

WHAT'S UP?

Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

The Holidays in Rusk County

As the holiday season approaches, Rusk County transforms into a winter wonderland of sparkling lights, cozy gatherings, and heartfelt traditions. It's a time to reflect on the year past, share gratitude for our community, and look forward to the promise of a new year.

In this issue:

- A note from the Executive Director
- Winter Magic
- Upcoming Events

This season, let's come together to support our local businesses! Stop into Lois, Lann, & Bean in downtown Ladysmith. Grab a coffee and admire the art at Toad House! Enjoy a warm meal at Roses Bay.

Many of our local organizations and businesses are hosting special events to help you make cherished memories with family and friends—so take a look at the events we have listed in this newsletter!

Remember, the holidays are not just about the hustle and bustle but also about kindness and connection. Whether it's helping a neighbor shovel their driveway, contributing to a toy or food drive, or simply sharing a smile, every small act makes our community stronger.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with joy, peace, and warmth. Together, let's make it a season to remember.

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce!

Jenna Schostkewitz

Executive Director

***Rusk Area Chamber of
Commerce - Eat, Play,
Shop... Live Rusk County!***



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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WINTER Magic

Fun throughout Ladysmith, WI

DECEMBER 7TH, 2024

Submit events to manager@liveruskcounty.com

PHOTOS With Santa

Bring your little ones for a free photo with Santa!

- SATURDAY**
December 7th
- RUSK COUNTY VISITOR CENTER**
205 W 9th St S, Ladysmith
WI 54848
- 9am-11am

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WINTER Magic

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Northland Community Club Presents

Winter Magic Craft Fair

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH
9AM-2PM**

LADYSMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE
MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN JULY**

QUESTIONS: CONTACT CHEYENNE 715-403-1068

**FOOD, ACTIVITIES,
PICTURES WITH SANTA**

Please Join Us For

COOKIES AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

HOSTED BY
THE LADYSMITH BOOSTER CLUB

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage

Saturday December 7th, 2024
8:00AM- 11:00AM

LADYSMITH FIRE HALL
FREE WILL DONATION

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PLEASE SUBMIT YOURS!

Holiday LIGHTS DISPLAYS

RUSK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

EMAIL
MANAGER@LIVERUSKCOUNTY.COM
 TO BE FEATURED ON THE MAP!



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Santa
MEET
and GREET
December
7th
11:00AM - 1:00PM
ARTISANS OUTLET

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: BLUEHARBORFISH.COM

DECEMBER 7TH

Holiday Seafood Sale

LADYSMITH, WI

PRESENTED BY BLUE HARBOR FISH & SEAFOOD

The fish & seafood truck will be parked at Krist Oil, at 119 1st St. in Ladysmith.

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**The Northland Community Club
Sponsored Events**

Winter Magic 2024

Saturday December 7th

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Winter Magic Craft Show
9am to 2pm Ladysmith Elementary School
(115 E 6th St S Ladysmith)

40 vendors, silent auction for new playground, food, toy & winter clothing drive for DHHS, pictures

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Free Movie: Rise of the Guardians
Miner Theater at 11am

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Winter Magic Parade 5pm
Line up starts by Flambeau River Outfitters at 4:45pm, free to enter.
E 3rd St & Worden to W 2nd St S to Miner Ave to E 3rd St & Miner

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Memorial Park Lighting & Music
5pm (or after the parade) Armstrong Pavilion
FREE hot chocolate, cider, s'mores, & music

Questions call/text 715-403-1068



Rusk Area Arts
Alliance
Winter Magic
Free Cookies, Coffee &
Water!
Prizes Galore!
Be there or be square!

At Security
Financial Bank
Community
Room in
Ladysmith
10am-2pm

Bringing the
arts and
community
together!

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Saturday,
December
7th during
Winter
Magic!

At Shabby
Inspirations

101 Miner
Ave E,

Ladysmith
WI

Kids canvas painting classes!! First class starts at 9am and consists of creating this snowman face (#1). There will also be a second class starting at 10:30 with the snowman head (#2). A third class will be offered at 12:00 if the first 2 get filled! Parents must be present. Classes are \$10, cash only, and must be paid for upon sign up! No refunds



Flambeau School

Sensory
Friendly

Santa Visit & Photos

Dec. 7th

10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Reservations
Available!

Quiet Room
Available.

Individual &
Family Photos
Available
with Santa

Create new memories with special photos from your visit with Santa.

This is an all-inclusive event for all families.

We look forward to seeing you all in your holiday outfits!

Cookies
& Milk!

