

# Director's Dish:

- Thank the Big Santa Committee who were responsible for the new Christmas lights that adorn Commons Park this holiday season. When there was a threat of Big Santa not returning, an independent committee led by Mary Doyle of The Corner Mercantile and Lindsay Parks, looked to the community to raise money for a replacement. The community donated an overwhelming amount of funds, which were matched by the Lake Mills Community Foundation. The remaining money was used to decorate the Commons Park Band Shelter, the Lion's Shelter, and the Public Restrooms. Big Santa was installed by Schweighardt Concrete LLC, and new lighting was installed by Lang Lighting Décor LLC. This is the second phase in a multiphase plan to bring even more lighting to Commons Park for the holiday season. Look for additional fundraising efforts from the group soon.
- Attend the Lake Mills Optimist Tristar Basketball Contest on Saturday, January 27th at the Lake Mills Elementary School Gym. This is a FREE coed competition, for ages 7 through 13. The top participants from each age group will receive a trophy and there will be a pizza party for all participants following the contest. Registration is from 10:30 AM through 11:30 PM and the competition will be held from 11:30 AM through 12:30 PM.
- Attend the Lake Mills Recreation
  Department's 6th Annual Family
  Fun Day on Sunday, February 18th
  at the Elementary School Gym.
  There will be FREE activities for all
  ages from 1:00 PM through 4:00
  PM. Thank you sponsors; Badger
  Chevrolet, Bank of Lake Mills,
  Farmers and Merchants State
  Bank, and Fort HealthCare.



Department.

# Legendary Lake Mills Events

Lake Mills Farmers Market - Wednesdays 5/1 through 10/23

**Annual Golf Outing 6/27/24** 

**Town and Country Days Parade** 6/29/24

Legendary Lake Mills Cash Raffle 8/12/24

Fall Festival of Color Craft Fair 10/6/24

Witches Night Out 10/30/24

**Legendary Lake Mills Wine Walk** 11/22/24

Small Business Saturday 11/30/24

Winter Market and Classic Christmas 12/7/24

Knickerbocker Ice Festival 1/31/2025 & 2/1/2025



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# The Mission of Legendary Lake Mills: A Chamber Main Street Organization

The Mission of Legendary Lake Mills is to preserve the heritage and promote development of the downtown area in conjunction with supporting the Lake Mills business community as a whole. By fostering new business growth, providing resources for existing business, and promoting tourism, we strive to make Lake Mills a better place to do business, to work, live and to visit.

# Legendary Lake Mills Planter Program

Have you noticed the lovely planters within our downtown district all year long? The Planter Program is organized by us at Legendary Lake Mills! This program is funded by donations from locals and Lake Mills business owners. Planter maintenance and watering are done by a group of wonderful and hard-working volunteers. Thank you to our current, very hardworking, volunteers Jim Arnold, Hope Oostdik, and Brad Moldenhauer. Thank you also to past volunteers; Carol Burrows, Tina Schuenke, Pearl Schuenke, Jackie Spahn, Joanne Stout, and countless more. These past and present volunteers show a passion for Lake Mills and a commitment to our community. If you are interested in donating to this program, checks

can be made payable to Legendary Lake Mills, and mailed to 200E Water Street, Lake Mills, WI.





# 2023 YEARIN REVIEW



Legendary Lake Mills: A Chamber Main Street Org

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**LM FAST FACTS** 

11 Blocks in DT District

Small Businesses

**72** Food & Bev Establishments

15 Health Establishments

7.7K Summer Season Visitors

Vacant Storefront DT

Retailers

**Employed in DT District** 

10 COMMUNITY EVENTS & FARMERS AND ARTISAN MARKET 15,732 ATTRACTED ATTENDEES

> 2 CLEAN-UP EVENTS 2 NETWORKING EVENTS



VOLUNTEER HOURS **EOUIVALENT TO** A WORTH OF

**OUR GROWING NETWORK:** 

7300+ Facebook Followers 682 Instagram Followers

# **Major Accomplishments**



☐ COMMONS PARK KIOSK WALKING TOUR COMPLETE

FIRST ROUND OF HISTORIC PLAQUES TO PRINT

4 "LOVE, LAKE MILLS" NEWSLETTERS MAILED ☐ SIGNED LEASE ON DIGITAL BILLBOARD

AWARDED 2 FAÇADE GRANTS TO LLM MEMBERS

RAISED ATTRACTED ATTENDEES OF EVENTS BY 3,400

24 NEW LEGENDARY LAKE MILLS MEMBERS

**VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR** 

Terri Benish & Brian Benish

Countryside Jewelry **NEW BUSINESS VENTURE**  NEW MEMBER OF THE YEAR SHINING STAR NON-PROFIT Real Hope Community Church

**53K** Total Unique Visitors **65%** Destination Visitors

Patrick's Arcade Bar

\$41k WORTH OF TRAINING FREE THROUGH WEDC

8 BUSINESSES ASSISTED VIA WI MAIN STREET SERVICES

# \$76,234

Legendary Lane was constructed after being awarded the WEDC Vibrant Spaces Place Makeover Grant. This photo was taken by Joanna Niven of **Joanna** Niven Photography.



TRANSFORMING LAKE MILLS

The vacant Commons Park Kiosk was repurposed into a Historic and Art Installation Walking Tour. This photo of the Fargo Mansion was taken by Eli Wedel of **Pyramid** Event Venue.



The first round of Historic Plaques will soon be installed thanks to our partnership with Countryside Jewelry, the Lake Mills Community Foundation, and the Lake Mills & Aztalan Historic Society.

