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**DIVINE PROVIDENCE
COMMUNITY HOME**

Enriching lives through Quality Services and Christian Care

A note from the Administrator - Jayna

Everyone has been soaking up the wonderful Minnesota summer weather and getting outside for the fresh air, sunshine, outside courtyard games, and just relaxing that we miss out on during the long winter months! Our summer calendar has been packed with local favorites, including our Red, White & Blue Parade, scenic van rides, pontoon excursions on Sleepy Eye Lake, refreshing Trishaw rides, lakeside strolls, and out-to-eat adventures at favorite local restaurants, alongside sweet treats at Dairy Queen, coffee dates at The Pix, and book reading at the library.

While our outings have been a blast, we hit a bit of a bump in the road this season when both our 2006 Ford lift bus and our 2006 Chrysler lift van became unreliable regarding their wheelchair lifts. While it is always fun to go out, nobody wants to wait around when it is time to head back home! For safety and convenience, we parked both vehicles and began planning for an upgrade. Fortunately, we did not have to stay home thanks to the Brown County Heartland Bus service coming to the rescue. Their reliable partnership kept our activities running smoothly all summer long, and while we are forever grateful for their help, we knew we needed a permanent solution.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community during the 2026 Annual Appeal, we are consolidating our older vehicles into a single, modern, and highly reliable transportation option. Our Chrysler van has already been sold, and our 2006 Ford E-350 lift bus is currently listed for sale at Chuck Spaeth Ford for anyone who might be interested. In their place, we have officially ordered a brand-new 2025 Ford rear-entry van equipped with a sturdy 1,000 lb. capacity lift. This fantastic new vehicle offers flexible seating for six to eight passengers, including the driver, or up to two wheelchairs and four seated passengers. With an estimated cost of \$100,000, we are eagerly anticipating delivery this coming October.

Thank you to all of our families, friends, and supporters for making these improvements possible and keeping our Grandfriends rolling in comfort and safety!



Athlete of the month *Irene Lux*

Irene Lux is our athlete of the month for her participation in therapy. She is always willing to try difficult tasks and continues to progress throughout her therapy sessions. Irene always has a smile on her face and never gives up. Keep working hard, Irene!



**For any family members interested, we are offering a family council- please contact Shirley Hornick for more information
507-794-3011 or shornick@dpch.net**

Auxiliary News



Save the Date

The annual Fall Bazaar is quickly approaching! Please mark your calendars for **November 1st** to attend our bazaar which includes the famous Roast Beef Dinner, Country Store & Baked Goods, Raffle and much more. More details to come!



Our featured quilt of the month is called "Neighborhood". This is the biggest quilt we have made! The size is 118" x 96" and it features charming blue and pink florals on the border, pastel colored blocks, and is separated with white sashing in-between. The backing is pink and white. This quilt is long-armed stitched

with an intricate collage of butterflies, adding a whimsical and textured layer to the top. It's currently on display in the hallway at Divine and available for purchase. Come check it out!

thank you

- Thank you to everyone that has donated fresh produce this month!

Memorials received in memory of Bernice Goldschmidt

- Tracy Meyer
- Donald & Beverly Mickelson

Memorials received in memory of Caroline Welsch

- Richard & Karen Brandl

Memorials received in memory of Nicholas Lux

- Cliff & Bernette Schumacher
- Ed & Shirley Hornick
- Collette Irlbeck

in loving memory

Divine Providence & Lake Villa Maria extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of two residents



Bernice Goldschmidt

Bernice married the love of her life, Marvin, on September 11, 1950, and together they built a wonderful life, raising a family of five children. Her hobbies included painting, woodcrafts, knitting, painting dishtowels, and crossword puzzles. Her passions included cheering on the Minnesota Twins and she cherished her cats. Most of all, her greatest treasure in life was her family- especially family gatherings and watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in sports.



Nicholas Lux

Nick lived a life rooted in hard work, dedication, and family. Above all, Nick was a devoted husband in which he shared nearly 64 years of marriage with Irene and together they raised two children.

