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Barron Electric's 90th Annual Meeting and Cookout Set for Thursday, April 9

The Rural Electrification Administration was established by an Executive Order from President Roosevelt on May 12, 1935. In Barron County, a substantial group of farmers gathered at the Stanfold town hall to discuss the introduction of electricity to the area. Among them were pioneers Nels Nelson, Arthur Bilodeau, and Willis Jerome, who transformed rural electrification from a dream into a reality. Jerome referred to the REA as a "rural revolution" that arrived at the right moment. Barron County Electric's inaugural line was energized on November 22, 1937, delivering rural electric service to 125 connected members. The vision of a better life glowed brightly through electrification. Today, Barron Electric Cooperative serves more than 19,000 members in eight counties.

Celebrating 90 Years of Service

All members are invited to Barron Electric Cooperative's 90th Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 9 at Barron Electric, 1434 State Highway 25 North, Barron. Registration and dinner will start at 4:00 p.m. The Barron VFW will cater the dinner, featuring a brat or hamburger, coleslaw, beans, chips, and a cupcake. The business meeting will follow at 5:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Jeremy Browning, Vice President of Generation at Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier. Learn more about your cooperative and elect directors for Districts 2, 4, and 8. Incumbents Tim Kessler (District 2), Scott Warwick (District 4), and Bill Effertz (District 8) have filed their candidacy papers. Candidate profiles can be found in the March News for You. Twelve members will win a \$100 electric bill credit.

Designated Voters

Contact Member Services at 800-322-1008 or memberservices@barronelectric.com to request a form to designate a representative from your organization to vote at the annual meeting.

Shuttle Service Available

For members living in the northern part of Barron Electric's service territory, a shuttle service will be available and will leave at 3:30 p.m. from Barron Electric's Spooner office located at 1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner. Please contact the Member Services Department by **April 1** at 800-322-1008 or memberservices@barronelectric.com to sign up for this service.

Concern for Community

Help the Cameron Food Pantry stock their shelves. Those who donate items will be entered into a prize drawing.