# **LLM REINVESTMENT STATS 2023**

**Properties Improved** with LLM Grants

**Planned Projects** 

**Annual Events** 

LAKE MILLS FARMERS MARKET

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

TOWN AND COUNTRY DAYS PARADE

LEGENDARY LAKE MILLS CASH RAFFLE

FALL FESTIVAL OF COLOR

**WITCHES NIGHT OUT** 

LAKE MILLS WINE WALK **CLASSIC CHRISTMAS** 

WINTER MARKET

KNICKERBOCKER ICE FESTIVAL

**Community Betterment** 

Leverage Per Public \$

# ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT LAKE MILLS?

**BE A PART OF OUR SUCCESS! EMAIL** RAINA@LEGENDARYLAKEMILLS.COM TO BE ADDED TO OUR VOLUNTEER DATABASE.



# **BECOME A FRIEND OF LEGENDARY LAKE MILLS**

As a non-profit, we rely on raised funds for Community Events, Betterment Projects, and more.

Supporters of our mission can become a donating "Friend of Legendary Lake Mills" by making a one-time or recurring monthly donation through PayPal. Scan the QR code to learn more.



# **RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS**

**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** 

Sigmund's Rental LLC





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SANFT ACCOUNTING & TAX, LLC



MOST RIDERS ARE PICKED UP WITHIN 5-10 MINUTES.

**SERVICE BY TOPEL'S TOWING** 

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Friday, 2/2 KORTH PARK: 6 - 7:30 PM FREE TO PARTICIPATE, Snowshoes available

Saturday, 2/3

**SPONSORED BY** FORT HEALTHCARE, JEFFERSON CO. PARKS 8

PYRAMID: 7-10 PM \$15/PLAYER, LIMIT 6 PLAYERS PER TEAM. PRIZES & BRAGGING RIGHTS TO WINNERS!

> **SPONSORED BY** HOWELL BUILDING **CARE & REPAIR**



**REGISTER FOR YOUR** 

TEE TIME ONLINE:

8:30, 10, 11:30 AM OR 1 PM

\$20/PLAYER, TEAMS OF 4.

PRIZES FOR WINNERS AT

TT'S TIMEOUT AFTER PLAY.

SPONSORED BY

**BANK OF LAKE MILLS** 

DRAWING AT 2:30 PM ON 2/4 AT LEWIS STATION. SPONSORED BY LEWIS STATION WINERY & DISTILLERY

TICKETS ALSO FOR SALE SATURDAY. 2/3. AROUND TOWN!

NOW AT THE FHARMACY PUBLIC HOUSE, LEWIS STATION

**BARTELS BEACH:** PLAY BEGINS AT 9 AM. MAX OF 8 TEAMS; \$20/PLAYER. **REGISTER ONLINE AS** A TEAM OR FREE AGENT!

**SPONSORED BY** SUNSHINE BREWING CO.



ON ROCK LAKE. **ENTER AT BARTELS BEACH** 10 AM TO 2 PM. IF THERE'S LAKE ICE! **GRAB A LOCAL BEER OR GLASS OF WINE!** 

**SPONSORED BY** 

AT HUGE CASH PRIZES! SPONSORED BY **FOREST LANDSCAPING** & CONSTRUCTION

**REGISTER BY 7 AM:** 

**ONLINE ONLY.** 

\$15 ENTRY INCLUDES

DRINK TICKET & CHANCE



FOR YOU TO SEE,

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 67: 11 AM TO 2 PM \$4 PER BOWL, CASH ONLY. **PROCEEDS BENEFIT AREA VETERANS** 

> SPONSORED BY SONS OF THE **AMERICAN LEGION**



**COMMONS PARK:** 11 AM TO 1 PM BRING SKATES OR BOOTS. PRIZES & REFRESHMENTS

**SPONSORED BY** LAKE MILLS OPTIMIST CLUB



LEWIS STATION: 12 - 8 PM

\$25 PER BOTTLE, Get your limited bottle

OF THIS 2024 RELEASE,

CABERNET FRANC ICEWINE!

HONORARY POEM READING & CROWNING OF 2024 onation KNICKERBOCKER ROYALTY TOM BOYCKS & BARRY LUCE

TT'S TIMEOUT: 11 AM

SPONSORED BY AARON GENTHE



STARTS AT THE HUB: 12 PM FREE TO PARTICIPATE. **REGISTER ONLINE! HELMETS REQUIRED**; **UNDER 18 MUST BE** CCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

PICKUP/DROP OFF WITHIN 5 MILES OF CITY OF LAKE MILLS CENTER (BUSINESS OR RESIDENCE)

> SPONSORED BY BADGER CHEVROLET LAKE MILLS VETERINARY CLINIC & TT'S TIMEOUT

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**VETERANS** 

Live music, food & beverage

April 18 - Joey Halbur

May 16 - Nightinjails

July 18 - Kielyn Kapugi

October 17 - Big Al Dorn

June 20 - Tapestry - the "Tap"

September 19 - 2 For the Road

Free concerts for Veterans.

2024

Food & beverage 5:30-8:30PM

Music 6-8PM

August 15 - Take Back The Sun Band

Military Personnel & their Families

The Sunset Hill Farm

N4716 County Road G



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**COMMONS PARK: 1 PM START** FREE TO PLAY! COMPETE IN A SNOWBALL EATING CONTEST. **IDIDERDAD & FISH TOSS. WINNERS BY AGE GROUP** 

**LAKE MILLS REC DEPT** 



FREE TO JOIN. CHILDREN

& DOYLE'S DOGS













