We sure love summer. Ernie Winker from Olson Hall enjoy fishing on the Chain O’Lakes. See page 13 for more pictures.
We began this month with a celebration of our nation, remembering that on July 4, 1776, American colonies declared their independence from England. It is an important day in our country’s history, and as we commemorate the fourth of July 244 years later, let’s take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices the earliest Americans made to achieve our freedom, and honor the men and women who have protected our great country ever since.

The fourth of July also, for many of us, has been a highlight of summer activities. With it comes the warm, sunny days to enjoy barbeques, beach trips, fishing and other events with our friends and family. By now, though, we know this year is different.

COVID-19 has begun to spread more rapidly in the Waupaca community just outside our campus, and the Department of Public Health is predicting that the virus will continue to spread in the area, finally peaking in August. Because of this, we must continue to take our own precautions at King to protect ourselves.

What does this mean for summer? The activities teams at King have been working on plans to offer more safe activities in small groups within each building and courtyard. Our boating and fishing season has begun, with fewer members per trip and limited to members from the same building for each outing. Soon, we will begin to offer scenic viewing tours by bus. You will also begin to see bonfires, music and barbeques for your individual buildings. While the groups may be smaller, there is still much enjoyment to be had this year!

You may have noticed that activities will be limited to members of a specific building. One of our goals over the summer is to keep members from separate buildings within the campus from comingling. If there were to be a case of COVID-19, this effort will make it easier for us to contain the virus and track anyone potentially exposed. It is still important to take
personal preventative measures, as well. Please continue to wear a face covering whenever possible, wash your hands frequently, practice social distancing rules when visiting with other members, and avoid touching high-traffic surfaces.

I know these past months have been hard on you and your families. Thank you for being patient and flexible, and for adhering to the new procedures that will keep us all safe. These are unusual times for our all of us but, together, we can make the best of it. I hope you had a happy Independence Day and continue to have a wonderful summer.

Happy anniversary to Ed and Kay, who recently celebrated their 65th anniversary! A staff member at Ainsworth Hall learned about the couple’s milestone while facilitating a Facetime chat with their daughter and decided to make sure that it would be a well-celebrated special day. Thank you to our staff, who so often go above and beyond, showing how much they care for the members of our community.
Getting to know our Team

Meet Gary Mader

My name is Gary Mader and I have been volunteering at King for over 14 years. Many of you know that I am a member of King and have not slowed down. I spent my military years in the Navy starting back in 1965 and the Army in 1976. After my military career, I worked at Kimberly Paper Mill for 32 years and was the prep cook for Mohnen’s Family Restaurant in Darboy for three years. I have three wonderful children: Tim, Amy & Wayne.

When I am not volunteering, my hobbies include: baking cookies, golfing, and playing sheepshead. Before the Stay at Home order, I took furlough to my hometown of Kimberly every four weeks to play sheepshead with my five brothers, which included my twin brother Allan.

My volunteering started with the Community Blood Center. I was a blood donor and a driver for the Center. I started volunteering in King 14 years ago and have accumulated 20,000 hours so far. I help escort wheelchairs for religious services/large events, assist with the water glasses in the dining room daily, assist with the monthly printing/mailing of the Courier and I was even a part of the King Honor Guard for several years. I started the mentoring program at King to help new members. I show them the “layout of the land” so to speak. Due to my excellent penmanship, I write out the monthly Marden Center large wall calendar, update the weekly movie theater marquee board, and set out the flags in front of the Marden Center & Quadrangle park for King Days and major events. Back in 2008, I received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs for exemplary service in the military, as a veteran and as a citizen.

I belong to the following service groups as well; Life member American Legion for 52 years, Sons of American Legion for 20 years, King American Legion Post 151 for 14 years, Life member of the VFW for 30 years, Life member of the AMVETS for 13 years, Life member of the DAV for 13 years and member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.

Volunteering here at King allows me to “get on my feet & keep me on the feet!” I cannot imagine slowing down anytime soon, I have plenty of zest to help where I can.
Monetary

On behalf of the members, we sincerely Thank Everyone for their generous donations.

