



2017 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

January 21, 22 ~ Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Race

January 28 ~ Winterfest Cardboard Sled Race

January 7, 21, February 4, 18, 25 ~ Gleason Ice Ovals

January 7, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ Merrill Ice Drags

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/>.

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 nuks. 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.

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) Our Craft shop will be closed the first two weeks of January for inventory. Thank you for your patience. We will reopen January 16th. 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.

Oil Painting-New Class! ~ No experience necessary! Instructor will lead you through each step. Cost is only \$30-all materials included! Pre-payment is due by January 12th to reserve your seat. Only 6 seats available! Call (715)536-4226 to register.

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.

Upcoming classes: January 11, 25

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.

Upcoming classes: January 9, 24

Odds 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.

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.

2017 Merrill Ice Drags ~ We host the FASTEST 1/8 mile drag AUTO racing on ICE in the world! WORLD RECORDS – 141.6mph. & 5.431 e.t. From “Rubber Tire” class to “Outlaw” class, we have racing for everyone. Track is located on Lake Alexander – enter through Council Grounds State Park N1895 Council Grounds Dr. Merrill and follow the signs to the boat landing. Registration 8:30am to 10:30am, Tech Line closes at 11am. Drivers Meeting at 11:30 am followed by racing at noon. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$7 for kids ages 6-14, and admission for kids under six is free. Spectator Area – Free Parking along fence – NO sticker required. Parking in State Park Parking lots WILL require sticker.

Dates:

January 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

Gleason Ice Ovals ~ Come on out and watch ATV's, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and carts race around the oval track. Admission is \$5 for adults and kids under 10 are free. Food and refreshments are on grounds in a heated building. Held at the Gleason Community Club Park, N5335 State Hwy.

17, gates open at 8am and races begin at 11am. Call (715)873-4811 for more information or visit their website: <http://www.gleasoncc.org/>.

Dates:

January 7, 21

February 4 (night race) , 18, 25

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.

A Collectors Christmas ~ On display until January 25th at the Merrill Historical Society, this year's Holiday theme is about all types of collections – large and small, old and new – Barbie Dolls, My Little Ponys, Stief stuffed animals and more. A display to share some amazing collections and memories.

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. Snow on the public skate ramps? No problem! 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.

JANUARY

January 3-5 ~ 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 in the Library Board Room, Tuesday: 1pm to 2:30pm, Wednesday 10am to 11:30am, Thursday 6pm to 7:30pm.

January 4, 20 ~ Minecraft Club at T.B Scott Free Library from 3 to 5pm in the library board room. Both new and experienced players are invited to attend the free sessions. For more information call (715)536-7191.

January 5, 12 ~ 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.

January 6 ~ Live Stand-Up Comedy feat. Mike Mercury & Ron Lamprecht Held at 8:30pm at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Call (715)536-9405 for more information.

January 9 ~ Creative Coloring Class Held at the MACEC at 1pm to 3pm. Class cost is \$3 (pencils

will be provided). A \$2 donation for the center is appreciated. Please call the center at (715)536-4226 to register.

January 9 ~ 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/>.

January 9, 11 ~ Youth Mental Health First Aid Want to learn how to respond to a youth crisis? Take Advantage of this FREE two-day training opportunity! From 4 to 8 pm at Merrill High School, Room 113. Youth mental health first aid teaches parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, neighbors, health and human service workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or substance abuse issue, or is in crisis. Also introduces common mental health challenges for youth and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Space is limited to 30 participants. Must be at least 18 years old to participate. Contact Kristin Bath to register: (715)539-1373 or kbath@co.lincoln.wi.us.

January 10 ~ Create & Connect Painting Party Join the Chamber for a night of fun! We have joined forces with Gallery on the Go to learn how to paint. Whether you painted before or not, everyone is welcomed. We are currently waiting to pick out the picture, GOTG is coming out with a "Love" collecting. Held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes 1208 N Center Avenue. There will be a 6pm dinner of soup and a wrap, followed by 6:30 painting. The cost includes dinner and painting and is \$35 for chamber members and \$40 for non-chamber members. For more information contact Cheryl Skoug at (715)536-9474.

January 11 ~ One-Stroke Painting At 9:30am to 11:30am or 1:30pm to 3:30pm at MACEC. The project is a Snow Penguin on a 4' slab. Call (715)536-4266 to register.

January 13 ~ Internet Safety and Pizza – teen event
From 4pm to 5:30pm at T.B. Scott Library.

January 13 ~ Critic's Choice Movie Starring Sylvester Stallone (who took home the 2016 Golden Globe award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting role in this motion picture) our January feature film is about a young man who is the son of a famous boxing champion who died in a boxing match and his quest for a mentor to train him to box in a title fight and follow in his late father's footsteps. This 2015 movie is rated PG-13 and has a running time of 2 hours and 13 minutes. 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. The movie will begin at 1pm at T.B. Scott Library.

