

Club 55 Senior Center

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As I realized how close we are to Easter I was thinking of my earliest memories as a child. I am terrible at remembering or connecting years to events unless there is something to connect it to like my age. Even then, as a 'middle child' I went along with whatever was happening in my family and kind of muddled through. A very special memory is shopping on Maxwell Street in Chicago with my parents and siblings. It must have been late 1940's and a time that today's kids could never imagine. We lived on a farm in Racine County and a trip to the grocery store was a big event...especially if my dad went along. So, it makes sense that this trip to Chicago would impress me. What I remember most is that my older sisters and I each got a special fuzzy kind of knee length jacket for Easter...each one in a different color (pink, blue, and white). I honestly do not remember what color mine was, probably because as my sisters outgrew theirs, they were handed down to me, and I ended up wearing each color. We stopped at the cookie factory in Zion on our way home and bought a large box of cookies that must have been seconds. I loved the windmill cookies and was impressed with store-bought cookies as we only had homemade! A very different childhood from today's.

We are looking forward to next Wednesday, April 20 when Caitlin McAleavey, Jefferson County Specialist, will be at Club 55 at 12:30 to explain the recycling process and those items that can be recycled and to answer your questions. Along with that there will also be a Drug Take Back for unused medications. Lake Mills Officer Jessica Johnson will also explain the Vials for Life that are so vital should you have an emergency medical event.

Stay up to date with all events happening at Club 55 by going to the website <https://www.lakemills.k12.wi.us/recreation/calendar-of-events-club55.cfm>

You may also pick up one of the colorful brochures that Jane makes each month with all the events and news in our room at RLAC.

Thanks to those who have donated items to our Club 55 city wide rummage sale being held on May 6 and 7. We are still accepting items as you do your spring

cleaning and can be dropped off at RLAC, 229 Fremont Street, or at the Recreation Department Office, 322 North Main Street. Call 920-728-2176 with questions.

The Bia menu for next week, April 20, is Spaghetti with meat sauce, side salad, bread, Dessert. Your order must be placed by this Friday, April 15. You may place your order online at <https://www.lakemills.k12.wi.us/recreation/bia-meal-program.cfm> or by calling 920-728-2176.

Tuesday at noon on April 12 is the deadline to order the very special Easter Brunch provided by Bia Food Company and Crawfish Junction. You may place your Easter order by email to OrderFoodFromBia@gmail.com Enter your name, phone number, number of dinners, and time you would like to pick up. This full dinner is fully cooked and ready for pickup on Saturday, April 16 with reheat instructions included. Pick up from noon-6 pm at Crawfish Junction, behind the restaurant at the prep kitchen. Look for signs...delivery may be an option. Meal is \$22 plus tax and includes: a cheese and fruit assortment, roast chicken, baked ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, nutty goat salad (spinach, goat cheese, nuts, pepitas, craisins, maple vinaigrette), roasted veggies (carrots, broccoli, cauliflower), Beverly Salad, (lettuce, shaved parmesan, cheese crisps, crispy onions, citrus vinaigrette) and something chocolate for dessert-Watergate Cake. Sounds so delicious with so little time spent in the kitchen!

Took a drive to Pardeeville yesterday with friends to see the HUGE flocks of pelicans and loons that are on the lake and park there. There were dozens of each, co-existing, floating in the water diving for fish. I had never even imagined seeing so many together at one time. There were birders everywhere with long telescopes and cameras capturing their photos. To add to this amazing scene was an adult eagle roaming the sky and swooping in hoping to get a free meal, as well as two juveniles. It was a bucket list event-of-a-lifetime for me. I have watched for loons on Rock Lake for years and felt lucky to hear one or two vocalize. Interestingly, there was no vocalizing yesterday from any species, but the quiet mesmerized us.

Are you ready for Bingo this Wednesday, April 13? Join us in the gym at Rock Lake Activity Center for this free game from 1-2:30. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Have you heard about all of the fun that everyone is having playing pickle ball and really want to learn to play? Now you have two opportunities to join the group at Club 55. Pickleball is held in the gym at RLAC each Monday at 10:00 am, and also every other Wednesday, at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays when there is no bingo. Come to observe or come to play...the choice is yours.

We are still searching for more euchre players for Thursday afternoons at 12:30. It is best if we can collect phone numbers of folks that would like to play so we are sure that there will be enough for a game. We know that things come up so you cannot always commit to being there and it is helpful to have a group text, email, or even a calling list to keep everyone informed. You may call 920-728-2176 to let us know if you are interested.

Brewers Opening Day Home Game /vs/Cardinals is this Thursday, April 14, and as is our Club 55 tradition we will have our complimentary hot dog lunch at noon even though the game does not start until 4. See you at the Senior Center...wear your gear!

All of us at Club 55 Senior Center wish you a very blessed and memorable Easter!