



2019 Summer/Fall Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

July 4 ~ Fireworks at the MARC

July 7 ~ Kids from Wisconsin

July 11 – Gazebo Nights begins

July 27 – Lobsterfest

August 2-4 – Merrill Fire Dept Softball Tournament

August 10 – Chalk It Up

August 24 – Pigout in the Pavilion

September 2- Lions Labor Day Car Show & City's Parade

September 14 – Pork in the Park

September 21 – First weekend for Grampa's Farm

October 4 – Opening day of the Haunted Sawmill

October 5 – Barleyfest

Continuing Events

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

Bierman Family Aquatic Center Pool Passes ~

Here is a great Christmas gift for someone! Day Passes \$4.00 (2-61), \$2.00 (62+/Military), \$2.00 (Non-swimmer fee), free for under 2 yrs. *Season Passes* \$50 Resident individual, \$80 Non-resident individuals, \$100* Resident family of four, \$130* Non-resident family of four. * Family passes include up to 4 immediate family members that reside in the same household, additional family members can be added for \$15. * Identification required to prove residency. Group Rates \$2.00 per person for groups with 50 or more people – Must be pre-arranged through the Parks & Recreation Office. Party Rates/Pool Rental – 1-50 people \$125/hr, 51-75 people \$150/hr, 76-100 people \$175/hr, 101-capacity \$1.00 per person per hour.

Punch Pass \$70 for 20 visits. Pool hours are everyday from 12pm-7pm.

A.H.A. First Aid and CPR Training and Recertification ~

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

Reserve a Park Shelter ~

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

Riverside Athletic Club ~

Swimming lessons are offered for infants through adults with all abilities welcome. They provide a great variety of group aquatic classes for everyone such as water exercise classes, Ai-Chi Water Meditation & arthritis

classes. Also offered is Pilate's, yoga, body sculpting, step aerobics, strength training and cardiovascular exercise. They also have birthday club pool parties. Call Riverside Athletic Club for time & prices at 715-536-2481 for more information. To see class schedules, www.riversideathletic.com.

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

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

[Merrill Immunization Clinic](#) ~ Held at the Lincoln County Health Department, 607 N. Sales Street Suite 101. 2017 Merrill clinic days will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12 to 1pm 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 MACEC. Please feel free to call the Center first to see what we are working on. We welcome new volunteers. 715-536-4226. Quilting Club meets Tuesdays at 12:30pm.

[Mind & Body Wellness Course](#) ~ The Merrill Enrichment Center with the financial support of Security Health Plan, is excited to offer Mind &

Body Wellness! The goal of this program is to provide participants with educational material and activities designed to promote brain health, ultimately empowering people to lead a healthy lifestyle and remain independent. Emphasis will be placed on the growing evidence that lifestyle choices like nutrition, exercise, mental activities, and social activities can positively impact your brain health and reduce the risk of dementia. Finally, we will participate in 10 minute exercises that are easy to incorporate into your daily routine, including yoga, meditation, walking and strength exercises. 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. Participants must commit to all sessions as they build upon one another. No Cost for this Course! Seats are limited.

[Enrichment Center Craft Shop](#) ~ 303 N. Sales St. If you haven't visited us in a while or maybe have never stopped down, you will be pleasantly surprised at the variety of wonderful products we have that are made by local crafters! You will be sure to walk away with a unique, one of a kind item! Quilted wall art, table runners, painted signs, handcrafted wooden toys, unique bird houses, Beautiful American girl clothes, hats, woolen mittens, scarves, baby items, blankets, quilts, pillows, handmade rugs, embroidered hand towels, hand towels, and more!

[Painting with Amy](#) ~ No painting experience needed! You leave the class with your finished creations! Call 715-536-4226 or see Merrill Enrichment Center newsletter for dates and times for these classes. Options are a 12x16 canvas for \$18 or a 16x20 canvas for \$28. (MEC activity fee included in cost.)

