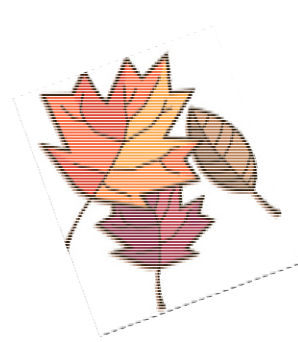




2018 Fall/Winter Calendar of Events



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Upcoming Events

October 5 & 6 ~ Haunted Sawmill

October 6 & 7 ~ Grampa's Farm

October 6 ~ 11th Annual Lincoln Lager Barleyfest

October 11 ~ Merrill Chamber Annual Celebration

October 31 ~ City of Merrill Trick or Treating

November 10 ~ Craft Sales

December 1 ~ Christmas Parade

December 1-2 ~ O'Tannenbaum Tour

January 5 ~ Gleason Ice Races

January 19 ~ Merrill Ice Drags

January 26-27 ~ Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Races

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 ~

Here is a great Christmas gift for someone! 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.

[Continuing Fundraising for the Handicap Accessible Playground](#) To be located at Normal Park, any size donation is greatly appreciated. Contact Carrie Cordova at 715-536-9576 ext. 301.

[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, (Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12.) and the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3 to 4:30pm, (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.

[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.

[Mind & Body Wellness Course](#) ~ The Merrill Enrichment Center with the financial support of Security Health Plan, is excited to offer Mind & Body Wellness! The goal of this program is to provide participants with educational material and activities designed to promote brain health,

ultimately empowering people to lead a healthy lifestyle and remain independent. Emphasis will be placed on the growing evidence that lifestyle choices like nutrition, exercise, mental activities, and social activities can positively impact your brain health and reduce the risk of dementia. The program will combine fun and educational mind games to challenge participants to keep their brains active. Classes are October 3rd, 10th & 17th. Call 715-536-4226 to sign up. 9am to noon.

[Enrichment Center Craft Shop](#) ~ 303 N. Sales St. 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!

[Painting with Amy](#) ~ No painting experience needed! You leave the class with your finished creations! Call or see Merrill Enrichment Center newsletter for dates and times for these classes. Options are a 12x16 canvas for \$18 or a 16x20 canvas for \$28. (MEC activity fee included in cost.)

[Oil Painting with Dennis](#) ~ No painting experience needed! You leave the class with your finished creations! Call or see Merrill Enrichment Center newsletter for dates and times for these classes. \$33 (MEC activity fee included in cost.)

[Alzheimer's/Dementia Education/Support Group](#) ~ Join Merrill Enrichment Center for our Education and support group for Alzheimer's and Dementia. Could this be Dementia or Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, there is something you can do to help them and yourself. Plan to visit our Alzheimer's association support group. The support group meets once a month to provide people with an opportunity to share the experiences and receive support from others coping with Alzheimer's disease. Information and handouts will also be provided. Our facilitator, currently, is Jan

Fredrickson. Call 715-536-4226 for date and time of the monthly meetings.

[Living with Loss ~ Grief Support Group](#). Please join the Merrill Enrichment Center for a grief support group. The Living with Loss support group is an on-going group that will encourage practical coping skills that are needed to create a “new normal” following the death of a loved one. It is the hope that this unique opportunity will grant you the skills and connections needed to foster a healthy grief journey and create a new relationship with yourself and the loss you have suffered. Newcomers are always welcome. A Bereavement Care Coordinator will facilitate the meetings. Please call her at 715-355-4797 with any questions you may have. Call 715-536-4226 for date and time of meeting.

[ACT Raising Safe Kids](#) ~ Lincoln County Family Resource Center is offering this class to support parents in creating a safe, healthy and stable environment for children and families. Learn how to identify your parenting style, promote positive behaviors, guide media use, understand and manage anger. Starting October 11 going through December 20 from 4:30-6:30pm. Call to register 715-539-9228.

[Walking](#) ~ Too hot or cold to walk outside? Come to the Merrill Enrichment Center and walk the track for free. (Donations are graciously accepted). Please bring your walking shoes Monday-Thursday from 8am to 4:30pm.

[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 Friends of T.B. Scott Library. Held at T.B. Scott Library.

