



Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Member Spotlight



Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe has been a business in Merrill for 15 years. Dennis and LuAnn Grefe own this quaint little shop on Main Street, offering homemade chocolates. Due to recent health issues, after 15 years of having a shop open to walk-in traffic they have recently made the transition to large preorder only. They ask if you would like to place an order you give them a call at 715-539-3337, leave a message, and they will return your call. A purchase of chocolates from them would be perfect for employee gifts, friend gifts, or even, guys and gals get a group together to surprise your hunny for Valentine's Day! There are still a lot of options! Dennis and LuAnn also want to make sure you remember, they offer a member-to-member discount, so be sure to mention that when placing your order.

Thank you Dennis and LuAnn for your continued Chamber support!

A Word from our Director



Recent News and Events

[Host a 2023 Business After Hours](#)

A great way to get your business name in front of people is to sponsor a Business After Hours. We have available dates open for 2023 yet, so call or email us to get a time reserved! Let us know if you have questions.

[Email Us](#)

Now Hiring?

We're partnering with The City of Merrill to drive more traffic to our [Job Postings](#) page on our website. 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](#)



Referendum Survey

Please take a moment to share your thoughts, feeling and ideas about this past fall's failed referendum. Regardless of how you voted, MAPS would like to hear your views, what you heard from your friends and neighbors, what the word was around town, (etc.) so they can determine what their next steps should be. They appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts on this important matter.

[Take the Survey](#)



Save the Date!

June 2 & 3, 2023

Merrill Optimist's along with The Good News Project are holding an eCycle Event. Keep an eye out for more information coming in the mail and future newsletters.

Thank you!

Your Merrill Noon Optimists



Looking for Office Space!? Here's an opportunity.

The location is 902 E 1st St Merrill
The space is approximately 1,500 square feet with 3 offices.

Please inquire if you need any



Anytime Fitness of Merrill is having a **New Years Sale starting Dec 26th** running **through January 31st**. The deal consists of **Join for a \$1**.

Anytime Fitness is a 24/7 access gym. After 30 days of being a member of our club you have the ability to use all of their other locations which makes it perfect if you travel a lot for work. They offer personal training,

additional information.

Thank you
Christina Cooper
American Family Insurance
715-581-6959



Church Mutual Insurance Company, S.I. has promoted Alan S. Ogilvie to president of the company, effective Jan. 1, 2023. Rich Poirier, current president and CEO, will retain his CEO responsibilities.

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free group training classes, and silver sneakers. They have a wide variety of equipment and look forward to you coming in and checking out their facility.

[Learn About Anytime Fitness](#)

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COMMERCE EXECUTIVES

The Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Executives – the state’s professional association of full and part-time executives and staff members of local chambers of commerce – announced David Eckmann, President/CEO of the Greater Wausau Chamber of Commerce, will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Advisors.

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The Office of Skills Development (OSD) is accepting applications!

The Department of Workforce Development's OSD has designed their grant offerings into a single grant opportunity, "Industry Sectors Worker Training Grants." This grant program is designed to help fund the development of innovative and collaborative customized worker training programs.

For more information and to apply [click here](#).



The Lincoln County Christmas Spirit Team would like to thank you everyone who was able to give this Holiday season. They were able to provide Christmas gifts for 140 families/375 kids total! It takes an enormous amount of coordination and help, but the generosity and support of our community makes it all run smoothly.

****HOT OFF THE PRESS**** **2023 Visitor Guide**

Be sure to take a look at our new Merrill Visitor Guide. This new design is something the Visitor Guide Committee



is very proud of and hope you will be too!

[Take a look!](#)



Welcome New Members!

[Lincoln County Sports Club](#)

[Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church/School](#)

[Lincoln County Reserve](#)

[Caylor's Trophy Bar, LLC](#)

[James Grezenski Forest Products, Inc.](#)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 18: Board of Directors Meeting*

January 21: Family Fun Day at Merrill School Forest, Merrill Ice Drags

January 24: Ribbon Cutting - Lueur Aesthetics LLC*

January 28: Merrill Ice Drags

February 4: Ice Age Trail Snowshoe Hike, Merrill Ice Age Trail

February 11: Merrill Ice Drags, Badger State Games - Fat Bike Race, Ice Reflections Show, Rescheduled Sled Dog Races

February 25: Firefighter's Charity Ball

March 9: Business After Hours*

April 13: Business After Hours*

April 27: Business After Hours*



[Submit an Event](#)

*Denotes Chamber function

[Event Details](#)

Chamber Ambassadors:

- Allyson English
- Austin Voigt
- Becky Roberts
- Bill Weston
- Breigh Voigt
- Carri Kennedy-Harris
- Cheryl Fick
- Chris Koehler
- Dawn Dunbar
- Dawn Smith
- Dennis Grefe

- Emily Gibson
- Jennifer Porath
- Jessica Gipp
- Korey Bloch
- Len Kats
- Maria Smelling
- Melissa Hoffman
- Molly Lyon
- Rob Moore
- Sasha Everett
- Sue Kunkel



Happy New Year!
From your friends,
Clyde, Cheryl, Sarah, and Deb

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