



2018 Spring/Summer Calendar of Events



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Upcoming Events

- May 5-6 ~ Dorinda's Dance Show**
May 19- Community Wide Garage Sale
June 1 ~ Movie in the Park
June 8-10 ~ Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo
July 13 ~ Movie in the Park
August 15-19 ~ 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 Aquatic Director at (715)536-4594 ext. 3031 or check out the website <http://www.maps.k12.wi.us/>.

Merrill City Band ~

Saturday May 19 – 2pm Armed Services Day – Northwoods Veterans Post Groundbreaking Ceremony
Monday May 28 – Memorial Day Ceremony, Merrill High School Auditorium, 10:30 Band begins, 11am Ceremony
Wednesdays at Normal Park – June 20 & 27 7pm
Wednesday July 4 – Tomahawk Pow Wow Days Parade 1pm
Wednesday at Normal Park – July 11, 18, 25, August 1 & 8 – 7pm
Wednesday August 15 – Cenotaph Park 6pm
Monday September 3 – Labor Day Parade

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 every day 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 cardio exercise. Call (715)536-2481 for more information.

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.

Living With Loss Support Group- Please join us for a grief support group at the Merrill Enrichment Center. 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. Please call to inquire at (715) 536-4226.

Alzheimer’s/Dementia Education/Support Group ~ Join us May 8th for the first session of our Education and support group for Alzheimer’s and Dementia. Tasha Beestman, Community Outreach Specialist with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Wisconsin Chapter, will host this session at the Merrill Enrichment Center. The MEC would like to make this an ongoing group. We are looking to the public for a facilitator. Please call for more information if you are interested 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: Apr. 11, May 9, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8, and also the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3 to 4:30pm: Apr. 19, May 17, Jun. 21, Jul. 19, Aug. 16. 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.

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:

May – “Fur, Feathers, and Fidelity: Military Mascots” – a traveling exhibit from the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Mascots perform an important service in the military and 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.

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 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!

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.

May: 1st 6pm to 7:30pm, 2nd 10am to 11:30am, 3rd 1pm to 2:30pm.

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

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

August: 7th 6pm to 7:30pm, 8th 10am to 11:30am, 9th 1pm to 2:30pm.

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.

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. June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th from 10am to 12pm.

MACEC Bus Trip ~ Starting late April-Watch their newsletter for details.

Painting with Amy ~ No painting experience needed! You leave the class with your finished creation! Call or see our newsletters for dates and times for these classes. Options are a 12x16 canvas for \$15 or a 16x20 canvas for \$25.

Enrichment Center Craft Shop ~303 North Sales Street, Merrill, WI 54452- 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!

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 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 from June 11-July 30 ~ Merrill Jr. Golf Program- Sessions include 1 hour of instruction and the first two groups have the option of playing after instruction ending at 11:30am. Merrill Park and Recreation Department wrote a grant through the GCBA Foundation. The foundation launched a program called Sticks for Kids, a junior outreach program. The program has provided the Merrill Golf Course with clubs, bags and teaching materials. Pre-registration is required.
8-9am: 13-17 year olds-\$100
9:15-10:15am: 10-12 year olds-\$85
10:30-11:30am: 9 and under-\$65

Every Monday from May-June ~ Take a Swing!- Adult Tennis League- The Merrill Park and Recreation Department will be offering a league this summer for anyone 18 and older. This is a great opportunity to get out on the courts and join others for physical activity. There will be three levels: Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. The program coordinator will create a schedule with

matches taking place on Monday evenings. There will be an organizational meeting on May 1, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Smith Center. If you are unable to make the meeting call Dawn at (715) 536-7313 to let her know you are interested.

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. Sheepshead starting at 1pm. \$2 donation appreciated.

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 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. A \$2.00 donation is asked. For more information please contact (715)536-4226.

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

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.

Ride Free on the Merrill-Go-Round to attend Library summer events. Call Merrill Transit at 715-536-7112 to schedule a free ride for children and teens plus accompanying adult to any T. B. Scott Free Library program at the Library or Prairie River Middle School. (Adjacent to the Library)

APRIL

April 3 ~ 4-H Robotics Group- This group provides an opportunity for youth to discover the world of robotics by building and programming robots. This event will take place at Lincoln County Service Center at 6 pm. There is no cost to participate. Contact UW-Extension at (715) 539-1072 for more information.

