



2010 Winter/Spring Calendar Of Events



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JANUARY - APRIL

CONTINUING EVENTS

Tastes of Merrill Cookbook – This cookbook was created to celebrate Merrill's 125th Anniversary. This one of a kind book features recipes from the 1924 Merrill Women's Alliance Cookbook. This is a GREAT find at a cost of only \$8. For more information call 536-4226, or stop by the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center (formerly known as the Merrill Senior Center) located in the lower level of the Merrill City Hall, to purchase a copy.

Riverside Athletic Club – Swimming lessons are offered for infants through adults with all abilities welcome. They provide a great variety of group aquatic classes for everyone such as water exercise classes, Ai-Chi Water Meditation & arthritis classes. Also offered is Pilate's, yoga, body sculpting, step aerobics, strength training and cardiovascular exercise. They also have birthday club pool parties. Call Riverside Athletic Club for time & prices at 536-2481 for more information.

Lincoln County Sports Club Monthly Meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of September, October, January, February, March & April, In November the meeting will be the 2nd Thursday. No meetings in May, June, July August & December. They begin at 7:30 p.m. at the LCSC Clubhouse which is located 6 miles north of Merrill on Schulz Spur Road off County Highway K. Interesting topics/speakers are always on the agenda followed by food, refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome. For more info, call Brian Sladek at 536-6979.

Indoor Pool Activities – Open swims, lap swims, family swims on Sunday. Water aerobics for ages 17 & older and swim lessons are available at the Prairie River Middle School pool. The pool is also available for special occasion rental. For more information, contact Kurt Vanden Huvel, Aquatic Director at 536-4594 ext. 3031.

Nurturing Your Body, Feeding Your Soul Intensives – Interested in transforming your diet and lifestyle? Choose an hour, a part of a day, or more for a personal consultation with counselor Wendie Martell, who has lost over 60 lbs and maintained a healthful focus for over 15 years! "Ah ha!" assessments will give insight to how to balance your body type, overcome food addiction, enhance nutrition, implement exercise, and create greater wellbeing. Donation is \$30/hour

individualized, and \$10/hour in groups of 3 or more (get a couple of friends to join you, and you'll have a support group for making the changes you desire!). Call 551-1970 to schedule your personalized session or gathering of friends.

Free Merrill Immunization Clinic will be held at the Lincoln County Health Department, 607 N Sales Street. To schedule an appointment, call 536-0307. No walk-ins please.

Every 1st Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Every 3rd Wednesday from 3 pm to 6 pm

Baby Shower for Life is a non-profit organization started in 1990 by the Lincoln County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life and is now under St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Committee. Baby Shower for Life is an on-going project that helps financially hurting families with their new born babies basic needs, with items such as diapers, wipes, baby powder, oil, lotion, wash, diaper ointment, onesies, sleepers, socks, cap, bottles, bibs, clothes, blankets, toy & nuk. Monetary donations, and as mentioned above, baby items are much appreciated & welcomed by individuals, businesses & organizations. All calls are kept confidential. They look forward to calls from moms & families needing help. To register for help or to donate, call Patti Knab at 536-9231. Donations can also be dropped off at Knab Insurance Agency (1314 E Main St).

Birthday Parties – The Smith Center offers birthday parties during open skate hours on Friday and Saturday nights. They offer an Ice Cream Package, Hot Dog Package and Pizza Package. For more information contact the MARC at 536-7313.

Learn to Skate at the MARC – Every Wednesday from December 2 - January 27 for Ages 2-5 from 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm with a cost of \$1.00 per child per session, includes skate rental.

Open Skating at the MARC thru March 15th. Friday from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 per person and skate rental is also available for \$2.00. Contact the MARC for more info at 536-7313.

Yoga Classes – Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Friday morning 8-9 a.m. and Saturday morning 8-9:15 a.m. GSHC - Menard Center. May join class at anytime. For more info or to register call 539-5090.

