



Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

Member Spotlight



**Lora
Bladow**
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Lora's passion for selling real estate in the Wausau and Merrill, Wisconsin area is evident in everything she does. She focuses her career on creating a highly professional and streamlined process for buying and selling a property, but making sure that you are having as much fun working together as possible. She is deeply involved in the communities she serves through volunteering, sponsorships and serving on several boards, including as a director on the Central Wisconsin Board of Realtors and as Vice President of the Merrill Chamber Board. Every day in Real Estate is an adventure, and she is grateful that she is able to be a part of her clients stories. She loves Central Wisconsin and takes an enormous amount of pride helping newcomers to the area know all the ways this area is amazing as well. Areas in Central Wisconsin she serves include: Stevens Point, Mosinee, Lake DuBay, Kronenwetter, Weston, Schofield, Rothschild, Wausau, Marathon, Hatley, Merrill, Gleason, Tomahawk, Minocqua, Harrison, Irma.

Lora has won Best of Marathon County for three years in a row, was a Young Athena Award recipient, and many more accomplishments through Re/Max.

[Visit her Website](#)

A Word from our Executive Director

Thank you to our Golf Classic Sponsors!!

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Sawmill Brewing Company | RAIN Auto Wash | Klug Insurance
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Ribbon Cuttings



[Healthfirst](#) out of Wausau held a ribbon cutting to commemorate the completion of their newly expanded facility and services. They have added a mental health wing and another counselor to help fulfill the mental health needs of the area.



[Rusty Moon Acres](#) is Merrill's newest event venue! This beautiful new event center is located off of Hwy Q and is the PERFECT place to hold weddings, bridal showers, employee appreciation events, you name it! They have done a phenomenal job making it the perfect setting. Be sure to check them out!



[Walmart](#) held a Grand Reopening for their newly remodeled store. We're very honored that Walmart continues to support us at the Chamber and our community. At the ceremony they presented large donations to several local nonprofits.

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](#)

HR Workshop Recap

We had a great showing for our first HR Workshop. HR Representatives from 13 area businesses came together to discuss relevant topics and trends they're seeing within their field.

[Read More...](#)



New 2024 Chamber Members

[The Smoke Out LLC](#)

[Un-Branded LLC](#)

[Schleif's Hillview Homestead, LLC](#)

[Rusty Moon Acres, LLC](#)

[La Crosse Graphics](#)



Area Chambers Hold Peer Network Conference

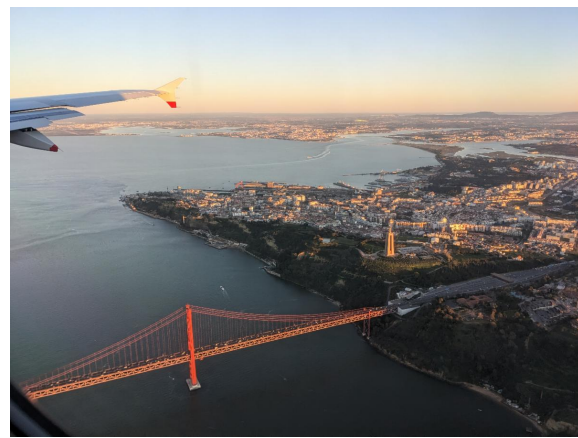
Eight chambers of commerce in central Wisconsin met at the Food + Farm Exploration Center in Plover on Tuesday, May 7 for the first Peer Network Conference. The event was designed to gather professionals from these chambers to share insights, collaborate and connect.

[Read more...](#)

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 until **June 15th!!**



[Click here for more info](#)

2024 Business After Hours

Come Network with fellow Chamber Members!

There are no scheduled BAH's at this time.



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!



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

We checked in with Big Brothers Big Sisters to give them the opportunity to tell us what they do... Check it out.



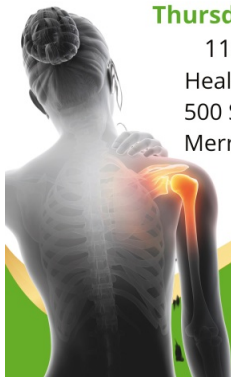
From Our Members & Partners





Shoulder Rehabilitation

Come join our **FREE** workshop where Adam Zamane, DPT will demonstrate and answer questions on shoulder rehab and pain! Learn potential causes of symptoms and treatments to reduce pain, improve range of motion and strength.



Thursday, June 20th

11am-12pm
Health In Motion
500 S Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452

To register scan the QR code below or call (715) 525-1916



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Friday, May 31st 12:00PM - 5:00PM
Saturday, June 1st 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Merrill Festival Grounds - Sell Building
Sales Street Entrance, Merrill, WI

- Electronics We Accept:**
- Flat-Rate Items:
- Smoke Detectors that contain radioactive material - \$15 Each
- Items we accept at a \$.45 per pound charge:
- Just about anything with a circuit board and/or electric cord that is smaller than a large appliance!
 - Computer towers, laptops, printers, keyboards, fax machines, external hard drives, flash drives, everything that plugs into computers - mice, speakers, etc., & computer parts
 - Any size/type of television, VCRs, DVD players
 - And much more!



Proceeds benefiting
Merrill Optimist Club &
Good News Project



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WISCONSIN RIVER PRO RODEO

Merrill, WI

Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo!

Get your tickets for the Rodeo here at the Chamber or online!

The Rodeo is June 7-9th.

Great family fun!

[Visit their website](#)



[More Info](#)

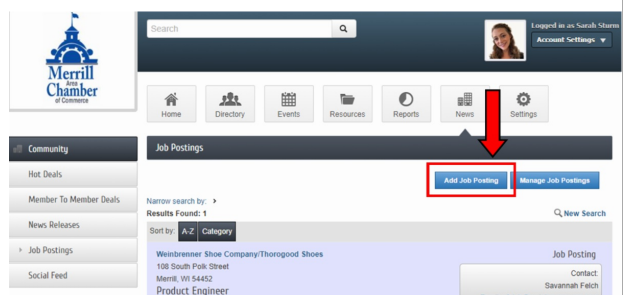
JEM Grant for Events

The Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant Program funds promotions or events. The JEM grant has different categories to fit an organization's needs. Each category reimburses Wisconsin nonprofit organizations for eligible promotional expenses.

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!

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Access

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2023
A YEAR IN REVIEW

A Year in
Review



See Where GG Has
Been

Gregory Gnome

Gregory Gnome (that's pronounced Reg-o-ree No-mm, the "G's" are silent) is looking for a business to hang out with! Who wants to take him!? 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



May 31-June 2: Optimist ECycle Event & Merrill Baseball Tournament

June 1 - June 2: Trout
June 3: Chamber Annual Golf Classic*
June 7 & 8: Trinity Lutheran Church Garage Sale Fundraiser
June 7, 8, & 9: Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo
June 9: June Dairy Breakfast
June 15: Fill the Gazebo
June 18: Ambassador Meeting*
June 20: Banker's Square Concert*
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
- Konner Beyer

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

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