

MERRILL CITY BAND

100TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

1911 – 2011



“HOME SWEET HOME”

NORMAL PARK GAZEBO

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011

7:00 P.M.

REMEMERING STAN BAUMAN

Several years ago, Lydia Bauman decided she wanted to do something in memory of her husband, Stan, who passed away in 2004. The founder and owner of Merrill Millwork, Stan was a lifelong Merrill resident and loved the area very much. He was devoted to his family, friends, employees, church, and community.

Lydia was a big fan of the City Band. Noting that the band would be celebrating its 100th year in 2011 and had no permanent facility in which to perform, she thought a multipurpose gazebo would be a nice way to give something back to the community in memory of Stan.



STAN AND LYDIA BAUMAN

The Merrill Chamber of Commerce Foundation stepped up early on to organize, promote and support the project, as a way of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Merrill Chamber. After a few years of concerted effort and cooperation on the part of many residents, organizations, and officials in the city and county, the dream of a gazebo bandstand has finally become a reality.

~ Here's to another 100 years of music, memories, and progress in Merrill. ~



LINDA BECKER grew up in the small Wisconsin town of Turtle Lake. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin in River Falls and earned a Master of Music Education and Clarinet Performance Degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Linda was hired to teach instrumental music at Merrill Junior High School in January of 1977. She played in the city band on baritone and clarinet under directors Fred Mumma and David Ament, and then assumed leadership of the group in 1980. Becker retired in 2009 after more than 32 years of teaching in the Merrill Area Public Schools. She performs with the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra in Stevens Point on clarinet. Linda lives in Gleason with her husband, Greg Eichelkraut, and their "children" - three Labrador Retrievers and two beautiful Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horses.

IN APPRECIATION

The Gazebo in Normal Park became a reality because of two very dedicated individuals, Lydia and Mary Bauman.



**LYDIA
BAUMAN**

The Merrill City Band extends its heartfelt appreciation for the gift of the gazebo, and even more for the perseverance and hard work of these two wonderful ladies.



**MARY
BAUMAN**

CAMPAIGN TO CONDUCT



Three Merrill Community Members Vie For Opportunity To Conduct Merrill City Band During 100th Anniversary Season

A special year requires special events, and the 100th anniversary season of the Merrill City Band promises a little something for everyone.

Three of Merrill's "celebrities" will be competing for the opportunity to lead the Merrill City Band on Wednesday, July 20th. High school principal Shannon Murray, police captain Ken Neff, and former mayor Patsy Woller are going head to head in the band's 100th anniversary "Campaign to Conduct."

Displays and "voting booths" are up at The Checkered Churn, Dave's County Market, Drew's Piggly Wiggly, the Eagles Club, First Street Coffee Station, Johnson Gift and Home Decor, T. B. Scott Library, and at the next three city band concerts. The candidate that gathers the most "votes" (cold, hard cash) will step to the podium for a familiar tune on the band's "Swingin' In The Train" concert. Director Linda Becker says "I'm getting old and my caboose seems to be dragging a bit."



Merrill Police Captain Ken Neff warns,
"Look out you two, because
I love a challenge!"



Former Merrill Mayor Patsy Woller notes
that "I am mildly amused that these boys
actually think they have a chance."



Merrill High School Principal Shannon Murray says "Hey, I'm in it to win it!"

"It's probably time for a new engine up front, so the rest of the July 20th concert will be under the direction of guest conductor Michael 'Choo Choo' Chula." Mr. Chula notes that "I was railroaded into this whole thing. It might sound like I have a one track mind, but I hope this new conductor doesn't need any training."

In addition to voting at the various displays around town, you can also send tax-deductible monetary votes to the Merrill Chamber of Commerce at 705 North Center Avenue. Checks can be written out to "Friends of The Merrill City Band Campaign to Conduct." Indicate your choice of conductor in the memo line.

It's a very short election, running only until July 17th. "Vote early and please vote often. No photo I.D. required!" Becker says. "It's even okay to send money in someone else's name. This is one case where voter fraud is not only appreciated, but highly encouraged; and the higher, the better!"

“HOME SWEET HOME”

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.

Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Ambassadors

Lydia Bauman

Mayor Bill Bialecki and Park and Recreation Director Dan Wendorf

The Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key / arr. James Tully

Soprano : Mary Waid Baritone: James Bjorklund

His Honor Henry Fillmore / ed. Frederick Fennell

Green, Green Grass of Home Curly Putman / arr. Leland Forsblad

Bugler’s Holiday Leroy Anderson / trans. Michael Edwards

Trumpet Trio: Patrick Phalen, Chad Premeau, and Kevin Short

Sentimental Journey arr. Paul Yoder

Emblem Of Unity J.J. Richards

Summertime Heyward and Gershwin / arr. Calvin Custer

Soprano: Mary Waid

Highlights from “The Music Man” Meredith Wilson / arr. Alfred Reed

The Battle Hymn of the Republic William Steffe / arr. Howard E. Akers

Blue Moon Rodgers and Hart / arr. Warren Barker

Baritone: James Bjorklund

Them Basses G.F. Huffine

In The Mood Joe Garland / arr. Michael Sweeney

Trumpet Solo: Patrick Phalen

Beer Barrel Polka arr. Paul Yoder

Somewhere Out There from “An American Tail” arr. Dan Nordall

Soprano: Mary Waid Baritone: James Bjorklund

Piano: Brenda Zimmerman Keyboard Solo: Chad Premeau

The Washington Post John Philip Sousa / ed. Frederick Fennell

George Brown’s Fiddle arr. David Bennett

Home Sweet Home Henry Bishop and John H. Payne

The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa

THE MERRILL CITY BAND

OUR MEMBERS AND YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY BAND



The Merrill City Band - August 3, 1930

DIRECTOR

Linda Becker 35

DRUM MAJOR

Paul Kienitz 24

BANNER CARRIERS

Jordan Oelke 4

Chloe Turner 4

PICCOLO

Paula Clark 4

FLUTE

Paula Clark 4

Ellen Cerney 1

Tanya Frick 6

Darlene Hanig 50

Theresa Matz 2

Ginnie Mootz 19

Sarah Navarro 2

Christy Rasmussen 3

Martha Sandholm 21

Debbie Tidwell 1



The Merrill City Band - May 30, 2011

CLARINET

Judy Bondioli 34

Amber Chula 3

Lexy Henkelman 4

Ali Oleson 3

Helen Ourada 34

Lisa Phalen 3

Suzanne Phalen 2

Meredith Prebeg 21

Patty Roets 36

Brenda Zimmerman 27

BASS CLARINET

Michelle Salter 11

Jay Tlusty 40

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Jennifer Bellmer Callope 1

Ben Clark 4

Scott Schult 19

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Lee Knispel 43

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Heath Seefeld 8

TRUMPET

Ryan Behm 9

Matt Callope 1

Jim Finucan 3

Tom Gundry 9

Melissa Omernick 18

Patrick Phalen 1

Chad Premeau 32

Jack Radloff 11

Jesse Schiefelbein 7

Tim Schleif 5

Jeff Schram 21

Kevin Short 3

Rick Snyder 2

HORN

Meagan Cihlar 8

Cindy Koehler 33

Kenny MacMillan 2

Bobbi Rohrs 2

Avery Watkins 1

TROMBONE

Michael Chula 6

Melissa Davis 2

Greg Eichelkraut 22

Michelle Gervais 2

Christopher Heitz 3

Dick Lokemoen 42

Jeff Moore 17

Michael Nicklaus 1

Todd Nicklaus 1

BARITONE

Bud Gennrich 39

Joe Storm 7

Tim Zimmerman 8

BASS

Jon Hughes 7

Pete Lokemoen 50

Hershel Webb 17

STRING BASS

Steven Nicklaus 1

PERCUSSION

Matthew Clark 2

Vince Conrad 27

Collin Lueck 5

Mary Premeau 25

Katie Prihoda 1

Melanie Tlusty 2

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THROUGH THE YEARS...



Ole Lokemoen

Much of the Merrill City Band history was compiled by Ole Lokemoen, a bassist in the Merrill City Band for 62 continuous years. Ole's sons, Pete and Dick, play in the band today.

At the turn of the century, Merrill might have been called the City of Bands. Bands have been associated intimately with the city's history since this community came into being on the banks of the Wisconsin River over a century ago.

The present band is one of the oldest municipal bands in the state. It is an outgrowth of older bands – Malzahn's, Potter's, West Side, St. John, The Imperials, and the Merrill High School Bands.

The concerts of the early days were but a small part of the band's activities. The bands were the center of attraction in the frequent parades, picnics, and political rallies that highlighted the social life in the "good old days." The band fans came on "shanks mare" (on foot) to enjoy their music in those days and they stood around the bandstand or sat on the ground because ringside seats were not provided.

Bandstands were scattered throughout the city and some were quite a distance from the center of town. Some of the old bandstands were at Braatz's Park (now Riverside Park), Ballschneider's Park, Kolakowski's Park, and York's Park. There were also stands on the corner of West Main Street and Foster Street, at the east side of the old City Hall, near the library, and in the park area near Park Place on Grand Avenue.

