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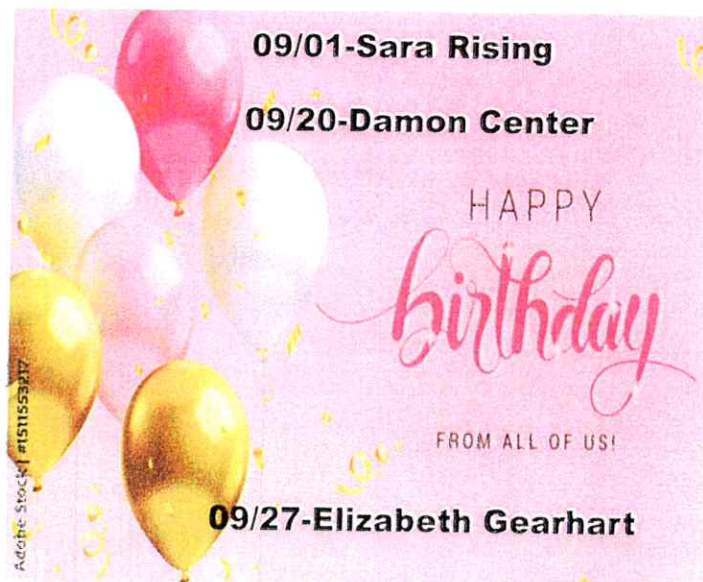
**Maria Center**  
*Independent Living*

## **"MONTHLY MUSINGS"**



*0 Maria Center Misson: Maria Center, Inc. provides aging in place senior independent living in a faith-based environment where residents form community with each other, Sisters, and co-workers where all are valued and respected.*

**Dear Maria Center Residents:**  
**Welcome to our first Maria Center Monthly Musings Newsletter...truly a work in progress. We will be publishing this monthly newsletter to contain entertainment, information & thought-provoking information. Feel free to make content suggestions or content contributions. Please pass your suggestions on to Tiffany, Christine or Rhonda. Happy Reading!**



### **NEW APARTMENT**

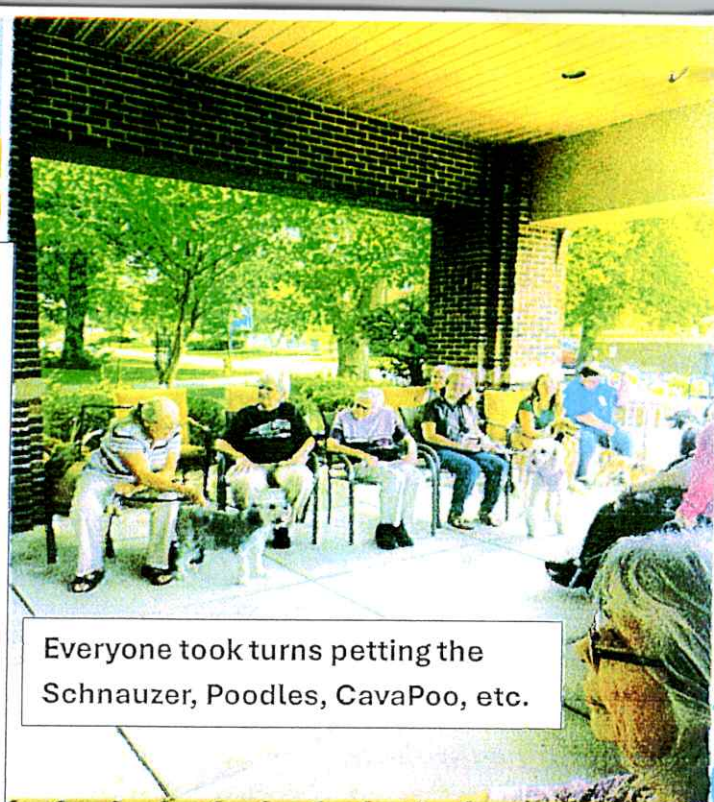
### **CONSTRUCTION NEWS:**

Majority Builders are making great progress on the new addition to the North side of Maria Center. Maria Center will soon have an additional 23 apartments scheduled to open on 12/01/2025. These new apartments have all been designed to support the "aging in place" residential living model at the Maria Center. Our new apartments will have additional parking, storage closets, an activity area, lounges & an additional elevator. Apartment sizes range from studio to 2-bedroom layouts. MARIA CENTER IS EXCITED TO EXPAND "OUR FAMILY" & WELCOME OUR NEW RESIDENTS!

