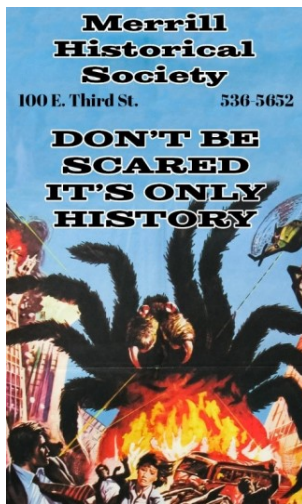




## Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

### Member Spotlight

### Merrill Historical Society



The Merrill Historical Society has been a part of Merrill since 1978 when a small group of concerned citizens came together to save "Old City Hall", a landmark that still dominates the downtown of Merrill. Since that time the Society has grown into a research center and museum that focuses on Merrill and the surrounding communities. Occupying a \$2 million dollar facility with a climate controlled storage area for artifacts including fragile documents, photographs, and newspapers, they welcome many local and out-of-state visitors every year. The Society also looks to have a little fun while presenting some of our local history by sponsoring a History Hunt. We encourage costumes, and there are prizes for the Best Costume, Best Team Name, and Best Social Media Presence along with raffle prizes. Giant Spiders! Bigfoot! Haunted Pianos! The Merrill Historical Society's annual History Hunt is Saturday, October 7th, and the theme is the filming locations seen in the movies made by The Shooting Ranch Studios. Come explore Lincoln County and visit the places made world famous by former Lincoln County resident Bill Rebane in such films as The Giant Spider Invasion, The Capture of Bigfoot, Twister's Revenge, and more. Register your team at the museum (715-536-5652) or online at [merrillhistory.org](http://merrillhistory.org). Hope to see you on the "Hunt."

[Visit their website](#)

### A Word from our Director



## Ribbon Cuttings and Ground Breaking



[Kindhearted Home Care](#) held an Open House in August to showcase the many things they do for this community and the people in it. Be sure to stop in and learn if you haven't.



[Inspiring Creativity Supplies & More, LLC](#) is a new business located at 705 S Center Ave. They are bringing the crafts to Merrill! Stop in and shop local!



[Strive 4 Life, LLC](#) has moved!! Just down the road to 902 E First Street, but into a space that fits their needs better. Check them out tonight at Business After Hours!



[Healthfirst Network](#) held a Groundbreaking for their addition at their location in Wausau. They will be adding a Mental Health Wing to provide even more affordable and accessible healthcare to the area.

## Recent News and Events

**Welcome to the Chamber!**

[Klug Insurance Agency, LLC](#)  
[IBA Resources](#)



**Vote for Business of the Year**

## Chamber Annual Banquet Details

Merrill Expo Center  
303 N Sales Street, Merrill, WI 54452

4:30pm - Social Hour  
5:30pm - Dinner. Catered by Eagle's Club.  
6:15pm - Awards Ceremony  
7:15pm - Raffle Prizes

### Are you Celebrating Merrill!?

To celebrate Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Month, we have been hosting community events and special programs.

See how we're bringing attention to our members and community!

[Visit our website](#)



### Vote for Merrill!!

We have two Merrill Manufacturers, Merrill Tool & Water Jet and Thorogood, that are up for Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin! There are more than 100



**COOLEST  
THING  
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WISCONSIN**

companies competing to make it into the top 16!

**VOTE HERE!**

Page 3 - Merrill Tool & Waterjet's RTS Power Rake

Page 6 - Thorogood's American Heritage 6" Tobacco Safety Toe Work Boot

### 2023 Business After Hours Line Up

Come Network with fellow Chamber Members!

#### Upcoming Business After Hours

- **September 21st.** Sponsored by Ed & Sharon's & SGS Environmental Contracting. At Ed & Sharon's: N1294 WI-64 & WI-107, Merrill, WI 54452



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!

### Attend the 2023 Wisconsin's Business Day

Business Day in Madison will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center. This event brings business leaders from all over the state together to discuss important issues facing the business community and our state. We invite you to attend what is certain to be an insightful program.



[Register Now!](#)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE WAUSAU AREA**

#### **JOIN THE CLUB!**

When school is out, the Club is OPEN!

The Boys & Girls Club of Merrill



Did you know that according to the most current data:

- The population of Lincoln County over 60



enrollment or the 2023-2024 school year is open.

They're also hiring Youth Development Specialists.

