



Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Member Spotlight



Founded in 1949, McClone is headquartered in Menasha, Wisconsin. As one of the largest privately held insurance brokers in the state, McClone employs more than 130 professionals. From a national size perspective, McClone ranks in the top two percent in the country and is aligned with two broker networks—Beyond Insurance Global Network and TRUE Benefits Network. These networks are highly collaborative and provide national and international market insights, resources and relationships.

Services: McClone offers comprehensive services in the areas of human resources, business insurance, employee benefits, 401K and personal insurance.

Philosophy: McClone is committed to providing an exceptional client experience that is tailored to each organization's unique needs. McClone's philosophy is based on the principle of identifying each organization's unique opportunities and building strong partnerships. Our proprietary RiskMAP™ process allows us to systematically identify unique risk exposures for our clients, develop short and long-term strategies, implement solutions and make necessary adjustments as we monitor the program to drive meaningful results.

Community Impact: Making a difference in the community is as important as our commitment to our client partners. We do this in a variety of ways, including 10% of every dollar we earn goes back into the communities we serve through our charitable foundation and other corporate gifts. We have a particular passion for supporting non-profit organizations with missions that match our own—we currently do business with more than 75 non-profit clients throughout the state.

Learn More at www.mcclone.com

Member Moment



Recent News and Events



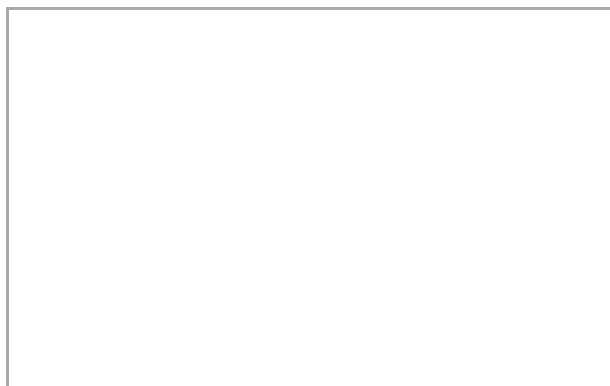
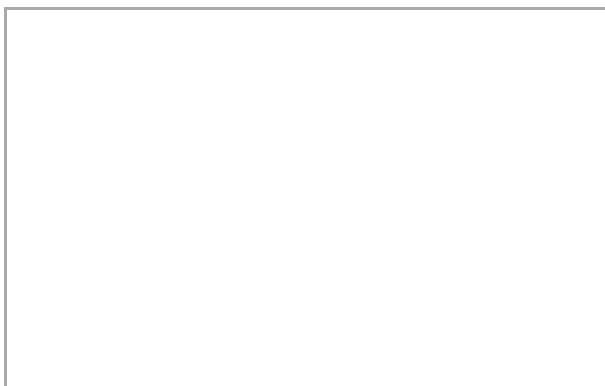
BE ON THE LOOK OUT!!

Keep an eye out. The Chamber will be sending nomination forms for 2023 Business of the Year and board member candidates for the upcoming term in the next couple of weeks. So start thinking of those names!!

Banker's Square Concert Series

Our first was a great success! And now grab your lunch, bring your lawn chairs and join us for the next concert. This time on **Wednesday, August 30th**. Music from **11am-1pm** by David Michael Sargent. Get lunch when you get down there at Polka Dotted Pie, Auntie Ray's, or Ed & Sharon's Food Truck (at Carquest location) or bring whatever you choose and have a fun lunch! And when you're done eating be sure to check out the shops down there.

Thank you to our business sponsors:



MERRILL AREA UNITED WAY

CONCERT for a Cause

On tour from South Padre, TX!
Leslie Blasing, covers nine decades of music, including country, pop, classic rock and hits from the 50s and 60s.

Join Leslie and the Merrill Area United Way for music, dancing, food and fun!

VFW Northwoods Veterans Post
601 Johnson Street | Merrill WI 54452

Leslie Blasing

For more information visit merrillareaunderway.org or call 715-538-2016.

75 years
United Way
75 Years of Service

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MERRILL AREA UNITED WAY

Tuesday 8.8.23

Doors open: **5pm** for appetizer buffet and raffles.