The Merrill City Band was instrumental in providing a band program in the Merrill High School. In 1929, the officers of the band proposed a resolution to the City Council that the school system start a band program. The school would hire a director for band and orchestra, and duties would include directing the Merrill City Band. The resolution was passed by a vote of 13 to 1. The School Board was also in favor of the resolution and Superintendent of Schools, George Brooks, was instructed to receive applications for a music director.

Professor D.C. Burkholder was hired to be the director of the school's bands and orchestras and also to direct the Merrill City Band. As the years went on, the high school music program provided many musicians for the City Band and even today, many City Band members are former Merrill high school musicians.



Merrill City Band member Andrew Fredericksen (left) and unidentified trombonist.

During the 1930's, another band was part of the Merrill community. Carl Hamsing organized Charlie's German Band, made up of many City Band members. Carl was a shoemaker and wore his "big shoes" (about a size 22) when he directed the band. The band had 12-15 members. They played with the City Band in parades, then changed into different uniforms, and marched with Charlie's German Band at the end of the parade.

During World War II, 26 members of the Merrill City Band served with the armed forces. The high school members filled in for the men leaving for service. The City Band played at the Depot every time a group of men left for induction in the armed forces.

Beginning in 1911, the following have been directors of the Merrill City Band:

1911	E.E. Howland
1912	Silas Johnson
1913	Frank Bliss
1918	Vincent Bliss
1921	Roy Johnson
1923	Prof. F. Kern
1930	Prof. D.C. Burkholder
1940	K. Cuthbert
1942	Mrs. K. Cuthbert
1929	M.F. Talbot also '43, '48
1944	Jay Jorgenson
1953	Frederic G. Mumma
1978	David Ament
1980	Linda Becker

Art Taylor Sr. and Peter Richardson were also called upon to direct the band from time to time.

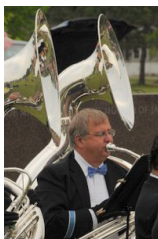
Some of the “old timers” who played in the past for over 40 years were E.E. Howland, Gerald Howland, Oscar Clovstad, Melvin Talbot, Joe and Ray Semling, Max Heckendorf, Clarence Wendorf, Grover Heath, Victor Planso, Frank and Elmer Hitzke, Henry Vonderheid, Les Kienitz, Ole Lokemoen, and Bob Stimers.

A new group of “old timers” is forming, with many members having been a part of the band for over 25 years, including Linda Becker, Judy Bondioli, Vince Conrad, Bud Gennrich,



Darlene Hanig has played flute in the Merrill City Band for 50 years.

Darlene Hanig, Paul Kienitz, Lee Knispel, Cindy Koehler, Dick Lokemoen, Pete Lokemoen, Helen Ourada, Chad and Mary Premeau, Patty Roets, Jay Tlusty and Brenda Zimmerman.



Pete Lokemoen, Merrill City Band bass player of 50 years.

Les Kienitz was the drum major from 1937-1941, and again from 1946-1985 after returning



Merrill City Band Director Frederic Mumma (left) and Drum Major Les Kienitz in 1975.

from army duty in World War II. After the death of Les in 1986, his son, Paul, picked up the baton and has been leading the city band

in parades on the 4th of July in Tomahawk and in Merrill on Labor Day ever since.

The City Band has an active membership of almost 70 members. Thanks to a generous donation by Lydia Bauman in memory of her husband, Stan, a beautiful gazebo was built in Normal Park. All Wednesday concerts will be played at the new site at 7:00 p.m., from June 22 – August 10th, with the exception of the concert on July 27th at Veterans Memorial Park in Tomahawk at 6:00 p.m..

In addition to the Wednesday evening concerts, the group performs for the annual Merrill Memorial Day service, the Tomahawk Pow Wow Days parade on July 4th, and the Merrill Labor Day parade. The band also traveled to the Madison state capitol in 1994 to perform at the Community Band Festival.



Memorial Day 2011

The Merrill City Band is an important part of the community. It enjoys a long and colorful history. The group was voted as one of the Seven Wonders of Merrill by the citizens of the community in 2007.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Merrill City Band and what better way to celebrate than with a new performance site in the heart of Merrill!