[Oil Painting with Dennis](#) ~ No painting experience needed! You leave the class with your finished creations! Call 715-536-4226 or see Merrill Enrichment Center newsletter for dates and times for these classes. \$33 (MEC activity fee included in cost.)

[Alzheimer's/Dementia Education/Support Group](#) ~ Join Merrill Enrichment Center for our Education and support group for Alzheimer's and Dementia. Could this be Dementia or Alzheimer's disease or a

related dementia, there is something you can do to help them and yourself. Plan to visit our Alzheimer's association support group. The support group meets once a month to provide people with an opportunity to share the experiences and receive support from others coping with Alzheimer's disease. Information and handouts will also be provided. Our facilitator, currently, is Jan Fredrickson. Call 715-536-4226 for date and time of the monthly meetings.

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

[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.

[Sew Much To Share](#) Please join us at the Merrill Enrichment Center to learn some simple sewing skills, or share your sewing talents, all while making projects and a positive difference in the world! The goal of these summer sewing sessions is to bring together multiple generations of community members to share basic sewing skills along with valuable life lessons, all while creating projects to benefit local charities. Fabrics and other materials will be supplied. All levels of experience are welcome from 1-4pm. Ages 12 and up. July 11th – Pillowcases. August 8th – School Bags for Lutheran World Relief. August 15th – Days for Girls Kits.

[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](#) Horse back 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 MACEC 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 ~ 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.

July – Where the Crawdads Sing – Delia Owens
August – The Poet of Tolstoy Park – Sonny Brewer
September – The Beautiful Mystery – Louise Penny
October – Loving frank – Nancy Horan
November – A Separate Peace – John Knowles

Every Third Tuesday of the Month ~ Cricut Club
Cost is only our \$2.00 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. August – Learn how to contour, use markers and pens and download a free pattern. Projects will be a shoe card and an XXO card. Items needed – Device with Cricut Design space loaded, blue & green Cricut mats, scissors, weeding tool and adhesive or glue for paper crafts. Please call 715-536-4226 to register.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday through August except August 14th ~ Crochet w/ Cynthia
10am–12pm Cynthia has 35 years of experience and is very excited to teach this “lost Art” Beginners welcome! Review of stitches we have already learned. Single, Double, Triple crochet. Class cost is \$25 plus cost of yarn. Project include a face cloth, cowl and monet afghan. Please call the Merrill Enrichment Center for more information.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Merrill Noon Optimist meet at noon at the Eagles Club. Their goal is to reach out to those that need to have Optimism in their lives through leadership and sharing. They are a service organization working together so that all kids can look forward to a better future for themselves and their community. The Optimists as a group donate their time, talent and money to benefit the youth of our community. They are an organization which sponsors their new members, if you know someone who's a member contact them and indicate your desire to join. If you are new to our community, you can simply contact them and they would be happy to help you get started! For more information contact Carri Kennedy at 715-539-9797 or check out their web site: www.merrilloptimist.org.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Games Spend the day with friends at the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center all day. Cornhole/Bean Bag toss goes on all day. 10am ~ grab a partner and play Cribbage. Mah Jongg at 1pm – we will have a learning session on how to play this domino-type game. A \$2.00 donation is asked. For more information please contact 715-536-4226.

Every Wednesday of the Month ~ Strength & Balance Training ~ Strength classes will be held at 10am. Cost for the class is \$6. Call the Merrill Enrichment Center at 715-536-4226 for more information. Would you like to: Reduce the symptoms of osteoarthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, back pain and depression? Then this class is for you! In addition, strength training can help you manage your weight, improve balance, help you sleep better, increase strength and muscle mass, improve glucose control and promote more independence as we get older.

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 4:00 pm 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 vary 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** July 17 – Red Eye Brewing Co. Wausau, August 8 – Olive Garden -Wausau, Sept. 19 – Ma’s Place Brunch – Gleason. If interested in any of the following trips, please call or stop in to sign up (prices vary). July (if bus fills) – Green Bay – Green Bay Packers Hall of fame & Stadium tour; July 22nd (6 seats left) Three Lakes Winery & Downtown Shopping; September 26th (3 seats left) High Ground Veterans Memorial Park Neillsville; July 18 & August 13 (only a few seats available) Pirates Hideaway, Boat Cruise – Eagle River.

