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Summary:

(December 18, 2003)-No need to be alone or bored on New Year's Eve this year. You may even find it an unexpected blessing to get out to some of the community venues for group fun, entertainment, and an exciting evening and still make it home to your cozy chair to watch the clock tick over to the magic hour, TV tuned to Times Square, and then fall safely into your bed without that late night cold drive home.

For the young at heart, those suffering from cabin fever, or folks just tired of back to back football games on TV, there'll be free ice skating at the Lee Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m. For the younger set there's cut-throat excitement with card tournaments at John's Total Entertainment: Yu-Gi-Oh! from 2 to 5 p.m. and Magic-the Gathering from 5 to 10 p.m.

The RFC family-oriented bash begins at 5 p.m. and lasts until the grand finale at 10 p.m. Watch the glitter ball "drop," as the clock strikes midnight. There'll be plenty of noisemakers and party hats to go around and before ringing in the New Year, there's so much to do: carnival games, inflatables, family fun relay races, swimming and karaoke plus concession booths with food and drinks.

Extra special this year will be a "Mad Scientist Party" from 6-7:30 p.m. and a Women of Today - Science Fun Experiment Area from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The UMM Biology Club will supervise a dissecting microscope and a photo op with Q-ball, the Snake. Healthy Communities / Healthy Youth will have activities all evening long, from building bathtub tug boats and bird houses to making sticky notepad holders, frosting cookies and learning magic tricks. The RFC Celebration is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Take \$1 off each if you remember to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Stevens County Food Shelf.

For the more sedately inclined, but none the less celebratory, attend a catered Holiday Dinner at the Morris Senior Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with all the usual New Year's trimmings: party hats, noisemakers, and more. The Rev. Paul Burr will provide the musical entertainment and a sing along after dinner, followed by super fast games of Bingo with prizes and other adult diversions as long as anyone cares to linger. Make your reservations for the \$8 dinner by signing up at the Senior Center or by calling Judy Nord at 589-2951 before noon on Monday, Dec. 29. There will be volunteer drivers for a shuttle service to the Senior Center as well-make your reservation for a ride at the same time as your dinner reservation. For more information call Community Ed at 589-4394 or the RFC at 589-6485.

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