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NOJOSHING is an Indian word. It means "Straight Tongue."

In 1849, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi built their Motherhouse on land that was called Nojoshing by the Indians, because it protrudes out into Lake Michigan like a straight tongue.

Sisters Honored at June Awards Events

On June 3 at its 2017 **Alumni Awards Event, Cardinal Stritch University**, recognized Sr. Mary Lea Schneider (right) as the 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Honoree and Sr. Ladonna Woerdeman (below) with the Mother Bartholomew, OSF Lifetime Achievement Award.



As president of Stritch from 1991 to 2008, Sr. Mary Lea doubled the amount of athletic programs from five to 10, and was instrumental in the transfer of the university's athletic programs from the NCAA Division III level to NAIA, which allowed the athletic programs to offer scholarships to its student-athletes. She created an atmosphere within the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics that continues to hold strong. In addition to being President Emerita, she is a professor of religious studies and an avid Wolves fan, rarely missing a game.



Sr. Ladonna is a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at the Diabetes and Kidney Center UnityPoint Health in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Since entering the congregation in 1964, she has dedicated her life to ministry, education and service.

She credits her excellent teachers at Stritch for preparing her well for a career life of teaching many students, as well as serving the marginalized of society – the mentally ill, the developmentally challenged, the deaf, Native Americans and those living with chronic illness. She has ministered in these areas for more than 50 years.

Sr. Ann Kelley (left-below), along with 31 religious from other congregations, was honored for her ministry of teaching in the spirit of St. Bonaventure at the **Annual Franciscan Federation Conference**. She was recognized her belief that the Franciscan values belong to all people, and she has helped many lay people learn and live the Franciscan values in their own lives. She is a spiritual assistant for a group of secular Franciscans,



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Wellness Outings for Retired Sisters - Visits to St.

Bucyrus Campus

As part of the Wellness Works program at Clare Hall, several special events and field trips have been available to the sisters. The goal of the program is to develop a robust long term coordinated wellness program that provides life enrichment to our active retired sisters. We asked the sisters for suggestions for topics that would interest them such as a one-time lecture or demonstration, discussion groups, field trips, activities, or a series of meetings to cover a topic. We encouraged out-of-the-box thinking asking: What are your interests? What have you always wanted to know or do? Do you know someone with a talent or interest that would make a great mini course? Do you, yourself, have a passion that you would like to share as a mini course?

We have had a wonderful response and activities have had enthusiastic participation. Over the course of two years, we have included areas such as physical activity, nutritional education, stress management, spiritual and religious material discussions, craft classes, "green" environmental topics, intergenerational sharing and more.

Two of the field trips offered recently included a trip to St. Ann Center's Bucyrus Campus and the dental clinic there dedicated to Sr. Lucille Walsh. A second educational trip was to the Schlitz Audubon Center where sisters learned about snakes, turtles, salamanders, raptors and other interesting creatures.



Ann Center's Bucyrus Campus & the Audubon Society

Schlitz Audubon
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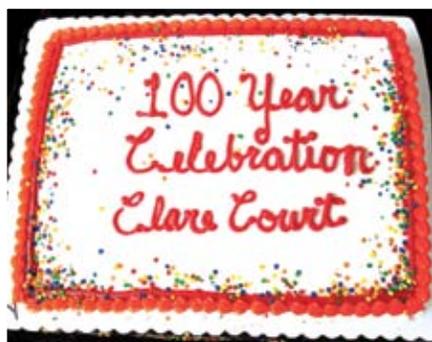
Franciscan Award

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and also served for five years in program planning and presentations for the St. Francis Institute in Milwaukee. Presently, Sr. Ann is a codirector for our Office of Associate Relationship, and is active as a spiritual director and retreat director. In all of these areas, she guides people as they open themselves to the Spirit and transform their own lives according to God's plan for them.

Sr. Ann is pictured on the front page with our Sr. Joanne Schatzlein, who was a speaker at the conference.

Pictured below are Sister Mary Louise Herrmann and Paige (a resident) who also celebrated their birthdays at the event.



On June 22, residents gathered in the Stone House on the property for a cookout, complete with birthday cake. The big question afterwards was: *When do we have another get-together like this?*

A Mass of Thanksgiving is also being planned by the sisters for friends, family and benefactors.



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A bequest is a wonderful way to support our retired sisters and is a testimony of your care and concern for them.

100th Anniversary of Franciscan Ministry at 3725 Eilerslie Ave., Baltimore

If only the walls could talk! In 1917, the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore built a home for 300 African American orphans for whom they were caring. Subsequently, the building became the Motherhouse for the sisters and provided classroom space to St. Elizabeth School for a number of years.

After the merger of the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore and the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 2001, the congregation renovated one-third of the building for supportive living for the sisters. Homes for America entered into partnership with the congregation, and created 30 affordable housing apartments in the remainder of the building. Several of the sisters reside in these apartments.