

The Barron Chamber Connection



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WESTconsin Credit Union

WESTconsin Credit Union The Credit Union Difference

Founded in 1939, WESTconsin Credit Union is one of the region's strongest financial cooperatives. As a not-for-profit financial services organization, we are owned and operated *by and for* our members. This status enables us to operate at a lower cost than many for-profit institutions, and helps WESTconsin offer low-fee products and services, and competitive loan and savings rates to our members. We're based right here in your community, owned by community members like you. You get a higher level of personal service, and can build a long-lasting relationship with people who can help you find the best financial solutions to your unique needs.



Not-for-profit - We exist to serve our members, not to make a profit. **Elected Boards** - Every credit union is governed by a board of directors, elected through the membership.

Membership Eligibility - By federal statute, credit unions cannot serve the general public; people qualify through their county of residence, employer, or organizational affiliations

Financial Education for Members - Through specialized programs, credit unions assist members to become better-educated consumers of financial services.

Social Purpose: People Helping People - This is the founding philosophy among all cooperatives. Our goal is to serve our entire field of membership well - every member counts. This 'people-first' mindset empowers our members and employees to get involved in many charitable activities and worthwhile causes.



WESTconsin Credit Union will host the next Barron Chamber Connect After 5 on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at Skippy's in Barron at 5:00pm

Quarterly Newsletter

- WESTconsin Credit Union hosts Barron Chamber Connect After 5
- Business and Industry Day
- Meet your new Young Ambassadors
- Econo Foods - New Chamber Business
- Barron Chamber Committees
- Fall Festival

Interested in Hosting a Barron Chamber Connect After Five? Contact the Chamber at 715-537-5631

"At WESTconsin Credit Union you get a higher level of personal service, and can build a long-lasting relationship with people who can help you find the best financial solutions to your unique needs."

Business & Industry Days

Please join us at our 23rd Annual Business & Industry Day on Wednesday, August 3. This is a day set aside each year dedicated to celebrate the role that businesses play in our community. This year, and moving forward, we will celebrate and recognize all businesses.

Kicking off the event is a 9-Hole Golf Scramble with a 2 pm shotgun start. We encourage both avid golfers and those who “just want to golf for fun” to participate. A Social Hour and Dinner will follow at 5 pm and 6 pm respectively and will be held at Rolling Oaks Restaurant. Over \$500 in prizes will be given away. Attend one or both events to be eligible to win!

The event is a great way to socialize with your business associates and peers. Join the Chamber Family for a day of good company, good food, and fun!



Business & Industry Days



Meet your New Young Ambassadors

The Barron Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the Young Ambassadors for 2011-12. Pictured are (left-right) Ryley Glasgow, son of Amanda and Jeff Berg of Ridgeland and Kaitlin Hanson, daughter of Robin and Wayne Hanson of Chetek. The Young Ambassadors can earn up to a \$500.00 scholarship at the end of their term.

Some of the activities the Young Ambassadors take part in during their term are; Annual Chamber Dinner, Barron Spring Fling, Business and Industry Appreciation Day, Santa’s Workshop and Area Parades.



Ryley Glasgow and Kaitlin Hanson

Econofoods Joins the Chamber



Econofoods

Econofoods is here to serve our community with convenient hours of 7:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m., 7 days a week offering fresh cut meats from our meat department, delicious baked goods, awesome fried & rotisserie chicken and daily lunch specials in our in-store deli.

Econofoods also offers fresh produce, a video rental store and health & beauty needs. There is a large grocery selection including expanded natural and organic products. We proudly offer Kemps products in our dairy & frozen departments along with our customer's favorite Gustafson's ice cream. For our customer's convenience we have an in-store pharmacy with hours of operation of 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Also offered are Western Union, a photo kiosk, Rug Doctor, Wisconsin license plate renewal kiosk and ATM.

Econofoods looks forward to serving our community and surrounding areas for years to come and we appreciate your business!

Barron Chamber Committees

The Barron Chamber of Commerce is comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Past President, and 8-13 members elected by the membership. The Board is then organized by committees with each committee assuming responsibility for that function.

If you are interested in volunteering on a particular committee, please contact the committee chair or co-chair.

Annual Meeting Committee

Plans, organizes and conducts the Annual Meeting.

Chair / Co-Chair Dave Wiehe, Jen Beaudette

Spring Fling Committee

Plans, organizes and sets up the Spring Fling which is similar to a Home and Garden Show.

Chair / Co-Chair: Joann Olson, Larry Nevin

Business & Industry Committee

Plans, organizes and sets up Business & Industry Day which celebrates all businesses.

