

The Gardens Gazette

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This TOTALITY Rocks!

Residents and staff took in the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, wearing special solar glasses. It was astronomically amazing!



Allium Flower Making

Gardens residents were creative in making allium flowers out of Q-tips, Styrofoam balls, food coloring and wooden sticks. How fun!



Felician Village

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BUS TRIPS

Friday, April 19

9:30 a.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle
Anointing Mass

12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Aldi



Mrs. Roper's Romp
Transportation Available
5:00 p.m.



Tuesday, April 23

11:30 a.m.

Pine River Dairy

Friday, April 26

12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer

*Please sign up in the activity
binder outside the Gardens
offices.*

April Movies

*All movies begin at 1 PM in
the Glab Lounge.*

Saturday, April 13

WORDS AND MUSIC

Saturday, April 20

Tea for Two

Saturday, April 27

The Sea of Grass

St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour

St. Patrick's Day themed happy hour at The Gardens! Cookies & cheese to snack, grasshoppers to sip on and wonderful Irish entertainers, Lee and Lloyd.



RIDDLES



Why are teddy bears
never hungry?



No matter how little
or how much you
use me, you change
me every month.

What am I?

The Beauty of Palms

Garden resident Geraldine Barnes taught the art of braiding palms during Holy Week.



95 Plus Club

The eight members of the 95+ Club met during the last week of March and reminisced about kids, large families and farms.



Lent Donations

During the 40 days of Lent Gardens residents removed items from their home to donate and share with others that can really use them. Donations were taken to St. Vincent de Paul and Repeat Performance weekly.



Let's play "secret resident"

- Flint, MI was home with three brothers and a sister. My parents' farm had milking cows, pigs, geese, and 100's of chickens. We milked, sold eggs and meat, and worked very hard.

- Farm chores before and after school instilled a strong work ethic. Driving the pick-up truck at age 10 sparked my adventurous spirit. Let's say there were days the drive to school took a detour or hitchhiking provided travel opportunities to multiple states prior high school graduation.

- I never enjoyed sitting in a classroom. I preferred physical activity after school. Soccer in grade school; Football (defensive lineman) and basketball in high school.

- My mother raised 100's of chickens. A restaurant call at 2 pm requiring 30 chickens for the evening menu required immediate family action.

- Planted 2,000 apple trees to create an orchard after my parents sold the farm animals. That changed the landscape and my job responsibilities at home.

- Growing up my dad purchased a large picnic table for our kitchen. I can see Mom baking bread, rolls and biscuits and placing them on that table to cool. The table continues to be a family heirloom today and sits in the home of my niece.

- I met my wife when she transferred into my high school during the 11th grade. We raised a daughter and son in Grand Blanc, MI.

- I worked as a teamster truck driver for 30 years, did heavy excavating, and remodeled homes. Winters in Florida, Arizona and travels to Europe plus seeking ancestry in Ireland was fun.

- In July, I will celebrate my 2nd anniversary of moving to the Gardens.

WHO AM I?

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Felician Village's official apparel sale

Your one-stop destination for showcasing the Felician Village brand with style.



**The online store will be open
Monday, April 8, 2024 - Monday, April 22, 2024.**

Details

All orders must be placed online & paid for in full with Felician Village Business Office by **Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Noon.**

- Payment may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card.
- Payments for orders not received by Noon on April 23, 2024, will be cancelled.
- Items should arrive approximately on May 8, 2024.
You will receive confirmation on when and where your order is to be picked up when it arrives. No delivery is available.
- Felician Village will offer complimentary embroidery on all apparel ordered for our inaugural launch.

How to order:

Scan QR code:



OR visit: www.companycasuals.com/fv/start.jsp

We are excited to offer this opportunity for our staff, residents and volunteers!

Questions? Contact Megan Bruckschen, ext. 329 or mbruckschen@felicianvillage.org



Packers Grant

Felician Village is grateful and deeply honored to have been a 2023 Green Bay Packers Foundation grant recipient. On March 20th Renee Thompson, Donor Development Director, and Lauren Daun, Membership Program Supervisor, attended a luncheon at Lambeau Field to honor the grant recipients. The grant will support the Felician Village at Home and Felician Village on the Go programs. Thank you to the Green Bay Packers for supporting community organizations as they make an impact throughout Wisconsin.



Holy Thursday Mass

The beautiful Blessed Angela Chapel was filled with over 45 people for the Holy Thursday Mass.



Mrs. Roper's Romp

Friday, April 19, 2024

5 - 9 p.m.

Inn on Maritime Bay - 101 Maritime Dr., Manitowoc

Open to the public!

Tickets for the "Mrs. Roper's Romp" event are available to purchase:
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,
Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
at Felician Village reception desk
OR online at:

felicianvillage.org/mrs-roper-s-romp.html



Fundraiser to support a pub and patio area at The Gardens.

Mission Message

Christ Is Risen!!
Alleluia!! As we celebrate the Easter Season, we find joy in leaving winter behind and experiencing new life. We are given new

life through the Resurrection of Jesus. We see new life in the plants, trees, and flowers around us. I saw a pair of ducks this morning as I left home. Soon the new life around my home will include ducklings!

St. Francis praised all of creation. He wrote a song, the Canticle of the Creatures, in which he thanked God for all the many aspects of creation: sun, moon, water, fire, earth, fruits, flowers, herbs, and for all the people around him. I picture Francis on the mountainside over Assisi, contemplating the beauty surrounding him. His gratitude for every tiny aspect of what God has brought forth is evident in Francis' words. Among the corporate stands of the Felician Sisters of North America are:

- We affirm that access to clean water is a fundamental human right
- As women of the Gospel, we proclaim the mandate to reverence all human beings
- We will care for our common home
- We endorse alternatives to the death penalty
- We call for the banning of all nuclear testing, the signing and implementation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty
- We denounce the sin of human trafficking and the structural, economic, and social systems that support it

As a Felician ministry, Felician Village also upholds these positions of the Sisters. Each is about the reverence we must hold for God's creation. As you look out your window admiring what you see, as you walk through a garden enjoying beautiful plants and flowers, as you drink clean water, as you care for others, you too are upholding the Franciscan tradition of Blessed Angela and the Sisters.

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In Loving Remembrance

March 2024

Mary Frieder, *The Villa*

Nancy Orzechowski, *St. Mary's*

Herbert Bunke, *The Court & St. Mary's*

Kenneth Vogelanz, *St. Mary's*

Eileen Paul, *The Court*



Did you know...



many insurance companies will pay for older adults to become a YMCA member?

Informational Meeting

**Monday, May 6
2 p.m. - Village Hall**

Bring your insurance card with you. Informational forms to fill out beforehand can be picked up from Tanya.



Gardens Resident Field Trip

Monday, May 13th, 1:15p.m.

Tour the YMCA followed by a short group exercise class.

Group exercise classes at Felician Village

(Exclusive to YMCA members)

Weekly Classes Begins week of May 20th

Tai Chi - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

(Jerry Galas)

Chair Yoga - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

(Stacie Lewin)



Felician Village



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Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Our Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with People in Need
Justice and Peace

President & CEO

Luke Schubert

Director of Marketing

Megan Bruckschen

Marketing Specialist

Kim Christoffel, *Editor*

RIDDLE ANSWERS

1. Because they are always stuffed.

2. A calendar.