



2017 Spring/Summer Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

April 15 ~ Easter Egg Hunt

May 6 ~ Community Kolor Run

June 9-11 ~ Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo

July 26-30 ~ Lincoln County Fair

Continuing Events

Indoor Pool Activities ~ Open swims, lap swims, family swims on Sunday. Water aerobics for ages 17 & older and swim lessons are available at the Prairie River Middle School pool. The pool is also available for special occasion rental. For more information, contact Kurt Vanden Huvel, Aquatic Director at (715)536-4594 ext. 3031 or check out the website <http://www.maps.k12.wi.us/>.

Bierman Family Aquatic Center Pool Passes ~ Day Passes \$4.00 (2-61), \$2.00 (62+/Military), \$2.00 (Non swimmer fee), free for under 2 yrs. Season Passes \$50 Resident individual, \$80 Non-resident individuals, \$100* Resident family of four, \$130* Non-resident family of four. * Family passes include up to 4 immediate family members that reside in the same household, additional family members can be added for \$15. * Identification required to prove residency. Group Rates \$2.00 per person for groups with 50 or more people – Must be pre-arranged through the Parks & Recreation Office. Party Rates/Pool Rental – 1-50 people \$125/hr, 51-75 people \$150/hr, 76-100 people \$175/hr, 101-capacity \$1.00 per person per hour. Punch Pass \$70 for 20 visits. Pool hours are everyday from 12pm-7pm.

A.H.A. First Aid and CPR Training and Recertification ~ The Merrill Fire Department offers training for individuals or businesses in American Heart Association CPR and First Aid. Cost is \$30 for the class and card. Merrill Fire Department offers initial training as well as recertification. Please contact the Merrill Fire Department at (715)536-2233 for more information.

Reserve a Park Shelter ~ Reservations are being accepted for Ott's, Normal, Stange's, Kitchenette and Riverside Parks. A security deposit and rental fee is required when reservation is made. All park reservations must be made in person, no telephone reservations accepted. For more information please call (715)536-7313.

Riverside Athletic Club ~ Swimming lessons are offered for infants through adults with all abilities welcome. They provide a great variety of group aquatic classes for everyone such as water exercise classes, Ai-Chi Water Meditation & arthritis classes. Also offered is Pilate's, yoga, body sculpting, step aerobics, strength training and cardiovascular exercise. They also have birthday club pool parties. Call Riverside Athletic Club for time & prices at (715)536-2481 for more

information. To see class schedules, www.riversideathletic.com.

Community Meal ~ Thursdays at 12 noon – except for the third Thursday of each month. Our community meal is open to everyone. Please join us! This is a great time to gather with friends and family and enjoy a wonderful meal. Your goodwill donation will help us cover the cost of the meal and continue this program for years to come. Call the center for reservations at (715)536-4226.

Baby Shower for Life ~ A non-profit organization started in 1990 by the Lincoln County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. Baby Shower for Life is an on-going project that helps financially hurting families with their new born baby's basic needs, with items such as diapers, wipes, baby powder, oil, lotion, wash, diaper ointment, onesies, sleepers, socks, cap, bottles, bibs, clothes, blankets, toys, and nukes. Monetary donations, and as mentioned above, baby items are much appreciated and welcomed by individuals, businesses and organizations. All calls are kept confidential. They look forward to calls from moms and families needing help. To register for help or to donate, call Patti Knab at (715)536-9231. Donations can also be dropped off at Knab Insurance Agency, located at 1314 East Main Street.

Merrill Immunization Clinic ~ Held at the Lincoln County Health Department, 607 N. Sales Street Suite 101. 2017 Merrill clinic days will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12 to 1pm, (Jan. 10, Feb.14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8, Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12.) and also the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3 to 4:30pm, (Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, Jun. 21, Jul. 19, Aug. 16, Sep. 20, Oct. 17, Nov. 15, Dec. 20). No walk-ins please. Call the Lincoln County Health Department at (715)536-0307 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Love them. Protect them. Immunize them.

Strong Bones ~ Progressive weight training, flexibility and balance activities. These exercises are safe and effective for women and men of all ages, including those who are not in perfect health. People with health concerns such as arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, obesity and back pain often benefits the most from an exercise

program that includes lifting weights a few times each week. Strong bones classes meet for 1 hour each with a variety of class times available. Please call Amanda Kostman at (715)539-1072 to schedule a session. Will be held at Riverside Athletic Club.

Senior Strength Training ~ Senior Strength classes will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Cost for the class is \$4. Call the MACEC Center at (715)536-4226 for more information.

Able Bodies ~ Join us Monday mornings at 9:30am for ABLE Bodies Balance Training, an activity-based program designed to improve balance and mobility for both fit and frail older adults. Our exercises will help you enhance your ability to maintain balance in completing your everyday tasks. We also work on flexibility, strength, and cardio-respiratory endurance. Participants should bring a resistance band or tube. Class size is limited. Please call (715)536-4226 to register. *You can join at any time. Note: The classes do build upon each other.

Merrill Historical Society – Upcoming Displays:
February – “Gone Fishing” – all things fishing from antique lures to rods and outboard motors.
February – “Eggcellent” – in time for the Easter holiday, items used to prepare and serve eggs from the Victorian era.
April – Anniversary exhibits for Weinbrenner Shoe Company (125th) and the Merrill Post Office (100th)
May – “Fur, Feathers, and Fidelity: Military Mascots” – a traveling exhibit from the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Mascots perform an important service in the military. Whether a lion, a monkey, or a dog, military mascots are a source of pride and morale for troops. This exhibit presents a variety of mascots dating back to the Civil War, shining a light on the human side of military service and engaging animal lovers of all ages.

Healthy Hearts ~ This program is a cardiovascular disease prevention program that aims to help reduce the risk of heart disease through fitness and nutrition education. The program is also designed to help with weight control. During half of the class, participants engage in aerobic exercises. Over the course of the program, the aerobic exercise progress in duration and intensity. The other half of the class includes leader directed discussion around

eating for heart health and hands-on cooking activities. The curriculum emphasizes an eating pattern that is rich in fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy, fish, whole grains and legumes; it encourages leaner meats and poultry and fewer refined carbohydrates and saturated and Trans fats. Healthy Heart classes meet for 1 hour each with a variety of class times available. For register please call Amanda Kostman at (715)539-1072. This will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center.

Food Preservation Club ~ Caroline Lemke has been canning her own food for over 50 years. She really enjoys it and wants to teach youth how to preserve their own food. She is currently teaching youth to preserve foods in group sessions and she would like to offer additional opportunities to all interested youth in the county. If you are interested in learning to make Rhubarb Jam or preserving fruits and vegetables, contact Caroline at (715)453-3657 so she can learn about your interests and include you in her upcoming group meetings to be set soon!

