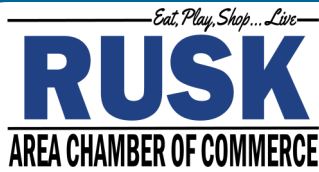


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The Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the VMA Drop Zone Bar & Grill and JK Productions to hold a Veterans Day celebration Saturday November 11th! This event will feature live music by country artists Derek Jones & The 50 South from Indiana (Derek is a Navy Veteran himself), raffles, and food and drinks available for purchase.

We would like to make this a free event for our community but need your support to do so. Please consider sponsoring this event so that we can celebrate Veterans in our area. There are three different levels of sponsorship:

#### Star and Stripes Sponsor - \$400

Your organization will be mentioned in all radio ads on WJMC, Fox 99.1, and WJBL (dozens of ads!), your logo will be on all flyers used for digital marketing (thousands of digital impressions!), you will receive a "Thank You" post on the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, and your organization will be thanked from the stage at the event.

#### Old Glory Sponsor - \$200:

Your logo will be on all flyers used for digital marketing (thousands of digital impressions!), you will receive a "Thank You" post on the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, and your organization will be thanked from the stage at the event.

#### Friend of the Veterans Day Celebration - \$100:

Receive a "Thank You" post on the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and your organization will be thanked from the stage at the event.

Please consider sponsoring this celebration. It is teammate sponsors like you who make it possible for us to hold such great community events. Sponsorship space is limited, and all sponsorships are first come first serve. Contact Andy at [manager@liveruskcounty.com](mailto:manager@liveruskcounty.com) to be a sponsor.

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## 2023 LEAF IT TO RUSK COUNTY-WIDE FALL FESTIVAL!



September 29th - October 1st

### Friday September 29th

**10:30 AM and 4:00 PM Harvest Decor Painting** - Lower level of the Rusk County Community Library. Free and open to all ages. All Materials will be provided.

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Bruce Farmer's Market** - 600 N. Alvey St., Bruce Featuring local produce, baked goods, meats, and much more.

**4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Rusk County's Honor the Fallen Motorcycle Ride & Fundraiser Pre-Party** - Pre-ride Party featuring Sean & Ian Okomo to playing from 6:30 to 9:30 at the Veterans Memorial Association/Drop Zone Bar & Grill. Gun and other Raffles, 50/50s, and fish fry & hamburger buffet!

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Leaf it to Rusk Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting** - Sample beer, wine and cheese from several brewers, wineries, and dairies. For tickets and info go to the Chamber Store at [liveruskcounty.com](http://liveruskcounty.com). Food available from Macchina Del Cibo.

**All Day Scarecrows on Parade** - It's almost time for Scarecrows on Parade! All scarecrows, from families, businesses, and organizations, will receive a \$10.00 gift card from Toad House. The 3 BIGGEST VOTE-GETTERS win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons provided by the Lady-smith Care and Rehab and Chamber Bucks \$25 for 1st, \$15 for 2nd, and \$10 for 3rd place from the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce. This year you will need to build your scarecrow at home or build it on site at the top of the bridge. From 9/11 to Saturday morning September 23rd, one of the artists from RAAA will be on the porch at Toad House with some supplies for you if you need a little help finding scarecrow attire. Businesses may enjoy putting up a scarecrow at their place of business. However to be included in the photographing and voting and gift card you will need to place your scarecrow at the top of the bridge. Secure firmly to posts or trees. Carefully fill out a card: name your scarecrow and write a little story about him or her. Place the card in plastic to avoid rain damage, attaching it with safety pins. After your scarecrow is secured at the top of the bridge, you may stop in at Toad House to pick up your gift card. We would love it if you can post a picture of your creation and creators to the Toad House Facebook page. Scarecrows must be up by Wednesday night September 27 in order to be eligible for the participation gift and voting. Voting will begin on Thursday, September 28 and run through Leaf it Rusk until Thursday, October 5. Winners will be notified and ribbons will be placed on the winners by Wednesday October 11. We hope your scarecrow is sturdy enough to brave a few weeks of Wisconsin weather! Please remove all traces of your friend before November 1st or your scarecrow may turn into a ghost! Questions? Text or call 715-609-9721

### Saturday September 30th

**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM County-wide Garage Sales** - Maps will be available online at [liveruskcounty.com](http://liveruskcounty.com), on the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, and at the Rusk County Visitor Center starting 9/22.

