



# Dove Healthcare

June 2025 Newsletter · Dove Healthcare - Bloomer and Bloomer Assisted Living

## ACTIVITY ANTICS

May was blooming with something new and noteworthy every day here. First of all, we have all of our flowers planted, and the patio is looking like a peaceful oasis. It is already a busy place, and now it looks show-worthy enough for the season!

The **Heyde Center in Chippewa Falls** was a definite highlight, as we all came back with side aches from laughing at those Looney Lutherans. We even got our picture taken with the stars of the show! The Heyde Center volunteers went out of their way to accommodate our group and treated us like VIPs! I would recommend checking out a show there if you haven't yet.

**National Skilled Nursing Care Week** was really a "stitch" as well! As you may recall, the theme was "The Tapestry of Life", and we wove together a week of so many different things to celebrate. A Mother's Day breakfast kicked it all off, and we had such a wonderful turn out and pleasant morning with everyone. The same afternoon was one of the more colorful we've had with a quilt show and quilt tying demonstration. The number of quilts loaned to us for our show was amazing, and it was so much fun to take a "tour" of them all and hear about their origins. Then, we had members of the Sand Creek Quilters join us to talk about the marvelous things their group does for people around the world, and they brought along a quilt for us to tie together. It was such a binding experience to have everyone sitting together completing a quilt that will go to someone who needs it.

Finally, we celebrated our heritage, with a special focus on the Scandinavian bunch we have around here. It had been awhile since we celebrated Syttende Mai, and we received so much help in pulling it together! We had volunteers for everything, from making and pressing sandbakkels to rolling lefse and frying rosettes, to bringing back a Bloomer legend, Christie Michels, to harmonize on those Norwegian notes with Mary Bjork! What a week!

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June, to me, is one of the most beautiful words in our language. It rolls off the tongue as effortlessly as the month feels; slipping on sandals, sipping lemonade, watching baseball in the sun... we can have high hopes for this month is here! **Father's Day** is the featured holiday, and we will celebrate all of our fellas on **Monday, June 16** (see the attached article in this newsletter for details!). It is also June Dairy Month, and we will not fail to support our state's economy and enjoy some of its finest products this month!

One thing I am very excited to have the residents experience is seeing the **Blue Angels at the Chippewa Valley Air Show!** We get to attend on "practice day", Friday, June 27, and it has historically been a memorable day that flies by at the speed of sound!

I hope your first summer month is full of sunny days and carefree ways!

Laura Odness, Recreation Director



## Congrats to our 2025 Graduates!

It is such an honor to employ students and support them with learning experiences that are sure to help grow and guide them no matter their future career path.

We wish you the very best in all of your adventures ahead! Thank you for being a part of our family of caregivers at Dove Healthcare – Bloomer and Bloomer Assisted Living.

### Dove Healthcare – Bloomer Assisted Living

**Celina** | Bloomer High School | CVTC and continuing to work at Dove Healthcare

**Kendall** | Bloomer High School | UW-Eau Claire - Rehabilitation Sciences, Pre-Occupational Therapy

### Dove Healthcare – Bloomer

**Alex** | Bloomer High School | Southwest Technical College - Direct Entry Midwife.

**Cassidy** | Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School | University Minnesota Duluth - Social Work, Minor in Psychology

**Haley** | Chippewa Falls Senior High School | CVTC - Nursing

**Jerica** | Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School | UW-Eau Claire - Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy Track

