



2019 Spring/Summer Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

- April 4-7** ~ MHS presents *Mamma Mia*
April 26-28 ~ Central Wisconsin Concertina
April 27 ~ History Hunt
May 4 ~ MACA presents Master of Souls
May 4-5 ~ Dorinda's Dance Performance
May 18 ~ City Wide Rummage Sale
June 7-9 ~ Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo
June 15-16 ~ Gleason's Heritage Days
June 29 ~ Merrill Tractor Pull

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.

[2019 Council Grounds State Park Amateur Photo Contest](#) ~ Council Grounds State Park is holding its annual photo contest. The contest is organized by the Park's Friends group. Come and enjoy the Park and remember to bring a camera along to take photos for the contest! Full contest rules and details can be found online at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/councilgrounds/pdfs/2019photocontest.pdf>

[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 naps. 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 and the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3 to 4:30pm. 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 Merrill Enrichment Center. 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. 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!

[Christmas in July Charity](#) ~ Merrill Enrichment Center will be a drop off location for the 2019 Christmas in July Charity fundraiser for the Marshfield Clinic Children's Hospital. Monetary gifts and toys for children of all ages will be accepted during business hours March 4th through June 30th. (Monetary gifts go to equipment and tools needed to improve quality of care.) Stay tuned for the date and time of the Motorcycle parade that departs from Harley-Davidson in Weston in route to Marshfield with Santa leading the way! All are welcome to join or meet in Marshfield to help distribute gifts.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[Read, Spin, Win!](#) From June 7 through August 7 – Sign up at TB Scott Free Library for our reading program. Continue reading and learning all summer long!! You will receive a reading record to track the number of minutes you read (or when someone reads to you). For each hour of reading you complete, you may visit the Library to spin the wheel and win a prize. The first day to report on your reading is June 10. The sky is the limit when you read! Teens will have their own special program with prize drawings.

[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.

[Ukulele Lessons](#) Coming this Summer- Day and Evening offerings! Check our monthly newsletters and Facebook page for dates and times. Class is for beginners age 15 and up. Please bring your own Ukulele. Call to sign up! 715-536-4226

[Tia Chi for Better Balance](#) Tia Chi is back! Participants will have the opportunity to improve their balance and fitness through a 'Tia Chi for Better Balance.' Tia Chi is an exercise class using 8 forms consisting of smooth flowing movements to improve balance, flexibility, and strength for older adults or anyone with balance problems. Participants should be able to walk (canes and walkers are okay). The instructor is Jane Braatz. She has taught exercise classes for 20 plus years. The class requires a commitment to attend sessions **two times per week for nine weeks** to obtain benefits of the program. Dates: Tuesday's and Thursday's April 23rd – June 20th. **April 23rd- May 9th (week 1-3) 10:00 am- 11:00 am. Tuesday's and Thursday's May 14th- June 20th (week 4-9) 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Fee: \$48.00** Enrollment is limited to 15 participants and a minimum of 8 participants is required for the class to be offered. Participants will have the option of purchasing a DVD for \$16.00, after completing the eight forms.

[Horsemanship Clinics/Lessons Summer Camps](#) – Chism Trail Ranch is offering individual or group lessons taught by our instructors at N1198 Liberty Rd. Also, overnight or day Camps each summer. For more information, please visit website or contact Sheryl at 715-432-7444

[Trail Rides – June through November](#) Horseback trail rides on miles of private trails. No crossing roads but sometimes the Pine River. Allow 2 hours. Mini lesson included before trail rides. Contact Sheryl Chism 715-432-7444

[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-10:45am 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. Call to register at 715-536-4226

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

[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 ~ Men's Coffee Social](#) Come to the Center for socializing and coffee. Tuesdays at 10 am. Get out of the house, visit, and have a cup of coffee on us!

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

[Every Second Tuesday of the Month ~ Book Club](#) at 1pm at Merrill Enrichment Center. Newcomers always welcome.
April – Present Darkness – Frank E Peretti
May – Bless Me, Ultima – Rudolfo Anaya
June – Rebecca – Daphne du Maurier

[Every Third Tuesday of the Month ~ Cricut Club](#) New Club! Cost is only our \$2 activity fee! Club is at 1pm. Join us for our new Club. Whether you have been using your Cricut for years or just beginning, this will be the club for you. Chris Gano and Karen Zoellner each have 10+ years' experience and would like people to get together and share ideas and work on projects.

[Every Wednesday in April ~ Crochet w/ Cynthia](#) 10am–12pm Cynthia has 35 years of experience and is very excited to teach this “lost Art” Beginners welcome! Review of stiches we have already learned. Single, Double, Triple crochet. New stitch – “Popcorn”. We will also learn how to add a new color and end a color. Class \$20 plus cost of yarn “Monet” Afghans 47”x 65” 32 oz Variegated Yarn (sz4 weight) 15 oz solid color. You will need an “I” (or 5.5 mm needle) hook, if you don't have one you can purchase one at the class for \$2.

[Every Wednesday of the Month starting January 16 thru April 24 ~ Family Storytime](#) Starting at 10am at the TB Scott Free Library, our free Family Storytime is intended to nurture early literacy skills through stories, play, songs and crafts. We target children age 3-5 years

old, however all ages are welcome to attend. (Ages 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

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 donation is asked. For more information please contact 715-536-4226.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Strength & Balance Training ~ Strength classes will be held at 10am. Cost for the class is \$4. Call the Merrill Enrichment Center at 715-536-4226 for more information.