April 5 ~ Friends of the River Bend Trail Annual Meeting-Friends of the River Bend Trail will be holding their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 1205 Lake St. Merrill. This meeting is open to current friends, past friends and future friends of the trail. Membership is not required.

There will be an update from River District Development Board President Gene Bebel regarding the exciting trail plans for 2018 and beyond. Schwinn has donated a Sierra2 7-speed comfort bike for the event. Winchester will provide music after the meeting. Join your friends, become involved in the Friends group and show your support of the trail.

April 5-8 ~ Beauty and the Beast- The kids and volunteers at Merrill High School have been working extra hard this year on this spring's performance of Beauty and the Beast-- Bigger sets, Better Costumes, More Rehearsals-- It's going to be a great show! April 5-7 at 7pm and April 8 at 1pm. Tickets are available at Dave's County Market, Lee's Piggly Wiggly, and the Merrill High School. Ticket Price is Adults, \$10 and Students/Seniors, \$8! Please come out for a great show and to support all the extra effort and time they put in to make this the best show yet!

April 6 ~ Comedy Night- Join Brett Eastburn for a fun night of comedy at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes starting at

8pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the show. Call (715) 536-9405 for more information.

April 7 ~ Annual Spring Craft/Vendor Show- Start your spring, summer and Mother's Day shopping from 9am-3pm at the annual craft show at the Merrill Enrichment Center. Local crafters will showcase their work; including Lula Roe, Pampered Chef, Norwex, Scentsy and more. Relay for Life will have baked goods for sale as well as lunch. Registration begins February 5th at 8am. Call (715) 536-4226 for more information.

April 7 ~ Winnebagoland Division-The Winnebagoland Division 2018 Spring Meet will be held on April 7, 2018 at the Merrill Historical Society Museum in Merrill, WI. Registration begins at 8am.

April 7 ~ Family Formal Dance-2nd annual semi-formal dance for elementary and preschool aged children and their families with a Candy land Theme. There will be elaborate decorations, a light supper, dessert table, crafts, flowers, photos, door prizes, dancing. \$10 adults, \$5 children. Raffle baskets available. Doors open at 5:00 with the Grand March at 6:30. Proceeds support a climbing wall at Kate Goodrich School.

April 7-8~ AKC All-Breed Dog Show- Paper Cities Kennel Club 79th and 80th Annual Dog Show will be coming to the Smith Center from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a raffle on Saturday with a portion of the proceeds to benefit Patriot K9 Partners of Wisconsin. There will be over 100 different breeds, 400 dogs each day and the opportunity to talk with owners and breeders about their dogs to learn more. Parking is \$5. For more information visit the PCKC website: www.papercitieskc.org.

April 9~ 4-H Clothing Project Group- 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. This event will take place at Lincoln County Service Center at 6 pm. Contact UW-Extension at (715) 539-1072 for more information.

April 10~ What's All the Buzz about Beekeeping? -So, you'd like to become a beekeeper? The tradition of keeping bees, teaching beekeeping and enjoying the late summer honey harvest is both a family tradition and enjoyable hobby. Join us in the Community room at the Library from 6-7:30 pm and learn about essential beekeeping tools, protective clothing, and additional beekeeping resources from area beekeepers.

April 14~ Bowling Thunder- The Northwood's Veterans Post will be hosting Bowling Thunder, a fundraising event at Les and Jim's In Merrill from 2pm-5pm. The cost

is \$20 per person in advance or \$25 on the day of the event. Register online at [eventbrite/bowlingthunder.com](http://eventbrite.com/bowlingthunder.com), in person at the VFW Post 1638 or at Les and Jim's. All proceeds will benefit the construction of a new Northwood's Veterans Post. For more information you can contact Tracy Jopek at (715) 351-2889.

April 14~ Children's Fest- Join the Merrill Park and Rec. Dept. as they hold Children's Fest at the MARC from 10am to 2pm. Here is a chance for your child to learn about safety. Whether it is riding a bike or bus, safety comes first.

April 14 ~ Living River Spring Concert-Join us for a Spring Concert, doors will open at 4:45 PM. Living River will share their love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ through acapella styles and lyrics. What better time to share the word than after our Lenten Journey to Calvary and then to know that He Has Risen!

April 15 ~ Potato Pancakes- Join the fun at Merrill Eagles Club from 9am to 1pm for all you can eat Potato Pancakes. Other menu items include sausages, cheese, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. All proceeds raised at this event will go towards local needs. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. For more information please contact Scott Doerr at (715) 536-7471.

