

The Gardens Gazette

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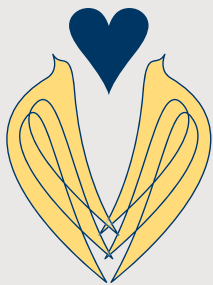
Gardens Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day at The Gardens was held on September 26. Beautiful weather, amazing company and fun times with a game of Jeopardy and live music!



1,308 Candles

1308 candles were needed for the 95+ celebration of these 13 Garden residents. Warm apple pie and ice cream!



Felician Village

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What room will you never find in a ghost's house?

ANSWER ON PAGE 6

BUS TRIPS

Thursday, October 17
12 p.m.
Smiling Moose Color Ride

Friday, October 18
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Aldi

Friday, October 25
12:30 p.m.
Shopping at Piggly Wiggly

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

**“Autumn mornings:
sunshine and crisp
air, birds and
calmness, year’s
end and day’s
beginnings.”**

TERRI GUILLEMETS



**Saturdays at 1 p.m.
in the Glab Lounge.**

Saturday, October 12
The Young Victoria

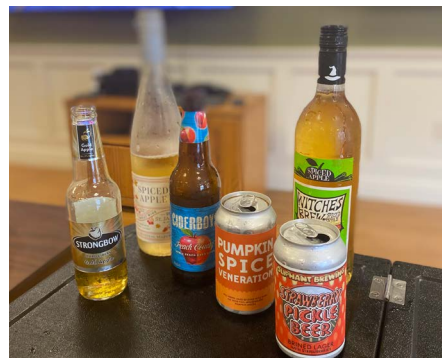
Saturday, October 19
Pillow Talk

Saturday, October 26
Blood Alley

EVERYTHING APPLE

September is the season for apples. FV at Home members, residents, family and volunteers got to sample a variety of wine and cider beverages. A strawberry pickle and a pumpkin spice beer were also provided to change things up!

This was a great event to join together people from all areas of campus. Keep an eye out for more beverage sampling events.



*Our Volunteers are
Simply the Best!*



Volunteer, Warren, spent this warm September morning giving the FV bus a car wash.

Thank you Warren and all our volunteers for ALL you do!



Let’s play “secret resident”

- Grew up in the small town of Armstrong Creek, less than 400 residents in the Northeast corner of WI.
- By age 5 my parents love of music and dance had influenced me. I fondly remember family weddings as a child where cousins, aunts and uncles, and relatives gathered and enjoyed the dance floor.
- I took an interest in baton twirling by middle school. Bravely I walked up to the high school drum majorette to ask her if she could teach me to twirl? Noon hour recesses became my favorite time of day to learn from her.
- I loved my role as cheerleader, homecoming queen and drum majorette for my high school senior year.
- My family was lucky to have a black and white television to watch. Teen Time and American Bandstand were my favorite shows.
- Classmate Ron and I loved to mimic and copy the dance moves. Dick Clark's American Bandstand held an event for dancing couples to compete. The Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay hosted tryouts and elimination rounds. We thought, "Would our parents drive 210 miles to the middle of the state on a school night for us to compete?" Yes! They each took one turn.
- My mom made Bobby socks, saddle shoes and a beautiful handmade poodle skirt. We made it thru elimination round #1 and returned to win first place in the Rock n Roll category! The prize was a trophy and record player that I still treasure today.
- I cried a lot at my high school graduation in 1958. Those years provided the best experiences that I treasure to this day.
- My love of dance continues any chance I get. I got to see Ron at my 50th class reunion. My classmates cheered us on in hopes of seeing some rock n roll on the dance floor. I was game, yet Ron's health did not allow.

WHO AM I?

Answer on page 6.

FELICIAN FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND SURROUNDINGS

Phil Cousineau says, “A pilgrimage is a transformative journey to a sacred center... a pilgrimage is a spiritual exercise, an act of devotion... pilgrimage is a powerful metaphor for any journey with the purpose of finding something that matters deeply to the traveler.” Luke Schubert, CEO of Felician Village, and Barb Spies, OFS, Director of Mission at Felician Village were given the opportunity by Felician Services, Inc., to go on a pilgrimage to Assisi and its surroundings to learn more about the Franciscan Tradition, of which the Felician Sisters of North America are a part of. Luke and Barb, along with two Felician Sisters, a Franciscan Friar, and twenty pilgrims total, represented nine of the Sisters’ ministries, and Felician Services, Inc.,



Luke and Barb in front of the Church of St. Felix in Cantalice

Luke and Barb traveled from Rome to Greccio, Cantalice, Assisi, and Lago Trasimeno. It was a time of learning about the Franciscan heritage of the Sisters, and about St. Felix of Cantalice, for whom the Sisters are named. As we focus on the Mission of Felician Village, to provide compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve, continuing the healing ministry of Jesus, the pilgrimage has helped us to focus our attention on God under the guidance of St. Francis, St. Clare, and St. Felix. Fr. Roch Niemier, OFM, said, “Places have their own power, one that evokes meaning, direction and spirit. When we visit them thoughtfully, we can experience the presence of those who have been there before us; we can sense something of their spirit.” We are so thankful to Felician Services, Inc., and the Felician Sisters of North America for making this pilgrimage possible.



Sr. Jeremy with a man seeking help in front of Immaculate Conception Church.



Luke and Barb in a chapel at St. Peter's in Rome where our pilgrimage group had Mass.



Luke reading during Mass with another pilgrim, Cheryl, at the chapel in Greccio.