Every Wednesday night of the month~ Strike Zone POUND with Lindsey MEC is excited to offer a new class under our **Mind & Body Wellness Program** POUND is a full body workout that combines cardio, conditioning and strength training with yoga and Pilates inspired moves. With use of Ripstix, or lightly weighted drumsticks, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly fun way to work out! Designed for all fitness levels, provides in atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, tonin'up & rocking 'out! Proven to have brain boosting, stress relieving effects from drumming. The rhythm of drumming helps improve focus, boost immune system, lower blood pressure, decrease chronic pain, anxiety and fatigue. POUND can help improve your rhythm, timing, coordination, speed, endurance and musicality. Instead of watching the clock during the workout, your mind will be distracted to focus on rhythm and volume. The distraction is responsible for the addictive-ness, making you come back for more.

Every Third Wednesday of the Month~ Library Board Meeting 4pm Board Room of the T B Scott Free Library 715-536-7191

Every Second 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 Merrill Enrichment Center from 12:30-1:30pm, Newcomers are always welcome, please call 715-536-4226 if you have any questions or plan on attending. Please always check our MEC monthly calendar or call the center as dates may change.

BUS TRIPS ARE BACK~ If you love new experiences and having way too much fun, join us for our bus trips! Prices very per trip. Payment is due upon signing up. Each person will receive the bus trip guidelines when signing up. Besides the Lunch trips, Bus trips are generally between 6-8 hours day's full of exciting excursions! There are 13 seats available per trip. Lunch Bus Trips ~ Last year we had a blast (and some great food) on our lunch trips! (Cost per trip is \$5.00 which covers our drivers cost) Time: 10:30am-1pm **All Trips - Weather Permitting April 4th – IHOP, April 18th Pagels Pub and Grub for Dinner and Bloody Mary's 3:30–6:30pm, May 2nd – Luigi's Pizza and Pasta – Antigo, May 14th – Pizza Ranch – Schofield** **Upcoming Trips: April 30th – Rhinelander trip; Golden Harvest, Aldi's, Prairie Pines (Will stop for lunch), June 6th Butterflies and Blooms- Green Bay Botanical Garden. Check our upcoming newsletters for dates on the following trips... Shawano, Raptor Education Group in Antigo, Pirates Hideaway- Pirate Ship Cruise- Eagle River**

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April 2~ MOOC Central at 6pm TB Scott Free Library contact Laurie Ollhoff 715-536-7191 with any questions you may have. 1st Tuesday evening of the month is being dubbed MOOC Central at the Library. “What is a MOOC”? It is the acronym for Massive Open Online

Courses. With many universities, colleges and various other online learning communities, we are seeing more and more courses being offered online. For some sitting at home while studying online is the best, for others, that may not be the case. There may be other activities going on at home ... kids, pets, the household chores nagging at you while you're sitting at your computer, laptop, etc. We have a solution to that dilemma and we are calling it MOOC Central at the Library. We will have a room reserved with the coffee on ready for you to work with others under similar circumstances. The best part is if you're having issues with your technology, we will have a staff member ready to help, if necessary. Keep in mind, however, we won't be able to do your course work for you. That's all up to you. In addition to that, that evening will also be set aside to help those who are interesting in taking a FREE online GALE Course made available through the use of your library card.

April 3-4 ~ Adult Computer Coaching April 3 at 10am and April 4 at 1pm TB Scott Free Library 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 TB Scott Free Library. Contact person Laurie Ollhoff, 715-536-7191

April 4-7 ~ Mamma Mia performed by the Merrill High School. April 4-6 show time is 7pm, April 7 showtime at 1pm. Tickets available at door.

April 5 ~ Strings in the Stacks TB Scott Free Library 3rd Floor at 5:30pm join us for an early evening of wonderful string instrument music played by talented orchestra students from Wausau West High School. It is certain to be a spring-time melodic event for all ages. Contact Laurie Ollhoff 715-536-7191

April 6 ~ Spring Craft Sale at Merrill Enrichment Center. 9am to 3pm Crafts to look for: Barnwood art, jewelry, crocheted character hats, purses and animals, wooden birdhouses, baby items. We have a few tables for vendors, Usborne Books, Norwex, Young Living, Watkins, and a few more.

April 6~ Spring is in the Air - Craft Show 9-3pm at Sara Park Activity Center Tomahawk. Add a fresh look to your home and yard with unique items from local vendor's, along with products just for you and baked goods to satisfy your sweet tooth! Send a thank you card to a member of our country's military. A drop box will be set up in the entranceway. For more information call 715-224-2450

April 6 ~ Spring Refresh- Taking Care of You (1 of Sessions Event) 9am-12:30 pm T.B. Scott Free Library Sponsored by Health Minds of Lincoln County. Spring is a wonderful time of year to refresh and revitalize our homes. What better time to focus on "Taking Care of You" to refresh and recharge your inner mind, body & spirit. Do you want to learn how to better manage your stress and become more mindful? If you answered "Yes," join us for this FREE 2-session workshop. Registration and a 2-session commitment is required. The workshop is limited to 20 participants so register soon. Please call the Library at 715-536-7191 to reserve your spot.

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April 6 & 7 ~ Paper Cities Kennel Club Dog Show Stop out at the MARC from 9am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Check out all the different dog breeds and see the best of the best.

