

Barron Electric Cooperative
September 2024
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News

Cooperative Month Kickoff Events 2024



Prizes! Free Lunch! Cashback Credits & More!

Tuesday, October 8th,
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Barron Electric's Spooner Location
1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner, WI

Thursday, October 10th,
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mosaic Technologies
401 S. 1st St. Cameron, WI

We are excited to celebrate Cooperative Month with our members on Tuesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 10. Nearly \$900,000 in cashback credits will be returned to members and former members.

New this Year

Members attending the Cooperative Month Kickoff Event on October 10 at Mosaic Technologies will receive a food voucher good for a free meal at a variety of food trucks. Additional food will also be available for purchase.

Bring Your Food Donation

Bring a food donation to the cooperative events, and your name will be entered into a prize drawing. Thank you for supporting our local food pantries.

Med Return Drop Box

Do you have unused medications? Bring them to the cooperative events for safe disposal. Items that are accepted include prescription medications, controlled and un-controlled medications, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, medicated ointments and lotions, and inhalers.

Save
THE
date.

More information regarding cashback credits can be found on page 3.

THIS AUTUMN, AS THE LEAVES GRADUALLY CHANGE, SO WILL OUR BILLING CYCLE

THE MONTHLY BILLING CYCLE WILL SHIFT 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.

As shown in the graphic above, Barron Electric Cooperative has changed their billing cycle to the 1st-1st to better align with our wholesale power bill from Dairyland Power Cooperative. **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.

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.



Condensed Board Minutes

June 26, 2024



Bill Effertz serves on Barron Electric's Board of Directors and represents District 8, which includes the townships of Crystal Lake, Almena, Clayton, Turtle Lake, Arland, Clear Lake, Vance Creek, Prairie Farm, New Haven, and Sheridan.

• A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #103122 thru #103232 from CCF

Bank in the amount of \$372,602 and capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$18,454. Total receipts in the office \$1,991,280; total receipts by wire and ACH \$269,378; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$1,422,921; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$238,637 and the power bill was paid on 06/26/2024 in the amount of \$1,772,293.

- A membership list of 79 was presented and approved without objection.
- Reports listed in the board packet were reviewed for the month of May included the power bill, department statistics, fleet management and budget month-to-date.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of May in the amount of \$324,044.45 was presented for approval and included new services \$53,775.29; change jobs \$10,328.64; Other Work Order Projects \$259,940.52 and 5 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 16,448.20 consumer hours off, which is 49.12% above 2023 hours of 11,030.38. Overtime year-to-date is 1,286.50 hours, which is 42.59% above 2023 hours of 902.25.

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Every Student Deserves a Bright Future!

Up to \$30,000 in scholarships to be awarded



Scholarships	Eligibility	Selection
Cooperative District Draw	High School Seniors of Barron Electric members who will be attending a technical college or two/four college/university	Three applicants from each of our 9 Districts will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship
Non-Traditional/ Adult Students	Must be a Barron Electric Member and enrolled in college/technical courses	One applicant will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship
Electrical Related Trade	Must be Barron Electric members or have guardians who are, and should be enrolled in an electric-related trade or field program. This opportunity is available to high school seniors, adults students, and others (for example, second-semester freshmen)	Two applicants will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship

* Students who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for multiple scholarships, but no student may receive more than one scholarship.

Nearly \$900,000 in Cashback Credits to be Returned

Over 15,000 members and former members will receive cashback credits during "October is Cooperative Month." Barron Electric's Board of Directors approved a resolution to retire cashback credits for the following years:

2005	14% of the remaining cooperative balance
2003 and 2004	100% of the remaining balance
1995 and 1996	100% of the remaining balance of the G&T portion

Postcards will be mailed in September to members receiving checks. Checks will be available at Cooperative Month events, see the cover page for more details. The minimum check amount is \$10. **Please bring your postcard with you to the event.**

Cashback Credits

As a member of Barron Electric Cooperative, you own the electric cooperative. One benefit of ownership is capital credits. Since the cooperative operates on a not-for-profit basis, all of the margins are returned to our members in the form of cashback credits. Barron Electric members will receive Cashback credits, also known as Capital Credits, reflecting their contribution of capital to the cooperative. The capital provided by members helps us keep rates low and reduces the amount of money needed to borrow from outside lenders to build, maintain, and expand a reliable electric distribution system.

Energy Tip

Now is the time to schedule annual maintenance for your home's heating system. During fall months, HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time for maintenance and any necessary repairs before the winter months. A qualified technician can clean filters, check for leaks and ensure all system components are working efficiently to keep your home warm when the temperatures begin to drop.

Fall into Savings

Barron Electric offers rebates on Energy Star appliances. Visit our website at barronelectric.com and click on the rebates tab, or scan the QR code below to view rebate information.



Fall Photos Needed

E-mail your fall 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 September 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.

Teens Build Leadership Skills

Barron Electric Cooperative sponsored three students to the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Leadership Conference at UW-Stout. This three-day, activity-filled event focuses on building leadership skills and teaching participants more about electric cooperatives and the careers offered. Jada Horstman said, "I enjoyed the large group team building sessions. I also had a great time bonding with my small group in District 3. We had fun creating our TikTok video together. It was a great experience, and I appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference."



Students attending this year's youth leadership conference will have the opportunity to attend NRECA's Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in 2025.

Barron Electric Cooperative sponsored Addisen Ellison, Jada Horstman and Levi Thornley to WECA's Youth Leadership Conference.

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NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

Sept. 27 - Oct. 6, 2024



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Charger to qualifying members. Scan the
QR code for rebate information.**