A representation of St. Clare and St. Francis sharing a lunch near the Portiuncula church in Assisi.



Barb in St. John Lateran where St. Francis asked Pope Innocent III to allow him to form an Order.



The Basilica of St. Francis

CRAFTING FOR HALLOWEEN AT THE GARDENS



"The pumpkin is a uniquely American plant, widely regarded as one of the most magical plants in all the world."

- Seth Adam Smith, Rip Van Winkle and the Pumpkin Lantern

Felician Village

Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

November 9th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Vendor Booths
- Holiday Inspired Food & Beverages

Felician Village:
Village Hall
1635 S. 21st Street,
Manitowoc

Open to
the public

**FREE
Admission**

10 a.m.
- 12 p.m.

Santa
Face Painting
LIVE Christmas Music

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**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, Membership & Volunteer Supervisor. Questions? Call ext. 425 or fvathome@felicianvillage.org. **THANK YOU!**

President's Column

Recently, I had the opportunity to embark on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, Italy, sponsored by Felician Services. I was joined by other Felician Ministry leaders as we visited many sacred places filled with history, culture, and spirituality. Throughout this pilgrimage, I found myself reflecting on the core values of the Felician Sisters that guide our work at Felician Village.



- **Solidarity with Those in Need:** Along my journey, I encountered people from all walks of life—some making their way with strength and joy, others with great difficulty. I was reminded of the importance of standing with those who are vulnerable, much as we do here in our community. Just as we strive to care for and support one another, this journey reaffirmed for me the significance of walking beside those in need, sharing their burdens, and offering comfort, however small.
- **Compassion:** Compassion was at the heart of every encounter I had during the pilgrimage. At Felician Village, we practice this compassion daily—whether it's through a friendly smile, a listening ear, or the care our team provides. At times it can be easy to get caught up in the challenges of the day, but it is compassion that holds us together and makes us stronger.
- **Transformation:** Pilgrimages are about transformation, centered around personal growth. I found myself reflecting on the fact that our lives are always changing. With each chapter, comes an opportunity for growth, for deeper understanding, and for inner transformation. This resonates deeply with the experiences we share in our senior living facility, where each day offers a chance for new beginnings, learning, and personal reflection.
- **Justice & Peace:** Just as we strive for peace within our ministry by treating each other fairly and with respect, my pilgrimage reminded me that true peace is only possible when justice is present. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that everyone at Felician Village is treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.
- **Respect for Human Dignity:** At the heart of the pilgrimage was an overwhelming respect for the dignity of each person I met. Regardless of their background, their faith, or their personal struggles, each person was treated with respect. This is a value we hold dearly in our ministry, where every resident, staff member, and visitor is treated with respect. It is a reminder that we must always honor the dignity of others in our interactions.

My pilgrimage was a journey not only across the beautiful countryside of Italy but through my heart and spirit. I returned with a renewed sense of gratitude for all that we share here—a ministry guided by the strong core values of the Felician Sisters, making a difference in the lives of all those we serve.

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, President/CEO



October is a special month in the Franciscan world. We have the Feast of St. Francis on October 4. The

Felician Sisters celebrate the Feast of Blessed Mary Angela Truskowska on October 10. At Felician Village we have our Mission and Heritage Week from October 4-10. It's a time for us to focus on our Core Values of Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Transformation, Solidarity with People in Need, and Justice and Peace. We are reminded of the Mission to continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

This year for Mission and Heritage Week we are celebrating in a special way the history of the Felician Sisters of North America, who arrived in Polonia, Wisconsin in 1874. Throughout this year from November 2024 to November 2025 there will be festivities across North America to mark this anniversary. The Sisters have ministries from coast to coast and in Ontario, Canada.

We are so very grateful for the five Sisters who made the long journey from Poland to Wisconsin. We are so very grateful for the many, many Sisters who continued the work of Blessed Angela through these years. And we are especially grateful for those Sisters in our midst today. May God bless them richly and may we carry out their work of serving God's people side by side with them.

Written by *Barb Spies, OFS,*
Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care

In Loving Remembrance *September 2024*

Barbara Winiecki, St. Mary's
Marion Lindholm, St. Mary's
Cecelia Fessler, The Gardens &
St. Mary's



Can Happy Holidays and Dementia Co-exist?

Community Education Workshop

FREE! Open to the public



The holidays are a time for family and celebration but can also be a time for busyness and stress. Now let's add dementia to the picture.

Learn more about how someone with dementia may experience the holidays and how to support them, and learn some tips to keep the holidays joyful for everyone.

Wednesday, November 20 • 11 a.m.

Village Hall at Felician Village, 1635 S. 21st Street, Manitowoc

RSVP's appreciated, but not required: (920) 684-7171, ext. 329 or fvmarketing@felicianvillage.org



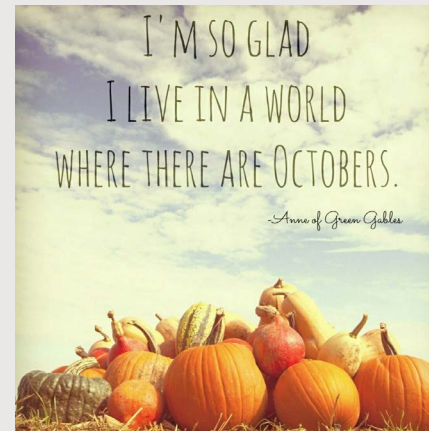
Presented by Audrey E. Linn, MS ADC
Dementia Care Solutions, LLC



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Riddle Answer: LIVING ROOM



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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

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