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News & Views

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**DIVINE PROVIDENCE
COMMUNITY HOME**

Enriching lives through Quality Services and Christian Care

A note from the Administrator - Jayna

A few months ago, I shared details about our application for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) to fund a major building upgrade that will protect patient health and safety. As you may recall, this project includes crucial improvements to our HVAC system, a replacement generator, new windows, and foundation repairs. At that time, I promised to keep you updated as the application moved forward, and I have some exciting news to share.

A few weeks ago, we heard from U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith that our project was officially submitted to the Senate Appropriations Committee for funding consideration. While submission to the Committee does not guarantee that funding will be awarded, it is a major milestone that means we are advancing to the next stage of the process.

Building on that momentum, U.S. Congressman Brad Finstad visited Divine Providence and Lake Villa Maria this week to see firsthand the high-quality care we provide and to learn more about our regional impact. Before the tour, we sat down with the team involved in writing the grant to discuss the history of our facilities, our current operational needs, and the broader needs of the community. During the tour, we were able to showcase the building, point out the specific areas included in the upgrade project, and introduce him to the residents and tenants who will benefit from these improvements now and in the future.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Senators Klobuchar and Smith, as well as Congressman Finstad, for their support and shared commitment to keeping our rural healthcare infrastructure strong and up to date.

As the weather warms up, everyone here is truly enjoying the beautiful summer days. Whether it's sitting outside in the fresh air, riding the trishaw, or just taking in the sunshine, there is a wonderful energy around our home right now. Now that school is out for the summer, we are also seeing the incredible benefit of having extra student hands on deck. They have been doing a fantastic job keeping our grounds immaculate, tackling extra spring cleaning, leading activities for our residents, and picking up shifts to help cover summer vacations. We are so blessed to live in a community that raises such hardworking, dependable, and capable young people.



U.S. Congressman Brad Finstad visits with staff and residents while touring Divine Providence. Joining Brad was Brown County commissioner- Brian Braun, representatives from Region Nine Development Commission, and Sleepy Eye Mayor JoAnn Schmidt.



Fr. Larry, Sr. Sharon, Brad



Dennis, Brad, Brad



Join us at Divine Providence's

Red White & Blue Parade!

Friday, June 26
10:30 a.m.

Decorate your wagon, stroller or bike, drive your battery operated car, or stroll down Divine Providence's North Courtyard past the Divine Providence Grandfriends!

Prizes will be awarded by us, the Miss Sleepy Eye Royalty!

Contact ShellyRae for details at 507-227-8978.

Parade participants meet in the safety and space of Divine Providence's North parking lot at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you

- Thank you Barb's Bright & Busy Daycare for the Buzzing Bulletin Board
- Rita Pyan for the multiple rhubarb batches delivered & treats
- Mrs. Braulick's art class visit
- Mrs. Simon's SMS Choir visit
- Reese Hoffman's graduation flower delivery
- Americana Bank's Mother's Day flower donation
- **Memorials received in memory of Louise Forster**
 - Jim & Mary Sommerfeld
- **Memorials received in memory of Sally Helget**
 - Mary Lou Mathiowetz

Employee Spotlight

Kiara Murphy

Bedmaker



**Kiara is currently representing Miss Sleepy Eye as one of the 2026 princesses! She was crowned at the coronation in April and was sponsored by Divine Providence. Watch for her at the parades and numerous town events this year!

How long have you worked here? **4 Years**

What does your job entail? **Bedmaking, passing waters, towels, and attend to residents' rooms and laundry**

What inspired you to work in a nursing home? **Getting to work with my best friend as well as the opportunity to help others**

What is your favorite part of the day at Divine Providence? **Seeing the residents smile**

What's your favorite memory while working at Divine Providence? **Playing bingo with the residents**

About your family: **My parents are Craig and Amanda and I have six younger siblings- William, Max, Maya, Oliver, Ivy and Eve**

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know: **I can sing a ten minute Taylor Swift song!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RESIDENTS

Brad Helget 6/12
Lorie Tauer 6/19
Dorothy Lax 6/21
Betty Rausch 6/22
George Meyer 6/26

EMPLOYEES

Gina McKeown 6/1
Sherri Sellner 6/5
McKenzie Metzler 6/5
Santiago Martinez Paredes 6/7
Laurie Ring 6/7
Sarah Reinarts 6/9
Kristy Suess 6/9
Alyssa Shaw 6/14
Laura Navarrete 6/16
Jennifer Haney 6/19
Rocio Gonzalez 6/22
Melissa Engelhart 6/27
Emmie Turner 6/30
Maddy Goldschmidt 6/30
Elizabeth Molin 6/30

JUNE



Athlete of the month

Diane Maurer



Our athlete of the month is Diane Mauer. Over the past couple of months Diane had not been feeling well, but don't let that fool you! Since Diane came to us for therapy, she kept a positive outlook and constantly pushed herself to become stronger. She improved her overall balance, strength, and endurance, allowing her to discharge from therapy at her prior level of functioning. It was such a great honor to work with Diane and see her succeed each week. Great work Diane!