## FUNNY BUSINESS---



An elderly Floridian called 9-1-1 on her cell phone to report that her car had been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal & even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.' A few minutes later, the officer radios in 'Disregard that last call, 'She got in the back-seat by mistake.'



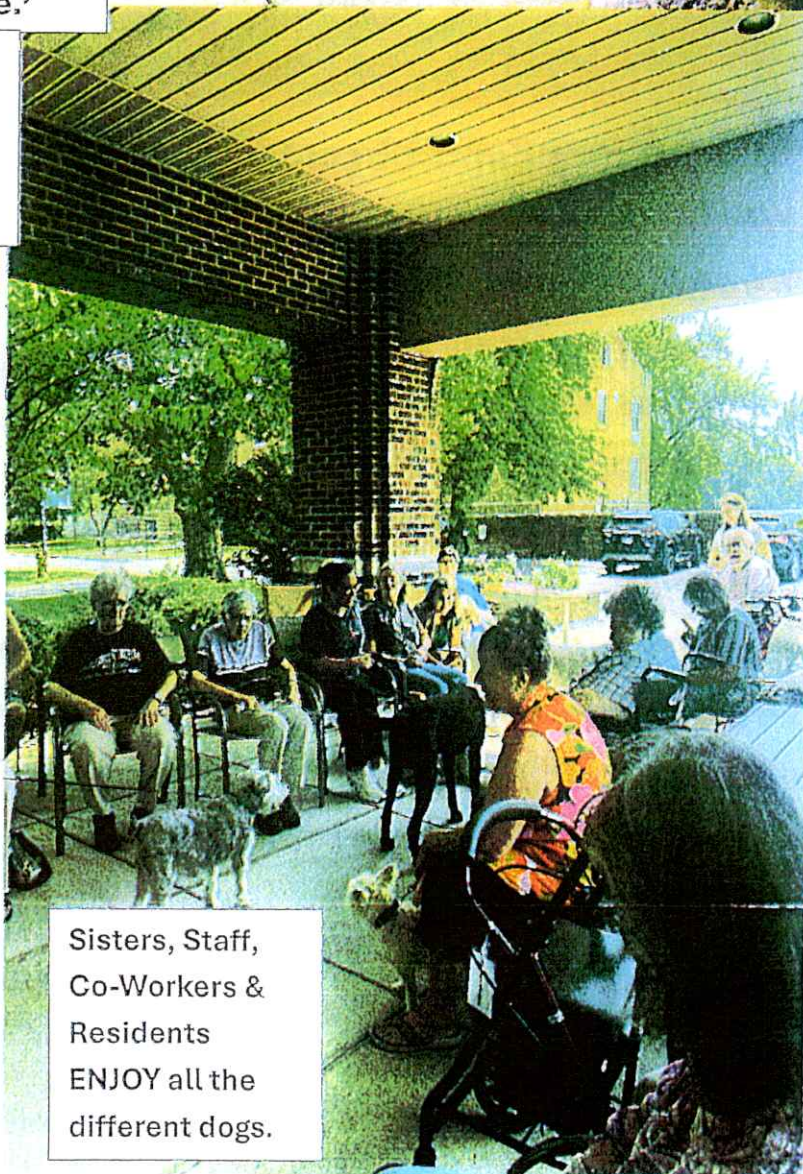
Everyone took turns petting the Schnauzer, Poodles, CavaPoo, etc.

**DOG DAYS**  
of **SUMMER**

Aug. 11-15, 2025-  
"Doggy Showcase!"  
w/Residents, Sisters,  
& Co-Workers!



Nancy Detloff & Kiki



Sisters, Staff,  
Co-Workers &  
Residents  
ENJOY all the  
different dogs.

