

# **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!





## **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. <u>Click to Connect</u>



## 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

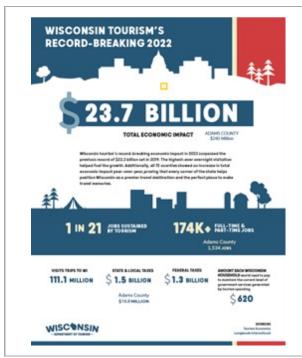
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**Printable Flyer** 

# Do you have questions about providing child care?

Attend a FREE virtual informational start-up meeting!

• Start up Grants



# 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!



#### Hot Weather Safety Tips

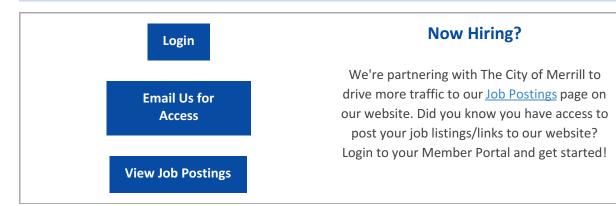


### 2023 Business After Hours Line Up

**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!



### 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

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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

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