



Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Member Spotlight

Visions Counseling

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Visions Counseling is a local non-profit ministry, serving the community for nearly 20 years. They provide individuals, couples, families, and groups with Christ-centered, solution-focused counseling and wellness education. At Visions Counseling, you will learn Biblically based tools for recovery from depression, anxiety, trauma, and relationship problems. It's unique office setting is within the comfort of a charming farmhouse amid the beauty of nature, creating a relaxed atmosphere for openness, honesty and healing. For more information visit www.visionscounseling.org, or give them a call at 715-551-1970.

A Word from our Director



Recent News and Events

Introducing

Banker's Square Bento Break

Bring your lawn chairs and join us for lunch on **Thursday, July 20th** at Banker's Square for Bento Break. Music from **11am-1pm** by Mattea Joy. Grab lunch when you get down there at Polka Dotted Pie, Auntie Ray's, or Ed & Sharon's Food Truck or bring whatever you choose and have a fun 'organized' lunch! And when you're done eating be sure to check out the shops down there.

Mattea Joy is an 18-year-old local musician who plays a wide variety of music, including original songs, around Central Wisconsin. Mattea plays classic rock, today's hits, and everything in between. Be sure to follow where she plays next on Facebook and Instagram!



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[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](#)

Did someone say Tuscany in the Fall?

Yes we did! 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. 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 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

TO REGISTER CLICK [HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE:

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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

Childcaring
Center for Early Education Research
810 State Hwy 105, STE F / Mosinee, WI 54455
info@childcaring.org / www.childcaring.org / 1.800.628.8534

Funding provided by WI Department of Children Services
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](#)

WISCONSIN TOURISM'S RECORD-BREAKING 2022

\$23.7 BILLION
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ADAMS COUNTY \$240 million

Wisconsin's tourism's record-breaking economic impact in 2022 surpassed the previous record of \$23.2 billion set in 2018. The highest ever overnight visitation helped fuel the growth. Additionally, all 72 counties showed an increase in total economic impact year-over-year, proving that every corner of the state helps position Wisconsin as a premier travel destination and the perfect place to make travel memories.

1 IN 21 JOBS SUSTAINED BY TOURISM
174K+ FULL-TIME & PART-TIME JOBS
Adams County 1,524 JOBS

VISITS TRIPS TO WI: **111.1 MILLION**
STATE & LOCAL TAXES: **\$ 1.5 BILLION** Adams County \$16.8 MILLION
FEDERAL TAXES: **\$ 1.3 BILLION**
AMOUNT EACH WISCONSIN HOUSEHOLD would need to pay to maintain the current level of government services generated by tourism spending: **\$ 620**

WISCONSIN Department of Tourism

Wisconsin Tourism's Record Breaking 2022

The data shows that despite national economic factors, travelers are still prioritizing travel and when they do, they're choosing Wisconsin. The record-breaking total economic impact was fueled by record-setting overnight visitation, increased lodging demand and an increase in statewide marketing from Travel Wisconsin made possible by ARPA funds. By convincing more visitors to stay the night so they could add more activities to their itinerary, we delivered a deeper economic impact than ever before.

Learn More



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!

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.

<p>Gleason Bowling Center N4878 Hwy 17, Gleason (715) 873-4588 Monday, 11 am—close Wednesday—Saturday, 11 am—close Sunday, 11 am—9 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>Merrill Enrichment Center 303 N. Sales Street, Merrill (715) 536-4226 Monday—Thursday, 8 am—4:30 pm</p> <p>Riverside Athletic Club 500 S. Center Avenue, Merrill (715) 536-2481 Monday—Thursday, 6 am —8 pm</p> <p>Smith Multi-Purpose Center (MARC) 1100 Marc Drive, Merrill (715) 536-7313 Monday—Friday, 7:30 am—4pm</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>Tomahawk City Hall 23 N. 2nd Street, Tomahawk (715) 453-4040 Monday - Friday, 8 am—12 pm, 1 pm—5 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>Tomahawk Senior Center 113 S. Tomahawk Avenue, Tomahawk (715) 453-5757 Monday - Friday, 9 am —3 pm</p> <p>Wal-Mart 505 S. Pine Ridge Avenue, Merrill (715) 536-2414 Monday—Sunday, 6 am —11 pm</p>
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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

[Lincoln County Cooling Centers](#)

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 cooler and healthier Lincoln County

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[Hot Weather Safety Tips](#)



2023 Business After Hours Line Up

Come Network with fellow Chamber Members!

Our next Business After Hours that we have on our schedule is September 21st. It will be sponsored by Ed & Sharon's and SGS Environmental Contracting. More information to come.

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!

Login

Email Us for Access

View Job Postings

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!

2023 Visitor Guide

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

- June 28: Merrill City Band's First Concert of the Season
June 30: Ribbon Cutting & Open House at Geiss Meat Service*
July 1: Open House at Geiss Meat Service
July 4: 4th of July Fireworks at the MARC
July 5, 12, 19, 26: Merrill City Band
July 7: Merrill Riders Club Event
July 8: Central Wisconsin Bandits Football Game
July 11: Membership Committee Meeting*
July 13, 20, 27: Gazebo Nights
July 18: Ambassador Club Meeting*
July 20: Banker's Square Bento Break*
July 21-23: Merrill Fastpitch Softball Tournament
July 21: Merrill Riders Club Event
July 22: Central Wisconsin Bandits Football Game
July 29: Merrill Lion's Golf Open & Black Squirrel Scurry



[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

