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THE
Community
MONITOR



Community Meeting Updates

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

- Golf Outing fundraiser will be September 21, 2026 for Memory Care Enhancement.
- Would like to go to Olive Garden for lunch.
- Would like to go shopping at TJ Maxx.
- Packers games are shown in the Movie Theater.
- Will schedule Jerry Smith Pumpkin Farm & Apple Holler outings.
- Richard from Express Cleaners is looking to do bi-weekly or monthly dry cleaning services for St. Monica's community members, if there's enough interest. Richard can be contacted at (262) 554-6690.
- If anyone would like to be connected with the Public Library to have books delivered to St. Monica's, please talk to Shannon. Books on tape can also be delivered.
- Would like to go to the Racine Theatre Guild.

You Asked, *We Did!*

- **Asked for Guest Speakers**
 - *Guest speaker will be here on Wednesday, September 16th at 3:00 pm in the Party Room to talk about current Racine Industry updates.*
- **Asked for Different Activities**
 - *Baking Club*
 - *Book Club*
 - *Cribbage Club*
 - *Mexican Train Dominoes*
 - *Scrabble Club*
 - *Walking Club*
- **Asked for New Outings**
 - *Tour of Wingspread was well received*
 - *We will be going to Farm & Fleet on Wednesday, September 2nd*
 - *We will be going to Walmart on Friday, September, 4th*
 - *We will be going to the Racine Theatre Guild on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30 pm*
 - *We will be going to TJ Maxx on Friday, September 18th*
 - *We will be going to Olive Garden on Friday, September 25th*
- **Asked to Host the Art Fair Again This Year**
 - *The "Gala of Achievements" will be taking place in November. Start thinking about what you'd like to share with our community! Whether you're an artist, you knit, crochet, quilt, do wood working, make jewelry, etc. please consider sharing your talents. Also, if you have a collection that you'd like to share, we'd love to see it.*

A Lucky Game of Cribbage!

Cribbage Club News!

Louella dealt 3 (5's) and a Queen in cribbage! A 5 was turned up giving her a 28 hand, which is very rare. Only a 29 hand is higher.

This group meets weekly. If you would like to join them, please see Howard W.

Written by: Howard Wirtz



Core Value Award



Austyn McCarthy
AL Caregiver

Compassion - Understanding and having concern for others

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

"I have been at St. Monica's for a year now."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"I enjoy camping and playing games with my friends."

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

"My favorite thing about working at St. Monica's are the community members that I get to work with. They're very kind and are great company to connect with."

What are some things on your bucket list?

"For my bucket list I really want to travel the world and learn more about different cultures. Some specific places are Ireland, Scotland, Japan, and Puerto Rico."

Community Member of the Month

Ethel is the proud mother of four children—three boys and one girl—who have always been the center of her life. One of her greatest joys has been raising her family alongside her wonderful husband, and she treasures the many happy memories they created together.

Professionally, Ethel dedicated 10 years to Johnson International, where she worked in Sam Johnson's office. She also enjoyed a successful career as a sales associate at JCPenney, where she loved meeting and helping people.

An avid golfer, Ethel was a proud member of Meadowbrook Country Club and spent many enjoyable days on the course with friends. She is also a devoted member of St. Edward's Church and was actively involved in the Catholic Junior League, where she found great fulfillment serving and supporting members of her community.

When she's not spending time with family and friends, Ethel enjoys taking long walks, playing cards, and sharing laughter over games of poker and gin rummy. Travel has always been one of Ethel's greatest passions. Alongside her husband, she made it a tradition to explore a new destination every year. Among her favorite adventures were visits to France, Hawaii, and Africa. -

– Ever since, giraffes have held a special place as her favorite animal.

Ethel's life is a beautiful reflection of faith, family, friendship, service, and adventure. She continues to cherish the people she loves, the memories she's made, and the experiences that have shaped her remarkable journey.



Ethel Fergus
"Bunny"

St. Monica's Week: September 14th – 18th

MONDAY, 14TH



MAGICAL MONDAY

Wear Your Disney attire! "Snow White" showing at 2:00 pm in the Movie Theater with caramel apples & special toppings - Pick up your staff award slips at the front desk.