April 20 ~ Potluck Bingo at Riverside Athletic Club- Bring a friend, a dish to pass and come join us for a great time of food and laughter at Riverside Athletic Club. Potluck will start at 11:20 am with Bingo to follow at 11:40am. Please pre-register for this event by stopping in or calling (715) 536-2481.

April 20-22 ~ Concertina Festival – Join us at Les & Jim's where more than 100 concertina artists from around the state and beyond gather to play and enjoy their fellow musicians. Food and refreshments, free parking and concertina display. Fridays event is from 5pm to 11pm, Saturday 11am to 11pm and Sunday 10am to 5pm. For more information please contact (715)536-9405.

April 21 – Princess Tea Party – Come and meet Princess Anna, Elsa, Sophia the First and Rapunzel at the MARC from 10am to Noon. The Princesses will be reading stories, playing games, having “tea” and treats with the kids. Plus, get their pictures taken with the princesses. For tickets call 715-536-7313.

April 23- MACA Presents Glenn Miller Orchestra- Join MACA in the Merrill High School Auditorium from 7pm-9pm for the presentation the Glenn Miller Orchestra. The world's famous Glenn Miller Orchestra under the direction of Nick Hilscher is one of the few full time touring bands today. The Glenn Miller sound is unique,

featuring woodwinds, plus the wonderful singing group, the Modernaires.

April 24 ~ Healthy Planet Healthy Kids- Join us from 12:30-2:30 at Washington Elementary to see a showcase of booths and activities created by classrooms at Washington Elementary School. Each of these booths will teach us something about taking care of ourselves and our planet. Admission is free. For more information please contact 5th grade teacher, Kristen Novitch at (715)536-2373.

April 26 ~ Marketing for Talent- The Small Business Development Center at UW-Stevens Point presents their 2018 Business Education Series for Merrill Area Chamber Members. This event will take place at the Merrill Chamber from 8am to 9:30am. Second Class in the series of four: Marketing for Talent. Many people think of marketing their products and services, but what does it mean to market you?

April 28 ~ History Hunt Merrill Historical Society is holding “The Hunt.” Check in time is from 9-11:30am. The Hunt will be based throughout the city of Merrill at sites of major fires and collect clues to solve the puzzle when returning to the Historical Society for a cash bar & After Party. Registration- Merrill Historical Society Members \$10, Non-member \$15. Prizes will be given out for Best Team Name, Best Team Costume, Best Social Media Presence & Best Team Fire Bucket. Plus, other raffle prizes. For more information, stop in at the Merrill History & Culture Center, 100 E. 3rd St.

April 28 ~ 1st Annual Tapas and Treats Fundraiser- Merrill HAVEN will be hosting their 1st Annual Tapas and Treats Fundraiser at Merrill Eagles Club from 4-7pm. All proceeds from this event go to HAVEN to serve adults and children who experience domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse, harassment, stalking and human trafficking. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at HAVEN and First Street Coffee Station. There will be a bucket raffle drawing with a chance to win some great prizes. For more information call HAVEN at (715) 536-1300.

MAY

May 1 ~ 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 2,9,16 ~ Mind and Body Wellness- This program will run from 9am to 12pm once a week for three weeks. The goal of this program is to provide participants with educational material and activities designed to promote brain health. Emphasis will be placed on the growing evidence that lifestyle choices like diet, exercise, mental and social activities can positively impact your brain health and reduce your risk of dementia. Hands on nutrition and exercise will be worked into each session. Seats are limited to 12 per session so call (715) 536-4226 now to sign up!

May 5-6 ~ Dorinda's Dance Production- 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 5 ~ Bluman Flucker Annual Charity Golf Outing. Mens will be held at Merrill Public Golf Course and Womens at Trapp Golf Course. If you are interested in the event call Jenah Hanson 715-218-1440.

May 8~Memorial Wreaths- We will be refreshing and making new wreaths for the cemetery on May 8th and 16th at 1pm and delivering the wreaths on May 23rd at 1pm.

May 11 ~ Critic's Choice Movie: The Odd Life of Timothy Green (2012)- 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.

May 12 ~ 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 12 ~ Gress' Kids Day - join Gress' for their annual Kids day. This event is for families to have fun together. It will be held at Riverside Athletic Club from 9am to Noon. Kids will be able to learn healthy lifestyle decisions, visit with the Merrill Police and Fire Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, social services and more. Healthy snacks will be provided. Enjoy activities: Dodgeball, tug-o-war, bounce house, petting zoo, rope climb and gymnastics. This event is sponsored by The Wellness Center at Gress Chiropractic & Riverside Athletic Club.

