

September 2026

What's Up...



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 RUSKCOUNTYCHAMBER.ORG



Coffee & Commerce

Looking to build business connections in a relaxed setting? Join us for Coffee & Commerce!

Hosted at The Toad House

 Held the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8am-9am

Interested in sponsoring? Contact RACC today.

Chamber Investor window clings are available at the RACC office. Stop & pick yours up!





FINAL COMMUNITY NOMINATION RESULTS

2026 TOP 10 QUALIFIERS

These establishments received the most nominations in their categories and earned the first invitations to enter. Vote totals include counted comments, replies, reactions and email submissions.

BURGER BATTLE

1	Jamie's Tavern	82
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
2	Loony Bin	68
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
3	Cedar Lodge	65
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
4	Drop Zone Bar & Grill	59
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
5	Adventures Resort	28
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
6	LJ's American Bar	21
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
7	Phat Bob's at Big Swede's	20
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
8T	JS Supper Club	17
	Tied for eighth	NOMINATIONS
8T	The Timber Lodge	17
	Tied for eighth	NOMINATIONS
10	Flater's Resort	16
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS

BLOODY MARY BATTLE

1	Heart of the North Brewing Co.	83
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
2	Drop Zone Bar & Grill	78
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
3	Jamie's Tavern	75
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
4	Loony Bin	65
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
5	Adventures Resort	28
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
6T	Porky's Bar / Papa Joe's	26
	Tied with Miner Station	NOMINATIONS
6T	Miner Station	26
	Tied with Porky's / Papa Joe's	NOMINATIONS
8	5th Quarter	23
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
9	Phat Bob's at Big Swede's	20
	Top 10 invitation earned	NOMINATIONS
10	Narrows Resort	19
	Advanced after Cedar Lodge withdrew	NOMINATIONS

Bloody Mary field update: Cedar Lodge received 49 nominations but withdrew from the Bloody Mary category. Narrows Resort moved into the qualifying field as the next-highest nominee. Cedar Lodge's Burger Battle standing remains listed. All qualifiers remain subject to acceptance, Chamber eligibility, approval and payment before becoming official competitors.

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Bloody Burger Battle 2026 | Rusk County Area Chamber of Commerce

Taste the competition, support local favorites, and explore Rusk County one stop at a time. Cast your votes, win prizes, discover new places, and help...

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2026 MUSIC ON MINER

Join the Rusk Area Chamber of
Commerce for a summer
evening of live music in
downtown Ladysmith as Classic
Roads performs on
Friday, **August 28th, 2026**

6pm–9pm on Miner Ave





**You Are Invited to Join Us at
St John's Lutheran Church
 for Our Fall Picnic and Prayer Path Tours
 on September 13, 2026**

PicnicLunch Time:

Luncheon begins at 11:00 AM (General Public)
 Tours will follow lunch

Location: 515 College Avenue W Ladysmith, WI

*The church's picnic menu will include
 Brats, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Chips, & Drinks*

The Prayer Path is a peaceful 1/4-mile walk.

The path includes a woodland section with views of Corbett Lake.

There are benches along the path to rest. Each Bench has a QR code that will bring up a devotion and prayer on the walker's phone.



Leaf it to **RUSK**

Saturday, September 26th



SHOP
LOCAL



DINE
LOCAL



ENJOY
LOCAL

*Support our local businesses
and celebrate our community!*





Bruce Community Farmers Market
 Shop local every Friday at Bruce Park in Bruce, Wisconsin! The Bruce Community Farmers Market features a variety of local vendors offering fresh produce, maple syrup, handmade crafts, farm-fresh meats, eggs, and more.

Friday September 25, 2026

1:00–5:00 PM

Bruce Park – Bruce, WI

A great way to support local growers, producers, and makers while enjoying the Bruce community!

Children's Bicycle & Trike Decorating Contest

Bring the kids and their wheels to E. 2nd St. N. in Ladysmith for a fun-filled Children's Bicycle & Trike Decorating Contest! Judging begins at 11am. Prizes awarded!

Children are invited to trick out their bikes and trikes with colorful crafts, streamers, fall decorations, and creative themed props. Show off your creativity and join in the fun as the decorated rides are judged!

 **Decorate it. Ride it. Show it off!**

A fun, family-friendly activity celebrating creativity, community, and the start of the autumn season.



Parade of Scarecrows on Miner Ave!

Businesses can create their own scarecrow, sponsor a local family or youth group to create one, or partner with a Miner Ave business if they are located outside of downtown. This is a fun and easy way to promote your business, support local families, and help make Miner Ave festive for residents and visitors during Leaf It to Rusk.

Please contact Eilene Ziesle at 715-609-9721 for complete details, important dates, scarecrow guidelines, and ideas for getting involved.

Businesses Need Scarecrows – Scarecrows Need Creators! We hope you'll join us in filling Miner Ave with scarecrows and making this a great community tradition!