Every Tuesday of the Month – *NIA Dance Fitness* Nia is low impact exercise for body, mind, emotions, and spirit. Warm

up, get moving, and dance through winter with Nia, a combination of dance, martial arts, and healing stretches. Classes are ongoing Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Circle of Joy in Merrill. First class is free! Single class \$6, or 10 classes for \$50. For more information call 715-551-1970 to confirm your attendance or ask questions. Circle of Joy is located at N2355 Smith Road, Merrill. (Highway 17, ½ mile North of Highway G).

Every Wednesday of the Month – Steady and Ready Classes each Wednesday at 1:30pm on the 2nd floor of the Menard Center. Exercise and education for individuals who wish to improve their balance. The cost is FREE so call 539-2466 for more information.

First Wednesday of Month – Foot Care Clinic will be held at the Lincoln County Health Department, 607 North Sales Street. There is an \$10.00 fee for this service. Please call ahead for an appointment at 536-0307.

Every Wednesday of Month – Health Screens at Good Samaritan Health Center Rehab Services waiting area, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Blood pressure checks are free and blood sugar tests are \$1.00. Walk-in service. Call 539-5075 for more details.

Every Thursday of the Month – Women's Empowerment for Life Recover and become your full potential, one step at a time. Meetings will be ongoing, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, for women who want a new take on sobriety, codependency, and overcoming depression or anxiety. Suggested donation \$10 per group. Call 715-551-1970 to join, or if you would be interested in attending at a different time or day of the week. Circle of Joy is located at N2355 Smith Road, Merrill. (Highway 17, ½ mile North of Highway G).

Every Thursday of the Month – Mom's Café Support Group meets every Thursday from 10:30 – noon in the 3rd floor waiting room of Good Samaritan Health Center. This is an opportunity for moms with new babies to meet with a nurse and ask questions, get the baby weighed and talk with other new moms. For more information call Janet at 539-5074.

Every Sunday of the Month – HAVEN Bingo will be held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes at 7 p.m. For more info contact Karen at HAVEN at 536-1300.

Second Tuesday of Month 10-11:30am, Second Wednesday of the Month 6-7:30 pm & Second Thursday of the Month 1-2:30 pm – Computer Coaching at the T.B. Scott Library Board Room, Absolute beginners are welcome to computer Coaching, We do our best to work through your questions about the internet, e-mail, hardware and software at your pace in a low-stress environment admission is free for more information and to register contact Don Litzer 536-7191.

Second Tuesday of Month – Blood Pressure Check the Merrill Fire Dept. will take blood pressure from 9:30 – 10 a.m. at the Merrill Senior Center (1004 E. 1st Street, basement of City Hall). No charge. For more information call 536-4226.

JANUARY

January 1 – New Year's Day – Happy New Year from the Merrill Chamber staff.

January 1 – New Years Day Bingo at Lincoln Lanes from 5:30 session is for all ages, 8:30 Bingo with progressive to follow. Sponsored by HAVEN, for more information contact Karen at 536-9563.

Merrill Parks and Recreation will begin taking park reservations for 2010 beginning on January 4. The office hours are 7:30-4:00 536-7313.

January 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Lunch Bunch Story Time & Crafts from 11-noon after TOT Time on Mondays we will have lunch with story time and a craft. Child must have a parent or guardian with them and MUST Pre-register with a cost of \$10.00 for more information contact Dawn Smith at the Merrill Parks and Recreation.

January 6, 13, 20, 27 – Sports Short grades 1&2 – for boys & girls from 6-7 pm at Kate Goodrich. Every week we will be doing a different activity at the gym. We will be playing dodgeball, basketball, matball, kickball and so many more. This is a great way to stay active during the winter months. Children MUST Pre-register with a cost is \$15.00. Please contact the MARC at 536-7313.

January 6 – 27 – Childbirth Series is a series open to all area couples held each Wednesday for 4 weeks at GSHC from 6:30-8:30pm with a cost of \$40. For more information or to register contact Janet at 539-5074.

January 6 – Introduction to Yoga, Get your New Year off on the right foot by discovering the peace and joy of yoga. The class will be from 6-7pm and the cost is FREE for the introductory class, you will learn the highlights of the basics of Yoga and how it can be adapted for any physical condition, plus how its practice can lead you on the path to better health. Space is Limited. Call 539-2466 to register.