# MARIA CENTER RESIDENT ACTIVITY CALENDAR:

# SEPTEMBER 2025

MARIA CENTER  
ACTIVITY CALENDAR  
Questions?  
Call Rhonda at 140

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Please place your fire extinguisher outside your door MONDAY, 09/01/2025	 1 DIY LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	 2 10:00-Act. Rm. WHY WE CELEBRATE LABOR DAY 12:30-MC Lounge HEALTH CHECKS WIMUAC NURSING STUDENTS	 3 1:30 pm-FREE TRANSPORTATION WEDNESDAYS 7:00-AD Chapel-TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE	 4 10:00-Cenacle D.R. COFFEE & CONVERSATION FREE ENNAUS CRIM 1:30-Act. Rm. HEALTH MATTERS Topic: Bursitis	 5 10:30-Portico LANE OF BLOOMS FIELD TRIP 1:00-Activity Room RICK STEVES TOUR OF ICELAND	 6
 7 Apt. Cleaning - Wk 2	 8 10:00-Portico GOLF CART RIDE 1:30-Act.Rm. BIRD FEEDER CRAFT	 9 11:30-Act. Rm. FARM TO TABLE MEAL 1:00-MC Lounge HEALTH CHECKS WIMUAC NURSING STUDENTS	 10 1:30 pm-FREE TRANSPORTATION WEDNESDAYS	 11 9:45-Act. Rm. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE WORLD STOPPED TURNING? 1:30-Act. Rm. RESIDENT MTG	 12 11:15-Leave from The Portico LUNCH @ ZIRKLE'S 1:30-Act. Rm. GETTING TO KNOW YOU GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU! -Freida Conn	 13 2:00-Cenacle D.R. DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY
 14 Apt. Cleaning - Wk 1	 15 10:00-Boat Dock PONTOON BOAT RIDE 2:30-Cenacle D.R. BINGO	 16 10:00-MUAC Nurses' Lab NURSING SKILLS BLOOD PRESURE CLINIC 1:30-Act. Rm. Resident Birthday Celebration	 17 1:30 pm-FREE TRANSPORTATION WEDNESDAYS	 18 10:00-Cenacle D.R. COFFEE & CONVERSATION FREE ENNAUS CRIM 2:00 Act. Rm. "LIGHT ON YOUR FEET" DANCE CLASS	 19 10:00-MC Lounge WII BOWLING 1:30 Act. Rm. POPCORN & A MOVIE	 20
 21 Apt. Cleaning - Wk 2	 22 10:00-Portico GOLF CART RIDE 3:30-Act. Rm. CANVAS CREATION	 23 10:00-Act. Rm. HOUSE PLANTS TLC SESSION w/Cherie 12:30-MC Lounge HEALTH CHECKS WIMUAC NURSING	 24 1:30 pm-FREE TRANSPORTATION WEDNESDAYS	 25 10:00-Act. Rm. TABLE GAMES 2:00 Act. Rm. "LIGHT ON YOUR FEET" DANCE CLASS	 26 11:30 Lake Galbraith BONFIRE GATHERING HOT DOGS & SHORES 2:00-Act. Rm. TABLE GAMES	 27 2:00-Cenacle D.R. DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY
 28 4:00-MH LAWN CONCERT @ THE CENTER Featuring: FOREVER PRAISE(AKA/TM MCFARLAND & FRIENDS) Apt. Cleaning - Wk 1	 29 10:00-Portico WELCOME TO MY WORLD (DEMENTIA SERIES) 2:00-CKC GAMEDAY W/PHJC BUS LEAVES AT 1:40	 30 10:00-Boat Dock PONTOON BOAT RIDE 1:30-Act. Rm. HEALING EFFECTS OF THE HUMAN TOUCH	 SEPTEMBER 23- 2:00pm, Meet in the Act. Rm. for Root Beer Floats and a 'cool' Root Beer Float GAME!!!	 HAIR SALON DAYS SEPT. 3,10,17, & 24	 EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:00pm MC Lounge POPPIN' OFF POPCORN DISTRIBUTION	 

## PHONE EXTENSIONS:

RESIDENT MGR.....#784  
TIFFANY HARDY  
RESIDENT SERVICES:  
Rhonda #140  
SUPPORT SERVICES:  
Christine #164  
TRANSPORTATION.....119  
HAIR CARE.....143  
Colleen-574.586.3094  
RECEPTION.....0\*

\*After hours reception is forwarded to the Security office leave a message, if prompted.

## EMERGENCY?

Activate your alert button

HAIR CARE: Wednesdays  
Colleen- Room #429  
1-574-586-3094

SHOPPING:  
Every Wed. 9:00 & 1:30  
Sign up Transportation.

SENIOR WELLNESS SERVICES: Contact  
Tiffany for Podiatrist Appts.

TURTLE TOPPERS:  
Reminder-Sign up for  
trips at least two days  
before the scheduled  
trip.