FRIENDS OF NORMAL PARK

\$1000 (24 X 24 BRICK)

Linda Becker and Greg Eichelkraut

Jim Finucan

Pete and Karla Lokemoen, Jim and Kris Lokemoen, and Richard and Becky Lokemoen
Ministry Good Samaritan Health Center

\$500 (12 X 12 BRICK)

Lydia Bauman

Art and Nancy Drew

Lois Dupke

John Huss

Karen Karow

Kari Lea Kufahl

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Merrill Professional Police Association

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\$150 (8 X 8 BRICK)

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Donna Bower

Vince and Phynette Conrad

Rose Mary Cournaya and Family

David and Carol Donner

Bettie Ecklund

Robert and Doyonis Egan

Darlene and Jeff Hanig

Norma, Pat and Diane Hanson

Nancy Hayes

Delores Heise

Dan Jackson (3)

David and Edna Jackson (2)

Phillip and Marge Kamke

Michael Kleinschmidt

Sherry Kort

Edward Koth

Mary Kufahl

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Richard Sapp

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Lloyd Schmitz (2)

Don and Donna Simek

Monica Talbot

Monica Talbot and Mary O'Neill

Maxine, Jay, Melanie and Michelle Tlusty

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Carol and Bill Weber

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\$100 (4 X 8 BRICK)

Jack and Helene Ader

Lydia Bauman

Judi Bevier

Donna Bower

Jay Ellen Brown

Linda Doerr

Carol Donner and Norman Dupke

David and Carol Finanger

Darryl and Beth Frick

Delores Heise

Harriet Henrich

Ruth Hijik

Tim and Carolyn Householder

Demetria Jameson

Cindy Koehler and Family

Dale and Jackie Kuck

Art and Maggie Marquis

Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club

Merrill Chamber of Commerce

Merrill High School Class of 1965

Merrill High School Class of 1970

Bonnie Millenbah

James and Nancy Monti (2)

Judith Monti

Sarah Monti

Esther Natzke

Myron Oestreich

Jack and Cindy Radloff

Richard and Lynne Reindl

Jim and Patty Roets

Chris, Michelle, and Ava Salter,
and Rose Wendorf

Jeff and Karen Schram

L. Jay Stapleton

Neil and Laurel Steinagel

Irma Stine

Roger and Nancy Strand

Jack and Katey Swope

Monica Talbot (2)

Kathy Unertl

Sarah Warner (3)

Pat and Kathy Zimmerman



Be a part of Merrill's history by
purchasing a Heritage Brick to
commemorate an important event
in your life, loved one's life,
or business/organization.

For more information, contact:

Merrill Chamber of Commerce
705 North Center Avenue
Merrill, WI 54452

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www.merrillchamber.org

THANK YOU

GAZEBO GRATITUDE

Thank you to the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for their generous support and contributions to the Normal Park Gazebo.

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 Doug Williams
 Patsy Woller

A special thank you to all Lincoln County citizens who circulated and signed the Normal Park Gazebo petition and everyone in the Merrill area who supported the gazebo and the Merrill City Band through the years.

SEASON SALUTES

Thank you to the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for their support and contributions to the 2011 Merrill City Band season.

Ace Hardware of Merrill
 Aspirus Merrill Clinic
 Lydia and Mary Bauman
 Ron Behm
 James Bjorklund
 Blooms on Main
 Brose's Flower Center
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 Patsy Woller
 Woodland Court Elder Services LLC
 Jenni Yang

Merrill City Band
MCB
 100th Anniversary Season

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| Mon | May 30 | Memorial Day Service – St. Francis Cemetery – 11:00 A.M. |
| Wed | Jun 22 | “Home Sweet Home”
<i>Guest Vocalists: James Bjorklund and Mary Waid</i>
<i>Bugler’s Holiday: Patrick Phalen, Chad Premeau, and Kevin Short</i> |
| Wed | Jun 29 | “100 Bodies Of Cheer On The Mall”
<i>Guest Performance: Rhinelander Area Community Band</i> |
| Mon | Jul 4 | Pow Wow Days Parade: Tomahawk – 1:00 P.M. |
| Wed | Jul 6 | “Patriotic Potpourri”
<i>Honored Guests: Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces</i>
<i>Vocal Quartet: James Bjorklund, Eric Leih, Jill Seaman, and Mary Waid</i>
<i>Narrator: James Bjorklund</i> |
| Wed | Jul 13 | “Of Holst and Holsters”
<i>Partner: T. B. Scott Library</i> |
| Wed | Jul 20 | “Swingin’ In The Train”
<i>Guest Directors: Michael “Choo Choo” Chula</i>
<i>“Campaign to Conduct” Winner</i> |
| Wed | Jul 27 | “Tomahawk Wisconsin 54487”
<i>Veterans Memorial Park in Tomahawk at 6:00 P.M.</i> |
| Wed | Aug 3 | “Kickoff To Krazy”
<i>Clarinet Polka: Linda Becker, Lisa Phalen, Jenni Yang, and Brenda Zimmerman</i> |
| Wed | Aug 10 | “Movie Madness”
<i>Persuasion: Jennifer Bellmer Callope – Alto Saxophone</i> |
| Mon | Sep 5 | Labor Day Parade – 10:00 A.M. |

Concerts are at Normal Park in Merrill at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact director Linda Becker at (715) 873-4564 or lsb.cat@dishmail.net

