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**Below are bizarre and mysterious tales from Wausau!**

**Grand Theater**

Reports of the ghost of a former stage manager have circulated at the Grand Theater for years.

Larry, as he's called, has been seen in various areas of the theater. Not surprisingly, he is most fond of the stage, where he often observes rehearsals from the wings or the lighting rack. The Wausau Paranormal Research Society has documented a number of other phenomena at the Grand, including a ghostly voice saying, "Don't come back over here;" a video of a ball of light moving across a room; and a photograph of a mysterious luminous blob wrapped around a balcony railing.



**UWMC Dormitory**

The Blue Cowboy haunts Marathon Hall. He has been described as a hazy blue manlike form wearing a cowboy hat. He appears in the closet of a third-floor room, then moves down the hall. Sounds of furniture being moved in the room have been reported on weekends when the residents are not there.



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Annie worked as a janitor at UWMC for a number of years in the 1970s. Since her death, staff members have reported hearing her distinctive chicken-cackle laughter coming from various parts of the building. Phantom footsteps have also been heard in the halls, as has the sound of moving furniture in empty classrooms. In a recent incident Annie opened all the cupboard doors in the library workroom.

**Marathon County Historical Society Library**

The old Woodson Mansion is now the home of the Marathon County Historical Society library and museum. Staff members have reported the sound of a telephone ringing in a room that has no phone. Phantom footsteps have been heard marching along the upstairs hallway, then descending the main staircase. Strange odors have been reported in an upstairs room, and the door alarm often sounds when it hasn't been activated.



**UWMC Library's Books to Movies Series**

On Thursday, October 15, join us in the Library Classroom (room 255) for a showing of:

**Abraham Lincoln:  
Vampire Hunter**

Movie will begin at 12:15

Feel free to bring your lunch or a snack!



*President by day....Hunter by night....*

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is hosting an on-campus **Halloween Dance!** Watch for more info about this later in the month!



The UWMC Library just added the book **Haunted Wausau: The Ghostly History of Big Bull Falls**

Stop by the library to check it out and learn more haunted stories about the area. Chapters include:

*\*Graveyard Shift \*Fraternal Phantoms \*Annie and the Blue Cowboy \*Spirits of the Sanatorium \*The Heart of Old Wausau \*Wausau's Haunted Mansion \*Stage Fright \*Beauty Discarded \*The Startled Specter*

An episode of Travel Channel's show **The Dead Files** was taped in Wausau last April, including a scene in the UWMC Library. Watch for listings of the upcoming season to see when it will air.



The above tales are from the book **Weird Wisconsin** by Linda S. Godfrey and Richard D. Hendricks ©2005

