



News FOR YOU...

July 2013

"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 

Project West of Hayward Will Help Improve Reliability

Barron Electric Cooperative is continually working to improve reliability for our member-owners. Line crews have been working on a three-year project to improve reliability west of Hayward. Previously, crews rebuilt the powerline feeding north of the Springbrook Substation, which is located north of Spooner at the corner of Town Hall Road and Tripp Road, to Highway 63. They recently completed the first stage of the project where they rebuilt two miles of overhead line with new poles and larger conductor. Crews also upgraded a new service for RC Hexxum LLC, a new business that is located in the former Cameron's Coffee building. Line Superintendent Brian Schulz said, "This project will help plan for future growth in the Hayward area and distribute the load better."

Lineman Dan Ripplinger is tying new conductor.



Join Us at Barron County's Farm Technology Days

Barron Electric Cooperative is a proud sponsor of Barron County's Farm Technology

Days which will be held July 9-11 at Breezy Hill Dairy, located at 147 16th Street, Dallas. Barron Electric will be featuring the Outage Management System, Turtle 2 System, WiFi thermostat, and Dairyland's plug-in hybrid, which is pictured on page 3. Line crews will present high voltage demonstrations daily at 11:30, 1:00, and 2:00 in the youth area.

will be dedicated to tractors with global positioning system guidance systems. Participants can test drive a variety of tractors equipped with automatic steering or guidance systems. Attendees can enjoy the best Barron County has to offer in art, music, culture and the celebration of our farming heritage. Kids of all ages will find fun and engaging activities in the Youth Adventureland.

This is Wisconsin's only event in the state that connects farmers with the latest in technology through live Field Demonstrations. New this year, a portion of the field demonstration area

Show Hours

Tuesday, July 9..... 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10... 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday, July 11 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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Electricity demand and the market's power prices are highest on weekdays between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. We all have an opportunity to help reduce our co-op's demand for power to prevent higher energy charges from being passed along to our members.

How? Shift electricity use to before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. on weekdays. Delay laundry until after 7 p.m. or wait until the weekend, recharge cell phones and portable electronics outside the peak demand hours, close drapes during the day or even raise the temperature on your air conditioner a couple of degrees so it runs less. Together, we can make a difference!

Visit togetherwesave.com for more energy savings ideas.



Chuck Kirkwood Wins the Megawatt Community Service Award



Chuck Kirkwood has played taps for hundreds of military services and funerals, as well as Memorial Day services for 70 consecutive years starting in 1943. He also plays music at 24 nursing homes. He remarked, "There was one resident who hadn't spoken for three months, but after hearing the music, she started to speak. Another resident hadn't spoke at all after having a stroke, but she sang along to the music. This really makes your day." Bard Kittleson wrote, "I know of no one who has given as much of his time and talent to the benefit of mankind than Chuck Kirkwood."

Nominate a Member for the Megawatt Community Service Award

Barron Electric is rewarding members and their families for community service by awarding a \$50 electric bill credit to the chosen winners on a monthly basis. General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "This directly reflects Barron Electric's mission statement to improve the quality of life in the area we serve and exemplifies the 7th cooperative principle of concern for the community."

Nominate a member by completing the application form, available at barronelectric.com in the news area or by contacting the office at 800-322-1008.



There's Still Time to Sign Up for Central Air Program

Members are eligible for a *\$10 monthly credit during the months of June, July, and August, \$30 annually, by participating in the load management program for central air conditioners. Please contact the Member Services Department at 800-322-1008 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Monthly credit is prorated based on date that radio receiver is installed.*

Planting for Third Annual Barron FFA Crop Project

Barron Electric donated eight-acres of land to Barron High School's FFA to use for a crop demonstration project. This year marks their third project. Last year, 130 bushels per acre were harvested from the crop. FFA Advisor Keith Kolpack said, "The profits from this project have been used to pay for expenses related to conventions and workshops. Last fall, we sent ten students to the National FFA Convention."



Soybeans were planted in early June for Barron FFA's crop demonstration project.