Flambeau Community Ed

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winter magic at
Lois, Lann & Bean Boutique
 Saturday December 7th
 9am-2pm

Do it your way!
Toad House
Hot Chocolate Bar
9-12 on Saturday, December 7

We steam your choice of milk
whole, skim, oat, or almond
 Topped with real whip cream if you like.
 You stir in the chocolate chunk.
 then add all the fixings!
 Don't forget to take a few cookies.

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\$1,000 Off Closing Costs*

*on fixed rate home loan refinances and purchases!



SARA TAYLOR · NMLS #489535

Offer good now through January 31, 2025.



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119 W Fourth St. North, Ladysmith, Wisconsin 54848
*Offer may not be combined with any other mortgage offers and can only be applied once per property. Offer valid for fixed rate home loan refinance or purchase transactions only. Offer does not apply to investment properties. The \$1,000 closing cost credit cannot exceed the actual amount of closing costs, prepaid interest and escrow reserves. The credit will be applied at the time of loan closing and will be reflected on the closing disclosure. Offer valid on applications submitted on or before January 31, 2025.



DOUBLE POINTS!

EARN DOUBLE REWARD POINTS ON YOUR DEBIT CARD PURCHASES, WHEN YOU CHOOSE CREDIT AT THE CHECKOUT, STARTING ON BLACK FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH & ENDING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31ST!

Join Us For
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

**FRIDAY
12/20/24**

Enjoy complimentary tasty holiday cookies!

Thank you for allowing us to serve the Rusk County community since **1934!**



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UPCOMING EVENTS - MARKETS AND FAIRS



WE ARE NOW A YEAR-ROUND MARKET!!!!

Find us inside during the colder months. Our gardens might be hibernating, but we are still celebrating the bounty and fun of the market. Many of your favorite vendors from the summer outdoor market will be there, plus new ones all the time.

- November 2nd
- January 4th
- February 1st
- March 1st
- April 5th
- May 3th
- June 7th

10:00 am-1:00 pm

Rusk County Library
(Lower Level)



Each month will feature food samples from our vendors – a different theme each month. Plus, free activities for kids and information from our community partners. Check us out on Facebook or localharvest.org for more information about each month's special theme.

December 7th is Winter Magic!

Join us at all the activities around town that day.



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UPCOMING EVENTS - MINER THEATER



 Ticket Prices: Evening shows are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors (62+)/children (2-11). 2:00pm matinees are \$5 for all ages.

Showtimes:

Friday, December 6th - 7pm

Saturday, December 7th - 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, December 8th - 2pm & 7pm

Wednesday, December 4th, start off the holiday season with a Christmas concert by national recording artist Jason Gray @ 6pm. Tickets \$20/person.

Free Winter Magic movie: **Saturday, December 7th** - RISE OF THE GUARDIANS @ 11am.

NATIONAL RECORDING ARTIST
JASON GRAY
CHRISTMAS STORIES
Concert

Doors open at 5:15 PM
Show starts at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 4th, 2024
at the historic Miner Theatre
116 Miner Ave East, Ladysmith, WI

General admission tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the following local businesses:
~ Razors Edge, Plaid Peacock, Miner Theatre ~
Or online by scanning the QR Code 



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CRAFTERS WANTED FOR SANTA DAY IN SHELDON

WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH

WHERE: SHELDON COMMUNITY
CENTER

CALL OR MESSAGE LISA BROST
715-314-0417



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
9-11 AM

Reserve a spot at
PHAT BOBS

under 3 free
ages 3-11 \$10 12+ \$15

Reservations for ages infant-11 include:

- *Breakfast
- *Meet and greet with Santa
- *Gift bag filled with goodies from Santa
- *Homemade Christmas cookies and hot chocolate
- *Make and take craft
- *Drawing for a chance to win 1 of 3 larger gifts

limited amount of reservations will be taken
and no reservations will be taken after 12/9

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Cookies, Carols



and Crafts

Friday, December 6th:

4pm-5:30pm



Join us for Christmas carols from the Ladysmith High School choir, hot cider and cookies, and make a fun winter craft!

JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY

Cookies and Coffee at the Co-op

Stop in at either office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 17 - Ladysmith

Dec. 18 - Hayward

The General Manager/CEO will be available for questions from 9 a.m. to noon.



Sign up for various prize drawings, including a \$50 energy credit.



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PICKLEBALL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesdays
5:30pm

FLAMBEAU SCHOOL
N4540 County Road
Tony, WI 54563

Ages 16+ Welcome

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

For more information, please email
kbugbee@ruskcountywi.us



GriefShare®

Grief recovery groups

Join us:
Hope Lutheran Church
320 1st St. S., Ladysmith, WI 54848
715-532-7739

Wednesdays, 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
September 4, 2024-December 4, 2024
(Except for the day before Thanksgiving.)

