



2019 Fall/Winter Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events

October 4 – Opening day of the Haunted Sawmill

October 5 – Barleyfest

October – Grampa's Farm

October – Haunted Sawmill

November 2 – Trivia Night

November 9 – Craft Show & Poker Run

November 30 – Shop Small, Shop Local

December 7 ~ Christmas Parade

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.

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.

[A.H.A. First Aid and CPR Training and Recertification](#) ~ The Merrill Fire Department

[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 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 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 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**

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

October 1 ~ 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.

October 2 ~ Family Storytime TB Scott Library will be offering Family Storytime at 10am. The free Family story time 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.)

October 2 & 3 ~ Adult Computer Coaching
October 2@ 10 am; October 3@ 1 pm T.B. 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 T.B. Scott Free Library. Contact person Laurie A. Ollhoff, Asst. Library Director 715-536-7191

October 3 ~ 6th Annual Chili Supper Fundraiser
Maple Grove Elementary will be having the Chili Supper. Local Celebrity Chefs trying to win the Golden Ladle Award for best chili and a 50/50 raffle. Come out to Maple Grove school from 5-7pm

October 4 ~ Comedy at Les & Jim’s Need a good laugh? Come on out to Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes for Merrill’s native Matt Torkelson and his friends from LA. Advanced tickets are available for \$15, day of the event \$20. Doors open at 7pm and comedy starting at 8pm.

October 4 & 5 ~ 9th Annual Haunted Sawmill 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. Friday October 4th

is Friends of Vincent Night. Show that you are a Friend of Vincent's on Facebook and receive two dollars off. Saturday October 5th come in your homecoming attire and receive two dollars off. Ticket 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.

October 5 ~ Lincoln Lager Barleyfest Here is to the 12th Annual Barleyfest at the MARC. Get your tickets in advance for \$25. This price gets you into the event, event glass, voting rights, and more. Have you ever wanted to try a Microbrew, but didn't want to buy the bottle or pint of it? This is the event you can try it. Receive a taste of each brew that you like, along with wines and other beverages. Designated Driver get into the event free and soda/water will be provided for you. This event is from 2pm to 6pm. Tickets at the door at \$30.

October 5 & 6 ~ Grampa's Farm Bring the family out to N2613 Norwegian Rd. from 10am to 5pm Admission is \$12 per person, 2 yrs and under free & Veterans with ID Free! Outdoor Activities include pony rides for kids, tire playground, hand milk a cow, wood stamping, corn maze, hayride to pumpkin patch, climb haystack with tunnels, play in sandboxes of corn. The "backyard" with tug o' war, Charlotte's Web, sack races. Animals to Pet & hold – bunnies, chicks, chickens, pigs, ducks, sheep, goats, cow, calf, miniature donkey and horse. Inside the Big Red Barn kids dress up, one-room school, corn shelling, craft-corn cob doll, ride the large rocking horse, trophy whitetail and rate piebald deer mounts, ice cream making – sample, apple cider making – sample, hand wash laundry with wringer, bomb a buck slingshot, visit the old time Kitchen, Living Room, Bedroom, Milk House and Tool Shop with antiques, plenty of History.

October 6 ~ 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 7 ~ Toddler Story TB Scott Library will be holding Toddler Storytime from 10-10:45am This program is open to children age 24-36 months with their adult. It is designed to be a special sharing experience between you and your child. Pre-registration is required.

October 7 ~ Minecraft Club TB Scott Library will have the Minecraft Club in the Board Room from 3:15-4:15pm. This club allows participants to create and play in the same worlds and participate in building and coding challenges.

October 8 ~ The Heart Remembers, always, Dementia Seminar Bell Tower Residence invites you to a special seminar for medical professionals, family members and friends caring for a love one with dementia and people who may be experiencing signs of early-stage dementia. Lunch will be served. Seating is limited. CEUs available for professionals. Please register by calling 715-536-5575 (you can register day of) Cost is \$15 and is from 9am to 3pm.

October 9 ~ Family Storytime TB Scott Library will be offering Family Storytime at 10am. The free Family story time 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.)

October 9 ~ Start with Art: Activities to Spark your Inner Artist Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum presents Art Time for Tots – once monthly at 10am. Toddlers and accompanying adults join Woodson Are Museum educator Lisa Hoffman for stories, songs and hands-on art making. During this free drop-in program, explore children's illustrated literature and themes including complementary colors, composition and collage.

