



News FOR YOU...

January 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 

Cheryl Forehand Retires - Jennifer Beaudette Promoted to Director of Member Services



Jennifer Beaudette will assume Barron Electric Cooperative's Director of Member Services position January 1, 2013 as a result of Cheryl Forehand's retirement. Jennifer began her employment at Barron Electric Cooperative in 1995 as Energy Use Technician. In 2001, she assumed the role of Sales Specialist until 2004, when she became the Marketing and Economic Development Specialist. She has an Associate Degree in Electrical Power Engineering Technician from Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin Rapids and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Jennifer has a thorough understanding of our members' needs and the products and services the cooperative provides. Her understanding of the importance of technology will help guide us into

the future." said Dallas Sloan, General Manager.

"I have enjoyed working with the members and employees at Barron Electric and look forward to the new challenges this position will offer," remarked Jennifer. She has been active in community organizations including Barron Lion's Club, Barron Chamber Board, and Barron County Economic Development Board.

Cheryl Forehand commented, "I am thankful for the opportunity to have worked at the cooperative over the past 15 years. The sharing of ideas to overcome challenges;

the cooperative's not-for-profit business model; and the focus on what's best for the membership have all provided a great experience. While it's difficult to leave the employees and board, I am looking forward to spending more time with family and traveling."



Cheryl Forehand worked with elected officials throughout her career to help ensure that legislation would be beneficial to all members.

Barron Electric's Board of Directors Approves Credit on Electric Bills

Barron Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved a credit on the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA), which was reflected on the December and January bill statements. For members using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month, this equated to a credit of approximately \$9 per month. "Barron Electric's 2012 expenses were less than budgeted, mostly due to our investment in technology which has made us more efficient. It was the desire of the Board to provide members the credit in the Power Cost Adjustment now during the holidays and heating season, rather than waiting until later," commented Dallas Sloan, Barron Electric's General Manager.

Right-of-Way Clearing Improves Reliability



Sue Dau
Systems
Coordinator

Trees and brush can cause power outages, lights to blink, blocks access for maintenance and repairs and can create a safety hazard for line crews. Barron Electric hires contractors to clear

trees and brush in sixty-one townships on a rotational schedule of every 5 years for Barron County and every 6 years in Washburn County. Members in townships to be cleared in 2013 received an orange postcard with the December bill statement.

“We appreciate members’ cooperation in making the Right-of-Way Program a success,” commented Sue Dau, Systems Coordinator. The cooperative encourages members to remove abandoned fences, thereby reducing the additional costs associated with hand-clearing. Barron Electric is not responsible for fence repair due to age and normal deterioration.

For concerns about removing trees not cleared by the ROW program that require immediate attention or questions about this program, please contact Barron Electric’s Operations Department at 800-322-1008 or e-mail sdau@barronelectric.com.



2013 Right-of-Way Schedule

Barron County

Chetek
Dallas
Prairie Farm
Prairie Lake
Sioux Creek
Stanley

Dunn County

Sand Creek
Sheridan

Washburn County

Crystal
Madge
Stone Lake

Dynamic Conference for Students

Barron Electric will sponsor five high school students (grades 10-12), whose parents are Barron Electric members, to the Co-ops Yes! Youth Leadership Conference. The conference will be held March 18-19 at the Ramada Convention Center in Eau Claire. Through this dynamic experience, young people from Minnesota and Wisconsin will learn to understand the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative business. Students will have the opportunity to develop new friendships, learn from exciting speakers, develop important leadership skills, solve challenging cooperative case studies, and enjoy recreational activities.

Please contact Carrie at Barron Electric at 800-322-1008 or cbaribeau@barronelectric.com for registration information. The deadline for applying is February 11, 2013.

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Co-op Connections® Card Provides \$1,400 in Savings

Members have saved over \$1,400 in just two months on prescriptions by using the Co-op Connections® Card. When using the card for prescriptions and health savings providers, be sure to show the back of the Co-op Connections® Card.

Visit www.connections.coop for coupons, VIP savings, and national deals.

Would your business like to join this program?

The Co-op Connections® Program gives businesses the opportunity to offer cooperative members discounts. Businesses that become part of this program are promoted through Barron Electric’s newsletter and on the Connections® Card website. For more information, visit www.barronelectric.com. To join the program, complete the participation contract and e-mail to barronec@barronelectric.com or mail to:

Attn: Carrie Baribeau
Barron Electric Cooperative
PO Box 40
Barron WI 54812



Discover the savings!