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 6:30 pm This is a high energy performance will entertain the entire family. Proceeds will benefit MAPS Music Department

July 8 ~ 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 8~ 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 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.

July 9~ 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.

July 10 ~ Merrill City Band performs at 7pm at Normal Park.

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 fir Reading". Don't miss this space-themed, kid-centric show. We are going to have a blast. TB Scott Library at 10am.

July 10 & 11 ~ Adult Computer Coaching July 10 at 10am, July 11 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

July 11 ~ Launch into Space! – Explore the universe through a variety of STEAM activities, games, crafts and more. Come learn how to build a Rocketship. This program at 1pm is for kids going into grades 3-5 in the fall. Pre- register by calling the T.B. Scott Free Library or stopping by the Youth Services Desk on Second Floor.

July 11 ~ Financial Analysis with QuickBooks This workshop is presented by the Merrill Chamber and

UW-Stevens Point. It will be held at the Merrill Chamber from 8-9:30am. Must pre-register at the Chamber.

July 11 ~ Gazebo Nights at Normal Park – Doug Kroening will be kicking the season off. Starting at 6pm until 8pm at the Gazebo. Bring your chair, blanket, bug spray and cooler. Concessions available.

July 12 ~ Clean Waters: Our Mission, Our Legacy Lake group leaders and members from six northern Wisconsin counties will convene for a discussion of current issues related to lake quality and shoreland habitat protection on Friday, July 12, 9am to noon at Nicolet College auditorium in Rhinelander.

July 12 ~ Critic's Choice Movie This fun film stars Reese Witherspoon as a stereo-typical blonde who thinks she has it all: The looks, the rich boyfriend and naturally blonde hair. Until she doesn't. But, does she give up? No? She manages to get accepted into Harvard Law in pursuit of her ex-boyfriend, and in the ensuing escapades redeems the dignity of blondes everywhere. Rated PG-13. 1pm at the TB Scott Free Library. Refreshments will be provided.

July 12 ~ 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 \$3.00 per class. There is food sold on the grounds. For more information contact Danielle at 715-218-2970

July 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.

July 15~ 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 15 ~ Dinosaurs, Great and Small Dinosaurs are coming to the T.B. Scott Library! Join Colossal Fossils as they discuss dinosaurs of all sizes, from

the very small to the truly gigantic. Learn about their anatomy and physiology as well as how they evolved to become one of the most successful groups of dinosaurs to ever live. The kids and family friendly programs allow guests to touch every exhibit item. From bones, claws, and skulls, you won't want to miss this hand-on experience! Showtimes are 10am or 1pm

July 16 ~ [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.

July 17 ~ [Merrill City Band](#) Concert at Normal Park – 7pm.

July 17 ~ [Peanut Butter Picnic](#) Join us for our annual Peanut Butter Picnic at 11:00 am 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. In order 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.**

July 18 ~ [Gazebo Nights at Normal Park](#) – Aaron Huhta will start the evening off at 5pm and The Lizardz will begin at 6pm. Bring your chair, blanket, bug spray and cooler. Concession available.

July 18 ~ [Launch into Space!](#) – Explore the universe through a variety of STEAM activities, games, crafts and more. Come learn how to build a Rocketship. This program at 1pm is for kids going into grades 3-5 in the fall. Pre- register by calling the T.B. Scott Free Library or stopping by the Youth Services Desk on Second Floor.

