

# Resident shares anniversary with new royal couple

Beverly Hunter and her late husband, Merrill, married April 29—the same date as Prince William and Princess Catherine. The year was 1950, and the couple married in her parents' home in front of the fireplace with family members attending.

“I do remember thinking I was enjoying it so much, and my husband kept saying, ‘We have to leave,’” recalls Bev. “We were going to go to dinner, and then we needed to drive to our hotel. As it turned out, we drove ‘till 1 am.”

Bev and Merrill spent their honeymoon in Daytona Beach, Florida, and then drove home via Chicago. Once settled at home in South Dakota, the couple began their 40-year adventure together.

Her husband and his father and brother owned and operated *The Madison Daily Leader*. Later, Merrill bought out the others, and the newspaper continues

today with Bev's son as publisher. According to Bev, it's the only locally owned daily newspaper in South Dakota. She says the paper also runs a print shop and produces 20 weekly papers.

In 1990, the couple marked their 40th anniversary. Their children arranged all the details, and around 100 family members and longtime friends attended. “It was fun,” says Bev. She added that it was especially meaningful, because Merrill unexpectedly passed away two-and-a-half months later.

Thinking of the new royal couple, Bev would offer this advice for a successful marriage: “You have to be perfectly honest with each other and straight forward. Naturally, there has to be a great deal of love and humor to get you through all the ups and downs. But perfect honesty is the biggest thing.” ■



**Like Princess Catherine, resident Beverly Hunter donned her wedding gown April 29. Holding a photo of her 40th wedding celebration, Bev recalls memories and offers advice for the new royal couple.**



## Celebrating 97 years with 120 berets

For years, resident Norma DeGroot celebrated her birthday by traveling to Paris, where her son lives. But for the last couple years, her family has brought Paris to her. Recently, the whole Waterford community celebrated Norma's birthday with a big bash. Scarves from France dotted each table, and Norma's family provided partygoers with red berets and party favors—like chocolate—from France. ■



Sylvia Callison (right) wishes Norma DeGroot a happy birthday. The theme for Norma's party was April in Paris.



Jean Lowary (left) and Patty Berger celebrate Norma's birthday.

## Coming Events

Contact a Life Enrichment/Wellness team member for additional details, including registration and transportation information.

### Sunday, May 8, 11:30 am and 1 pm

Mother's Day Buffet for Waterford residents. Must RSVP.

### Thursday, May 12, 6:30 pm

Book Review: *The Unforgettable Journey: Tips to Survive Your Parent's Alzheimer's Disease* by Anne Hill. The book offers helpful tips for anyone who is caring for someone with dementia. Memory Care Manager Wendy Schrag, RN, will lead the discussion. Please RSVP to Wendy or Erin at 605-335-1117 by Tuesday, May 10.

### Saturday, May 21, 10 am

Depart for outing to Royal River Casino.

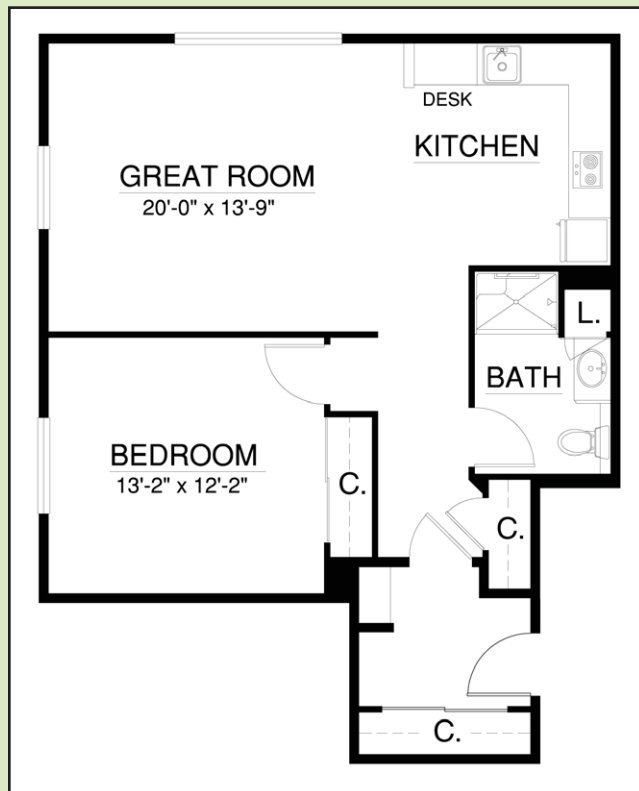
### Monday, May 30, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Memorial Day Barbecue. Sunset Pavilion (weather permitting).

