

# News FOR YOU...

## Dairyland Power Acquires Natural Gas-Fired Power Plants



Dairyland Power Cooperative, the wholesale power provider for Barron Electric, has acquired three combustion turbines from Elwood Energy LLC in Elwood, Illinois. The purchase supports Dairyland's ongoing commitment to balancing sustainability with reliable service, while continuing its transition toward a lower-carbon energy future. "These units will play a vital role in delivering the dependable energy our members count on every day," said Dairyland President and CEO Brent Ridge.

Barron Electric is one of 24 member cooperatives that jointly own Dairyland Power. By bringing these generation assets under its ownership, Dairyland strengthens system reliability and reduces exposure to fluctuating market energy prices – an advantage that ultimately benefits member-owners like those served by Barron Electric.

## Experience the 2027 Washington D.C. Youth Tour by Attending the Youth Leadership Conference in July

Students who attend the \*Youth Leadership Conference will have the opportunity to participate in the \*2027 Washington D.C. Youth Tour, all expenses paid. Travel to Washington, D.C. to explore monuments and museums, visit with members of Congress, and meet students from across the country.

### Youth Leadership Conference

The annual Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) will be held July 14-16 at UW-Stout. YLC helps students maximize their leadership potential, while understanding cooperatives. Students will organize and operate a functioning cooperative and experience college life at a University of Wisconsin campus.

Applications must be submitted by **June 1, 2026**. Contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) for more information.



\* These expenses are funded through the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust managing unclaimed capital credits of former members. The foundation has specific guidelines on how these funds can be utilized. Legally, Barron Electric cannot use unclaimed cashback credits to lower rates.

Barron Electric students, Addisen Ellison and Jada Horstman, were part of the Wisconsin delegation who visited the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum during the 2025 Washington D.C. Youth Tour.

# Spring Energy Tips

A few small changes around your home can add up to meaningful energy savings.

- Spring is the perfect time to schedule maintenance for your cooling system. A spring checkup conducted by a licensed professional can help ensure your system is running efficiently, safely and reliably before the peak seasons begin. A well-maintained unit uses less energy, lasts longer and helps prevent costly breakdowns.
- Ceiling fans don't actually cool or heat the air, but they help you feel more comfortable by moving it. During warmer months, make sure your ceiling fan blades are set to rotate counterclockwise. This creates a downward breeze that makes you feel cooler, allowing you to raise your thermostat a few degrees without sacrificing comfort.
- Adjusting the temperature just a few degrees can make a noticeable difference on your energy bill. As spring arrives, try setting your thermostat slightly higher when cooling. Even a two- or three-degree adjustment can reduce energy use while still keeping your home comfortable—especially when combined with ceiling fans or open windows on mild, pleasant days.
- Hot water use is another area

where simple habits matter. Taking shorter showers can help reduce the amount of energy used to heat water, which makes up a significant portion of most energy bills. Cutting just a few minutes off each shower not only saves energy but also conserves water.



## Calling All Third-Graders\*

Here's your chance to be creative and participate in the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's Electrical Safety Poster Contest. Submit an original poster (8 ½ x 11, no larger than 11x14) supporting electrical safety by April 30, 2026 to:

**Barron Electric Cooperative**  
**PO Box 40**  
**Barron WI 54812**

A \$25 gift card will be awarded to the 1st place winner. The winner will advance to WECA for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

1st place ..... Chromebook  
2nd place..... \$100 Gift Card  
3rd place ..... \$75 Gift Card

Visit [www.weca.coop/poster-contest](http://www.weca.coop/poster-contest) for guidelines.

*\*Must be a Barron Electric member*

Give hope this spring.  
Give blood.



## Blood Drive

**Barron Electric Cooperative**  
**1434 State Highway 25**  
**Friday, April 24, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



Call 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

# Let Thompson Detailing Revive Your Ride

For 25 years, Tracy Thompson, a lifelong Barron Electric member, has provided vehicle maintenance services. Formerly the owner of Cumberland Tire, which she sold in 2022, Tracy now runs Thompson Detailing and Thompson Mini Storage, located at 720 28th Avenue, Barronett, powered by Barron Electric Cooperative.

Thompson Detailing is passionate about providing excellent customer service, ensuring that your vehicle, boat or RV look as good as new. The following services are available:

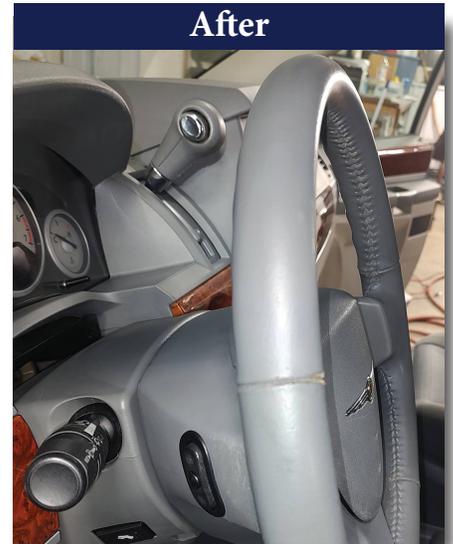
- Full interior/exterior detail
- Marine & RV full interior detail clean
- Ceramic coating defends the painting surface against contaminants and prevents minor scuffs and abrasions such as water spots, dust, UV rays and scratches
- Paint corrections for vehicles

Tracy has been a huge supporter of the local community and anyone who passes through, helping with benefits and community organizations.