October 10 ~ Free Medical Clinic All services are 100% free at the New Testament Church. Some of the medical services will be physician checkup, nurse checkups, optical checks, chiropractor visit, blood pressure checks, haircuts, prayer, food pantry, clothing, hot meal, Salvation Army, United Way,

Northcentral Health Care and more. Anyone is welcome from 10am to 2pm

October 10 ~ Merrill Chamber Annual Celebration

Join the Merrill Chamber for our annual Celebration and Awards. You will find out who our members voted for Business of the Year. Networking starts at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm and awards/raffles at 7pm. RSVP is a must.

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.

October 11 & 12 ~ 9th Annual Haunted Sawmill

Unveiled Fairy Tales Times for this weekend will be 6pm to 11pm both days. Not to worry, if you buy your ticket at 10:59pm 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 14 ~ Toddler Story TB Scott Library will be holding Toddler Storytime from 10-10:45am This program is open to children age 24-36 months with their adult. It is designed to be a special sharing experience between you and your child. Pre-registration is required.

October 16 ~ Family Storytime TB Scott Library will be offering Family Storytime at 10am. The free Family story time 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.)

October 16 ~ St. John Bazaar Craft sale begins at 9am, meal is served from 11am to 1pm or until we sell out. Meal choices include: Chicken dinner, Chicken Soup, Hot Beef, Chicken Salad Sandwiches and Pie. Dine in or Carry out. Sponsored by the Ladies Aid of St. John, 1104 E 3rd St.

October 17 ~ Judy Woller's Retirement Party After 29 years of service with HAVEN, Judy Woller is retiring. Join us at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes from 5-7:30pm for light appetizers and cash bar.

October 17 ~ Little Bluebirds Club Kick-off Join the TB Scott Library for Family Fun Night from 6-7pm in the Youth Service Department. This Club is a fun new program for children ages birth through pre-kindergarten that promotes family fun while helping to instill pre-literacy skills in young children. You will have the opportunity to learn more about this club and be able to enroll your child alone with joining us for a pizza party, games, crafts and face painting.

October 18 & 19 ~ 9th Annual Haunted Sawmill
Unveiled Fairy Tales Times for this weekend will be 6pm to 11pm both days. Not to worry, if you buy your ticket at 10:59pm you will still get to go through. Saturday October 19th will be Blackout night. For every three people you will receive on glo-stick. 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

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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 20 ~ Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club Lessons begin. Skaters aged 3-18 are welcome to join. Classes are Wednesdays at the 5:30 or 6:30pm at the Smith Center (MARC).

October 21 ~ Toddler Story TB Scott Library will be holding Toddler Storytime from 10-10:45am This program is open to children age 24-36 months with their adult. It is designed to be a special sharing experience between you and your child. Pre-registration is required.

October 22 ~ Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Diane Steinfest Gleason Lions are holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help raise money for upcoming expenses from 5-7:30pm in the Gleason Lions Building. \$10.00 donation is asked.

October 23 ~ Family Storytime TB Scott Library will be offering Family Storytime at 10am. The free Family story time 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.)

October 24 ~ Big Taste Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin is holding Big Taste at Sundance Chalet at Granite Peak Ski Area. Tickets are \$75 in advance at www.bigtastewausau.com or at the door for \$85. Big Taste is an evening of great food, drink and dessert all to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northcentral Wisconsin and its youth mentoring programs. All money raised stays local to support programming in Marathon County and the Merrill area. This event is from 5-8pm

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.

October 25 & 26 ~ 9th Annual Haunted Sawmill Unveiled Fairy Tales Times for this weekend will be 6pm to 11pm both days. WIFC will be there on Saturday Oct 26th. Let's see if Dave Kalloway scare Vincent. Not to worry, if you by your ticket at 10:59pm 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. October 25th is WIFC night!

October 26 ~ Trunk to Trunk Fall Festival A fun-filled fall morning of gathering treats from trunk to trunk, pumpkin carving, and other fall activities in a faith-based environment. Join us at Trinity Church Parking Lot and basement from 10am to noon.

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

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October 26 ~ Candlelight Walk Hike through Council Grounds on roadway and the forest. Stop by the shelter house to warm up and enjoy a snack provided by the Friends Group from 6-8:30pm Cost of the event is the vehicle admission sticker.

October 28 ~ Toddler Story TB Scott Library will be holding Toddler Storytime from 10-10:45am This program is open to children age 24-36 months with their adult. It is designed to be a special sharing experience between you and your child. Pre-registration is required.

October 30 ~ Family Storytime TB Scott Library will be offering Family Storytime at 10am. The free Family story time 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.)

