



2018 Leaf it to Rusk Fall Festival

Unwind Your Mind in Rusk County!
September 28, 29 & 30, 2018
Friday, Saturday & Sunday



The Leaf it to Rusk Fall Festival is a county-wide celebration of the fall season in Rusk County.

For more information on events, call the Greater Ladysmith Area Chamber of Commerce office at 715-532-7328 or the Rusk County Visitor Center at 715-532-2642 or visit www.ladysmithchamber.com.

\$ = There is a fee for this event

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Bruce Farmer’s Market

Hwy 8, Bruce (Bruce Telephone Co. parking lot)

Fri. Sept. 28 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Come shop the large selection of fresh produce at the Bruce Farmer’s Market and enter to win the market basket drawing.

Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting Event \$

Colonial Nursery N4028 Hwy 27

Fri. Sept. 28 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Join the Chamber for a fun-filled evening to kick-off our Leaf it to Rusk weekend! Cost: \$20.00 (advance tickets); \$25 (from Sep. 27 to event) - purchase tickets in advance at the Chamber Office, at ladysmithchamber.com or at the door that night. Come and enjoy samples of locally made craft beers, wines from Infinity Beverages, appetizers, Wisconsin sheep milk cheese samples, and delicious appetizers from Maple Hill Farm. Enjoy free casino games with prizes sponsored by Today’s Professionals! Contact the Chamber Office at 715-532-7328 for more info. Must be 21 to attend.

Sing Along

Apollonia Church N4517 Cemetery Rd, Bruce (intersection of Hwy 8 and Cemetery Rd. in Apollonia)

Fri. Sept. 28 6:00pm

Enjoy at non-denominational singing event, cookies and coffee sponsored by the Bruce Federated Church, Martha Circle, and Bruce Area Historical Society.

'John Fox' Band

Theatre Lounge 104 E 2nd St S, Ladysmith

Fri. Sept. 28 8:00pm – 11:00pm

Enjoy great music by John Fox.

Scarecrows on Parade!

Hwy 8 – top of the bridge by the Government Center

All Weekend

Children, enter the Family Scarecrow Contest! Create a scarecrow before September 27th (your parents can help) and securely fasten your creation to one of the posts at the top of the bridge. Businesses and organizations are also encouraged to enter the contest.

Everyone can stroll along the sidewalk to view the marvelous scarecrows created by families, area businesses and organizations. Vote for your top 3 scarecrows by the end of the day Sunday, September 30th and before the scarecrows leave for whatever comes next in a scarecrow's short life!!

Saturday Events

County Wide Garage Sale

Sat. Sept. 29

Do you have something you need to get rid of and don't want to throw away? Those interested in having a garage sale are encouraged to call the Greater Ladysmith Area Chamber of Commerce no later than September 21 at noon to be put on a map that will list all the garage sales in Rusk County. Maps will be available at the Rusk County Visitor Center, Ladysmith City Hall, Bruce Village Hall, Barney's Meats, Toad House, and Valentine's Village Store the week of September 24th. There is no cost to be put on the map. For more information, call 715-532-7328 or email manager@ladysmithchamber.com.

Rusk County's Honor the Fallen Motorcycle Ride & Fundraiser \$

Veterans Memorial Association/Drop Zone Bar & Grill 605 Summit Ave W, Ladysmith

Sat. Sept. 29 8:00am – 6:30pm

The 12th Annual Rusk County's Honor the Fallen will bring motorcycle riders in from across the state. Ride registration will take place from 8:00am to 11:00am. A pancake breakfast will be served and open to the public during registration hours and served by Women with Courage Foundation. The public is also invited to attend a chicken meal with several raffles taking place from 4:00pm-6:30pm. Please support our local Veterans programs!

Holly's Fun Fair

Holly's Last Stand 1610 Lake Ave. W-West of Ladysmith on Hwy 8

Sat. Sept. 29 8:00am - 4:00pm

Big Flea Market plus samples of local sheep cheese, sporting goods, crafts, kids' activities, and cookie decorating! Please call Holly's Last Stand if you are interested in setting up a flea market booth.

Biggest Farmers Market of the Season

Rusk County Farmer's Market - Hwy 8 and E 2nd St. N, Ladysmith (near Government Center)

Sat. Sept. 29 8:30am - 1:00pm (extended hours for event). This Farmers Market brings together the best of the Rusk County area fall harvest. Taste your way through the market with free samples. Enjoy live music and cooking demonstrations and local crafts.

10:00am - 1:00pm Charcoal Chicken Dinner at the Farmers Market site. Join the Ladysmith EMT's fundraiser for a great meal while visiting the Farmers Market and support your local ambulance.

Rusk County Visitor Center & Railroad Displays

205 W 9th St. South, Ladysmith (Hwy 27)

Sat. Sept. 29 8:30am - 1:00pm

Stop in at the Visitor Center for a tour of the renovated train, caboose, and boxcar. Learn about their renovation process.

Rusk Area Arts Alliance Art Harvest - Leaf it to the Toads

Toad House 711 Lake Ave, Ladysmith

Sat. Sept. 29 9:00am - 2:00pm

Art Harvest with the Toadally Artsy Kids Leaf Art

9:00am - 2:00pm

Open mic at the piano. Come and play or sing your favorite tunes on the baby grand piano to receive a free Toadsicle or Toad Cupcake from the Happy Toads!