April 7~ "Last Night on the Titanic" Book Signing 2-4pm at Sawmill Brewery Event sponsored by Merrill Historical Society Author Veronica Hinke will sign copies of her book and talk about "Popcorn Dan" at Merrill resident who went down with the Titanic. Contact information Pat Burg 715-536-5652

April 8~ Meditation- Instructor Gigi Heinz 11am at Merrill Enrichment Center. Will continue into the summer. Watch the MEC newsletter for times.

April 8 ~ Painting with Amy Amy is an acrylic painting instructor. Her business is a Create A-Way Painting Parties and Therapeutic Arts. Bring a snack if you like. To see pictures of paintings please visit our Facebook page or newsletter. You will leave the class with art creation! Choices are 12X16 canvas for \$18 or 16X20 canvas for \$28. (Price includes Merrill Enrichment Center activity fee) Class minimum of 4, no experience necessary from 9am to 12:30pm. Please call to register. 715-536-4226

April 9 ~ Read for Fines TB Scott Free Library will be offering this program for Grades 3 and up at 3:15pm. On the library's second floor, students are invited to read and earn food that they may use to pay off fines or donate to the food pantry. Participants will be given a 5-minute break every hour along with snacks. Reading begins at 3:15pm and concludes at Library close.

April 10 ~ Crime Stoppers Presentation Identity Theft and Scams; What to know, what to do. 11am–12:30 pm Presented by the Lincoln County Crime Stoppers at the Merrill Enrichment Center There will also be time for questions and answers.

April 10 ~ 2nd Annual Career Fair Merrill High School will be hosting the Career Fair in the Field House from 3:30-7pm. Public is welcome.

April 11 ~ Oil Painting w/ Dennis Dennis has been painting off and on for years and looks forward to sharing what he has learned with others 9am-2:30pm Cost \$33 (price includes Merrill Enrichment Center activity fee). Bring a lunch or sign up for Dave's lunch... details on calendar. Please call to register. Space is limited 715-536-4226

April 12 ~ Minecraft Club – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room at 3:15pm for Grade 3 & up. This club will allow participants to create and play in the same worlds and participate in building and coding challenges

April 12 ~ Critic's Choice Movie TB Scott Free Library Story Hour Room at 1pm. A heartwarming and funny tale of a pig wanting to be a sheepdog. This quirky movie of talking animals and hilarious incidents stars James Cromwell as Farmer Hoggett and Christine Cavanaugh as the voice of Babe. Rated: G. Run time: 1 hr. 32 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.

April 13 ~ Merrill High School Prom Dance 6:30 to 10:30pm. Grand March at 6:30pm. \$40 a couple or \$20 single. Sponsored by the Junior class. Any questions, please call Amy Grefe at 715-536-4594 ext. 18123.

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April 13 ~ Easter Egg Hunt You can park by Weinbrenner parking lot or by the Agra building. Eggs will be hid up and down the trail from both directions. EACH CHILD WILL BE ABLE TO FIND UP TO 10 EGGS. After your child finds their eggs they will be able to turn their eggs in at one of the tables set up along the trail for their candy. The Easter Bunny will be out walking the trail so don't forget your camera's to get a picture with the bunny! This event will be held on the River Bend Trail from 1-4pm. Sponsored by Merrill Park and Rec and the Merrill Optimist.

April 13 ~ Strings & Things All Ages Open Mic Night at First Street Coffee Station East, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave. Musicians, Storytellers, Poets, Comedians and all creatives in between are welcome from 6-8pm. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month.

April 14~ Pancake Breakfast 9 am – 1pm Merrill Eagles Club 1205 Lake Street Merrill, WI 715-536-7471 Regular and Potato Pancakes (CARRY-OUTS AVAIAABLE) Adults \$8 children 6-10 \$4 ages 5 and under free Bake Sale and Raffle Baskets Available All proceeds will be donated to Local Families or Individuals in Need

April 14~ Pancake Breakfast 8am–1pm Lions Club International Gleason Area Lions, Lions Park N5179 Bradley Street Gleason Adults \$9, Ages 5-12 \$7, ages 5 & under Free

April 16 ~ Credit Card Processing Workshop Join Danielle Faulkner from Clearpay Financial Solutions at Boarder's Inns & Suites at either 7am, 11am, 2pm or 5pm. This is not a sales pitch. She has received many questions from all types of retailers and would like to help you understand the processing of credit cards. Reading your statements, what Interchange is, acceptable fees, and much more. RSVP: daniellefaulkner@clearpaymail.com

April 22 ~ Painting with Amy Amy is an acrylic painting instructor. Her business is a Create A-Way Painting Parties and Therapeutic Arts. Bring a snack if you like. To see pictures of paintings please visit our Facebook page or newsletter. You will leave the class with art creation! Choices are 12X16 canvas for \$18 or 16X20 canvas for \$28. (Price includes Merrill Enrichment Center activity fee) Class minimum of 4, no experience necessary. 9am to 12:30pm. Please call to register. 715-536-4226

April 23 ~ Bizarre History of Wisconsin with Chad Lewis TB Scott Free Library 3rd Floor This presentation at 6pm showcases over 100 bizarre newspaper stories

from Wisconsin that have not been seen in over 100 years. These unbelievable stories were not lost, they were simply hidden. This program provides a time portal back to the early days of the state when it was filled with strange deaths, ghosts, sea serpents, peculiar people, medical anomalies, oddities, psychic phenomena, and UFOs This will change the way you view the good ol' days of WI. Contact Laurie Ollhoff 715-536-7191

April 25~ Oil Painting w/ Dennis Dennis has been painting off and on for years and looks forward to sharing what he has learned with others 9-2:30pm Cost \$33 (price includes Merrill Enrichment Center activity fee. Bring a lunch or sign up for Dave's lunch... details on calendar. Please call to register. Space is limited 715-536-4226

April 25 ~ Cooking with Dave, How to make Homemade Noodles Dave Raddenbach, man of all trades, will be teaching us how to make his delicious homemade noodles. Call to register at 715-536-4226 Class limited to 6 people 1pm Cost \$18 – includes activity fee and ingredients. Take your noodles home the same day.

