



Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

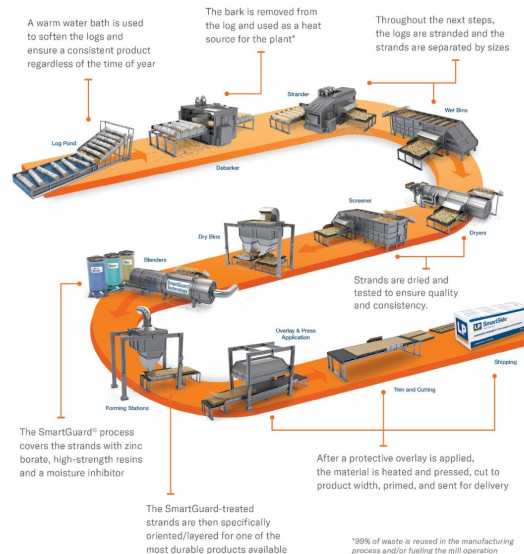
Member Spotlight



Louisiana-Pacific Corporation Tomahawk Siding - at a glance

LP manufactures and delivers quality-building products that meet the needs of our customers - both quickly and at competitive prices. We're committed to developing innovative products that offer superior performance. We strive to be resourceful in everything we do.

[Read More](#)



[Visit their Website](#)

A Word from our Marketing Director



Ribbon Cuttings



On August 1st we held a ribbon cutting for new business, The Creative Spirit. A destination for artisan-led workshops and hands-on experiences in various arts and crafts. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced artist, The Creative Spirit offers a range of workshops that will challenge and inspire you. Take a look at their published calendar of classes, read about their talented artisans, and get in touch to find out more by visiting their website.

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](#)

Recent News and Events



September is Chamber Month!

For the second year in a row we will have our fun Merrill Spirit Loyal 2 Local Bingo Card! We will also have our 'I Belong' and 'Loyal 2 Local' campaigns. New this year we are hoping to have a Scarecrow contest!

2024 Business After Hours

Come Network with fellow Chamber Members!

Upcoming Business After Hours

- **Thursday, September 5th:** Hosted by In The Lite Electric



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!

In the Lite shared the following with us...



Event Recap: AI Class Series with Northcentral Technical College

We had an amazing turnout this month for our AI Class Series, hosted in partnership with Northcentral Technical College. This 3-part series was all about helping our local businesses get up to speed with Artificial Intelligence—and let me tell you, it did not disappoint! Throughout the sessions, we explored everything from AI basics to more advanced tools that can make a real difference in how we do business. The hands-on workshops



Dear Merrill Chamber Members:

Our Annual Celebration scheduled for October 10th, we will be honoring the winners of 2024 Business of the Year.

We are once again asking our membership to help us in the nomination and selection of this year's awards winners. Please complete the nomination form below and return it to the Chamber by **August 30th**. Once the nominations are compiled a ballot will be sent out to vote for this year's Business of the Year.

Thank you for your participation!

Cheryl Skoug
Programs Manager

2024 Businesses of the Year Nomination Form

Please nominate a business of your choosing in the following categories and briefly tell us why this business should be selected as Business of the Year in their category.

Return this completed nomination form to the Chamber no later than **August 30th** via email, fax, U.S. mail or in person. All contact information for submission is listed at the bottom of this form.

Category: **Large Business of the Year (76 employees or more)**

Business Name: _____

Why is this business being nominated: _____

Category: **Mid-sized Business of the Year (30–75 employees)**

Business Name: _____

Why is this business being nominated: _____

Category: **Small Business of the Year (11–29 employees)**

Business Name: _____

Why is this business being nominated: _____

were a hit, and it was exciting to see everyone so engaged and eager to apply what they learned.

The feedback has been fantastic. We're thrilled with the positive energy and are busy planning more educational opportunities to keep that momentum going. So, stay tuned—there's more to come!

2024 Businesses of the Year!

August 30th Submission Deadline



It's that time of year again! **Annual Christmas Card Contest!**

For more information and how to submit:

[Visit our website](#)



Banker's Square Concert Series

Should the Chamber continue to have these concerts?

Yes

Select

No

Select

Sponsored by:



Courtside Furniture

We've been busy getting the Merrill name out there!



We also shared space with the Tomahawk Chamber at the **Lincoln County Fair** again this year.



Staff and Board Member, Dr. Kate Gress attended the **Wisconsin State Fair** on August 4th in the Travel Wisconsin Booth. We gave out over 600 Visitor Guides at the Event!



And we represented at **Merrill Community Night Out!**



[Email Sarah](#)

*****Callout for Models*****

Marketing Director Sarah is looking for models! We're in need of photos to use for our Visitor Guide, website, and other advertising Merrill opportunities. If you are at all interested in you, your family and/or friends, (or the business you work even) being photographed doing things like, playing at the park, hiking, biking, kayaking(boating of any sort), fishing, anything that showcases Merrill please send us a message and we'll arrange a time! Thank you in advance!