For additional information and pricing, visit her business at [thompsondetailing.com](http://thompsondetailing.com). To schedule an appointment, call or text 715-822-4933. Business hours are Monday-Friday from 8 am – 5 pm.



Before



After

*Detailing your vehicle can help make it look as good as new.*



*Polish is a process that cleans and shines the clear coat of the vehicle and can remove swirls, oxidation, and buffer swirls.*

## New Residential Rate Schedule Effective April 1

Barron Electric's Board of Directors has a fiscal responsibility to the membership and has set financial goals that include increasing equity, returning cashback credits in a timely manner, and continuing to invest in the electric distribution system to ensure the cooperative continues to provide safe, reliable energy to our members.

Barron Electric's Board approved a new rate schedule at their December 2025 board meeting. The average residential member using 1,200 kilowatt hours will see a 3.36% increase or approximately \$6 per month.

For more information regarding Barron Electric's rates, please visit [www.barronelectric.com/news-center](http://www.barronelectric.com/news-center) and the February 2026 *News for You*.

2026 Residential Rate Schedule	
Effective 4-1-2026	
	Rate
Facilities Charge	\$48.00 per month
Energy Charge/kWh during December, January, and February	\$0.11670 per kWh
Energy Charge/kWh during March, April, May, September, October, and November	\$0.10670 per kWh
Energy Charge/kWh during June, July, and August	\$0.12670 per kWh
Heat Storage Energy Charge	\$0.0550 per kWh
Dual Fuel Heat and Interruptible Heat Energy Charge	\$0.0800 per kWh
Facilities Charge for Second Meter	\$5.75 per month



## Share Your Spring Photos

Send in your beautiful spring photos for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail photo by April 15 to: [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com). Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in publications and on our website.

# \*Condensed Board Minutes January 29, 2026

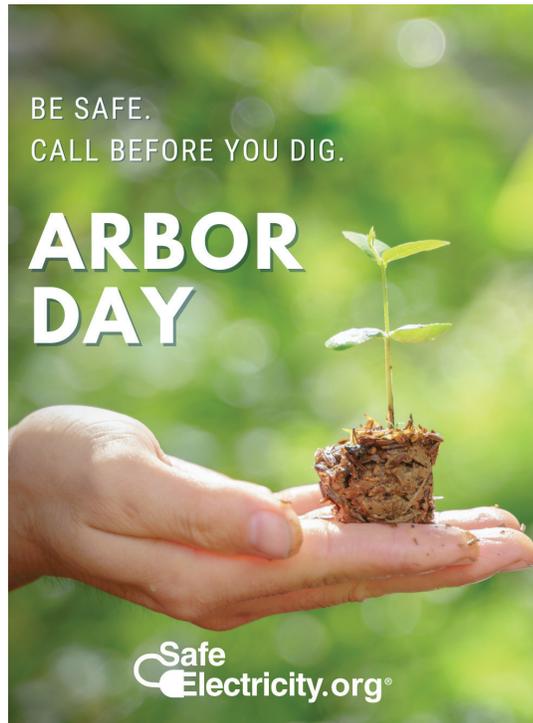
Randy Cook is President of Barron Electric's Board of Directors and represents District 7 which includes the following townships: Stanley, Sumner, Strickland, Stubbs, Rusk, and Big Bend.



- Apprentice Lineman Wyatt Nitchey was introduced to the board.
- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #105269 through #105345 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$131,520 with capital credit estate checks totaling \$20,676. Total receipts in the office \$1,691,968; total receipts by wire and ACH \$4,009,635; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$4,169,497; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$248,695 and the power bill was paid on 01/28/2026 in the amount of \$2,478,690.
- Director of Member Services Beaudette presented the 2026 donation suggestions for Federated Youth Foundation (FYF), CoBank Sharing Success and DPC Cooperative Contributions Programs.
- A membership list of 37 was presented and approved without objection.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 101,598.04 consumer hours off, which is 12.06% above 2024 hours of 90,667.45. Overtime year-to-date is 3,781.50 hours, which is 7.96% below 2024 hours of 4,108.50.

*\* View full board minutes on SmartHub at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com).*

## April is Safe Digging Month



Call 8-1-1 at least three business days before you dig to have underground utilities marked. Once all utilities are marked, respect the boundaries, and dig carefully. Keep at least 24 inches away from the utility line markings. Even if you have previously had underground utilities marked, utilities can shift, so it's best to call before starting a new project.



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