April 25 ~ Family Fun Night Rock On, Kindness! Pass It On! (This event is jointly hosted with Merrill Rocks.) Meet Stepheni Curran, author of the book Rock On, Kindness! Pass It On! Stepheni is an Antigo native and pediatric speech-language pathologist with a passion for helping others and promoting acts of kindness. Stepheni's book focuses on the themes of rock painting, kindness, compassion, diversity, acceptance and friendship. She'll share her book and we'll share some fun painting rocks. Held from 6-7pm at TB Scott Free Library.

April 25 ~ Men in the Kitchen – Merrill HAVEN is holding their Men in the Kitchen fundraiser at St. Stephens United Church. Doors open at 5pm and dinner is at 6pm. 5-6 men will purchase groceries, prepare and serve a table of 8. Meals of their choice. We will also have drawings and more. Cost is \$35 per person. Any questions call Tammy at 715-536-1300.

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April 27 ~ Strings & Things All Ages Open Mic Night at First Street Coffee Station East, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave. Musicians, Storytellers, Poets, Comedians and all creatives in between are welcome from 6-8pm. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month.

April 27 ~ Candlelight Walk Council Grounds State Park. Vehicle Admission Fee Friends of Council Grounds Council Grounds and the Friends of Council Grounds will host a candlelight walk from 6:30- 8:30pm. Warming fire's and light refreshments at the log shelter. Parking stickers required for all vehicles.

April 27~ The City of Parks- History Hunt 2019 9:30am–3pm Start Merrill Historical Society, 100 East Third \$10 each team member, (MHS) \$15 each team member. Sponsored by Merrill Historical Society. Teams of 2 or more participants in a “hunt” around Merrill for clues to solve a puzzle. Team costumes are encouraged, prizes awarded at the After Part for best team name, costume and social media presence. Contact information Brandon Johnson 715-536-5652

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April 28 ~ 6th Annual Spring Raffle Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 584 6th Annual Spring Raffle Silent Auction * Raffle Baskets * Bake Sale Doors open at 2 pm and Drawing at 4 pm Music by Carl Jackson from 2-5 pm Food provided at 3 pm 1205 Lake Street, Merrill, WI 54452 Only 500 tickets sold * \$10 each Prizes 1st \$1000, 2nd \$750, 3rd \$500, 4th \$300, 5th \$100, 6th \$75, 7th \$50, 8th \$25. All proceeds go towards the Auxiliary Scholarship Program

April 29 ~ Words Worth Hearing program: The Ins & Outs of Education Options and Policy. The Panel will endeavor to broaden the public's understanding and knowledge of education today. A panel of both local educators and state professionals will present stats, and how and why policy has changed. DPI has also been notified and may send a representative. 6pm TB Scott Free Library

April 29 ~ Adult Tennis League We 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, camaraderie, friendly competition, and fun! There will be three levels: novice, intermediate, and advanced. The program coordinator will create a schedule with matches taking place on week day

evenings. Players are always free to contact one another and reschedule matches to better fit their schedules. Games will normally be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Singles matches will be May thru July and doubles matches will be August thru September. If you like tennis, you'll LOVE this league! Held at the MARC – Smith Center at 6:30pm. Contact Janet Thompson at 715-536-4618 to pre-register.

April 30 ~ The Art of Fly Tying & the Perfect Catch with Bill Sherer 6pm TB Scott Free Library 3rd Floor Join us for an artful evening of fly tying with Bill Sherer of [We Tie It Fly Shop](#). Tying flies to catch fish has been an age-old skill sought after by many anglers. Those that tie flies will tell you there is nothing more satisfying than catching a fish on a bait you created. Fooling a fish in its natural habitat with your own creation is undoubtedly the pinnacle of the sport! Learn Fly Tying from an expert while overlooking the Prairie River!

MAY

May 4 ~ Master of Soul presented by Merrill Area Concert Association held at the Merrill High School at 7pm. Celebrate the legendary songs and performers that define Motown and soul music: Gladys Knight, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, Diana Ross, Barry White, James Brown and more. Backed by a live band, Masters of Soul is the ultimate stroll down memory lane; and for all generations, the show offers the opportunity to experience an era in our country's history that produced many of the greatest music acts ever recorded. Admission is your season membership. To join, call 1-715-252-6295, email Merrillconcerts@gmail.com or www.merrillconcerts.org

May 4-5 ~ Dorinda's Dance Performance "A Million Dreams". Sit back and enjoy the talents of the area children. Showtimes are Saturday 12pm, 3:30pm and 7pm. Sunday 12pm & 4pm. Tickets are available by calling the Studio at 715-536-4411.