### Ready for an adventure?

Residents and their adult children are invited to the Autumn Adventure Tour this September. This guide-led, three-day, two-night bus tour of La Crosse and Eau Claire, Wisconsin, includes a Mississippi River paddleboat excursion, a scenic drive, entertainment by the Jail Bailers dinner theatre, and a tour of Eau Galle Cheese Factory. **Preview Friday, May 27 at 2:30 pm in the Heritage Room.**

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### *Just for laughs!*

Celebrate the month of May with these fun holidays.

Hawaiian lei day - May 1

Dance like a chicken day - May 14

National chocolate chip day - May 15

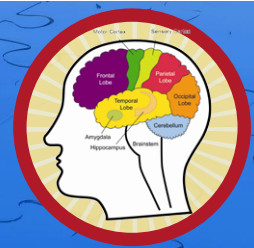
National tap dance day - May 25

## Augustana College and Kilian Community College recognize residents

Augustana recently honored Charlotte Carver with the Spirit of Augustana Award during the college's 150th anniversary celebration. The college recognized individuals, like Charlotte, who share their artistic talents with the community through various media, including writing, acting, or painting.

Norma DeGroot recently provided Kilian Community College with a generous donation, and the college dedicated the DeGroot Family Science Center in her honor. The center will house chemistry, biology, anatomy, and physiology classes. ■

## Brain Builders



Can you solve these mind-bending puzzles?

1. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?
2. What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?
3. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

*Answers:*

1. Charcoal
2. The letter "m"
3. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow

## Egg-ceptional eggs



Illa Rott (left) glazes her ceramic egg, and Jane Wold and Food Services Manager Randy Austin work intently on their ceramic pieces.

## There is no age limit



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*“How old would you be if you didn’t know how old you are?”*

— *Satchel Paige, Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, 1971.*

When we consider celebrations, many memory-making moments come to mind: weddings, births, graduations, family reunions, holidays, a child’s first

steps, and many others. These landmark life events are often captured in photos and videotapes to be revisited and celebrated. They are shared across generations and are historically significant for each individual who shares in the memory of the event.

Personal landmarks are achieved at any age. In the documentary series *Over 90* and *Loving It*, filmmaker Susan Polis Shultz highlights life achievements by people 90-plus years. This series is currently featured on public broadcasting stations, and it is inspiring.

Consider these examples that Polis captures. A 97-year-old woman celebrates obtaining her master’s degree. A couple in their 90s walk down the aisle in a  
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(cont.) marriage ceremony, and a 94 year-old is a gold-medal winner in the pole vault at the Senior Olympics.

Throughout, the series explores two primary beliefs of the featured nonagenarians: (1) most did not expect to be here this long; (2) they seem to be completely unaware of chronological age being a limiting factor in achieving their goals and pursuing their dreams.

The series also overturns ageism—that insidious belief that at any age, achievements are limited, not appropriate, or possible only in one’s imagination. The pervasiveness of ageism is a cultural phenomenon worldwide and is especially prevalent in the United States. A documentary like this helps to refute those myths and mistaken beliefs.

In this series and other age positive campaigns—the Dove series of ads, the Ontario Human Rights project, the National Center for Creative Aging’s Beautiful Minds photo display—people’s age is irrelevant. It’s what they’re doing that is important.

Touchmark is committed to promoting and encouraging personal experiences for all residents. We provide opportunities for people to explore, celebrate, imagine—and live—the possibilities. There is no age limit.

To learn more about the Full Life Wellness & Life Enrichment Program, contact Waterford’s director, Krista Musser. ■

## Sharing talents and creativity



Assisted Living Manager Jackie Lofswold displays some of the many craft projects she has created over the years. As a child, Jackie gained an appreciation of arts and crafts while watching her mother make clothes by hand for her nine children. Jackie earned high marks in home economics, and local 4-H competitions gave her the opportunity

to be recognized for her sewing skills. As a young mother, Jackie enjoyed making clothes and toys for her three children. Most of her artful designs were given as gifts to others. Some of the most challenging projects Jackie has worked on include bridesmaid and wedding dresses as well as the baptismal gown pictured here. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting and working on craft projects for family and friends.