October: 2nd @ 6pm; 3rd @ 10am; 4th @ 1pm

November: 6th @ 6pm; 7th @ 10am; 8th @ 1pm

December: 4th @6pm; 5th @ 10am; 6th @ 1pm

[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 ~ Chair Yoga](#) – Instructor Gigi Heinz will be instructing this class at 10am. Yoga helps increase strength in both muscles and bones, improves circulation for better brain and heart health and improves mobility & flexibility to help you enjoy more activities. This is held at Merrill Enrichment Center, cost is \$3.00.

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

[Every Tuesday/Thursday of the Month ~ Oasis After School Study/Work Program](#) Held at OTT’S Garage Teen Center from 3pm to 5pm. Oasis provides a safe and fun study environment for Middle School and High School students. Students earn Oasis points for time spent studying and can redeem points for concession food, school supplies or gift cards to area restaurants. 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 Carri Kennedy at 715-539-9797 or check out their web site: www.merrilloptimist.org.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Games Spend the day with friends at the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center all day. Cornhole/Bean Bag toss goes on all day. 10am ~ grab a partner and play Cribbage. Mah Jongg at 1pm – 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 Wednesday of the Month ~ Middle School and High School Students are invited to hang out with friends after school at OTTS Garage. From 3-5pm they can enjoy activities such as pool, air hockey, table tennis, etc. Plus, play Xbox and PlayStation in the video game room. Concession items like pretzels, nachos, candy and soft drinks are available for purchase. Any questions contact Justin Novitski at 715-539-3939.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Senior Strength Training ~ Senior Strength classes will be held at 10am. Cost for the class is \$4. Call the MACEC Center at (715)536-4226 for more information.

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 First & Second Friday of the Month ~ Community Youth Group A collective effort of local church youth ministries using a series of interactive teaching session that explore the basics of the Christian faith. This series is designed to engage youth in questions about life, faith and meaning. Each night features food, games, worship, music, lesson and prayer. This program is offered for Middle School and High School students from 6-

8pm at OTTS Garage, 805 E Main St. Any questions, contact Justin Novitski 715-539-3939.

Every Third Tuesday of the Month ~ Book Club at 1pm at MEC. Newcomers always welcome.
October – Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
November – Britt Marie was Here by Fredrick Backman

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.

OCTOBER

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 ~ Toddler Storytime
Toddler Storytime at the T.B. Scott Free Library is for toddlers ages 24-36 months with their adult at 10am to 10:45am.

October 2 ~ Building Merrill Together Program Series This event will be held at the TB Scott Free Library at 6pm. For more information please call 715-536-7191.

October 2 ~ Bus Trip Merrill Enrichment Center invites you to join them on an adventurous bus trip! If you love new experiences and having way too much fun, sign up today! Prices vary per trip. Heading to Helen’s Hilltop Orchard! 13 seats available per trip, call 715-536-4226 to reserve your spot today!

October 2 ~ Domestic Violence Awareness Walk Light meal and a walk on the River Bend Trail in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness month. The walk starts at 3:30pm at the Agra Pavilion. No cost. Please call Nancy or Katie at 715-536-1300 to RSVP. Rain date Oct. 9th

October 3 ~ Robotics Group- This group provides an opportunity for youth to discover the world of robotics by building and programming robots. No cost to participate, this event is held at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. For more information, contact the UW-Extension office at 715-539-1072.

October 3, 10 ~ Mental Health Among Us: At Work, in School, in our Community- Dealing with mental health head-on is critical to success in our schools, workplaces, and society. Join a panel to discuss this important issue. 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 public to positively change Merrill through information and discussion, and by creating an open and transparent environment for change. This event will be held in the Community Room at the T.B. Scott Library from 5:30pm to 8pm. Contact (715)536-7191 for more information.

October 4 – Men in the Kitchen HAVEN is hosting this event at St. Mary's Church in Tomahawk. 5 men which will purchase, prepare and serve a meal to a table of 8. This will also have other auctions and drawings. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$35. Doors open at 5pm, dinner is at 6pm. Any questions contact Tammy Degner at 715-536-1300.

October 4 ~ Bus Trip Merrill Enrichment Center invites you to join them on an adventurous bus trip! If you love new experiences and having way too much fun, sign up today! Prices vary per trip. Heading to Lunch! 13 seats available per trip, call 715-536-4226 to reserve your spot today!

