



2020 Winter/Spring Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

January 18 – Wis. Sled Dogs Race
January 18, 25 Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 – Merrill Ice Drags
January 18 Feb 1, 15, 29 – Gleason Ice Oval
February 8 – Artisans Showcase
February 27 – Rotary Uncorked

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.

[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.

[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 ~ Zumba Gold](#) Zumba Gold is a low impact activity that inspires participants of all ages and fitness levels to have fun, let loose of your inner joy while dancing to all kinds of rhythms and music. Classes are at 9:30am cost \$5.00 Held at the Merrill Enrichment Center.

[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 Third Tuesday of the Month ~ Book Club](#) at 1pm at Merrill Enrichment Center. Newcomers always welcome.

January – Major Pettigrew's Last stand – Helen Simonson; February – A Town Like Alice – Nevil Shute; March – An American Duchess – Caroline Fyffe; April – Jeeves and the King of Clubs – Ben Schott; May – A man called Ove – Fredrik Backman

[Every Third Tuesday of the Month ~ Cricut Club](#)

Cost \$10.00 Club is at 12pm. 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. 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 Wednesday of the Month ~ Walk in Flu Shots](#)

Every Wednesday from 8:30am to 4:00pm starting October 2 through November 20 (while supplies last) get your flu shot at Lincoln County Health Department, 607 N. Sales Street, Suite 101. No appointment necessary. Cost is \$40 or we accept Traditional Medicare, Security Health plan (Essence, Esteem and Spirit), Railroad retirement. Please bring your insurance card.

[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 Kurt Rust at 715-722-1401 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 \$3. 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. Class held at Merrill Enrichment Center at 6pm \$5 per class.

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 Ascension at Home grief support groups are adult gatherings providing support to individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. Members can gather in a safe caring environment with other mourners to share memories, discuss current life experiences and grief reactions to better understand grief and the associated changes impacting one's life. This group is open to a community adult experiencing grief. This will be held at 1pm at the Enrichment Center Conference Room.

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JANUARY

January 4 ~ Gleason Ice Ovals Come out and watch ATVs, Carts and Sleds race around the Oval track in Gleason. Gates open at 7am, gate fee \$7 and registration 7-9am. Racings starts at 10am. Warming house and concessions available onsite. For more information visit www.gleasoncc.org

January 7 ~ Little Dribblers Co-Ed Youth Basketball Merrill Parks & Recreation Dept is offering this program for boys and girls in grades 1-3 at Kate Goodrich Elementary. This is a great opportunity to learn the basics of the sport of basketball. Programs is held on Tuesday until February 25th. First two weeks of the program are skills & drills, followed by fun games with no score kept. Cost is \$20 if paid by 1/2/20 at the Merrill Park & Recreation Dept. For more info, call 715-536-7313.

January 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 - Barbells, Bands, and Kettlebells Boot Camp is designed to optimize fitness through constantly changing functional movements. Boot Camp is in a group setting typically with 5-10 others helping motivate while the training can focus on your individual needs. You can expect a full-body workout, while the theme of the month may vary. 5:15 to 6:15pm at Riverside Athletic Club \$29/Member or \$49/ Non-Member or \$7 drop in

January 8 ~ Feeling empty? Like no one gets it? Not interested in things you once were? Overwhelmed with life The Merrill Enrichment Center has teamed up with Ascension to offer this support group. The group is a gathering of individuals who share a common goal. In a group setting, individuals can express how they feel and what they do to cope. Come join this group to give and receive support in dealing with depression. This group meets at 1pm and is for anyone seeking support in dealing with depression. For more information contact Ashley Miller MS at 715-804-7509

January 8 ~ Family Support Group NAMI Northwoods in an affiliate of NAMI, a non-profit organization that provides support, education and advocacy throughout the Marathon, Lincoln and Langlade counties in Wisconsin on behalf of individuals and families affected by mental illness. This group meets at the Merrill Enrichment Center at 6pm.