January 14 ~ Crafty Artist Group Held at 9am at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. This group is dedicated to teaching the skills needed to make usable art. All of the projects completed are designed for older youth. Youth third grade and under need to be assisted by an adult. Project cost is usually \$5 a project, due at the meeting. Advanced registration is required for planning supplies. Register by emailing 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/>.

January 14 ~ Kippenburg Kids Fundraiser Held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, call (715)536-9405 for more information.

January 14 ~ Couples Scratch Bowling Tournament Held at 1pm at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Call (715)536-9405 for more information.

January 18 ~ Bingo Party Held (once a month) at MACEC at 1pm to 3:30 pm (check our monthly newsletter for future dates). New for New Year-higher payouts per game! Bingo games-total amount of money paid out is based on attendance. Your \$5 fee includes 3 bingo cards, coffee, tea, and the Center activity fee. Call (715)536-4226 to register.

January 19 ~ Oil-Painting From 9:30am to 4pm at MACEC. Project is a fall waterfall on a 16x20 canvas board. Cost is \$30-includes all materials. Pre-payment is due by January 12th to reserve your seat. Call (715)536-4226 to register.

January 19 ~ Cover to Cover Book Club From 1pm to 3pm at T.B. Scott Library.

January 21-22 ~ Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Race
ISDRA - Sanctioned races with cash prizes and trophies for the top six places. More than 100 mushers compete during the weekend event. Skijoring, kiddie, and celebrity races too. (date may change, please watch site for more information). Held at Pine River Elementary School W4165 Hwy. 64, Merrill. Begins 10am Saturday (weather permitting) and Sunday 9am. Contact (715)873-4787 for more information or visit their website: <http://www.witrailblazers.org/>.

January 24 ~ Creative Coloring Class From 10am-12pm at the MACEC. Class cost is \$3 (pencils will be provided). A \$2 donation for the Center is appreciated. Please call (715)536-4226 to register.

January 24, 28 ~ Solar Project Informational Presentation From 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Tuesday, and 11am to 12pm on Saturday at T.B. Scott Library. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

January 25 ~ One Stroke Painting At the MACEC from 9:30am to 11:30am or 1:30pm to 3:30pm. All about snowmen painting workshop. Call (715)536-4226 to register.

January 26 ~ Understanding Credit Scores (Make Your Dollars Count) Held from 6:30pm to 7:45pm at the T.B. Scott Library. Holly Schuett and Chip Form present Understanding Credit Scores, the first program in the Make Your Dollars Count series. Learn what a credit score is, what a credit report is, how to get your credit report and understand what it says, and how you can improve your credit score. Make Your Dollars Count is a community service of Associated Bank and T.B. Scott Free Library.

January 26, 30 ~ 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.

January 27 ~ Tween Movie From 3pm to 5pm at the T.B. Scott Library. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

January 28 ~ Digital Learning Technologies Training From 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. Would you like to or do you know others who would like to engage today's youth in exploring the natural world using innovative and exciting technology tools? Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center has developed Digital Observation Technology Skills (DOTS) kits to do just that at Upham or at your own location. The DOTS kits provide unique, hands-on opportunities for students to study and explore details of their environment, essentially turning the 'invisible' visible. Technology tools found in the DOTS kits include: trail cameras, portable microscopes, thermal imagers, GPS units, mobile weather station and more. The kits can be mailed directly to individuals once they have completed the required training. To make it easier for volunteers and staff in northern Wisconsin to attend the Digital Observation Technology Skills (DOTS) kits required training, Upham Woods staff will be teaching a DOTS training hosted by Lincoln County UW-Extension for 4-H volunteers, after school staff and others who are interested in utilizing these kits with youth they work with. The cost for the training is \$10 to cover lunch is due the day of training. Please register at: <http://bit.ly/DOTSJan2017>, by January 16th if you would like to attend.

January 28 ~ Unplugged II: Live Acoustic Music From 1pm to 4pm in the T.B. Scott Free Library Community Room. Guitarist Lloyd Howe of Merrill & vocalist Isabelle Wakkinen, who style themselves as the Last of the Fugitives, performs a mix of bluegrass, folk, and gospel songs to warm up the room for an open mic session to follow. Bring your instrument and enjoy an afternoon of acoustic music!

January 28 ~ Cookbook Exchange – Winterfest Activity Held from 10am to 12pm at T.B. Scott Library. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

January 28 ~ Winterfest – Cardboard Sled Race
The Merrill Optimist Club will be holding their Annual Cardboard Sled Race. Design and build a person powered, corrugated cardboard sled capable of withstanding the descent down Lion's Hill slope. How creative can you be using only corrugated cardboard as a building material? Prizes awarded as soon as races are completed at the bottom of the hill. Hot Chocolate will be sold by the Octagon club in the warming house. Registration at 11am (bring your forms), judging sleds at 11:30am and races begin at 12pm or as soon as design judging has completed. To register, rules and guides, check out the Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/749253818561928>.