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 ~ Family Storytime- Our Free Family Storytime is intended to nurture early literacy skills through stories, play, songs and crafts target at children age 3-5. All ages are encouraged to attend. Under age 3 must be accompanied by an adult. Call Carolyn Forde at 715-536-7191 for more information. This event is held from 10am to 11am in the T.B. Scott Library – Story Hour Room.

October 4 ~ eBook Coaching Learn all you will need to know to read awesome eBooks on your digital device. This is held in the T.B. Scott Free Library Community Room at 1pm.

October 5 ~ Sphero Obstacle Course Sign up for a half hour time slot to practice using a library Sphero and learn to program it to navigate an obstacle course. Successful programmers will be invited to a library pizza party on October 14. Owners of

Spheros are invited to bring their own Spheros to use. This is from 3:15-5:15pm for grades 4th and up.

October 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 ~ 8th Annual Haunted Sawmill- He's Back! Who has awakened him this time? Barnabus is trying to claim the Sawmill for his famous Nocturnal Carnival. Do you dare come to the Big Top to see how Vincent is handling this? Oct 5 & 6 – tickets sold from 6-10pm All other shows 6-11pm Concessions available onsite. \$10 per person. \$2.00 off with a non-perishable item Recommended for 12 and older. 700 Hendricks St.

October 6-7 and 13-14 ~ Grampa's Farm- Bring your family out to Grampa's Farm to see how Grampa and Gramma ran the farm back in the day. Have a chance on milking a cow, making toys, apple target practice, washing clothes, and so much more. Live animals available for kids to learn how to handle, hay bales for kids to crawl on, wagon rides, pumpkin patch, and corn maze. Activities all day long for the family to enjoy. This event is held from 10am to 5pm at N2613 Norwegian Rd. Cost is \$10 per person and kids get to bring home a pumpkin.

October 6 ~ Sensory Storytime This story time is like a regular story time that has been adapted (sensory-enhanced) to meet the needs of children of all abilities including those with autism spectrum disorder. TB Scott Free Library welcomes children in grades K-5th from 10-11am.

October 6 ~ 11th Annual Lincoln Lager Barleyfest Micro Breweries, beers, wines, and spirits will be under one roof. Purchase your ticket in advance or at the door, and this will get you in. Take your glass around and get a sample of all the different beer and spirits. Designated Drivers – have different sodas for you to try. Enjoy the music and food with your drinks. Held at the MARC Smith Center from 2pm to 6pm. This event will cost \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

October 7 ~ Pancake Breakfast Breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, regular & potato pancakes, sausage, cheese, and apple sauce. This event is held at Gleason Lion's Park from 7am to 12pm. Cost will be \$9 for adults, \$5 for children

under 12, and free for children under 5. For more information, you can contact Gary Grutenhart at (715)873-4691.

October 8 ~ Short Story nights at the Sawmill Brewing Co. Is your life too busy and hectic these days to read a book once a month? Well, how about a short story instead? Everyone deserves a little “me time”. Join T.B. Scott Free Library’s short story nights at the Sawmill Brewing Company for an evening of discussion, trivia and more... Each month upcoming short story will be provided at the event. Also, printed copies are available at the Library and online on our website. Did we mention it’s at the brewery? Must be 21+ years to participate. 6:30-7:30pm – come early to get your refreshment from the bar before the program begins.

October 10 – 12 ~ Wisconsin Science Festival – STEAM Petting Zoo from 3-5pm at the TB Scott Free Library. It’s time to create @Your Library. Try out Magna-tiles, Snap Circuits, Maker Studio Winches Set, Goldie Blox and Wind Power Electricity Generating Turbines and learn about Science, Technology, Engineering Art, and Math with this hands-on fun.

October 11 ~ eBook Coaching Learn all you will need to know to read awesome eBooks on your digital device. This is held in the T.B. Scott Free Library Community Room at 1pm.

October 11 ~ Annual Chamber Celebration Another year has gone by, and it is time to celebrate with the Chamber! Join us for our Annual Celebration. Find out who the Chamber Members have voted for Business of the Year. Enjoy a nice meal, and purchase your raffle tickets! Prizes are all around the room. This event is held from 5:00pm to 9pm at Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes.

October 11 ~ Family Fun Night Can’t make it to the Library during the daytime/ Enjoy free family fun at TB Scott Free Library at 5:30pm on the 2nd floor in the Youth Services Department. Under age 3 must be accompanied by an adult. Join Science Guy Jim Lenz for a magic show that incorporates science fun and learn a little about rocketry. (Part of our Wisconsin Science Festival offerings.)