Ashley Remus, OTR/L, CLT

Therapy News

May is Speech Therapy month. Speech therapy is the assessment and treatment of communication problems and speech disorders. Speech therapists assist with not only communication skills, but they also focus on cognition and swallowing disorders through specialized techniques. We are so grateful to our Speech Therapists for all they do for our patients!

in loving memory

Divine Providence & Lake Villa Maria extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Shirley Netsch.



Shirley Netsch

Due to her mother's passing at the age of 5, Shirley and her 3 siblings were placed into foster care. She spent her childhood with her foster parents on a farm in Sherman, SD. She attended country school and later graduated from Jasper High School in 1949. After high school, she moved to the Mountain Lake area where she met her first husband George Hansen. They raised 3 children together in Darfur. At age 50, she attended nursing school in New Ulm and became an LPN for Mountain Lake Hospital for 10 years. Shirley's husband George passed away in 2004 and she later married Clifford Netsch. They enjoyed 10 years of marriage before he passed away in 2018.



Georgie



Gloria



Verna

MAY CROWNING



Mary



Marjorie



JoAnn

OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

The letter for the annual appeal was sent out last month. If you didn't receive one and would like to donate, please give us a call. Due to the significance of the window project, we are continuing to raise funds for this project and we also hope to purchase a used wheelchair van. We are incredibly grateful for all the generous donors that are helping us maintain our building, grounds, and purchasing necessary items to enhance the lives of our residents!

Please consider our following needs:

- Used Wheelchair Van \$50,000.00
- Balance of Window Replacement & Shades \$150,000.00

Please consider Divine Providence Community Home with a bequest gift in your Will or Estate Plan, a Life Insurance Policy, or an IRA Rollover. It is an opportunity to strengthen the legacy of caring for those who are most vulnerable, and keeping them safe.

Shop for Cards, Gifts, and Quilts at DPCH!

Visit the Auxiliary gift shop filled with religious gifts, handmade quilts, pot holders, embroidered dish towels, baby gifts and more! Cards are available for \$1.00 in the main lobby for any occasion.

A complete listing of quilts available with sizes and pricing is available on the website under the "Quilts for Sale" tab at: divineprovidencehome.org
 *Reminder the Auxiliary quilt raffle will be taking place June 25th. They will be raffling off the "Over & Under #2" quilt. You can still purchase tickets at the business office for \$2.00 per ticket or contact an Auxiliary member.

Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary which supports Divine Providence.

DIRECTORY

Facilities Director.....	Sr. Sharon Williams
Administrator.....	Jayna Groebner
Director of Nurses.....	Michelle Augustin, RN
Social Services.....	Shirley Hornick, LPN
Activity Director.....	ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
Business Manager.....	Sheena Hoffmann
Dietary Manager.....	Sharon Liese
Environmental Services.....	Randy Renner
Health Information Manager/HIPAA.....	Alexa Crim
Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager.....	Gina McKeown

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Nursing Home Week 2026

MOMENTS IN BLOOM



Special events for the week centered around the theme "Moments in Bloom". Some of the events included digging in the dirt planting flowers, listening to the Concord Singers, and playing special games. Staff members also had fun with the special dress up days.



Bev



Winning the best costume... Sheila Sellner! She had the honor of dressing as a Sister for a day!



Carol



Diane, Ashley



Little Bo Peep found her sheep!



Sue, Brad & JoAnn



Family of Phyllis Lux-Schouvieller held a delicious pizza party for the tenants of Lake Villa and reminisced the wonderful memories of Phyllis while she lived at Lake Villa.



Thank you to Linda Tauer from Leading Choice Home Helpers and her crew for planting flowers in our Lake Villa entrance! As the season progresses, this planter is always full of colorful petunia blossoms!



These beautiful crucifixes were handmade and donated by Bruce Meier. Stop in for a visit and take a look! We appreciate this wonderful donation!

A note from the Facility Director - Sr. Sharon

SPRINGING INTO SUMMER

We see it everywhere – spring has come – and with it new life! As May merges into June we see the birth of new calves, lambs, chicks, ducks, geese everywhere, flowers and crops popping up out of the tilled soil. God's renewal of life in us and through us in His Providential goodness.

The Easter season has concluded but not all the graces and blessings that have accompanied it. Christ's Resurrection leads us immediately into the spiritual celebrations of Corpus Christi, His Precious Body and Blood, His Sacred Heart, so pierced for love of us, and the Heart of His Mother Mary, who was given to us as our Mother also from the Cross. Here we find once again renewed life in His Spirit as at Pentecost and the joy and assurance that "I will be with you always, even until the end of time."

Let us take a moment to contemplate all of these gifts, spiritual and material, especially that of our own life! As Father's day also approaches let us give praise to God our Heavenly Father who gave us each a earthly father. Let us remember them, both living and deceased for the many gifts and talents they shared with us to make us who we are today.

Father we praise you for all created life, for His Son Jesus, who redeemed us for Spiritual life, and our own fathers who gave us natural life.

Our Annual Appeal is off to a great start and I am so grateful for your enthusiastic response. We have currently received \$36,442.70 in this very short time. This will greatly help us with the ever-increasing level of resident needs for their care. They and we are thrilled with the response and your continued generosity. Our Founder, St Louis Guanella always said "If you give people an opportunity to do good, they will!" We know he was so right.