Chair / Co-Chair: Laurie Wooldridge, Val Gieseke

Festival Events Committee

Plans, organizes and sets up a fall festival

Chair / Co-Chair: Jen Beaudette, Lori Koehler

Ambassador / Membership Committee

Administers the Young Ambassador program and recognizes new members.

Chair / Co-Chair: Jan Jorgenson, Leo Severson

Retail / Promotion Committee

Designs & Implements retail promotions to enhance Chamber businesses.

Chair / Co-Chair: Wendy Boese, Val Gieseke

Our Chamber Board

Officers:

President - Dave Wiehe,
Wiehe's Hardware Hank

Vice President – Jennifer
Beaudette, Barron Electric

Board Members:

Wendy Boese
Mosaic Telecom

Val Gieseke
Barron News-Shield

Jan Jorgenson
Sterling Bank

Lori Koehler
Bank Mutual

Larry Nevin
Barron Supply

Joann Olson
WESTconsin Credit Union

Leo Severson
WESTconsin Credit Union

Duane Talbert
Econofoods

Laurie Wooldridge
Jennie-O-Turkey Store

Secretary/Treasurer
Peggy Rogers

Fall Fest is Coming Back!

The Barron Chamber is bringing back the Fall Fest! This year the event will be held on September 17, 2011. There will be many activities for all ages.

The Barron Chamber will host the 20th Annual Tour de Color Bike ride. There will be routes for 5-, 10-, 20-, and 40-miles. Registration will be from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Barron Area Community Center. There will be water stop refreshments available for those brave enough to ride at least 20 miles!

The Barron Area Community Center will be hosting the 13th Annual Lyndon Ellefson Run.

The Hockey Association will be sponsoring kids' activities, bean bag tournament for adults with beer sales, crafts and garage sales.

Evening events will include a wine tasting at Rolling Oaks, \$30 entrance fee; tantalize your taste buds with several different wines and appetizers. Please drink responsibly.



Skippy's Bar will be hosting a band with one of our local favorites performing.

The week prior to the event, all area businesses are invited to get your creative minds working and enter the Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest. There will be 1st (\$40), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) place prizes and \$20 for Best Town Spirit-, Most Detailed and Most Appropriate Theme for the Business or Organization. (All prizes are Barron Bucks). Judging will take place on Friday September 16th. Entry forms must be submitted by Friday September 9, 2011.

Fall Fest will require the help of many volunteers and sponsorship dollars. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time, hosting or sponsoring an event for Fall Fest, please contact Jennifer Beaudette at (715) 537-3171 or jbeaudette@barronelectric.com



Chamber Members

Ag Risk Managers
Allied Waste Systems
Anderson Dairy
Barron Area Community Center
Bank Mutual
Barron Chiropractic Health Center
Barron County Safe & Stable Families Coalition
Barron Electric Cooperative
Barron Family Restaurant
Barron Farmers Union
Barron Motel & RV Campground
Barron Mutual Insurance Co.
Barron News-Shield
Barron Plumbing & Heating
Barron Supply
Barron Veterinary Clinic
Brown's Karate Academy
Carquest Auto Parts
Chronotype
Country Lane Pantry
Creative Kids Discovery Center
Dirks Heating & Cooling
DONAN Amish Furniture Gallery
Duane's Custom Body Repair

Econofoods
Electrolysis Center
Erickson Agency
First National Bank
G.B. Sales
Greener's Budget Lumber
Hair Café & Spa
Hand & Heart Creations
Holiday
James Pharmacy
Jennie-O-Turkey Store
Johnson, Agen, Kupferschmidt & Associates
Kate's Bar
Korner Stop
Kwik Trip
Lawrence Leasing
Liden & Dobberfuhl, S.C.
Luther Midelfort Northland
Monroe Manor
Mosaic Telecom
Noesen's Photography
Nordby Construction
Rausch-Steel Funeral Home
Rolling Oaks Restaurant & Lounge

Skippy's Bar
Springer Eye care
Sterling Bank
Subway
Susie's Café
Swant Graber Ford
Swant Graber Motors
T.M. Title Services, Inc.
Terry Miller Photography
Thompson Nelson Agency
Uptown Pizza
Vanguard Agency
Verizon
Warren G's Liquor Store
Wiehe's Hardware Hank
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 3
Business & Industry Day

Barron Chamber Connect
After 5 - Wednesday,
September 21 hosted by
WESTconsin Credit Union

Fall Fest - Sept 17, 2011

More information
coming soon!