



Dove Healthcare

May 2025 Newsletter · Dove Healthcare - Barron Assisted Living

A Message from the Director

Welcome, May! Seeing April go was bittersweet, but with all the different weather changes, I can easily say I'm ready for the greener grass, flowers blooming, and warmer weather.

April brought a few new changes for us with the salad bar kick off and shower remodel project starting. We are all very excited about both these exciting new additions and hope you are all too.

We've tweaked the process for the salad bar, making sure we are as efficient as possible, and it seems to be running smoothly now. As always, please let us know if there is something we are missing or you would like to see on the salad bar.

The shower project has been started in the first apartment, and as with any renovations, there can be hiccups, so we appreciate your patience with this as we know everyone is so excited. We have an apartment list, and I'll let you know a few days before the contractors will be ready to start the project. We do have an open apartment if there are any unforeseen issues that arise during the project that may cause you to be out of your room for a bit.

Looking ahead to May, we are implementing a new electronic health record system called PointClickCare (PCC), so we are looking forward to this new system. We also have many fun activities coming up in May so make sure to look over the recreation calendar, and come and join in on the fun.

Happy Mother's Day to all you wonderful moms, they truly make the world go round.

If there are any concerns or comments, please stop in and see me as my door is always open and welcomes good conversations.

Jena Florczak, Director



Upcoming Events

- May 9 Mother's Day Tea
- May 16 Music with Jack Gorski
- May 23 Memorial Day Picnic

Happy Birthday, Tenants!

5/9 Grace S
5/13 Fern A

Welcome, New Tenants!

Marion H

Welcome, New Employees!

Marisa W

Jena Florczak, Director



Find us on Facebook

Follow Us on Facebook!

facebook.com/dovehealthcarebarron

If you're not already following us on Facebook, we invite you to check out the page and consider following it to stay connected with all of the wonderful activities that take place here! Please also invite your loved ones near and far to follow the page too. We'll always share some photos in our monthly newsletter; Facebook is just a great way to keep in touch.

Do You Have a Loved One Residing at Dove Healthcare?

MESSAGE A RESIDENT

We invite you to try out a communication tool on our website and surprise your loved one with a special greeting. Scroll to the bottom of any page on dovehealthcare.com and click on the button "Message a Resident". Just fill out the fields provided and your message will be emailed to a designated employee at the location you select. They will then print and deliver the message to your loved one. Give our recreation department a call if you have any questions.

Recognize a Dove Healthcare Employee

RECOGNIZE AN EMPLOYEE

We invite you to recognize a Dove Healthcare employee who went above and beyond in their work during your time with us.



Scan QR code, or visit dovehealthcare.com/recognize today. Please be specific and briefly explain how the employee went above and beyond. Did they exceed the needs of a resident?

Did their attitude and actions promote a positive experience? Your message will be printed and delivered to the Dove Healthcare employee within a week. We look forward to hearing from you.

A Minute With Maintenance Lessons from an Evacuation

As you know, we had an emergency evacuation at Dove Healthcare - Rice Lake in December 2024. We diligently do our monthly fire drills, occasionally review our emergency preparedness plans, and practice various emergency scenarios. When the alarm sounded and water was pouring through the ceiling, it took a lot of discipline to execute the evacuation plans. Because these things really do happen, we all need an emergency plan and practice drills in order to be ready.



My first lesson is that we must always follow our procedures. That starts with strong communications about expectations during drills.

My second lesson is the importance of good community relationships. I cannot imagine going through this event without the great support we received from our friends and neighbors.

My third lesson is the importance of those plans we made that we thought we would never use. We quickly needed a way to transport residents, secure the building, and a long list of other things. A well-written plan saves time and helps one remember important steps when your mind is overwhelmed.

The fourth lesson I learned is to expect the stress to last well past the emergency. Our employees and residents have a different reaction now to a fire drill that raises their anxiety, still months after the real event. Sometimes stress hits you after the adrenaline levels off and you are trying to process what happened.

The next time you do a drill or review your emergency preparedness plans do not see it as a burden and an annoyance, but see it as an opportunity to be ready to ensure the safety of those you care about and yourself.

Brent Swan
Maintenance Technician for Dove Healthcare - Barron Assisted Living and Rice Lake

Nursing Headlines

Happy National Nurses Week!

May 6-12 is National Nurses Week, and we are so blessed to have three wonderful nurses here at Dove Healthcare - Barron Assisted Living.



Nurses are recognized for their service and dedication to caring for others and improving the health of people nationwide.

We are so thankful for our nurses! They provide exceptional care to all of our tenants.



Lisa, Rachel, and Abbie

When you see them, please take a moment to thank them.

“Nursing encompasses an art, a humanistic orientation, a feeling for the value of the individual, and an intuitive sense of ethics, and of the appropriateness of action taken.”

*-Myrtle Aydelotte,
nursing leader and innovator*

To all of our nurses, thank you for everything you do! We appreciate you.

Recreation Highlights

Happy May! I'm excited to enjoy the warmer days and longer nights.

We had a fun April carrying out all the Easter celebrations. We dyed eggs, made marshmallow nests, and had a delicious ham meal made by Sherry and Marisa.

Our Pen Pal group and games with the Barron County Developmental Services has been off to a great start. Every two weeks, we exchange letters with one group and with the game group we have a very competitive game of bags. We are having a lot of fun and building some neat friendships.

