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A Message

From the Bellin College President

Friends of Bellin College, I hope you are enjoying the extended summer and beautiful weather! Much has been accomplished since our last issue and I am excited to share the latest news and updates with you.

In May, we graduated 129 students with degrees from the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences (BSRS) programs. Due to growth, we will also be holding a commencement ceremony in October and December to honor our 15-month BSN and RN to BSN graduates.

This summer, Bellin College rolled out a new degree program option for registered nurses to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). It will begin in January 2018. The College began the RN to BSN program in 2015 as an exclusive partnership with Bellin Health but is now pleased to expand our successful program to the public and prepare more RNs with an opportunity to advance their nursing career by earning an online BSN degree in two years.

In addition, we will be relaunching our Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) -Nurse Educator program in a new online format beginning in fall 2018. We also have a new postgraduate certificate option for the nurse educator track, in addition to the Family Nurse Practitioner track that has been available since the launch of the MSN program.

In June, we hosted our 17th Annual Golf Classic. Funds raised from this year’s event will be used to support our new mobile Hands on Healthcare initiative. We are excited to expand the program and expose more high school students to high-demand careers in healthcare.

Hands on Healthcare is offered to local high schools throughout the academic year. This on campus (and now mobile) career exploration, in addition to our summer camps, gives high school students the opportunity to explore various healthcare careers, as well as the opportunity to see the outstanding educational offerings available at Bellin College.

Alumni gathered at Bellin College for the annual alumni homecoming event on Thursday, Sept. 14, and honored Donna Zelazoski as the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. We hope those who were able to attend enjoyed reconnecting and reminiscing with former classmates.

Lastly, donors, thank you again for your continued support of our scholarship program. On Wednesday, Sept. 27, we held our annual Scholarship Salute event at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay to allow you the opportunity to meet the students who received your scholarship this academic year. The gratitude felt by the students who received financial support to help achieve their career goals is astonishing.

Thank you for your support this year and every year to continue to grow the legacy of Bellin College. Your generosity, as always, is beyond appreciated.

Connie J. Boerst
Dr. Connie J. Boerst, EdD, RN
President/CEO

Our Mission:
Bellin College is dedicated to preparing healthcare professionals by providing an intellectually stimulating environment focused on leadership, community service, and lifelong learning that promotes excellence in healthcare practice and the advancement of the profession.

Our Values:
- Excellence - being the best.
- Integrity - honest and ethical behavior.
- Community - partnership and shared participation.
- Caring - empowering relationships based on empathy and respect.

Our Vision:
Bellin College will be the best health science college in the state of Wisconsin.

Our Purposes:
- To provide excellent educational programs which are responsive to the community.
- To create an intellectually stimulating environment for students, faculty and staff.
- To contribute to the community’s well-being through faculty, staff and student services.
- To stimulate a climate of quality improvement.

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Bellin College held its annual spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts on UW-Green Bay’s campus. One hundred twenty-nine Bellin College graduates received their degrees from the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences (BSRS) programs. Bellin College president and CEO Dr. Connie Boerst presided over the ceremony. The Leona Waraksa commencement address was given by the honorable Reid J. Ribble, former U.S. Representative, Wisconsin, 8th District. The student speakers were Hannah Hargis, BSN; Kiera Ullman, BSRS; and Tammy Marie Marshall, MSN. The alumni speaker was Donna Zelazoski, class of 1969.

The College awarded two awards during spring commencement. Each year a faculty member is recognized for their outstanding service to the College through the generosity of Dr. Hiro Nishioka and his family. This year’s recipient of the Nishioka Family Faculty Award for Excellence was Kathie DeMuth, MSN.

The Lucyanna Hitch Award for Excellence is a tribute that recognizes one student from the graduating class who best exemplifies Bellin College’s values of excellence, integrity, community and caring. The Lucyanna Hitch Award was awarded to Andrea O’Brien, BSN.

Bellin College will graduate 28 students from the 15-month nursing program on Friday, Oct. 13 and 20 students from the RN to BSN program on Friday, Dec. 15.

