

Barron Electric Cooperative
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Photo Captured by the Lens
of Deanne Ruppel

News FOR YOU...

NRECA's Youth Tour Creates Powerful Memories



Barron Electric Cooperative sponsored high school students Jazlena Basty, Peyton Steines, and Hailey Hamblin to NRECA's Youth Tour. They were among over 2,400 high school juniors and seniors to visit memorials and museums around Washington, D.C., and meet with legislators. Stops included The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the United States Naval Memorial/Museum, George Washington's Mount Vernon, Iwo Jima Memorial, WWII Memorial, Masonic Memorial, the Pentagon, Smithsonian Museum, and the Jefferson Memorial. Peyton Steines remarked, "My favorite part was going to the Iwo Jima Memorial and watching the sunset parade. It was so powerful and a beautiful tribute. The NRECA Youth Tour was a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit the nation's capitol and view some historical places." Jazlena Basty said, "Thank you for this amazing opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. Thank you for your generosity and commitment."

Pictured above: Barron Electric Cooperative sponsored Jazlena Basty, Peyton Steines, and Hailey Hamblin to NRECA's Youth Tour. Pictured right, the Wisconsin Youth delegation included eighteen youth delegates from eleven Wisconsin electric cooperatives.

Hailey Hamblin commented,
"The experience was truly transformative, broadened my horizon, and deepened by understanding of civic responsibility."



Agnes Ciolkosz Recognized for Her Commitment to Community



Agnes Ciolkosz was nominated for Barron Electric's Megawatt Community Service Award.

Agnes is a volunteer at the Cameron Food Pantry, where she picks up donated food and helps with food distribution. She is a member of the Cameron Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization that provides volunteer and financial support to the Cameron Public Library. They promote reading and library activities in their community.

Agnes is a member of the Rice Lake Garden Club, which has 75 members. She has also helped plant flowers at her church, as well as making baptismal gowns.

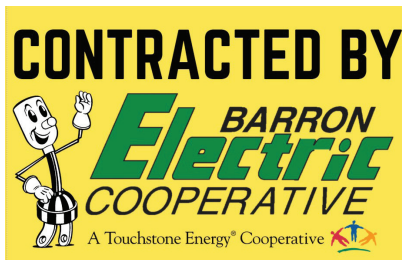
\$50 Electric Bill Credit

Congratulations to Agnes Ciolkosz, our latest Megawatt Community Service Award winner, who will receive a \$50 credit on her electric bill. Do you know a member that would make a good Megawatt Community Service Award winner? Visit barronelectric.com/megawatt-community-service-award to complete the online form.

Congratulations to Member Agnes Ciolkosz, our latest Megawatt Community Service Award winner pictured with Stephanie Kunesh, Operations Department.

GPS Project Continues

Global Mapping Solutions (GMS) is working on Barron Electric's system. GMS will be on members' property to inventory and take pictures of equipment, i.e. meters and transformers. Their vehicles will display signs with Barron Electric's logo, and GMS crews will carry identification badges noting they are contracted by Barron Electric.