Book Club ~ Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10am. Call the MACEC center for details at (715)536-4226.

Quilting ~ Stop in any time Monday –Thursday to work on current projects at the MACEC. Please feel free to call the Center first to see what we are working on. We welcome new volunteers. (715) 536-4226. Quilting Club meets Tuesdays at 12:30pm.

Enrichment Center Craft Shop ~ 1004 E. 1st Street (located in lower level of Merrill City Hall) If you haven't visited us in a while or maybe have never stopped down, you will be pleasantly surprised at the variety of wonderful products we have that are made by local crafters! You will be sure to walk away with a unique, one of a kind item! Quilted wall art, table runners, painted signs, handcrafted wooden toys, unique bird houses, Beautiful American girl clothes, hats, woolen mittens, scarves, baby items, blankets, quilts, pillows, handmade rugs, embroidered hand towels, hand towels, and more!

MACEC Bus Trip ~ Starting late April, watch our newsletter for details.

Craft Classes ~ Held at the MACEC, *Snowmen Screen Painting Class Jan. 31 at 9am. Cost is \$20.00 or \$10.00 if you have your own screen, 6 seats available. *Wooden Garage Quilt Craft Class. Watch newsletter for dates, (smaller version of barn quilts) all materials provided. Call today for details and to register as space is limited to 6 people. *Memorial Day Wreaths, Thursdays starting at 2pm, April 6th thru May 18th. We make wreaths for people's graves that no longer have families to take care of them. 100 years or older grave stones, also make wreaths to sell. Call the Center at (715)536-4226 for more information.

One Stroke Painting ~ With Sharon Walsh at the MACEC. No painting experience needed! Each week has a different subject on a different canvas-glass, tile, paper, wood, etc. You leave the class with your finished creation! Cost for each class varies-which includes all materials needed. A \$2 donation for the center is appreciated. Please call (715)536-4226 to register.

Creative Coloring Class ~ The adult coloring book craze shows no signs of slowing down! Not only do you discover your inner creativity but coloring is very therapeutic and a proven stress relief! Beginning this month for 2017, rather than working off a copy sheet, we will be working in a very good quality, hard cover book with a variety of subjects. You will need to purchase the book before the first class. The cost of the book is \$11.40 and is yours to keep, regardless of how many classes you attend. We will also be working with a variety of colored pencils, both regular and watercolor. Instructor Karen Hanneman will teach the class including color blending and shading. Please call the Center to pre-order the book and to register for the class, (715)536-4226.

Otts after School ~ Monday thru Thursday during the school year. Encouraging and developing students 3rd grade through 12th grade to grow deeper in their life commitments. Students can hang out with friends in a safe environment and take part in a variety of activities from 3pm to 6pm. For more information please contact Justin Novitski at (715) 539-3939.

Adult Computer Coaching ~ Free one-on-one computer help. Pre-register or show up. Bring your

computer or use ours. Monthly flash drive door prize drawing courtesy of Merrill Radio Shack and Friends of T.B. Scott Library. Held at T.B. Scott Library.

April: 4th 1pm to 2:30pm, 5th 10am to 11:30am, 6th 6pm to 7:30pm.

May: 9th 1pm to 2:30pm, 10th 10am to 11:30am, 11th 6pm to 7:30pm.

June: 6th 1pm to 2:30pm, 7th 10am to 11:30am, 8th 6pm to 7:30pm.

July: 11th 1pm to 2:30pm, 12th 10am to 11:30am, 13th 6pm to 7:30pm.

Parenting Classes ~ The Parenting Classes are based on a philosophy that supports raising children in a caring environment that promotes healthy and positive development. Learn about family structure and routines, discipline, child development, setting limits and more. 10 week session Thursdays: Feb. 16 – April 20, 2017 6pm to 8pm. Held at the Antigo Family Resource Center N4013 HWY 45 Antigo. Call (715)627-1414 ext. 2 to register.

Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group ~ HAVEN will be holding once a week a Support Group for Sexual Assault Survivors. For more information when and where please call HAVEN at (715)536-1300.

Every Sunday of the Month ~ HAVEN Bingo will be held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes at 7pm and ends around 9:30pm. For more info, contact HAVEN at (715)536-1300.

Every Monday of the Month ~ Skate Night at OTTS Starting on the 14th of November, from 6pm to 9pm. Come inside to OTTS – we've got ramps, rails, and boxes. Call Justin Novitski for more information at (715)539-3939.

Every Monday of the Month ~ Hand & Foot game at the MACEC starting at noon. Bridge – bring your team of 4 at 12:30pm. Newcomers always welcome!

Every Monday of the Month starting April 25 ~ Senior Strength Training This class will be held at 9:30am and run through the summer. Cost for the class is \$4.00 at the MACEC. Call (715)536-4226 for more information.

Every Tuesday/Thursday of the Month ~ Oasis After School Study/Work Program Held at OTT'S Garage Teen Center from 3pm to 5pm. Work on homework, read a book, study for a test, help with projects and get rewarded. Rewards include gift cards, school supplies, concessions food, and more. Call Justin Novitski for more information at (715) 539-3939.

Every Tuesday of the Month ~ Quilting Club Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center is offering a club at 12:30pm. Ironing sheets; tying quilts, sewing tops and quilts together. If you have any questions contact Tammie or Lori at (715)536-4226.

Every Tuesday of the Month ~ Card Games at Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center. Sheephead starting at 1pm. \$2 donation.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Merrill Noon Optimist meet at noon at the Eagles Club. Their goal is to reach out to those that need to have Optimism in their lives through leadership and sharing. They are a service organization working together so that all kids can look forward to a better future for themselves and their community. The Optimists as a group donate their time, talent and money to benefit the youth of our community. They are an organization which sponsors their new members, if you know someone who's a member contact them and indicate your desire to join. If you are new to our community, you can simply contact them and they would be happy to help you get started! For more information contact Meredith Prebeg at (715)536-4947 or check out their web site: www.merrilloptimist.org.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Domino's This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with friends. Games such as Domino's are known for strengthening your brain at the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center at 1pm. Mah Jongg – we will have a learning session on how to play this domino-type game. A \$2.00 donation is asked. For more information please contact (715)536-4226.

Every Second and Fourth Thursday of the month ~ Living with Loss Grief Support Group is an on-going support that will encourage practical

coping skills that are needed to create a “new normal” following the death of a loved one. Held at MACEC from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, January through April. Newcomers are always welcome, Please call Bre at (715)355-4797 if you have any questions or plan on attending. Please always check our MACEC monthly calendar or call the center as dates may change.