Concert starts: **6pm**

Appetizer buffet included in ticket price. Cash bar.

Advance tickets: **\$20** (6-person - cash only)

MUSIC
Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce
Northwoods VFW Post
Sauk County Museum
Park City Food Library
Merrill Post Office

TANBARK
Park City Food Library

MUSICIAN
Park City Food Library

SHIRTSALE
Park City Food Library
Sageen Gate Brewery

WINE
Federal Foods in Wisconsin
City Paper

SALES
Sawdust.com
Sawdust.com

Tickets at the door - \$25

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FreMarq

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS:
KOPR
Park City
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IN-HOUSE SPONSORS:
American
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Concert For A Cause Featuring Leslie Blasing

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fundraising at the Concert For A Cause featuring Leslie Blasing . This event is happening in person on Tuesday, August 8th.

[More Info](#)

YOU'RE INVITED!

Alexander Estates

Groundbreaking Ceremony

AUGUST 1, 2023
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
2015 Webster Street, Merrill

11:45 - Speeches from SCS Development Director, Chamber Executive, and Mayor

12:00 - Ceremonial groundbreaking

To follow - group photographs, networking, giveaways

Community event open to public. Light refreshments and snacks from local businesses will be served.

For more information or to RSVP, please email development@scswiderski.com.

Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce

SCS

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2015 Webster Street

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[More Info](#)



Aspirus Health and St. Lukes Announce Letter of Intent to Expand Health Care Access Across Region

[Press Release](#)



Thursday, August 3rd
Brats, t-shirts, and saving lives – that's right, we're talking about MASH!

[Donate Here!](#)

MARKETPLACE WI

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON DIVERSE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

DEC. 5, VIRTUAL | DEC. 6-7, IN PERSON
IN PERSON AT THE WISCONSIN CENTER, MILWAUKEE

MARKETPLACE connects business owners from across Wisconsin seeking to do business with state, federal and local governments as well as the private sector. The conference provides the opportunity for established minority-, woman-, veteran- and LGBTQ+-owned businesses and small businesses to learn from and connect with resource providers, government representatives, corporate buyers and business professionals to lay a foundation for new partnerships and business opportunities.

MARKETPLACE runs a competitive awards program to recognize Wisconsin companies that exemplify business excellence, with dedicated award categories for larger and smaller, newer and more established businesses.

MARKET PLACE

Nominate a Business

POWER HOUSE LAWN & LEISURE

Mouthwatering Lineup

- Grilling at Sawmill Brewing Company - this Friday, July 21st
- Steak Cooking Class with Champions - July 29th
- Grilling at Sawmill Brewing Company - August 4th
- SCA Judges Class - August 17th
- FIRST EVER!! FireMaster Challenge, A BREEO Live Fire Steak Cookoff - August 18th
- Steaks for Paws SCA Double Steak Cookoff - August 19th (THIS IS GOING TO BE HUGE!!)

For more details on all of the events visit their website:

Visit their website

Lincoln County Fair

August 16-20

Be a part of the fun, at the Lincoln County Fair! Support local businesses and non-profits by visiting and spending your money locally!

Free Admission: No Gate Fees

Parking: \$5.00 Daily One-Time Entry or \$15 Season Pass

Advance Wristband Sales: Dave's County Market, Park City Credit Union (Merrill & Tomahawk), Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce, and Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce

FAIR. FAMILY. FUN.



FREE ADMISSION: NO GATE FEES
PARKING: \$5 DAILY ONE-TIME ENTRY
\$15 SEASON



For more information on what's happening visit their website:

[Visit their website](#)

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CENTRAL WISCONSIN

[Start in Central Wisconsin](#)

Build Your Network!

Start In Central Wisconsin will power connections to start, scale, and accelerate area entrepreneurs. For the established resource network, Start In Central Wisconsin will be a platform to provide best-fit referrals, build your network, and to showcase the story of entrepreneurship in our region. [Click to Connect](#)



Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund

The Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund (CWED) Revolving Loan Program works with entrepreneurs and their lenders to structure financing packages for start-ups and expanding businesses to encourage economic growth in the area. CWED loans usually have low interest rates, reduced collateral requirements, and flexible terms.