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Oh, how I loved the songs of the pond! The pond was on my side of the house so I could hear its sounds quite clearly from my bedroom. It was a beautiful sound with which to fall asleep to.

There was the beautiful sounds of the frogs and toads singing all summer long although the toads probably weren’t in the pond because the boys were always finding them and bringing them into the house. Which would cause Dad to yell at the kids to get them out.

We were blessed to have the pond just down the hill from our house so we could enjoy it all year long. However, summer was probably my most favorite time of the year to enjoy it. But before long the frogs quit singing because fall would inevitably arrive. I would really miss them when that happened. Going to bed wasn’t nearly as much fun once the frogs had gone to sleep. Their singing was so soothing.

It wasn’t too long after the frogs went to sleep that the pond quieted down leaving the pond to the cat tails and all the other water grasses and weeds. The grasses were many different shades of greens and brown. It was beautiful anyway but there was no singing.

Eventually winter would freeze the pond solid enough for skating. Then our house became the neighborhood playground. When the neighbor kids weren’t at the pond, we all enjoyed it anyway. Even the dogs would play on it with us. They seemed to enjoy running and then sliding along the ice. It seemed that we usually had as many neighbor kids as there were us kids. And what a crowded pond we had then! It was hard to tell what the screaming was about with all the other noises going on. Sometimes the screams meant something serious had happened. One of the kids had fallen and hurt themselves or their skates needed tightening. The kids all knew my Mom was up in the house ready to rescue everyone with a need. There was an outhouse down by the pond which made it great for all of us as we didn’t have to leave the pond all day.

When any of the kids had a genuine need, Mom was ready with shoestrings, pins, bandages, Watkins salve, tape, popcorn and nice hot cocoa. And it wasn’t long before the need arose for Mom! These needs continued as long as there were kids on the ice.

The kids in the neighborhood loved Mom and often spent time at our house at all times of the year. They loved getting hugs and words of wisdom when they were needed from Mom. And it seemed that
In Memory of

“Our country is in mourning, a veteran died today.”

August Dierickx
Beverly Steffens
David Studinski
Paul Raasoch
Paul Witzke
Ruth Gravelle
Therese Lowry

Thomas Walloch
Daniel Losby
William Wilson
Donald Leaser
Mark Marineau
Peter Petushek

Therapy animals are an important part of the community. We gladly use “All American Pet Photo Day” as an excuse to show off our furry (and, for some ... scaly) friends, decked out in “patriotic” red, white and blue, for this special occasion!
ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The Veterans Café is providing delivery service to members. Call extension 2364 for orders and instructions.

**Daily Hours: 9:30am - 2pm**

The snack cart will be in your building Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2pm to 3pm

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We would like to welcome the following new members to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King:

*Due to the Federal HIPAA Privacy Act only those members who have releases on file are listed.*

**William A. Krause**, a Vietnam War Air Force Veteran joined us on June 1, 2020 from Wisconsin Rapids. He is living at OH.

**Ronald C. Kuehl**, a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on June 3, 2020 from Junction City. He is living at OH.

**Thomas M. Kildahl**, a Vietnam War Marine Corps Veteran joined us on June 10, 2020 from Augusta. He is living at AH.

**John G. Johnson**, a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on June 10, 2020 from Rhinelander. He is living at MH.

**Lawrence E. Francis**, a Peacetime Era Army Veteran joined us on June 10, 2020 from Waukesha. He is living at OH.

**Larry W. Richardson**, a Peacetime Era Army Veteran joined us on June 11, 2020 from Lodi. He is living at OH.

**Louis R. Schoerning**, a Korean War Marine Corps Veteran joined us on June 16, 2020 from Greenville. He is living at OH.

**Jackie K. Bertotto**, a Vietnam War Air Force Veteran joined us on June 22, 2020 from Almond. He is living at OH.

**Craig A. Anderson**, a Peacetime Era Army Veteran joined us on June 25, 2020 from Palmyra New Jersey. He is living at OH.

