



Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Member Spotlight



**COLDWELL
BANKER
ACTION**

Coldwell Banker Action Realty is a family owned and operated real estate agency serving central and northern Wisconsin. We know there's no place like home, that's why we dedicate ourselves to helping people and families find that magical place. And we don't stop there - our group of honest, local agents have the technology and know-how to help with almost every type of transaction. Whether you're looking for a place to open up shop, searching for some room to run, finally building that home of your dreams or downsizing for simplicity, we'll be there.

We love our community and everything it has to offer. Countless miles of hiking, biking, and snowmobile trails, the region's best skiing and snowboarding, our beautiful rivers and lakes - it's no wonder why so many people love calling our area home. We try to give back and help in our community as much as we can, donating to area charities and support efforts and volunteering at various organizations.

Action Realty was founded by Bob and Gloria Rybarczyk in 1970, starting as a small group of agents serving Wausau and the surrounding community. Shortly after college, during a tough market year, their son Rob joined the company to help out his parents, and fell in love with the business. He and his wife, Kris, eventually purchased the company, growing it to over 60 agents and staff, two offices (Schofield and Merrill) and expanding their service area throughout central and northern Wisconsin.

The Merrill office of Coldwell Banker Action Realty opened in July 2010 and is currently located at 2402 E Main Street. With the extensive experience the Merrill agents can and have provided throughout the years they have truly remained a large part of the community. With Gail Abegglen and Sharon Woller each having been agents for 44 years, Kathy Altman for 22 years, and Hunter Diels for 3. Administrative Assistant Christina Gebert has also been with the Merrill office for 3 years. The Merrill agents and staff are deeply passionate about Merrill and the people that live here. Not only because they work here, but also because Merrill is their home as well. The small town knowledge and care they are able to provide is invaluable.

[Visit their website](#)

A Word from our Golf Classic Chairperson



Ribbon Cuttings



[ODC](#) held a Grand Opening Celebration for their new location in Merrill! ODC has a Merrill home now located at the old Park City building at 300 E 2nd Street on the back side. Welcome to the community ODC and thank you for all you do!



[Myers Heating & Cooling](#) is a newer business to the area. We held a ribbon cutting at our office for them to celebrate their new venture.



[OCCH Services](#) held a ribbon cutting to celebrate opening at 1302 E Main Street in Merrill. OCCH offers drug testing, blood testing, audio-gram, and more!

Ribbon Cutting

Have a reason to celebrate!? Maybe you have recently had a remodel or just made some beautification updates. Have you opened a new location or new business? Let us know, and we can work with you to plan an Official Chamber Ribbon Cutting. If you don't have a physical location, that's okay. We can do it in front of our Chamber sign. Just email Cheryl to get this set up!

[Email Cheryl](#)

Recent News and Events

Now Open!!



GOLF SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST!
REGISTER NOW!
SPONSORSHIPS AND GOODIE BAG
ITEMS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

Register to
Golf

Sponsor Event



REGIONAL HR WORKSHOP MERRILL

Join the Merrill Area Chamber of
Commerce and Centergy for a
morning of opportunities for your
business and/or organization.

RESOURCES,
TOOLS



RECUITMENT
IDEAS FOR
BUSINESSES

MAY 15, 2024



Park City Credit Union
501 S Pine Ridge Ave
Merrill, WI



8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Register to
Attend



New 2024 Chamber Members

[Merrill Forward Together](#)

Dennis & Luann Grefe

[Take 5 Oil Change](#)

2024 Business After Hours

Come Network with fellow Chamber
Members!

[Upcoming Business After Hours](#)

- **Thursday, May 16th:** Hosted by The Chiropractic Wellness Center at Sawmill Brewing Company



Please reach out if you are interested in hosting a Business After Hours. Business After Hours begin at 5pm and last about an hour or two. They are a great way to network with area businesses.

Let us know if you have any questions about hosting!

Travel with us to Portugal

Join us and Harder Travel LLC to an unforgettable experience in Portugal! Rated

as one of the safest countries to visit in 2024, travelers will stay in Lisbon and Porto exploring the miradouros over the Tagus River, sipping port wine in the Douro Valley, and admiring the beautifully tiled buildings across the country. Registration is open!

[Click here for more info](#)



Visitor Guide Announcement

Just letting our Chamber Members and Business Community Members know, our staff person, Theresa Grund (or another member of our team), may be reaching out to you if not already, to schedule a time to talk about placing an ad in our 2025 Visitor Guide, as the Merrill Chamber will be overseeing this project.