12:00pm - 1:00pm

'Six Silver Dollars' band will perform in the gazebo on the Toad's patio.

Connections Store Parking Lot Sale

500 W 9th St N, Ladysmith

Sat. Sept. 29 9:00am - 3:00pm

The Connections Store will be hosting a Thrift/Craft Sale in the Connections Store parking lot. Looking for people interested in setting up a table or more. Those wanting to have a space are asked to donate a non-perishable food item in place of a registration fee. You are responsible for your own table/chair etc. To reserve a space, please contact Jeff at the Connections Store & More: 715-532-7542.

Bruce News Letter Museum

Located ½ block off Main St. on E River Ave, Bruce (watch for Museum sign)

Sat. Sept 29 9:00am - 3:00pm

Stop in for a complimentary cup of coffee and view all the displays including the new logging display. Volunteers on hand to answer your history questions.

Fine Arts Center & Gallery “Bubble Wrap Art”

105 W Miner Ave (downtown Ladysmith in Miner Plaza)

Sat. Sept. 29 9:00am - 5:00pm

Kids will have fun with bubble wrap making ears of corn.

Rusk Riders ATV Club Guided ATV Ride

Meet at the former Weyerhaeuser School

Sat. Sept. 29 10:00am & 1:00pm rides

The Rusk Riders ATV Club will have two guided ATV rides on the trail leaving from the former Weyerhaeuser School parking lot and riding to the Buck’s Lake ATV parking lot and back. Lunch will be available at Buck’s Lake. For more info, contact Dave Williams at 715-532-0282.

Petting Zoo and Activities

Gordy’s Market 400 W 9th St N, Ladysmith

Sat. Sept. 29 10:00am - 5:00pm

Visit the petting zoo to see a variety of farm animals. Take part in pumpkin carving and decorating and apple bobbing. The contestant with the most apples will win a \$25 Gordy’s gift card. A fall picture backdrop for family photos will be available. Gordy’s brat stand will be open selling brats, hotdogs and burgers.

Downtown Ladysmith Activities

Miner Ave, Ladysmith

Sat. Sept. 29

9:00am – 2:00pm: Arts & Crafts Vendors - Miner Ave & Miner Plaza

10:00am – 1:00pm: Apple Pie and Voter Registration - Rusk Dems Office

10:00am – 2:00pm: Classic Car Show - Miner Ave.

10:00am – 2:00pm: Antique Tractor Show - Miner Ave.

11:00am: Kid’s Games & Activities (Apple Toss, Pumpkin Bowling, Giant Connect 4) – Miner Ave.

12:00pm - 3:00pm: Skate Competition & Raffle - Ladysmith Skate Park

12:00pm: 211 Beer Garden on Miner Ave.

12:00pm – 10:00pm: Music on Miner Ave

- 12:00pm – 1:00pm: ‘Sage Leary’
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm: ‘South of 8’
- 3:30pm – 6:30pm: ‘Austin Fire’
- 7:00pm – 10:00pm: ‘Anxiety’

Ladysmith Main Street will be having a **Downtown Scavenger Hunt on Saturday**. Sheets will be available for pick-up at the Rusk County Visitor Center.

Felsenmeer Hike & Picnic Lunch \$

Sat. Sept. 29 - 10:30am (rain or shine)

Enjoy the unique beauty of the Blue Hills with the Felsenmeer hike and picnic lunch. This will be a three mile (round trip) guided hike. The Blue Hills Felsenmeer is a fractured rock formation that was created at the time of the last glaciation. The area's unique geology and plant species qualifies it as a Wisconsin State Natural Area.

This is a strenuous hike and requires appropriate hiking footwear. Not appropriate for young children. Prior registration and payment (\$10) required by Sept. 21. No refunds after Sept. 21. A sack lunch and bottled water are provided. Hikers will meet at the former Weyerhaeuser School rear parking lot at 10:30am.

You must register with the Chamber Office in person or online at ladysmithchamber.com.

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Christie Mountain Fall Color Chairlift Rides \$

W13755 County Rd O, Bruce

Sat. Sept. 29 11:00am - 4:00pm

Experience breathtaking views of the Blue Hills, participate in the activities and enjoy a light lunch.

- Chairlift rides
- Intro to Rock Climbing for kids & adults (conditions permitting)
- Sheriff & Fire Department demonstrations
- Refreshments available for purchase
- Craft vendors

Rusk County 4-H Green & White Day

Rusk County Fairgrounds, Ladysmith

Sat. Sept. 29 11:00am - 9:00pm

Support our local 4-H Clubs at Green and White Day. There will be a grilled chicken dinner from 11:00am-4:00pm and a pie and cake auction at noon. The Barn Dance will be held in the Round

Barn from 5:00pm-9:00pm with refreshments provided. A raffle drawing will take place at 7:00pm. Raffle tickets are available from 4-H members and at the Rusk Co. UW Extension Office.

OLS School Gala-Featuring Dueling Pianos \$

Colonial Nursery N4028 Hwy 27, Ladysmith

Sat. Sept. 29 6:00pm

Put your fancy on and attend the Our Lady of Sorrows School 5th Annual Gala featuring Dueling Pianos by 'Rock It Man Entertainment'. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar available, live dessert auction, raffles begin at 6:00pm!

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