January 6 – "Visions" 2010 Merrill Senior Center – Come to the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center (formerly known as the Merrill Senior Center) located in the lower level of the Merrill City Hall at 10:30am for program ideas galore to celebrate the Merrill Senior Center as we go into our 40th year of the Center. For more information contact Jane Deau at 536-4226.

January 6, 13, 20, 27 – Preschool Storytime This storytime program is being offered to children ages 3 to 5 years old not yet in kindergarten. Storytime will be held at 9:15 a.m. at the T.B Scott Library in the storyhour room. Call 536-7909 for more information.

January 6 - 27 – Childbirth Series This series will be held Wednesday's from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Good Samaritan-Menard Center. Registration is \$40. This 4 week series is open to all area couples. For more info or to register call 539-5074.

January 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Music and Movement for ages 1-4 During the program your child will develop socialization skills and have some FUN!! Your child will learn songs, dances and finger plays. Come from 10:30-11:00 to join the fun at the Smith Center (MARC). A parent or guardian must accompany the child with a cost of \$10.00.

January 7 – CPR Recertification Classes for Heartsaver & Healthcare Provider Various times and prices. Located at

GSHC-Menard Center, for more information call Carol at 539-5075 to register.

January 7 at 10 am and January 12 at 6pm – Zimba Exercise Program will be offered weekly (Thursdays at 10 am & Tuesdays at 6 pm), by the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center (formerly known as the Merrill Senior Center). This exercise program can be done from a chair & standing to Latin music! The program is designed for all ages with a cost of \$4 per session, located in the lower level of the Merrill City Hall, for more information contact Jane Deau at 536-4226.

January 7 – 4-H After School Club at “After the Bell” Program at 4 p.m. at Washington Elementary School. Youth are invited to explore 4-H in this exciting after school club led by the 4-H Ambassadors. For more information call 539-1072.

January 9, 16, 30, February 13 & 27 – Gleason 2010 Ice Oval Races - Come out to Gleason Community Club Grounds on State Road 17, to watch the races. Food, refreshments, and warming house on grounds. For Daytime races, register from 8am to 10am, races start at 11am. February 27th is a night race. For more information, please check out the website www.gleasoncc.org.

January 9 & 10 – Pine River Dog Sled Races will be held at Pine River School beginning at 10 am on Saturday and at 9 am on Sunday. This International Sled Dog Racing Association sanctioned event draws musher’s from all over the Midwest and Canada. The Wisconsin Trailblazers Sled Dog Club sponsors this event. Free admission. Call Doris at 715-479-8047 or Ron Behm at 715-873-4787 for more information.

January 9 – Merrill Ice Drag Races Test Day will be held at Council Grounds State Park. State Park admission sticker required. Racing is ALWAYS on Saturdays. A 1/8 mile strip of ice will be cleared off at the boat landing for car and truck racing. No admission for spectators. Pit Passes are available for \$10. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with races starting at 12:00 noon. Dates are subject to change due to weather. For more details, call Jesse at 551-0383, Keith at 539-8494 or visit there website at www.merrillicedrags.com.

January 11, 18, 25 – Sport Shorts Grades 3&4 – for boys & girls from 6-7 pm at Kate Goodrich. Every week we will be doing a different activity at the gym. We will be playing dodgeball, basketball, matball, kickball and so many more. This is a great way to stay active during the winter months. Children MUST Pre-register with a cost is \$15.00. Please contact the MARC at 536-7313.

January 11 – H1N1 & Seasonal Flu Shots will be available at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St from 4-6 pm. No appointment is necessary, while supplies last. H1N1 vaccine shots are free to everyone, seasonal flu shots are free for ages 6 months to age 18, and the adult cost is \$25, for more information call the Lincoln County Health Department at 715-536-0307.

January 11 – Infant Massage will be held at Good Samaritan Health Care-Menard Center at 6:30 p.m. This course will teach parents infant massage techniques. The fee is \$10, call 539-5075 to register.

January 12 – Bookish Bad Guys Scavenger Hunt – is for grades 3 to 5, held at 3:30 p.m. at the T.B Scott Library in the storyhour room. Call 536-7909 for more information.

