**Christmas Activities: Santa Sightings**

**Retail Open Houses**

November 18:

* Christmas Open House at Gabrielle’s German Cookies and Chocolates, 413 W. Main St., from 9am-5pm. For more information, call 715-682-2114.

November 24- December 3:

* Country Blossoms Holiday Open House, 64715 Gilles Rd, Wreaths, Holiday Containers, kissing ball, Christmas Decor galore!! Come on out and start the holiday season!! Fridays 6-9 pm; Saturdays 9am -4pm; Sundays 9am-3pm; during the week 9am-4pm. For more information 715-746-2345.

December 1-2:

* White Winter Winery, 68323 Lea St., Iron River, WI, presents “Christmas Open House” from 10am-5pm. For more information, call 715-372-5656.

December 2:

* Ashland retail merchants host “Customer Appreciation Day.” Shop local and get bargains all day throughout Ashland before the Garland City of the North Christmas Parade. For more information, call 715-682-2500.
* Christmas Open House, at the Ashland Historical Society Museum, 216 West Main St, from 10am-3pm. Gift Shop specials, refreshments, and much more. For more information, call 715-682-4911.

December 5:

* Thrivent Financial Open House, 623 W. Main St., from 11am-2pm. Stop in for some lunch, treats, and refreshments with your friends at Thrivent. For more information, call 715-685-0605.

December 6-7:

* McRae True Value, 118 Prentice Avenue, Christmas Tool Show from 8am-6pm. 715-682-9083.

**Craft Show/Bazaars**

November 18:

* Saron Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar, 517 9th Ave West, 9am-2pm.

November 25:

* Bad River Lodge and Casino presents, “Annual Holiday Craft Fair” 73370 US-2, Ashland, from 8am-3pm. Free admission. Vendors to book a table and for more details call 715-682-7121 ext. 1231.
* Madeline Island Holiday Boutique at the Madeline Island Museum from 10am-4pm. Community members create an enticing variety of homemade and hand-crafted arts and goods for sale at this beloved traditional event held every year at the museum on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This holiday event features local and regional arts and crafts and a soup lunch to benefit the island school parent/teacher association. What a wonderful way to kick off your holiday season! 888-475-3386, www.madelineisland.com.

December 2:

* Presbyterian-Congregational Church Christmas Bazaar, 210 Vaughn Ave., from 9am-1pm. Tea Room from 10am-1pm, baked goods, cookies by the pound, candy table, craft table, and much more. Raffle drawings for two prizes, a queen size homemade quilt, or instructions how to fly or a tour of Ashland in a airplane! For more information, call 715-292-3893.
* Holiday Extravaganza at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 Co. Hwy. G, from 10am-2pm. We will be serving goodies and hot apple cider! Come by to view and shop great local vendors. Santa will be making an appearance from 11am-1pm. For more information or to sign up to be a vendor, call 715-685-2659, or visit www.nglvc.org
* Butternut Annual Fanatical Fish Christmas Art Sale from 10am-3pm, downtown Butternut.

December 7:

* Holiday Dazzle from 4-6pm at the Bargain Hut, 420 Chapple Ave. For more information, call 715-682-2776.

December 9-10:

* Washburn Cultural Center, 1 E. Bayfield St., Washburn, presents “Annual Holiday Boutique”. Open Monday though Saturday, 10am -5pm. 715-373-5591.

December 14:

* Kids’ Holiday Shopping Night at the Enrichment Center (Senior Center). Bring the kids to the Senior Center from 5-7pm and the volunteers will help them pick out gifts for their families at very little cost. Then they will help wrap the gifts as well. Cookies and cider to finish off the evening. Parents are asked to stay in the car so that the kids can purchase items on their own. For more information call 715-682-2776.

December 15:

* Memorial Medical Center will be having a cookie sale from 7:30am-12pm. Accepting cookies for donation. For more information call 715-685-5180.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies**

November 25:

* Ashland’s First Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4:30pm at the Pearson Plaza Park. Take an hour with friends and family and have some cookies, cider or hot chocolate and sing a holiday tune.
* Bayfield’s Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Enjoy holiday treats and warm beverages while listening to traditional carols performed by the talented Rittenhouse Inn Singers at the historic Bayfield Lakeside Pavilion, from 4:30-6pm. Then, join in the procession as the crowd moves outside to serenade the holiday tree as it is ceremoniously lit for the season. For more information, call 715-779-3335 or visit www.bayfield.org.

December 6:

* WITC – Ashland Alumni Association “Love Lights,” 2100 Beaser Ave., at 6pm. Honorees will be commemorated during a lighting ceremony. Lights will remain lit through early January. Remember a special person or pet with a “Love Light.” Honor your loved ones – deceased, living or serving in the armed services. Purchase a “Love Light” that will adorn the evergreen tree at WITC’s main entrance. $5 per bulb. For more information, call 715-682-4591, ext. 3113.