**Jillian** | Bloomer High School | UW-River Falls - Agriculture Education, Minor in Horticulture.

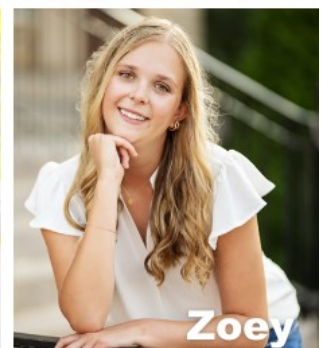
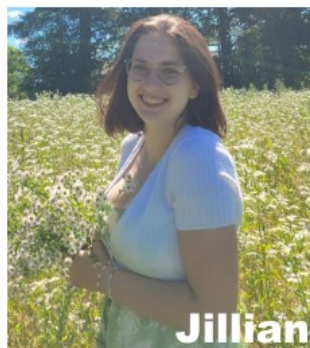
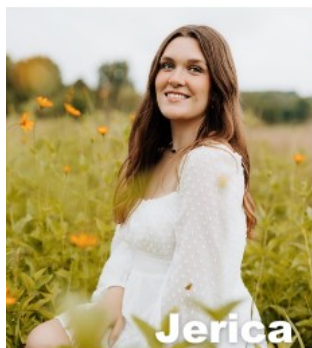
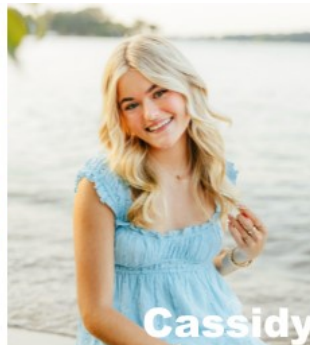
**Kamryn** | Chippewa Falls Senior High School | CVTC - Nursing

**Kenya** | Chippewa Falls Senior High School | Western Technical College - Radiography

**Sorik** | Cornell High School | UW-Eau Claire - Surgical DNP

**Taylor** | Cornell High School

**Zoey** | Bloomer High School | CVTC - Nursing





## 2025 Healthcare Careers Scholarship Recipients Announced

Established in 2019 to recognize and encourage high school seniors pursuing a career in a healthcare related field at an accredited technical college or four-year university, the **Dove Healthcare Community Foundation** recently awarded seven scholarships to graduates in Barron, Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Osseo-Fairchild, and Rice Lake.

Applicants included with their completed application an essay about why they chose a career in healthcare, educational and career goals, influential persons or events, opportunities they had to work or observe their chosen career field, as well as how the scholarship would affect their future education.

**The 2025 healthcare careers scholarship recipients include Reese Allen of Barron; Zoey Schwartz of Bloomer; Simon Fish of Chippewa Falls; Alyssa Straschinske and Sophia Burt of Eau Claire; Hailie Knudtson of Osseo-Fairchild; and Julia Holthaus of Rice Lake.**

Foundation Board Chair Cayci Young shared, "Our scholarship selection committee had the wonderful honor of reviewing applications from many talented and driven students. The workforce needs in healthcare are great and the opportunities are endless, so it was exciting to have a glimpse into the aspiring, young minds ready to take on the challenge. Our foundation is so happy to play a small role in supporting their bright futures."

*The Dove Healthcare Community Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, has a special interest in advancing the healthcare workforce in Wisconsin, as well as supporting programs and initiatives that aim to enhance the lives of seniors, including Veterans and those with a chronic or complex health condition or rehabilitative need.*

*To learn about the foundation's accomplishments and make an online donation to support their efforts:*

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### 2025 Scholarship Recipients!



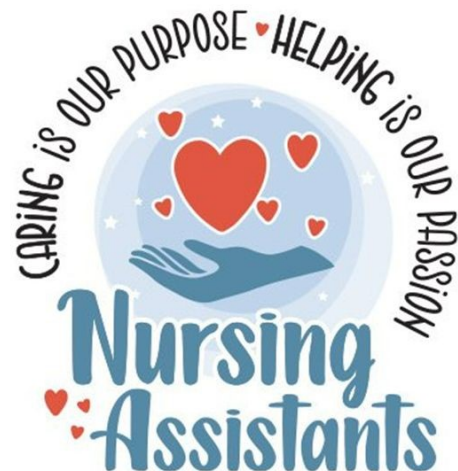
## CNA Appreciation Week is June 12-18!