January 13 – Introduction to Yoga – Get your New Year off on the right foot by discovering the peace and joy of yoga. The class will be from 6-7pm and the cost is FREE for the introductory class, you will learn the highlights of the basics of Yoga and how it can be adapted for any physical condition, plus how its practice can lead you on the path to better health. Space in Limited. Call 539-2466 to register.

January 14 – Family Night Puppet Show for all ages “ A Celebrate the Differences” presented by the Marathon County troupe of Kids on the Block held at 6:30 p.m. at the T.B Scott Library in the Youth Services Department. Call 536-7909 for more information

January 14 – Backyard Seminar – Karl Baltus of Customer One Co-op will share with you the different types of bird houses and feeders, Sponsored by the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center (formerly known as the Merrill Senior Center) located in the lower level of the Merrill City Hall at 1pm with a cost of a \$2 donation & refreshments will be served. For more information contact Jane Deau at 536-4226.

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January 16 & 17 – Merrill Ice Reflections Skating Show “Night at the Cinema” will be held at the Smith Center ice rink at the MARC. Show times are Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 1 pm. Admission is \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. The Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club is sponsoring the event. The annual figure skating show put on by Merrill’s figure skating club show casing the talents of our area figure skaters from ages 4 through adult. For more information, call Willow at 536-1508 or Sharon at 536-7679 or 536-2441.

January 18 – Forensics Meet – Prairie River Middle School will be hosting this event in the classrooms at PRMS. For more information, please contact Jill Seaman at PRMS.

January 18 – Breakfast for the Brain Lesson at 9:30 am in the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street Sponsored by Home & Community Education for more information contact Lorene Hass 536-8050.

January 19 – Breastfeeding Class for those who plan or are considering breastfeeding. Cost \$10 Located at GSHC-Menard Center, for more information call Janet at 539-5074 to register.

January 21 – 4-H After School Club at “After the Bell” Program at 4 p.m. at Prairie River Middle School Auditorium. Youth are invited to explore 4-H in this exciting after school club led by the 4-H Ambassadors. For more information call 539-1072.

January 21–Healthcare Provider CPR - initial training 8:30-3:30. Cost \$50. Held at Good Samaritan-Menard Center. To register or for info call Sharon at 539-5089.

January 22 – No School – In-service Day

January 22 – All-You-Can-Read-Buffer– at the T.B Scott Library in the Youth Services Department. Reading marathon will be followed by pizza & prizes. Call 536-7909 for more information

January 22 – 23 – Merrill High School Hockey Tournament at the Smith Center, starts 6 p.m. Friday night, Saturday 11am & 1pm (times may vary), but times will be posted, Merrill High School team is hosting other Wisconsin teams. Come out and support Merrill High School & watch the team tear up the ice. For more information call 536-2608.

January 23 – 4-H Music and Lip Sync Festival will be held at 9 am at Tomahawk School Auditorium in Tomahawk. The public is invited to view musical performances performed by 4-H members from throughout the county. No admission charge. Refreshments will be available. Contact UW-Extension at 539-1072 for more info.

January 24 – Soup & Salad Luncheon Come and enjoy a luncheon at Trinity Church from 9am-1pm, 107 N. State St, for more information contact Dan Page-536-2693.

January 26 – CPR for Family & Friends - The training includes learning CPR for adults, child & infant and how to deal with choking. There is no testing and the training will not provide certification. Class will be held at Good Samaritan-Menard Center from 6-9 pm. Cost is \$10/person. Space is limited. To register, call Carol at 539-5075.

January 30, 9 to 11 a.m. or February 28, 2 to 4 p.m. – Living Sugar and Gluten-Free Diabetes? Hypoglycemia? Heart disease? Celiac Disease? Depression? Addiction? Obesity? One common factor that may underlie all these health conditions and others is a diet containing refined sugars and processed foods. How do these foods become toxic to one's body, mind, emotions, and spirit? How can one become more motivated and dedicated to a counter-cultural way of eating? In this class, you will learn how to transition to healthier choices one step at a time. We will sample real foods, resources, and support available for a lifestyle of greater well-being! For more information call 715-551-1970 Circle of Joy is located at N2355 Smith Road, Merrill. (Highway 17, ½ miles North of Highway G).

