



# News FOR YOU...

## Prime Spot for EV Charging and Dinner

**B**arron Electric Cooperative recently held a grand opening for a 50 KW, Level 3, DC fast charger and a Level 2 charger which were installed at The Prime Bar and Family Dining in Trego. Electric vehicle owners will have the opportunity to stop and charge their vehicle and stay for dinner. Barron Electric also has charging stations at their offices in Barron and Spooner. Jennifer Beaudette, Director of Member Services at Barron Electric, remarked, "Most Level 3 chargers provide an 80% charge in as little as 30 minutes, providing the quickest way to charge a vehicle." Jeff Springer, Manager of Innovation and Efficient Electrification at Dairyland Power, said, "This is the gateway to the north, as it fills a 155-mile gap between fast chargers on Highway 53."

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A ribbon-cutting for Barron Electric's Level 2 and Level 3 electric vehicle chargers was held at The Prime Bar and Family Dining. Pictured are Jeff Springer of Dairyland Power, Jennifer Beaudette-Director of Member Services at Barron Electric, Barron Electric Board Directors Tim Kessler and Bill Effertz, and Barron Electric's General Manager Aaron Torud.

# \*Condensed Board Minutes August 25, 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: #99228 thru #99323 of CCF Bank was in the amount of \$244,953 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$13,750. Director Kessler reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,167,128; total receipts by wire and ACH - \$403,090; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,132,498; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$206,902 and power bill paid 08/25/2021 in the amount of \$2,462,685.
- A membership list of 116 was presented and approved without objection by the board.
- Director Baker reported on the DPC meeting he attended on August 18 & 19, 2021. The directors discussed the 85th Annual Meeting held on August 19, 2021. The directors reviewed the Monthly Safety Report from Denise Fox, Compliance Safety and Training Officer.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of July in the amount of \$111,559.96 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$26,384.34; change jobs - \$12,847.12; miscellaneous - \$72,328.50 and 1 retirement. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 19,398 consumer hours off, which is 71.71% below 2020 hours of 68,560. Overtime year-to-date is 2,064.25 hours, which is 14.66% below 2020 hours of 2,418.75.

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

## Save Money on Energy Star® Appliances



Barron Electric members purchasing Energy Star® rated appliances are eligible for the rebates listed below. More information on Barron Electric's rebate programs can be found online at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com). Programs expire December 17, 2021.

Energy Star® Clothes Washer .....	\$25
Energy Star® Electric Clothes Dryer .....	\$25
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer .....	\$50
Energy Star® Dehumidifier .....	\$25
Energy Star® Dishwasher .....	\$25
Energy Star® Refrigerator (>= to 10 cubic feet).....	\$25
Inductive Range .....	\$25
Refrigerator or Freezer Recycling .....	\$25
Window AC Recycling.....	\$25



## Great Pumpkin Dessert

### Ingredients

- 1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 package yellow cake mix (regular size)
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 1-½ cups chopped walnuts
- Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream



### Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat first five ingredients until smooth.
2. Transfer to a greased 13x9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cake mix and drizzle with butter. Top with walnuts.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

Source: Taste of Home



*Pictured left: Line crews replaced 70-year old wire with underground at the Hoecherl farm. Member Arnie Hoecherl recalls how electricity changed their lives.*

## Electricity Made Life Easier

Line crews converted overhead wire to underground at the Hoecherl farmstead. The 70-year old wire brought back memories as Arnie Hoecherl recalled the first

time they had electricity at the farm and house when he was just ten-years old. He said, "I kept flipping the light switch, it was so amazing." My father remarked, "Arnie, don't

wear out the switch." He recalled using Surge Milkers to milk the cows, versus milking by hand, making the process more efficient. The lights in the barn were very helpful and provided added safety. Prior to that, they carried lanterns to the barn and moved them along as needed. He added that his mother continued to use the wood stove for cooking, as she was accustomed to that. Although, she enjoyed the used electric mixer she received. Arnie's father and his uncle really liked their 1/2" electric drill. The electric cooler came in handy as they did not need to chop ice. Arnie remarked, "Electricity made life easier."



# EV Chargers

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Barron Electric has joined with over 30 member-owned electric cooperatives to help promote electric vehicle adoption. Visit [charge.coop](http://charge.coop) and [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com) to find a charging station.

## Free Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charger

Barron Electric offers a free Level 2 electric charger to members who purchase an electric vehicle. The charger works with all EVs, including Tesla vehicles, using Tesla's charging adapter. The cooperative encourages charging at night when demand for electricity is low. Visit [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) for more details.



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## COOK UP ENERGY SAVINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

- Clean oven burners regularly.
- Match the pan size to the burner you're using.
- Use small appliances like slow cookers and toaster ovens when possible.

**From our table to yours,  
Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Barron Electric's office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend.**

## Monthly Photo Contest

*Winner receives a \$50 Credit*



E-mail your winter photo to [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto: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](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com) by November 9, 2021. 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.