

# Calendar of events



**FLAMBEAU FOREVER** — Flambeau Forever Foundation board members include Jody Oelkers (front, l. to r.), Sara Baker and Bev Dukerschein; and (in back) Rich Hanson, Dan Zimmer and Ted Alberson. — Submitted photo

## Flambeau Forever Foundation established

The Flambeau School Community announced the Flambeau Forever Foundation has been established. The Foundation will connect the community and Flambeau School students by providing enriching educational experiences.

The origination of the foundation was made possible by a generous anonymous donation of \$30,000. Additionally, a \$500 donation from the David L. Pirogowicz and Theresa L. Jansen Charitable Foundation through the Silicon Valley Community Foundation has been received along with several other similar donations.

"Donations to the Flambeau Forever Foundation will provide sustainable funding into the future. This is because the principal balance is never touched, only the earnings are granted out," said Flambeau Forever Foundation President Sara Baker. "The focus is on the students and creating opportunities for them."

The Flambeau Forever Foundation will work directly with the Rusk County Community Founda-

tion, which will manage the funds. The first monies have been allocated into three funds within the Foundation. The three funds are Academics, Activities and Athletics. Anyone who wants to support the Foundation can choose which fund they would like to direct their donation to. Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible and will be kept separate from the Flambeau School District operating budget.

The funds within this Foundation will help fill the gaps that exist due to school budget cutbacks. Beginning this fall, up to \$3,000 will be available to grantees. Through a complete application process projects that meet the mission of the Foundation will be funded.

The Flambeau Forever Foundation is in its inception and is soliciting support from anyone willing to help fulfill the mission connecting the community and Flambeau students by funding enriching educational experiences. For more information, go to [www.flambeau.k12.wi.us/community/flambeauforeverfoundation.cfm](http://www.flambeau.k12.wi.us/community/flambeauforeverfoundation.cfm).

## An evening of great music planned for Sept. 16

A full evening of music will take place Sept. 16 in Ladysmith.

Begin at the Worden Avenue Exchange, 310 Worden Ave. from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for RAAA's fall Musicales. Hear a variety of local musicians, including Pat Reynolds and granddaughter, Sue Disbrow; the Congo Quartet of Terry Dukerschein, Kim Rogers, Pat Reynolds, and Jonathan Stanley; Charmaine Johnson; a string quartet of Robin Fossum, Michael Elling, Kurt Hoesly, and Jonathan Stanley; a string trio of Karla Hegde,

Don Weibel, and Emily Hogstad as well as Carol McDowell and band (bass, guitar, fiddle, and drums). Free will donation. Light refreshments will be served.

You will still have plenty of time to continue your evening of music at 7:30 p.m. at Ladysmith High School to hear the Flambeau Valley Arts presentation of SongBlast, dueling guitars.

It is sure to be an enjoyable musical evening provided by local and professional musicians.

## Main Street seeks Parade of Scarecrow participants

The Ladysmith Main Street Promotions Committee along with Rusk Area Arts Alliance and Toad House are looking for entries in the 2016 Parade of Scarecrows along Lake Avenue at the top of the bridge.

Mark Buchholz of Buchholz Feed Store will be donating basic supplies and Kara Douglass of Ladysmith Care Community will be co-anchoring the project by organizing voting and ribbon awards for the three top vote getters in the Business/Organization Category. Ladysmith Mainstreet will offer Chamber Bucks in \$50, \$30, and \$20 denominations for the top three vote-getters in the Family Category.

Call the Rusk County Visitor's Center & Rail Display at 715-532-7328 by Friday, Sept. 9 to help determine the number of fence posts

needed to provide name, phone number, and whether an entry is for an individual/family or a business/organization. This information is needed for awarding prizes.

Bring or build your scarecrow between Saturday, Sept. 17 and Friday, Sept. 23 at the top of the bridge, on a pole provided for you. Do your best to create a scarecrow securely, in a manner that will withstand a few weeks of September and October weather, wire and twine provided. The scarecrows will be up thru Halloween, Oct. 31.

Voting begins on Saturday, Sept. 24 during Leaf it to Rusk through Saturday Oct. 1. Winners will be announced the week of Oct. 9. Prizes will be awarded by Alan Christianson of Main Street at Toad House at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 15.