Announcing Megawatt Community Service Award

Barron Electric Cooperative wants to reward members and their families for community service by awarding a \$50 electric bill credit to the chosen winners on a monthly basis. Barron Electric's 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, which can be found online at www.barronelectric.com in the news area or by contacting the office at 800-322-1008 to have the application form mailed.



Barron Electric's Commitment to Community Helps Local Organizations

Barron Electric directors, employees, and the cooperative donated nearly \$10,000 to 31 community, health, and education not-for-profit organizations. "Over \$102,000 has been donated since the Director and Employee Matching Gift Program began in 1996. This program shows our employees and directors' commitment to the community," said Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan.

Washburn County Area Humane Society received a \$500 donation. Director Penny Dunn said, "The Washburn County Humane Society takes in 600-700 animals annually. We greatly appreciate the support from the community."

Barron Electric also donated \$500 to the Boys and Girls Club of Barron County. Executive Director Deanna Aubart said, "With the addition of a new site this fall at the Barron High School, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County now has 6 sites across the county. We continue to see new members every single day. Thanks to the support and generosity of the community, we are able to have an impact in 1,100 young lives across Barron County." The Boys and Girls

Club recognizes the challenges that young people face, and focuses on the following three key outcomes for youth: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship.

Barron Electric's General Manager Dallas Sloan said, "The Boys and Girls Club meets the needs of our youth and helps to improve the quality of life in Barron County." Funds for Barron Electric donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members.



Deanna Aubart, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Barron County, accepts a \$500 donation from Kathy Robertson, Lead Management Technician.



Barron Electric Lineman Scott DeVoe presents a \$500 check to Penny Dunn, Director of the Washburn County Area Humane Society.

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-Dallas Sloan.

Congratulations to Joyce Savage, our first recipe winner, who will receive a Farm Technology Days cookbook.

Stacked Enchiladas Joyce Savage, Spooner

Brown 2 pounds hamburger. Drain. Add diced onion.

Add:

- 1 can enchilada sauce
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 small carton sour cream
- 1 can cream of chicken soup

Grate 1 pound mozzarella cheese and 1/2 pound mild cheddar.

Spray regular cake size pan with cooking spray. Layer pan with large flour tortillas. Break up tortilla to fill in bare spaces. Pour on enchilada mixture. Top with cheeses. Add black olives. (optional) Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hours.

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

Barron Electric Cooperative
PO Box 40
Barron WI 54812
Attn: Carrie

Energy Tip: Wait for a full load before running the dishwasher.

Director Notes



Barb Holman serves as secretary on Barron Electric's Board of Directors. She represents District 2, which includes the following townships: Evergreen, Spooner, Dewey, Bashaw, and Barronett.

Condensed Board Minutes October 31, 2012

- 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: #83540 thru #83730 on First National Bank of Barron was in the amount of \$618,779; capital credit estate checks \$4,158 and capital credit retirement checks \$263,417. Director Helm reported on activity of total receipts in the office - \$3,727,899; total receipts by wire, ACH, credit cards - \$1,408,756; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire - \$3,971,414; transfer of funds was made for payroll - \$165,204; power bill due 10/31/12 - \$1,635,856. A membership list was presented for review and approved.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the past month in the amount of \$88,957.74 was presented for approval, and included new services - \$28,037.11; change jobs - \$8,045.51; miscellaneous - \$32,875.12; and 4 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 32,195 consumer hours off, which is 64.08% below 2011 hours of 89,632. Overtime year-to-date is 2,455.50 hours, which is 23.45% below 2011 hours of 3207.75.

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Win a \$50 Electric Bill Credit

Are you looking for a no-hassle solution for paying your monthly electric bill? Try our Electronic Funds Transfer program. This program is free, saves time and postage, and eliminates the chance for late fees. Sign up during January, February, or March, and your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 electric bill credit.

Members can visit www.barronelectric.com to complete the EFT form or contact Barron Electric's Billing Department at 800-322-1008.

Save the Date

Barron Electric Cooperative's 77th Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, April 6, 2013. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Barron High School. Learn more about your cooperative.

April 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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