**8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Honor the Fallen Motorcycle Ride & Fundraiser** - Breakfast 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM, ride registration 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM, meal and raffles 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM. VMA Drop Zone Bar & Grill.

**8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Rusk County Farmers Market** - Corner of Hwy 9 & East 2nd St. Ladysmith. Fresh selection of vegetables, fruits & meat as well as honey, maple syrup, baked goods & more!

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Rusk Area Arts Alliance Art Show** - Check out great local art and meet local artists at the Security Financial Bank Community Room. Vote for your favorite art piece for your chance to win a \$25 Toad House gift certificate. Free cider and cookies.

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Leaf it to Rusk Sale at Plaid Peacock** - Pick a leaf for your discount. Either 10%, 15%, or 20% off one item of your choice plus door busters sales!

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Imago Dei Academy Bake Sale** - Lots of tasty treats. Look for the Tent outside of Plaid Peacock in Ladysmith.

**10:00 AM - Rusk Riders ATV Rides and Brat Feed** - Ride start at Weyerhaeuser Cenex with a brat feed at Bucks Lake from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Christie Mountain Chairlift Rides** - \$5 each way or walk for free. Food and beverages available at the top of the hill featuring Fat Cow Barbecue chicken, brisket, and pork.

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Car and Tractor show on Miner Avenue** - Driver's Choice and People's Choice Trophies given out for both cars and tractors along with \$300 in Chamber Bucks! Kid's Games. Music. Food available from Macchina Del Cibo. Classic cars and tractors please enter Miner Ave. from E. 2nd St. N. (Follow sign on Highway 8)

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Historic Appollonia Church Open House** - Open house and a short presentation at 11:00 AM on "Hobos" who passed through the area on trains during the depression.

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Ladysmith Adult Day Services Chili Feed and Bake Sale** - \$6 includes bowl of chili with all the fixins, breadstick, and water. Plus a bake sale. Seating available inside and out. 518 Lake Ave. W. This supports client activities and outings.

**11:00 AM Cooking Demo with Peter Kwong** - Join the Rusk County Community Library for a fun and engaging cooking demonstration and book signing by Chef and Author Peter Kwong.

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Soup & Chili Fundraiser** - Bruce Federated Church, 730 N. 2nd Street in Bruce. Soup (Chicken noodle or vegetable beef) or chili, roll, dessert, and beverage. \$8. Dine in or carry out. Basket Raffles.

**11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Rusk County Historical Society Museum** - Exhibits open to the public plus a special program Homesteading Then & Now. 11:00 AM - Wisconsin Farming in the 30s, 40s, and 50s. 1:30 PM - Homesteading Today. Call 715-532-0141 for questions.

**12:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Oktoberfest at Heart of the North Brewing Co.** - Releasing Heart of the North's Oktoberfest. Live music by Ben Johnson from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Bratwursts and more!

**1:00 - 4:00 PM Live Music at JS Supper Club** - Nuto's Band sponsored by Dave Vitcenda.

**All Day Scarecrows on Parade** - See above for information.

### Sunday October 1st

**10:00 AM Free Felsenmeer Guided Hike** - Join Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Andy Strom for a guided hike to the Blue Hills Felsenmeer. Meet in the back parking lot of the old Weyerhaeuser School. Bring a lunch if you wish. Dress appropriately for a 4.5 mile hike with some occasionally challenging terrain. Group heads out to the hike promptly at 10:10 AM.

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Christie Mountain Chairlift Rides** - \$5 each way or walk for free. Food and beverages available at the top of the hill featuring Fat Cow Barbecue chicken, brisket, and pork.

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM Ladysmith Fire Department Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** - Charcoal chicken dinner with sides. 1/4 for \$10 or 1/2 for \$15. All proceeds go towards firefighting equipment. Carry outs available. Call ahead for pickup - 715-403-0192.