May 12 ~ 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 charged. Refreshments will be available. Contact UW-Extension at (715)539-1072.

May 14 ~ Dog Project Orientation Meeting- This 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-youthdevelopment/4-h-community-clubprograms/project-resources/dog-project/>.

May 14~ 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-youthdevelopment/4-h-community-clubprograms/projects-resources/clothing-projectgroup>.

May 16 ~ Brats for Vets- Held at the Sawmill in Merrill from 4-6pm. Buy a brat, and 100% of the proceeds will go towards building the Northwoods Veterans Post in Merrill!

May 19 ~ Walk for T-Raw- The 2 1/2 mile family fun walk will take place on Saturday May 19th, 2018 at the River Bend Trail in Merrill. Registration will be held from 8-9am at the pavilion on the east end of the trail. You can pre-register at the Merrill Chamber of Commerce. The walk will be \$20.00 per person and \$10.00 for children 10 and under. Participants will receive a t-shirt. Bottled water will be provided. All proceeds will benefit the River Bend Trail.

May 19 ~ 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.

May 23-24 ~ Talent Summit- Join the Merrill Chamber and other regional Chambers as we get our local business leaders together in Stevens Point for helpful information for their businesses. For more information, please contact the Merrill Chamber.

May 25 ~ 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.

May 31 or June 5~ 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-youthdevelopment/4-h-community-clubprograms/project-resources/horse-project/>.

JUNE

June 1 ~ Movie in the Park – Join the Merrill Chamber and Weinbrenner Shoe Company for the movie “Hook” at Normal Park. Movie will start at dusk – 8:15 or so, but come early to enjoy a bouncy house, games and food being sold by Cub Scout Pack 503. Remember to bring your chair, bug spray and blankets!

June 4 ~ 40th 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 4 ~ 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, August 6th. Trainings will include agility, obedience, rally obedience and showmanship.

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June 8 ~ 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 8-9 ~ 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/cnrap/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.

June 8-10 ~ 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 bronco 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 9~ Art for a Cause Fundraiser- The Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club is hosting a fun kid friendly painting party from 1-4pm at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. Each painter will be creating an 11x14 painting of their own name. Cost is \$26 with half of the fee going to support the future Homeless Shelter in Merrill. Registration and payment for this event are due May 11th. More information is available by contacting the UW-Extension office at (715) 539-1072.

June 10 ~ 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 Grandpa’s Farm Petting Zoo. Also, this year there will be a bus tour of a dairy farm, with a small fee for the bus. Adults: \$8; Children 6-11: \$4 and Children 5 and under are Free. For more information contact Mary Sosnovske at (715)873-4090 or Stephanie Zoellner at (715)539-8263.

June 11, 18, 25 ~ Raptor Camp -Join the staff of the Raptor Education Group in Antigo as they present a 3-part series of informative workshops for children that will develop a greater awareness of the wild birds around us and how everyone can play a role in helping them locally and globally. For next fall’s grades 3 – 5. Pre-registration is required. *You must sign up for all 3 sessions in the series.* This event will be held at T.B. Scott Library.

June 11~ 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-youthdevelopment/4-h-community-clubprograms/projects-resources/clothing-projectgroup>

June 11-July 31 ~ Summer Library Program-Read, Spin, Win! -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 11-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 12, 19, 25 ~ Minecraft Club - This club will allow participants to create and play in the same worlds. Minecraft activities will include adding music to Minecraft Games. For next fall's grades 3 – 5 **Pre-registration is required**. This program will be held at T.B. Scott Library starting at 12pm.

June 12, 19, 26 and July 10&17 ~ T-Ball- T-ball is specifically designed to provide a foundation and introduction to baseball and softball that is grounded in fun, fitness and fundamentals for 5 & 6 year olds. Your child needs to bring a glove, water bottle and a smile! We do provide helmets but would encourage parents to purchase their own and put their child's name on it. You must pre-register for T-ball by May 31, 2018. Any registration taken after May 31 there will be a \$10.00 late fee and will not be guaranteed a t-shirt by the first game. NO registrations will be taken after June 9, 2018. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO COACH THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 DISCOUNT FOR COACHING. \$20.00 includes t-shirt - \$30.00 after May 31, 2018

June 13-15 ~ 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 [\[community-clubprograms/activities/4-h-camps/\]\(http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-community-clubprograms/activities/4-h-camps/\).](http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