December 7:

* Regional Hospice Services presents Tree of Life Ceremony- Remember Your Loved One, at 6pm, in the Memorial Medical Center-Stockton Island Room. Submit a favorite photo of your loved one to be shown in a special video remembrance montage during the Tree of Life Ceremony. Photographs may be submitted via email to rjuoni@regionalhospice.org. For more information call 715-685-5151 between 8am-4pm.

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December 2-3:

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December 8:

* Meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the Washburn City Hall. Come for a snack! All children will receive a Christmas package. The tree will be lit at 5:30pm and Santa will be there from 5:45pm-6:30pm. Donations of canned goods and non-perishable items will be accepted for the Area Food Shelf that night. For more information, call the Washburn Chamber at 715-373-5017.
* Santa & Mrs. Claus Come to Town, at 5:30 pm at Jacobs Town Hall in Glidden. For more information, call 715-264-4304.

December 9:

* Greet Santa as he makes his way to Bayfield on the ferry boat from Madeline Island 11:30 am – 1 pm at the Bayfield Lakeside Pavilion. After Santa disembarks, children will have the opportunity to meet him, share their wish-list and get their photo taken. Please bring your own camera. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The event runs from 11:30 am to 1 pm, free and open to the public. For more information, call 715-779-3335.

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**Concerts/Plays**

December 1-3:

* The 37th annual performance of the children’s production of “The Nutcracker Suite,” at Ashland High School Auditorium. Evening performances, Friday at 6:30pm, Saturday at 6:30pm & 8pm, and Sunday matinee at 1:30pm. Get your tickets NOW at New England Store! For more information, call 715-685-2755 or visit www.acp-nutcracker.com.

December 2:

* Christmas Caroling along Historic Main Street by the Ashland High School Choir Department from 10:30-11:30am. Enjoy the beautiful holiday tunes while shopping local and getting great deals during Customer Appreciation Day! For more information, call 715-682-7089.

December 3:

* 98th Annual Community Christmas Concert, at the Presbyterian-Congregational Church, 210 Vaughn Ave., at 4pm. Free admission. For more information, call 715-209-6784.

December 8:

* Chequamegon Area Choir presents their annual winter concert, “Repeat the Sounding Joy” at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 311 W 13th St. at 7:30pm. For more information, visit cac-voices.weebly.com.

December 9:

* Chequamegon Symphony Orchestra presents, “A Playful Holiday Season” at 7:30pm. Alvord Theatre, Northland College in Ashland. General Admission- $6, Seniors- $5, Students and children- free. For more information call 715-682-0446.

December 10:

* United Congregational Church of Christ, 117 S West St, concert at 2pm in Mellen. For more information, call 715-274-2230 or email mardyehrhardt@gmail.com.
* Chequamegon Area Choir presents their annual winter concert, “Repeat the Sounding Joy,” at St. Louis Catholic Church, 217 W 7th St, Washburn at 4pm. For more information, visit cac-voices.weebly.com.

December 12:

* Lake Superior Intermediate Winter Program, Charter school-12pm, 3rd grade-12:45pm, 4th grade-1:30pm, and 5th grade-2:15pm; 1101 Binsfield Rd, Ashland. For more information, call 715-682-7083.

December 14:

* Lake Superior Primary Winter Program, kindergarten-12:45pm, 1st grade-1:30pm, and 2nd grade-2:00pm; 1101 Binsfield Rd., Ashland. For more information, call 715-682-7083.

December 15:

* Ashland Middle School Holiday Concert at 1:30pm in the Dodd Gymnasium, 1000 Ellis Ave., Ashland. For more information, 715-682-7087.
* Ashland Chamber Music Society welcomes “Handel’s Messiah” Sing-Along at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church at 7:30pm. Free Admission! For more information, call 715-682-5795 or visit www.ashlandchambermusic.org.

December 18:

* Ashland High School Holiday Concert at 7pm in the gymnasium, 1900 Beaser Ave., Ashland. For more information, call 715-682-7089.

December 19:

* Marengo Valley School Winter Music Program, 62408 St. Hwy. 112, at 1pm. For more information, call 715-278-3286.

December 20:

* “A Christmas Story – A Pageant” will be presented by Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School and BAYNET at the school, 106 N. 2nd Ave. E., at 6:30pm. The pageant is being put on by youth from grades 1-12. Cookies and milk and BAYNET after party following in the social hall. For more information, call 715-682-7620.

**Christmas Parade**

December 2: The 55th Annual Garland City of the North Christmas Parade, on Historic Main Street, starts at 4:30pm. For more information, call 715-682-2500. Click here for registration form.