




# News FOR YOU...

March 2014

**“Barron Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that provides energy, products, and services to improve the quality of life in the area we serve.”**

**Barron Electric Cooperative**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Member to Win One FREE Year of Energy\* at Barron Electric’s 78th Annual Meeting Set for March 29

“Democratic member participation is one of the seven cooperative principles. We encourage members to join Barron Electric Cooperative for the 78th Annual Meeting set for Saturday, March 29 at the Barron High School,” commented Barron Electric’s General Manager Dallas Sloan. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the business meeting following at 10 a.m.

### Business Meeting

Members will elect directors to the board for a three-year term, representing Districts 2, 4, and 8, as well as a one-year term in District 7. Brian Rude, Vice President of External and Member Relations at Dairyland Power Cooperative will inform members about legislative issues impacting cooperatives.



*Visit with Barron Electric Cooperative representatives and learn more about the programs and services they offer.*



*Bring a donation for the Barron Food Pantry and receive a free compact fluorescent light bulb.*

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## Official Notice of Barron Electric’s 78th Annual Meeting

Pursuant to the provision of the bylaws, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of members of Barron Electric Cooperative will be held Saturday, March 29 at the Barron High School, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. The business meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m. to take action upon the following matters:

- To receive reports of officers and directors
- To elect four directors to serve a three-year term in Districts 2, 4, and 8 and a one-year term in District 7
- To address all other business that may come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments, thereof.

*Dated this 26th day of February 2014  
Barbara Holman, Secretary*



*Bring the kids to the Kids’ Carnival. There will be games, face painting, and lunch. The prize drawing will be a 16 GB iPod Touch.*



Electric cooperatives are working to protect the environment. New control technologies have allowed cooperatives to reduce air pollutants by 65% since 1990. Cooperatives advocate for legislative and regulatory policies that are scientifically sound, cost-effective and balance consumer interest and environmental protection. We advocate for policies that protect health and the environment while ensuring reliable and affordable power. There are new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations on power plants that would prove detrimental to our mission of supplying cost-effective, reliable energy to members. This would essentially end new coal-fired generation. The proposed rules rely on technology that is not yet developed. If approved, the rules will certainly result in significant cost increases.

**Taking action is simple and fast**

If you choose to submit a message to the EPA on behalf of this effort, please go to [action.coop](http://action.coop). You will see a box saying Tell EPA America Needs a Commonsense Solution. Simply insert your first and last name, e-mail address, state and co-op and click send. Thanks for taking action.

**Win \$50 Credit**

Barron Electric is rewarding members and their families for community service by awarding a \$50 electric bill credit to the winners of the Megawatt Community Service Award on a monthly basis. Nominate a member by completing the application form, available at [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) in the community area or by contacting the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008.

**Recycling Drive and Free Shredding Available at Annual Meeting**

5R Processors will hold an electronic recycling drive at Barron Electric’s Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 29 from 8:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the Barron High School. Items that will be accepted for free include: central processing units, laptops, scanners, docking stations, copy machines, fax machines, printers, VCR/DVD players, phones, audio visual equipment, typewriters, calculators, wire/cabling, cash registers, keyboards, stereo equipment, Uninterrupted Power Supplies, satellite receivers, and aluminum. Fees for processing the following equipment are as follows:

- Broken glass on TVs/Monitors..... \$10 per unit
- Wood Console TVs, Projection TVs ..... \$15 each
- Plastic TVs/Monitors..... \$5 each
- Wood Speakers ..... \$10 each
- TV CRT tubes..... \$10 each
- Data Wiping..... \$10 each
- Freon Containing Units ..... \$15 each

(Includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. White goods without freon are free.) Barron Electric offers members up to \$25 for the recycling of refrigerators, freezers, and window air conditioners. If you have any questions, please contact 5R Processors at 715-532-2078.

**Shredding**

Badger State Recovery will shred personal documents for free, up to 100 pounds. Their corporate headquarters is located in New Auburn.

**Joan Snell Wins Megawatt Community Service Award**



Congratulations to Joan Snell, Barron Electric’s latest Megawatt Community Service Award Winner. Joan is very involved in the Regional Hospice of Spooner/Grantsburg. She said, “When my son was diagnosed with cancer in 1995, Spooner did not have a hospice program. Spooner Hospital opened up a room for him, and that is how hospice was started. I was very impressed by the care he received.” I started volunteering for hospice in 1997 as a caretaker. She now focuses on the fund-raising. Since 1995, Regional Hospice has cared for more than 800

families coping with the terminal illness of a family member. Each year, Regional Hospice needs to raise between 20 to 25% of their operational budget through community fund-raising events. The greatest expense is the cost of nursing care and medications.