June 13, 20, 27 and July 11&18 ~ Starter T-Ball- 10:30-11:30am. Starter T-ball is specifically designed to provide a foundation and introduction to baseball and softball that is grounded in fun, fitness and fundamentals for 3 & 4 year olds. Your child needs to bring a glove, water bottle and a smile! You must pre-register for Starter T-ball by May 31, 2018. Any registration taken after May 31 there will be a \$10.00 late fee and will not be guaranteed a t-shirt by the first game. NO registrations will be taken after June 9, 2018. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO COACH THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 DISCOUNT FOR COACHING. \$20.00 includes t-shirt - \$30.00 after May 31, 2018.

June 14, 21, 28 ~ Tail Waggin' Tutors- 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 ~ American Girl Club Wednesdays at Noon- (For next fall's grade's 3, 4, & 5.) There will be stories, crafts, and games which will focus on celebrating girl power. This is a free event held at the T.B. Scott Library. Contact Carolyn Forde at (715)536-7191 for more information.

June 16-17 ~ Gleason Heritage Days- Come watch 4x4 trucks compete in a measured and timed race through a 300-foot mud pit. Gleason Lion's Park N5179 Bradley St - Gleason, WI 54435. Free admission with food and beverage available on grounds. No carry-ins or glass on grounds. Saturday enjoy the Mud Bogs beginning at Noon. Sunday: Pancake Breakfast 7am-Noon; Truck/Tractor Pull Noon until finished. Family fun weekend with events happening all weekend long. For more information please contact (715)873-4515.

June 18 ~ Become a Superhero- Little ones ages 2-5 years old will become superheros in this class from 10-11am at the Smith Center. They will be making capes, cuffs, masks and belts. After becoming a superhero we will decorate and eat a special cupcake along with some superhero juice. Cost is \$10 and pre-registration is required. Min 5- Max 20.

June 18 ~ The Magic and Science of Jim Lenz -10a PRMS AUDITORIUM Jim Lenz is a former science teacher who has taken his love of science on the road. His comedy-science demonstrations will baffle the mind, leave you questioning the norm, and begging for more science fun! Learn more at: www.magicandscienceguy.com

June 27 ~ Warrior Wednesday Radiothon- Held at the Sawmill in Merrill from 4-6pm. Buy a brat, and 100% of the proceeds will go towards building the Northwood's Veterans Post in Merrill!

June 27 ~ Reading is Magical with the Magic of Isaiah- Join Magician Isaiah Foster at 10am in the PRMS auditorium. He has been a professional entertainer for more than 10 years. He comes to us from Lacrosse, WI and promises a fast-paced highly interactive and action packed comedy show that will leave you laughing and applauding for more. Learn more at: www.lacrossemagic.com

JULY

July 3 ~ 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/>

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 7~ 3rd Annual WTPA Tractor Pull - River Valley Bank presents the 3rd Annual Merrill Tractor Pull and Car Show. Antique Tractor Pull and National Tractor Puller Association will be holding events at the Merrill Festival Grounds. Classes for the pull: 2800, 3000, 3500, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 7000, and 8000. 24-hour security, trophies for 1st - 3rd place in the antique pull, Mayor's Award for "Best in Show" in the tractor/car show. 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 6pm*. Watch as they pull to earn points for their class. Remember to bring ear plugs or head phones, it does get LOUD. *times are subject to change.

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 9 ~ It's Wildly Educational- Zoozort is Noelle Tarrant and her cast of unique wild animals from all around the world. Children are enthralled by the animals and information, props and humor that will spark an interest to last a lifetime. Monday July 9 at 10am and 1pm. Held at the T.B. Scott Library in the community room. Visit www.zoozort.com for more information.

July 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 visit <http://lincoln.uwex.edu/4-h-youthdevelopment/4-h-community-clubprograms/projects-resources/clothing-projectgroup>

July 10 - Rock on with Crafts – 2p at T.B. Scott Library This program will allow youth to make a variety of music and “rock”-related crafts such as an earbud case and a photo holder. For next fall's grades 4 and up.

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 12 ~ Peanut Butter Picnic- Stories, Rhymes & Songs with Lisa Hass. 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 12~ Gazebo Nights -Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm. Enjoy the music by Kevin Moore – acoustic country, classic rock and a variety of music.

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 ~ Critic's Choice Movie: A Dog's Purpose (2017) - 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.