**Lavern J. Pink**, a Peacetime Era Army Veteran joined us on June 26, 2020 from Madison. He is living at MH.

**Herman R. Volkers**, a Vietnam War Army Veteran joined us on June 29, 2020 from Menominee. He is living at AH.
“LET FREEDOM RING & REIGN”

John 8:32, 36 (Jesus said) Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (New International Version)

Freedom defined: the state of being free or at liberty, rather than in confinement or under physical restraint. (Dictionary.com)

What do you... what do we as a nation need to be freed from?

These past months we share a few things in common that come to my mind:

- The Actions of Prejudice and Racism throughout our Country and World.

Freedom is never free. As the plaque that is on our waterfall next to the Bandstand on the Campus of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King says, “ALL gave some, but some gave ALL”.

Actor, Mel Gibson, portraying 13th Century Scottish, Sir William Wallace, in the 1995 block buster movie, “Braveheart,” gave an emotional rallying speech to his fellow comrades before battle and spoke the words, “they may take our lives, but never our freedom!”

Freedom is as important to the Lord God, as it is to us. I believe that God created us to live in freedom. The Word of God uses the word, “free” and “freedom” 135 times in the New International Version (NIV). I believe that it is God’s desire that we live in freedom.

We may ask, “Freedom from what?”

May I suggest a few things?

Freedom from physical and emotional pain and illness, from grief in the loss of a loved one, from anxiety, from depression, from real life family and personal hardships and trials, abusive relationships,
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Mom didn’t mind the kids coming by when they needed something. She seemed to be the “Community Mom.”

One time we were on the ice having fun and our dog was enjoying himself too, and suddenly the skater slid crookedly and slipped into Brownie’s leg. He really got his leg sliced open so off to mom a group of us went carrying Brownie to our “doctor”. As usual Mom repaired his leg and it healed fine. And of course, Brownie as well as all of us kids enjoyed lots of treats after the bandage was on.

And that is “The Song of the Pond.”
freedom from stress and worry, from financial hardships, from betrayal of a loved one, freedom from feeling like you are stuck and just don’t know how you will go on... or make it.

Do you have a few more things that you could add?

Maybe you would add…. freedom from the pain of the isolation and social distancing from our loved ones’ in this Covid-19 Virus Pandemic Season... Ohhh to be able to give a hug again and without a Face Mask!

Or freedom from the pain of experiencing the unrest of our nation and world as people respond to the actions of the injustices of prejudice and racism.

The Word of God tells us... hardship, pain, persecutions, trials, and tribulations, these things are common to man…. resulting from the fall of man in the Garden of Eden... so many years ago... when sin was introduced into the world and to mankind. Sin affects our freedom... sin affects us.

**But there is Hope!**

Allow me to encourage you with the words of Scripture... 8:32, 36 (Jesus said) Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (NIV)

Jesus is certainly concerned about you and the issues that you face and need freedom from.

The Lord desires for us freedom from the bondage of our sinful nature.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrate His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)

John 11: 25 (Jesus said) I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? (NIV)

John 3:16 (Jesus said) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (NIV)

The Apostle Paul was inspired by God to write in 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. (NIV)

Paul continues in 2 Corinthians: 12:10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NIV)
Jesus desires to come along side of you in whatever situation in life that you are facing... whatever you need freedom from.

John 10:10b (Jesus said) I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. (NIV)

Jesus desires our hearts…. our surrender to Him... with whatever we are going though... whatever pain we are experiencing... whatever need we may have... wherever we need to experience true freedom.

Hebrews 13:5b God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (NIV)

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

Be encouraged and allow the “Freedom in Christ,” to Ring and Reign today... in your mind... in your heart... and in your soul!

Look at some of the fish they’ve caught. Members are able to go fishing on our pontoon boat every week.
The Library has added several books to its permanent collection. The following are some of those books.

**Last Looks by Howard Michael Gould**

There are run-of-the-mill eccentric Californians, and then there’s former detective Charlie Waldo. Waldo, a onetime LAPD superstar, now lives in solitude deep in the woods, pathologically committed to owning no more than one hundred possessions. He has left behind his career and his girlfriend, Lorena, to pay self-imposed penance for an awful misstep on an old murder case. But the old ghosts are about to come roaring back.

There are plenty of difficult actors in Hollywood, and then there’s Alastair Pinch.