**A HORSE OF COURSE** — Vinnie Jacobs (l. to r.) and Beckett Jacobs, both representing the Women With Courage Foundation accept a donation of a stuffed horse named "Nellie" from Wells Fargo Bank, represented by Branch Manager Joseph Gebert. Women With Courage will auction off the horse at its annual fundraising banquet on Oct. 21 and 22. Proceeds will assist the organization fund stipends to Rusk County residents and families as who are coping with cancer.

— News photo by Luke Klink

**September 9-10**  
**FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT** — Friday, Sept. 9, 4:30 p.m. - Saturday, 10, 3 p.m., at Barker Lake Lodge, north of Winter. Sponsored by Living Faith Church, [livingfaithchurch.org](http://livingfaithchurch.org). Register by Sept. 1 by calling Donna Jerry at 715-943-2627.

**September 10**  
**BOY SCOUT BRAT AND BAKE SALE** — Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Cenex in Weyerhaeuser. Scouts raising money to attend the BSA National Jamboree in West Virginia next summer.

**CLASSY GLASS PAINT NIGHT EVENT** — Saturday, Sept. 10, 4-6 p.m., at Fine Arts Center and Gallery, 105 W. Miner Ave., Ladysmith. Paint on wine glasses instead of canvas. Call 715-403-1418.

**September 12**  
**LADYSMITH COMMUNITY SINGERS FALL REHEARSALS** — Beginning Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m., in the music room of North Cedar Academy, 1500 Port Arthur Road. Please use east door (NE1). New members welcome. Call 715-532-6338 for information.

**September 13**  
**STRONG BONES** — Every Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 13 through Nov. 17, at RCMH Rehabilitation Department. Low intensity class 11 a.m.-noon; high intensity class 5-6 p.m. \$40 fee due Sept. 6. Call 715-532-5561 ext. 1301 for information.

**CRUISE NIGHTS** — Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m. until dark, Main Street, Bruce. Rain date is Wednesday. Anything on wheels is welcome. Call 715-868-CARS for information.

**September 14**  
**INGRAM COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING** — Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m., Ingram Park Pavilion.

**FORUM ON HOMELESSNESS** — Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m., Rusk County Courthouse (west entrance). All are welcome.

**September 15**  
**HEALING RAIN GARDEN** — Thursday, Sept. 15, 2:30 p.m., Servite Center for Life. Blessing of the new space for quiet and reflection. Servants of Mary Grounds.

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING** — Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., Rusk County Courthouse (west entrance). All are welcome.

**WELCOME TO MEDICARE** — Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m., Ladysmith Senior Center (Fairgrounds). Presentation by Lindsay Ohmstead, Elder Benefit Specialist with ADRC. Call 715-532-2176 for information.

**September 16**  
**RUSK AREA ARTS ALLIANCE FALL MUSICAL** — Friday, Sept. 16, 5:30-7 p.m., at Worden Avenue Exchange, 310 Worden Ave., Ladysmith. A variety of local musicians.

**SONGBLAST** — Friday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m., Ladysmith High School. Dueling guitars. Presented by Flambeau Valley Arts Association.

**September 17**  
**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BIG BOOK SALE** — Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., East Room, lower level of the Rusk County Community Library,

418 W. Corbett Ave., Ladysmith. The best deals around in books, magazines, audiotapes and videos. Call Ruth at 715-532-5731 for information.

**September 18**  
**BRUCE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING** — Sunday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Bruce Museum on River Street. Regular meeting followed by election of new officers.

**CONRATH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING** — Sunday, Sept. 18, 2 p.m., Main Creek Villa Community Room, Conrath.

**BINGO!** — Sunday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m., at Bruce American Legion Hall. Games, prizes, raffle, snack bar. Every other Sunday through Nov. 20.

**Ongoing**  
**LADYSMITH COMMUNITY SINGERS FALL REHEARSALS** — Mondays, 7 p.m., beginning Sept. 12 to Dec. 4 concert. New members welcome. Call Karen Elk, 715-532-6338, for information.

**MEN IN THE KITCHEN** — Individual dinner tickets on sale now. Call Embrace 715-532-6976 to buy your dinner or dance tickets. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Tee Away Golf and Supper Club.

**BINGO!** — BRUCE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, every other Sunday, March 6 through November 20, 6 p.m. Games, prizes, raffle, snack bar. Sept. 18, and Oct. 2.