July 13 ~ 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. Held at Normal Park, the movie “Hocus Pocus” will begin at dusk. Call

the Merrill Chamber of Commerce at (715) 536-9474 for more information.

July 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.

July 17 ~ Squirt Gun Musical Trivia – T.B. Scott Library @ 2p Participants will answer “musical” trivia questions correctly to win the game. If the answer is incorrect, other players may squirt them! Everyone will have a chance to cool off and enjoy a treat.

July 18 ~ Brats for Vets- Held at the Sawmill in Merrill from 4-6pm. Buy a brat, and 100% of the proceeds will go towards building the Northwood's Veterans Post in Merrill!

July 19 ~ Gazebo Nights -Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm. Enjoy music by Red Ben and the Missing Mile – Fun-a-Billygrass and original music.

July 24 ~ Cops and Bobbers-Fishing with an Officer! This program is designed to teach kids ages 6-11 years old fishing and get kids hooked on fishing rather than drugs and crime. This event will take place on July 24 from 9am to Noon and on Wednesday August 8 for special needs children only. The location has not yet been determined. This program is free and includes lunch, drinks and a t-shirt. Kids must pre-register.

July 25 ~ Fox & Branch Family Folk Music @10a
PRMS AUDITORIUM The winners of four Parents' Choice recommended awards, this Milwaukee duo will round out our summer of rockin' events with an invitation to sing- along and dance to music in the tradition of the great Pete Seeger. This concert will be followed by more rocking music activities and an ice-cream treat at the Library courtesy of our partners at Culvers. Learn more at www.foxandbranch.com

July 26 ~ Gazebo Nights -Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm. Enjoy music by Broken Arrow Band – outlaw country and classic rock.

July 26 ~ Buying & Leasing Commercial Real Estate - The Small Business Development Center at UW-Stevens

Point presents their 2018 Business Education Series for Merrill Area Chamber Members held at 8am at the Merrill Chamber. How to know what is right for your small business. Due diligence is key when buying or leasing commercial real estate to house your business. This program will cover the analysis and investigation needed before signing a commercial lease or buying a piece of commercial property. To register, contact the Merrill Chamber 715-536-9474.

July 28 ~ 4th Annual Lobsterfest- Join Ballyhoo's and the Lincoln County Tavern League as they present the 4th 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.

AUGUST

August 2 ~ Gazebo Nights -Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm. Enjoy music by Charles Walker Band – R&B, funk, soul, blues & original music.

August 3-5 ~ Merrill Firefighters Annual Charities Softball Tournament- Join the Merrill Fire Fighters as they hold their 39th Annual Co-ed softball Tournament. Tournament starts on Friday night and goes through Sunday. Food and refreshments available on site with raffles and a silent auction. Call the Fire Department at (715)536-2233 to sign up your team.

August 3-4 ~ 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 4 ~ Normal Park Art and Craft Show -Held at Normal Park from 8am to 1pm. Enjoy a morning out at Normal Park. Here is a chance to shop in one location as local artists, crafters, and in-home vendors will be set up showing you their items along with the Farmer's Market. Here is a chance to sit down and enjoy a snack or meal with your family and friends. If you would like to be a vendor, please call (715) 536-7313.

August 4 ~ Fill The Gazebo Food Drive -Sponsored by Merrill Ministerium. This event is the 6th 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 ~ 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.

August 6-9 ~ 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. Call Dorinda at the studio at (715)536-4411 or Sheila at (715)302-3146 for more information.

August 9 ~ 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 watch for other contest being held at the center stage. Other events to be posted.

August 9 ~ Gazebo Nights -Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

August 10 ~ Critic's Choice Movie: A Monster Calls (2016) - 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.

August 15-19 ~ 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. For complete information about the fair and all the activities, visit the Lincoln County Fair website at www.lincolncofair.com.

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 18 ~ Thunderdown in the Underdown- 33, 66, and 100-mile single track mountain bike races. Visit wemseries.com for more information.

August 23 ~ Gazebo Nights- Featuring the music of the Incorruptible – rock n roll, blues-a-billy. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm.

August 25-26~ Underdown Trail Races- 50 mile, 50k,

Half-Marathon, 10k, and 5k trail runs. Visit theunderdown.com for more information.

August 30 ~ Gazebo Nights -Featuring the music of Copper Box – country, classic rock, zydeco, polka – you name it they play it with a flute, washboard, keyboard, tuba, accordion, sax and more!. Held at Normal Park from 6pm to 8pm