



THE CITY OF
BARRON, WISCONSIN

2016 Barron Fall Fest **September 9th-11, 2016**

Fall Decorating Contest - *Judging on Sept. 9th. Prizes in Barron Dollars.*

Golden Pumpkin Hunt - *Win Barron Dollars! Clues published in the Barron News-Shield*

Friday, September 9th

Brat Feed - *10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Gordy's.*

Hosted by Gift from the Heart

Beverage Tent - *5:00p.m.- 10:00p.m.*

Sponsored by St. Joseph Church

Concessions - *6:00 p.m.*

Sponsored by the Barron High School Jr. Class

Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall - *Anderson Park Ball Field*

Music by Chris Kroeze - *7:00p.m. – 10:00p.m.*

Kid's Outdoor Movie - *8:00p.m.*

Anderson Park Small Pavilion

Saturday, September 10th

Pancake Breakfast - *7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*

Foursquare Church - Donation only

18th Annual Lyndon Ellefson Memorial Run/Walk - *8:30 a.m. at BACC*

Craft/Vendors - *Starting at 10:00 a.m.*

Music by John Belland - *1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Concessions available - *10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Beer & Wine Coolers *served at 12:00p.m.*

Kid's Activities - *10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

Anderson Park. Inflatables, games and prizes for kids. Ambulance

Tours, Fire Trucks & Face Painting

Poker Run - Skippy's Bar - 10:30 a.m.

\$10.00 entry fee

Cribbage Tournament - 12:00 p.m.

Fifth Street Saloon

Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall

Anderson Park Ball Field

Pig Roast Dinner & Beverage Tent - 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Hosted by St. Joseph Church

Music by Verge - 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Fireworks at dusk

Sunday, September 11th

Past Reflections Car Show - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Concessions by Kiwanis - 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Grand Parade down LaSalle St.

Register 11:00 a.m., Start at 12:00 p.m.

If you're interested in participating in the craft/vendor fair, parade or other events please contact us at barronchamber@barronchamber.com.



We've had a great summer filled with many evenings enjoying Music in the Park! We've had fantastic turnouts and awesome support for our local organizations who used the meal as a fundraising opportunity. Thank you to all the local businesses and sponsors who helped support Music in the Park, events like this would not be possible without you! We'd also like to thank everyone who visited Music in the Park this summer, and for your continued support of this event!

June Business Spotlight: *Susie's Cafe*

Susie's Café opened August 28th, 2006. According to the owner, Jeff Oleson, "we kinda got talked into buying the café by then Mayor Sylvia Olson. It was formerly called Charlene's." The restaurant was fortunate to hire the lead cook, Elaine Coates from Crossroad Café in Cameron. Elaine is still working at Susie's today and was responsible for teaching Jeff how to cook and run the kitchen. Susie has waitressed since she was 16 years old and had no problem running the front end of the café. They have seen a lot of changes over the past 10 years with ML Anderson Building closing and the addition of Dollar General and McDonald's. Jeff says, "we have been blessed to get to know the people in the community and to be able to serve them."



July Business Spotlight: ***Cupboard and Closet***

In 2015, The Food Pantry served 1971 households (5,825 people) and distributed 218,960 pounds of food. The helpers are all volunteers. In addition, last year's Backpack Food For Kids sent home 5,182 backpacks and distributed 57,750 pounds of food. Again, all helpers are volunteers.

The Thrift Store has one full-time employee and three part-time employees. The store donates at least \$1,000 per month to non-profit groups. Clothes and household goods are given to people in need, like people released from jail, victims of disasters and schools. Scholarships are given to graduating seniors. Community service hours can be completed at the Thrift Store. They give gift certificates for benefits and support the Barron Chamber of Commerce activities.