**PUT COLOR IN YOUR LIFE** — Thursdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Village Parlor. Bring your coloring book and pencils.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION**

**DRIVE** — Lighthouse Homeless Shelter and Santa Smiles are collecting new or gently used backpacks, shoes, school supplies, and cash donations for homeless and low-income children in Rusk County. Each \$35 donation covers supplies to fill one backpack. 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, at N4355 Wis. 27. Mail financial donations payable to The Lighthouse Backpack Project, P. O. Box 42, Ladysmith, WI 54848.

**COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CLUB** — Each Friday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Rusk County Community Library lower level. For more information, text 715-314-0700.

**TOPS CLUB** — Take off Pounds Sensibly weight loss club meets at 6 p.m., every Thursday, at the Church of Christ Educational Building, Ladysmith. For more information, call 715-532-5732.

**WRITERS' EXCHANGE** — The Writers' Exchange will meet from 2-4 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at Pioneer Bank. Contact Bill Fucik at 715-532-6606.

**BRUCE FOOD PANTRY** — Bruce Food Pantry will be serving Bruce, Exeland and Weyerhaeuser communities from 5-6 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month, and from 10-11 a.m., on the fourth Thursday of each month. The pantry is located next to the water tower.

**FREE MEAL** — River of Life Community Church in Bruce is having free community meals at 5 p.m., on the second Monday of each month.

**CAREGIVER GROUP** — Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver's Support Group is from 1-2 p.m., on the first Tuesday of each month, at Ladysmith Senior Center, Rusk County Fairgrounds.

**MEMORY CAFE** — Aging and Disability Resource Center is hosting a Memory Café at Toad House from 9:30-11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. For those living with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), early stage Alzheimer's or other dementia.

**WRITERS' BLOCK** — Join Erin Fiser and other writers from noon-3 p.m., every second Saturday of the month at Toad House. Bring your laptop or other writing materials.

**ARTIST WITHIN** — Guidance with an artist from 1-5 p.m., every Friday, at Toad House in Ladysmith.

**KNIT AND CHAT** — Join us from 10 a.m.-noon, every Saturday at Toad House.

**TOADALLY ARTSY KIDS** — Children are invited to an art project from 9-11 a.m., every Saturday, at Toad House.

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — The Blue Hills Genealogical Society promotes genealogical research by presenting programs about family history at its monthly meetings held at 6:30 p.m., on the second Monday of the month, in the Barron Senior Center, 12 N. Third St., Barron.

**ICAA HEAD START** — Taking applications for the 2016-2017 school year for Ladysmith and Flambeau locations. For more information, call Linda 715-415-1639.



**RIBBON CUTTING** — A ribbon-cutting ceremony sponsored by the Greater Ladysmith Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes the new restaurant The Pickled Gill to the area. Taking part in the ceremony are chamber representatives Scott Von Haden (l. to r.), Jeff Stoneberg, Sara Baker, Brian Michaelson, Jessica Bingham and Joni Hall; and Lori Davis, Ross Davis and Greg Davis for the Pickled Gill. Also taking part in the ribbon-cutting are chamber representatives Becci Tucker, Jason Raifko, Jenny Hengst and Sue Farrell. The restaurant, which officially opened July 6, is located at W8525 County A, just north of Ladysmith along Wis. 27.

— News photo by Scott Bingham

## County board: Decision OK's new shoreland zoning ordinance

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Shoreland, Comprehensive and Subdivision, passed on a voice vote. State law (NR 115) establishes minimum standards for lot sizes, vegetation, building setbacks, filling and grading, impervious surfaces, height and non-conforming structures. Other changes approved, including the one camper limit per lot addressed by Duane Taylor, were county-originated and not required by state law. An annual fee will be required if the camper is used or stored on the lot for more than 30 days per year. The fee does not apply to campgrounds.

The board also heard from the Friends of the Library about their security concerns at the library. FOL President Paul Meszaros told the board FOL is a group of volunteers who operate the bookstore in the basement of the library. FOL has been involved with the library through development and construction and has contributed over \$50,000 to the library throughout its existence. FOL contributed the \$5,000 necessary to install the blinds purchased recently.

FOL drafted and circulated a letter in support of the library, and almost 250 voters signed and returned the letter, many leaving personal comments. The letters were presented to the board.

Also speaking were Ruth Meszaros, Betty Novesky, both members of FOL, and Jim Kurz, President of the Library Foundation. According to Kurz, the Library Foundation is designed to assist the library when major outlays of funds are necessary, and it raises money in annual fundraising drives.