Both commencement ceremonies will be held in the Resch atrium on the Bellin College campus.
Mobilizing Hands on Healthcare

Bellin College, in partnership with local high schools, has created a one-day experience in our Health Sciences Resource Center (HSRC) called Hands on Healthcare. Students spend the day rotating through stations, practicing skills and techniques guided by Bellin College students, faculty and healthcare professionals. This immersive, hands-on experience promotes the advantages and benefits of pursuing a high-demand career in healthcare using state-of-the-art technology.

Since the inception of Hands on Healthcare in 2015, Bellin College has hosted seventeen Wisconsin high schools. Mobilizing the event will allow us to reach more students during the academic year.

“The future vision of Hands on Healthcare is to continue to grow and expand. This way, the schools don’t always have to come to us, which will give us the opportunity to impact more students. We are able to serve up to 200 students in a gymnasium, as opposed to the 40 students we are able to serve on our campus,” said Dr. Mark Bake, Dean of Allied Health Sciences for Bellin College. The mobile Hands on Healthcare unit already has an action-packed fall schedule and began heading out to schools and events in September.

On Monday, June 19, Bellin College hosted its 17th Annual Golf Classic at Oneida Golf and Country Club, sponsored by the late Mr. Phil Hendrickson, Pomp’s Tire Service, Inc., Bellin Health Foundation, Associated Bank, Gary Brukardt Foundation, Community First Credit Union and the Green Bay Packers Give Back. The event was able to raise more than $60,000 to help take the Hands on Healthcare initiative on the road.

The Hands on Healthcare mobile unit is an ambulance that is used to show high school students a sampling of the event experienced on campus with a focus on nursing care, radiology, sonography, physical therapy and athletic training. The mobile unit will transport some of the technology available on campus, such as a virtual cadaver table, a high fidelity manikin and other medical supplies.

“Learning about the various pathways available in healthcare is very beneficial to our students,” said Brooke Mueller, Coordinator of College & Career Readiness for Green Bay Area Public Schools.

Exposing students to these type of experiences allows them to learn, first hand, about well-paying, high-demand careers. Employment in the healthcare industry is expected to add 2.3 million new jobs, nationally, over the next 10 years.
Why Bellin College?
My sister, Julie, who is 18 years older than me, is my ultimate role model in life. She graduated from Bellin College of Nursing in 2001. Of course, her baby sister aspired to follow her footsteps. I walked into this school for a tour and something told me it was the place I was meant to receive my education.

As much as I don’t want to say it was love at first sight, it was love at first sight. The small, family-like environment is priceless. My classmates are my forever friends and the faculty, who know me personally, are positive influences who I will always appreciate and remember. Although I truly respect each faculty member here at Bellin, I would like to give a special shoutout to Professor Malina Herber. Thank you for investing in your students, caring as much as you do, and challenging me to be the best version of myself. I hope to be half the nurse and person you are someday.

Student Organizations
I have served as a Bellin College Ambassador, the secretary of the Institution for Healthcare Improvement, a class representative for the Bellin Student Nurses Association, a member of Love Your Melon and, my personal favorite, the student leader of Bellin College InterVarsity. Being a part of these organizations has provided me the opportunity to build upon my leadership skills, form solid lifelong friendships, hang with childhood cancer survivors, serve the homeless, attend the National Forum for IHI in Orlando, Florida, and much, much more. These organizations have played a huge role in my amazing experience here.

Bellin College InterVarsity (BCIV)
This organization deserves its own paragraph, as it will always hold a special place in my heart. In the past, someone saw a need and started up a bible study. Little did I know then, I came at the perfect time to push it to the next level – to make this group an official organization with the help of motivated faculty and fellow students. God’s timing coming in clutch? Definitely. BCIV is a group that focuses on incorporating spirituality into our practice as healthcare professionals, as well as serving as a place to develop a personal relationship with God. BCIV is the first established Christian-based organization the college has ever had. In my eyes, having an outlet to fill ourselves is essential before going out to pour into others. As proud as I am to be a part of the establishment of this group, I give God all of the credit. His hand was in every detail. I pray that BCIV will be a fruitful organization that offers an encouraging community to everyone at the college for many years to come.

