

BEC Practices the Cooperative Principles



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Bayfield Electric was approached by the town of Iron River for help moving a bell. There are big plans to expand the Evelyn Goldberg Briggs Memorial Library in Iron River, and to do that, the old schoolhouse bell had to be removed. This is where we came in! One of our linemen, Nat, took the bucket truck to safely and easily remove the bell.

This demonstrates our seventh cooperative principle: Concern for Community. It states that “while focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.”



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CONGRATULATIONS, 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two lineman scholarships for \$1,000 each and seven general scholarships of \$750 each were awarded to the class of 2017 from Bayfield Electric Cooperative. Scholarships are made possible by Chapter 185 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which allows local cooperatives to forfeit unclaimed properties for educational use. The students awarded these scholarships for 2017 are as follows:

Lineman Scholarship:

Tanner Klobucher
Collin Cadotte



General Scholarship:

Jenah Valin from Ashland
Grace Pendergrass from Drummond
Gregory Watson from Mellen
Hayle Woolf from Mercer
Thomas Odegard from Northwestern
Shauna Kavajecz from South Shore
Kelsie Shields from Washburn

MEMBERS BEWARE!

You or someone you know may have recently been contacted by something called Arcadia Solar about the Green Renewable Program. The Dairyland Power Cooperative program called Evergreen is NOT affiliated with Arcadia Solar. Their price is .15 cents per 100 kWh. Do not fall for this! The Dairyland Power program has been around for years, and it sells for .10 cents for the exact 100 kWh. Please call Bayfield Electric at 715-372-4287 if you have been contacted by Arcadia Solar.



Annual meeting features special tribute to linemen

The 77th annual meeting of Bayfield Electric Cooperative was held at the Iron River Community Center in Iron River, Wisconsin, on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 7 p.m. All members who attended received a \$20 credit on their electric bill. Children in attendance were registered to win a wagon or a bicycle. Refreshments were served for the evening. Thanks to Jim's Meat Market for providing the meat and cheese trays as well as the Washburn IGA, which provided cookies.

CEO Diane Berweger had a special addition to her PowerPoint report this year. The linemen here do an excellent

job at providing reliable power to the rural areas. In order to do this, they have to put themselves in danger each and every day. Each lineman has a family waiting at home for him every night, hoping he comes home safe. Since our annual meeting took place the day after Father's Day this year, we wanted to remind our linemen to stay safe on the job. Each lineman's family put together a short video and provided photos of the dads and their kids. We spent many hours putting all these into a PowerPoint, which was presented to the linemen for the first time at the annual meeting. If you would like to view the PowerPoint, it is available on our website at www.bayfieldelectric.com. Remember to stay safe out there, linemen!

A special thanks to Brian Rude, vice president, external and member relations, from BEC's wholesale power supplier, Dairyland Power. He informed members about the "Preferred Plan" of solar, wind, natural gas, and coal. At Dairyland Power's 76th annual meeting, a partnership was announced between DPC and Minnesota Power for a 525–550 MW combined cycle natural gas facility in Superior called Nemadji Trail Energy Center. It is scheduled to be in service by 2024.

Bayfield Electric would also like to thank David Weber, CPA from BKD, LLP, for going over BEC's financial report.

Also in attendance was Dave Hoopman from the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association. He described success in recent months turning back a new attempt at electric deregulation and outlined possibilities of a new approach to the Clean Power Plan.

One of the most important tasks at the annual meeting is the election of directors. The following are the representatives who were elected for the 2017 voting districts:

- District 5, which consists of townships Sanborn, Gingles, Kelly, White River, and Marengo: **Carl Schutte** (unopposed incumbent)
- District 6, which consists of townships Grand View, Lincoln, Shanagolden, and Gordon: **Curtis Berweger** (unopposed incumbent)
- District 9, which consists of townships Knight, Carey, Oma, Mercer, Winchester, Pence, Michigan, Saxon, and Kimball: **Kenneth Clement** (unopposed incumbent)



Above: Riddic Kmetz, 12, excitedly poses with his new bike. Not pictured is the winner of the girl's bike, Mariah Powers, 12. Left: Jenny Corbine, 1, shows off the wagon she won.



1. Brian Rude from Dairyland Power Cooperative addresses the membership. 2. Larry talks with a member about the home's energy use. 3. President Robert Kretschmar presents \$1,000 lineman scholarship to Collin Cadotte. He will be attending lineman school in Mitchell, South Dakota. 4. Keith Klobucher accepts the \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of his son, Tanner, who could not attend the meeting. Tanner has already started lineman school at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay. 5. Members fill the Iron River Community Center for the annual meeting.



NRECA CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) is planting a commemorative tree at its Arlington, Virginia, headquarters and Lincoln, Nebraska, office that will be nourished by soil collected from each of its member cooperatives in honor of 75 years. Bayfield Electric sent in a sample of our own soil to be included!

Pictured at left are Bayfield Electric CEO Diane Berweger and Fred Stoll.

EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS CELEBRATE SERVICE MILESTONES

- Larry Roecker – 5 years
- Russell Bailey – 5 years
- Dustin McKay – 5 years
- Michael Weber – 10 years
- Adam Waddle – 10 years

Bayfield Electric Cooperative will be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.



JOIN US FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL ART CRAWL!

Travel the Art Trail through Stone Lake, Springbrook, Hayward, Seeley, Cable, Drummond, Barnes, and Gordon August 12–14. Homes, studios, and galleries will be open. The purpose of the tour is to give people an opportunity to see all of the creative spaces of our area's fine artists and meet them in person.

Art tours are very popular in many parts of the United States and especially here in Wisconsin. You can pick up brochures at the Cable and Hayward Chambers of Commerce as well as businesses throughout the area.

You can also find more information at www.cablehaywardarts.org. Hope to see you there!

INTERESTED IN DUAL FUEL?

Even though it's still summer, it's not too early to start planning for the heating season ahead.

The Dual Fuel rate for heating is .09 cents, with a new member incentive of \$500 for a new Dual Fuel member. This low rate could save you 28 percent on your electric heating cost. Electric plenum, baseboard, and heat pumps are allowed on this reduced rate.

Heat Storage rates are also low at 7.9 cents for in-floor electric heat and brick storage heating systems.

Both the Dual Fuel and Heat Storage programs have a \$3.25 per month meter fee for the second meter. Power is controlled during Dairyland Power peak or high-demand times.

Call Bayfield Electric Cooperative, (715) 372-4287, and ask for Larry for more information.

Month of August

Billing date: August 10, 2017
July usage
Bills due upon receipt
Gross due after August 30, 2017
Disconnect date: September 13, 2017

CONGRATULATIONS, CARL ANDERSON

Carl Anderson (account no. 300147010) is this month's winner of a \$50 credit. Please clip the coupon below and send it in with your payment or call the office by the payment due date. The \$50 will then be credited to your account.

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