

Gardens Gazette

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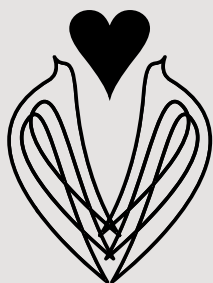
At Felician Village, staying active isn't just about fitness—it's about joy, independence, and connection. Our Trishaw bike rides offer fresh air, a sense of adventure, and the chance to enjoy beautiful scenery. Whether it's a short ride around the neighborhood or a longer excursion to Cedar Crest for an ice cream cone, these experiences help reduce stress, lift spirits, and provide valuable social interaction.

The Gardens recent ride was filled with laughter, sunshine, and support from caring volunteers who helped ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Wellness is a lifelong journey—and we're happy to keep pedaling forward together.



FV at Home Adventures

During June, our Felician Village at Home members were treated to a refreshing day overlooking Lake Michigan while they visited the Manitowoc Yacht Club. A tasty lunch was catered by our very own Felician Village Culinary department and members got to enjoy watching the S.S. Badger Carferry as it come in to dock.



Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

BUS TRIPS

Wednesday, July 16
2:30 p.m.
Vandoske's Creamery

Friday, July 18
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Pick n' Save or
Dollar Tree

Tuesday, July 22
3:30 p.m.
Van der Brohe Arboretum

Friday, July 25
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Aldi

Sign up in the Gardens
Activity Binder for all
bus trips listed.

FV on the Go

Felician Village on the Go offers transportation to Felician Village at Home Members or to Felician Village residents who are ambulatory for a small fee.

Pricing

Pricing reflects rides within the City of Manitowoc/Two Rivers.



\$4.00/one way
Felician Village at
Home Members



\$6.00/one way
Felician Village
Residents who are
Non-Felician
Village at Home Members

Transportation Coordinator
920-684-7171, ext. 351

The Mission Office is seeking Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

With the departure of the Felician Sisters from our campus, we have some extra needs for our worship life. We are seeking volunteers to serve as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

Lector

The lector has the honor to proclaim the Word of God to the congregation at Mass.

The lector should have a good understanding of the scripture passages and then successfully communicate them to the congregation.



Extraordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist

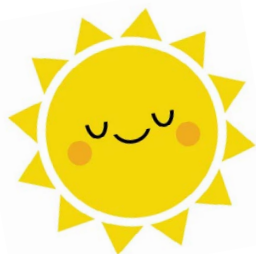
Ordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist are the priests and deacons. Assisting the clergy to distribute Holy Communion during Mass and to our residents in their rooms is the service of Extraordinary ministers. There is no ministry in the Church that holds a greater responsibility or privilege!

If you have already been trained as a Eucharistic Minister, you can begin helping as soon as you are able to. If you have not been trained, then training is offered through the Diocese of Green Bay. If we have enough people, a training could be offered locally by the Office of Divine Worship. If we have a smaller number, then attending the Diocese training events on their calendar will be best.

Volunteers at Felician Village

Any Eucharistic Minister who will serve in the chapel and go into the residential areas of Felician Village will need to sign up as a volunteer through Lauren Daun, ldaun@felicianvillage.org or 920-684-7171 x425.

If you have a calling to use your gifts and talents in this way or have any questions, contact Barb Spies, OFS, in the Mission Office at bspies@felicianvillage.org or 920-684-7171 x317.



Summer Word Scramble



1. AEHBC _____
2. MIIMSWG N _____
3. CEI ERMAC _____
4. RBEEZE _____
5. AKTOOUC _____
6. GNRADENI _____
7. DNOLOEAM _____

Answers on page 6.

NOW

IS OUR MOMENT.



Now is the moment we've been waiting for. With new treatments emerging in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia, now is the time for hope. Now is the time for action.

Help us keep the momentum going in your community at the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®, the world's largest fundraiser to fight the disease.

Register today at act.alz.org/manitowoccounty.

Walk to End Alzheimer's - Manitowoc County

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA, Manitowoc

8:30 a.m. Event Opens | 9:40 a.m. Opening Ceremony
10 a.m. Walk Begins



Scan the QR code to learn more about joining the Felician Village team and raising funds!

2024 Photos





Old books don't have to gather dust—they can become beautiful works of art! Book art is a growing trend in older adult communities, combining creativity, sustainability, and a touch of nostalgia. Gardens residents made a beautiful craft with books donated from the Manitowoc Public Library. For people who have loved books their whole lives, transforming them into something new is a meaningful experience. Whether it's crafting a book page flower or creating a memory book, the possibilities are endless—and every creation tells a story.