October 12 ~ Sphero Obstacle Course Sign up for a half hour time slot to practice using a library Sphero and learn to program it to navigate an obstacle course. Successful programmers will be invited to a library pizza party on October 14. Owners of Sphero are invited to bring their own Spheros to use. This is from 3:15-5:15pm for grades 4th and up.

October 12 ~ Critic’s Choice Movie How would you deal with your life if you suddenly died, but was revived after several minutes only to discover you can now see and talk to dead people? This feature film will help you learn how to make the most of these special talents! Starring Ricky Gervais, Greg Kinnear & Tea Leoni. Rated: 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.

October 13 ~ 4-H Project Discovery Day 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 August by contacting the UW-Extension office at 715-539-1072. This event will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

October 13 – Free Medical Clinic – New Testament Church is offering free doctor check-ups, haircuts, chiropractor visits, food and toiletries, lunch and more. There will be tons of resources available for anyone who needs it. Stop in from 10am-2pm. All are welcome, and all services are 100% Free! Sponsored by His Hands Extended Food Pantry.

October 14 ~ 4-H Project Discovery Day 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 August by contacting the UW-Extension office at 715-539-1072. This event will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

October 16 ~ 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Spaghetti Dinner. Come out to Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes for a Spaghetti dinner for \$10 a person. This event

raises funds for the Food 4 Kids program. This program supplies food to Merrill students that might not get any food over the weekend. The event will start at 4:30-7:30pm. Desserts are available for purchase. Dinner includes spaghetti with meatballs, bread, drink, and a painted bowl (while supplies last.)

October 16 ~ Bullet Journaling Teen Agnes Wissell will lead this creative program about decorating and using bullet journals. Participants will receive a journal at no charge at the TB Scott Free Library for Grades 4th and up from 3:15-4:15pm.

October 16 ~ Damascus Road Coming to spread awareness, education and advocacy about human trafficking. From 5-7pm at the Lincoln County Family Resource Center. Call 715-539-9228 to register.

October 17 ~ HAVEN's 35th Anniversary Celebration Join HAVEN for the 35th Anniversary at the Merrill Eagles Club, 1205 Lake St, from 4:30pm to 7pm for speakers and a meal. For more information, please call 715-536-1300.

October 17 ~ St. John Church Bazaar Stop in at St. John for their annual Craft Sale that begins at 9am. Lunch is served from 11am to 1pm. Chicken Dinner, Homemade Pies, Chicken Soup, Chicken Salad Sandwiches and Hot Beef Sandwiches. For carry-outs call 715-536-4722. Deliveries will be made to the homebound.

October 18 ~ Getting to Know Medicare This class will acquaint current and future Medicare beneficiaries with the four parts of Medicare as well as equip them to navigate through the various insurance options. No cost obligation for great advice! Presented by The Retirement Classroom. This event is held in the Community Room at the T.B Scott Library from 6pm to 7:30pm. Contact Laurie Ollhoff at (715)536-7191 or visit theretirementclassroom.com for more information.

October 18 ~ My Life in the FBI Join us at the TB Scott Free Library to learn about Tom Burg's life in the FBI. This program will be held from 5-8pm.

October 19 ~ Big Taste Spend a beautiful evening where attendees will sample from the best area restaurants, caterers, food trucks and craft beverages all to support youth mentoring. All money raised stays local to support area kids. This event will be held at The Sundance Chalet at Granite Peak Ski Area from 5pm to 8pm. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Contact Linda Koepke at (715)848-7207 for further information.

October 20 ~ "Books Are Fun" Book Fair There will be a large variety of books and gift items for all ages, at discount prices. From 9am to 3pm in the cafeteria of Good Samaritan Health Center. For more information, contact Ramona Hornischer at 715-539-3720 or Kathy Steckel at 715-536-8823.

October 20 ~ Annual Fall Craft/Vendor Show Start your Christmas Shopping! Local crafters will showcase their work. A number of vendors will participate as well. Lunch will be available for sale. 9am to 3pm at the Merrill Enrichment Center. Craft Shop will be open.