May 5~ Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive 8am– 1pm Lions Club International Gleason Area Lions, Lions Park N5179 Bradley Street Gleason Adults \$9, Ages 5-12 \$7, ages 5 & under Free

May 7, 14, 21 & 28 ~ Mind & Body Wellness Program from 9am -12pm The MEC along with grant funding from Security Health Plan will offer a new program called Mind & Body Wellness. **This program will run for 3 hours, 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 the risk of dementia. **Hands on nutrition or exercise will be worked into each session.** Call to enroll. Seats per session are limited to 10 so call now to sign up! 715-536-4226

May 7~ Aware & Active Citizens Quarterly Meeting 6-8pm TB Scott Free Library
Members of the Aware and Active Citizens group along with other interested residents work to identify common ground, develop and implement action plans for addressing issues of interest. Action Teams have been developed over time. Contact Laurie Ollhoff 715-536-7191

May 7~ MOOC Central see April 2

May 8 & 9 ~ Adult Computer Coaching May 8 at 10am; May 9 at 1 pm TB Scott Free Library 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 TB Scott Free Library. Contact person Laurie A. Ollhoff, Asst. Library Director 715-536-7191

May 9 ~ Talent Attraction & Retention tools for Businesses workshop. The Merrill Chamber and UW-Stevens Point are offering this workshop at the Chamber office from 8-9:30am. Must pre-register by calling the office at 715-536-9474.

May 10 ~ Critic's Choice Movie TB Scott Free Library Story Hour Room at 1pm The incredible biographical story of a housewife (played by Diane Lane,) a novice in the male-dominated world of horseracing that takes over her father's stables. Along with the veteran trainer (John Malkovich), can she save the business and produce the first Triple Crown winner in a quarter of a century? Rated: PG. Run time: 2 hr. 3 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.

May 11 ~ Strings & Things All Ages Open Mic Night at First Street Coffee Station East, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave. Musicians, Storytellers, Poets, Comedians and all creatives in between are welcome from 6-8pm. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month.

May 14 ~ Evening with Victoria Houston- Author Extraordinaire From 6-7:30pm join us at the TB Scott

Free Library for an exciting evening with local author, Victoria Houston. She is the author of the *Loon Lake Mystery Series* -- **DEAD ANGLER, DEAD CREEK, DEAD WATER, DEAD FRENZY, DEAD HOT MAMA, DEAD JITTERBUG, DEAD BOOGIE, DEAD MADONNA, DEAD HOT SHOT, DEAD RENEGADE. DEAD DECEIVER, DEAD TEASE, DEAD INSIDER, DEAD HUSTLER, DEAD RAPUNZEL, DEAD LOUDMOUTH and DEAD SPIDER**, seventeenth in the series, which was published in June. The mysteries are set in the Northwoods of Wisconsin against a background of fishing – fly fishing as well as fishing for Muskie, bass, bluegill and walleyes. Houston’s mystery series was featured in a story on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal* (January 20, 2004) and on NPR’s “Talk of the Nation with Neal Conan” (February 2, 2006). Both can be seen/heard on the website: www.victoriahouston.com. For more information contact the library at 715-536-7191.

May 14 ~ [Mind & Body Wellness Program](#) see May 7

May 17 ~ [Plant Sale](#) Volunteers of AGS Hospital Plant Sale 10am–4:30pm Ascension Good Samaritan Hospital Parking Lot A variety of hanging baskets, planters, and potted plants are some of the items featured. Pre-ordering is available. Forms can be picked up at the hospital or from a volunteer. Any questions, please contact Ramone 15-5369-3720

May 17 ~ [Gymkhana](#) Merrill Riders Club will be holding their Gymkhanas at 7pm at Merrill Festival Grounds. Free to the public to watch. Anyone with a horse can enter to compete at \$3 per class. There is food sold on the grounds. For more information contact Danielle at 715-218-2970

May 18 ~ [Community Wide Garage Sales](#) Here is your chance to find your own treasures all around the Merrill area. Maps of the locations will be printed in the Merrill FotoNews on May 15th. Look to find days, locations and times of the sales.

May 18 ~ [Armed Services Day Celebration](#) Merrill City Band will be performing at the Northwoods Veterans Post. Time TBA.

May 18 & 19 ~ [Barrel Races at Chism Trail Ranch](#) Starting at 12pm at N1198 Liberty Rd Merrill, WI Multi class Barrell racing and Pole Bending. Indoor with heated viewing area and concession stand. Contact Sheryl Chism 715-432-7444 or chismtrailranch.com

May 21 ~ [Mind & Body Wellness](#) See May 7

May 24 ~ [Merrill High School Graduation](#) Starting at 6pm the Seniors will end their schooling through 12th grade journey at Merrill High School.

May 25 ~ [Strings & Things](#) All Ages Open Mic Night at First Street Coffee Station East, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave. Musicians, Storytellers, Poets, Comedians and all creatives in between are welcome from 6-8pm. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month.

May 27 ~ [Memorial Day Service](#) at Merrill High School Auditorium – 11am. Merrill City Band begins at 10:30am

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JUNE

June 1 ~ [Wausabicon](#) Wausabicon is back for another day! Merrill Enrichment and Expo Center This year due to feedback from the last we will have signs saying where to go as Google had turned people all around. Come join us for a day of fun, with Video Games, Table Top games, dealers and artists plus guests and more TBA! 10am to 10pm

June 1 ~ [2nd Annual T-Raw Walk](#) Join the 2nd Annual walk on the River Bend Trail. Must pre-register to receive a t-shirt the day of the event. Register at the Merrill Chamber by May 15th. Registration day of event at 8:15am, walk begins at 9am. Proceeds from registration will go to Tyler’s Naturalized Playground at Bebel Park.

