

# The AL Gazette

The Villa



The Court



## Set Sail For Wheels



Stay tuned as we get closer to purchasing our donor funded ADA van!

### Mission

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

### Vision

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

### Values

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

### President & CEO

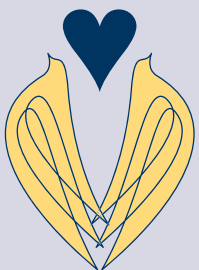
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Thank you to everyone who joined us, supported us, donated, volunteered, and helped make the evening such a success. Because of you, we're one step closer to enhancing the FV transportation opportunities for those we serve. We couldn't have done it without this amazing community. Thank you for helping us set sail toward something meaningful!



## Derby Hat Making

Villa and Court residents had a great time creating Kentucky Derby hats. From bold to classic, each creation showed off their unique style. We think Churchill Downs would be impressed!



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The resident newsletter of The Court and The Villa



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# Timeless Connections

As our Intergenerational Programs come to a close for the year, the special moments and memories continue to grow. This past month, we welcomed first, second, third and fourth graders from St. John's Lutheran Church & School - Newtonburg. The first and second graders spent an afternoon at The court where they were teamed up with residents to play card and board games. It was extra special to see the kids teaching their favorite games!

The day was wrapped up with a little Easter egg hunt because you're never too young or too old for that kind of fun!

Then the third and fourth graders spent a lively morning at The Villa sharing laughs and connection through creative games using cheeseballs, shaving cream, balloons and pool noodles. One resident summed it up beautifully: "I forgot how much I miss being surrounded by the joy of children."



## Mission Message

I have been thinking a lot about "caregiving" recently. I attended a presentation by a woman who serves as a hospice volunteer, and her perspective on caregiving made me aware of how

much we do fits under that umbrella term. We know there are professional caregivers. Of course, when we think of a skilled nursing facility, caregiving is focused on nursing care, but also, importantly, the spiritual and mental care of residents. So, certified nursing assistants, resident assistants, nurses, chaplains, and life enrichment professionals are all caregivers.

The Franciscan tradition is filled with models of caregiving, from St. Francis who cared for the lepers and the poor to the Felician Sisters of today who have created so many ministries of care across North America. I think often of the three women who came from Detroit in 1887 to serve the community in Manitowoc, and how their care became a model for so many other women to serve as sisters in this ministry. And I think of the sisters I know who served here and in so many other ministries with such dedication. I am sure you can name many such sisters.

Would you describe yourself as a caregiver? Those who are raising children and those who are giving assistance to an older relative or neighbor are clearly in this category. And those who volunteer to offer their services for those in need are giving care. The people who make certain that a worship service runs smoothly are giving spiritual care. The teacher who guides students is also offering service to others. The member of the facilities team who ensures that a resident's plumbing works, their furniture is functioning, their space is bright and so many other fixes they offer brings them care.

Jesus offers us the model of caregiving in washing the feet of His followers, in healing the sick, in curing the ills of those around Him, and in assuring us the eternal care by being the way, the truth, and the life for us. May we continue to follow in His footsteps.

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### In Loving Remembrance

April 2026

Carol Koeppel, St. Mary's

Lizzy from the Wisconsin Maritime Museum made waves with a fascinating visit, diving into maritime history and the intriguing world of submarines!