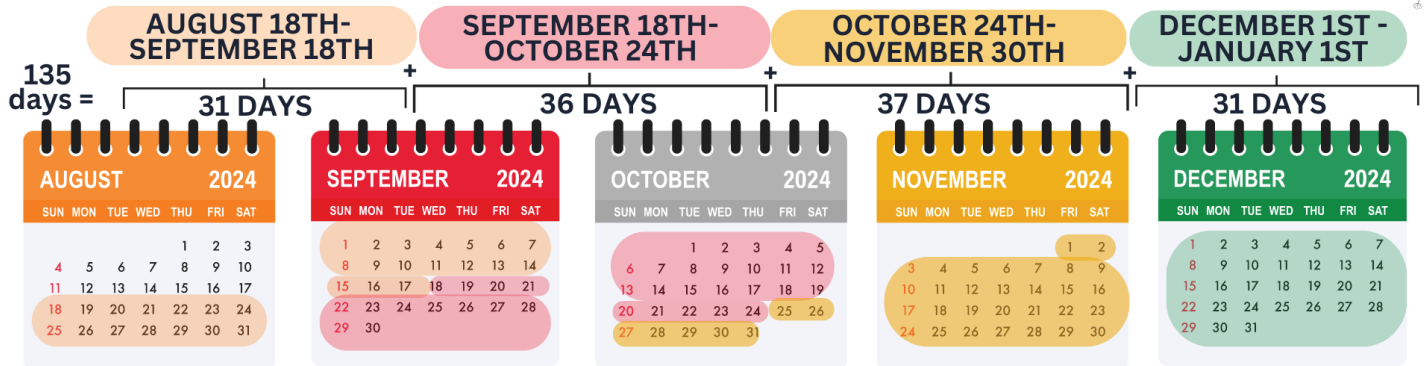


MISO Faces Possible Capacity Shortfall Next Summer in Northern & Central Regions

Starting the summer of 2025, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator' (MISO) could face a 2.7 gigawatt capacity shortfall to a 1.1 gigawatt surplus. "As outlined in our Reliability Imperative, there is an urgent need to continue and increase collaboration with our state regulators to ensure the evolving generation fleet can meet the growing demands across our footprint," said John Bear, MISO's Chief Executive Officer. The Organization of MISO States and MISO conduct voluntary surveys every year in an effort to make sure the resources are available to meet demand over the next five years.



THE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE WILL BE SHIFTING FROM THE 18TH-18TH TO THE 1ST-1ST.



THE TOTAL DAYS YOU ARE BILLED WILL REMAIN THE SAME, BUT THE NUMBER OF DAYS PER STATEMENT WILL DIFFER DURING THIS GRADUAL TRANSITION.

Barron Electric Cooperative has changed their billing cycle to the 1st-1st to better align with our wholesale power bill from Dairyland Power Cooperative, as shown in the graphic above. **Members should receive their bills by the 14th of the month. Bills will be due on the 28th of each month.**




Members who participate in the Auto Pay program will have their billing amounts deducted between the 25th - 28th of each month. If you have any questions, please contact the billing department at billing@barronelectric.com or 800-322-1008.



TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS

Scammers can threaten you with everything from shutting off your power to legal action. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.

Here are a few reminders:

-  Never give out personal information
-  Do not trust demands for immediate payment
-  Hang up & Call us at (800) 322-1008 if you aren't sure if it is a scam

New and Improved Scholarship Opportunities

Every Student deserves a bright future! So we're making sure they have the support they need to succeed! We've revamped our scholarship program! Stay tuned for more details.



Fall Harvest Photos Needed

E-mail your fall harvest photo to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by August 8, 2024. 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 a variety of publications and on our website.



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Cool off with Heat Pump Rebates



Do you plan to install a high-efficient air source or geothermal heat pump or a mini-split unit? Barron Electric offers rebates on those systems. Visit us at www.barronelectric.com/2024-energy-rebates for more details.

HVAC	Eligibility Criteria	Rebate Amount
Heat Pump - Air Source & Mini-Split	SEER2 14.3+, HSPF2 7.5+ SEER 15+, HSPF 8.8+	\$300 per ton
Heat Pump - Commercial Air Source & PTHPs	<20 tons: EER11+ 20 to <60 tons: EER 10.5+ >60 ton: EER10+	\$300 per ton
Heat Pump - Geothermal		\$500 per ton

Condensed Board Minutes May 29, 2024

Scott Warwick serves on Barron Electric's Board of Directors representing District 4, which includes the following townships: Roosevelt, Maple Plain, Lakeland, and Cumberland.



- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #103021 through #103121 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$333,742 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$20,711. Total receipts in the office \$2,810,966; total receipts by wire and ACH \$2,324,076; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$4,469,150; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$222,548 and the power bill was paid on 05/29/2024 in the amount of \$1,716,261.
- A membership list of 57 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of April in the amount of \$315,770.73 was presented for approval and included new services \$20,237.42; change jobs \$12,776.38; Other Work Order Projects \$282,756.93 and 17 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 11,516.41 consumer hours off, which is 16.21% above 2023 hours of 9,909.78. Overtime year-to-date is 945.75 hours, which is 54.41% above 2023 hours of 612.50.

View full board minutes on SmartHub at barronelectric.com.