October 20 ~ Haunted Sawmill – Breast Cancer Awareness Night – a portion of the sales will go to help this cause. Tickets sold from 6pm to 11pm \$10 per person. \$2.00 off with a non-perishable item. 700 Hendricks St., Merrill

October 21 ~ Potato Pancakes All you can eat potato or regular pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese, milk and coffee from 9am to 1pm at the Merrill Eagles Club. All proceeds go to local needs. Contact Bob Grunsnick at (715)536-7471 for more information.

October 23 thru November 6 ~ Election QR Code Treasure Hunt Search for answers to questions about Wisconsin candidates, voting rights and state officers. Answer trivia about Wisconsin elected officials. Grades 4th & up will need to have a phone or tablet with QR code reader app to locate the answers. Prizes will be awarded to contestants with the most correct answers returned by November 6th, Election Day. For more information, call the TB Scott Free Library, 715-536-7191.

October 24 ~ Home Ownership & Renting Holly Schuett and Chip Ford present Home ownership & Renting, a program in the "Make Your Dollars

Count” series. Sponsored by Associated Bank and T.B. Scott Library. This event will be held in the Community Room at the T.B. Scott Library from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Contact Laurie Ollhoff at (715) 536-7191 for more information.

October 25 ~ Spooky Crafts Recommended for youth aged 5 and up. This event will feature various spooky crafts to make and take at the TB Scott Free Library from 2-3:30pm. Crafts will include Monster Tic-Tac-Toe, Pumpkin Stress Balls, Dancing Skeletons and more. Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

October 25 ~ Bus Trip Merrill Enrichment Center invites you to join them on an adventurous bus trip! If you love new experiences and having way too much fun, sign up today! Prices vary per trip. Heading to Lunch! 13 seats available per trip, call 715-536-4226 to reserve your spot today!

October 26-28 ~ Friends of T.B. Scott Free Library Book Sale Located at the T.B. Scott Library. Contact the library at (715)536-7191 for more information.

October 26 at 5:30pm-Friends only Sale

October 27 at 9:30am-Sale Open to the Public

October 28 at 9:30am-Sale Open to the Public

October 27 ~ Friendly Haunted Sawmill – Join Vincent and the Haunted Sawmill crew as they welcome everyone to come to the Big Top! Lights are on, people can take you through, candy will be handed out throughout and friendly faces. This event is from Noon until 2pm. Admission is \$10, bring a can good and received \$2.00 off.

October 27 ~ Candlelight Walk Council Grounds invites you to come and walk the trails and roadways of Council Grounds State Park from 5:30-8:30pm. Warming fires and refreshments at shelter and provided by Friends group. Admission sticker required on vehicles in park. Any questions, please call 715-536-8773.

October 27 ~ Make a Difference Day Make a Difference Day is one of the largest annual single-days of service nationwide. Volunteers from around the nation come together with a common mission: to improve the lives of others. Make a Difference

Day shows that anyone, no matter of age or background, can make an impact on their community. Registration begins at PRMS 8:30am and projects run from 9am to noon. There will be a lunch following the event held at PRMS. Contact Linda Becker at 715-873-4564 for more information.

October 27 ~ Psychic Faire River’s Edge will be holding its fall Psychic Faire from 10am to 5pm. Call to make your reservations 715-536-2270

October 31 ~ City of Merrill Trick or Treating Take the kids from door to door to show their costumes off. But make sure there is a light on at the door. In return, your neighbor will give your children a treat. This event is throughout the city of Merrill from 5pm to 7pm.

October 31 ~ Harvest Festival – Enjoy games, face painting, music, cookie decorating, a bag of candy for those ages 2-11 and prizes for the best costumes. (No evil images please). New Testament Church from 6-7:30pm. Cost is one bag of candy. Any questions, please contact Donna Burrows at 715-536-8554.

October 31 ~ Haunted Sawmill – Vincent’s Birthday Special Halloween Show. Vincent invites all to dare to celebrate with him on this special night. Tickets sales from 6pm to 9pm. \$10 per person. \$2.00 off with a non-perishable item. 700 Hendricks St.

NOVEMBER

November TBA ~ Bus Trip Merrill Enrichment Center invites you to join them on an adventurous bus trip! If you love new experiences and having way too much fun, sign up today! Prices vary per trip. Heading for Lunch at Tomahawk Silver Birch! 13 seats available per trip, call 715-536-4226 to reserve your spot today!