Prairie Farm 7th and 8th grade band came and preformed a music concert for us. What a delight! We also enjoyed some conversations about the differences between school now and back then. Then we ended with some cookies, what a treat all around!

We had the opportunity to meet with Ed and John from the Lily Medical Group and get some valuable information about their medical service. The Lily Medical Group is a group of medical providers who travel to your home and assisted living communities. If you missed the meeting and are interested in learning more, please stop by Jena's office for more information.

May will be another fun month with celebrating Mother's Day, a Memorial Day picnic, Barron Woodland Elementary 4K kids, and music with Jack Gorski. Can't wait!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, we try and post pictures of most of our events, and who knows, maybe you might recognize someone!

To all the mothers out there, have a Happy Mother's Day!

Lori Van Ess,
Community Development
Coordinator



Thankful for our Volunteers

Memories from the Month



Pastor Floyd and Bible Study



Making marshmallow nests



Frank helping with activities



Prairie Farm 7 and 8 grad band



St. Joseph Catholic Communion



Our first ever puzzle contest!



Pam and the exercise class



First Lutheran and Hymn Sing



Our spring trail mix made for happy hour.

May is National Speech-Language-Hearing Month

Article contributed by Emily Erickson, regional assistant director of rehabilitation, Dove Healthcare



Speech language pathologists (also known as speech therapists) work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in all ages.

Speech therapists can be found working in schools, outpatient clinics, hospitals, assisted living and skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers like Dove Healthcare, and even in your own home.

Speech therapy can be traced back to a few different moments in history. First, 18th century England focused on perfecting speech through elocution, which was imperative for politicians and public speakers. When the idea of speech perfection came to the United States, its focus evolved into helping those with speech, language, and communication disorders.

In the mid-1900s, with so many Veterans returning from the war with head injuries, addressing cognitive-communication deficits became the main role for speech therapists nationwide. Speech therapy continued to evolve into the field that it is today, covering a wide range of disorders.

- **Articulation Disorders:** Difficulty producing specific sounds or sound combinations.
- **Fluency Disorders:** Stuttering or other interruptions in the flow of speech.
- **Voice Disorders:** Problems with vocal quality, pitch, or loudness.
- **Dysarthria:** Weakness or paralysis of the muscles involved in speech production, leading to slurred or unclear speech.
- **Apraxia:** Difficulty planning and coordinating the movements needed for speech, even with intact muscles.
- **Aphasia:** Difficulty understanding or expressing language, often resulting from brain damage.
- **Cognitive-Communication Disorders:** Problems with higher-level communication skills, such as organization, memory, and problem-solving related to language.

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- **Dysphagia:** Difficulty swallowing food, liquids, or saliva.
- **Cognitive impairments:** such as memory, attention, and problem-solving.

For more information:

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Dove Healthcare

Our Mission

As an innovative healthcare provider and community partner, we provide compassionate care and service to meet the needs of those who depend on us. We commit to excellence through adherence to high standards, disciplined leadership, and mutual respect for all.



Caring for Wisconsin PERSONAL. LOCAL. LOYAL.

Join us in celebrating our

GRAND REOPENING

Wednesday, May 14

Guided Tours • Live Music • Hors d'oeuvres

Ribbon Cutting 4 PM

*with the Rice Lake
Chamber of Commerce*

Open House 4:30-6 PM

Dove Healthcare - Rice Lake
910 Bear Paw Ave
Rice Lake, WI 54868

Join us as we celebrate our long-awaited grand reopening, unveil the beautiful renovations, and pay tribute to so many who supported us along the way.

Feel free to invite your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you!

Caring for Rice Lake **PERSONAL. LOCAL. LOYAL.**



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Church services available on TV or on-line Independently	1:00 Bible Study  1:00 Pen Pals	10:00 Catholic Communion 2:30 Quarter Bingo 	2:00 LCR 	12:30 Thursday at the U (Why do birds sing?) 2:30 Quarter Bingo 	10:00 Exercise with Pam  2:00 Mother's Day Tea	9:00 Coffee Tea Social  2:00 Bingo with Frank		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
Church services available on TV or on-line Independently 	1:00 Bible Study 	10:00 Catholic Communion 1:00 Games with BCDSI 2:30 Quarter Bingo 	10:00 Trivia 	2:30 Quarter Bingo 	10:00 Exercise with Pam  2:00 Music with Jack Gorski	9:00 Coffee Tea Social  2:00 Bingo with Frank		
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Church services available on TV or on-line Independently	1:00 Bible Study  1:00 Pen Pals	10:00 Catholic Communion 1:00 Games with BCDSI 2:30 Quarter Bingo 	10:00 Baking Time 2:00 Happy Hour	2:30 Quarter Bingo 	10:00 Exercise with Pam  11:30 Memorial Day picnic	9:00 Coffee Tea Social 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
Church services available on TV or on-line Independently		10:00 Catholic Communion 2:30 Quarter Bingo 	9:30 Barron 4K kids singing 1:00 Tech Help 2:00 May Birthday Party	10:00 Tenant Meeting 2:30 Quarter Bingo 	10:00 Exercise with Pam  Dine-in	9:00 Coffee Tea Social 		

Notes: Library books available near the mailboxes. Games and puzzles available for tenant use in the community room.