**All Day Scarecrows on Parade** - See above for information.

For more information visit [liveruskcounty.com](http://liveruskcounty.com)



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Presents the

**2023 Leaf it to Rusk**

## Beer, Wine, & Cheese Fest

September 29th • 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Memorial Park • Ladysmith, Wisconsin

Admission includes a commemorative tasting glass and unlimited beer, wine, and cheese sampling from:



And more!

Your \$30 ticket includes:

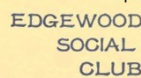
- Unlimited beer samples
- Unlimited wine samples
- Unlimited cheese samples
- Live music

Live music by:



All under the big party tent in beautiful Memorial Park along the Flambeau River in Ladysmith!

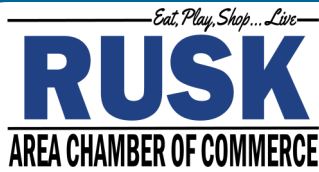
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Tickets are available online at [liveruskcounty.com](http://liveruskcounty.com)



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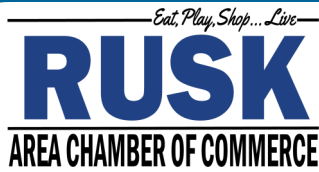
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Leaf it to Rusk County-Wide Garage Sale! To get your garage sale on the map email your address to [manager@liveruskcounty.com](mailto:manager@liveruskcounty.com) by 9/18. Maps will be available starting 9/22 online at [liveruskcounty.com](http://liveruskcounty.com), on the Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page, and at the Rusk County Visitor Center.

# Community Garage

SALE

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## Fall 2023 Teen Tuesdays

at the Rusk County Community Library

For ages 12-18

4:00-5:30pm

September 12, 26

October 10, 24

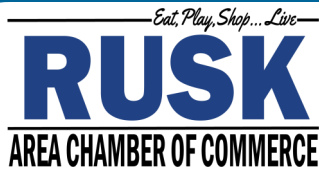
November 7, 21

December 5, 19



ladysmithpl.org  
715-532-2604  
[spooner@ladysmithpl.org](mailto:spooner@ladysmithpl.org)

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**Friends of the Rusk County Library**

## **Booktique**

**HOURS:**

- **Tuesdays 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM •**
- **Thursdays 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM •**
- **Saturdays 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM •**

- Open when white signs are out. -

**Rusk County Community Library**

**Lower Level**

**418 W. Corbett • Ladysmith**

**Friends of the Library Booktique is a non-profit used book store.**



# WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK!



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## Impact Kick Off **SEPT. 13**



## **5-6:30pm**

**Live Music!**

Join us for:

**Brats & Hot Dogs** with all the fixings  
& homemade **Malts!**

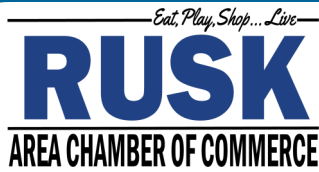
**Register for Impact** &  
kids get a free T-Shirt.

**Play 4 & 9 square, Corn Hole** &  
for the littles: **inflatables!**  
Bring a **friend and a lawn chair.**



**PICNIC**  
in the  
**PARKING**  
**LOT**

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## GriefShare®

### Grief recovery groups

#### Join us:

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 320 1st St. S., Ladysmith, WI

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30

DATES: Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 2023 – Jan. 3, 2024.

(No class on 10/18, 11/22, 12/27)  
Meet downstairs in the dining hall.

To register, call Hope Lutheran at 715-532-7739 or go to [griefshare.org](https://griefshare.org),  
click on "Find a group" and enter the 54848 zip code.

**GRIEFSHARE.ORG**



# WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK!



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The logo for the Rusk County Farmers Market. It features the words "Rusk County" in a curved, black, serif font at the top. Below this is a colorful illustration of various farm produce, including pumpkins, corn, and leafy greens. At the bottom, the words "FARMERS MARKET" are written in a large, bold, black, serif font.

## FARMERS MARKET

Open June - October

**Wednesdays 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

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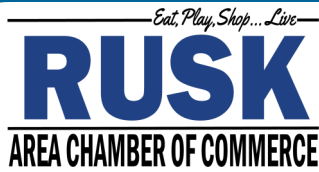
**Saturdays 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

Located in Ladysmith

• Corner of Highway 8 and East 2nd Street North •

Since 1990 local growers, crafters, and bakers have been bringing a wide variety of great products to the market. A variety of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are offered, as well as canned goods. Local bakers bring an assortment of delicious pies, breads, cookies, and many other baked goods. Meat, cheese, and eggs are also available. The market also boasts a wide assortment of crafts including jewelry, art, photography, and hand made bags as some of the offerings.