What’s next?
In January, I am privileged to be a part of an awesome group of people traveling to Guatemala for a 10-day medical mission trip. As much as I hope to provide for these people, I know I’ll be the one who comes back changed. After graduation in May, I will be moving to the Milwaukee area with my husband, Arik, (he is the best by the way) who will be obtaining his Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Concordia University. I hope to land a nursing position that allows me to implement all I have learned from Bellin College and build upon the personal values I have established here. I expect nursing to be both challenging and rewarding. I’m ready to take on this challenge to reap the rewards, even if they seem small. Who knows? Maybe I will be back to college at some point in life to serve on the other side of education – teaching students how to become the best nurses they can be.

I was once told that no matter what stage of life you are finishing, to “end well.” This is what I hope to accomplish in the next eight months.

“I truly believe that receiving a scholarship is directly contributing to the future of healthcare. I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of my donors as their assistance allows me to receive an amazing education here at Bellin College.”

-Kelsey Tavs, BSN Class of 2018
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This program is designed to prepare practicing nursing professionals with the credentials and skills necessary to meet the demands of a rapidly changing healthcare environment. More healthcare organizations now require nurses to hold a BSN degree, as studies have reported patients attended by nurses with a BSN degree have better outcomes and lower death rates. “As patient encounters shift from the acute care (hospital) setting to the community, nurses with a BSN degree are prepared to understand and deliver the comprehensive services these patients need and expect,” said Dr. Vera Dauffenbach, RN to BSN program coordinator at Bellin College.

The first RN to BSN cohort from Bellin Health pilot program graduated in May 2017.

Bellin College hosted its annual Scholarship Salute event on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. This event provides donors the opportunity to meet the recipient(s) of their generous scholarship contributions, and allows students the chance to thank donors for helping to fund their education and pursue their dream of becoming a nurse, radiologic technician, or diagnostic medical sonographer.

The evening comprised of a social hour and a short program recognizing donors and recipients. During the program, a student from each program shared their gratitude on behalf of all recipients. More than 115 students and 80 donors attended. More than $476,000 was awarded in scholarship to current students for the 2017-18 academic year.
Greetings to all alumni!

Fall is in the air and my time as Alumni Council chair is soon coming to an end. I am including a short progress report for 2017.

A focus of the council this year was to seek and retain an active membership, as well as adding representation from other programs besides nursing. This was accomplished and we welcomed some new faces to the council with the integration of Radiologic Sciences alumni.

In May, the Senior Breakfast Social was held on the UWGB campus, which was a wonderful opportunity for alumni to visit and interact with the graduating seniors the day before commencement.

In September, we had the homecoming and class reunion at the college. Tours were given and the Hands on Healthcare ambulance was featured. The special guests were the classes of 1967 and 2007 celebrating their 50- and 10-year reunions.

During the evening, the Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Donna Zelazoski. The award is given to the graduate who has achieved outstanding accomplishments and who exemplifies the mission and values of Bellin College. Donna is also very active with the alumni council. Congratulations, Donna!

The Bellin Alumni Council continues to evolve with the resignation of many members creating vacancies for new members to join. There is a lot of room on the council and we are seeking fresh eyes and new ideas! So, if you have ever entertained the idea of serving as a Bellin College alumni council member, now is the time. Ask a friend to come with you and get involved!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your alumni council chair this year. Chad Dall will take over as chair of the alumni council for 2018! Congratulations, Chad!

The council meets five times per year on the first Wednesday of every other month. Contact Jamie Jergenson at jamie.jergenson@bellincollege.edu or 920-433-6655 for more information.