July 20 – [Tractor Ride](#) Start time 10am Staging Location: Merrill festival Grounds (by the Sell Building) This will be a ride through part of Merrill and the townships of Pine River and Schley. Recognition of Oldest and Newest Tractors. Who will rule to ride? What manufacturer will have the most tractors in ride? All ages event. Rules of the

Ride: preregistration is required (starts at 8am), Tractor must be able to maintain a speed of 11mph, must bring proof of Liability Insurance to registration the day of the ride. Any questions: contact Cheryl Buck or Brian Schleif 608-853-0647

July 22 ~ [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 22~ [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

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July 24 ~ [Merrill City Band](#) Concert at Normal Park – 7pm

July 25 ~ [Marketplace Ministry “Why do we work?”](#) We often let our work define us. The first questions many ask us when meeting us is “What do you do for work?” Our occupations then become the lens through which others view us, and through which we view ourselves. That does the Bible say about work and our relationship wo work, though? Join Pastor Todd Van Ryn at Church Mutual's Reflection Center from Noon to 1pm. Lunch is provided for a free will donation. Please RSVP to Tyler at tkrombholz@churchmutual.com

July 25 ~ [Gazebo Nights at Normal Park](#) Winchester will be being at 5pm with The White House Players starting up at 6pm. Bring your chairs, blankets, bug spray and cooler. Concessions available.

July 25 ~ [Launch into Space!](#) – Explore the universe through a variety of STEAM activities, games, crafts and more. Come learn how to build a

Rocketship. This program at 1pm is for kids going into grades 3-5 in the fall. Pre- register by calling the T.B. Scott Free Library or stopping by the Youth Services Desk on Second Floor.

July 26 ~ [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 \$3.00 per class. There is food sold on the grounds. For more information contact Danielle at 715-218-2970

July 26 ~ [A Universe of Stories: Adult Summer Read Event 2nd Prize Drawing](#). At 8:45am at the TB Scott Free Library they will be having the 2nd prize drawing for the Adult Summer Read Program,

July 26-28 ~ [Northwoods Art Tour](#) Get your map of the Art Tour and enjoy heading to different cities in our area to see these be pieces of art.

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.

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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 ~ [Merrill City Band](#) Concert at Normal Park – 7pm

AUGUST

August 1 ~ [Gazebo Nights at Normal Park](#) Aaron Huhta will start the night off at 5pm, and Jay Stulo Band will play from 6-8pm. Bring you chairs, umbrellas, bug spray, blankets and coolers. Refreshments available.

August 2 & 3 ~ [Electronic Recycling Event](#) Kiwanis of Greater Merrill Area and the Good News Project of Wausau begin this event to Merrill for the 7th Annual event at the Merrill Festival Grounds – Steckling Building. Friday August 2 Noon to 6pm and Saturday August 3 9am to Noon. Some of the items they accept at: computers, monitors, speakers, mice, keyboards, printers, scanners, computer parts, fax machines If you have any questions please call 715-843-5985

August 2-4 ~ [Allen Soward Memorial Softball Tournament](#) Three-day round robin, double elimination softball tournament at Ott's Park. Fundraising raffles, concessions and refreshments available Friday 6pm to 12am, Sat 8am to 12am and Sunday 8am to 3pm

August 3 ~ [Fill the Gazebo](#) Huge community wide food drive, huge enough for donation to fill the gazebo at Normal Park in just three hours. It is an outgrowth of the former CROP WALK and is sponsored by the Merrill Ministerium. All donations stay local. From 9am to noon, bring nonperishable food and personal care items to benefit Merrill's food pantries and Food for Kids. Rain site: Merrill Festival Grounds.

August 3 ~ [Open House Gleason Area Lions](#) 12:00 pm- 4:00 pm Lions Club International Gleason Area Lions, Lions Park N5179 Bradley Street Gleason

August 5, 12, 19 & 26 ~ [Self-Defense Class](#) Merrill Enrichment Center is offering basic self-defense classes. 4 sessions, 2 hours each. Cost is \$40. These classes are 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. Call 715-536-4226 to register.

August 6~ [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 using your library card.