From Our Members & Partners

[More Details and to Buy A Shirt](#)

Lincoln County, WI



Did you know that Lincoln County is celebrating 150 years this year? Did you also know that Lincoln County originally was the second largest county in Wisconsin? There are many efforts towards planning for a celebration - so save the date: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th** for county wide activities that showcase our history. Details will be released at a later time.



Small Business Development Grant Webinar

September 4 | 2:30 p.m.

[The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation \(WEDC\)](#) is launching the Small Business Development Grant (SBDG) which will provide funding to communities and economic development partners looking to stand up their own small business programs.

[Learn More](#)



BEAD Initial Proposal Approved

The Commission is pleased to share that Wisconsin's Initial Proposal for investing \$1.05 billion from the federal Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program has been approved by the NTIA.

[View Report](#)



Wisconsin
Childcare
SUMMIT

A Business Focused Approach to the Childcare Crisis

September 11th, 2024 | Green Bay, Wisconsin



Presented By:



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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

- 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- REGISTER BY SEPT 15TH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

- 12:30 – 2:30 PM
- REGISTER BY NOV 1ST

TO REGISTER CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE:



An email will be sent prior to the start date that will include resources, information, and a link to log in for the meeting. If you do not receive an email, check your spam email and then contact childcaring.



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LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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

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

Wisconsin Childcare Summit

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

The Wisconsin Childcare Summit convenes visionary business leaders committed to learning more about and addressing the childcare crisis in our state. Through a business-centric approach to the childcare crisis, we strive to create a platform where leaders can learn about the economic impact and discuss workforce retention and attraction strategies. [Learn More...](#)

WISCONSIN ECONOMIC SUMMIT



Wisconsin Economic Summit
October 15-16 | La Crosse

Take part in the 2024 Wisconsin Economic Summit, taking place at the La Crosse Center in beautiful La Crosse, WI.

This year promises to be a groundbreaking event that will explore the latest trends in innovation and artificial intelligence (AI) and how they are shaping the future of our economy.

[More Information](#)

MARKETPLACE WI

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON DIVERSE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



Connecting Wisconsin Business Owners with state, federal, local government, and private sector contracts

Save the dates

Dec. 10 – The Contracting Academy
Virtual

Dec. 11-12 – In-person
Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI

MARKETPLACE offers a unique opportunity for diverse businesses to grow by finding new customers, accessing resources and making valuable connections.

[More Information](#)



Got a Cool Product Made in Wisconsin?

Nominate it for the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin Contest!

You can participate in this contest right now by visiting www.madeinwis.com to nominate a company and product that's made in Wisconsin. Don't wait — **nomination period ends on September 6!**

Nominate Here!

SAVE THE DATE - 2025

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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS CONFERENCE

FOOD + FARM EXPLORATION CENTER



WEDNESDAY
MARCH 18 & 19TH, 2025



START AT
08:00AM

DISCUSSION & INSIGHT

- Talent
- Technology/AI
- Infrastructure



Now Hiring?

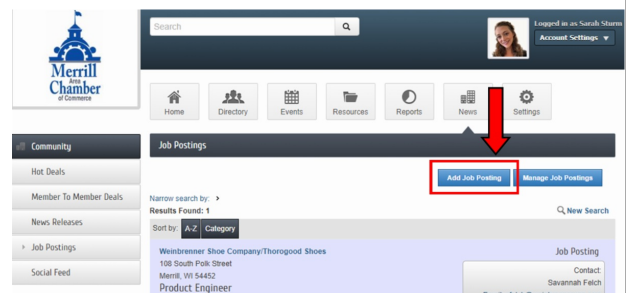
Did you know you have access to post your job listings/links to our website?

The MORE listings you have our there for your positions the higher search results you'll receive!

Login to your Member Portal and get started!

Login

Email Us for Access



View Job Postings



See what the City's been up to...



See Where GG Has Been

Gregory Gnome

Gregory Gnome (that's pronounced Reg-oree 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!

Upcoming Meetings, Events, & Holidays



September 2: Labor Day Parade, Lion's Car Show
September 5: Business After Hours*
September 7: Community Wide Garage Sale
September 14 & 15: Opening Weekend of Grace & Sophie's Pumpkin Patch
September 15: UPTOWN Concert
September 21: Colorama Bike Tour, Opening Weekend for Grampa's Farm
September 28: MEC's Fall Craft & Market
October 10: Chamber Annual Celebration
October 19: 150th Lincoln County Celebration

[Submit an Event](#)

*Denotes Chamber function

[Event Details](#)

Chamber Ambassadors:

- Allyson English
 - Bill Weston
 - Carri Kennedy-Harris
 - Danielle Wilcenski
 - Dawn Dunbar
 - Dawn Smith
 - Emily Gibson
 - Jennifer Porath
 - Konner Beyer
- Korey Bloch
 - Kevin Hill
 - Len Kats
 - Molly Lyon
 - Sasha Everett
 - Connor Sczygelski
 - Shelly Storm
 - Sue Kunkel
 - Tim Dunbar

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