Kind regards,

Sue Danelski
Sue Danelski, Class of 1991, Bellin College Alumni Council Chair, 2017

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Class of 1967 reunion luncheon

Bellin College’s broad base of alumni was represented, with individuals from many different classes and programs. The event included presentations by Bellin College President Dr. Connie Boerst and Radiologic Sciences Instructor Chad Dall. Dall, the incoming alumni council chair, spoke about the new mobile Hands on Healthcare program, which uses a retrofitted ambulance to transport a virtual cadaver table, a high-fidelity manikin, medical supplies and other healthcare education tools. This unit already has an action-packed fall schedule and began heading out to schools and events in September.

Donna’s love of nursing and helping others has also taken her overseas. She has traveled to Haiti on mission trips for many years and spends countless hours preparing supplies.

During the latest years of her employment, Donna served as the manager of the obstetrics department at Bellin Hospital. There, she mentored countless students, new graduates, and fellow nurses and taught them how to provide high-quality care to women and families in the obstetrics setting.

Donna has always been a strong proponent of breastfeeding and has helped many new moms get started on the path to a successful and rewarding experience with their newborns. She is also a passionate advocate for birth experience choices and safe deliveries. She continues her advocacy by volunteering in Haiti, teaching the residents all aspects of healthy living and medical treatment.

Lastly, Donna has been an active member of the Bellin College Alumni Council for many years. She served as president and is dedicated to supporting students and graduates. Her influence has touched many throughout the years. Congratulations, Donna!

**Zelazoski receives 2017 Bellin College Distinguished Alumni Award**

Bellin College honored distinguished alumni award winner Donna Zelazoski at its homecoming event on Sept. 14. Donna is a graduate of the nursing class of 1969 and was a dedicated Bellin student and team member her entire nursing career. She recently retired, but remains active in the Bellin community, supporting students and current team members.
After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in Psychology and French, Cassandra still struggled finding her career. She often came back to nursing and, after struggling with her own health diagnosis, she knew being a nurse was exactly what she had to do.

Helping patients like her nurses helped her really feel like a way to repay the amazing, life-changing care she had received. She grew up in Green Bay and really appreciated the reputation Bellin College had for developing exceptional nurses. She was also attracted to the small class sizes and the development of the simulation center. “I knew in the future that I would want to continue my education with a masters or DNP and, therefore, obtaining a BSN was necessary,” said Cassandra.

“I was faced with many opportunities and challenges during my time at Bellin College. As an adult student, I was required to work full-time during the semester. However, the personal attention that was given to me by faculty and staff definitely lightened the burden. I also had student loans from my previous degrees and was concerned about adding to my student debt. I was lucky enough to be offered several scholarships, including the Bellin College presidential scholarship.”

During her time at Bellin College, Cassandra participated in several student organizations. She was president of the Bellin College Student Nurses Association (BSNA) which led her to participate as Executive Vice President of the Wisconsin Student Nurses Association (WSNA). She said, “Participating on a state board opened up a lot of opportunities in not only nursing but also leadership.” She also participated in Student Senate and IHI at the college.

Since graduation, Cassandra has been employed at Mayo Clinic as a registered nurse in a cardiac surgery/transplant progressive care unit. “I believe my education at Bellin College and the opportunities that were presented to me prepared me for my current role. The confidence I gained in my cardiac and acute care clinical experiences have been invaluable to me during my first year as a nurse. I also believe the values of excellence, integrity, community and caring that I built upon at Bellin College has shaped me into the nurse I am today.”

In the future, Cassandra hopes to become a nurse practitioner. She especially enjoys working with heart and lung transplant patients and hopes to continue down that path.
Events

Alumni Events
Board and Brush
November 15, 2017 • 6 p.m.
Board & Brush Creative Studio
235 N. Broadway
Green Bay, WI 54301

Alumni Happy Hour
January 18, 2018 • 3 to 6:30 p.m.
Fox Heights
217 N. Washington Street
Green Bay, WI 54301

College Events
Fall Commencement
October 13, 2017 • 4 to 7 p.m.
Bellin College Atrium

Winter Commencement
December 15, 2017 • 3:30 to 7 p.m.
Bellin College Atrium

Career Fair - Alumni Welcome!
February 19, 2018 • 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Bellin College Atrium
To RSVP, contact:
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Thank you to everyone who came to Anduzzi’s East for drinks and appetizers on Aug. 9.