Sounds of Summer

Thank you to the Clipper City Chordsmen for a wonderful performance to kick off our 2025 Summer Concert Series. The July concert featured Mystic Moods who put on a polka good time.

Food and beverages by the FV Culinary Department, great music, FV at Home 50/50 raffle and wonderful company!



Upcoming Summer Concerts
Held at The Gardens
1700 S. 18th St. Manitowoc, WI



Wednesday, August 6

6 - 7 p.m.

Elvis

Plus CAR SHOW!



Become a FV Volunteer!
Fill out an application or reach out to Lauren at 920-684-7171 ext. 425



Current volunteer needs:

- Escorting residents in wheelchairs to Mass
- Help in the café with operating the cash register, stocking shelves and maintaining the cleanliness
- Assist with getting residents to and from bingo and helping with the activity



Put on your dancing shoes...

Tap class has officially stepped onto the scene at Felician Village!

Led by our very own Membership & Volunteer Supervisor, Lauren Daun, this new class is bringing rhythm, movement, and a whole lot of fun to our residents! During a class in June, there was an extra special guest instructor Aubrey — a talented member of the Manitowoc Lincoln Dance Team and Kaleidoscope Dance! A heartfelt THANK YOU to Kaleidoscope Dance Studio and Peggy & Jeff Kadow for helping fund the purchase of our tap shoes — your generosity is helping our residents shine, one shuffle at a time!

FREE TAP DANCE CLASS

**1st and 3rd Wednesday
of every month**

11:15 a.m.
30 Minute Class

Classes in the Village Hall

Slide on tap shoes are provided.
Please wear tennis shoes.
Limited shoes available.

**COME TRY IT OUT—
ZERO PRESSURE, ALL FUN!**

Mission Message

When we think of the word legacy we might think of the money or other material objects we plan to pass on to our families after we die. These things are a gift and many people cherish the family heirlooms that have been passed down to them. We might not all

have valuable heirlooms to pass on to our families, but we can all leave a spiritual legacy for our loved ones. A spiritual legacy includes the values, beliefs, passions, life lessons we've learned, and the unique stories of our lives which we can leave behind as a gift for others. A couple of years ago, I led a series of group discussions on leaving a legacy with residents at The Court. We talked about the value of leaving such a legacy and explored a variety of ways to do that.

Greg is a resident of The Villa whom I have gotten to know throughout his time living on our campus. At one point, Greg was struggling with some physical health challenges which were causing him some distress and I asked him if he had ever considered writing the story of his life. As a chaplain, I often engage

people in life review: conversations that encourage reflection on life events and experiences to discover their value, meaning, and purpose. Author, Steve Leder, in his book, *For You When I Am Gone*, says "Telling our stories is a way to share whatever meaning and joy we have found along the way, the depth of our love for others and for life itself. It is a way of saying not only that we the storyteller matter, but even more so the beloved listener." I thought that reflecting and engaging in a practice of life review would help Greg find meaning in his past experiences and help him see how his resilience and strength in dealing with past challenges could help him cope with his current struggles. Little did I know that working with Greg and listening to him reflect on his life would lead to a published book that has now been read and enjoyed by many people on the Felician Village campus! Perhaps the idea of writing a book seems daunting but we can all find a way to pass on our spiritual legacy to others. Here are a few ways you might capture your spiritual legacy.

- Write letters to your loved ones, including what you would like them to remember about you, what you are most proud of accomplishing, and what has been most important to you in your life.
- Write your own obituary. Make it personal by including the events and people who have influenced your life and made it meaningful.
- Host a family gathering and ask each person to give you a question or two ahead of time—something they would like to learn about you. At the gathering, someone could record you answering the questions.

Not all of us will decide to publish our life's story like Greg did, but there is great value in considering how each of us could leave a spiritual legacy for our family and loved ones. The wisdom, values, life lessons, and stories of our lives that we leave for our loved ones are the fragrance of life that will remain long after we are gone.