June 1 ~ [Annual Gleason Lions Golf Tournament](#) (Held at Club X to C) Registration: 10am/ Tee off: 11am

June 3 ~ [41st Merrill Chamber Annual Golf Classic](#) Join the Merrill Chamber members for our annual Golf Classic. Registration starts at 9:30am, Shotgun start at 10:30am. Lunch served on the turn, Cash bar, dinner and awards starting at 4:30pm. For more information contact Cheryl at manager@merrillchamber.org or call 715-536-9474.

June 4~ [MOOC Central](#) see April 2

June 5 & 6 ~ [Adult Computer Coaching](#) June 5 at 10am, June 6 at 1pm at TB Scott Free Library 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 TB Scott Free Library. Contact person Laurie Ollhoff 715-536-7191

June 5, 12, 19, 26 ~ [Self-Defense Class](#)

Basic self-defense class is open to ages 15 and up. (Great class for College bound students!) Each session will focus on specific drills such as striking and grabs. Instructor John Green has been studying Tang Soo Do for over 23 years. Class size is limited. Please call Merrill Enrichment Center to register 715-536-4226 for 4 sessions, 2 hours each. Cost \$40

June 7 ~ [Summer Program Kick-Off Event- Rodeo Queens Read](#) Pick up your first reading record and enjoy a story with the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo queens and candidates. Rodeo queens and candidates will sign autographs and visit with children at the TB Scott Free Library at 10am. Then enjoy some rodeo themed activities like stick pony races followed by an opportunity to meet a real horse in the library parking lot. Sponsored by Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo and 4H Bit N Bridles.

June 7 ~ [Kate Goodrich Walk-a-thon](#) Students will be collecting pledges from families, friends and community members. Business are also invited to sponsor our Walk-a-thon. All K-5 students will be walking for 1 hour around the Kate Goodrich property from 1-2pm. Money raised will fund field trips and other student activities. For more information, please call Sandra Rusch at 715-536-5233.

June 7-9 ~ [Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo](#) Join us at the Merrill Festival Grounds for some barrel racing, buck riding, steer wrestling, bull riding and much more. Friday and Saturday show at 7pm, Sunday at 1pm. Advance ticket sales available. Tractor races on Saturday. Slack races and much more going on all weekend. Check website www.wrpr.rodeo for more information.

June 8 ~ [WRPR Antique Tractor Pull](#) Antique Stock Tractor Pull FREE to spectators, weigh in is at 9am The pull will start at 10am with the contestant cost of \$15 per hook. For more information email [Josh Grueneberg](mailto:Josh.Grueneberg) 715-432-8743

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June 9 ~ [The Lincoln County June Dairy Month](#)

[Breakfast](#) will be held at the MARC (1100 MARC Drive). Breakfast will be served from 8am until 12 noon. Sponsored by Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin and the Lincoln County Farm Bureau Dairy Promotion Committee. Menu includes all you care to eat Dad's Belgian Waffles with toppings and maple syrup, cheesy scrambled eggs, sausage links, locally produced cheese curds, chocolate and white milk, cranberry and orange juice and coffee. Adults: \$8; children 6-11 years: \$4, children 5 years & under are free. There will be Horse and Wagon Rides, "Kraft's Kuddly Kritters" Petting Zoo, music by Concertina AJ, Andrew Grawien, and the Gang, Childress Activity Area, farm machinery display, Lincoln County Farm Bureau's Ag Producer Expo and a photo booth by Vick's Pix. Also, this year is a bus tour of a dairy farm, there will be a small fee for the bus. Portion of the proceeds will support the Merrill FFA Alumni and the Lincoln County Farm Bureau Scholarships. Contact Mary Sosnovske at 715-873-4090 or Stephanie Zoellner 715-539-8263 for more information

June 10 ~ [Family Story Time](#) Continue building literacy skills through interactive stories and songs. We will also have a few special guest performances. This program is geared toward children ages 3-5 but all ages are welcome. Preregistrations is not required. 10am at the TB Scott Free Library.

June 13 ~ [Nature Nuts – River Bend Trail](#) COST: \$5 per class (\$15 total if you do all three) AGES: 4, 5 & 6-year-old MUST PRE-REGISTER When you are pre-registering please make sure you write down the dates you are registering for if you are not doing all three classes. Example: Nature Nuts/ June 13 and the cost. Wear your tennis shoes – we will be hiking the Thrivent Trail that is connected to the Riverbend Trail. On this exciting hike we will be watching for animal tracks, birds and who knows maybe we will even see a deer! We will be doing some tree bark rubbings and collecting some sticks to make some crafts when our hike is done!

9:30-10:15am. Call 715-536-7313 to register. Other events July 11 at Riverside Park and August 8 at MARC

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June 15-16 ~ Gleason Heritage Days
June 15 Tractor/Truck Pull 12pm – Finish
June 16 Pancake Breakfast 8am-1pm
Adults \$9, Ages 5-12 \$7, ages 5 & under Free

June 17 ~ Family Story Time Continue building literacy skills through interactive stories and songs. We will also have a few special guest performances. This program is geared toward children ages 3-5 but all ages are welcome. Preregistrations is not required. 10am at the TB Scott Free Library.

June 18 ~ Zoozort Join wildlife educator Noelle Tarrant and animal friends and learn about some of the amazing animals that share our planet. Noelle's enthusiasm about animals is contagious and she loves being able to share her passion for animal welfare with children and adults. Two show times at the TB Scott Free Library 10am or 1pm

June 18, 25 & July 2, 9 ~ T-Ball T-ball is specifically designed to provide a foundation and introduction to the baseball and softball that is grounded in fun, fitness and fundamentals. Your 5 to 6-year-old child needs to bring a glove, water bottle, helmet and a smile! We will have some helmets there but STRONGLY encourage parents to purchase their own and put their child's name on it. You must pre-register for T-ball by May 31, 2019. 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 7. If you are interested in coaching call Dawn at 715-536-7313. Coaches will receive a \$5 discount. Time of games is 10-11am at Lions Park.

