



Our mission is to grow local businesses, facilitate expansions, and recruit outside businesses to locate in Eau Claire in order to increase the quality of living, add well-paying jobs and grow the tax base.

November Economic Development News

Eau Claire is a Community that's Hiring!

Wide Variety of Skilled and Entry-Level Jobs Available



TDK, Hutchinson Technology is Hiring!

TDK/Hutchinson is looking for candidates to fill their manufacturing, production, and technical openings!
See them [here!](#)



Festival Foods is Hiring for Two New Locations!

Festival Foods is also hiring for their two new Eau Claire locations! Check out their [Career page](#) and the [Eau Claire openings!](#)

Entrepreneur Week: November 9-15

Think Entrepreneurial!

Join us November 9-15 for a variety of events that will inspire, update and connect you with entrepreneurs.

Events throughout the week include:

- 4th Annual "Swim with the Sharks" Business Idea Competition
- Social Entrepreneurship: Helping to Shrink a Critical Divide
- Musky Tank Mixer
- 1 Million Cups
- Messages that Miss the Mark



See the schedule of events [here!](#)

Agreement Reached for Bpost to Buy Radial



It was [reported in October](#) that an agreement was reached for Belgian postal service (bpost) to purchase Radial, which operates a customer service center in Eau Claire. [Philly.com](#) reports that Bpost will hire all Radial employees.

Downtown Business Update



Congratulations to the Jump Start Downtown Business Competition Winners

1st Place: [Blue Ox Running](#)

2nd Place: [Sky Yoga](#)

3rd Place: [Dotters Books](#)

We're excited to welcome these businesses and all applicants to Downtown Eau Claire!



Downtown Enhancement Grants

Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. introduced a new \$2,000 semiannual grant program to support existing downtown businesses, to further enhance the downtown aesthetic and overall quality of goods, services, and the downtown experience.

[The first deadline is December 1!](#)

Women in Business Awards

Women's Business Celebration Awards for Business Leader of the Year and New Business:

2017 Business Women of the Year award was given to [Beth Waldhart](#) of Charter Bank Eau Claire.

2017 New Business of the Year Award was given to [Melissa Wilson](#) for her business [Melnaturel](#).





Annual Governors Marketplace Conference: Local Session in Menomonie TOMORROW November 2 "Increasing your Profitability & Business Networks"

The morning session - [Increasing your Profitability & Business Networks](#) - is geared towards business that are looking to grow their commercial and government sales. Hosted by the Wisconsin Procurement Institute and the Dunn County Economic Development Corporation.

Click [here](#) for a schedule of other pre-marketplace sessions.

November Calendar of Events

Job Center of Wisconsin November Workshops Schedule - [Link to Webpage](#)

Thursday, November 2

Business Plan Basics, 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Western Dairyland Business Center, 418 Wisconsin St, Eau Claire. [Tuition](#) is \$29.

Increasing your Profitability & Business Networks, 9:00am-12:00pm at 800 Wilson Ave, Room 58, Menomonie. [Registration](#) is free.

Wednesday, November 8

Economic Outlook Luncheon, 12:00pm-1:30pm at The Florian Gardens Conference Center, 2340 Lorch Ave, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$25.

1 Million Cups - Eau Claire, 9:00am at the Chippewa Valley Technical College, 620 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire. [Apply to Present!](#)

Thursday, November 9

Industry Spotlight Tour: EastRidge Center, 11:30am-1:00pm at the EastRidge Center, 2221 Highland Avenue, Eau Claire. [RSVP here](#).

4th Annual "Swim with the Sharks" Business Idea Competition, 7:00pm at the UW- Eau Claire Davies Center, Woodland Theatre. Event Details [here](#).

Monday, November 13

Business After Hours, 5:00pm-6:30pm at The Lismore, 333 Gibson St, Eau Claire. Admission is \$6 at the door or \$5 in advance (minimum of 4). No [registration](#) required.

Social Entrepreneurship: Helping to Shrink a Critical Divide, 7:00pm at the UW- Eau Claire Davies Center, Ojibwe Ballroom. Event Details [here](#).

Tuesday, November 14

Understanding Fundamental Business Financial Statements, 6:00pm-9:00pm at the Western Dairyland Business Center, 418 Wisconsin St, Eau Claire. [Tuition](#) is \$29.

Musky Tank Mixer: Concept to Reality, 6:30pm-8:00pm at Infinity Beverages Winery and Distillery, 3460 Mall Dr, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is free.

Wednesday, November 15

Chamber Ribbon Cutting: Chippewa Valley Home Builders, 4:00pm-4:30pm, at 4319 Jeffers Rd, Ste 103, Eau Claire. No [registration](#) required.

1 Million Cups - Eau Claire, 9:00am at the Chippewa Valley Technical College, 620 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire. [Apply to Present!](#)

Messages that Miss the Mark, 12:00pm-1:00pm at the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce, 101 N Farwell St, Eau Claire. Event Details [here](#).

Thursday, November 16

SOHO Coffee Talk: Small Business/Small Cost Marketing Ideas, 8:15am-9:15am at the Northbound Supply Co, 215 N Barstow St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is free.

Friday, November 17

Eggs & Issues: State Economy & Budget Update with Todd Berry, 7:00am-8:30am at the Green Mill Conference and Banquet Facilities, 2703 Craig Rd, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$20.

Wednesday, November 22

1 Million Cups - Eau Claire, 9:00am at the Chippewa Valley Technical College, 620 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire. [Apply to Present!](#)

Tuesday, November 28

Business Tax Chat, 6:00pm-8:00pm, at the Western Dairyland Business Center, 418 Wisconsin St, Eau Claire. [Tuition](#) is \$10.

Lunch & Learn: Securing Your Business Against Today's Hackers, 12:00pm-1:00pm at the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce, 101 N Farwell St, Eau Claire. [Registration](#) is \$20.

Wednesday, November 29

1 Million Cups - Eau Claire, 9:00am at the Chippewa Valley Technical College, 620 W. Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire. [Apply to Present!](#)

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