Certified nursing assistants are some of the busiest, most compassionate and hard-working people you will find in the healthcare industry. They are there for every physical need, but also provide comfort, emotional support, and reassurance to many people every time they walk in to work.

CNAs know not only what kind of assistance a person needs to safely and successfully complete their morning routine, but also know what a person takes in their coffee, what kind of music puts them at ease, and what makes them laugh.

It is a very special kind of person who chooses this role, and we are blessed with so many of these admirable individuals here in Bloomer.

For all that you do, and all that you are to every person you care for, THANK YOU, CNAs!



## Fishing & Flame Grillin' for Fathers!

**Monday, June 16**

**8:30AM** Fishing (pontoon & dock): Feel free to join us to wet some worms!

**Noon:** All men are welcome to join us for a BBQ lunch and can invite family members to join as well.

Please **RSVP** if you are planning to join your loved one for fishing or lunch by **Monday, June 9.**

**715-568-6011**

or stop by and let anyone  
in recreation know!





## May Memories!





## Introducing the Newest Member of our Assisted Living Nurse Consultant Team

To ensure the best nursing support possible for the residents and tenants of our six assisted living locations, especially with the recent growth at Dove Healthcare – Rutledge Home, we hired a fourth assisted living nurse consultant. **Registered Nurse Kelly Heinbuch will start on June 9.**



Kelly first joined our team in 2002 at Dove Healthcare – West Eau Claire as a CNA and successfully climbed the nursing career ladder to wound care nurse / nurse case manager, leaving us just a couple years ago for a new adventure. Kelly is excited to come back to Dove Healthcare and be a part of our assisted living nurse consultant team!

The following is the official plan for nurse coverage once Kelly has completed training and onboarding in early July:

- **Abbie Knutson, RN:** Dove Healthcare – Bloomer Assisted Living and Osseo Assisted Living
- **Lisa Spalding, RN:** Dove Healthcare – Orchard Hills Assisted Living three to four days a week, supporting Dove Healthcare - Rutledge Home the other days
- **Kelly Heinbuch, RN:** Dove Healthcare – Rutledge Home
- **Rachel Ranney, RN:** Dove Healthcare – Barron Assisted Living and Spooner Assisted Living

Our hope is the above structure will allow Rachel Ranney as the assisted living nurse supervisor to best support the nurse consultant team at all six locations.

Thank you for your support as we make this transition. Feel free to contact Rachel anytime with questions.  
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## An Update from Dove Healthcare - Bloomer Assisted Living

We kicked off the month of May by celebrating the Kentucky Derby with our horse race game. Not sure who won, but there was plenty of pennies exchanging hands with a great deal of laughter.

Mothers were celebrated with a special breakfast and short program. It was fun sharing stories about these women in our lives.

The Norwegians (and all who wished they could be Norwegian) gathered for Sytendai Mai. It is Norway's Independence Day. We feasted on a very colorful display of food, including lefse, sandbakkels, and rosettes. They were delicious. We were helped by Janice Ludwigson's daughters Jill and Jane for the lefse. Lois Kelm brought the rosettes, and Bob Anderson's daughter Pam helped us make the sandbakkels.

We hosted a quilt show, and it was a huge success. Tenants, family members, and community friends brought in quilts to display. Sharon Nelson and Kathy Peterson from the New Hope Quilters helped us tie a quilt. What a talented group of quilters.

We wrapped up May with our first outdoor concert featuring Ryan Herman. The weather dictated that we should be indoors, but it was a great way to close out the month. Our Annual Memorial Luminary event was on display that evening and was a beautiful tribute to those who are no longer with us.

Our flowers are looking beautiful, and we are ready for whatever June brings our way. It will be a very Moo-ving month as we celebrate June Dairy Month with a variety of fun activities. Our fathers will be honored with a fishing expedition and noon cookout on Monday, June 16. See the enclosed flyer for details.

The second of our summer concerts is on June 25 with Rich Schroeder and strawberry shortcake. Come and enjoy with us at 5:30PM, and bring friends!

