



April 2024 Newsletter · Dove Healthcare - Bloomer and Bloomer Assisted Living

Congratulations, Dove Healthcare – Bloomer!

Please help us in congratulating our outstanding team on receiving just three citations on our annual health inspection that ended March 14 by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services!

This is difficult to obtain (national average is 9.2 citations and WI average is 7.6 citations) and speaks to the hard work and dedication our team puts in every day at Dove Healthcare – Bloomer.

The overall focus of the survey is to ensure we are providing quality care to our residents. The survey team does this by conducting interviews with employees and residents; observing proper care techniques; reviewing required documentation; and examining existing policy and procedures.

We are so grateful for our ENTIRE TEAM that goes above and beyond each day to provide quality, compassionate, care. We thank our residents (and their families) for entrusting us with their care. It is an honor to know you and care for you



Spread the word... ONE APARTMENT LEFT AND IT'S ON 1ST FLOOR!

We hope to soon fill our last open apartment at Dove Healthcare - Bloomer Assisted Living. We sincerely appreciate you sharing this information with anyone you know that might be exploring the option of assisted living for a loved one. Please contact Director Katie Kuehn to ask questions and schedule a tour. 715-568-2716 or info@dovehealthcare.com



Foundation Fundraiser a HUGE Success

Check out these amazing moments from the **Dove Healthcare Community Foundation's 2024 Polar Bear Plunge**. Our foundation's goal was to raise \$20,000, and we more than surpassed that coming in at over \$30,000 thanks to so many generous donors and sponsors. We are excited to expand **Cycling Without Age** and other initiatives.

Special recognition to contest winners:

- Most pledges raised by individual jumper: **Jeremy Kiley** (with **Cayci Young** in 2nd place)
- Most pledges raised by a team: **Dove Healthcare – Barron and Rice Lake**
- Most pledges raised by a chicken jumper: **Scot Schmock**
- Best costume (voted by residents of Dove Healthcare – Bloomer): **The Pirates**

A BIG thank you to:

- **Bloomer Fire & Paramedics** for being a part of the day to ensure everyone's safety coming out of the COLD water
- **Sebastian Pannell** for photographing all the fun moments
- **Roxie** for announcing the jumpers
- **Harms Way Bar & Grill** for donating pizza
- **Bloomer Bakery** for donating cookies
- **Development Specialist Michelle Farrow** for setting us up with an online registration/fundraising platform
- **Board Chair Joe Muench** for chairing the event

- OUR 2024 SPONSORS:

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POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



Our Bloomer Plunge Team BEFORE....



Meet our New Social Services & Admissions Director



We are happy to introduce you to Kaitlyn Weber! Kaitlyn joined our team in March as our new social services and admissions director.

Kaitlyn shared, "I grew up between Menomonie and Colfax on Tainter Lake. I attended Menomonie High School and then the University

of Wisconsin-Eau Claire where I majored in health sciences and two minors, social work and gerontology. After graduating from UWEC, I spent several years in Menomonie working as a social services director and then as the director of an assisted living facility. Recently, my husband and I purchased a home between Ridgeland and Wheeler. We've enjoyed picking away at some small home renovations and look forward to starting a small hobby farm. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, baking, and spending time up north with friends and family. My healthcare journey started when I became a CNA while in high school. Since then, I have had a passion for senior care, and look forward to serving our residents at Dove Healthcare – Bloomer."

Administrator Erica Salsbury said, "Kaitlyn is a wonderful fit for Bloomer. She shares our passion for advocating and giving our residents the best quality of care. We value her experience, as well as her compassion for those residing with us."

Please join us in welcoming Kaitlyn to Dove Healthcare – Bloomer!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

April 21-27 has been set aside as a time to recognize and say thank you to our volunteers. The role of volunteers is an important one in any organization, but I think in a care center such as ours these caring individuals are even more valued.

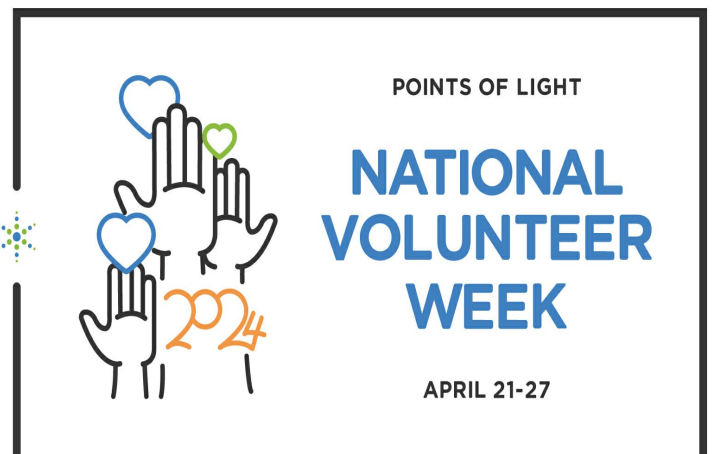


Our volunteers are vital members of our team and take on many responsibilities and help to bring the community to our residents. They come from diverse backgrounds - students, parents, and retirees. There is always room for people who have the desire to serve! And so, to our volunteers, we say "THANK YOU"! We appreciate your dedication and everything you do to support our ongoing mission *to provide compassionate care and service to meet the needs of those who depend on us.*

To those who want to explore the possibility of serving others, we encourage you to take the next step - **become a volunteer!** If you are interested in joining our team of great volunteers and would like more information, please contact me: 715-568-6011 or lodness@dovehealthcare.com

Our volunteer application process is quick and easy! Just go to our website dovehealthcare.com and go to "Join our Team" and then click on the volunteer page to bring up the online application. We look forward to hearing from you!

