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THE Community MONITOR



Caregivers' Week June 12th – 18th



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We appreciate everything you do!

Celebrating 250 years

Wednesday, July 1

- Classic Car Show – South Lot
3:00–6:00 PM

Thursday, July 2

- Guest Speaker from the Racine Heritage Museum presenting “Industrial Racine” 2:30 PM

Friday, July 3

- Marching Band – Front Parking Lot
10:30 AM
- Happy Hour Special Performance by Greg Rogalinski 2:30 PM

Saturday, July 4

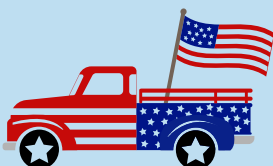
- “Happy Birthday America” – Movie Theater 9:00 AM
- Cookout-Style Lunch – Dining Room
11:30 AM

Father's Day

Please join us on Friday, June 19th, at 2:30 p.m. for a special Father's Day Party. We will have tasty appetizers, special drinks, and everyone is welcome.

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st, we will host “Donuts with Dad” in the upper Café at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Happy Father's Day!



Core Value Award



Shannon Kaplan
Physical Therapy Aide

Compassion: Understanding and having concern for others.

How long have you worked for St. Monica's?

"I have worked at St. Monica's for seven years."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I like going out to dinner, going on vacations, and talking with people. I have a core group of friends, and we often go out to dinner or simply visit each other and relax. Every Sunday, I spend time with my mom, and we play games. I also really love going to the gym. It's a fantastic place to center yourself."

What do you like most about working at St. Monica's?

"The depth of care we have for the people here. We care about our residents just as much as we care about our staff. Working with Kelly in Arise PT has also been phenomenal — I love my job!"

What are some things on your bucket list? *"I would love to travel to Europe. I would also love to go back to Key West. Travel in general excites me — there's really no place I wouldn't visit."*

Community Member of the Month

Jim has always been someone who values family, hard work, and a good story to tell. Some of his favorite memories come from taking family road trips through Ohio, Indiana, and rural Illinois, searching for Amish communities and handmade treasures. The family jokingly calls it "Amish hunting," and those trips became a tradition filled with laughs, good finds, and time together on the road.

Car racing has also been a big part of family life. His son raced cars at places like Road America and other tracks, and he has always loved the excitement and energy that comes with racing.

He's the first to joke that he was a "lousy football and baseball player," but sports have always been important to him. During his time serving in the United States Air Force, he played sports and built lifelong friendships.

Together, he and his wife became deeply involved at St. Edward's School as room parents. He likes to laugh about how his wife always got the well-behaved kids and the comfortable bus trips, while he got the troublemakers and the field trips that required plenty of walking. Still, those adventures with the kids became some of the most rewarding and memorable experiences for both of them.

His career reflects the same strong work ethic and commitment to serving others. He managed a gas station on Douglas Avenue for 17 years, where he became a familiar face in the community.

After that, he spent 25 years serving the people of Racine County as a Deputy Sheriff with the Racine County Sheriff's Office, a role he took great pride in.

Of all the stories he tells, his favorite is still coming home from military service to marry the love of his life. He came home on a Thursday, married her on Saturday, and by Sunday he was already heading off to his next assignment in Michigan. It was a whirlwind weekend, but it marked the beginning of a lifelong partnership filled with family, adventure, and countless memories together.

Today, his greatest joy continues to be his family — his son, daughter-in-law, and even the beloved grand-cat who keeps everyone entertained. Through every stage of life, he has brought humor, dedication, and heart to the people around him.



Jim Stratman

A Toast To Lasting Love

Our Wedding Expo was filled with laughter, love, and treasured memories as community members gathered to celebrate their unique love stories. Community members shared beautiful wedding albums, heartfelt memories, and enjoyed wine together while reflecting on their special days. Of course, no wedding celebration would be complete without a few memorable mishaps! Joy had everyone smiling as she shared how her and her husband's car broke down during their honeymoon adventure.

Several community members also offered touching words of wisdom for a happy and lasting marriage. Pat shared, "Always listen to each other and take the time to truly understand one another. Good communication is one of the most important parts of a strong relationship." Mary added, "Keep him well fed with good home-cooked meals, and he'll always want to stay around. Nothing brings people together like good food made with love."

Erna reflected on her wedding day, saying, "When we went into the church, it was raining heavily outside. By the time we came out, the rain had stopped and the sun was shining brightly. It felt like a beautiful blessing on the day."

The Wedding Expo was truly a joyful celebration of love, laughter, and the lasting bonds that connect us all.