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The Bellin College Legacy Society is a group of individuals who have decided to remember us in their wills. This special group of people are essential to the advancement of the college and to ensuring that our students have the opportunities to receive a high-level education at an affordable rate.

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To Bellin College Alumni

Beulah Jasman (1932-2017) – Beulah (Sachs) Jasman, age 84, of Green Bay and beloved wife of the late Robert “Bob” Jasman, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2017, at Woodside Nursing Home. She was a graduate of the Bellin College of Nursing class of 1953. She worked as a nurse initially in Clintonville and then for many years at Bellin Hospital in the OB ward.

Sally Rathert (1943-2016) – Sally L. Rathert passed away peacefully Friday morning, Aug. 5, 2016. Sally graduated with honors from Bellin College School of Nursing and received her RN. Sally was a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton for almost 30 years, working the majority of her time as a psychiatric nurse. She loved her patients and co-workers and was completely happy with her chosen field of work. Sally was nominated twice for the Nightingale Award for excellence in nursing and was named outstanding RN at St. Elizabeth Hospital in 1996.

Shirley M. Manning (1939-2016) – Shirley (Jager) Manning, age 76, of Green Bay, passed away at home, Sunday, February 7, 2016, with her loving family at her side. She earned her Bachelor’s degree from Bellin College of Nursing.

Cynthia L. Rocheleau (1952-2017) – Cynthia L. Rocheleau, 63, a resident of Krakow, passed away at home on Thursday, April 14, 2016, surrounded by family after a two-year battle with cancer. She graduated from Pulaski High in 1970 and attended Bellin College of Nursing.

“When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.”
– Kahlil Gibran

Condolences
Phil (1920-2017) & Betsy (1923-2013) Hendrickson
Phil and Betsy Hendrickson have supported the Golf Classic since its inception and Bellin College much longer. Their legacy lives on through scholarship and the Phil and Betsy Hendrickson library on campus. Bellin College has a deep appreciation for the generosity of the Hendricksons and will never forget the impact they have made on our students.

Louie Konop (1922-2016)
The Konop and Long Golf Classic began 17 years ago when Louie Konop and Don Long put their support behind this effort. The Golf Classic has gone on to raise more than $750,000 to support Bellin College. The Konop family has been integral to this success.

A Tribute to Margaret Zutz
Margaret Zutz appreciated the help she received while attending nursing school in her teenage years. Having been raised by a widowed mother of three, Margaret knew she needed to create security for herself in life. With that in mind, she graduated from Oconto Falls High School and attended Bellin Memorial Hospital’s School of Nursing, graduating in 1948 as a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps.

Her education served her well during the time she and her husband, Carl, raised seven children. During those years, Margaret worked third shift at Theda Clark Hospital in Neenah and University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison.

She retired from the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison in 1985. Retirement brought Carl and Margaret north to Conover for years on North Twin Lake and, finally, at Homme Home in Wittenberg, Wis. Carl lost his beloved Margaret on March 2, 2017.

Carl and Karen’s Visit
This summer, we were contacted by Carl Zutz and the couple’s daughter, Karen Rendall. They traveled from the Wittenberg area to deliver, in person, Margaret’s nursing cape and a photo of her. Carl told us the story of how they met.

He had been engaged to another girl before the war and, when he arrived home, she had decided to marry another man. Heartbroken, Carl moved on in hopes of meeting a new love. Little did he know he would meet her during a trip to the hospital for a routine surgery. She was a nursing student working the registration desk at Bellin Hospital.

Her name: Margaret Firgins. After he was discharged, Carl sent her two dozen roses…and the rest is history. They were married on Jan. 29, 1949.

