

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOUSES

Yawkey House Museum & Woodson History Center

*410 McIndoe Street
Wausau, WI 54403
Saturday, December 2, 2017
11:00 am-4:30 pm*



Both historic homes will be decked out in holiday finery and filled with costumed actors who will share unique Holiday traditions as well as history of the houses.

Tours of the Houses run every 1/2 hour, starting at 11:00 am. Last tour is at 3:00 pm.

Cost is \$5/members & students, \$7/non-members for Yawkey House Tours Only.

We will have our antique sleigh available, along with some hats, capes, muffs and furs, so grab your cameras for a great Christmas card photo op. Don't miss this unique setting!

There will be holiday treats, a vintage toy display, and check out our gingerbread contest sponsored by Friends of Wausau Historic Landmarks.

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• THANK YOU •

- ◆ To Baird Financial Advisors for their donation of professional services
- ◆ To all the re-enactors and volunteers who helped make our cemetery tour successful...it was our most attended cemetery tour ever!
- ◆ A special thank you to the master gardeners who kept the grounds of both homes looking fabulous throughout the summer
- ◆ To the Marathon County Parks Department and the Altrusa of Wausau for their continued support of the Little Red Schoolhouse program
- ◆ Thank you to the Marathon Village Hall, Athens High School, and Edgar High School for hosting a session each of our new History Speaks in Your Town series.

Looking Ahead...

Hard to believe, but the holidays are right around the corner. Please note the following dates that the museum will be closed & enjoy that time with your families.

Sunday, December 24, 2017 for Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25, 2017 for Christmas Day
Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Years Day

Misc...

• GIFTS RECEIVED •

- ◆ A donation from Linda Ware in memory of Dr. Donald Prehn
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Postcards of the Central Wisconsin Paper Company

Around 1917, Darwin M. Kischel founded the Central Wisconsin Paper Company (not to be confused with the early Wausau newspaper, the Central Wisconsin). The company was neither a paper manufacturing company, nor was it a printer, but instead sold paper product of various kinds. The Wausau City Directory for 1918 listed the company as “paper jobbers and specialties,” while later editions described them as “paper dealers, wrapping, wholesale.” In the 1930s, the Kischel’s established a grocery in the Harrison Boulevard building that also housed their paper company.

In the late 1930s, they contracted with a printing company in New York (Dexter Press) to produce a series of postcards showing historical scenes from Wausau to sell from their paper company. Although these postcards were somewhat popular, the heyday of the postcard had long since passed by the 1940s, and they were in no danger of selling out of postcards.

In 1975, Gene and Brenda Davis purchased what had been the Kischel Wholesale building and found boxes of hundreds of these unsold postcards in storage, where they had sat since the Central Wisconsin Paper Company closed in 1960. They have generously donated these postcards to MCHS and they are for sale in our gift shop.

Need gift ideas for the Holidays?

Searching for a gift for the history buff in the family? Don’t know what to get that hard-to-buy-for person?

Be sure to check out our gift shop for unique gifts, books, historic toys, posters & prints.

We also offer gift memberships to the Historical Society for the gift that lasts all year long.

Stop in during normal business hours and see what we have to offer today!



Traveling Display

Rural Electrification Exhibit Goes on the Road

Our newest exhibit, *Rural Electrification: Outlet for Change*, has been very well received. It has evoked memories, both pleasant and not-so-pleasant, for many rural residents who vividly remember daily life prior to electricity being available. It's also been an eye opener for visitors who can't imagine not having this now-basic convenience.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation, a modified version of the exhibit is hitting the road as it travels to locations around Marathon County. The 6-panel display is available at no charge and is suitable for temporary placement in a library, town hall, school, business or any place that wants to share this important glimpse into the past. The display can be configured in several layouts to fit into a variety of spaces and is easily collapsed and stored for transport.

The eye-catching design is the work of Alison Coady, a student of graphic design at UW-Stevens Point. For several months, Alison worked with exhibit designer Kathy Volkmann to pare down the text and images in the original exhibit to fit the much smaller space of the traveling display. While the work was challenging, Alison found it to be a great learning experience that directly relates to her graphic design studies. Since she loves visiting museums, Alison was excited to work on a museum display that will be seen by thousands of people.

To arrange for the *Rural Electrification: Outlet for Change* traveling display for your location, contact Sandy at the Marathon County Historical Society at 715-842-5750 or sblock@marathoncountyhistory.org.



History Speaks in Your Town

History Speaks in Your Town is bringing University professors and other experts to the smaller towns in Marathon County. So far, Dr. Keith Montgomery visited Marathon to speak about "The Ice Ages in Wisconsin" and Dr. Brett Barker traveled to Athens to discuss The Civil War in Wisconsin. On Monday, December 4, Dr. Jeff Leigh will appear at Edgar High School to describe Russian leader Vladimir Putin and his rise to power. Watch the MCHS website and Facebook page for new topics, speakers, and locations coming up in 2018!

Upcoming Speakers



The Marathon County Historical Society continues its popular lecture series *History Speaks*, which includes a wide variety of topics, including several of our well-liked genealogy workshops, presented by local experts and history enthusiasts.

All lectures are presented at the Woodson History Center, have no admission fee, and no registration is required. However, donations are always appreciated. **All presentations begin at 2 pm, unless otherwise noted.**

Monday, December 4 Vladimir Putin: Tsar, Commissar, or National Hero?