Every Friday of the Month ~ Friday Nights at OTTS Held from 7pm to 11pm at OTTS Garage Teen Center. Hang out, play games like pool, carpet ball, air hockey, foosball, basketball, and more. Music, friends, food, what more could you want? Call Justin Novitski for more information at (715) 539-3939.

Every Third Wednesday of the Month ~ Library Board Meeting Held at 4pm in the Board Room of the T.B. Scott Library. Meetings are open to the public. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

MARCH

Kicked off March 13 ~ Empty Bowls The Merrill Optimists are teaming up with Food 4 Kids to combat hunger for the youth in the Merrill Community. Bring your imagination and painting skills to paint a bowl that serves as a reminder of hunger in the Merrill Community. All ages are welcome. The location of the event is Studio 808 in Merrill. Cost is \$7. Contact Jeni Hinz at (715)370-0395 or visit Merrill Empty Bowls on Facebook or <https://merrillemptybowl.wordpress.com> for more information.

APRIL

April 1 ~ Children's Festival Merrill Park and Recreation Department has teamed up with the Merrill Police Department to present this year's Children's Festival. Children are able to come to this event and learn safety from the Police Department and others. This event will be held at the MARC Center from 10am to 2pm.

April 1 ~ Spring Spectacular Craft & Vendor Sale You will be able to find that perfect gift for the Easter Basket, May Day Basket, or Mother's Day, something for inside or out, you can find it right here in Merrill. Held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes in Merrill from 8:30am to 4pm.

April 3 ~ Toddler time Held in the Story Hour Room at the T.B. Scott Library from 10am to 10:30am. 6 weekly sessions of interactive stories, rhymes and songs targeting children age 24 to 36 months, with adult. Advance registration is requested. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

April 4-6 ~ Adult Computer Coaching Free one-on-one computer help. Pre-register or show up. Bring your computer or use ours. Monthly flash drive door prize drawing courtesy of Merrill Radio Shack and Friends of T.B. Scott Library. Tuesday 1pm to 2:30pm, Wednesday 10am to 11:30am, Thursday 6pm to 7:30pm. Held at the T.B. Scott Library, call (715)536-7191 for more information.

April 4 ~ Robotics Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. This group provides an opportunity for youth to discover the world of robotics by building and programming robots. No cost to participate. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/robotics-club/>.

April 5, 19, 26 ~ Family Storytime Stories, songs, rhymes and activities chosen to engage preschool age children and their families. Held at T.B. Scott Library from 10am to 10:30am. This event is free, contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

April 6, 14 ~ eBook Coaching Held at T.B. Scott Library, there is a 1pm and 6pm session for each of the dates listed. For more information, call (715)536-7191.

April 7, 21 ~ Minecraft Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 3pm to 5pm. Join us as we use our awesome powers of creation to build amazing structures. Learn the game in a cooperative, team environment. Both new and experienced players are

invited to attend. This event is free for ages 8 and up, contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

April 7 ~ “Books Are Fun” book sale, held at Ministry Good Samaritan Health Center from 9am to 4pm. There will be a large variety of books and gift items at discount prices. Items will range; spring and summer activities, Easter, graduation, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Sponsoring the event is the Volunteers of Ministry Good Samaritan Health Center. Contact Kathy Steckel at (715)536-8823 or Ramona Hornischer at (715)539-3720 for further information.

April 7 ~ Comedy Night at Les & Jim’s Join Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes as they welcome Tom Clark with Steph Clark to the stage. Fun night of adult laughs right here in Merrill. Doors open at 7:30 and laughs start at 8:30. Fee is either \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Stop in early for the Friday night fish fry.

April 9 ~ Pancake Breakfast Held at Gleason Lion’s Park from 7am to 12pm. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and free for children under 5. The pancake breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, regular & potato pancakes, sausage, cheese, and applesauce. Call Gary Gretenhart at (715)873-4691 for more information.

April 10 ~ Change in a Small Town (Building Merrill Together) Join a panel of futurists and policy makers to frankly discuss an issue that communities around the nation are facing: how does Merrill remain a relevant and growing 21st century community, while preserving the small town way of life that so many of us cherish? The Building Merrill Together initiative, co-supported by T.B. Scott Library, the Interactivity Foundation (IF), and the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy & Service (WIPPS), aims to stir government, business and the general public to positively change Merrill through information and discussion, and by creating an open and transparent environment for change. This event is held in the T.B. Scott Board Room from 6:30pm to 8pm.

April 10 ~ 4-H Clothing Project Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. 4-H Clothing project members are invited

to take part in these monthly group meetings to develop their skills as they work on various clothing projects. Contact the UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/clothing-project-group/>.

April 12 ~ Babysitting Training Recommended for students in 5th to 8th grade. Cost is \$20 per student and is held from 9am to 3pm in the Lincoln County Family Resource Center (201 B Stange St. Merrill). Call (715)539-9228 to register.

April 12 ~ Women Connecting Held at the Eagles Club at 1pm. Enjoy a time of fellowship, a good meal and an inspirational message of encouragement. Admission is \$12, includes meal, speaker, and rent of room. Any questions, contact Marj Krause at (715)218-0441.

April 13 ~ Spring Crafts for Tweens (Grades 3-8) Youth may create a Bunny or “Bunnicle” corner bookmark, amazing egg art, a bunny candy box, and a jellybean bracelet. Pre-registration is appreciated (715)536-7191.

April 14 ~ Critic’s Choice Movie: JUST LIKE HEAVEN (2005) Based on the novel IF ONLY IT WERE TRUE by Marc Levy, this film is perfect for a spring romance. Released in 2005, this film stars Reese Witherspoon as a dedicated over-worked doctor in San Francisco who is involved in a tragic car crash and Mark Ruffalo who leases her apartment following the accident. With plenty of laughs and adventure this film is 95 minutes long with a rating of PG-13. Refreshments will be provided during the movie. As always, bus rides to and from the show are FREE. For more information, contact the library at (715)536-7191.

April 15 ~ Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by Merrill Park & Rec and Merrill Optimists, held at Lion’s Hill at 10am for ages 1-12. Different fields will be used for different ages. Bring your cameras to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Contact Dawn at (715)536-7313 or Trina at (715)612-2461 for more information.

April 15 ~ Crafty Artist Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center. This group is dedicated to teaching the skills needed to make

usable art. All of the projects completed are designed for older youth. Youth in third grade and under need to be assisted by an adult. Project cost is usually \$5 a project and is due at the meeting. Advanced registration is required for planning supplies, email Becky at partly@gmail.com. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/jewelry-and-arts-group/>.

April 16 ~ Easter Buffet All you can eat buffet with salad bar, featuring chicken, ham, macaroni and cheese, two types of potatoes, vegetable. This event will be held at the Merrill Eagles Club from 11am to 2pm. Contact Scott Doerr at (715)536-7471 for more information.