November 1 ~ eBook Coaching T.B. Scott Free Library is offering this program from 1-2:30pm to help you to be able to use you Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. This program will be held in the Board Room. No registration required. If you would like

an individual session, please call Stacy Stevens at 715-536-7191.

November 3 ~ Sensory Storytime This story time is like a regular story time that has been adapted (sensory-enhanced) to meet the needs of children of all abilities including those with autism spectrum disorder. TB Scott Free Library welcomes children in grades K-5th from 10-11am.

November 8 ~ eBook Coaching T.B. Scott Free Library is offering this program from 6-7:30pm to help you to be able to use you Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. This program will be held in the Board Room. No registration required. If you would like an individual session, please call Stacy Stevens at 715-536-7191.

November 8 ~ Feeling Connected in Dementia Care Speaker Brenda Avadian will address a variety of common concerns and issues facing caregivers and families at Bell Tower Residence. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. This event will be held at Bell Tower Residence from 9am-4pm. Please call Deb at 715-536-5575 to reserve your spot today.

November 9 ~ Critic's Choice Movie "The Prestige" Part mystery and filled with many illusions, this film takes us to London in the 19th Century and turns friends into rival magicians following a disastrous stage stunt. Who will be the next to fall or die? Starring Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman & Scarlett Johansson. Starting at 1pm. Rated: PG-13. Run time: 2 hr. 10 min. 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

November 10 ~ 28th Annual Bell Tower Craft Fair Celebrate the season with one of Merrill's favorite traditions! Assisi Hall and Bell Tower lobby will be filled with over 35 vendors selling homemade craft items, rugs, paintings, jewelry, candy, bread and more. Raffles! Lunch available! 9am-3pm Questions, give Deb a call at 715-536-5575.

November 10 ~ Holly Bazaar at Ascension Good Samaritan Hospital. Stop in and pick up some

Christmas decorations, grab bags, and much more. Don't forget about the bake goods!

November 10 ~ Craft Shows – Merrill is full of craft shows today! Bell Tower, Ascension Good Sam, Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, Church Mutual, Merrill High School, St. Francis Church, and New Testament Church. You will be able to start your Christmas Shopping. Check the Merrill Chamber's website: www.merrillchamber.org for the times of each sale.

November 15 ~ Babysitting Training Recommended for students in 5th-8th grade. Coast \$20 per student from 9am-3pm at the Lincoln County Family Resource Center. Call 715-539-9228 to register.

November 24 ~ Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 300 Logan at 12pm. Good will donation to the host Church is appreciated. Dine-in, home delivery or carry-out. Please call MEC at 715-536-4226 for dinner reservations by November 15. Volunteer drivers are needed! Please call 715-536-4226.

November 29 ~ Family Fun Night Can't make it to the Library during the daytime/ Enjoy free family fun at TB Scott Free Library at 5:30pm on the 2nd floor in the Youth Services Department. Under age 3 must be accompanied by an adult. Gingerbread cookie fun and sweet stories to follow. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten "Because Learning Starts Before Kindergarten" Register your child at birth or as toddlers and commit to reading every day. If caregivers read three books a night to their child, they will reach 1,095 books in three years. Caregivers and children log each book they read for prizes at reading milestones.

DECEMBER

December TBA ~ Bus Trip Merrill Enrichment Center invites you to join them on an adventurous bus trip! If you love new experiences and having way too much fun, sign up today! Prices vary per trip. Heading to Festival of Lights! 13 seats available per trip, call 715-536-4226 to reserve your spot today!

December 1 ~ Christmas Parade – Join the Merrill Chamber as we lead the Lighted Christmas Parade through the parade route in Merrill. Parade starts at 5pm. No candy will be thrown. Just sit back and enjoy the lights! To register your float, please call the Merrill Chamber at 715-536-9474.

December 1~ Sensory Storytime This story time is like a regular story time that has been adapted (sensory-enhanced) to meet the needs of children of all abilities including those with autism spectrum disorder. TB Scott Free Library welcomes children in grades K-5th from 10-11am.

December 1 ~ Park Lane Manor Luminaria and Santa Visit Merrill rings in the Christmas season with the parade followed by the Luminaria. Stop at Bell Tower and enjoy the bright decorations and lights, cookies, hot cocoa and get your picture taken with Santa.

