

Club 55 Senior Center

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Reminder: Dr. Tonya Olson, LMASD Administrator will be at Club 55 this Thursday, May 5 at 12:00 to update us on the space needs of the school district of Lake Mills. Come to listen and to ask questions. Bring neighbors and friends.

I am happy that May has arrived even though it seems like an extension of the April weather. Once again, I did not get any May Baskets ready to drop off to neighbors or friends. I make all kinds of plans that I will get it ready and done this year, as it is a one-day chance to creep up on a neighbor or friends' porch and leave a special token of friendship. The first May Basket that I received was after my family moved to Lake Mills. We lived in a large house as you go out on East Lake Street...across from where Aztalan Engineering is now located. Two boys from my 5th grade class rode their bikes out and then tried to hide near the barn across the road so I would not see them, spied them anyway...Doug and Bruce but were too shy to say anything.

Mother's Day is this coming Sunday, May 8. I hope that rather than getting caught up in the commercialization of having to buy something you might take time to see her in person or write a heartfelt letter or note. Those of us who no longer have mothers alive understand how meaningful that becomes. Do it now. I have found that as I age, I become more sentimental about these special days when I visit with my daughter and granddaughters and think about the journey they too are on as mothers.

When I was teaching, I usually taught summer school classes to supplement my income...teachers' salaries are not exactly on the high-income list. I love nature and so offered classes that included taking students outdoors. One summer I named my class 'Let's Explore Nature' and made it available to students that included those entering kindergarten in the Fall. This was a time that many students did not attend nursery school or daycare, so kindergarten was their first experience with school. One of my almost-five-year-old's must have watched a lot of television because at that time there was a commercial for margarine with a

name that included mother nature. All that summer he would come to me and poke my arm to get my attention and then ask, "Mother Nature, are we going outside today?" I guess if it was a nature class, I must be Mother Nature. Memories stick...even after many years.

Go to the Calendar of events for Club 55;
<https://www.lakemills.k12.wi.us/recreation/calendar-of-events-club55.cfm>

We have so many events for you to enjoy that we cannot fit them all in this newsletter. Stop in at Club 55 to pick up a brochure that has the whole month's events listed as well as many interesting articles about our programs. Club 55 is located in the Rock Lake Activity Center (RLAC) located at 229 Fremont Street, formerly the St. Paul's Elementary School. We are open M-Th from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Bia menu for Wednesday, May 11, is Taco Salad with meat, Dessert. Your order must be in by Friday, May 6. Meals are \$12 and are delivered to Club 55 at 2:30 on Wednesday.

Foot Care for May is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, and there are a couple of appointments time slots available. Call 920-728-2176 to get your name on the list. Still \$15, bring your own towel.

Bingo is also being held on May 11, from 1-2:30 in the gym at RLAC. This is a free bingo and proves to be a very fun afternoon for all attending. Bring your friends and neighbors. Bingo for Wednesday, May 25, will be held in Commons Park downtown (weather permitting) from 1-2:30. This has proven to be a favorite for many and often folks from the Farmers Market wander over and ask to play. Everyone loves sharing our very special 'Norman Rockwellville' park.

Come and join us as we hear from Kelly Foster, Speech and Language Pathologist from Fort HealthCare, who will present information about the Parkinson Voice Project on Thursday, May 12th at 1:00 at Club 55. This is open to all that might be interested so help spread the word.

Thanks to those of you that called to have your name added to the euchre cards list for Thursday afternoons. Call 920-728-2176 to add your name to the call list so we are sure to have the right number of players.

We have a great group of sorters and pricing people that have donated their time to get our donated items ready for the city-wide rummage sale...many thanks! The Club 55 rummage sale is this weekend, Friday May 6 and Saturday 7. We will be set up in the RLAC gym from 8-5 each day. We welcome anyone who would like to help out setting up Thursday afternoon/evening, working a shift during the sale, or helping clean up on Saturday afternoon. Call us at 920-728-2176.

Planning Ahead: Linda Heimstreet, High School Choir Director, and the LMASD Show Choir will do a performance for us in the gym at RLAC on Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00. Come and enjoy these energetic high school students. Bring a friend!