January 31 – Words Worth Hearing beginning at 1pm in the community room at the T.B. Scott Library, Hear Minocqua Author Julianne Karow share her journey of struggling with a loved one's illness and her crusade to help others through her book: Celiac Resource Guide: Helping to Navigate Life's Detours. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing, admission is free/refreshments will be served for more information call 536-7191.

January 31 – Men's Club Chili Luncheon – Trinity Men's Club will be providing a hearty chili luncheon from 9am-1pm at Trinity Church, 107 N. State St, for more information contact John Matuszak at 536-5430.

FEBRUARY

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February 4 – Star Lab Science Fair – Check out the indoor planetarium experience at Trinity School, 611 W. Main St for more information contact Kathy Yahr at 536-7501

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February 4– CPR Recertification Classes CPR recertification classes for Heartsavers and Healthcare providers. A variety of class options available. Various times and prices. Held at Good Samaritan-Menard Center. To register or for info call Sharon at 539-5089.

February 5–7 – Badger State Winter Games Women Hockey will be held at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex in the Smith Multi-Purpose Center. For further information call the Park & Recreation Department at 536-7313.

February 6 – Merrill Artisan Showcase – Area Artisans will display their talents & some will also demonstrate and/or sell their artistic works. Join us from 3-6 pm at the Assisi Hall of the Bell Tower Residence with a cost of \$5. This is an event not to be missed. For more information contact S. Peggy Jackson at 536-5575.

February 6 – Merrill Ice Drag Races Championship Finals will be held at Council Grounds State Park. State Park admission sticker required. No admission for spectators. Pit Passes are available for \$10. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with races starting at 12:00 noon. Dates are subject to change due to weather. For more details, call Tim Gritzmacher at 715-693-2043.

February 7 – Blood Drive & Health Fair at Trinity School, 611 W. Main St, for more information contact Sandy Schneider at 536-7655.

February 9 – Sweet Escapes beginning at 6:30 pm presented by the Merrill Historical Society and located at the T.B. Scott Library. Come for an evening of relaxation and enjoy an elegant buffet of decadent desserts and gourmet coffees & teas, layered with the sweet strains of harp and violin duets and topped with a drizzle of Merrill's confectionery history. The cost is \$8.00 Per Person, for reservations call 536-5652

mornings, Tues-Fri. If you would like more information, contact Marie Rein at 536-7433.

February 11 – Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held from 4pm to 7pm at the PRMS fieldhouse for your middle school student.

February 11 – Family Night Story time at the T B Scott Library 6:30 in the youth services department.

February 11 – Around the World with Wine held at the Eagles Club from 6 - 9 p.m. and is **open to the public**. This is an evening of tasty treats and a great opportunity to taste a choice of wines as well as beer tasting, the cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple, Silent auction and music, Monies raised are used for local Rotary projects. Support us supporting the community. This event is Sponsored by Merrill Rotary Club, and Open to the public. For more information, call Tony Kusserow at 536-8954.

February 11 – Heartsaver CPR Initial training for Heartsaver CPR will be held from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at GSHC – Menard Center. Cost: \$50. To register or for more info call Sharon at 539-5089.

February 12 – Cajun Cook-Off Come and see what's cookin' at Trinity School from 5-8pm All proceeds go to Merrill Food Pantry and Trinity open Hearts Food Pantry for more information contact Sue Hass at 536-5482.

February 13 – Cooking Demonstration with Scott Hass at Trinity School, All Proceeds go to Merrill Food Pantry and Trinity Open hearts Food Pantry for more information contact Sue Hass at 536-5482.

February 12 & 13 – Bowl for Kids Sake At Dale's Weston Lanes, this year's theme is "Rebel for a Cause". You raise pledges to participate, help raise funds by collecting pledges to support Big Brothers Big Sisters. This event is filled with fun, food & tons of prizes! Form your bowling team today. For more information contact Kelly Kluck at 715-848-7207.

February 13 – Create Your Own Valentine – 10am-2pm at the T B Scott Library's youth services department, Come & make a Valentine for your friend. We will have paper and craft supplies available for all ages.