Plaid Peacock will be 20% off STOREWIDE on Leaf it to Rusk Saturday!

***Excludes food and drink**

- **Enjoy sampling our yummy foods!**
- **Enter door prize drawing with purchase of \$25 or more! Prize is \$50 gift certificate!**



Christie Mountain - Leaf it to Rusk

Check for updates at:

<https://www.facebook.com/christiemountain>



**Friends of the
Rusk County Community Library
Bookstore**

LEAF IT TO RUSK

BIG BOOK **Everything**

25 or 50 cents!

Friday September 25

Saturday September 26 10-4

SALE

All proceeds

**418 Corbett Ave
Ladysmith
Library Lower Level**

SEPTEMBER 25 & 26 10AM - 5PM

2026

Art along the Flambeau

Rusk Area Arts Alliance is hosting an art crawl in the Rusk County area during the LeafittoRuskWeekend!

Stop in and meet the artists, view, enjoy or purchase their work right in their studios or other local venues. A few of the mediums include painting, pottery, woodcarving, weaving, gourd art, photography, chainsaw carving, and pyrography.

Maps available at the Rusk County
Visitors Center & Toad House.
Download digital maps at ruskartarts.org

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THE 5:05

Business After Hours

Hosted by Ladysmith Federal

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

5:05 PM

Rusk County Farmer's Market
Corner of Hwy 8 & East 2nd Street, Ladysmith, WI 54848

- Meet your local Community Bankers
- Network with local professionals
- Build community connections
- Learn more about what is going on in the banking industry
- Enjoy a Community Cookout

RUSK
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RUSK COUNTY
FARMER'S
MARKET



Presented by Ladysmith Federal

FREE ESTATE PLANNING EVENT!

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Grandpa's Pizza & Grill
1102 Edgewood Ave E, Ladysmith, WI 54848

12:30 PM - Light Lunch

1:00 PM - Presentation Begins

Estate Planning
with Attorney
Richard Summerfield

- How to properly plan and manage your estate
- Practical guidance for making informed decisions

**Deposit Account
Legacy Planning**

Learn how account ownership, titling, and beneficiaries can help you plan ahead and make sure your wishes are understood.

SPACE IS LIMITED!
PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
To ensure your spot:

Call (715) 532-3389

Email
contact@ladysmithfederal.com

People You Know. Experience You Trust.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LADYSMITH SURPLUS AUCTION NOW LIVE!

Auctioning off surplus equipment including wood shop equipment, mechanic's shop equipment, tools, welders, lawn and garden equipment, and more — 123 lots in total!



**BIDDING OPEN NOW
THROUGH:**
September 4, 2026
at 11:00 AM

LOCATION:
1700 Edgewood Ave E
Ladysmith, WI 54848

INSPECTION DATE:
August 26, 2026
9:30 AM-1 PM
and 3-6 PM
(by appointment only,
no walk-ins)

PAYMENT DEADLINE:
September 10, 2026

REMOVAL DEADLINE:
September 14, 2026
(\$10/day storage fee
applies after)

QUESTIONS?
Contact Kyle Jeffress
715-532-5531 ext. 21460
kjeffress@sdliwi.org

**VIEW THE FULL CATALOG
AND PLACE YOUR BIDS:**

<https://bid.wisconsin-surplus.com/Public/Auction/AuctionDetails?AuctionId=ehBuywqP27RhHsWrM9OixA%3d%3d>

ALL ITEMS SOLD AS-IS, WHERE-IS. INSPECTION ENCOURAGED BEFORE BIDDING.

BitterSweet Farms 3rd Annual KIDD KRAZY ANIMAL ADVENTURE



**September 19th & 20th, 26th & 27th
October 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th, 24th & 25th**

11am - 4pm

**Petting Zoo
Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
Kids Crafts
Concessions
Educational Demonstrations**

ENTRY:
FREE WILL DONATION
Suggested Donation
Adults \$5 • Children \$3

Parking: FREE
HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES
\$5 per person. 2 years and under free.
Everyone must sign a waiver to ride.



Location:
Corner of
State Hwy 40
&
Edgewood Rd
Bruce, WI
6 miles north of Bruce





Paws and Patriots
Join us 9/13/2026 12-2pm at Tractor Supply in Ladysmith WI.

Live Band!

Veteran Resources!

Equine Session Demo

Family Fun!

Meet Adoptable Cats and Dogs!

Meet the OHH Horses and Donkeys!

Food Truck!

Made possible by:

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

INDIANHEAD

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Are you a teacher, librarian, coach, youth group leader or someone who works with youth ages 12-18 in Rusk County?

September 15, 2026 from 9 am to 3:30 pm
Online via Teams

Free certification!



Call Kaylee at Rusk County Public Health: 715-532-2299 or email kbugbee@ruskcountywi.gov for more information or follow the link above to enroll.