[Enroll Now](#)

[Apply Today](#)

represents 31.1% of the population compared to the rest of Wisconsin at 23.9%

- Disabled, non-institutionalized individuals 65 plus is 33.6% in L.C. by population, WI is 28.6%

[Read More](#)



**Park City Credit Union** invites all community members to join our free virtual session to learn about the competitive Health Plans available for members, local businesses, independent contractors, and self-employed workers.

If your answer is **YES** to any of these questions, you will benefit from joining their free 20-minute Zoom presentation.

- Are your healthcare costs increasing?
- Do you not have access to competitive medical insurance plans?
- Are you self-employed, an independent contractor, or a small business owner?
- Are you interested in receiving free quotes from a trusted partner in your community?

[More Info & To Register](#)



**CENTERGY**  
Central WI Alliance for  
Economic Development

**Show your support for the Centergy Region**

As a 501(c)4 nonprofit regional marketing and economic development organization, Centergy relies upon investments made by companies, organizations, and governmental entities within the Centergy Region.

If you are interested in joining those who support our work, please contact Centergy.

[Learn More](#)

## Northcentral Technical College, Workplace Skills and Etiquette Needs your Help!

NTC is designing a course for students to learn soft skills and etiquette in the workplace. To ensure they are creating a course that meets our community's specific needs, they would LOVE to get your input and suggestions of topics to include in the course. They are also looking for volunteers to be interviewed and highlighted in a video for a lesson! Volunteers could be hiring



# WORKPLACE SKILLS

## and Etiquette

### We Need Your Help!

In response to community employer's needs, NTC is designing a class to help our students be successful on the job: **Workplace Skills and Etiquette**. This course will incorporate NTC's Success Skills: COMMUNICATES EFFECTIVELY, MODELS INTEGRITY, THINKS CRITICALLY, and RESPECTS DIVERSITY.

Course topics may include soft skills such as etiquette tips in the workplace, explore various business code of conduct examples, and communication with supervisors.

To better serve you and our community, we would greatly appreciate your input on the content you would like our students (your future employees) to learn.

Please complete the short survey linked below in this email.

*Thank you!*



managers, supervisors, team members, or YOU!

They would greatly appreciate it if you could complete the very short survey (linked below) by **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.

Take the Survey



## CENTERGY

Central WI Alliance for Economic Development

### Legislative Update

[Gov. Evers Calls Legislature into Special Session to Address State's Chronic Workforce Challenges](#)

[Draft Childcare Legislation Circulating at the Capital](#)

[Republican lawmakers roll out a new \\$2.9 billion tax cut package](#)

### Economic Spotlight

[Wisconsin Dept. of Rev. has published the August 2023 Wisconsin Economic Forecast Update](#)

[Announcing the North Central Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Portal](#)

[Entertainment districts, also known as](#)



## WISCONSIN LEADS EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP

A WMC FOUNDATION PROGRAM

### APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Are you ready to improve your leadership skills and business practices and learn from the top leaders of Wisconsin's business community?

Apply Here

Outdoor Refreshment Areas or Open Container Districts, have existed in many states for decades but are relatively new in Wisconsin.



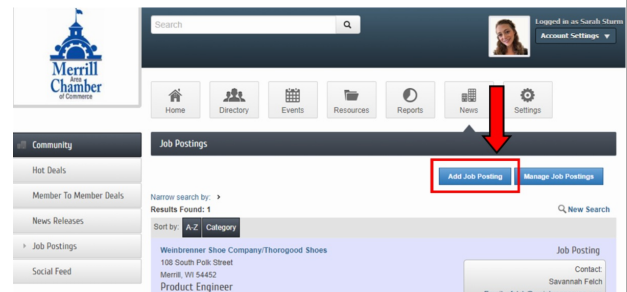
## 'Fall' in love with opportunity!

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!](#)

### 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

View Job Postings

Email Us for  
Access



### 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

- September 21:** Business After Hours\*
- September 22:** Flash Light Friday, Harry Potter Trivia
- September 23:** Colorama Bike Tour, Grampa's Farm, Saturday Corn Maze, GLCW
- September 24:** Grampa's Farm, Sunday Corn Maze,

Unwind with Goat Yoga

**September 26:** Health Event

**September 28:** Merrill Enrichment Center Open House

**September 29:** Sawmill Spooktacular, PCCU Blood Drive, Flash Light Friday

**September 30:** Lange Auction, Grampa's Farm, Saturday Corn Maze, Pig at the Patch, Oktoberfest, Wisconsin Wind Orchestra Concert

**October 12:** Chamber Annual Banquet\*



[Submit an Event](#)

\*Denotes Chamber function

[Event Details](#)

### Chamber Ambassadors:

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

- Jessica Gipp
- Konner Beyer
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