[Read More](#)



STATE OF WI: Support and Career Readiness

Tue, Sep 12, 2023 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

In partnership with CESA and Grow North, Centergy is hosting a webinar series on opportunities for Career Readiness in Central and North Central Wisconsin. Learn more about how CESAs support Public Education and what Career Readiness Work is all about.

[Register for this Event](#)



Leaning towards an easy getaway?

The Merrill Chamber is once again taking a trip to Italy this Fall! Let us do the planning for you as you sit back and take it all in. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for us! So please spread the word!!

For more details and to get registered click the button below.

I want to Visit
Italy

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT PROVIDING CHILD CARE?

ATTEND A **FREE** VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL START-UP MEETING!

Information will be shared on screen. To achieve an optimal experience, reliable internet and technology, including video and audio is needed.

THURSDAY, JULY 27TH
• 12:30 - 2:30 PM
• REGISTER BY JULY 23

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
• 6:30 - 8:30 PM
• REGISTER BY SEPT 17

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- * BENEFITS
- * TYPES OF CARE
- * RESOURCES
- * START UP GRANTS

TO REGISTER CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE:

Childcaring
Central WI Early Education Resource
810 State Hwy 155, STE F / Monroe, WI 54455
info@childcaring.org | www.childcaring.org | 760.638.8534

Funding provided by
WI Department of Children & Families
www.dcf.wisconsin.gov
Supporting Families Together Association
www.supportingfamilies.org

Do you have questions about providing child care?

Attend a FREE virtual informational start-up meeting!

Learn more about:

- Benefits
- Types of Care
- Resources
- Start up Grants

Register Here

Printable Flyer



Share your 'moments of joy' with us!

Share the gems of the Merrill Community. Help people discover what to do and learn what is great about your favorite businesses and attractions. Show us your favorite day trip, family fun entertainment, and favorite date night. By uploading your photos you're giving us permission to use your photos to promote our community, giving you photo credit of course!

[Learn more about Shrpa here!](#)

BEAT THE HEAT LINCOLN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Lincoln County Cooling Centers

A cooling center is an air-conditioned facility where Lincoln County residents are invited to get relief from the heat during business hours.

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| <p>Gleason Bowling Center 14878 Hwy 17, Gleason (715) 873-4588 Monday, 11 am—close Wednesday—Saturday, 11 am—close Sunday, 11 am—9 pm</p> | <p>T.B. Scott Free Library 106 W. First Street, Merrill (715) 536-7191 Monday—Thursday, 10 am—6 pm Friday & Saturday, 10 am—1 pm</p> |
| <p>Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes 1208 N. Center Avenue, Merrill (715) 536-9405 Monday—Thursday, 11 am—9pm Friday, 11 am—11 pm Saturday, 3 pm—11 pm</p> | <p>Tomahawk City Hall 23 N. 2nd Street, Tomahawk (715) 453-4040 Monday - Friday, 8 am—12 pm, 1 pm—5 pm</p> |
| <p>Merrill Enrichment Center 303 N. Sales Street, Merrill (715) 536-4226 Monday—Thursday, 8 am—4:30 pm</p> | <p>Tomahawk Public Library 300 W. Lincoln Avenue, Tomahawk (715) 453-2455 Monday—Thursday, 10 am—7 pm Friday, 10 am—5 pm Saturday, 10 am—1 pm</p> |
| <p>Riverside Athletic Club 500 S. Center Avenue, Merrill (715) 536-2481 Monday—Thursday, 6 am—8 pm</p> | <p>Tomahawk Senior Center 113 S. Tomahawk Avenue, Tomahawk (715) 453-5757 Monday - Friday, 9 am—3 pm</p> |
| <p>Smith Multi-Purpose Center (MARC) 1100 Marc Drive, Merrill (715) 536-7313 Monday—Friday, 7:30 am—4pm</p> | <p>Wal-Mart 505 S. Pine Ridge Avenue, Merrill (715) 536-2414 Monday—Sunday, 6 am—11 pm</p> |