Kurz said the foundation was approached to fund the library security system, but realized at a cost of \$10,000, the outlay would set the foundation back two to three years in their fundraising goals. He asked if other county and city buildings have security systems, and if so, why the

library does not.

Supervisor Jim Platteter said all but one of the issues raised at Tuesday night's meeting were discussed at meetings of the joint management committee which oversees the library. Platteter said the committee has not concluded its discussion of the issues.

Chairman Peter Boss suggested the library groups discuss the issues in-depth with the joint management committee because the committee will make the decision on what is going to be done through the budget process. Boss acknowledged it is good for the board to be made aware of the security concerns.

Said Boss, "The nitty-gritty of solving the problem has to go through committee. I think it will get done a lot faster and a lot more effectively."

The board took no action on the library security issue.

In other matters, the board approved the following resolutions:

■ Rusk County Airport Statement of Project Intentions, including a list of proposed improvements to the airport. According to the resolution, Wisconsin Statutes require a statement from airport owners contemplating federal and/or state aid within the next six years. The resolution acknowledges the county expects to request federal and/or state aids, but is not a petition or application in and of itself. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

■ Creating an hourly pay rate for emergency medical responders taking ambulance runs/calls, amended from "hourly wage" to "hourly pay rate" to clarify that EMRs are not employees. The rate approved by the county is \$10 per hour. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

■ "Just Fix It" County and Town/Village Infrastructure, urging the governor and the legislature to appropriate more spending for roads. According to the resolution, levy

limits do not allow local government to make up for the decrease in state funding. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

■ Authorization to Hire Ambulance Consultant, Safe Tech Solutions LLP, of Isanti, Minnesota, to do an assessment of emergency medical services in Rusk County at a cost of up to \$30,000. The resolution passed 16 to 1 by roll call vote. Supervisor Mark Schmitt was absent, Chairman Pete Boss votes only in the event of a tie, and Supervisor Ken Pedersen voted no. During discussion of the ambulance consultant, Pedersen said, "My question is, we do not have the money to pay the ambulance people anything, why are we willing to spend \$30,000 to get some geeks to tell us what we already know?" Pedersen was referring to the budget shortfalls that have plagued the ambulance program in recent years.

Also on the agenda and considered by the board was an amendment to the county code to "recognize the county administrator/coordinator as part of hiring process."

Boss said there are two members of the oversight committee and one member of the personnel committee currently participating in the hiring process.

The amendment would give County Administrator Ted East a role in the hiring process. Some members suggested use of the word "recognize" was somewhat misleading to the public who read the agenda.

Supervisor Dave Willingham suggested the change in the county code affecting the hiring process should be referred to the personnel committee before being brought before the board.

Said Willingham, "If we are going to have a process that involves board members, any board members being involved in the decision making, it seems to me that members of the oversight committee should not be left out of that process. If it were up

to me, I would say let the department heads do their own hiring."

Platteter raised a point of order, noting that the resolution did not come through committee, and was not signed by anybody. Platteter said he thought it should be taken off the table.

Finance Director Rosemary Schmitt said the resolution was discussed at the finance committee meeting. She supported the resolution.

Corporation Counsel Rich Summerfield acknowledged Platteter's point of order.

"If the resolution was approved by finance, why does it not comply with the formalities of having three out of five signatures?" Summerfield asked. "I think the short answer is it was not approved by finance."

Boss asked if the proposal must come in the form of a resolution. Boss acknowledged there was no motion at the committee level.

Summerfield said that while the practice has been to consider resolutions or ordinance changes brought only by committee, the code itself does not prohibit or restrict any member of the board from bringing forward a resolution on their own.

Platteter said one member may bring a resolution before the board, but this resolution was not brought by anyone. He said, "It is a mystery where it came from."

Boss asked to sign it. Willingham moved the resolution be postponed and referred to the personnel committee.

The motion passed 11-6 by a roll call vote, with Supervisors Jerry Biller, Alan Rathsack, Tony Hauser, Robert Stout, Gary Swoverland, Tom Hanson, Kathy Mai, Michael Hraban, Pedersen, Willingham and Platteter voting in favor of postponement; and Supervisors Arian Knops, Randy Tatur, Lyle Liefing, Phil Schneider, Roger Gierke and Karl Fisher voting against postponement.