Written by Chaplain Stephanie Bowman



Resident Greg and Chaplain Stephanie

In Loving Remembrance

June 2025

Emilie Luebke, *St. Mary's & The Court*

George Grinde, *The Villa*

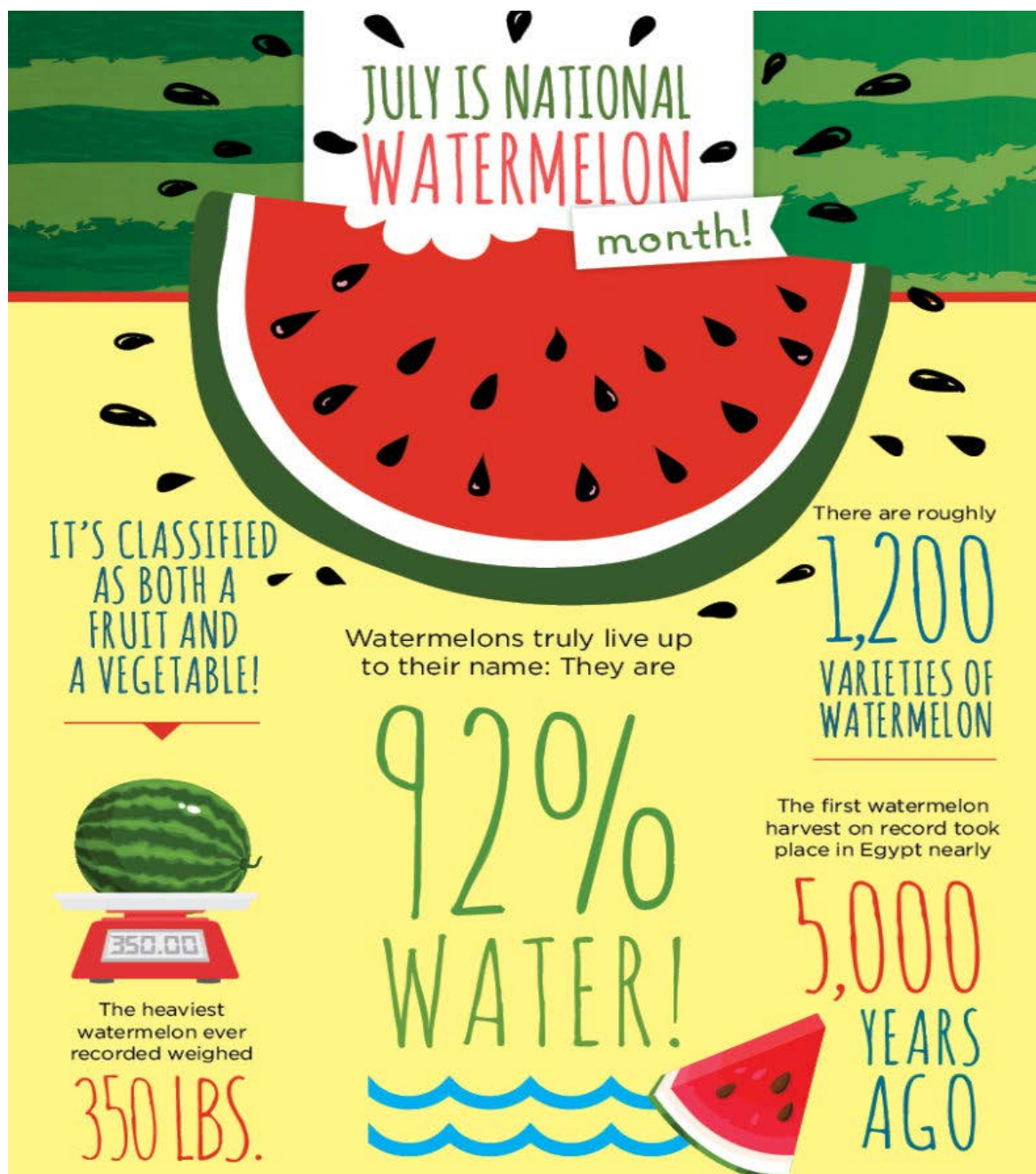
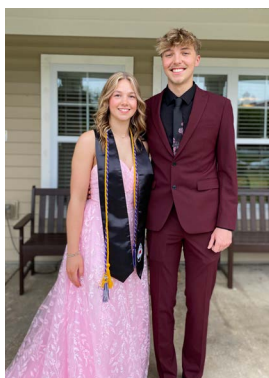
James Goettler, *The Gardens & St. Mary's*

Dorothy Kutz, *The Court & The Villa*



Graduating Seniors Make a Heartwarming Stop Before Graduation

Before walking across the stage at their graduation ceremony at Manitowoc Lincoln High School on Friday, June 13, two of our Felician Village CNAs, Koen and Miya made a special stop to visit with the St. Mary's residents they help to care for. Their smiles, hugs and youthful energy lit up the halls—reminding us that every ending is also a beautiful beginning. Congratulations to all our Felician Village staff members that graduated or celebrated a graduate in 2025!



Summer

Word Scramble ANSWER KEY

1. Beach
2. Swimming
3. Ice Cream
4. Breeze
5. Cookout
6. Gardening
7. Lemonade

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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*