Lincoln County Health Department
 607 N. Sales Street, Ste. 101 • Merrill, WI 54452 • 715-536-0307
 www.lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com

3/2016, Rev 6/2017, 6/2018, 6/2019, 6/2021, 5/2022, 6/2023

BEAT THE HEAT LINCOLN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Hot Weather Safety Tips

- Stay hydrated. Drink a lot of water.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee, tea and sodas.
- Avoid going outside in extreme heat. Limit outside activity to early morning or late evening.
- If you don't have air conditioning, keep shades drawn and blinds closed, but windows slightly open.
- Keep lights off or turned down.
- Limit the use of your stove.
- Wear lightweight, loose, light-colored clothing.
- Wear sunscreen. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated.
- Take cool baths and showers.
- Don't leave anyone, including pets, in a parked car— even for a few minutes.

Check on family, neighbors, and friends. If you are unable to make contact, call 911 and request a well-being check.

Look for establishments that have a "Cooling Center" sign. These are open to the public. Residents are invited to come in and get relief from the heat during business hours.

Public Welcome
 We Invite You to Our Air Conditioned Building During Business Hours

This is a designated Lincoln County Cooling Center

Find other Lincoln County Cooling Centers
www.lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com
 (Always wearing for a cool and healthy Lincoln County)

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[Lincoln County Cooling Centers](#)

[Hot Weather Safety Tips](#)

2023 Business After Hours Line Up

Come Network with fellow Chamber Members!

Upcoming Business After Hours

- **September 14th.** Sponsored by Strive 4 Life.
- **September 21st.** Sponsored by Ed & Sharon's & SGS Environmental Contracting.

More information to come on both.

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!



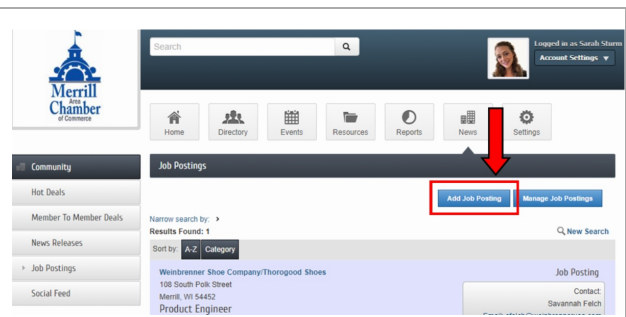
Now Hiring?

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





A great resource to help not only visitors and new employees, but our local long time community members too! Request copies if you need some to give out. In the meantime, [Take a look!](#)

Upcoming Meetings, Events, & Holidays

July 21-23: Merrill Fastpitch Softball Tournament
July 21: Merrill Riders Club Event
July 22-23: Barnes Creek Daylilies Dig Days
July 22: Central Wisconsin Bandits Football Game
July 26: Merrill City Band Concert
July 27: Gazebo Nights
July 29: Merrill Lion's Golf Open, Black Squirrel Scurry, Quad Racing, Charity Disc Golf Tournament
August 1: Groundbreaking at SC Swiderski Alexander Estates, Community Night Out
August 2: Ribbon Cutting at Merrill Chiropractic*, Merrill City Band
August 3: Gazebo Nights
August 8: Concert for a Cause
August 10: HR Professional Meeting*, Gazebo Nights
August 15: Ambassadors Meeting*
August 16-20: Lincoln County Fair

[Submit an Event](#)

*Denotes Chamber function

[Event Details](#)

Chamber Ambassadors:

- Allyson English
- Becky Roberts
- Bill Weston
- Carri Kennedy-Harris
- Cheryl Fick
- Chris Koehler
- Dawn Dunbar
- Dawn Smith
- Dennis Grefe
- Diane Goetsch
- Emily Gibson
- Jennifer Porath

- Jessica Gipp
- Konner Beyer
- Korey Bloch
- Kevin Hill
- Len Kats
- Maria Schmelling
- Molly Lyon
- Rob Moore
- Sasha Everett
- Sue Kunkel
- Tim Dunbar