August Business Spotlight:
Liden, Dobberfuhl & Harrington SC

Our law office has been providing legal services to our clients since 1906. Currently, we have one attorney, Andrew Harrington, who has been with our law firm since May, 2009. His areas of practice include child protection (CHIPS and termination of parental rights), family law, criminal law, bankruptcy-debt relief, estate planning and real estate. Andrew received his law degree in 2004 from the Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, MN, and began his career in Duluth, Minnesota. In May, 2009, Andrew (a native of Shell Lake), his wife Shanda (a native of Prairie Farm), and daughter Madison decided to move closer to home, and began his career with our law firm. The staff currently consists of Andrew, one full-time assistant (Amy Lundquist) and one part-time legal assistant (Sandra Eiden).

We take pride in providing the best legal help to our clients in whatever area they need and look forward to continuing to do so in the years ahead.

Very truly yours,

LIDEN, DOBBERFUHL, & HARRINGTON, S.C.

Andrew J. Harrington



Merchant Group aims to beautify Downtown

Recently, the Chamber added a new subcommittee, the Merchant Group. This group of folks is focused on cleaning up and beautifying the downtown area. At their most recent meeting, they determined projects where immediate impact can be accomplished and projects that are in consideration for next spring/summer.

Projects in the downtown area where immediate impact can be accomplished:

1. Removal of weeds and grass from sidewalks and building frontage.
2. Repainting of trash cans along downtown curbside: Aaron Weber will contact Ky Baumgard requesting opportunities for school organizations to assist with this project
3. Update Solie building wall painting: Bruce Rasmussen will contact Dave Martinson for information on proceeding with this project
4. Repair/change of Sesquicentennial signs: Dave Wiehe will contact Jan Jorgenson for information/costs involved with this change
5. Additional stop visibility for the intersection of 5th street and LaSalle Avenue: Bob Kazmierski will put on City council agenda for August 9th.

The following items were discussed and are in consideration for next spring/summer:

1. For sale/rent signs in buildings
2. Benches provided downtown with business sponsorship
3. Painting light poles same color
4. Street sale downtown on Saturdays
5. Contact owners who want to sell and advertise their information
6. First Impression program

Other items discussed:

1. The Connect Communities kickoff meeting will be held at Sterling Bank,

Thursday, August 25 beginning at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will include a tour of the downtown area, meet back at Sterling Bank to discuss tour findings, expression of concerns/expectations and a review of the Connect Communities program with the civic leaders of Barron. Marie Steenlage, Northwest Regional Economic Director, will be present to represent the Connect Communities program.

If you are interested in working with this group, please contact Dave Wiehe.

Young Ambassadors



Pictured above: Lexi Brunkow, Sophie Kieler and Nicole Dau.

We are very excited to have four Young Ambassadors for the 2016-2017 school year. Please welcome them and congratulate them for being our Young Ambassadors!

Lexi Brunkow – Is currently in the 11th grade at Barron High School. Lexi would like to promote Barron by being visible in the activities and events in the community. Lexi is part of the National Honors Society, is team captain on the varsity basketball team, received the Attitude, Coachable, Effort Award in varsity tennis, received the coach's award in varsity tennis, is 2nd team all-conference in basketball, and received the golden soccer ball award.

Sophie Kieler – Is currently in the 11th grade at Barron High School. Sophie really enjoys the opportunities and experiences provided by being a part of the Chamber. Sophie is part of the National Honors Society, Family Career and Community Leads of America, Art Club and FFA. Sophie has also received other awards in Community Service.

Nicole Dau – Is currently in the 12th grade at Barron High School. Nicole wants to become more involved in the community and to further develop her leadership skills. She is part of the National Honor Society and is involved in various community service projects. Nicole serves food at the Benjamin's House, and has traveled to Hawaii for a mission trip. Her mission work includes serving food at the shelter and doing beach clean-up with the Wounded Warriors.

Lauren Maas – Is currently in the 9th grade at Barron High School. Lauren feels that she is a good choice as a Young Ambassador because she is responsible, considerate and hard working. Lauren is involved in her church and church activities. She is a member of the Poskin Jets 4H club. She has done a number of community service projects like shopping for "gifts from the heart" at holiday time. She is also a member of the FCCLA club.