

Club 55 Senior Center

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The city-wide rummage sale is this weekend, Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th. **Please consider volunteering** to help price items that are coming in this week, help set up on Thursday night at 7pm, or help work a shift during the sale on Friday or Saturday. Call **920-728-2176** to sign up. This rummage sale is a fundraiser for Club 55, and we have a matching grant up to \$500 from Catholic Financial Life so we are hoping for good sales! We have had great donations from some very generous folks.

I turned the calendar to May and then realized that we did not get any of the 'April Showers' that we count on. The entire month had slipped by with only a few light showers and not enough to keep the 'May Flowers' happy. I always need to remind myself that weather patterns have changed, and I can no longer assume outcomes.

Now that we are able to resume some small gatherings with those that have also been vaccinated and feel safe doing so, I spent an afternoon visiting with two of my long-time teacher friends. We are always able to pick up our conversations probably because we stay connected by phone during times that we are not able to see each other. I am hoping that by extending our hours at Club 55 we will also be able to enjoy the comfortable visits we had with friends as we return. We have taken for granted the ability to socialize and gather with others.

Our foot care provider, Deb, will be at Club 55 next week Wednesday, May 12, from 9:30-11:30. Make your appointment now by calling 920-728-2176. Bring your own towel, \$15. This is such a great service that Deb provides. You are receiving an essential service provided by an RN.

Join us this Wednesday from 1-2:30, May 5, for bingo in the gym at RLAC. It is nice to see friends gathering and enjoying an afternoon while still being able to socially distance. Our next date for bingo is Wednesday, May 19, when it will be sponsored by Trinity Pines...mark your calendars.

This Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day. We each have our own way of honoring our Mother that is meaningful to us. I always remember overhearing Ken, a fellow teacher, and Ex-Marine that decided to teach when his career in service

ended, say to one of the young male teachers. It was nearing Mothers' Day and the young teacher had not sent a card or decided what he was going to do for his Mom. Ken said that this young man should be thankful that he still had his mom alive to do something special for her and went on to say how much he still misses his own mom and would give anything to be able just to spend the day with her. I hope you are able to do something that makes the day memorable.

Lake Mills welcomes residents and visitors to our streets and parks with flowerbeds that are maintained by volunteers. It provides the 'Norman Rockwellville' look that I always refer to. We have colorful flowers in the summer and decorated downtown planters in the winter. The planters are maintained by Hope Oostdik and her crew. Hope has done so much to help beautify our community and is always willing to not only think of ways to help enhance it but to help do the work to get it done.

As some flowerbed volunteers move or can no longer help, we need new people to step up and offer their help. Volunteers are expected to maintain their assigned flowerbed from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This includes prepping, planting, watering, deadheading or trimming. It is perfect for those of us who may not have our own area to dig in the dirt right now but love to garden. Vicki Wickliffe is the Coordinator of the Flowerbed Volunteer Program. If this is something that you would enjoy doing, please contact her at 920-648-5370 or at vawickli@charter.net.

The menu for Bia Foods for Wednesday, May 12 is Chicken Pot Pie, side salad. Dessert. Meals are \$10.55 (tax included) and are picked up at Club 55 at 2:30 on Wednesdays. Your order each week must be in the Friday before the week that you are ordering for to allow Jason and Beth to plan. So... if you want to try their delicious Chicken Pot Pie your order must be submitted by Friday, May 7th.

We are extending our hours as more people have become vaccinated and are comfortable returning to carefully distanced activities...cards, dominoes, crafts. We continue to have exercise with Diane on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00-10:30 (a free program). Fit Over Fifty with Jess is offered at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays at RLAC (\$3@ class).