August 7 ~ [Merrill City Band](#) **Back to The Future IV: A New West Side Story Concert at Cenotaph Park – 6pm**

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August 8 ~ [Lions Chicken BBQ](#) Get your BBQ Chicken dinner from the Merrill Lions Club. \$10 for ½ chicken, potato salad, dinner roll and drink. They will be set up at Stange's Park on 3rd St from 11am to 12pm. Call Ron Liberty 715-617-9973 for more information.

August 8 ~ [7th Annual Merrill Lions Rubber Duck Race](#) Ticket prices 1 duck for \$3, 4 ducks for \$10 or 10 ducks for \$20. Pay-out for 13 places – 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$200, 3rd place \$100, and 10 random winners of \$25 each. Race will start at 1pm at Stange's Park on 3rd St. To purchase a duck, call Larry Marnholtz at 715-536-8492

August 8 ~ [Gazebo Nights at Normal Park](#) Winchester starts the night off at 5pm with Red Higgins, Lisa Marie and Freedom Train playing from 6-8pm. Bring you chairs, umbrellas, bug spray, blankets and coolers. Refreshments available.

August 9 ~ [Critic's Choice Movie](#) This inspiring little hero, played by Jacob Tremblay, is most comfortable wearing an astronaut helmet. His mom (Julia Roberts) decides 5th grade is the time for him to go to public school. Auggie is not too accepting of this idea, and apparently neither are his classmates. Also starring in Owen Wilson and Izabela Vidovic. Rated PG Refreshments will be provided during the movie at the TB Scott Free Library at 1pm

August 9-10 ~ [One day, One Night, One Community, One Fight](#) Relay for Life will be held at the Merrill Festival Grounds. Bingo starting at 4pm, registration and food starts at 5pm, Opening Ceremony at 6pm, Luminaria Ceremony at 9am,

Fireworks Life Celebration at 9:30pm, Pancake Breakfast at 7:30am and Drawings and event Closing at 10am.

August 10 ~ [Chalk It Up](#) Family fun all day downtown Merrill. Around the Courthouse, people will be showing off their talents and chalk drawing on the sidewalks, food vendors and other vendors on East Main Street, Brooke's School of Dance – dancing in the street at Noon and 3pm, Steve Strasman and group playing at 1-2:45pm at Bankers' Square and Huge deals at stores on First and East Main Street.

August 14 -18 ~ [Lincoln County Fair](#) It is that time of year again. Come down to the Merrill Festival Grounds for the Fair. Enjoy the new set up at the fair. Events at the Grand Stand, get your tickets early, Wristband days – purchase them before the start of the fair to receive the discounted price. Music every night. Merrill Lions Club will be serving up their famous steak sandwiches and shrimp baskets at their stand. Hours 11am to close.

August 18 ~ [Pancake Breakfast and Antique Tractor Show and Tractor Pull](#) Lions Club International Gleason Area Lions, Lions Park N5179 Bradley Street Pancake Breakfast 8am – 1pm Tractor Pull 12pm – finish Adults \$9.00, Ages 5-12 \$7.00, ages 5 and under Free

August 21 ~ [Dance Lessons](#) – New Offering Dance instructor, Amanda Herdt, will be teaching fun and easy steps to a variety of dances including lines, reels, circles and squares. All ages are welcome to this event; no dancing experience necessary. Join us at the Merrill Enrichment Center from 5-7pm. Pre-register is asked by calling 715-536-4226. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

August 22 ~ [Gazebo Nights at Normal Park](#) Aaron Huhta will start us off at 5pm and Dave Steffen Band taking over from 6-8pm. Bring you chairs, umbrellas, bug spray, blankets and coolers. Refreshments available.

August 23 ~ [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 \$3.00 per class.

There is food sold on the grounds. For more information contact Danielle at 715-218-2970

August 24 ~ [A Universe of Stories Adult Summer Read Event Final & Grand Prize Drawing](#) At 8:45am at the TB Scott Free Library they will be holding the Final and Grand Prize drawing for the Adult Summer reading program.