June 19, 26 & July 3, 10 ~ Starter T-Ball 10-11am at Lions Park COST: \$20 includes t-shirt, \$30 after May 31, 2019 AGES: 3 & 4-year-old MUST PRE-

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June 19~ Shiver Me Timbers II: Music and Mayhem
Merrill City Band Concert at Normal Park – 7pm
Activities for kids, concessions, Bounce House and Winchester begin at 5pm Pirate Costumes Encouraged!!
Aaarr!!!

June 20 ~ Minecraft Club – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room for Grade 3 and up. This club will allow participants to explore new worlds with friends in June from 3:15-4:45pm. Participants will have the opportunity to train turtle robots in Minecraft and Ozobots, using iPad apps.

June 22 ~ Strings & Things All Ages Open Mic Night at First Street Coffee Station East, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave. Musicians, Storytellers, Poets, Comedians and all creatives in between are welcome from 6-8pm. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month.

June 22 ~ Havens 1st Annual Golf Outing 2pm Shotgun Start Merrill Golf Course \$45 per person (includes green fee and cart) 9 holes/ 4 team Scramble/ 18 teams Sign up today! Raffles 50/50, Food throughout the day. "Looking for 'hole sponsor' at \$150 each (includes sign), Looking for raffle items/ baskets Will be GIVING AWAY a Flat Screen T.V. and Portable PK Grill

June 24 ~ Miller & Mike Miller and Mike are former Ringling Bros. Circus clowns who will present a fast-paced high energy comedy juggling show. You won't want to miss the circus skills, audience participation and lots of good clean comedy. This show is one-of-a-kind. T.B. Scott Library Show times are 10am or 1pm.

June 25 ~ Galactic Catastrophe Escape Room Using only their ingenuity and hidden clues, participant in grade 3 through 8 work as part of a small group between 1-4 pm at the TB Scott Free Library to escape a Galactic Catastrophe before their spaceship explodes. Participants

may sign up in groups or two to four for a ½ hour time slot.

June 26 ~ Merrill City Band Rain Date for Shiver Me Timers II: Music and Mayhem at 7pm at Normal Park.

June 27 ~ Minecraft Club – Minecraft Club will meet in the TB Scott Library Board Room for Grade 3 and up. This club will allow participants to explore new worlds with friends in June from 3:15-4:45pm. Participants will have the opportunity to train turtle robots in Minecraft and Ozobots, using iPad apps.

June 27 ~ The Clauson Family Music Show – The Music of Patsy Cline 10:30am leave on Lamers Bus from the Smith Center return between 5:45/6pm COST: \$70 includes tickets to show, meal and bus LOCATION: Clauson Family Music Shows – Coloma, WI An afternoon of spectacular entertainment awaits you at the Clauson Family Music Show. See a live show at the Historic Barn Theatre in Coloma, WI. Enjoy a delectable dinner, browse in the gift shops, pick up a treat from the Coffee Shoppe and then enjoy a spectacular show filled with great music from the past and present. From couples, to families and friends and of course tour groups, our high-energy cast presents a show that is sure to please any audience! The Clauson Family Music Show features a great show, a great dinner and all at a great price! Payments must be made at the time of registration. Cancellations can be made up to two weeks prior to the trip with a full refund, any cancellation made after that and you will forfeit your payment unless there is a waiting list and your seat can be filled. Only 34 seats available. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied with an adult. Food and drinks are allowed on the bus. (We will not be stopping on the way home to eat) *Fill out BUS registration form and send it back with full payment to: Merrill Park and Recreation Department, 1100 Marc Drive, Merrill, WI 54452

June 29 ~ Merrill Tractor Pull the Merrill Tractor Pull is in Merrill, Wisconsin on the Merrill Festival Grounds at 2001 E. 2nd Street. The day-long event is a collaboration featuring an antique tractor pull, antique car show and the Mid-State Pullers of Wisconsin main event at 6pm. We invite you to come participate and/or be a spectator.

JULY

July – The TB Scott Free Library will be a Summer Food Service Program site. Youth 18 and younger are

invited to join us for lunch at 11:30am and summer fun before and after lunch.

July 3 ~ Patriots in the Park with the 132nd Army National Guard Band Concert at Normal Park – 7pm Concessions and Winchester begin at 5pm Rain Site: Merrill High School Auditorium

July 4 ~ Fireworks at the MARC

July 4 ~ Pow Wow Days Parade: Merrill City Band Tomahawk – 1pm

July 7 ~ Kids from Wisconsin perform at the Merrill High School. At Merrill High School Auditorium at 6:30pm This is a high energy performance will entertain the entire family. Proceeds will benefit MAPS Music Department

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July 8, 15 ~ Animal Art 9:30 – 10:30am at Smith Center COST: \$10 AGES: 4, 5 & 6-year-old MUST PRE-REGISTER Min. 5 – Max 25 Create a zoo making different animals using your imagination and using recyclables. This will be a great chance for your little ones to use their imagination and make a zoo of their very own! We will supply all the supplies just come and enjoy! Wear an old shirt, there will be painting involved! Call 715-536-7313 to register.