Carl and Margaret were married for 68 years and had seven children. During his visit, he talked about how wonderful those years were and how much he misses her.

We are very thankful for the donation of such a beautiful cape from that era. Thank you, Carl and family!

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Get ready to join our Giving Tuesday movement!

We have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals. And we have one for giving back.

Giving Tuesday is Nov. 28!
However, our campaign is kicking off early – on Nov. 15. We will be raising funds for a special item that will enhance our student’s knowledge and healthcare experience. What is it you ask? Well…it’s a secret…for now.

Watch for emails and follow us on social media to learn more and lend a helping hand.

To donate, visit www.bellincollege.edu/GivingTuesday from Nov. 15 through Nov. 28!
Dr. Amber Carriveau was promoted to MSN Program Director in September 2017.

Mary Basten joined Bellin College’s Health Sciences Resource Center (HSRC) team in June 2017 as the HSRC Coordinator.

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Newest faculty members!

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Nursing:
• Tricia Drake, Nursing Assistant Instructor
• Holly Euclide, Adjunct Nursing Faculty (BSN Program)
• Mary Froelich, Nursing Assistant Coordinator/Instructor
• Dr. Sarah Oleson, Assistant Professor of Nursing (BSN Program)
• Kristi Otterson, Adjunct Nursing Faculty (BSN Program)
• Dr. Angela Parmentier, Assistant Professor of Nursing (MSN Program)
• Tiffany Sasse, Adjunct Nursing Faculty (BSN Program)
• Stacy Thomas, Nursing Assistant Instructor
**Faculty Accomplishments**


**Mary Rolloff** - Co-presented an all-day seminar with Kyle Mounts from the Wisconsin Association of Perinatal Care around the state of Wisconsin (Waukesha, Madison, Black River Falls, Rice Lake, and Appleton) on *Perinatal Substance Abuse to Child Protective Service Workers.*

**Virginia Riggs BA, MS, MSN, RN and Ruth Rodda MSN, RN** - Presented a breakout session during the 2017 Nursing Educator’s Conference in the Rockies which was held in Breckenridge Colorado from July 12th-15th. The title of the session was “Creating a Diverse Nursing Faculty.” The theme of the conference was Embracing Diversity in Nurse Education.

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**Retirement of faculty member - Deb Lidbury**

Deb started working at the College when it was Bellin School of Nursing in 1982. At that time she was employed by Shawano Community Hospital and she facilitated senior Bellin students three days a week at Shawano Hospital for their Leadership clinical. “In those days, we were doing team nursing on the hospital units, and the smaller busy community hospital proved to be a wonderful experience for the students,” said Deb. Although the students commuted from Green Bay to Shawano early each day, they all were very satisfied with the program.

Deb became a full-time faculty member in 1987 after she completed her MSN. Deb came on board to teach and facilitate the new community health course required by the BSN program. Over the next decade, Deb taught community health and other courses while also maintaining a part-time role as a nurse practitioner. The first College transcultural health course was developed and offered by Deb from 1993 to 2003. Each January, a group of students went to a rural area of Florida to provide services in public health to farm workers and their families and a large new immigrant group from Guatemala. In total, more than 100 students were able to participate in that program and many have gone on to practice in community health settings.

When Bellin College decided to develop a Master of Science in Nursing program, Deb was on the planning committee and taught in the nurse educator track for several years. In 2007, Deb left the College to pursue her nurse practitioner role for eight years and rejoined the College as faculty in 2015. Deb has most recently been teaching in the 15-month BSN program and continues to be active in the local chapter of the nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau, as President. Many of Deb’s colleagues over the past two years were former students of hers in the MSN program, and now she can recall teaching some parents of current students!

Deb has commuted to Green Bay from Shawano for more than 33 years, and is looking forward to retirement with her husband Chuck at their home on the Wolf River, and at their summer home in Indian Shores on Lake Tomahawk. Her retirement started this summer, and she began writing a children’s book. She continues to look forward to reading and spending more time with her grandchildren.
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