FEBRUARY

February 2, 9 ~ 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.

February 3 ~ Live Stand-Up Comedy feat. Maggie Faris & Will Spottedbear Held at 8:30pm at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Call (715)536-9405 for more information.

February 3 ~ Shades of Buble Ask three people who Michael Buble is and you'll get three different answers. The modern Sinatra who sings and swings on all the standards. The chart-topping pop artist who wrote "Home" and "Haven't Met You Yet". The Rock-and-Roll bad-boy who reinterprets classic Motown and R&B these are the SHADES OF BUBLE.. ABOUT SHADES OF BUBLE. With three voices singing incredible songs like "Feeling Good," "Moondance," "Come Fly With Me," "Home," "Everything," "Fever," "Save The Last Dance for Me" and many more, SHADES OF BUBLE: A Three-Man Tribute to Michael Buble brings the swinging standards and pop hits of Michael Buble to the stage in an unforgettable high-energy concert event. Beginning with an amazing sold-out debut at the end of the 2014-2015 concert season, this act has already begun wowing audiences

around the country with exciting harmonies, smooth choreography, and charming good looks. Delivering a setlist comprised only of songs recorded or performed live by Michael Buble, this world-class tribute act honors (but doesn't imitate) the sophistication, retro style, and high-energy fun that Buble himself brings to his concerts while engaging diehard fans with thrilling new three-part vocal arrangements. SHADES OF BUBLE: A Three-Man Tribute to Michael Buble gives audiences seamless variety by combining big-band standards from the jazz era, classic hits from the 50's/60's/70's as well as Billboard chart toppers from today in a high-energy show that generates standing ovations from sold out crowds. The fee is a seasonal membership to the Merrill Area Concert Association.

February 4 ~ Communications Contest Held Saturday at 9am at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. The public is invited to attend this event to hear speeches, poems, stories, demonstrations or view puppetry performances by youth from throughout the county. No admission charge. Refreshments available. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072 or go to <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth/4-h-community-club-programs/activities/communities-contest/> for more information.

February 7-9 ~ 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. For more information call T.B. Scott Library at (715)536-7191.

February 7 ~ 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/>.

February 8 ~ Planning for Nursing Care and Final Expenses From 4:30 to 5:45pm in the T.B. Scott Library Community Room. This class will inform

retirees of the chances they'll need nursing care, ways to receive care, and costs involved. It will also talk about options to fund one's final expenses, a decision that may be affected by how a retiree plans on receiving and funding nursing care. Presented by The Retirement Classroom (theretirementclassroom.com).

February 10, 24 ~ Minecraft Club at T.B Scott Free Library from 3 to 5pm in the library board room. Both new and experienced players are invited to attend the free sessions. For more information call (715)536-7191.

February 11 ~ Dueling Pianos Held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, call (715)536-9405 for more information.

February 11 ~ Home Alone How do you know when your child is ready to stay home alone? Open to families with grade school and middle school aged children. Held at the Lincoln County Family Resource Center (201 B Stange St. Merrill) from 9am to 12pm. Call (715)539-9228 to register.

February 11 ~ 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/>.

February 11, 12 ~ Skating on the Wild Side presented by Merrill Ice Reflections Figure skating club. Show starts at 7pm on February 11th at the Smith Center and at 1pm on February 12th at the Smith Center. Tickets in advance are \$5 and \$7 at the door. Children 3 and under are free.

February 13 ~ 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/>.

February 13, 16 ~ *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.

February 16 ~ *Cover to Cover Book Club* Held from 1pm to 3pm at the T.B. Scott Library. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

February 17 ~ *Tween Movie* From 3pm to 5pm at T.B. Scott Library. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

February 18 ~ *Les & Jim's Dog House Doubles Bowling Tournament* Held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, call (715)536-9405 for more information.

February 18 ~ *Cloverbud Leader Training* Held at 9:30am at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. A new curriculum has been developed and is available for the Cloverbuds. We will be offering a Cloverbud Leader training for any interested adult leaders or youth leaders. Please register by February 10, 2017 with Cherie by email at: CHafeman@co.lincoln.wi.us or via phone at: (715)539-1074.

February 18 ~ *Haven Elvis Fundraiser* Held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, call (715)536-9405 for more information.

February 23 ~ *Gress Chiropractic Ladies Night* Held from 5pm to 8pm at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Call (715)536-9405 for more information.

MARCH

March 2, 9 ~ *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.

March 7 ~ *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/>.