April 19 ~ Regular Board of Education Meeting Held at MAPS Central Office, 1111 N Sales Street at 5pm. Contact Tammy Woller or John Sample at (715)536-4581 for more information.

April 19 ~ North Woodies Ladies Ducks Unlimited Banquet The Merrill/Tomahawk chapter will be hosting their annual fundraising banquet from 5pm to 11pm at Merrill Eagles Club. Local businesses are being asked to contribute door prizes, cash donations or to become a sponsor. Tickets are available for \$45. Contact Linda Blake at (715)536-7988 or Kay Yohn at (715)218-1852 for more information.

April 19 ~ Why Everyone Needs to Volunteer Once /Quarter Motivational speaker Tracy Stayton, a UWSP graduate will be at the library to share her life-changing experiences. Tracy is a strong believer in positivity and spreads her message through www.34tunate.com and the 4tunate movement. This event will be held at the T.B. Scott Library at 6:30pm. Contact the library at (715)536-7191 for more information.

April 20, 24 ~ Group Storytime A storytime for pre-registered groups, including pre-school, 4K, and daycare groups. Call or stop at the youth services desk to register. This event will be from 9:45am to 10:30am on Thursday and 12:30pm to 1:30pm on Monday at T.B. Scott Library. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

April 20 ~ Cover to Cover Book Club Held from 1pm to 3pm at the T.B. Scott Library. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

April 20 ~ Men in the Kitchen Held at St. Stephan's Church in Merrill at 5pm. There will be 5 men from our community that will be preparing/cooking and serving their own table of 8. The men purchase the food they will prepare and will plan their own menu. Tickets are \$35 and "reservations" are needed. Contact Tammy at (715)536-1300 at H.A.V.E.N for more information.

April 20 ~ T.B. Scott Mini Art Fair: Words Worth Hearing Artist Matt Pilleo of Eau Claire, Scott Savage, and Jamie Kalverstran, all artists originally from Merrill, will exhibit examples of their art, including Pilleo's remarkable portrait painting technique. Refreshments served by Words Worth Hearing sponsors First Street Coffee Station and The Checkered Churn. This event will be held in the T.B. Scott Library Community Room from 6pm to 8pm.

April 21 ~ Video Book Trailer Contest (Middle School Students) Create a video booktrailer showcasing your favorite book for teens for the chance to win a gift certificate. Winning trailers will be used in the Library's Teen Summer Program promotional video. Please pick up the Video Book Trailer Contest Rules at the Library or find them online at: www.tbscottlibrary.org.

April 21-23 ~ Central Wisconsin Concertina Festival More than 100 concertina artists from around the state and beyond play and enjoy their fellow musicians. Food and refreshments, free parking, concertina display. Held at Les & Jims Lincoln Lanes 1208 North Center Ave. Merrill. Friday: 5pm to 11pm, Saturday: 11am to 11pm. Sunday: 10am to 5pm. Call (715)536-9405 for more information.

April 22 ~ 4-H Project Discovery Day Held at 8:45 am 12:30pm at the Tomahawk Middle School. Youth from throughout the county are invited to attend this event to learn about the variety of projects they can participate in through 4-H. A brochure and registration form will be available in late January/early February by contacting the UW-Extension office at (715)539-1072 or go to

<http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/activities/project-discovery-days/>.

April 22 ~ Merrill High School Prom Held at the Merrill High School from 7pm to 11pm. The Grand March starts at 7pm, dance starts at 8pm.

April 23 ~ Potato Pancakes All you can eat potato pancakes or regular pancakes served with sausage links, cheese, apple sauce, locally made maple syrup, milk and coffee. This event will be from 9am to 1pm at the Merrill Eagles Club. \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for ages 6-12, all you can eat. Contact Scott Doerr at (715)536-7471 for more information.

April 25 ~ Introduction to Banking and Finances (Make Your Dollars Count) Held from 6:30pm to 7:45pm in the T.B. Scott Free Library Community Room. Holly Schuett and Chip Ford present Introduction to Banking and Finances, a program in the Make Your Dollars Count series and part of the nationwide Money Smart Week initiative. Make Your Dollars Count is a community service of Associated Bank and T.B. Scott Free Library.

April 27 ~ How to Save & Why it's Important Held from 6:30 to 7:45 in the T.B. Scott Free Library Community Room. Holly Schuett and Chip Ford present How to Save & Why it's Important, a program in the Make Your Dollars Count series and part of the nationwide Money Smart Week initiative. Make Your Dollars Count is a community service of Associated Bank and T.B. Scott Free Library.

April 29 ~ History Hunt Who is going to be able to figure this out? Receive text messages for hints to get you to your next clue. More information is yet to come. Held at the Merrill History and Culture Center from 9am to 5pm, call (715)536-5652 for more information.

April 29 ~ 4-H Drama, Lip Sync and Music Festival At 9am at Tomahawk School Auditorium in Tomahawk. The public is invited to view dramatic and musical performances performed by 4-H members from throughout the county. No admission charge. Refreshments will be available. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to [http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-](http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/activities/drama-festival/)

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April 30 ~ Eagles Ladies Spring Fling Held at the Merrill Eagles Club doors open at 2pm. There will be raffles, door prizes, music by Carl Jackson at 3pm, drawing at 4pm. Cost of admission is to buy a raffle ticket for \$10. Contact Barb Middlestead at (715)536-7471 for more information.

MAY

May 1 ~ Dog Project Orientation Meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the lower level room 156 of the Lincoln County Service Center, at 801 N Sales Street in Merrill. No dogs at this meeting. If you are planning to participate in this year's 4-H dog project and Fair show, you are asked to attend this meeting to learn more about this year's opportunities and ask questions. For more information about the 4-H Dog project, visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/dog-project/>.

May 2 ~ Robotics Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. This group provides an opportunity for youth to discover the world of robotics by building and programming robots. No cost to participate. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/robotics-club/>.

May 5, 19 ~ Minecraft Held at the T.B Scott Library from 3pm to 5pm. Join us as we use our awesome powers of creation to build amazing structures. Learn the game in a cooperative, team environment. Both new and experienced players are invited to attend. This event is free for ages 8 and up, contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

May 6 ~ Misha & Cipa Dichter An afternoon of world class piano-four-hand... Pianists Misha and Cipa Dichter met at the The Julliard School as students of the legendary Rosina Lhevinne and made their first joint appearance at the Hollywood

Bowl in 1972, four years after their marriage. Since then, the Dichters have performed in recital and with major orchestras throughout the world and have brought to the concert stage many previously neglected works of the two-piano and piano-four-hand repertoires. Held at Merrill High School from 3pm to 5pm, the only fee is a seasonal membership to the Merrill Area Concert Association.

