

Club 55 Senior Center

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As 2021 rolled in it somehow made me think of Y2K and now here we are at 2021. The year 2000 was dreaded by some as to how we were going to possibly get computers to function correctly as we moved into the new millennium. The year 2000 did not cause as many problems as were anticipated and life went on as usual. It seems to be human nature to question the unknown. I often think that if my Dad were alive today he would be truly amazed at the innovations in technology and the advances in farming. He grew up farming with a horse drawn plow and although he saw many changes, he would never imagine today's world.

I hope you get a chance to see the skating rink across from the Library in Commons Park. It is especially nostalgic when it is dark out and the lights are on. It is a picture out of Currier and Ives, and we have it right here thanks to the efforts of our city crew. I have driven past on some very cold days when they are grooming it to improve the skating surface and it looks like they are getting the downdraft spray! Thanks guys...for the next generation of folks that are making memories.

I got ahead of myself with the contests so you may still submit to the two last contests...your New Year's Resolutions and Your favorite Winter Sport. Send them to Jane at jane.riedl@lakemills.k12.wi.us by Monday January 18 to enter them in the drawing for a \$5 Chamber Bucks.

If you are already having trouble sticking to your resolutions for the new year RLAC has set up a 'Get Healthy Challenge' for you. You may purchase a form for \$10 and check off the activities each day to be entered in their drawing. The tasks are all things to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Club 55 has added new puzzles to their stash for you to choose from. We also have books on CD for you to take home and enjoy as well as a selection of books. Stop in and look through these free items for something to help fill the hours. We are open from 10-12 am on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 10-3 on Wednesday. You may use the fitness room or walk indoors for free during the hours that we are open.

Speaking of nostalgia, I think that Christmas stirs a lot of memories in us. As a small child before moving to Lake Mills, we lived on a farm. Those of you that also grew up going to a one-room school, having your playmates be your siblings, and during a time that was pre-television for most of us, may remember listening to programs on the radio. During December, the a.m. radio station in Milwaukee had a program called *Billy the Brownie*. It was a magical time for us to listen to letters that had been sent to Santa and read by Santa, assisted by Billy the Brownie. Of course, we also sent our letter in with what we wanted and waited with hopes that Santa would read ours. It was a time when childhood imaginations were vivid. The toys did not have a lot of moving parts and for the most part did not speak, although our doll might say "Mama" if you tipped it a certain way. I know that I am not the only one who has special childhood memories as I was reminded of this by my sister. Today's children will have very different stories to pass on. I think ours are the best!

Remember that Deb, our RN, will be at Club 55 on Tuesday, the 12th for Foot Care. (Yes...that is tomorrow) There are a couple of openings left if you are interested. Appointments are required by calling 920-918-3176. Bring your own towel \$15.

Bingo is also this week...Wednesday, January 13, from 1-2:30. It is held in the gym so we can physically distance but have a chance to get out of the house and have an enjoyable time. Jane has a bunch of new prizes for the lucky winners. This is a free activity sponsored by Club 55. Come on in and join us...Masks required. Mark your calendars for the next Bingo on Wednesday, January 27.