February 13 – Merrill Ice Drag Grudge Match Race Day will be held at Council Grounds State Park. State Park admission sticker required. No admission for spectators. Pit Passes are available for \$10. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with races starting at 12:00 noon. Dates are subject to change due to weather. For more details, call Jesse at 551-0383, Mike Krueger 571-7854 or visit there website at www.merrillicedrags.com.

February 13 – 4-H Communications Contest at 9 a.m. at Our Savior's Church in Merrill. The public is invited to attend this event and hear speeches, poems, stories, demonstrations or view puppetry performances performed by youth from throughout the county. No admission charge. Contact the UW-Extension at 539-1072 for more information.

February 14, 2 to 4 p.m. or March 27, 9 to 11 a.m. – There is Only Love Move into healthier relationship with yourself and others! Gain insight to what you are bringing to your relationship, how to clarify needs and allow agreements. Share strategies that sharpen your sensory awareness. Experience

expressive exercises that enable you to tell the truth, listen and receive, and increase attention to detail to enhance intimacy. This class is based on education and body-centered practices of Nia. Nia is fusion fitness, combining dance, martial arts, and healing approaches as movement therapy. Nia is an invitation to dance through life! For more information call 715-551-1970 Circle of Joy is located at N2355 Smith Road, Merrill. (Highway 17, ½ mile North of Highway G).

February 15 – Make & Bring Favorite Recipes from Frozen Bread Dough from 9:30-12 noon at the Lincoln County Service Center 801 N. Sales Street sponsored by the Home Community & Education for more information contact Lorene Hass at 536-8050.

February 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held from 4pm to 7pm at the PMRS fieldhouse for you middle school student.

February 16 – Mardi Gras Gumbo Supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in Assisi Hall at Bell Tower Residence. Cost: \$4 for children under 12 and \$7 for adults. Join us for a real Cajun supper. Carry outs available. For more info contact Linda at 536-5575.

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February 23 – 40th Anniversary Party we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary of the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center (formerly known as the Merrill Senior Center) join us from 2-6:30 pm, in the lower level of the Merrill City Hall for music, refreshments, presentation & so much more. Come for a fun filled day of memories & a time to celebrate. For more information contact Jane Deau at 536-4226.

February 26 – No School

February 27 – Childbirth Class will be held from 9:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m. at Good Samaritan-Menard Center. Registration is \$40. For more info or to register call Janet at 539-5074.

February 27 & 28 – Merrill Mite Tournament at the MARC, Come out & support your future Merrill Blue Jays. Watch these kids show what they have learned throughout the year, playing other teams from the area. Times will vary through out the day for more information call 536-2608.

February 27 – MDA Firefighter vs. Police Hockey game - Come support your local protective service people, as they try to get the puck in the net at the MARC. All proceeds going to MDA. Enjoy of night of fun with raffles, silent auction, and door prizes. Game starts at 7:30pm. For more information, please call the fire department at 536-2233.

February 27 – 4-H Project Discovery Day from 9-1:30 at the Tomahawk Middle School, Youth from throughout the county are invited to attend this event to learn about the variety of projects they can participate in thorough 4-H. A brochure and registration forms are available by contacting the UW-Extension office at 539-1072. Registrations are due by Monday February 8th.

MARCH

March 1, 8, 15, 22 – 1 By 1s for age 1 at the T B Scott Library, in the story hour room, child must be accompanied by an adult. Call 536-7909 for more information.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 – Preschool Story time this story time program is being offered to children ages 3 to 5 years old not yet in kindergarten. Story time will be held at 9:15 a.m. at the T.B Scott Library in the story hour room. Call 536-7909 for more information.

March 4, 11, 18, 25 – 2 By 2s for age 2 at the T B Scott Library, in the story hour room, child must be accompanied by an adult.

March 4 – 4-H After School Club at Washington School at 4 p.m. Youth are invited to explore 4-H in this exciting after school club led by the 4-H Ambassadors. For more information call 539-1072.

March 4 – Combined Choir Concert – Prairie River Middle School and Merrill High School will be having a combined concert at the High school. Look for the starting time in the paper.