Barron Electric Helps Girl Scouts

Barron Electric Cooperative recently donated \$500 to the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (GSNWGL). The donation will help GSNWGL provide girls with opportunities that build the self-esteem and confidence necessary to become leaders. “Your support and continued partnership helps further our mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place,” said Amy Flanders, Chief Development Officer at GSNWGL. The organization serves nearly 20,000 girls in 58 counties in northern Wisconsin and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Barron Electric’s General Manager Dallas Sloan said, “We are proud to support an organization that makes a difference in the lives of those involved.” Funds for community donations are made available through the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members.



Barron Electric recently donated a \$500 check to Girl Scouts. Bella Murry, Bailey Hauck, Carli Wilson, and Jayme Closs of Troops 3210 and 3031 accept the check.

Power with Purpose Theme Highlights Dairyland Power’s Annual Meeting

Dairyland Power Cooperative’s 72nd annual meeting focused on “Power with Purpose.” William Berg, Dairyland President and CEO, said, “Success today, or any day, does not necessarily lead to success in the future. Maintaining flexibility and the ability to make strategic changes is essential.” Dairyland’s Board of Directors continues to implement its Strategic Financial Plan to ensure long-term financial strength. Dairyland has taken steps to reduce costs and increase net margins, and gain access to market-based financing. These efforts have enabled Dairyland to maintain its “A” ratings from Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s credit rating agencies.



Dairyland’s plug-in hybrid, the 2013 Ford C-MAX Energi, was on display at the 72nd annual meeting. The C-MAX Energi is Ford’s first plug-in hybrid for the electric-only driving option.

Members Enjoy Connection’s Card Savings

Member Donna Erickson said, “I was pleased that Patrick T. Duffy’s Dental Office in Hayward accepted the Connection’s Card and gave me a discount.” Barron Electric members have saved over \$8,900 on prescriptions by using the Co-op Connections® Card. Visit connections.coop or scan the QR code below to find local and national savings. For Healthy Savings providers, just click on the Healthy Savings tab and create an account.



Smartphone users can download the Co-op Connections App. Scan the QR Code for Connection’s savings!

Director Notes



Mike Baker serves as Vice President on Barron Electric's Board of Directors, representing District 3, which includes the following townships: Crystal, Stone Lake, Sand Lake, Beaverbrook, Madge, Birchwood, Sarona, and Cedar Lake.

Condensed Board Minutes

April 24, 2013

- Director Helm gave the treasurer's report, with comments by Manager Sloan. A report of vouchers for the month was printed as part of the board packet as follows: #84461 thru #84614 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$270,454; capital credit estate checks \$6,251 and NWPAA Refund checks of \$1,051,509. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$2,582,181; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$1,170,221; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$2,376,267; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$149,537; power bill due 04/24/13 - \$1,842,077. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$72,381.69 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$84.78; change jobs - \$2,235.92; miscellaneous - \$70,060.99 and no retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 10,802 consumer hours off, which is 20.8% below 2012 hours of 13,639. Overtime year-to-date is 413.50 hours, which is 4.5% below 2012 hours of 433.

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Cook's Corner

Rhubarb Torte Beverly Nesseth



Prepare: Cut fresh rhubarb into 1/2" pieces (approximate), enough to make 5 cups.

Crust: 1 cup butter (cool)
2 cups unbleached flour
1/2 cup white sugar

Mix: butter, flour and sugar together in a bowl with a pie crust blender.
Press into 13" x 9" cake pan and Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

While above crust is baking, make the filling:

6 well beaten egg yolks (save the whites of eggs for the meringue).
Add to the egg yolk mixture, beating well after each addition:

1 cup milk

And combine 1 1/2 cups white sugar

5 tablespoons flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

Slowly add this to above egg/milk mixture (beating well after each addition).

Fold the 5 cups of cut up rhubarb into this mixture.

When crust is ready, take out of oven and let set a couple minutes and then pour the rhubarb mixture (carefully) over the baked crust. Return to oven @ 350 degrees, and bake for another 45 minutes, until lightly browned.

Remove from oven and prepare the Meringue:

In clean mixing bowl, beat the whites of the six eggs. When half beaten, slowly add 6 tablespoons sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar (blended together). Continue beating until soft peaks form. Carefully dollop meringue on top of cooked torte and gently spread fairly even, making sure edges of the meringue are adhered to the sides of the cake pan.

Brown meringue at 400 degrees for 5 minutes. Remove and let cool. Cut amount needed. Refrigerate any left-overs. Yield: 15 pieces.

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

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Have a
safe and happy
4th of July!