May 6 ~ Community Kolor Run This is about having the time of your life, The Community Kolor Run for Merrill Area United Way is a five-kilometer or 2 mile, un-timed race in which hundreds of participants, are doused from head to toe in different colors during the event. With only two rules, the idea is easy to follow: wear white at the starting line, and finished plastered in color! The fun continues after the community color runners and walkers complete the race with an unforgettable Finish Party. This larger than life party is equipped with music, dancing and massive color throws, which create millions of vivid color combinations. Trust us, this is the best post-5k party in Central Wisconsin! Call Riverside Athletic Club at (715) 536-2481 for more information.

May 6 ~ Women's Luncheon Held at New Testament Church from 11am to 2pm. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, listen to a motivational speaker to uplift and encourage women and enter to win one of our many raffles. Admission is \$10. Contact Jennifer Zimmerman at (715)536-8554 for more information.

May 7 ~ Pancake Breakfast Blood Drive Held at Gleason Lion's Park from 7am to 12pm. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and free for children under 5. The pancake breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, regular & potato pancakes, sausage, cheese, and applesauce. Call Gary Gretenhart at (715)873-4691 for more information. There will also be a blood drive at this event.

May 8 ~ Weekly 4-H dog Trainings Begin From 6pm to 8pm at the Merrill Festival Grounds in front of the rotunda and east of the Lokemoen Building. Trainings will continue weekly on Monday evenings at the same time and location with the final training to be held on Monday, July 17th. Trainings will include agility, obedience, rally obedience and showmanship. More information

visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/dog-project/>.

May 8 ~ 4-H Clothing Project Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. 4-H Clothing project members are invited to take part in these monthly group meetings to develop their skills as they work on various clothing projects. Contact the UW-Extension at (&15)539-1072 or visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/projects-resources/clothing-project-group/>.

May 8 ~ Merrill Open for Business: Growing Entrepreneurs and Jobs Join an expert panel and discussion of how to bring new business and quality jobs to Merrill. The Building Merrill Together Initiative, co-supported by T.B. Scott Free Library, the Interactivity Foundation (IF), and the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy & Service (WIPPS), aims to stir government, business, and the general public to positively change Merrill through information and discussion, and by creating an open and transparent environment for change. Held in the T.B. Scott Library Board Room from 6:30pm to 8pm.

May 9-11 ~ Adult Computer Coaching Free one-on-one computer help. Pre-register or show up. Bring your computer or use ours. Monthly flash drive door prize drawing courtesy of Merrill Radio Shack and Friends of T.B. Scott Library. Tuesday 1pm to 2:30pm, Wednesday 10am to 11:30am, Thursday 6pm to 7:30pm. Held at the T.B. Scott Library, call (715)536-7191 for more information.

May 10 ~ Women Connecting Held at the Eagles Club at 1pm. Enjoy a time of fellowship, a good meal and an inspirational message of encouragement. Admission is \$12, includes meal, speaker, and rent of room. Any questions, contact Marj Krause at (715)218-0441.

May 11 ~ Enbridge's Dakota Pipeline Revisited – Words Worth Hearing A grassroots movement arose in the spring of 2016 to protest the construction of Energy Transfer Partners' Dakota Access Pipeline through the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and across the Missouri River. Paul

DeMain, James Botsford, John Endrizzi, and Melissa Lewis, each of whom have experiences and invite discussion as to lessons learned and the broader societal and public policy implications of the Dakota Access Pipeline protest. Held in the T.B. Scott Library Community Room from 6:30pm to 8pm.

May 13 ~ Crafty Artist Group Held at 9am at the Lincoln County Service Center. This group is dedicated to teaching the skills needed to make usable art. All of the projects completed are designed for older youth. Youth in third grade and under need to be assisted by an adult. Project cost is usually \$5 a project and is due at the meeting. Advanced registration is required for planning supplies, email Becky at partly@gmail.com. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/jewelry-and-arts-group/>.

May 13 ~ Spring Psychic Faire Join River's Edge as they present their Spring Psychic Faire. More information will be available closer to the date. Held from 9:45am to 5pm at 1505 Champagne St. Call (715)536-2270 for more information on this event.

May 13-14 ~ Dorinda's Dance Production-“Let's Go Crazy”. Come out and see the talents of Merrill area children as they dance their way across the stage. Don't miss out on what Dorinda has up her sleeve for this production. Held at Prairie River Middle School, show times Saturday are noon, 3:30pm, and 7pm. Sunday show times are noon and 4pm. Call the studio on what tickets are available at (715) 536-4411.

May 15 ~ Hellen Keller: A Life Nearly Lost From 6pm to 8pm at the T.B. Scott Library, Jessica Michna of Racine will portray Hellen Keller in the Friends of T.B. Scott Library's Annual Program. Michna has become widely known for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies and other historic women as well as her fictitious characters, she has entertained groups throughout America including guests from as far away as New Zealand, Japan, and Brazil.

May 17 ~ Regular Board of Education Meeting Held at MAPS Central Office, 1111 N Sales Street at 5pm. Contact Tammy Woller or John Sample at (715)536-4581 for more information.

May 19 ~ 2017 Merrill Riders Gymkhana Series An opportunity for riders of all ages and all riding ability to enjoy some speed events with their horse. Spectators are always welcomed to cheer on the riders. Food and drink available on the grounds. Easy in and out with plenty of parking. Held at the Merrill Festival Grounds from 6pm to 11pm, call the Merrill Riders Club at (715)842-3995 for more information.

May 20 ~ Community-Wide Rummage Sale Plan to spend the day going from one garage sale to another. Merrill Chamber teams up with Merrill Foto News/ Courier as we get ready with an easy to read map of all the locations of Rummage Sales. If provided, a listing of what the sale will have to offer. The map will be available from the Foto News on Wednesday May 17th.

May 26 ~ Merrill High School Graduation Watch the graduating seniors walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. Graduation will be held in the Merrill High School Fieldhouse at 6pm.

JUNE

June 1 or 6 ~ Mandatory Meeting to Show at the Lincoln County Fair Horse Show Held at the Lincoln County Service Center at 6:30pm. All youth interested in participating in the Lincoln County 4-H Fair Horse Show must attend one of visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/horse-project/>.

June 2, 16 ~ Merrill Riders Gymkhana Series An opportunity for riders of all ages and all riding ability to enjoy some speed events with their horse. Spectators are welcomed to cheer on the riders. Food and drink available on the grounds. Easy in and out with plenty of parking. Held at the Merrill Festival Grounds from 6pm to 11pm, call the

Merrill Riders Club at (715)842-3995 for more information.