October 30 ~ Harvest Festival New Testament Center is holding this festival from 6-7:15pm. Games, cookie decorating, prizes will be given out to best costumes. (No evil images please) Child ages 12 & under will get a HUGE bag of candy. Cost is one bag of candy.

October 31 ~ 9th Annual Haunted Sawmill 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 2 ~ Make a Difference Day Sign up today to help make a Difference in Merrill. Check

In at 8:30-8:45am to get your assignments. Projects run from 9am to Noon. Lunch will be provided after projects are completed. Meet at Prairie River Middle School. Sign up by calling Linda Becker at 715-873-4564

November 2 ~ Trivia Night Get your thinking cap out and join the Merrill Historical Society for their Trivia Night. Put your team together and contact Merrill Historical Society to get registered. 715-536-5652

November 2 ~ 8th Annual St. John Church & School Auction Join St. John Church and School at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes for their annual auction. Doors open at 4pm, admission is free. Raffles & Silent Auction at 4pm to 6:50pm. Live Auction starts at 7pm.

November 3 ~ Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive 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

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November 7 ~ Increasing the likelihood of getting your business funded. Merrill Chamber has teamed up with UW Steven Point to bring this workshop to our members. The workshop will be held at the Chamber office from 8-9:30am. To register for this event, please call the Chamber at 715-536-9474.

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 at 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 9 ~ 41st Holly Bazaar Baked goods, crafts, used jewelry, used Christmas decoration, raffle prizes, silent auction, books and more at Good Samaritan Hospital – Menard Center from 9am to 2pm

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November 12 ~ Veteran's Program & Luncheon – Join St. John Lutheran School at 1104 E Third St for a Veteran's program at 10:30am with a Luncheon following at 11:30am. The event is open to the public. Enter our building through Door 1 (which is the back off 5th St.)

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November 13 ~ Start with Art: Activities to Spark your Inner Artist Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum presents Art Time for Tots – once monthly at 10am. Toddlers and accompanying adults join Woodson Art Museum educator Lisa Hoffman for stories, songs and hands-on art making. During this free drop-in program, explore children's illustrated

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November 19 ~ Time to Relax Girl Nite Out Relax & have fun before the hectic season begins. Learn how to make that perfect bow and decorate your very own fresh wreath for the Holidays, while enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres! Pre-paid reservation of \$30 by October 30th. This event will be held at Ascension Good Samaritan Hospital – Menard Center from 5-7pm. Contact Ramona Hornischer at 715-539-3720 to register. Your fee covers wreath, supplies and refreshments.

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November 21 ~ Presenting Bob Kann Join the TB Scott Library for Family Fun Night from 6-7pm in the Youth Service Department. This Magician bob Kann presents jolting juggling, mesmerizing magic, silly storytelling and much more. Bob presents an entertainment extravaganza guaranteed to tickle audiences' funny bones and spark their imaginations.

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.

November 22 ~ Holiday Cookie Dough Sale Ascension Good Samaritan Hospital Volunteers will be hosting an unbaked cookie – Christmas sugar cut outs and assorted varieties. Stop in from 9am to 1pm to pick up your take and bake cookies.

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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 ~ Live Nativity, Soup Supper and Candy, Cookie, Bread Sale Visit a live Nativity scene to envision what the first Christmas may have looked like. This includes people in costume, live animals and the singing of Christmas carols. Head inside for warm soup and an assortment of baked goods and candy for sale at Trinity Lutheran Church Parking lot and basement from 4-7pm

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.

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December 11 ~ Gingerbread House Building TB Scott Library is where you can use your creativity and engineering skills and our materials, to create a gingerbread house. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

December 14 ~ Breakfast with Santa Join Merrill Parks & Recreations, Merrill Youth Hockey and Merrill Optimist Club for our annual holiday celebration at the Smith Center. Bring the children out to visit with Santa to share what's on their list and get some great food prepared by Merrill Youth Hockey. Bring your cameras for a picture with Saint Nick from 8-11am. A suggested donation of \$3.00.

December 14 ~ Christmas with Living River St. John Lutheran Church invites you to join them at 5:30pm for Living River. Free Will Offering will be taken. 1104 E 3rd St.

December 15 ~ Festival of Carols St. John Lutheran Church will have The Festival of Lessons and carols celebrated God's gracious plan of salvation through scripture readings and song at 8am and 10:30am morning worship services. 1104 E Third St.

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JANUARY

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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>

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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.

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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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