



Barron Electric Cooperative
March 2022
Photo by Susan Wallace

News FOR YOU...

86th Annual Meeting includes breakfast, director elections, and a chance to win a \$100 electric bill credit

Join us for Barron Electric Cooperative's 86th Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 26 at the Barron High School. Bring your March electric bill statement to the meeting to register. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and will feature a FREE breakfast served by the Barron VFW Post 8338 including eggs, sausage, pancakes, and beverages. The business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., and members will elect directors to Districts 3, 6, and 9. Brent Ridge, President and CEO of Dairyland Power Cooperative, will provide an update on the electric utility industry.

We will hold a drawing for twelve \$100 electric bill credits. Employees and directors are not eligible to win prizes. Members must be present to win. All members and guests will receive cheese curds and an ice cream sandwich as an attendance gift.

Designated Voters

Please contact the Member Service Department 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.



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There will be a Kids' Program for those age 5-12 including a variety of activities. The grand prize will be two Fire Kids' tablets. Last year's annual meeting kids' prize winners were: Ahnika Leonhardt and Wyatt Olson.

Employee Spotlight



Sue Dau is Barron Electric's System Coordinator. She remarked, "I enjoy serving our members and the diversity my position offers, from outage dispatching, GIS mapping, staking and overseeing the Right-of-Way program. I am continually challenged and learning something new."

Prior to starting at Barron Electric in 1998, Sue was a financial analyst at Park National Bank and a new business coordinator for Lincoln Financial,

both located in Minneapolis, MN. After visiting the Spooner area and enjoying the beauty of northwest Wisconsin, Sue's husband, Dave, applied for a job that brought them to Barron County. Sue has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration Management from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She is an active member of her church, serves on the Nominating Committee for Mosaic Telecom, as well as the Cooperative Mitigation Planning Committee, and the Barron County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Sue and Dave have two daughters and one son. Sue enjoys traveling, camping, and downhill skiing.



Sue Dau works with contractors to improve the reliability of our system.

Join Youth Leaders from Across Wisconsin for a Fun & Educational Conference



Payton Schultz, Ashlyn Leu, and Henry Pike were among over 100 high school students who attended the 2019 Youth Congress.

Barron Electric will sponsor high school students to the Youth Leadership Congress to be held July 12-14 at UW-Stout. Students will identify and learn how to develop their leadership skills, discuss cooperative careers with industry professionals, and listen to highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens. The conference is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event.

Please contact Barron Electric at 800-322-1008 or e-mail memberservices@barronelectric.com for more details. The deadline for applying is **May 20, 2022**.

Official Notice of the 86th Annual Meeting March 26, 2022



Save
the
Date

Pursuant to the provision of the bylaws, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of Barron Electric Cooperative will be held Saturday, March 26 at the Barron High School in Barron with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. The business meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m. to take action upon the following matters:

- To elect three directors to serve a three-year term in Districts 3, 6, and 9
- Presentation of reports
- To address all other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments, thereof.



Dated this 23rd day of February 2022
Scott Warwick, Secretary

Buying an Electric Vehicle?

Free Smart Electric Vehicle Charger Available

Are you in the market for a new electric vehicle? Barron Electric offers a free Smart Electric vehicle charger to members purchasing an electric vehicle. A \$400 rebate is available to members who purchase an alternative charger that is compatible with our load management equipment.

Members are responsible for the costs associated with the installation of the electric vehicle charger. More information is available at barronelectric.com in the rebates area.



Scan to visit
our website.



Food Pantry Donations Appreciated

The Cumberland Food Pantry will be accepting donations at Barron Electric's 86th Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 26. Please bring a non-perishable food item to help stock the shelves. Thank you for your donations!

Need a Ride to the Annual Meeting?



A shuttle service will be available to the annual meeting on Saturday,

March 26 for those members living in the northern part of Barron Electric's service territory. The shuttle will leave at 8 a.m. from Barron Electric's Spooner office located at 1550 Paulson Drive. Please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or memberservices@barronelectric.com to sign up.

Cooks Corner



1 lb. chicken breasts thinly sliced
8 oz. fresh spinach
1 cup Monterey Jack cheese grated

Creamy Sauce:

½ cup mayo
½ cup parmesan cheese grated
½ cup sour cream
½ tsp. ground black pepper
1 tsp. garlic salt

1. Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Lightly spray a 13x9-inch baking pan with cooking spray
2. Pack the fresh spinach onto the bottom of the baking dish and top with uncooked chicken breasts.
3. Spread the creamy sauce mixture evenly over the top and sprinkle 1 cup of grated cheese.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 18-20 minutes or until spinach shrinks and chicken breasts cook thoroughly.

Please send your healthy recipes to memberservices@barronelectric.com.

*Condensed Board Minutes

December 22, 2021



David Olson represents District 1 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, which includes the following townships: Brooklyn, Gull Lake, Stinnett, Hayward, Scott, Casey, Trego, Springbrook, Bass Lake, and Rusk.

- Director Kessler gave the treasurer's report, with comments by General Manager Torud. A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #99691 thru #99779 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$370,185 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$12,142. Director Kessler reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,514,990; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$702,071; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,737,070; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$95,560 and power bill paid 12/29/2021 in the amount of \$1,774,993.
- A membership list of 87 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 42,717 consumer hours off, which is 49.92% below 2020 hours of 85,300. Overtime year-to-date is 3,033.75 hours, which is 8.55% below 2020 hours of 3,317.50.

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

Monthly Photo Contest

Winners receive a \$50 Credit

E-mail your spring photo to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill. Criteria for the photos include:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and must be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail your digital image to memberservices@barronelectric.com by March 8, 2022. 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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