June 5 ~ 39th Annual Chamber Golf Classic Join the Merrill Chamber as we hit the greens for our annual Golf Classic. Don't have a foursome, that is okay! Call the Chamber at (715) 536-9474 and we can get you added to another team. Have some fun with fellow Chamber members and enjoy lunch at the turn, followed by raffles and dinner. Held at the Merrill Public Golf Course at 10:30am.

June 6-8~ Adult Computer Coaching Free one-on-one computer help. Pre-register or show up. Bring your computer or use ours. Monthly flash drive door prize drawing courtesy of Merrill Radio Shack and Friends of T.B. Scott Library. Tuesday 1pm to 2:30pm, Wednesday 10am to 11:30am, Thursday 6pm to 7:30pm. Held at the T.B. Scott Library, call (715)536-7191 for more information.

June 6 ~ Robotics Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. This group provides an opportunity for youth to discover the world of robotics by building and programming robots. No cost to participate. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/project-resources/robotics-club/>.

June 9 ~ Rodeo Queens Read Sponsored by Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo. Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 10am to 11am. The Rodeo Queens and candidates will read, sign autographs, and visit with children. Held at the T.B Scott Library, contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191.

June 9 ~ Critic's Choice Movie: Bridge of Spies (2015) Directed by Steven Spielberg and winner of the Oscar Award for Best Motion Picture of the Year, this 2015 Historical drama centers on the 1960 U-2 incident during the Cold War and an American lawyer recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court. Following the court hearing, the lawyer then needs to help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U-2 spy plane pilot. Starring Tom Hanks, Alan Alda, Victor Verhaeghe and Brian Hutchinson to name a few, this thriller is rated PG-13 and is 2 hours and 22 minutes long. Refreshments will be

provided during the movie. As always, bus rides to and from the show are FREE. For more information contact the library at (715)536-7191.

June 9-10 ~ Lincoln County 4 h Junior Camp (for 2nd-4th grade participants). All youth in grades 2-4 from Lincoln County are invited to participate in a two day, overnight experience at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/cwes/Pages/default.aspx>). We offer a **safe inclusive, and engaging environment** that encourages youth development and mastery through independent and community-building outdoor learning activities. Through exploration of the natural environment, outdoor land and water pursuits, and our low element challenge course, 4-H campers gain unforgettable experiences learning about the natural world, themselves and each other! Transportation from Tomahawk and Merrill is provided. A brochure and registration form is available by contacting the UW-Extension office at (715)539-1072 or visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/activities/4-h-camps/>.

June 9-11 ~ Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo Lincoln County Rodeo Associations present the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo. Voted the Best Medium Size Rodeo, bring your family to see why. From steer wrestling to bronc riding to barrel racing to bull riding, and a lot in between. Held at the Merrill Festival Grounds Friday 7pm, Saturday 6:30pm, and Sunday 1pm.

June 11 ~ June Dairy Breakfast Held in the Smith Center at the MARC from 8am to 12pm. Menu includes all you can eat Belgium waffles with toppings, cheesy scrambled eggs, pork sausage links, cheese curds, milk, coffee and juice There will be live music, horse and wagon rides, children's activity area and Grampa's Farm Petting Zoo. There will also be a Community Blood Center blood drive For more information contact Mary Sosnovske at (715)873-4090 or Stephanie Zoellner at (715)539-8263.

June 12-29 ~ MAPS Summer Learning Academy Held at Kate Goodrich Elementary School from 8am to 3pm. This program is free. Contact Kerry

Brigg at (715)536-5233 ext. 13001 or visit summermaps.com for more information.

June 12 ~ Summer Movies-Kick-off Week (Rated PG) Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 9:45am to 11:30am. You'll find yourself cheering for this little fish as she sets off on an unforgettable quest to find her parents in this PG rated movie.

June 12 ~ 4-H Clothing Project Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. 4-H Clothing project members are invited to take part in these monthly group meetings to develop their skills as they work on various clothing projects. Contact the UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/projects-resources/clothing-project-group/>.

June 12-July 31 ~ Summer Library Program begins. Have fun reading this summer and record what you have read on reading records provided by the library. (Children who are read to may also count the time on their reading records.) Then return your reading record to the library anytime during open hours from June 12-July 31. Spin the wheel and choose a prize for each reading record you turn in. Six reading records are available per child. Completion of all six records qualifies you for the final grand prize drawing, special prize drawings for teens. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

June 13, 20, 27 ~ Tail Waggin' Tutors (for grades k-8) Held in the Storyhour room at the T.B. Scott Library from 11am to 12pm. Join Mark and Kiva, members of Therapy Dogs International, for a dog gone good time! Bring your special book and share it with Mark and Kiva.. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

June 13, 20, 27 ~ Lunch Bunch (For next fall's grade's 3, 4, & 5.) Bring a sack lunch from home and enjoy exciting stories followed by fun crafts and games. This is a free event held at the T.B. Scott Library. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

June 13 ~ Debt Reduction & Budgeting (Make Your Dollars Count) Holly Schuett and Chip Ford present Debt Reduction & Budgeting, a program in

the Make Your Dollars Count series. Make Your Dollars Count is a community service of Associated Bank and T.B. Scott Free Library. Held from 6:30pm to 7:45pm in the Library Community Room.

June 14 ~ Ring Up the Curtain A series of free, family friendly performers. David Landau's appearances are upbeat music programs that keep children engaged and constantly thinking. The kid's sing some, move some, act some, shout just a little bit, and laugh a bunch. The adults sit back and enjoy the show. Held at the Prairie River Middle School Auditorium from 10am to 11am. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 or visit www.happytrails.biz/ for more information.

June 14 ~ Women Connecting Held at the Eagles Club at 6pm. Enjoy a time of fellowship, a good meal and an inspirational message of encouragement. Admission is \$12, includes meal, speaker, and rent of room. Any questions, contact Marj Krause at (715)218-0441.

June 15 ~ Minecraft Held at the T.B Scott Library from 3pm to 5pm. Join us as we use our awesome powers of creation to build amazing structures. Learn the game in a cooperative, team environment. Both new and experienced players are invited to attend. This event is free for ages 8 and up, contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

June 15 ~ Entry forms Due to exhibit at the Lincoln County Fair. In addition to 4-H'ers, youth from other recognized youth groups in Lincoln County are invited to exhibit in the Junior Division at the fair. All residents of Lincoln County are encouraged to exhibit in the Open Division or Senior Citizens Division. So, if you enjoy baking, sewing, gardening, woodworking, collecting antiques or any other hobby, show off your work at this year's Lincoln County 4-H Fair by entering an exhibit. For more information about entering the fair or other information about this year's Lincoln County Fair, visit the Lincoln County Fair website at www.lincolncofair.com.

