

The Gardens Gazette

September 2026

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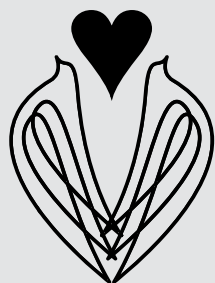
There is an old fable about a father, a son and a donkey. As they traveled from village to village, they encountered people who had something to say about how they were using the donkey. When the father rode, people criticized him for making his son walk. When the son rode, people criticized him for making his father walk. When they both rode, people felt sorry for the donkey. Eventually, the father realized something important: no matter what they did, someone was going to have a different opinion.

With so many wonderful people calling The Gardens home, there will naturally be different opinions, preferences and ideas about how things should be done. What one person loves, another may not care for. What seems like a small change to one resident may be an important decision from a mission, staffing, safety, maintenance or operational perspective. Our responsibility is to listen to those opinions and consider them carefully, but ultimately, our responsibility is to be open to feedback and make decisions based on the best outcome for a majority of those involved.

Felician Village practices discernment framework to support mission-based decision making. Our commitment is to do pre-work, clarify the central questions, analyze the options, reflect, decide, and re-assess. When we make changes, some of the things discussed are outlining the benefits and challenges of each possible options, what biases might be clouding our thoughts, what has been overlooked or needs deeper consideration, and how each option aligns or hinders our Mission and Values. Our staff is committed to continuing the legacy of the Felician Sisters Foundress, Blessed Mary Angela, and want to ensure Felician Village and The Gardens is a place where our residents feel comfortable, connected, included, and proud to call home. Will every decision make everyone happy? My guess is no, but we will continue to do our best and be open to re-assessing as we continue to transform.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and most of all, for being part of our Gardens community.

Without love for our neighbor, the greatest deeds, most highly praised by people, do not bring us any merit. – Blessed Mary Angela



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THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S STARTS WITH YOU.



Walk to End ALZ Saturday, September 26

Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA, 205 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc

8:30 AM Event Opens | 9:40 AM Opening
Ceremony | 10:00 AM Walk Begins

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



UPCOMING BUS TRIPS



Friday, Sept. 18
12:30 p.m. FREE Ride
Hobby Lobby, Family
Dollar & Ollies

Tuesday, Sept. 22
11:30 a.m. FREE!
Piggly Wiggly

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Friday, Sept. 25
12:30 p.m. FREE!
National Shrine of our Lady
of Champion and
Spirituality Center

Saturday, Sept. 26
9:30 a.m. FREE!
Walk to End ALZ

Please sign up in the
activity binder outside
the Gardens office.

Gardens Focus Group

Friday, October 2nd
10-11 a.m.

Residents chosen to participate
will receive an invitation in their
mailboxes. We are doing our best
to ensure a diverse group of par-
ticipants is included. If not chosen
for this event, there will be other
opportunities.

Questions? Call Megan,
920-684-7171, ext. 329.

Sign up in Gardens binder.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER Question:

What kind of bus trips
would residents
like to be offered?

A "Question of the Month" will be posted on the table near the mailboxes.
Simply fill out a slip, and your responses may be featured in next
month's newsletter.

August Question Answers: *This or That?*

Ice Cream 41 or Popsicles 1
Lake Day 28 or Pool Day 12
Concert 28 or Movie 14
Road Trip 34 or StayCation 6

Results reflect the number of questions each participant completed.

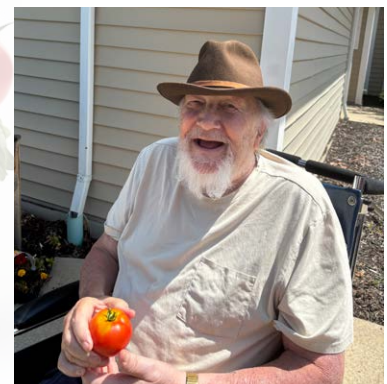
A Friendship That Keeps Growing

Earlier this year, St. Mary's resident Dick, planted tomato seeds in his room, carefully nurturing them as they began to grow. Before he could see the full fruit of his labor, Dick passed away in June.

His tomato plants, however, continued to grow. They were replanted in raised garden beds on the patio, where Dick's friend and fellow resident, Terry made sure they received plenty of water, pruning and, most importantly, a little extra love. "I wanted to make sure they were taken care of, because Dick was my best friend," Terry shared.

As the plants grew and began producing tomatoes, they became more than just a garden. They became a living reminder of Dick, of the time he spent nurturing something from a tiny seed, and of the friendship that continued even after he was gone.