TUESDAY, 15TH



TIE-DYE & TRIVIA TUESDAY

Wear your tie-dye attire & pick up your trivia questions at the front desk at 10:00 am. Staff & community members - the first 3 people that turn in correct answers get a prize!

WEDNESDAY, 16TH



WILD WEST WEDNESDAY

Wear your western or favorite flannel attire. Join us for a Wild West shooting game at 10:30 am and get your Cowboy Coffee! Also at 3:00 pm in the Party Room, a special guest speaker will be here talking about "Recent Developments in Racine."

THURSDAY, 17TH



TEAM APPAREL THURSDAY

Wear your favorite team attire & jeans day! Join us at 2:30 pm in the Game Room for sports trivia and a hotdog!

FRIDAY, 18TH



FANTASTIC FRIDAY

Culver's will be serving dishes of custard for us in the Party Room at 2:00 pm.

Family Picnic 2026



Calling all Fall Recipes!

As Fall approaches, we're asking all of our Fall fanatics to share their favorite Fall-themed recipes with us! Pies, cookies, breads, casseroles — all varieties are welcome! Whether it's a family favorite, a cozy comfort food, or a recipe that simply tastes like Fall, we'd love to see it. Please share your recipe with Shannon. Let's celebrate the season with some delicious Fall favorites!



OAK LANE NEWSLETTER



August - End of Summer Fun



Welcome in Fall with Carolyn's Texas Sheet Cake

Ingredients

Cake:

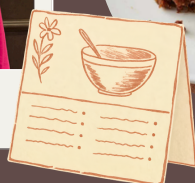
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup water
- 5 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder

Icing:

- 6 tablespoons milk
- 5 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup butter
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (Optional)

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour a 10x15-inch jelly roll pan.
- To make the cake: Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt in a mixing bowl. Beat in sour cream and eggs.
- Melt butter in a saucepan over low heat. Stir in water and cocoa powder. Bring mixture to a boil then remove from the heat.
- Allow to cool slightly, then stir cocoa mixture into the flour and egg mixture until blended. Pour batter into the prepared pan.
- Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 20 minutes. While the cake is baking, make icing: Combine milk, cocoa powder, and butter in a large saucepan over medium heat.
- Bring to a boil, then remove from heat. Stir in confectioners' sugar and vanilla, then fold in walnuts, mixing until blended.
- Spread icing over warm cake.
- Serve and enjoy!



Know Your Rights

Right to not be required by the CBRF to perform labor that is of any financial benefit to the CBRF. The CBRF may require personal housekeeping of the resident without compensation if it is for therapeutic purposes and is part of, and clearly identified in the resident's individual service plan.

September Birthdays



Rondaija Perry 2nd (S)
Sally Cooke 3rd (CM)
Julie Pasteur 3rd (CM)
Jolene Koker 3rd (S)
Geraldine Baumbblatt 4th (CM)
Loretta Parise 8th (CM)
Jodi Akins 9th (S)
Kiyoa Berryman 9th (S)
Darlene Billups 9th (S)
Steven Andrasic 10th (S)
Sandra Meier 12th (S)
Nancy Scharding 15th (CM)
Carolyn Johnson 20th (CM)
Sandra Gronos 21st (CM)
Howard Wirtz 24th (CM)
Dana Hall 25th (S)
Elanda Kidd 25th (S)
John Duchac 29th (CM)
Nancy Larsen 29th (CM)
Belinda Robinson 29th (S)
James Jankowski 30th (CM)
Community Member (CM) Staff (S)



Staff Anniversaries



Virginia Dziedzic 8 years
Charisse English 7 years
Valeria Hines 6 years
Julia Reynoso 6 years
Judy Dorval 4 years
Sehnia Gray 3 years
Frances Hastings 3 years
Arreal Ramirez 2 years

FALL WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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TURKEY	HARVEST	COLORFUL	HAYRIDE	SCARECROW
THANKSGIVING	NOVEMBER	HALLOWEEN	GOURDS	AUTUMN
ACORNS	PUMPKINS	APPLES	SCENERY	FALL FOLIAGE
NIPPY	FROST	COOL NIGHTS	JACKETS	SWEATERS
BOOTS	TREES	LEAVES	BROWNS	FALL



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