Member Moment



From Our Members & Partners



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Trinity Merrill Lutheran Early Learning Center

Trinity Merrill Lutheran Early Learning Center is now licensed. They are having a special service on Sunday, May 5th for a recognition of everyone who was vital in helping obtain the state licensing. Be sure to send them a note of congratulations!!



opening

With the relatively early, dry spring we have had, Lincoln County's summer ATV/UTV trails, horseback riding trails and mountain bike trails will be opening as of 8:00 a.m. May 1, 2024. Please stay on the designated trail, observe and follow all signs, and respect private property the trail may pass through. Please check their website for any further updates, log on to: www.co.lincoln.wi.us or call the trail hotline at (715) 539-1033.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION & MUNICIPALITIES MEETING

MAY 13, 2024

MARATHON CITY

WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CENTERGY

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Presenting Sponsor

[Event Registration](#)

Economic Development Organization Municipalities Meeting

Centergy is excited to invite you to the Economic Development Organizations and Municipalities meeting! In partnership with the WEDC (Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.), they want to create active conversations and connections in the region.

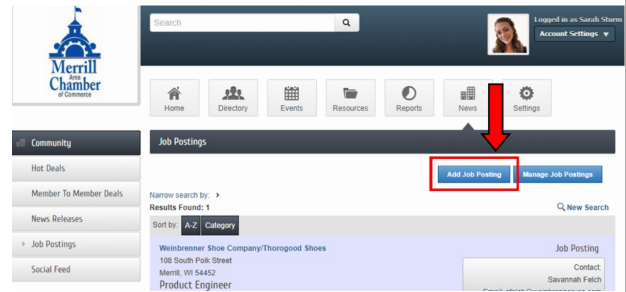
This is a FREE event, but registration is required.

Now Hiring?

Did you know you have access to post your job listings/links to our website? Login to your Member Portal and get started!

[Login](#)

[Email Us for Access](#)



[View Job Postings](#)



See Where GG Has
Been

Gregory Gnome

Meet our new mascot, Gregory Gnome (that's pronounced Reg-o-ree No-mm, the "G's" are silent.) You've heard of Flat Stanley right? Well this is our version. His goal is to bring our members closer together by getting to understand what a day in the life is at their business. The person receiving Gregory Gnome will be asked to take a picture with Gregory Gnome and share the photo as well as a recount of his adventures with all of us. They will then pass Gregory Gnome on to the next business. We hope you enjoy this fun way to get to know each other better!

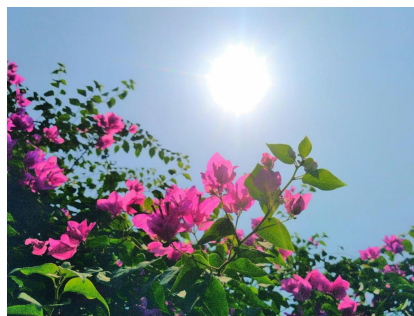


2024 Visitor Guide

We still have 2024 Visitor Guides to disperse. Stop in or call and request a drop off to your business. We've given out thousands already!! Have you seen how much there is featured in them!?

[Take a look!](#)

Upcoming Meetings, Events, & Holidays



- April 25-April 28: Matilda the Musical
- April 27: Trivia Night with the Historical Society
- April 28: Raise Your Voice Awareness Walk
- May 4 & 5: Brooke's School of Dance Performance
- MAY 7: ***CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED FOR WORKSHOP TRAINING*****
- May 9: Childcaring - Central WI Early Education Resources Meeting
- May 15: Regional HR Workshop*
- May 16: Business After Hours*
- May 17: Grand Re-Opening of Walmart*
- May 18: Community Wide Garage Sale, Food Truck-A-Palooza
- May 21: Ambassador Club*
- May 27: ***Chamber Office CLOSED for Memorial Day***
- May 31-June 2: Merrill Baseball Tournament
- June 3: Chamber Annual Golf Classic*
- September 5: Business After Hours*

[Submit an Event](#)

*Denotes Chamber function

[Event Details](#)

Chamber Ambassadors:

- Allyson English
- Anna Schmidtke
- Bill Weston
- Carri Kennedy-Harris
- Danielle Wilcenski
- Dawn Dunbar
- Dawn Smith
- Emily Gibson
- Jennifer Porath
- Jessica Gipp
- Konner Beyer

- Korey Bloch
- Kevin Hill
- Len Kats
- Michelle Lahr
- Molly Lyon
- Sasha Everett
- Connor Sczygelski
- Shelly Storm
- Sue Kunkel
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