Sometimes, a legacy doesn't have to be something big. Sometimes, it's simply something we plant, something we nurture, or the love we leave behind for someone else to carry forward. This summer, Dick's legacy is still growing and Terry's commitment to his best friend carries on.



Resident meeting

Tuesday, October 20th at
11:15am in Village Hall

In Loving Remembrance August 2026

Carol Steeber, *Villa*

Donald Schanke, *The Gardens*

Leon Milski, *St. Mary's*

Bernice Schramm, *St. Mary's*



September Summer Concert

The Bobby Darren and Sheila Marie Country Show wrapped up our summer concert series with toe-tapping tunes!

Thanks to everyone who made our summer concerts so memorable



Celebrating September Birthday



3 - Rev. Gerald Foley

7 - Jerry Lax

7- Jim Lax

11- Bonnie Bridenhagen

12 - June Gospodarek

13 - Diane Rohrer

20 - Mick Rolland

21 - Phyllis Kreft

25 - Doug Bretl

HAPPY Wedding ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER

7 - Dennis & Rochelle
Salzman

23 - Jerome & Germaine
Krueger

Coming in November

*Coffee with
the CEO!*

*An opportunity to connect directly
with the CEO, ask questions and
share ideas or concerns.*

Watch for info in the
following newsletter and
on the bulletin board.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY!

During your birthday
month, watch for your
special invitation that
will be plugged in your
mailbox. Enjoy cake and
celebration with others
who are also celebrating
their birthday month!



Aloha, Ohana!

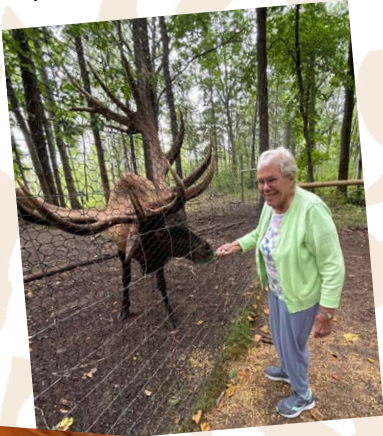
From Elvis and bingo to games, face painting, temporary tattoos, dinner and the ever-popular dunk tank, there was plenty of fun for everyone!

But the very best part? Seeing our Felician Village community come together. The time spent with one another made this a truly special celebration.



Wild About Wildlife!

FV residents hopped on the bus for a fun-filled adventure at Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary! Amazing animals, beautiful scenery and plenty of smiles made for a wild day to remember!



Summer Serenade

Professional violinist Jeffrey Erdman, grandson of a Gardens resident, shared his beautiful musical talents during a summer serenade on the patio.



The pavement project on the south side of campus is just wrapping up. We were able to widen some driveways and add a few parking spots in the Gardens main parking lot and in the South Gardens parking lot. These extra spaces will accommodate the increase in visitors we continue to see.

Coming in fall, maintenance will be scrubbing the floor in the apartment parking garage. This will be a biannual project, getting done once in Fall and again in Spring. Gardens residents will also have the opportunity to have their garage floor cleaned. This will get done once a year, half will be done in Fall and the other half in Spring. Watch for more details to come.

**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

**Halloween Candy &
Trinket Donations**



**TRICK OR TREAT TIME
IS NEAR!**

We are accepting candy or trinket donations for residents to hand out to trick or treaters. We have invited local school aged children to trick or treat throughout our campus. Donations can be given to Lauren or the front desk receptionist. Questions? Call ext. 425 or fvathome@felicianvillage.org. THANK YOU!

**PLEASE HAVE DONATIONS IN BY
OCTOBER 16.**



Ken, Gardens resident, created this beautiful stained-glass panel as a heartfelt tribute to his wife, Alice, who was a resident at St. Mary's for several years.

Knowing how much Alice loved giraffes, Ken chose this special design and generously donated it to St. Mary's, creating a lasting reminder of her.

Meet Me at The Pub!



3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday in September.

Cash bar or residents can use their food accounts to purchase.

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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

Chief Marketing & Strategy Officer
Megan Bruckschen

Executive Office Manager
Kim Christoffel, Editor

Family GAME NIGHT



Thursday
OCTOBER 8TH

4:30 - 8 PM

Prizes

GAMES

50/50 Raffles

Bingo Black Jack Roulette
Horse Races Irish Poker

RESIDENTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS WELCOME

Everyone in attendance receives
\$1,000 play money

Prizes Awarded

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
(Resident food account or cash)

CASH BAR \$3.00 BEVERAGES

Donations Appreciated

Event proceeds will benefit
future Garden resident activities.



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