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## Fall 2023 Storytime Schedule at the Rusk County Community Library

### Baby and Toddler Storytime for ages 0-3, older siblings welcome

Wednesdays at 10:30am

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18

November 8, 15

December 6, 13, 20

### Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5

Thursdays at 10:30am

September 7, 14, 21, 28

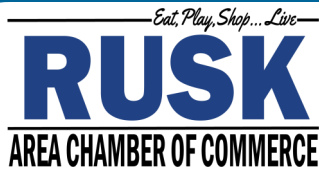
October 5, 12, 19

November 9, 16

December 7, 14, 21

Follow us on Facebook for updates:  
Rusk County Community Library (WI)

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**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**11 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**RUSK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

## CHILI FEED FUNDRAISER

(FREE WILL DONATION)

**CASH RAFFLES \* SILENT AUCTION \* KAYAK RAFFLE**

DISCOVER PROJECTS \* GAMES \* COLORING CONTEST

EXPLORE RUSK COUNTY CLUBS \* DNR PRESENTATION

**MAKE YOUR OWN SALSA AT THE SALSA GARDEN PARTY**



Brought to you by the Rusk County Junior Leaders Organization

COLOR RUN REGISTRATION 10 A.M. (4H Building)

RUN/WALK BEGINS 10:30 A.M.

ENTRY FEE: \$15 ADULT, \$10 CHILD (under 12)

REGISTER BY 9/8/23 TO RECEIVE A SHIRT

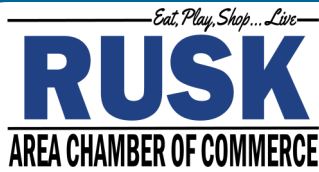


REGISTER HERE!

OR @ <https://rusk.extension.wisc.edu>



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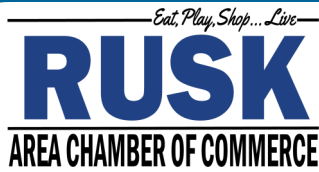
## Kid Zone!

Sundays 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM



Ladysmith Christian Church

For kids 3 years old through 5th grade. Weekly we learn about God through several things: worship, prayer, video, crafts, games, Bible stories and verses. Always a snack. Parent or guardian must sign children in and out. All volunteers are vetted.

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## Rusk County Community Library **Lego Club** **Fall 2023**

All ages welcome!  
Two times each day  
11am and 4:30pm

**September 18**  
**October 2, 16**  
**November 6, 20**  
**December 4, 18**

# WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK!

*Eat, Play, Shop... Live*  
**RUSK**  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## SIP FOR SURVIVORS



September 28th, 2023

Doors Open: 5pm

Tasting: 6pm-9pm

Cost: \$60 per person

\*Must be 21+ to participate in tasting event

The Creamery: 321 2nd Ave N, Haugen, WI



**The Creamery invites you to its 2nd annual Sip for Survivors, sponsored by Randall Therapeutic Services & Ashley Headley – State Farm Insurance Agency with proceeds to benefit St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team, Inc.**

The tasting will include a flight of 5 different wines and appetizers.

Enjoy a wonderful night of wine, food, silent auction items, and games to support an important cause.

Attendance is limited to 50 people and online pre-registration is required so register early before we sell out!

**About St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team (SART):** is a unique organization, offering forensic nursing care and advocacy within one organization to support survivors of all ages who have experienced sexual assault, strangulation, human trafficking, sexual exploitation and provides proactive education programs in the community.

St. Croix Valley SART has served Barron County since 2018. Their physical location at 12 W. Marshall St, Suite 204, Rice Lake, WI 54868 was new in 2020, which offers survivors of violence medical care at a welcoming and private community location.