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January 10 – Full Moon Snowshoe/Hike The Friends of the River Bend Trail invite you to join them for the Full Moon Snow Shoe/Hike on the River Bend Trail. Hike the plowed rails or snowshoe on side of trail and detour onto candlelight Thrivent Trail and loop near bridge. Route goes from Weinbrenner Outlet Store to the Agra Pavilion. You can start the route at either location. Route is 1.5 miles round trip. Warm up in the Agra Pavilion where you will enjoy campfire, coffee and hot chocolate "bar". Wine sampling from Sunset Hollow Ranch will be available for a small fee. Weather permitting telescopes will be available for night sky viewing! What to bring (optional): Marshmallows, roasting stick and flashlight/headlamp. Bring your own mug for a chance to win a prize!

January 10 – Comedy at Les and Jim's Mark Poolos and John Russell for a night of laughs! Doors open at 7pm with show starting at 8pm. Mark Poolos is a Minnesota native who started his career as the co-star of two independent films, "Attack of the Killer Snow Cone Zombies" and "Joanie Loves Furbies." He did more films, some commercials and even a little theater but it wasn't enough, so he began his stand-up comedy career. Mark is 6'7" tall and weighs nearly 350 pounds, which means he's technically a giant. However, he also happens to be quite weak and is admittedly a bit of a wimp, so his status as a giant is dubious at best. In his comedy routines he weaves "tall" tales of his life as a bumbling jolly giant in a fast, engaging story telling style. His recent special on Dry Bar Comedy has been viewed over 1,000,000 times! Advance tickets are \$15, day of the event \$20.

January 12 ~ Ilya Yakushev Merrill Area Concert Association is happy to bring Ilya to the Merrill High School at 3pm. Ilya is a Russian pianist who is returning to Merrill the cost of tickets is your annual membership the Merrill Area Concert Association.
<http://www.merrillconcerts.org/1920>

January 13 ~ Pound – Glow A high intensity workout that incorporates rhythmic movements to get the class

literally pounding the floor as they sweat. This particular evening features glow in the dark. From 6:20pm to 7:05pm at Riverside Athletic Club Free/members or \$7 drop in (5 for \$25)

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January 18 & 19 Wisconsin Trailblazer Sled Dogs Races will be showing their talents as they mushed through the snow. This event is held at Pine River School for Young Learners. Please watch for times and if the date has changed.

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January 18 ~ Chili Cook-Off and Fundraiser This event is hosted by VFW Post 1638 Auxiliary at the Agra Pavilion from 3-7pm Participate in judging the best Veteran's Household Chili.

January 18 ~ Cook Book Exchange Time to spice up your cookbook collection? Bring your old cookbooks and exchange them for new ones. Join us in the café area across from the front desk at TB Scott Free Library from 10am-12pm.

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Merrill Park & Recreation Dept. For more info, call 715-536-7313.

January 22 ~ Coffee with a Cop Crime Stoppers of Lincoln County is joining with the Merrill Police Department in hosting a Coffee with A Cop. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat with police officers over a cup of coffee or other favorite morning beverage. Representatives of Crime Stoppers will also be available to talk to and answer any questions you may have. Held at First Street Coffee Station, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave from 9am to 11am.

January 22 ~ Family Storytime Continue to build early literacy skills through interactive stories, songs, play, and crafts. Geared toward children ages 3-5 years old but all ages welcome. Preregistration not required. Held from 10-11am at the TB Scott Free Library.

January 23 ~ Mental Health & Children Childhood mental health impacts many children and families in boys and girls of all ages. Mental health in childhood affects how children learn, behave, or handle their emotions. Learn about ways to help support children with a mental health diagnosis like ADHD, ODD, and others. To register or for more information please call (715) 539-9228. Lincoln County Family Resource Center - 712 East 2nd St. Merrill WI 54452 from 6-7pm

January 23 ~ Refresh Furniture with Dave Merrill Enrichment Center is offering this class. Bring in a small piece of furniture or CHOOSE FROM DAVE'S Items and REFRESH it with Dave. He will have all supplies and show techniques to create a number of different looks. Class starts at 10am Call to sign up 715-536-4226.