Call the church to register.

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December 20, 2024

11:30-1:00

Lunch - soup & salad

Learn - Meet Sharon Reynolds, owner of The Plaid Peacock. She will tell us about her store, including how she finds all those fun treasures. Go shopping on Miner &/or make a holiday gift.



No fee to participate.
Space is limited!
Call/text 715-415-1685 to register.

Meet at the Security Financial Bank Community Room located at the corner of Miner Ave W and W 2nd St S in Ladysmith.

RCTC will provide transportation from Hawkins Senior Center to this event. Registration is required to ride the bus. Bus will depart Sr. Center at 11:00 am and return before 1:30 pm.



December Schedule

3:30-6pm @ Fairgrounds in Ladysmith

Monday 2nd- Christmas Service

Project- Guess that Tune
(Keyboard Class after PH)

Thursday 5th- Gym Night Location
TBD

Monday 9th- Taste Testing Games,
Reeth Making
(Keyboard Class after Power
House)

Thursday 12th- Rubys Pantry Night
4-6pm

Monday 16th- All Hand Made Night
330-6pm
(Parents Welcome to attend!)

Thursday 19th- Board Game Night
& Movie

Mon. 23rd & Thurs. 26th
(No Power House)

Monday 30th- Sledding Location
TBD



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PLAY AND LEARN EVENT TIMES



ICAA Family Resource Center is hosting
FREE EVENTS for families. Activities with a snack!

SEPTEMBER 18TH 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
1000 COLLEGE AVE W., LADYSMITH WI

OCTOBER 23RD 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
1000 COLLEGE AVE W., LADYSMITH WI

NOVEMBER 20TH 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
1000 COLLEGE AVE W., LADYSMITH WI

DECEMBER 18TH 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.
1000 COLLEGE AVE W., LADYSMITH WI

 Stay Current,
Follow Us on Facebook
@ICAA Family Resource Center



Contact by Calling
715-532-1589

ICAA is an equal opportunity employer and provider operating under an approved Affirmative Action Plan. As an equal opportunity employer, we encourage women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to apply.

POOL TOURNAMENT

SCHEDULE



DEC. 28TH	JAN. 25TH
DOUBLES	SINGLES
FEB. 22ND	MAR. 22ND
DOUBLES	SINGLES



**STRAIGHT IN - VALLEY 8 RULES
DOUBLE ELIMINATION**



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November & December 2024

Exercise classes

Check out www.wholyfit.org for more information about this exercise program.

Exercise classes will be led by Gold Certified WholyFit Instructor and Occupational Therapist Heidi Jo Sovacool, Owner of Offering Hope Therapies. Class goals will be stretching, strengthening, and balance. Equipment needed: a thin, 2' x 6' exercise mat. Recommended attire: modest, comfortable clothes. The exercises will be done on your mat with bare feet. The class length is 45-60 minutes. Class sizes are limited. Please call/message to request a registration form at 715-609-1310. Class cost: \$8/visit. If you've never taken a class here before, your first class will be free.

Class location:

Offering Hope Therapies, Inc.
(Next to Dollar General on
Highway 27 North in Ladysmith)
711 W 9TH ST N Ladysmith, WI 54848



The Tuesday Chair Class, Exercise from a seated and standing position. A 45 minute class, starting at 11:00 am November 12, 19, and 26, and December 3, 10, and 17th.



Friday, December 13, 2024 at 7 PM – 10 PM

8 Seconds @ Miner Station Fri Dec 13th 7 to 10

Miner Station

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Winter Wonderland

**A musical performance for Kindergarten, 1st,
and 2nd grade**

**December 4th
6:30 PM**

**Ladysmith Elementary School Gym
Doors open at 6 PM**



Winter Wonderland

**A musical performance for 3rd, 4th, and
5th grade**

**December 11th
6:30 PM**

**Ladysmith Elementary School Gym
Doors open at 6 PM**

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JAY'S ON 8
SNOW BLOWER TUNE UP SALE!
ONLY \$75

INCLUDES:
 Oil change, new spark plug, total inspection overall of drive system, belts, scraper bar, shear pins, slide shoes, inflate tires if needed & lubricate cables & levers. (Parts extra.)