What does Vladimir Putin's leadership of Russia mean for the United States? Jeff Leigh, Associate Professor of History at UW-Marathon County, will discuss Russia and Putin in a talk at **7 pm on Monday, December 4, 2017, at Edgar High School Auditorium, 203 E. Birch Street, Edgar.**

With the breakup of the Soviet Union and the unsuccessful presidency of Boris Yeltsin, Russia experienced a deep decline in its global significance. Since his rise to power in 2000, Vladimir Putin has successfully restored some of the power of previous Russian governments, however, and certainly forced the United States, the European Union, and his closer neighbors to take notice of the ability Russia once again possesses to influence affairs beyond its own borders. It is now, once again, imperative that Americans come to know this country and the man there who is so singularly in charge.

Jeff Leigh earned bachelor's degrees in history and Russian studies from the University of Missouri-Columbia, then a master's degree and in 1998 a doctorate in history from Indiana University. He has taught history full-time at UW-Marathon County since 2000. He serves on the Wausau School District Board of Education. He is the author of the just-released book [Austrian Imperial Censorship and the Bohemian Periodical Press from 1848 to 1871: The Baneful Work of the Opposition Press is Fearsome.](#)

Saturday, January 27 Forward: Progressive Era Women Reformers

Paul Clark, Wausau East History teacher, will focus on Wisconsin women reformers in the early 20th century, with emphasis on women's suffrage (voting rights), the Temperance movement, Settlement houses, and children's advocacy.

Saturday, February 17 Between Two Cultures: The Story of a First Generation Hmong American Who Becomes a Professional

For a Hmong woman, finding balance between career, community, culture, and family can be challenging. Maysee Yang Her shares personal stories and reflections of how she has been challenged by social and cultural expectations, and how she has overcome them.

Sunday, March 25 Advances in the Treatment of Heart Disease Since 1970, with Dr. Rick Engelmeier

Little could be done for heart patients until the 1970s. Research since then has uncovered significant knowledge, and the treatment of heart disease now includes dietary and lifestyle changes, surgery, medications, and cardiac catheterization procedures, leading to better outcomes.

Upcoming Events

Vintage Board Game Nights

Game nights will run from 7 pm to 10 pm on the fourth Fridays each month at the Woodson History Center.

Note: December game night will be the Third Friday due to holidays.

Join us for one or all of these nights of gaming fun for all ages. Bring your own board game or use one of ours. During the evening, you can test your knowledge with a “What's The Historic Artifact?” contest.

Among the games we already have are Mastermind, Connect 4, Twister, Aggravation, Go to the Head of the Class, Yahtzee, Labyrinth, PayDay, Cootie, Mille Bornes, Clue, Tiddly Winks, PassWord, Kerplunk, Nick at Night Classic TV, Rook, and Apples to Apples.

Watch our Facebook page for a longer list of games and future dates for Vintage Board Game Night!

2018 Civil War Book Club

7:00 pm at the Woodson History Center

Led by Prof. Brett Barker-University of Wisconsin Marathon County

On the 4th Thursday of the Month

Jan 24: James McPherson, *The War That Forged a Nation: Why the Civil War Still Matters*. ISBN: 978-0190658533

Feb 28: Scott W. Berg, *38 Nooses: Lincoln, Little Crow, and the Beginning of the Frontier's End*. ISBN: 978-0307389138

Mar 28: Jonathan Horn, *The Man Who Would Not Be Washington: Robert E. Lee's Civil War and His Decision That Changed American History*. ISBN: 978-1476748573

Apr 25: Peter Svenson, *Battlefield: Farming a Civil War Battleground*. ISBN: 978-1580801867

Note: This is a reprint of Svenson's 1992 book. Its release date is Dec. 7, 2017, so it should be available by April, which is why it is listed last. It should currently be listed as out-of-print.

21 Plus Game Night

Vintage Board Game Night just for those 21 and older every first Thursday of the month! Games begin at 7 pm at Limerick's Public House, 121 Scott Street, downtown Wausau.

The Marathon County Historical Society will bring its own vintage game collection of almost 150 games to Limericks for a night of vintage game night fun! We also invite you to bring your own vintage board games along. Limericks will even have vintage cocktail specials in addition to their regular drink specials. A different decade will be highlighted each month. Participants can bring along their own snacks to enjoy while playing! No drinks may be carried in, and please no popcorn. Games are free to play- but donations are always appreciated!

Please note that Limericks does not accept credit cards. However, they do have an ATM on site.

Don't forget to invite your friends and share the event to help spread the word!

Upcoming Events



19th Annual Victorian Valentine Tea

Thursday, February 8, 2018
2:00 pm at the Woodson History Center

Enjoy an elegant afternoon with fine linens, beautiful flowers, delicious sweets, delectable savories and time with special friends.

A unique program will finish out the afternoon.
\$30/members and \$35/non-members. **Reservations are required and space is limited.** Call 715-842-5750 to reserve your spot at this fabulous event!

Mother & Child Tea

Saturday, February 10, 2018
2:00 pm
Woodson History Center

A fun afternoon for mothers & their children. Grandmas, Aunts & special guests are also invited. Learn proper etiquette, make a Valentine craft to take home and enjoy gummy sweets & treats

\$15 per adult & \$10 per child.

Reservations are Required and can be made by calling 715-842-5750.





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To collect, preserve, advance, and disseminate the knowledge of the history of Marathon County and the State of Wisconsin



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410 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54403
Office: 715-842-5750 Library: 715-848-0378
Fax: 715-848-0576

Library Hours: Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Web site: www.marathoncountyhistory.org

YAWKEY HOUSE MUSEUM

403 McIndoe St., Wausau, WI 54403

Hours: Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Yawkey House tours are offered on the hour,
last tour starts at 3:00 p.m.

Closed on Mondays and Holidays.