Laura Odness, Recreation Director



ACTIVITY ANTICS

April is such a pretty word. When I think of April, I think pastel colors and delicate egg shells from newly hatched chicks. This year, with Easter already behind us, we have only a few holidays to consider on our calendar. If you get fired up about Earth Day and Arbor Day, this month is for you! It is the first month I really start thinking seriously about the garden that will soon be planted and get excited to see everything shake off winter and resume growth.

In March, we had fun *while* learning a few things. Our trip to the Chippewa Area History Center was full of surprises and tidbits about this place we call home, all neatly laid out in a beautiful, easily accessible building. We also got scientific in discussing the history of dye and colors, and rolled up our sleeves to make natural egg dye with beets, red cabbage, turmeric, and onion skins. The results really took a lot of people by surprise and were beautiful... even if the whole building smelled like bad breath.

We had fun while providing a service (well, it may have been partly for our own selfish benefit) by preparing plastic eggs for an egg hunt with two to four year olds from Rainbow Kidz daycare center. Our prep paid off 100-fold when we had the privilege of sharing some special time with these wonderful tots!

In addition, we dyed eggs (with *regular* egg dye) for the everyone who don't get a chance to dye their own. We sampled Easter candy, made egg critter crafts with the 4-H group, took *two* busloads to the Bohemian Ovens, and enjoyed extra observances and services during Holy Week. I am smiling just recalling it all!

Now back to beautiful April! I mentioned that there are only a handful of "holidays" this month, but I have no worries about things being "slow". With the ice long off the lake, the only thing standing between us and a pontoon ride is a 70-degree day! We will head to the movies and to Turtle Lake this month for some time away as well.

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One holiday I am really excited about is one of those lesser-known celebrations: National Volunteer Week! Our volunteers are endlessly appreciated and do so many countless things that free our employees to focus on additional resident care tasks. We will *roll out the Red Carpet* on Thursday, April 25 for our volunteers right here at our beautiful care center and celebrate what each person brings to the table. Volunteers can expect a personalized invite soon.

Here's to April showers bringing **APRIL** flowers!

Laura Odness, Recreation Director



Tenant of the Month at Dove Healthcare - Bloomer Assisted Living



Get to Know... Marie Tayler

Where were you born?

I was born in my home. We lived right next to the Bloomer Golf Course, and a doctor came into our home to deliver me.

What do you recall about your childhood?

I went to school at St. Paul's in Bloomer for Kindergarten through 8th grade. I then graduated from Bloomer High School.

After school was over for the day, my brothers and I did a lot of golfing.

Did you grow up with any siblings?

I grew up with four older brothers.

What did you do for work?

I traveled all over during my working years. While in high school, I worked for the pharmacy in Bloomer. After graduation, I moved to Milwaukee and worked there for a government center. I got married and had my children while living in Milwaukee. During the time that my children were in school, I stayed home and cared for them. We later moved back to Wisconsin for my husband's work. After the kids were grown and out of their own, I moved to Washington State.

Do you have children? What are their names?

I have four children: Linda, Barb, Jill, and Steve.

As a family, what did you enjoy doing together?

We had a summer house in Wisconsin on a lake. The kids really enjoyed water sports and being in the water. When the kids weren't in school, they all had part-time jobs.

What are some of your hobbies?

I did a lot of sewing, needle work, and quilting.

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Have you done any traveling?

I lived in a lot of different places throughout my life. I have lived in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Washington State.

I have traveled to Europe and Alaska with my sister-in-law, and I currently travel down to Arizona and Kansas to see my children.

What are you most proud of or happiest about in your life?

I am most proud of all the work I have done throughout my life. I am also proud of raising my wonderful children and seeing them succeed.

What do you like about living at Dove Healthcare - Bloomer Assisted Living?

I like the fact that there is always something to do, the food is good, and all the friends that I have met while living here.

Thanks for sharing your story with us, Marie!

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We helped the Easter Bunny fill his eggs for Easter morning!

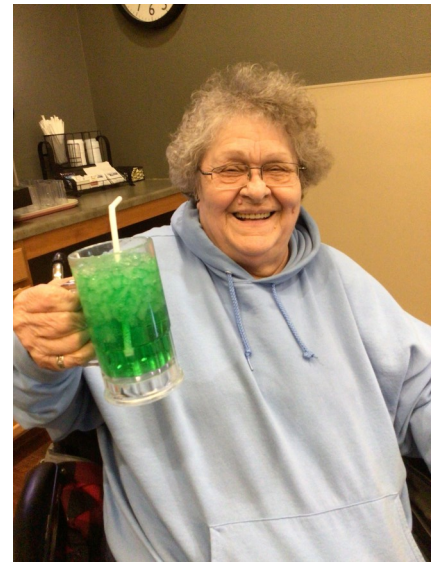


We made Leprechauns!



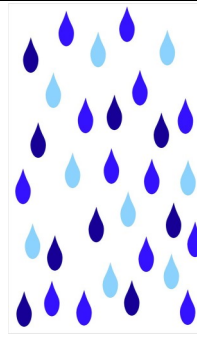


This month we started something new: manicures and reading group!





April (Skilled Nursing)

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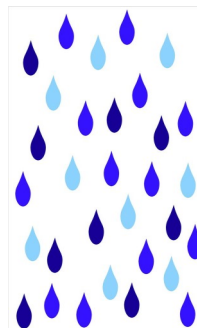

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