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Celebrate the Cooperative Difference on October 7 and October 9

Cooperatives are founded on seven guiding principles, one of which is member economic participation, also known as Cashback Credits. Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors has approved the return of over \$1.2 million in Cashback Credits to over 16,000 current and former members. Checks will be available during Cooperative Month events on October 7 and October 9. For those unable to attend, remaining checks will be mailed by October 31. Please note, checks will not be available for pick-up after the events. Additionally, retirement amounts under \$10 for active members will be credited to members' billing accounts in October.

Cooperative Month Events

Tuesday, October 7 in Spooner and Thursday, October 9 in Barron

Celebrate the cooperative difference at events on Tuesday, October 7 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Barron Electric's office in Spooner located at 1550 Paulson Drive, Spooner and on Thursday, October 9 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Barron Electric Cooperative located at 1434 State Highway 25 North, Barron. Cooperatives hosting the Cooperative Kick Off Event in Barron include Barron Electric Cooperative, Citizens Connected, Mosaic Technologies, *WEST* consin Credit Union, and Synergy Cooperative demonstrating another cooperative principle "Cooperation among Cooperatives." Silver cooperative sponsors include Rural Electric Supply Cooperative (RESCO) and Royal Credit Union. Compeer Financial is a bronze cooperative sponsor. Additional friends of the cooperative gold sponsors include Marshfield Clinic Health System, WJMC, WAQE, and WKFX. Barron County Dairy Promoters, Wenger Distributing, and Kwik Trip donated milk and water. Pick up your cashback credit check and learn valuable information. A sandwich and chips will be available at the Spooner location, while a free buffet style lunch will be served at the Barron event. Don't miss the homemade ice cream which will be served at both events.

Concern for Community & Donation to Food Pantries

"Concern for Community" is another principle that cooperatives uphold. Numerous community organizations will be present at both events to offer assistance and resources. Additionally, a MEDreturn box will be available at each event for the disposal of unwanted prescriptions.

Help the Washburn County Food Pantry and Rice Lake We Share Food Pantry by bringing personal hygiene or food items. Those who donate items will have their names entered for a prize drawing.