Alastair is a onetime Royal Shakespeare Company thespian who now slums it as the “wise” Southern judge on a tacky network show. He’s absurdly rich, often belligerent, and typically drunk—a damning combination when Alastair’s wife is found dead on their living room floor and he can’t remember what happened.

Waldo’s old flame Lorena, hiding peril of her own, draws him toward the case, and Alastair’s greedy network convinces Waldo to take it on. But after such a long time away from both civilization and sleuthing—and plagued by a confounding array of assailants who want him gone—Waldo must navigate complicated webs of ego and deceit to clear Alastair’s name or confirm his guilt.

**Killer Choice by Tom Hunt**

Gary Foster’s life is finally heading in the right direction. After years of trying, his wife, Beth, is pregnant, and he recently opened a business with his brother. But one phone call changes everything.

After collapsing suddenly, Beth has been rushed to the hospital. Tests reveal a devastating diagnosis: an inoperable brain tumor. Their only hope is an expensive experimental treatment available abroad, with a cost that’s out of their reach. And Beth’s time is running out.

Then a strange man approaches Gary and offers the money he needs, on one condition: that he kill someone, no questions asked. End one life to save another.

**Feverborn by Karen Marie Moning**

When the immortal race of the Fae destroyed the ancient wall dividing the worlds of Man and Faery, the very fabric of the universe was damaged and now Earth is vanishing bit by bit. Only the long-lost Song of Making—a haunting, dangerous melody that is the source of all life itself—can save the planet.

But those who seek the mythic Song—Mac, Barrons, Ryodan and Jada—must contend with old wounds and new enemies, passions that burn hot and hunger for vengeance that runs deep. The challenges are many: The Keltar at war with nine immortals who’ve secretly ruled Dublin for eons, Mac and Jada hunted by the masses, the Seelie queen nowhere to be found, and the most powerful Unseelie prince in all creation determined to rule both Fae and Man.

Now the task of solving the ancient riddle of the Song of Making falls to a band of deadly warriors divided among—and within—their own ranks.

Once a normal city possessing a touch of ancient magic, Dublin is now a treacherously magical city with only a touch of normal. And in those war-torn streets, Mac will come face to face with her most savage enemy yet: herself.
**Fun on the patio.** We love to do activities outside on beautiful days.

**Fishing** is one of the things to do during the summer months.

Happy Birthday, Jim!
Due to the new guidance given related to Covid-19, Sunday services will be altered. Chaplains will rotate buildings each week.

**Ainsworth Hall**
AH3 – 9am  
AH4 – 10am

**MacArthur Hall**
MH2E – 8am  
MH 2W - 8:45am  
MH3E – 9:30am  
MH 3W - 10:15am

**Olson Hall**
OH2 – 8am  
OH3 – 8am  
OH4 – 9am  
OH5 – 10am

Subject to change based on unit restrictions.

For questions, please call Vicky at 715.258.2374

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**Riddle**

What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

Riddle from last month:  
I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves.  
What am I?

Answer to last month’s riddle: **A bank**

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**Thank you for the cookies!** Kendyll & Rylynn continue their tradition and donated boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to the members of MacArthur Hall.

**Fun in the Sun!** Members enjoy gardening and listening to music during the summer months.

**Happy 91st Birthday, Ken!**
Still Having Fun! This hasn’t been a normal June for anyone here, but we are still finding ways to have fun here at Olson Hall. We are learning the slower pace, from going on the boat for scenic rides and fishing to tram rides, garden club, music on the patio, celebrating fathers on Father’s Day and celebrating lots of birthdays. To help us with that we have had a new set of twins that we get to enjoy daily here at Olson. Mom and Dad crane are very good about letting us enjoy them! What a great start to our Summer!

Happy 104th Birthday, Edna!

Mom and dad crane with their twins!
The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King is a long term and rehabilitative care facility serving veterans and their eligible dependents. We offer excellent medical and nursing care to enhance quality of life. Our highly trained and dedicated staff strive to meet the unique needs of veterans by providing compassionate care built on the foundation of integrity, honor and respect. We also welcome qualified non-Wisconsin residents. Discover everything King can offer you. Call us at 715.256.5027 for a tour.

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