Community Meeting Updates

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the Game Room to share your opinions, ideas, and suggestions.

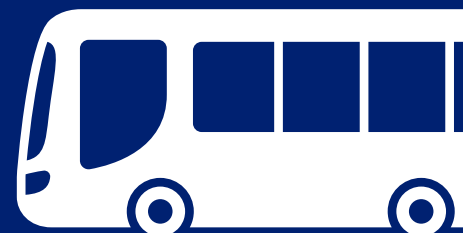
- Golf Outing fundraiser will be September 21, 2026 for Memory Care Enhancement.
- CM/Family Picnic will be August 1, 2026 at noon.
- Scrabble Club is now taking place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Game Room.
- Suggestions on different varieties of apples.
- Would like iced tea served at meals.
- Dry cleaning services offered through Express Cleaners, if you're interested, please call 262-554-6690 & ask for Richard.
- Reminder that movies can be shown upon request at any time in the Movie Theater.

You Asked, *We Did!*

- **Asked for guest speakers**
 - June 11, 2026 at 2:30 pm Hulett Family Presentation (Speaker)
 - July 2, 2026 at 2:30 pm with The Racine Historical Society (Speaker)
- **Asked for committees/meetings**
 - Food Committee meets monthly
 - Activity Planning Committee meets monthly
- **Asked for new outings**
 - We will be taking our second trip to the Cat Cafe' on Wednesday, June 17th at 11:00 am
 - Los Mariachis outing on Friday, June 12th at 11:00 am
- **Asked for more apple and iced tea options**
 - Julie ordered more apple varieties and iced tea will be served at meals

Special outings this month (sign up only)

- Milaeger's: Friday, June 5th at 9:30 am
- Los Mariachis Lunch: Friday, June 12th at 11:00 am
- Target Shopping: Friday, June 19th at 9:30 am
- Lake Geneva Boat Ride: Wednesday, June 24th at 9:00 am
- Dynasty Lunch: Friday, June 26th at 11:00 am



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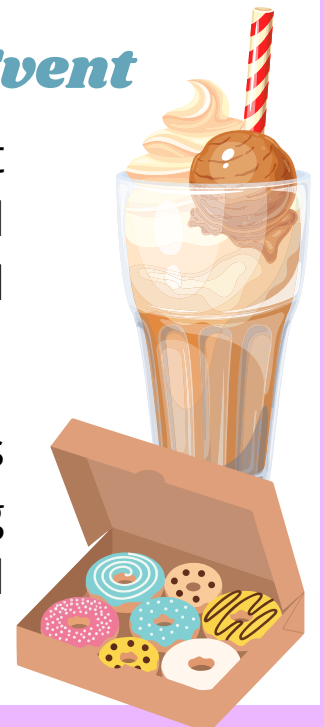
♡ Thank You Caregivers ♡



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Know Your Rights

“Right to not be recorded, filmed or photographed without informed, written consent by the resident or resident's legal representative. The CBRF may take a photograph for identification purposes.”

June Birthdays

- Stacie Reynolds 2nd (S)
- Marilyn LeBlanc 4th (CM)
- Donna Rieser 4th (CM)
- Mirsad Aslani 4th (S)
- Bianca Davis 4th (S)
- Arreal Ramirez 4th (S)
- Rita Jensen 5th (CM)
- Martin Boerger 6th (CM)
- Justice Sharp 6th (S)
- Jacoby Carter 8th (S)
- Judy Dorval 10th (S)
- Beverly Gaut 11th (CM)
- Betty Schneider 11th (CM)
- Heidi Panyk 11th (S)
- Maria Garcia 12th (S)
- Cadreka Smith 12th (S)
- Carol Nelson 13th (CM)
- Arlene Simpson 18th (CM)
- Latasia Burton 21st (S)
- Sr. Nirisha 22nd (S)
- June Matson 26th (CM)
- Marie Ruppert 27th (CM)
- Community Member (CM) Staff (S)

Staff Anniversaries

- Katia Pironkova 22 years
- Anne Bodeau 18 years
- Crystal Reynoso 5 years
- Jack Lichter 4 years
- Susan Watson 3 years
- Erica Boynton 3 years
- Carol Leicht 3 years
- Elizabeth Quiroz-Lockridge 2 years
- Michael Hintz 1 year
- Savannah Pietsch 1 year
- Carol Hegmann 1 year

Summer Word Search



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| Bikini | Kite | Swim | Ice cream |
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| Diving | Shorts | Warm | Swimming |



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