*Kim Eder, Customer Service Representative at Barron Electric, presents the Megawatt Community Service Award to Joan Snell.*

# The Enchanted Barn is the Premier Rural Wedding Venue

Blending his childhood of growing up on a dairy farm with his creativity, Lorin Humphrey created the Enchanted Barn, which is served by Barron Electric Cooperative. While rays of sunlight filter through cracks of weathered barn board, the 1880's barn comes alive as wedding guests enjoy the tranquility of the beautiful countryside. Lorin said, "The Enchanted Barn focuses on uniqueness and charm with the marriage of rustic and elegance." As a full service venue, priority to detail creates fairy tale weddings time after time with attention to every one of your senses.

Condè Nast Brides UK Magazine chose The Enchanted Barn as one of the "Top 25 destination wedding venues in the world." The Enchanted Barn was the only barn venue featured, as well as the only venue chosen in the continental U.S. Over 230 weddings have taken place at the Enchanted Barn since it opened in 2005.

The Enchanted Barn will be Barron Electric's featured business at the 78th Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 29. Stop and visit their exhibit during registration from 8:30 – 10 a.m. The Enchanted Barn is located at 1543 6 ½ Avenue, Hillsdale. For more information, visit them on the web at [theenchantedbarn.com](http://theenchantedbarn.com).



*The Enchanted Barn helps create a perfect day for wedding couples.*



*After an evening of dinner and dancing with family and friends, escape to the Loft, the suite nest.*

## FREE Year of Energy\* *Continued from cover*

### Electronics Recycling Drive and Free Shredding

5R Processors will hold their Electronic Recycling Drive, while Badger State Recovery will provide free shredding of documents, up to 100 pounds. More information is available on page 2.

### Kids' Carnival

The Kids' Carnival, for children ages 3-12, includes games, face painting, and lunch. The prize drawing will be a 16 GB iPod Touch.

### Prizes

The grand prize for adult members will be a free year of energy (up to \$100 per month, excluding the fixed charge\*). This award will be drawn at the conclusion of the business meeting. There will be 99 small appliances awarded. Members registered by 10 a.m. and in attendance at the completion of the business meeting will be eligible to win prizes. Members and guests will receive a lunch and a pound of cheese. Don't forget to bring your annual meeting registration card to the meeting.



## Need a Ride to the Annual Meeting?

A shuttle service will be available to the annual meeting for those members who live in the northern part of Barron Electric's service territory. The shuttle will leave at 7:30 a.m. from Barron Electric's Spooner office, located at 1550 Paulson Drive. If you are interested in this service, please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 or e-mail [memberservices@barronelectric.com](mailto:memberservices@barronelectric.com).

# Director Notes



Arlyn Helm serves as treasurer on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, representing District 1 which includes the following townships: Brooklyn, Gull Lake,

Stinnett, Hayward, Scott, Casey, Trego, Springbrook, Bass Lake, and Rusk.

## Condensed Board Minutes December 18, 2013

- A report of vouchers for the month was printed as part of the board packet as follows: #85695 thru #85799 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$214,879; capital credit estate checks of \$13,854 and capital credit retirement checks of \$18,628. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$1,267,862; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$52,230; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$1,043,947; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$80,832; power bill due 12/24/13 - \$1,761,161. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Barron FFA chapter presented to the board the results of their 2013 crop.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$275,531.76 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$55,684.77; change jobs - \$13,393.85; miscellaneous - \$206,453.14 and 3 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.

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# Rebate Helps Pay for Energy Efficient Lighting at Don Johnson Motors



Line Superintendent Jeff Nelson presents a \$3,045 rebate check to Don Johnson. Don Johnson Motors replaced over 400 lamps and fixtures to save energy. Visit [barronelectric.com](http://barronelectric.com) for more information about Barron Electric's Energy Sense Programs.

## Cook's Corner

### Apple Cranberry Chicken Wild Rice Salad Jill Jagusch

- 1 Cup elbow macaroni - cook as directed and drain
- 1 Apple sliced and diced
- 1/4 Cup dried cranberries (Craisins)
- 1 - 10 oz can fully cooked chicken drained
- 1 - 15 oz can fully cooked Wild Rice drained

Toss all together

#### Dressing:

- 1 cup Miracle Whip
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1 TBSP sugar

Mix all together and pour over salad mixture until well mixed. Refrigerate for a few hours and serve.

Each recipe winner will receive a Farm Technology Days cookbook. Please e-mail your recipe to [barronec@barronelectric.com](mailto:barronec@barronelectric.com) or send your recipes to:

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