March 7 ~ *Strategies for Social Security & Retirement Income* Held from 6pm to 7:30pm at T.B. Scott Library. This class is designed to help accomplish the most prevalent goal among retirees – to not run out of money. You'll learn multiple methods of filing for Social Security and strategies to optimize it. You'll also be shown a process for calculating your retirement income need and options for structuring your income in retirement. Presented by the Retirement Classroom (theretirementclassroom.com).

March 7-9 ~ *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 from 6pm to 7:30pm. Call T.B. Scott Library for more information at (715)536-7191.

March 10 ~ *Strings in the Stacks (Words Worth Hearing)* T.B. Scott Free Library's third floor will come alive with music in an early celebration of spring and St. Patrick's Day. Guitar-Violin folk duo Paul and Susanna Gilk open the concert at 6:45pm., followed by Jeff Pockat of Appleton, a Gaelic harp musician and composer at 7:30p.m. Pockat will present traditional and original music on his ancient wire strung Celtic Harp of Ireland and Scotland, on which he's performed since 1990. Pockat has performed throughout the Midwest; his credits include appearances at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and on a television pilot with Tiny Tim.

March 10, 24 ~ *Minecraft Club* at T.B Scott Free Library from 3 to 5pm in the library board room. Both new and experienced players are invited to

attend the free sessions. For more information call (715)536-7191.

March 11 ~ 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/>.

March 13 ~ 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/>.

March 14 ~ Identify Theft & Compromised Information (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 Identity Theft & Compromised Information, 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. For more information, call (715)536-7191.

March 16 ~ Cover to Cover Book Club Held at T.B. Scott Library from 1pm to 3pm. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

March 16, 20 ~ 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.

March 17 ~ Tween Movie Held at the T.B. Scott Library from 3pm to 5pm. Call (715)536-7191 for more information.

March 28 ~ Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain “Eight ukuleles walk out on stage...” No joke – prepare for an unforgettable evening featuring the finest ukulele orchestra in the world! The orchestra was formed in 1985 as a bit of fun, but the first gig was an instant sell-out, and they’ve been performing ever since. By 1988 they had released an LP, appeared on BBC TV, played at WOMAD and recorded a BBC Radio 1 session. The current ensemble has been playing together for over 20 years, and has become something of a national institution. The orchestra has given thousands of sold out concerts across the world, including Great Britain, Sweden, Finland, Poland, France, America, New Zealand, Canada, and Japan. They have more recently performed sell-out shows at the Sydney Opera House (2012), The Royal Albert Hall (2009, 2012), and New York’s Carnegie Hall (2010, 2012). Over the last 29 years, the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has spawned hundreds of imitators, and you can now find ukulele groups in nearly every major city, indeed, the Orchestra are often blamed for the current ukulele revival which is sweeping the globe. The Ukulele Orchestra’s music has been used in films, plays, and commercials, while film clips of the Orchestra’s live concerts and TV appearances on websites such as YouTube have been watched millions of times. Collaborators have included Madness, David Arnold, The British Film Institute, The Ministry of Sound, Yusuf Islam (aka Cat Stevens) and the Kaiser Chiefs. The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain is a group of all-singing, all-strumming ukulele players, using instruments bought with loose change, which believes that all genres of music are available for reinterpretation, as long as they are played on the ukulele. A concert by the Ukulele Orchestra is a funny, virtuosic, twanging, awesome, foot-stomping obituary of rock-n-roll and melodious light entertainment featuring only the “bonsai guitar” and a menagerie of voices in a collision of post-punk performance and toe-tapping oldies. There are no drums, pianos, backing tracks or banjos, no pitch shifters or electronic trickery. Only an astonishing revelation of the rich palette of orchestration afforded by ukuleles and singing (and a bit of whistling). Audiences have a good time with the Ukulele

Orchestra. Going from Tchaikovsky to Nirvana via Otis Redding and Spaghetti Western soundtracks, the orchestra takes us on “a world tour with only hand luggage” and gives the listener “One Plucking Thing After Another”. Using instruments small and large, in high and low registers, whether playing intricate melodies, simple tunes, or complex chords, and sitting in chamber group format dressed in formal evening wear, the orchestra uses the limitations of the instrument to create a musical freedom as it reveals unsuspected musical insights. Both the beauty and vacuity of popular and highbrow music are highlighted, the pompous and the trivial, the moving and the amusing. Sometimes a foolish song can touch an audience more than high art; sometimes music which takes itself too seriously is revealed to be hilarious. You may never think about music in the same way once you’ve been exposed to the Ukes’ depraved musicology. Admission is a seasonal membership to the Merrill Area Concert Association.

APRIL

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 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 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 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 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, 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 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 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 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 ~ 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-community-club-programs/activities/drama-festival/> for more information.