December 1 & 2 ~ O'Tannenbaum Tour Enjoy Christmas in the air at the Annual O'Tannenbaum Tour at St. Stephen's Church, 903 E 2nd St., on Saturday 10-7pm and Sunday 10-3pm. Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win wreaths, baskets and trees. Money raised at this event goes to the 4-H kids here in Merrill Community.

December 2 ~ Quartetto Gelato Merrill Area Concert Associations welcomes Quartetto Gelato to the Merrill High School Auditorium at 3pm. Classical in training and eclectic by design, Quartetto Gelato thrills its audiences with performances featuring virtuosic instrumentals, passionate tenor arias, pyrotechnical solos, blazing gypsy showpieces, multi-instrument mastery, and a World Accordion Champion. Admission by season membership card only. To join call 1-715-252-6295.

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December 8 ~ Breakfast with Santa Come out to the MARC for Breakfast with Santa! Bring your camera and get your picture. Call 715-536-7313 for your reservation. A goodwill donation of \$3.00. Sponsoring this event is Merrill Park & Rec, Merrill Optimist, Merrill Octagon Club and Merrill Youth Hockey Association.

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December 14 ~ Gingerbread House Construction Use your creativity and engineering skills and our materials to create a gingerbread house at the TB Scott Library from 3:15 to 5:15pm. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. (If there is enough interest a second presentation will be held on Tuesday, December 18 @ 3:15-5:15pm.)

December 14 ~ Critic's Choice Movie: "Last Holiday" Join us this holiday season as we watch a terminally ill woman suddenly get rid of all her life-long treasures and move from America to Europe. Will she "live it up" during her last hilarious few weeks or learn more about herself and others around her? Starring Queen Latifah, LL Cool J & Timothy Hutton. Starting at 1pm Rated: PG-13. Run time: 1 hr. 52 min. 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.

December 20 ~ Sharing Christmas Joy Merrill Enrichment Center will host a Christmas Meal for those who may be spending the holidays alone. Join us for a traditional Christmas meal while visiting with old friends and meeting new friends! In addition, MEC, for the 20th year, will deliver meals and needed gifts to those who are homebound and spending the holidays alone. This wonderful program has continued because of the kind hearts and generous donations from our community. Please call MEC, 715-536-4226 by December 12th. Deliveries will be made on December 20th. Volunteers are needed on December 17th-19th for

gift wrapping and sorting and on the 20th for deliveries and for meal prep and serving!

December 27 ~ Home Alone Get ready for your child's first steps towards independence and being without adult supervision at the Lincoln County Family Resource Center from 10-11am. Call 715-539-9228 to register.

JANUARY

January 3 ~ eBook Coaching T.B. Scott Free Library is offering this program from 1-2:30pm to help you to be able to use you Kindles, Nooks, iPads, etc. This program will be held in the Board Room. No registration required. If you would like an individual session, please call Stacy Stevens at 715-536-7191.

January 5 ~ Gleason Ice Ovals Come out and watch ATVs, Carts and Sleds race around the Oval track in Gleason. Gates open at 7am, gate fee \$7 and registration 7-9am. Racings starts at 10am. Warming house and concessions available onsite. For more information visit www.gleasoncc.org

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January 19 ~ Merrill Ice Drags Don't miss out watching the fastest 1/8th mile drag racing on ice! Racing starts at Noon. Free to watch when parking on the ice. Held at Council Grounds State Park. If parking in lot, will need a state parking sticker. For more information visit www.merrillicedrags.com

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January 19 ~ Tim Buchholz Octet Merrill Area Concert Association welcomes Tim Buchholz Octet to the Merrill High School Auditorium from 7-9pm. Nationally recognized jazz singer and arranger Dr. Tim Buchholz retakes the stage in Merrill – joined by sever other fantastic regional jazz artists – featuring arrangements from their recently released album “I Can't give you anything but Love.” Admission by season membership card only. To join call 1-715-252-6295.

January 26 ~ Merrill Ice Drags Don't miss out watching the fastest 1/8th mile drag racing on ice! Racing starts at Noon. Free to watch when parking on the ice. Held at Council Grounds State Park. If parking in lot, will need a state parking sticker. For more information visit www.merrillicedrags.com

January 26-27 ~ Merrill Winterfest Sled Dog Races Stop out at Pine River School for Young Learners to watch the mushers in action. All different division will be held. Dress warm! Free for spectators. Warming house and concessions available onsite.