



News FOR YOU...

Barron Electric Cooperative
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Photo by Mark Polson

Members Share \$600,000 in Capital Credits



Ruth Skeie was among 11,600 members to receive a capital credit check. Barron Electric representative Deidra Meyer helps distribute checks.



Barron Electric representatives Nate Steines and Melissa Klump help bag popcorn.



Over 700 members and guests attended the Cooperative Event in Spooner. They visited with representatives from various community organizations including the Washburn County Sheriff's Department.



A future lineperson!

The Gift of Health



Tony Bergman's fitness journey is an inspiration to all who meet him. He started walking and running with a goal to become healthier, which led to a gym membership and cooking healthy meals. Today, he is a certified personal trainer with a passion to help others create their own health success stories. Tony said, "4EverFit provides direction and accountability for clients. We want to celebrate our client's accomplishments." Tony describes the workout area as a toy box, which includes a variety of equipment to help maximize the workouts. He also emphasized, "There is a modification for every work-out that helps to fit member's needs."



One-on-one personal training includes workouts that are customized to specific goals. This training can help you lose weight, gain muscle, tone and shape your body, while improving cardiovascular endurance. Team training offers nutritional counseling, progress reports, small group sessions, and the opportunity to attend classes. Members can choose from a variety of group classes at times that fit their schedule. Members can also utilize MyZone which provides data including heart rate, calories, and intensity.

4EverFit is located at 1895 20 1/2 Street in Rice Lake. Visit 4EverFitStudio.com or call 715-296-7887 for more information.

Learning More About Solar

Students from Island City Academy learned how solar energy works during a recent tour of Barron Electric's Community Rays project. Jennifer Beaudette, Director of Member Services, explained, "Community Rays is a 100 KW solar array that produces enough energy to power 10 homes." She added, "Our average residential member uses 1,200 kilowatt hours per month."

Community Rays was energized in 2014 and has produced over 535,000 kWh.

Jennifer Beaudette, Director of Member Services, shows students how the solar array works.



Right-of-Way Clearing Improves Reliability

Trees and vegetation growing into the cooperative's right-of-way can cause power outages, block access for maintenance and repairs, and become a safety hazard. The Right-of-Way (ROW) Clearing Program helps reduce contact between trees and power lines.

Barron Electric will clear trees and brush in the following townships:

Barron County
Arland
Cedar Lake
Doyle
Lakeland
Maple Grove
Oak Grove
Rice Lake
Sumner
Washburn County
Crystal
Madge
Stone Lake



This program helps contribute to members having power 99.98% of the time. Contractors clear trees and brush in sixty-one townships on a rotational schedule every five to six years. This may include mechanical chopping, hand-cutting and side-trimming. No chemicals are used. Only primary lines are cleared, which supply power to the transformer that

serves your location. The following year, Barron Electric line crews perform routine line patrol and trim trees or branches as needed along secondary wires between the transformer and your meter.

If you have trees that are growing into power lines, contact Barron Electric at 800-322-1008. Never try to cut or trim them yourself.

Cooperative Month Events *(continued)*



The Blood Drive, held in conjunction with the Barron Cooperative Month event, collected 37 pints of blood.



Barron Electric employees Roger Erickson and TJ Romsos helped serve food at the Barron Cooperative Month event. More than 1,000 people attended the event.

Director Notes



Richard Bol represents District 9 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors which includes the following townships: Chetek, Dallas, Sioux Creek, Dove, Sampson, and Sand Creek.

Condensed Board Minutes August 29, 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: #94292 thru #94599 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$372,903 and capital credit estate checks of \$5,861. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,836,814; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$1,432,935; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - 3,923,898; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$192,247 and power bill paid 08/29/18 in the amount of \$2,717,155.
- A membership list of 133 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 29,612 consumer hours off, which is 85.1% below 2017 hours of 198,248. Overtime year-to-date is 1,889.25 hours, which is 36.0% below 2017 hours of 2,952.75.

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Monthly Photo Contest Winter Landscapes



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

Cook's Corner

Chocolate Éclairs From Dan's Kitchen

1 cup water
½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup flour
4 eggs
8 oz. package cream cheese, softened
6 oz. package instant French vanilla pudding mix
1 2/3 cups milk
1 carton Cool Whip
Chocolate Fudge Topping

Combine in saucepan water and butter over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Boil for 1 minute. Remove from stove. With wire whisk, stir in flour, stirring until mixture forms a ball. Add eggs one at a time, stirring vigorously after each addition. Spread mixture into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake in 400° oven for 26 minutes (375° degrees for a glass pan). Cool.

In mixing bowl, thoroughly combine cream cheese, pudding mix, and milk. Stir until slightly thickened. Let sit 15 minutes. Spread over baked éclair. Spread with cool whip. Drizzle with chocolate fudge topping. Refrigerate overnight. Cut in squares to serve.