Pick up and delivery available.
 Across from OakLeaf, Ladysmith, WI
715-609-1054

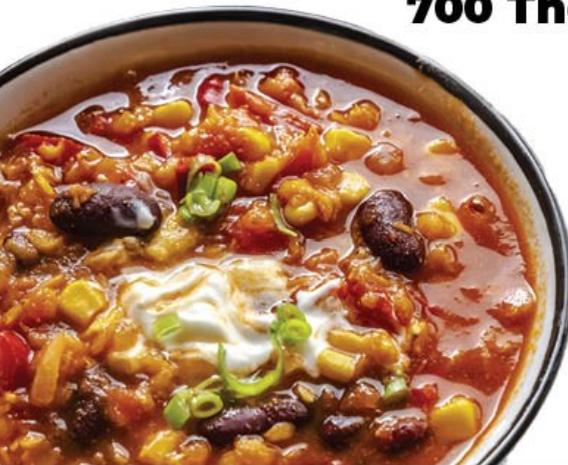
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Free Chili Lunch

Sunday, Dec. 8 • 11:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

700 Thomas St., Cornell, WI



**10 a.m. Worship
Cookoff to Follow**

Come for worship, a FREE meal and vote for your favorite chili.



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InChristLove.net

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JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S
**HAWKINS HOLIDAY
PARADE**



**DEC.
14TH**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS YEAR'S PARADE. BUSINESS OWNERS, GROUPS, FAMILIES, FRIENDS...COME JOIN IN THE FUN. LET'S SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER IN OUR TOWN. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ARRIN RICHTER OR AMANDA BRATLIE WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT AMAZING LIGHT DISPLAYS ARE CREATED THIS YEAR!

**5:00
PM**

A TREE LIGHTING, COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE AND A VISIT WITH SANTA WILL FOLLOW THE PARADE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.



VISIT WITH

Santa

Come and see the magic and meet Santa Claus!

HAWKINS COMMUNITY CENTER

December 14th following the Holiday Parade



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GINGERBREAD HOUSE *Decorating Contest*

Get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Contest! Drop off your creations at the Hawkins Library on December 9th.

Stop by the library during the week to vote on your favorite. The winner will be displayed next to Santa at the Community Center on December 14th, following the parade.

VOTE DECEMBER 10-13TH

at the Hawkins Library

RULES:

- *Entries must be on a solid base
- *Everything on the house must be edible
- *The contest is not restricted to houses; any type of building may be submitted



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Snow.
yep, we got it.

CHRISTIE MOUNTAIN

*Christmas @
The Exchange*
Hosted By
Red Cedar Room
Friday December 13th
5:30-8:30

Join us for Live Music, Nativity,
Kids Crafts, Cookies, Refreshments,
Face Painting, Photo Booth
and a Horse Drawn Wagon
Ride. No charge.

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Transformational Brain Art Workshop

with Sherri Wesolowski

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, art can play a crucial role in promoting social and emotional well-being. This is a wonderful opportunity for older adults to explore their creativity, form meaningful connections, and improve their brain health.

Come join us, make new friends, and discover the joy of artistic expression!

Sign up for as many sessions as you would like to attend:

January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 8, June 5,
July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4

1st Thursday of the month 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Ladysmith Senior Center 825 E 3rd St N Ladysmith, WI 54848	No Cost All Supplies Provided
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For registration & information visit:
www.adrcconnections.org/registrations
or call 1-888-538-3031



The Aging and Disability Resource Center Presents

Parkinson's/Lewy Body Dementia Support

For those living with Parkinson's Disease and/or Lewy Body Dementia, their caregivers and families.

Nobody really expects they'll be living with a chronic brain disease, so getting that diagnosis can be pretty overwhelming. The Parkinson's/Lewy Body Dementia Support Group (PALS) connects you with others in the same situation and can help you understand what to expect, help you to live well now, and to plan for your future.

At PALS meetings, attendees will explore tools and techniques to help deal with and ease some of the frustrations patients and caregivers may experience with everyday challenges. Hints and tips will be shared at the monthly meetings.

Connecting with others on the same journey can open new doors to resources available, help you develop better coping skills, and provide a network for education, socialization and support.

PALS can also help you make lemonade out of the lemons that may fall along the way. Getting through a bad day is a little easier with PALS.



Parkinson's/Lewy Body Dementia Support Group (PALS)

Monthly meetings on the
second Tuesday
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meetings in 2025:
Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13,
Jun. 10, Jul. 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14,
Nov. 11, Dec. 9

Marshfield Medical
Center Conference Room
1200 Port Arthur Road
Ladysmith, WI

Registration is not required and there is no cost to attend. For more information contact: Trisha Witham at trisha.witham@co.barron.wi.us or 715-532-2176

or
Mary Sue Timmerman at marysuetimmerman@yahoo.com



December 4th, 2024

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