July 9 ~ Space Camp TB Scott Library Blast off to Space Camp for children going in grades 3 and up. Participants will engage in outer space- related games, experiments and crafts starting at 1pm. Pre- register by calling the library 715-536-7191 or stopping by the Youth Services Desk on Second Floor.

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July 10 ~ Great Scott Magic We're going to shoot for the stars with a brand-new magical show by magician Great Scott. Expect amazing magic, plenty of audience participation and lots of laughter as we learn to "Make Space for Reading". Don't miss this space-themed, kid-centric show. We are going to have a blast. TB Scott Library at 10am.

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July 17, 24, 31 ~ Shake your Sillies Out 9:30 – 10:30am at Smith Center COST: \$6 AGES: 4, 5 & 6-year-old **MUST PRE-REGISTER** 715-536-7313 A place where your child can develop learning skills through music and motor skills. Your child will use his/her social skills to make new friends and be introduced to structured activities. Children sing, play rhythm instruments and move and groove to the beat. This is a great program for your child to meet and make new friends.

July 17 ~ Merrill City Band Concert at Normal Park – 7pm.

July 17 ~ Peanut Butter Picnic Join us for our annual Peanut Butter Picnic at 11am on the TB Scott Free Library's west lawn. We will begin with interactive stories and songs. Following this will be our picnic lunch which is provided free of charge to all attending. To attend you must have a child between the ages of 2-5 years old. **Preregistration is required for this event.** The event is sponsored by **Waves Full Service Hair Salon.**

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July 22, 29 & August 5 ~ Mushy, Gushy, Sticky-icky Smelly Fun 9:30–10:15am at Smith Center COST: \$10 AGES: 2–4-year-old MUST PRE-REGISTER, 715-536-7313 Min. 5 – Max 25 Does your child love to play with bubbles, water, pudding, dirt, packing peanuts and more? Each class will give your child the opportunity to explore their senses using different items. (Bring old clothes, this could get messy!)

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July 27 ~ Black Squirrel Scurry Triathlon - Paddling triathlon (2-mile river, 17.5 mi road bike, 5k pedestrian trail) the last Saturday in July in -Merrill, WI. Beneficiaries are Northwoods Veterans Post and Friends of the River Bend Trail. Details found at www.blacksquirrelscurry.com Later in day is 1 mile Lobster Crawl Charity Fun Run/walk and Lobsterfest sponsored by Ballyhoos who fly in lobster fresh from New England.

July 27 ~ Lobsterfest Ballyhoo's is holding their annual Lobsterfest to help raise money for the Safe Ride Home program. Purchase your Lobsterfest ticket by July 10th to make sure they have a free Maine Lobster for you. Tickets are \$40 which includes lobster, potato, corn, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Full menu will be available for those who don't like lobster. Raffles, music and more. Event happens rain or shine at Ballyhoo's from 4-8pm.

July 27 ~ Strings & Things All Ages Open Mic Night at First Street Coffee Station East, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave. Musicians, Storytellers, Poets, Comedians and all creatives in between are welcome from 6-8pm. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month.

July 28 ~ Milwaukee Brewer Bus Trip: Lamers Bus leaves the Smith Center at 7:45am COST: \$113 Take me out to the ball game... Let the Merrill Park and Recreation Department take you out to the ball game. We have great tickets for a great price! Against the rival Cubs! Seats: Field Outfield Seats – section 106, rows 19-24 – down the right field line. Food and drinks allowed on the bus. Only 48 seats available – they go fast! Any child under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Payment must be made at the time of registration. Cancellations can be made up to two weeks prior to the trip with a full refund, any cancellation made after that and you will forfeit your payment unless there is a waiting list and your seat can be filled. *Fill out BUS registration form and send it back with full payment to: Merrill Park and Recreation Department, 1100 Marc Drive, Merrill, WI 54452

July 29 ~ Family Story Time Continue building literacy skills through interactive stories and songs. We will also have a few special guest performances. This program is

geared toward children ages 3-5 but all ages are welcome. Preregistrations is not required. 10am at the TB Scott Free Library.

July 29~ Tail Waggin' Tutors Join Karen & Buddy and Mark & Kiva, members of Therapy Dogs international, for a dog gone good time! Bring your special book to share. **Pre- Registration is required** 11am at the TB Scott Free Library

July 30 ~ Planetary Crafts Recommended for students going into 4th grade and up., participants will make various space-related crafts, including planetary paper lanterns and Star Wars origami. Preregistration is recommended to ensure adequate supplies. 1pm at the TB Scott Free Library.

July 31 ~ Flag Football Registration & Skills Evaluation GRADES: 2ND & 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH
DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 6– 7:30pm,
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 – 6–7:30pm, TUESDAY,
AUGUST 6 – 6–7pm Location: Smith Center COST:
\$20 MUST PRE-REGISTER COACHES MEETING:
Thursday, August 15 at 7pm All coaches are required to have someone from their coaching staff there.
Equipment will be handed out and we will be going over the rules. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM Flag Football skill evaluation and registration will take place as noted above. There will be a \$10 late fee for anyone who signs up after Tuesday, August 6 after final registration is complete. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 – NO EXCEPTIONS. If you will be out of town the 3 days of tryouts, please sign up ahead of time. All evaluations and registrations will take place at the Smith Center. All kids will be assigned to a team. If you are interested in coaching call Dawn at 715-536-7313. Coaches will receive a \$5.00 discount. We are also looking for refs, so if you know of someone who would be interested have them call Dawn at 715-536-7313.

July 31 ~ Merrill City Band Concert at Normal Park – 7pm