almena, Clayton, Turtle Lake, Arland, Clear Lake, Vance Creek, Prairie Farm, New Haven, and Sheridan.

Condensed Board Minutes March 28, 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: #95796 thru #95965 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$769,628 and capital credit estate checks of \$11,518. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,440,421; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,173,939; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 2,743,612; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$169,976 and power bill paid 03/27/19 in the amount of \$2,359,257.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$86,524.81 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$13,456.09 change jobs - \$0; miscellaneous - \$73,068.72 and 3 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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Monthly Photo Contest *Summer Landscapes*

E-mail your summer 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 June 10, 2019. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.

Conserve Energy During Peak Alerts

During high demand times in June, July, and August, a peak alert will be issued. We ask members to please conserve energy from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.

- Turn up your thermostat to 78 degrees or warmer, especially if no one is home.
- Run the dishwasher after 6 p.m.
- Hang out clothes to air dry.
- Use the microwave or grill instead of the oven.



Cook's Corner

Apricot Rhubarb Jam Flo Tripp

8 cups finely chopped rhubarb
4 cups sugar
1 can apricot pie filling
3 oz. package orange gelatin

Combine rhubarb and sugar in bowl. Allow to stand overnight. Bring rhubarb mixture to a boil. Simmer 10 minutes. Add pie filling. Bring to boil. Add gelatin. Stir until dissolved. Seal in hot jars or freeze.