August 24~ [Maple Grove Elementary School 115th years of Educating Children](#) 12pm – 4 pm Maple Grove Elementary School 290 Cty Rd F Hamburg Sponsored by Friends of Maple Grove, Maple Grove Foundation Celebration of 115 years of educating children in the Hamburg and Merrill area. Spend an afternoon with former teachers, friends, see the school and explore the woods. Contact Dawn Nonn, Principal 715-536-7684 ext. 14001

August 24 ~ [Music Under a “Universe of Star\(ie\)s”](#) with Max Koepke Join us at the TB Scott Free Library at 6pm to enjoy a wonderful “Universe of Stories” with music by the talented young artist, Max Koepke. Bring your blankets and chairs... family and friends... and join us on the library lawn for a galaxy of musical moments and memories.

August 24 ~ [Pigout at the Pavilion](#) The 2nd Annual Pig roast at the AGRA Pavilion at Rotary Park, River Bend Trailhead – South end of Park Street. Rain or Shine. Event will be from 1-10pm with the food being served 4-8pm Advance tickets \$12, at the door \$15 and \$5 for 10 and under. Dinner includes pork, beans, coleslaw, corn and a cookie. Music by Rusty James Duo from 5-9. Beer and Hard Lemonade available. Corn bag toss Contest too. Raffle drawing, get your tickets early.

August 27 ~ [Empty Bowls Dinner](#) Ever thought about kids that don't get to eat over the weekend? The kid that does not want the weekend to come because they don't know if they will have to wait until Monday to eat again. Unfortunately, we have it right here in Merrill. Here is your chance to help make sure they get something. Join us at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes from 4:30pm to 7pm for a spaghetti dinner. Cost is \$10 per person First come first serve will have a chance at taking a bowl or mug home with you that has been painted by someone in our community. Dessert will be available additional cost. Money raise at this event

goes to the Fill the Backpack program at St. Stephens Church, where they help MAPS get food the kids in need.

August 27 ~ Merrill Community Night Out

Community Night out invites residents to come to the Merrill Festival Grounds and Enrichment Center to enjoy free food and activities all while learning about the many services available to the community. 5-8pm Merrill Police and Fire Departments will be available for people to meet along with local agencies.

August 29 ~ Gazebo Nights at Normal Park

Winchester will start us off at 5pm and Copper Box will finish up the season from 6-8pm. Bring your chairs, umbrellas, bug spray, blankets and coolers. Refreshments available.

SEPTEMBER

September 2 ~ Merrill City Band Labor Day Parade: Merrill – 10:00 A.M.

September 2 ~ Labor Day Car Show and Flea Markets Registration starts at 8am at the Merrill Festival Ground. \$10 per car registration. 20 classes, 3 trophies in each class, plus 12 more trophies for special awards. Any questions, call Don Heyel at 715-536-5719 or Ken Adams 715-536-1372

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September 7 – Community Wide Garage Sale It is that time of year where your kids have out gone the school clothes you just purchase for them. Their summer clothes are never going to fit next year. They are getting too old for their toys. Here is your chance to sell them and cover a little of your costs. Just sell things to get ready for Christmas. Watch the FotoNews for information about the different sales goes out on Wednesday September 4. Not having the sale, well you can go out and shop others for the exact reasons listed above. Ones junk is ones treasures!

September 7 ~ Merrill Airport Day Head out to the Merrill Airport and see what the airport has to offer. Check out planes up close, different events happening all day. Flea market in hangers. Merrill Lions Club will be having a food stand at the Merrill Airport from 10am until close.

September 7 ~ Run for the Taps Sawmill Brewing Company is hosting their 3rd annual 5K event! But, since we know that not everyone loves running, there is going to be a 2-mile family walk/run portion too! And, we are throwing a big party afterwards so that everyone in the family can participate in something throughout the day. Run starts at 11am. Food Trucks and family fun! Want to register for this awesome community event?<https://www.raceentry.com/races/race-to-the->

[taps/2019/register](#) Looking for more information?
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September 7 ~ Gleason Area Lions Tractor/Truck Pull Stop out at Lions Park, N5179 Bradley Street, Gleason from Noon to finish for a Tractor/Truck Pull

September 13 ~ Critic's Choice Movie A lonely boy helps save an injured dolphin only to learn later that the tail must be amputated. Along the way family, friends and a community come together to save the local animal hospital. This movie is based on an actual dolphin who stars in the film along with Nathan Gamble, Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd, Kris Kristofferson and Morgan Freeman. Rated PG 1pm at the TB Scott Free Library with refreshments being provided.