Nick spent his early married years farming in Sleepy Eye and then transitioned to working full-time at the Farmers Elevator Company. After he retired, he worked part-time driving truck. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting events and theater performances.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RESIDENTS

Ronda Rolstad 8/5
Agnes Zwaschka 8/13
Etien Laleman 8/17
Susan Forster 8/23

EMPLOYEES

Mya Hornick 8/6
Shelly Augustin 8/10
Jenni Zender 8/11
Morgan Jacobson 8/11
Edmee Paredes 8/12
Josie Helget 8/14
Lilah Hein 8/22
Abby Schwartz 8/23
Shelly Rae Zinniel 8/29

August

Employee Spotlight McKenzie Metzler Activities



How long have you worked here? **5 Years**

What does your job entail? **My job entails providing, planning, and leading social events to keep grandfriends active, happy, and connected.**

What inspired you to work in a nursing home? **I have always wanted to help people in some way. Now I get to help people by enjoying activities with the grandfriends.**

What is your favorite part of the day at Divine Providence? **Seeing the smiles we put on the grandfriends' faces.**

What's your favorite memory while working at Divine Providence?

One of my favorite memories was the outing to DQ for lunch and the water day.

About your family: **I have 1 daughter, 1 stepson, and a fiancé. We have 2 dogs, 1 cat, 7 chickens, and a duck.**

A fun fact about yourself most people don't know: **I love camping with my family.**

The Sunshine Squad had a busy day at the car wash, scrubbing wheels and making sure everyone's 'car' was squeaky clean!



OUR NEEDS AT DIVINE PROVIDENCE

As of July 31st, we have received \$128,083 for our 2026 Annual Appeal. Due to the significance of the window project, we are continuing to raise funds for this project and we also have ordered the wheelchair van scheduled to come in October. 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:

Wheelchair Van	\$100,000.00
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

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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Bill, Patty, Carol

Grandfriends have been hard at work enjoying the fresh produce of the season! They have been busy cutting peaches, stemming cherries, husking corn, making fresh squeezed lemonade and indulging in fresh watermelon along with fun themed games. A pool party with homemade swimsuits topped it all off!



Watermelon Roll

Carol, Vinny



Pat, Verna, Justine, Betty



Marjorie, Ronda, Verna



Mya, Irene



Ruth



Two cherries on one stem

ShellyRae, Adeline



Pat



Irene



Grace, Katie



Rose



Gloria



DELMAR: Pool Party LEGEND



Chief Swimwear designer Georgie in the making



Joe



Sweet Summer SIPS by the POOL

Millie, Bev



How High Can You Go? Lemon Cookie Tower Challenge!

Betty, Ruby, Grace



Kathy, Gladys with family, Verna

SUMMER days



Girls day for lunch at DQ



Bill prepping cucumbers for refrigerator pickles



Grace reeling in the big one on Sleepy Eye Lake



Gloria listening to storytime at the Dyckman Library



Myra enjoying some fun summer crafts



Marjorie & Verna trimming green beans for a tasty lunch

A note from the Facility Director - Sr. Sharon

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

As I was traveling of late between South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois, I felt a sudden surge of nostalgia. I grew up in a big city, Detroit, the Motor City, to be exact, from where I get a fun love of cars but also a great love of the country life. We lived only a few hours away from my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins in northern Ohio on farms. There I learned many things! How to sit on my grandpa's lap and drive a tractor, ride into town on a wagon full of corn, gather eggs, ride a cow in from the pasture at my uncle's dairy farm, see lots of newborn baby pigs, climb up into the haymow and search for baby kittens and all such fun activities that so many people miss out on.

As I drove the expressways and through the countrysides I remembered going frequently to Ohio to be with family. Then as now, fields are growing tall with corn and the beans are looking terrific. Young animals of many kinds frolicking in the pastures making a person smile at their antics.

Yes, I did keep my eyes mostly on the road but had to relish God's ongoing creative beauty that was surrounding me. What was, continues to be, and in the trust of God's Almighty Providence will continue to be in the future for years to come.

So too is our faith; what was is our foundation, what is presently is our strength, and what will be is our eternal joy with our Creator and Redeemer.