March 5 – Trinity School Carnival & Silent Auction – Food and Free games from 5-8pm for more information contact Dan Page 536-2693.

March 6 – Merrill Bluejays Alumni Hockey Game – They are back, your favorite Bluejay from years ago. They maybe a little older, but they sure can move on the ice. For more information, please call Joy Annis at 536-9604.

March 8 – Infant Massage will be held at Good Samaritan Health Care-Menard Center at 6:30 p.m. This course will teach parents infant massage techniques. Cost: \$10, registration required. For more info or to register contact Carol at 539-5075.

March 9 – National History Day – Prairie River Middle School will be having exhibits on display in the library.

March 11 – Family Night Story time at the T B Scott Library 6:30 in the youth services department. Call 536-7909 for more information.

March 11 – CPR Recertification Classes for Heartsaver and Healthcare provider. Various times and prices. Class will be held at GSHC – Menard Center. To register call Sharon at 539-5089.

March 11 – Circus INcognitus will be held at the Merrill High School Auditorium at 7 pm, all ages will enjoy this zany and musical circus-style show, Sponsored by the Merrill Concert Association. Admission is by membership card only, for 2009-2010 membership & more information contact Megan Cihlar at 715-252-6295.

March 11– Winter Band Concert - Come enjoy the music of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands from Prairie River Middle School starting at 7pm.

March 13– 14 – Wisconsin State Peewee Tournament Merrill is hosting the State Tournament for the Peewee level, Bring your family out for some fun watching the players go for the Gold at the MARC. Times will vary, for more info contact 536-2608.

March 14– Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 14 – Yoga Workshop for Chronic Pain Management this workshop is conducted by Mary Hilliker of River Flow Yoga from 1-4pm at GSHC-Menard Center with a cost of \$25 Space is limited; call to register at 539-5090.

March 15 – Cultural Art come and sew bags for NVON 2011 Conference at 9:30 am at the Lincoln County Service Center 801 N. Sales Street sponsored by the Home & Community Education for more information contact Lorene Hass 536-8050.

March 16 – Breastfeeding Class for those who plan or are considering breastfeeding. Cost \$10 Located at GSHC-Menard Center, for more information call Janet at 539-5074 to register.



March 17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 17 – St. Patrick's Bash!! Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center (formerly known as the Merrill Senior Center) lower level Merrill City Hall. We are having a Traditional St. Patrick's Day meal & music. At a cost of \$6, call for reservations by March 12th or for more information call Jane Deau at 536-4226.

March 18 – 4-H After School Club at "After the Bell" Program at 4 p.m. at Prairie River Middle School in the Auditorium. Youth are invited to explore 4-H in this exciting after school club led by the 4-H Ambassadors. For more information call 539-1072.

March 18 – Healthcare Provider CPR – Initial training will be from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$50 and class will be held at GSHC – Menard Center. To register call Sharon at 539-5089.

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March 19 – Breastfeeding Class will be offered at Good Samaritan – Menard Center at 6:30 p.m. For those planning or considering breastfeeding Cost: \$10. For more info contact Janet at 539-5074.

March 19 – Books Are Fun Book Fair will be held from 9-4 at the Good Samaritan Health Center's Cafeteria, with FREE admission you can browse through books, CD's videos, gift items for all ages with discounts up to 80% for more information call Ramona Hornisher at 539-3720.

March 22 – Coalition of WI Aging Groups, "CWAG" The Collation of WI Aging Groups will be meeting at the lower level of the Merrill City Hall from 8 am - 3 pm to discuss aging issues & concerns. Sponsored by the Merrill Area Community Enrichment Center (formerly know as the Merrill Senior Center) the cost is \$4 & includes your meal. For more information contact Jane Deau at 536-4226.

March 23 – CPR for Family & Friends –The training includes learning CPR for adults, child & infant and how to deal with choking. There is no testing and the training will not provide certification. Class will be held at Good Samaritan-Menard Center from 6-9 pm. Cost is \$10/person. Space is limited. To register, call Carol at 539-5075.