September 13-15 ~ Gun Show It is that time of year again to get out the guns for the upcoming seasons. Do you need a part, or just a new gun? This is your chance. This event is held at the Merrill Enrichment Center. Times TBA.

September 14 ~ Pork in the Park Ribfest Join the Merrill Chamber for our 7th Annual Pork in the Park Ribfest. NEW TIME: 2pm to 6pm or sold out. Get your tickets to try all the different rib cooks from around the area. Don't forget to vote for People's Choice. Plus, enjoy the craft vendors that are on site, the Gun Show at the Merrill Enrichment Center and more to come. New things happening this year, you don't want to miss out. This event is held outside under the Grand Stand at the Merrill Festival Grounds.

September 14 ~ Hispanic Heritage Celebration the public is invited to the kickoff celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month with a special event honoring Hispanic culture, music and food at the Gazebo at Normal Park. 2pm will kickoff this event featuring authentic Hispanic vendors, music and pinatas.

September 20 (rain date) ~ 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 \$3.00 per class. There is food sold on

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September 21 ~ Pine River Pig Roast Starting at 1pm stop out at the Pine River Fire Department for their annual Pig Roast. Purchase your ticket for a great meal of pork and all the fixings. Beverages available for sale and don't forget to get in on all the raffles. End the evening with music and amazing Firework show. Come out and show your support to the Volunteers at the Pine River Fire Department.

September 21 ~ Fall Festival at the River Bend Trail from 9am to 3pm More information to come.

September 28 ~ Chili Blast Head to downtown Merrill to enjoy many types of Chili's where you can vote for your favorite. From 10am to 2pm pick up your Journey Card for \$5.00 and receive the map of the chili locations plus other vendors that will be there. Drop your vote off at First Street Coffee Station or at the ticket booth.

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September 29 ~ [Annie Moses Band](#) Merrill Area Concert Association presents the band at Merrill High School Auditorium at 3pm. This band is roots-based music with classical polish.

OCTOBER

October 1 ~ [DV Awareness Walk](#) The public is invited to join in a light meal followed by a group walk on the River Bend Trail. Wear your purple and join in raising awareness about domestic violence. 3:30 is the meal, 4:30 is the walk. Meet at the Agra Pavilion

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[Unveiled Fairy Tales](#) opens up for the season. Times for this weekend will be 6pm to 9pm both days. Not to worry, if you by your ticket at 8:59pm you will still get to go through. Tickets prices are \$10 at the door or \$9 with a food donation. Speed pass is \$20. New this year: Season pass for \$50, where you come as much as you want. Premium Pass is \$75 (combination of speed pass and season pass) While no one was at the Haunted throughout the winter, Vincent had decided he was bored and was hoping to scare the Scare Crew away for good. He tore the place up!! Come and check out the Haunt where we hope to unveil some fairy tales for you.

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October 6th ~ Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Lions Club International Gleason Area Lions, Lions Park N5179 Bradley Street Gleason Adults \$9.00, Ages 5-12 \$7.00, ages 5 and under Free

October 11 ~ Critic's Choice Movie A real estate couple and their kids find themselves mixed up in a hilarious mystery of an old curse, a creep mansion and 999 ghosts. This Disney film stars Eddie Murphy. Rated PG 1pm at the TB Scott Free Library with refreshment provided.

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October 19 ~ MEC Annual Fall Craft Show Start our Holiday shopping. Over 50 artists and crafters will showcase their work. Vendors include LuLaRoe clothing, Norwex, Scentsy, Magnabilities, Usborne Books and more. 9am to 3pm Enter through the East doors of the Merrill Enrichment Center.