SSG Nathan J. Vacho
KIA 05/05/06
Babil Province, Iraq



SSG Patrick L. Lybert
KIA 06/21/06
Gowardesh, Afghanistan

20th Annual

HONOR THE FALLEN RIDE

MAY 9 & SEPT. 26, 2026

Drop Zone Bar & Grill

Veterans Memorial Association, 605 Summit Avenue, Ladysmith, WI

**8:00 - 11:00 AM
BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Served by Women with Courage

**8:00 - 11:00 AM
RIDE REGISTRATION**

*Suggested Donation:
\$15/person • \$25/couple*

**11:00 - 4:00 PM
95 MILE RIDE, 2 STOPS**

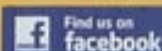
**3:30 - 7:00 PM
MEAL/RAFFLES/AUCTION**

Vacho-Lybert Post 127

Ladysmith, Wisconsin

MISSION: To raise funds to support
Post 127, pay tribute to fellow
Veterans and support the
local community

For more information, contact
John Vacho
715-415-4580 or
john.vacho@yahoo.com



YOU DON'T NEED A MOTORCYCLE TO PARTICIPATE. COME FOR THE MEAL AND
THE MANY RAFFLES. **FREE BUS WILL FOLLOW THE BIKES FOR NON-RIDERS.**
MEET OLD FRIENDS, MAKE SOME NEW ONES.

**ALL PROCEEDS RAISED FROM THE RIDES ARE USED TO SUPPORT
VETERANS' PROGRAMS, MEMORIALS AND THE COMMUNITY.**



ACE
HOME CENTER

Lampert
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TRIP



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Automation





Camp TLC Days

at Trail's End!

Help give Trail's End some Tender Loving Care!

Join us for volunteer work days to spruce up our camp and keep it beautiful!



2026
Camp TLC Days



Saturday, April 25

Saturday, May 16

Saturday, June 13

Saturday, August 8

Saturday, September 19

Saturday, October 17

We'll begin each day with a quick overview of projects and get to work from there. Feel free to bring work gloves and any tools you enjoy using, though some supplies will be available at camp



8:00 AM - Noon



Work together, make friends, and help care for Trail's End!



Ice Age Trail 2026

Blue Hills Chapter

GUIDED HIKE
EVERY MONTH

May 30

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 19

October 17

November 14

Different routes each
month in the Blue Hills.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Watch the Blue Hills Chapter
Facebook page for the location and
start time of each month's hike.



ICE AGE TRAIL
ALLIANCE

MINER AVENUE SUITES

NORTHWOODS CHARM ... BUSINESS PRESTIGE

THREE UNIQUE SPACES • ONE BEAUTIFUL LOCATION

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BIG-SCREEN
TVS

- BONUS ROOM WITH COMPUTERS
- LEATHER LOUNGE SEATING
- 2 RESTROOMS • LAUNDRY ROOM
- PERFECT FOR BIRTHDAYS,
SHOWERS, MEETINGS & CELEBRATIONS

LEASE

SUITE

106

PREMIER STOREFRONT SPACE

1,400 SQ. FT. COMMERCIAL SUITE

AVAILABLE AUGUST 1, 2026!



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— 102 —

BUSINESS OFFICE SUITE

500 SQ. FT. OFFICE STYLE SPACE



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OPPORTUNITY



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Ladysmith, WI
54848



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715-456-3304



beth@ladysmithads.com



**Stick Figure
Studio**



CLAY LEAF BOWL WORKSHOP

SEPT 9TH, 16TH AND 23RD

IN THE BASEMENT OF **ADVENTURES BAR & GRILL** IN TONY, WI

3 SESSIONS FROM 5:00 - 6:00PM

EVENT DETAILS

1ST SESSION - CREATE THE BOWL FROM CLAY

2ND SESSION - GLAZE THE BOWL

3RD SESSION - RECIEVE YOUR BOWL, REFLECT AND
CELEBRATE!

SIGN UP BY: SEPT. 7TH
715-415-0561 OR
ROBINRKELLEYART@GMAIL.COM

ADULTS ONLY OR 13+ W/ADULT
COST - \$30 EACH
PAY CASH, CHECK OR VENMO



On the Road to the Edgar Steam Show!
The Ed Tomasovich's John Deere Plow from Ed's Machine Shed –
Wisconsin's Plow Museum is on its way to the Edgar Steam
Show, happening August 28–30, 2026!
What a great opportunity to showcase a piece of Wisconsin's
agricultural history and represent our area at this year's show.

Investor Job Opportunities

Body Shop Hiring

Car Craft Auto Body, Inc.

N3241 Hwy 27 South

Ladysmith, WI 54848

715-532-7408

cckids@centurytel.net

Please stop by for an application.

Body Shop Technician

***experience preferred**

***no experience necessary/we will train**

Music on Miner pic drop...