## MEAL TIMES:

Breakfast:  
7:30-9:00 M-F  
7:30-9:00 Sat & Sun

Main Meal: 11:15-1:00 Daily  
Supper: 4:30- 5:30 Daily

## UPCOMING EVENTS

09/05-Lane of Blooms Turtle Topper-leave 10:30am

09/09-FARM-TO-TABLE meal-Act. Rm.- 11:30am

09/15-BINGO- Cenacle D.R. -2:30pm

09/16-RESIDENT B-DAY PARTY- Act. Rm. -1:30PM

9/26-BONFIRE GATHERING -Lake Galbraith -11:30am

9/29-GAME DAY W/PHJC -CKC -LEAVE @1:45PM

## MARIA CENTER-HOME-A poem by Maria Center Resident: Sara Rising

Warmth & Love-  
Caring & Consideration-  
Involvement & Companionship-  
These are sought-after ideals  
We look for when considering  
A place to spend  
our latter days  
Times we dread  
What may be

Our tomorrow.

These are all shared

At Maria Center

Our home.

A shoulder to cry on,  
or just to lean

Someone who cares...

Know what I mean?

A blessed place

We share w/many.

Who's left behind?

Don't know of ANY!

This family's special;

A gift from above,

Filled w/precious,

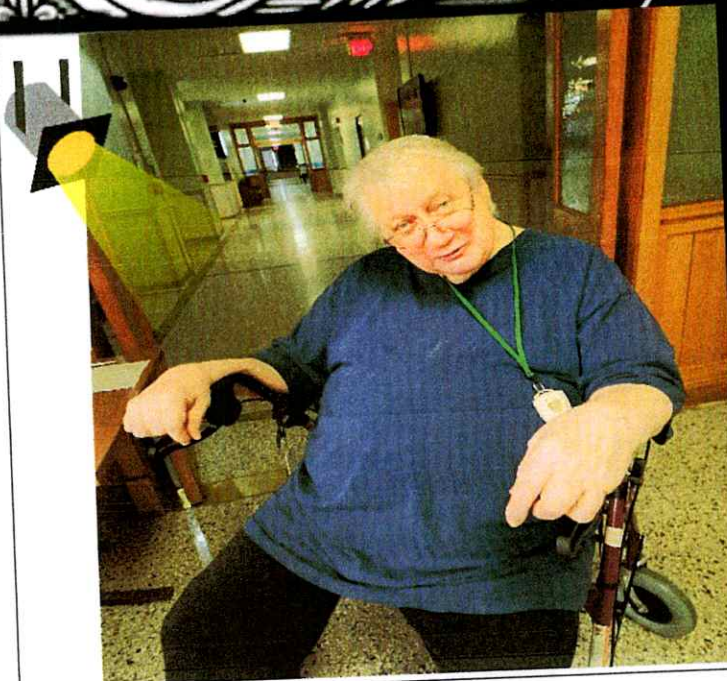
Brotherly Love!

That's Maria Center

Our Wonderful Home!

## **DAMON CENTER** **RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT**

*Damon Center is a Maria Center Main Stay. On 09/01/25, Damon will celebrate his 10<sup>th</sup> year here as a Maria Center resident, having moved here on 09/01/2015! I recently visited Damon & took the time to get to know him better. Damon shared that he was born in the Holy Family Hospital-LaPorte, IN & raised in Walkerton, IN. Growing up poor, Damon's parents struggled to raise him, 2 older brothers & a younger sister. At the age of 13, Damon felt a calling to go into Priesthood. Yet, after a year of seminary he quickly changed his mind -citing he "loved children" & wasn't "too hip on the idea of clerical celibacy." Damon went on to share he loved kids too much & one day wanted to have his own. Eventually Damon got married (twice) & was blessed with a son-Matt. Damon was quick to let me know Matt & his wife, Robbee have given him two "beautiful grandchildren, Adeline May & Wyatt Thomas!" While Matt & Robbee cannot visit Damon too often-they live in Niles, MI-they keep in close contact with weekly phone calls. When questioned as to what he likes most about the Maria Center, he said he doesn't have just*



*1 thing he likes best...he has several; "I appreciate the peace & quiet here...no gunshots, the Co-Workers are GREAT, -everyone here is nice, & I especially enjoy meeting all the different people!" Let it be known-Damon has made a full-time job out of meeting & greeting Maria Center guests, family, friends & Sisters. Every day at breakfast, lunch & dinner Damon peruses the hallways between Cenacle Dining & the Maria Center Lounge greeting & welcoming everyone who happens to come his way. Invariably, the consummate 'cut up,' Damon is always on cue with a warm smile & a corny joke or two to share with everyone he meets. Damon Center is truly our Maria Center Ambassador of Amusement & Antics! As our visit came to a close, he asked me to convey this message: "I am very happy living @ the Maria Center. I have everything I NEED right here!"*