October 24 ~ 9th Annual Haunted Sawmill Unveiled Fairy Tales Time for this event will be 6pm to 10pm. Not to worry, if you by your ticket at 9:59pm you will still get to go through. Tickets prices are \$10 at the door or \$9 with a food donation. Speed pass is \$20. New this year: Season pass for \$50, where you come as much as you want. Premium Pass is \$75 (combination of speed pass and season pass) While no one was at the Haunted throughout the winter, Vincent had decided he was bored and was hoping to scare the Scare Crew away for good. He tore the place up!! Come and check out the Haunt where we hope to unveil some fairy tales for you.

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October 26 ~ 9th Annual Haunted Sawmill

Unveiled Fairy Tales Children's Matinee. Here is the chance for you to come through the Haunt with the lights on. Friendly people to help you through the Haunt itself. Times for this event will be 12pm to 2pm Tickets prices are \$10 at the door or \$9 with a food donation. Speed pass is \$20. New this year: Season pass for \$50, where you come as much as you want. Premium Pass is \$75 (combination of speed pass and season pass) While no one was at the Haunted throughout the winter, Vincent had decided he was bored and was hoping to scare the Scare Crew away for good. He tore the place up!! Come and check out the Haunt where we hope to unveil some fairy tales for you.

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Unveiled Fairy Tales. Times for this Halloween Day will be 6pm to 9pm. Not to worry, if you by your ticket at 8:59pm you will still get to go through. Tickets prices are \$10 at the door or \$9 with a food donation. Speed pass is \$20. While no one was at the Haunted throughout the winter, Vincent had decided he was bored and was hoping to scare the Scare Crew away for good. He tore the place up!! Come and check out the Haunt where we hope to unveil some fairy tales for you. Come wish Vincent a Happy Birthday.

NOVEMBER

November 3 ~ Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive

8:00 am – 1:00 pm Lions Club International
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November 9 ~ Craft Fairs throughout Merrill

Enjoy the craft fairs throughout the City of Merrill. Bell Tower, Ascension Good Sam, St. Francis, Merrill High School, New Testament Church, Lincoln Lanes and Church Mutual. Check the Merrill Chamber's website for a current listing of times and locations.

November 9 ~ Poker Run Stop in local businesses to get a score card. Stop and all the businesses that are listed and get a signature and after 2pm, stop

back at one of the businesses to get a hand dealt to you. Let's see who can get the Highest hand.

November 9 ~ 29th Annual Bell Tower Craft Fair

Celebrate the season with one of Merrill's favorite traditions! Assisi Hall and the Bell Tower lobby will be filled with over 35 vendors selling homemade craft items, rugs, paintings, jewelry, candy, bread and more. Raffles!! Lunch available! Make sure you stop by in between 9am to 3pm.

November 21 ~ Presidio Brass Merrill Area Concert Association is proud to bring this group to Merrill. They are a new generation brass band. Cost is the Annual membership, which gets you into all the concerts they offer and special offers from the other area's associations. Presidio Brass will be playing at 7pm at the Merrill High School.

DECEMBER

December 7 ~ Christmas Parade Enjoy the kick-off to the Christmas Season as we start the Lighted Christmas Parade at 5pm. What will Santa light this year? We will have to wait and see. Get a float in the parade, contact the Merrill Chamber. Parade starts at S. Genesee St.

December 7 ~ Park Lane Manor Luminaria and Santa Visit Merrill rings in the Christmas season with the parade following by the Park Lane Manor Luminaria at Bell Tower. Enjoy the bright decorations and lights, cookies, hot cocoa and get your picture taken with Santa.

December 7 & 8 ~ O'Tannenbaum Tour Stop in at St. Stephens Church on Saturday 10am to 7pm and Sunday 10am to 3pm. See the beautiful trees, wreaths and much more. Purchase raffle tickets for a chance at taking one of them home.