**Purchase Tickets Here:**





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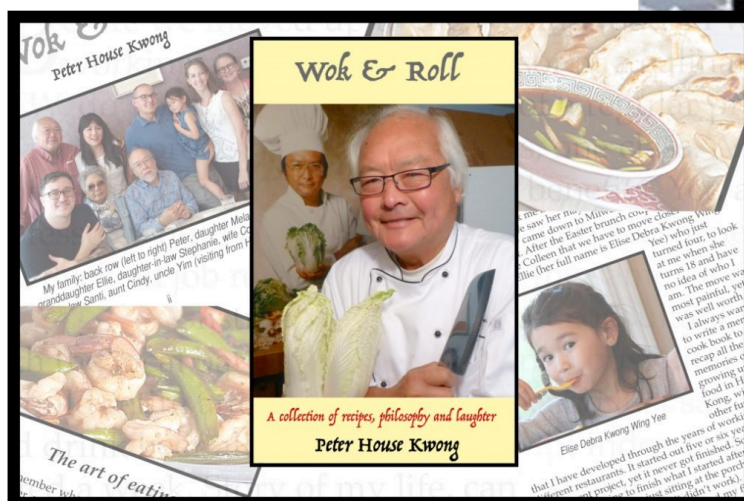
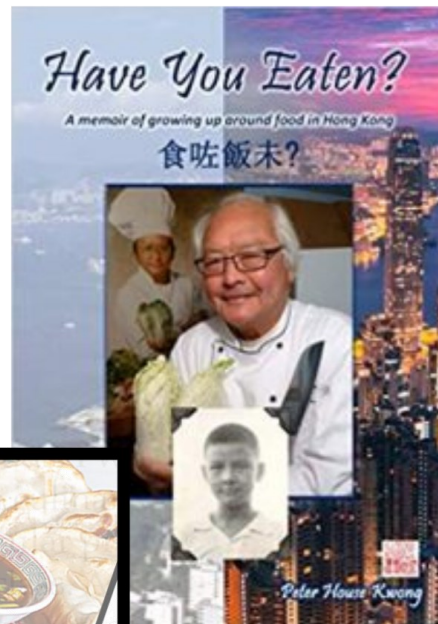
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## Cooking Demo with Peter Kwong

Join us for a fun and engaging cooking demonstration and book signing by chef and author Peter Kwong

When: September 30th at  
11am

Where: Rusk County  
Community Library



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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 the 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 2023:  
June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sep. 12, Oct. 10,  
Nov. 14, Dec. 12

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

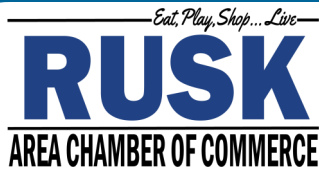
or  
Mary Sue Timmerman at  
marysuetimmerman@yahoo.com



**Marshfield Clinic  
Health System**



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## Ojibwe Storytelling

October 9th at 11am

lower level of Rusk County Community  
Library



Come celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day  
with us!

Join us for a fun and interactive puppet  
storytime (featuring Ramona as our  
storyteller)

Stay after the puppet show for some  
delicious frybread and wocapi sauce!





# WHAT'S UP THIS WEEK!



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## Rusk County Youth Council Presents Free ID Scanner Check Out for Community Events & Activities

### New Pilot Program!

- Helps reduce human error
- Supports volunteer workers to assist
- Is able to quickly & efficiently scan IDs with large crowds
- No cost to check out
- Can be used anywhere
- WiFi is not required
- Resources & tip sheets will be provided
- 2 Battery Packs included for outdoor events
- Recognition for being a community partner


### 2023 Calendar Availability



Easily scan IDs to ensure legal sales of alcohol & tobacco.

### Easy to Use

The Minor Decliner Smart ID Scanner is simple to use.



This high-quality age verification machine detects expired IDs and underage consumers.

This driver's license scanner is the ideal product to increase your employees' efficiency.

Help check IDs properly, and reduce the "human error" factor.

As part of a county wide initiative to support legal sales, RCYC has an ID scanner available to check out for community events. The goal is to promote a safe and legal environment for sales at community events and to support those workers making the sales with tools and education.

For more information contact 715-532-2292  
or [ruskcountyyouthcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ruskcountyyouthcouncil@gmail.com).

Supported with funds from Rusk County Health & Human Services prevention initiatives