January 23 ~ Family Fun Night Stop at the TB Scott Free Library with the family from 6-7pm for a night of family fun.

January 24 ~ Community Blood Drive We're proud to again be partnering with The Community Blood Center for our Annual Winter Blood Drive! The blood drive will take place Park City Credit Union Main Branch from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Refreshments will be provided. To schedule your life-saving appointment, please call 715-536-8351 or sign up at the link here:

<https://www.save3lives.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=43964&zc=54452>

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the ice. Held at Council Grounds State Park. If parking in lot, will need a state parking sticker. For more information visit www.merrillicedrags.com

January 25 ~ Dinner and a show Merrill High School Choir will be holding this fundraising event at 5:30pm. Tickets at \$16. Event will be in the Commons area.

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January 28 ~ Suicide Loss Support Group Healthy Minds for Lincoln County is sponsoring a monthly Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group. This group will be held from 6-7pm at TB Scott Free Library's Board Room. The support group meets the last Tuesday of every month. Community members who have lost a friend, family member, loved one or someone close to suicide are welcome to attend. You are not alone.

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January 29 ~ Bullying – How do we prevent it? The Library will continue its Building Merrill Together series as co- host with Merrill Area Public Schools for an event titled, "Bullying - How Do We Prevent It" Panel Discussion at the Prairie River Middle School Auditorium. This event will include panelists who work in the forefront dealing with these issues daily. The forum will offer area residents an opportunity to participate in a friendly and healthy discussion on how to address this tough issue in the community. Please join us to help bring your helpful and constructive ideas to the discussion table. Held from 6-7:30pm at the Middle School

January 30 ~ Safety in Your Style Ladies tag your daughters. Join us and Lincoln County Crime Stoppers as we team up to bring Mom's and daughters a fun filled event with tips and tricks on how to dress for safety. We will briefly discuss internet safety & being aware of your surroundings all while playing with fun & cute looks that compliment this lifestyle. This is the perfect evening

for Moms, teens & preteens to get out and enjoy some time together. Snacks will be provided, and the Coffee Bar will be open! This is a Free event but is limited to 30 guests so please RSVP. At Ana Blair's Boutique from 5:30 to 7:30pm

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February 1 ~ [Escape from Cabin Fever at the Library: The Escape Room Experience](#). We know Winter can feel like an eternity in the Northwoods and that good old "Cabin Fever" starts setting in. Well, we've got the answer for you at the Library!!Join us for an adventurous day and "Escape from Cabin Fever: Escape Room Experience" Library style! We will have three separate rooms set up with three separate scenarios. The day's schedule will include four 45-minute sessions: 10:00AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, and 1:30 PM. Each session accommodates 10 team members. Patrons can put together a group and register as a team or register individually. You may request a preferred time; however, registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. If your preferred time is not available, you will be offered times that are available. Space is limited. Do not hesitate to get yourself registered! Join us **from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM** For more information, call the Library at 715-536-7191, check the Library Facebook page or go to our webpage, www.tbscottlibrary.org.

February 3 ~ [Written Off](#) Join T.B. Scott Free Library and Healthy Minds for Lincoln County at 5:45 – 8:00 pm in the Community Room for the screening of "Written Off" with a Q&A session to follow. This program is offered at no cost. A light meal will be provided. Over the last several years, significant strides have been made to combat the opioid crisis. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, opioid-related deaths in Wisconsin declined in 2018 to their lowest level since 2015 "Written Off" fights the stigma

surrounding addiction, by chronicling the life of Matthew Edwards, a young man from northern Wisconsin, whose addiction to opioids began at age 15, after being prescribed pain medicine for a minor surgery. Through his personal journal writing, he reveals the secrets he tried so hard to conceal throughout a decade long struggle to escape addiction. Community members are encouraged to attend and learn more about addiction and the resources that are available locally to support individuals on their journey toward recovery. Mental health and medical professionals from Ascension Medical Group, Centre for Well Being Inc., and Marshfield Clinic Recovery Corps will be available following the film to answer questions. No registration is needed. For more information contact, Laurie Ollhoff, Assistant Director for T.B. Scott Free Library at 715-536-7191. This event is supported by Marathon County AOD Partnership, Raising Awareness, Northwoods Coalition and Ascension Good Samaritan Hospital.