June 17-18 ~ Gleason Heritage Days June 17th enjoy the mud bogs beginning at noon. June 18th there is a pancake breakfast from 7am to noon,

followed by a tractor pull. Family fun weekend with events happening all weekend long. Food available on site.

June 21 ~ Ring Up the Curtain A series of free, family friendly performers. Professor Marvel's Build A Better World engages kids with magic, story-telling and puppetry and providing them fuel for their imaginations. Through a selection of featured books, Professor Marvel will help children understand the fun to be had by "doing it yourself". Held at the Prairie River Middle School Auditorium from 10am to 11am. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 or visit <http://library.thelyceums.com/> for more information.

June 21 ~ Regular Board of Education Meeting Held at MAPS Central Office, 1111 N Sales Street at 5pm. Contact Tammy Woller or John Sample at (715)536-4581 for more information.

June 21 ~ Merrill City Band Concert It is that time of year when the Merrill City Band gets the cob webs off their instruments and screeches some tunes out for us. Watch out for who is behind that mask, for Halloween is coming to Merrill twice this year. Theme for the concert is "Things That Go Bump In The Night". Held at Normal Park from 7pm to 9pm.

June 22 ~ Craft Extravaganza Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 1pm to 3pm. Youth from 4th grade on up may enjoy a variety of craft stations: making toys to send to the Lincoln County Humane Society, trying out Nail and String art, creating mosaics, and making their mark with Zentangle CD Scratch Art. Preregistration appreciated, contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information

June 24 ~ Annual Gleason Lion's Golf Tournament Registration is at 10:30am and tee off at 11:30am. Club X to C, first annual Gleason Lion's Golf Tournament. Call Gary Gretenhart for more information at (715)873-4691.

June 28 ~ Ring Up the Curtain A series of free, family friendly performers. Held at the Prairie River Middle School Auditorium from 10am to 11am. Jason Huneke, juggler, has appeared on America's got talent and he has performed his comedy

juggling show in over 1,000 cities all over the country. His original comedy and juggling are what set his act apart. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 or visit www.jasonhuneke.com/ for more information.

June 28 ~ Merrill City Band Concert Merrill City Band will be performing at Normal Park. Theme for the concert is "April May March in June". Located at Normal Park from 7pm to 9pm.

June 29-July 1 ~ Lincoln County 4-H Intermediate Camp (for 5th-8th grade participants). All youth in grades 5-8 from Lincoln County are invited to participate in a 3 day and 2 night camping experience at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells (<http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/>) ! We offer a **safe, inclusive, and engaging environment** that encourages **youth development and mastery** through independent and community-building outdoor learning activities. Through exploration of the natural environment, outdoor land and water pursuits, and our low element challenge course, 4-H campers gain unforgettable experiences learning about the world, themselves and each other! Transportation from Tomahawk and Merrill is provided. A brochure and registration form is available by contacting the UW-Extension office at (715)539-1072 or visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/activities/4-h-camps/>.

June 29 ~ Build with Tynker Coding Games Youth grade 4 and up can play coding games, build computer games, and share them with others using Tynker, a visual coding system. Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 1pm to 3pm. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

JULY

July 4 ~ Pow Wow Days Parade Tomahawk Come on up to Tomahawk to watch the parade and make some noise as the Merrill City Band comes on by. The parade will begin at 1pm.

July 4 ~ Fireworks at the MARC Sit back and watch the sky while it lights up with an array of

colors. Bring the family for a picture before the show begins. Food Trucks on site and fireworks will begin at dusk.

July 5 ~ Merrill City Band Concert Merrill City Band will be performing at Normal Park. Theme for the concert is “An American Celebration”. The concert will take place at Normal Park from 7pm to 9pm.

July 6 ~ Teen SLP Movie This 2017 PG-rated movie (for ages 10 and up), is based on the book *A Dog’s Purpose*, by W. Bruce Cameron, is about a canine who lives many different lives and teaches humans to love and laugh. Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 1pm to 3pm. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

July 6 ~ UFOs and Crop Circles of Wisconsin – Chad Lewis Wisconsin has a rich history of UFO and alien encounters, and of crop circles appearing in our fields. Chad Lewis will look at UFOs buzzing fields, cattle mutations, and face to face encounters with creatures not of this earth. You’ll be certain to leave this program and look up, in wonder, at the inexplicable around us. Held in the T.B. Scott Library Community Room from 6:30pm to 8pm.

July 6 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of Mark Wayne. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

July 8 ~ Mud Bogs Timed and/or distance through a mud pit (various classes of vehicles). Refreshments and food available on site. Held at the Gleason Community Club Park. Call Gary Gretenhardt at (715)873-4691 for more information.

July 8 ~ 2nd Annual WTPA Tractor Pull Bring the family to watch a day full of tractor pulling. The day starts with Antique Tractors as they pull for bragging rights. WTPA Tractor Pull will start at 6pm. Watch as they pull to earn points for their class. Remember to bring ear plugs or head phones, it does get LOUD.

July 10 ~ 4-H Clothing Project Group Held at 6pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. 4-H Clothing project members are invited to take part in these monthly group meetings to develop their skills as they work on various clothing projects.

Contact the UW-Extension at (&15)539-1072 or visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-club-programs/projects-resources/clothing-project-group/>.

July 11-13 ~ Adult Computer Coaching Free one-on-one computer help. Pre-register or show up. Bring your computer or use ours. Monthly flash drive door prize drawing courtesy of Merrill Radio Shack and Friends of T.B. Scott Library. Tuesday 1pm to 2:30pm, Wednesday 10am to 11:30am, Thursday 6pm to 7:30pm. Held at the T.B. Scott Library, call (715)536-7191 for more information.

July 11, 18, 25 ~ Tail Waggin’ Tutors (for grades k-8) Held in the Storyhour room at the T.B. Scott Library from 11am to 12pm. Join Mark and Kiva, members of Therapy Dogs International, for a dog gone good time! Bring your special book and share it with Mark and Kiva.. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

July 11, 18, 25 ~ Lunch Bunch (For next fall’s grade’s 3, 4, & 5.) Bring a sack lunch from home and enjoy exciting stories followed by fun crafts and games. Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 12pm to 1:15pm. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

July 12 ~ Women Connecting Held at the Eagles Club at 1pm. Enjoy a time of fellowship, a good meal and an inspirational message of encouragement. Admission is \$12, includes meal, speaker, and rent of room. Any questions, contact Marj Krause at (715)218-0441.

July 12 ~ Ring Up the Curtain-Nature’s Niche, Animal Rehabilitator-A series of free, family friendly performers. Presenter Dennis Tlachac presents a fun, educational, and interactive live animal program entitled “A Habitat is a Home.” Learn about how you can help build a better world for our animal friends. Held at the Prairie River Middle School from 10am to 11am. Call Carolyn Forde at (715)526-7191 or visit www.naturesniche.org for more information.