March 24 – CPR for Family & Friends with support through the American Heart Association and the Marshfield Clinic/Ministry Health Care Heart Team, this \$10 per person class is for people who wish to learn how to do CPR for an adult, child and infant as well as choking rescue. This training session does not require any testing and will not provide certification. Held at GSHC – Menard Center from 6-9 p.m. Limited enrollment.. For more info or to register, please call Carol at 539-5075.

March 26 – No School

March 30 – **April 2** – Spring Break

APRIL

April 1 – CPR Recertification Classes CPR recertification classes for Heartsavers and Healthcare providers. A variety of class options available. Various times and prices. Held at Good Samaritan-Menard Center. To register or for more info call Sharon at 539-5089.

April 3 – Children Festival - Bring your child or children to the Smith Center (MARC) for various activities. Learn about safety for your whole family, and get information about different activities that your child or children can enjoy through out Merrill. For more information, please call the Smith Center at 536-7313.

April 4 – Happy Easter from the Merrill Chamber

April 4 – Pancake Breakfast –Sunday, 7am - noon, Sponsored by the Gleason Area Lions; located at the Lions Building-Bradley Street Gleason Come to Gleason for the Regular and Potato pancakes with sausage links, scrambled eggs, cheese and applesauce, orange juice, coffee, milk and of course syrup. With the cost being only \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children you can not resist this social occasion plus a Bake Sale will be held by the Gleason Area First Responders For more information contact Ron Behm at 715-873-4787.

April 5, 12, 19, 26 – 1 By 1s for age 1 at the T B Scott Library, in the story hour room, child must be accompanied by an adult. Call 536-7909 for more information.

April 7, 14, 21, 28 – Preschool Story time This story time program is being offered to children ages 3 to 5 years old not yet in kindergarten. Story time will be held at 9:15 a.m. at the T.B Scott Library in the story hour room. Call 536-7909 for more information.

April 7, 14, 21, 28 – Childbirth Series This series will be held Wednesday's from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Good Samaritan-Menard Center. Registration is \$40. This 4 week series is open to all area couples. For more info or to register call 539-5074.

April 8, 15, 22, 29 – 2 By 2s for age 2 at the T B Scott Library, in the story hour room, child must be accompanied by an adult. Call 536-7909 for more information.

April 8 – Family Night Story time at the T B Scott Library 6:30 in the youth services department.

April 8 – Heartsaver CPR Initial training for Heartsaver CPR will be held from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at GSHC – Menard Center. Cost: \$50. To register or for more info call Sharon at 539-5089.

April 10 – 5th Annual Home & Sport Show at the Smith Center (1100 MARC Drive). Are you looking to buy, build, remodel your home or apartment or are you into hunting, fishing or camping. This event will be your one stop for all your needs. Call 536-7313 for more information.

April 11 – **17** – National Library Week – Food for Fines at T.B. Scott Library. For more information call 536-7909.

April 12 – Making Homemade Laundry Soap at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street sponsored by Home & Community Education , for more information contact Lorene Hass 536-8050 or Kathy Schiefebein 536-9368.

April 13 – Concert by Free Home – will be performing at Merrill High School Auditorium at 7pm they are an a cappella group with 4-part harmony, Sponsored by the Merrill Concert Association. Admission is by membership card only, for 2009-2010 membership & more information contact Megan Cihlar at 715-252-6295.

April 15 – 4-H After School Club at Prairie River Middle School Auditorium at 4 p.m. Youth are invited to explore 4-H in this exciting after school club led by the 4-H Ambassadors. For more information call 539-1072.

April 16 – **18** – Central Wisconsin Concertina Festival will be held at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes. Times will be announced at a later date. Call Carol at 277-5039.

April 18 – Words Worth Hearing Come hear the award-winning poet Michael Kriesel of rural Aniwa read his work in a celebration of National Poetry Month in the community room of the T.B. Scott Library at 1pm. Where copies of the poet's works will be available for sale and signing with Free admission & refreshments will be served. For more information call 536-7191.

April 18 – **24** – Be Healthy Week with Community Activities to be announced.

April 27 – Ladies Lifestyle Expo held at the Smith Center, doors open at 5:30 p.m. with over 30 vendors displaying their merchandise. Free admission. At 7 p.m. they will hold a hair & fashion show. For more information call 536-7313.