February 4 ~ [Tech It Out @ the Library – Excel with EXCEL](#) This was January's session which was rescheduled. "**How to Excel with Excel-A Beginner's Approach.**" Join us for an introduction to Excel Spreadsheets. It is a tool that many uses on the job, but it can also be a big help to you at home. This is a hands-on session. If you have a laptop with Excel installed, bring it with you. For those of you that work with Excel on the job and do not have the software available to you at home on your own devices, the Library will have several laptops available for you to use. Just remember, learning is a journey not a destination. Your instructor enjoys learning from you as much as she enjoys instructing you. Held from 6-7:30pm

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February 5 ~ Tech Coaching END THE FRUSTRATION!! T.B. Scott Free Library is offering tech coaching sessions. The One-on-One opportunities will help to alleviate some of that stress you feel when using your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or other electronic device! This is held at the TB Scott Free Library from 10-11:30am. You may call 715.536.7191 for a custom consultation if regularly scheduled Tech Coaching sessions do not fit your schedule, or if you have any other questions.

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February 5, 12, 19, 26 ~ Guitar Lessons. Class is for beginners age 15 and up. Please bring your own guitar. Classes are held at the Merrill Enrichment Center from 5:30-6:30pm. Call 715-536-4226 to sign up.

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February 8 & 9 ~ Merrill Ice Reflection Figure Skating Show Saturday February 8th at 6pm is the first show to see what the kids of learn on the ice. If you can't make Saturday, Sunday February 9th the show is at 1pm.

February 8 ~ Winter Badger State Games Race your fat tire bike on one of Wisconsin's premier courses right here in Merrill. 3 races to choose from: Short: 10 miles, Medium 15 miles or Long 25 miles. For more information or to register online, visit visitwausau.com/fattirebikeracing 8am starts registration and race starts at 10am. At Merrill Memorial Forest.

February 9 ~ Winter Badger State Games Register for 5k & 10K snowshoe races along a beautiful course at Merrill's Memorial Forest. For more info or to register go to visitwausau.com/snowshoeing. Registration 9:30am, Race begins at 11am.

February 10 ~ Sharpies & Mugs Using Sharpies and your own creativity participants will each get to design their own mug. Mugs, ideas, and stencils will be provided. Recommended for grades 4 and up. Registration preferred. Held at TB Scott Free Library from 3:15-4:15pm

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February 13 ~ [Managing your online presence](#) Merrill Chamber has teamed up with UW Stevens Point to bring this workshop to our Members. With the ever-changing internet landscape and increased competition, learn tips and techniques on how to effectively use your time and resources to manage your online business presence. Platforms discussed will include website, Google search, Facebook and LinkedIn. Please call 715-536-9474 to reserve your spot. Workshop starts at 8am-9:30am at the Chamber Office.

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February 13, 20 & 27 ~ [Mind & Body Wellness Course](#) 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. In addition, we will spend time in the kitchen learning how easy it is to make healthy meals, snacks and desserts. Finally, we will participate in 10-minute exercises that are easy to incorporate into your daily routine, including yoga, meditation, walking and strength exercises. There is no cost for this Course. Funding provided by Security Health Plan. Classes are from 9am-Noon. Call now to sign up 715-536-4226 Seats are limited.

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February 17 ~ Candy Creations Join us for Candy Creations by creating works of art using candy. Create an ocean, rainbow, superhero symbol, or a unique mosaic all using a variety of candy. Snacks will be provided. Recommended for grades 3 and up. Registration preferred 3:15-4:15pm at the TB Scott Free Library.

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February 27 ~ Family Fun Night TB Scott Free Library is offering North Lakeland Discovery Center from 6-7pm. Fun for the whole family!

February 27 ~ Rotary Uncorked Join the Merrill Rotary for their annual event. This event is held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Purchase your ticket and come in and try many different wines. Get your bid in on the silent auction. Plus, just wait for the live auction to get going.