July 12 ~ Merrill City Band Concert Merrill City Band will be performing at Normal Park. Theme for

the concert is “California Themin”. The concert will be held at Normal Park from 7pm to 9pm.

July 13 ~ Peanut Butter Picnic Stories, Rhymes & Songs with Laurie Jacoby and Nikki Taves. A bag lunch is provided for pre-registered children ages 2 to 5 and their guests. Held on the West Lawn at the T.B. Scott Library. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

July 13 ~ Smore Solar Fun Youth ages 9 and up may build a solar oven to cook s’mores, create a sun print, conduct solar experiments, and make a solar-powered grasshopper. Pre-registration is appreciated. Held at the T.B. Scott Library. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

July 13 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of The Bear Creek Band. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

July 14 ~ 8th Annual Movie in the Park Join the Merrill Chamber and Marshfield Clinic – Merrill Center as we host our 8th Annual Movie in the Park. The movie will be announced closer to the date of the event. Held at Normal Park, the movie will begin at dusk. Call the Merrill Chamber of Commerce at (715) 536-9474 for more information.

July 14, 28 ~ Merrill Riders Gymkhana Series An opportunity for riders of all ages and all riding ability to enjoy some speed events with their horse. Spectators are welcomed to cheer on the riders. Food and drink available on the grounds. Easy in and out with plenty of parking. Held at the Merrill Festival Grounds from 6pm to 11pm, call the Merrill Riders Club at (715)842-3995 for more information.

July 17 ~ Summer Movies-Movies Finale (Rated G) Held in the Community Room at the T.B.Scott Library from 9:45am to 11:30am. As their best friends get ready to head to collage, his childhood miniature mates find themselves mistakenly sent to a day-care unit until a daring escape plan is made.

July 19 ~ Ring Up the Curtain-Traveling Lantern Theater Company at PRMS. The Ribbles Build a Residence: Help the Ribbles build a new home by playing interactive games to discover basic building

techniques. Plan to have fun watching the show and becoming part of the show as you take the stage in this summer play. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 or visit www.travelinglantern.com for more information.

July 19 ~ Merrill City Band Concert Merrill City Band will be performing at Normal Park from 7pm to 9pm. Theme for the concert is “Polka Man, Go”.

July 20 ~ Minecraft Build a better world! This creative club builds on Minecraft Education World and uses mods such as Superhero and Oceanscraft. Held at the T.B. Scott Library for ages 8 and up from 3pm to 5pm. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

July 20 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of Deep Water Reunion Band. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

July 22 ~ 3rd Annual Lobsterfest Join Ballyhoo’s and the Lincoln County Tavern League as they present the 3rd Annual Lobsterfest. This event is a fundraiser for the Tavern League to raise money for the Safe Ride Home Program. Tickets must be purchased two weeks before the event, so we can make sure we have your lobster. Your ticket gets you a fresh Maine Lobster with all the trimmings. Different raffles will be held during the night. The cost is \$40 per lobster and this event will be held from 4pm to 8pm at Ballyhoo’s.

July 26-30 ~ Lincoln County Fair at the Merrill Festival Grounds. During the Lincoln County Fair, youth from throughout Lincoln County will exhibit at the Lincoln County Fair held at the Merrill Festival Grounds. Young people will be exhibiting everything from their animals to cultural arts to woodworking to their youth leadership projects. In addition, open division exhibitors will be exhibiting their exhibits. All of these exhibits will be displayed throughout the grounds for the public to view. For complete information about the fair and all the activities, visit the Lincoln County Fair website at www.lincolncofair.com.

July 26 ~ Merrill City Band Concert Merrill City Band will be performing at Normal Park. Theme for the concert is “Taking The World By Storm”. The band will play from 7pm to 9pm.

July 26-30 ~ Lincoln County Fair Bring the family down to the Lincoln County Fair. See the entries that the 4-H students have entered into the fair. Plus, see what talents the people of Lincoln County have as they enter their items to be judged. Don't stop there, enjoy some food at one of the many local groups! Sit back and catch up with friends, take a ride on the midway, play a game, or take a show in at the grandstands. This event will be held at the Merrill Festival Grounds.

AUGUST

August 1-4 ~ VBS Sponsored by J.A.M. Children's Church. Children ages 4-11 can come and enjoy Bible stories, lessons, crafts, games, and object lessons. This free event is held at New Testament Church from 9am to 10:45am. Contact Donna Burrows at (715)536-8554 for more information.

August 3 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of Red Ben & the Missing Mile. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

August 5 ~ Normal Park Craft Show Stop out from 8am to 1pm at Normal Park to see the arts, crafts and vendor sales along with the Farmer's Market.

August 4-6 ~ Merrill Firefighters Annual Charities Softball Tournament Join the Merrill Fire Fighters as they hold their 38th Annual Co-ed softball Tournament. Tournament starts on Friday night and goes through Sunday. Food and refreshments available on site. Lots of raffles and a silent auction. Call the Fire Department at (715)536-2233 to sign up your team.

August 5 ~ Fill The Gazebo Food Drive Sponsored by Merrill Ministerium. This event is the 5th annual community-wide food drive held at the Gazebo at Normal Park with the goal of filling the Gazebo with items for Merrill's three food pantries and the Food for Kids Program. Non-perishable food items and personal care items are accepted. Monetary donations are also welcome. Rain Site for this event is Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 300 Logan St. Contact Pastor Jess Wakefield at (715)573-4648 for more information.

August 7-10 ~ Crazy Daze Summer Dance "Performance" Camp Held at Dorinda's Dance Studio. Summer "performance" camp is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, with performances on Thursday for Crazy Daze. Time of event is to be announced, also cost of admission is to be determined. Call Dorinda at the studio at (715)536-4411 or Sheila at (715)302-3146 for more information.

August 10 ~ Crazy Daze Businesses throughout the city have Crazy Deals, sales and events happening throughout the day. Stop downtown as Dorinda's Dance Studio performs and for other contest being held at the center stage. Other events to be posted.

August 10 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of the Cajon Strangers. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

August 11-12 ~ Relay for Life Held at the Merrill Festival Grounds Friday at 5pm to Saturday at 10am. Contact Diane Geis at (715)891-2061 or visit diane.geis@cancer.org for more information.

August 16 ~ Women Connecting Held at the Eagles Club at 6pm. Enjoy a time of fellowship, a good meal and an inspirational message of encouragement. Admission is \$12, includes meal, speaker, and rent of room. Any questions, contact Marj Krause at (715)218-0441.

August 17 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of the Dave Steffen Band. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

August 24 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of the Trigger Trippers. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

August 31 ~ Gazebo Nights Featuring the music of Copper Box. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.