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MARCH

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March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 ~ Boot Camp is designed to optimize fitness through constantly changing functional movements. Boot Camp is in a group setting typically with 5-10 others helping motivate while the training can focus on your individual needs. You can expect a full-body workout, while the theme of the month may vary. Held at Riverside Athletic Club at 5:15-6:15pm Cost is \$29 for member and \$49 for non-member or \$7 to drop in.

March 3 & 10 ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences at Prairie River Middle School from 4-7pm

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March 7 ~ [Spelling Bee](#) Wisconsin State Spelling Bee will be held at Jefferson Elementary School.

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March 14 – [2020 Bowl for Kids' Sake](#) – Roaring 20's Help the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin raise funds for the program here in Merrill. This year's theme is Roaring 20's! Put on your Zoot Suit and Flapper dress and join the fun! Form a team of 4-6 bowlers. Register at bbbsncw.org Raise pledges! Held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes from 3-5, 5-7 and 7-9pm Adults \$75, High School \$50 and Youth and Matches: \$25 Have a business? Sponsor a team for \$500. Get extra alley cash, display your logo over lane, great team bonding activity, and tax deduction all while supporting local children.

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March 21-29 ~ [Spring Break](#) for Merrill Schools

March 24 ~ [Tropical Party](#) Think warm thoughts and join us for our Tropical Party during Spring Break. We will be creating tropical smoothies to enjoy while doing tropical themed crafts. Recommended for grades 4 and up. Registration preferred 715-536-7191 2-3:30pm at the TB Scott Library.

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April 2-4 ~ The Music Man Merrill High School and the

Theatre Jays present Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man". Set in 1912, we see the story of Harold Hill coming into River City, Iowa to save the town from the serious trouble it's in; and he'll do that by creating a boys' band, that is if he can convince the town he's right and more importantly convince the librarian, Marian Paroo that his "Think System" is the only way to make this all happen. Shows are at 7pm. Also, on April 4th, a matinee at 1pm. Tickets can be purchase online at: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/36593> As well as at the box office and soon at select Merrill locations.

April 4 ~ Children's Festival Over 30 vendors with different kid's activities will be set up in the Smith Center. Merrill Parks & Rec will kick off Summer Playground sign ups, pool passes will be available. Concessions available by Merrill Youth Hockey. Vendors present will showcase different family opportunities throughout the community. 10am to 2pm.

April 4 ~ Spring Craft Show at the Merrill Enrichment Center from 9am to 3pm. Time to get out of the house and enjoy the Spring Craft Show. Get you Easter bonnet, beautiful wedding gift or whatever makes you smile. To become a vendor, please contact the Center at 715-536-4226.

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more information contact the library at (715) 536-7191. Movie start time at 1pm at the TB Scott Free Library.

April 11 ~ [Easter Egg Hunt](#) Bring your family for a walk along the River Bend Trail and collect your eggs to be redeemed for some candy. Meet the Easter Bunny along the way. For kids ages 1-12 only. Register your child to win one of 4 prize baskets we will be giving away. 10am-Noon

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April 18 ~ [Merrill High School Prom](#)

April 19-25 ~ [National Library Week](#) Watch for the fun activities that the TB Scott Library will be offering during the National Library Week!

April 19 ~ [Up the Prairie in a Canoe without a Paddle](#) Ferdy Goode will share with patrons the art of native canoe building.

beaverbarkcanoes.wordpress.com/home/

This will be held at the TB Scott Free Library from 1-2:30pm

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April 20 ~ [Beginnings](#) Merrill Area Concert Association brings **Beginnings** to the Merrill High School at 7pm. **Beginnings** brings to life the music of *Chicago*, recreating their hits in extraordinary fashion. The members utilize both their musical talent and intellect to recreate the musicality and melodic adventure of the ever-evolving universe of *Chicago*, spanning 4 decades of major hits. This 'Ultimate Chicago Tribute Band' is a band like no other! The cost of a ticket is your membership. <http://www.merrillconcerts.org/> for more information.

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