Thank you to all who bring sunshine into our lives. You are all very much appreciated!

Mary Bjork, Recreation



## Congratulations to Patricia LaComb! May Employee of the Month for Dove Healthcare – Bloomer Assisted Living



“Patricia is always someone that I can count on to fill open shifts and pick up when needed. She does a great job at making sure the tenants needs are met and they are happy. Patricia’s smile and happy attitude are infectious to our employees and tenants,” said Director Katie Kuehn.

Tenants shared what they like most about Patricia:

- “her smile”
- “her bubbly attitude”
- “I’m always happy to have the day start with Patricia on duty.”
- “She is a 10 out of 10 employee.”

We are so grateful that Patricia is part of our team. Congratulations, and thank you, Patricia!



## Tips for Walking on Uneven Ground

As the weather begins to warm up this summer, you may be looking to enjoy some time outside, which may mean walking on uneven terrain such as grass or gravel.

### Here are some tips about how to walk safely on uneven ground:



- **Footwear:** Be sure to wear supportive footwear such as tennis shoes or hiking shoes instead of flip flops or sandals that do not offer as much support.
- **Watch your step:** Avoid areas where you can visibly see mud, water, or loose rocks.
- **Choose your device wisely:** A single point cane is better than a quad cane, and a walker with big wheels is better than a walker with small wheels.
- **Go slow:** Walk slowly and carefully, take shorter steps, and pay attention to the terrain ahead of you.
- **Use the sidewalk:** When a sidewalk is available, it would be beneficial to use it to avoid the need to walk on uneven ground.

For more information from our therapy team:  
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*Article contributed by Rehabilitation Manager and COTA Amy Scribner, Dove Healthcare - Spooner*



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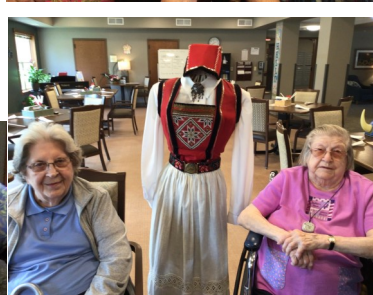
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# June (Skilled Nursing)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 11:15 Worship w/ Richard Fossum	<b>2</b> 10:00 Devotions 10:45 Monday Moves Exercise  2:00 Bingo Popcorn Cart & Dairy Month Cheese of the Week!	<b>3</b> 10:00 Worship w/ Paula Peterson 10:45 Food Committee  2:00 Catholic Mass 2:45 Hollywood	<b>4</b> 9:00 Gone Fishin'! (weather permitting)  2:00 A Game of Dominoes  Popcorn Cart	<b>5</b> 10:00 Weather the Weather Devotions 11:00 Rosary <b>11:00 Outing:  Lunch at  Horizons in  Tilden</b> 2:00 Afternoon Card Party	<b>6</b> 10:00 Manicures  2:00 Music w/ Dusty E.  3:00 Pub & Popcorn	<b>7</b> 10:30 Bingo!  Independent Supplies Available in Altar Area (word games, puzzles, color- ing, etc)
<b>8</b> 11:15 Worship w/ Richard Fossum	<b>9</b> 10:00 Devotions 10:45 Monday Moves Exercise 2:00 Garden Gnome Bingo! Popcorn Cart & Dairy Month Cheese of the Week!	<b>10</b> 10:00 Worship w/ Pastor Rimmereid 10:45 Balloon Ball  2:00 Catholic Mass 2:45 Hollywood	<b>11</b> For GNOME Particular Reason: Garden Gnome Day! 10:00 Devotions 11:00 Rosary 2:00 Gnome Craft, Games & other Impish Fun!	<b>12</b> 10:00 C.N.A. Appreciation Devotions 11:00 Rosary 2:00 June Kitchen Club: <i>Strawberry</i> Month! & June Trivia	<b>13</b> 10:00 Manicures  2:00 Music w/ Jack G.  3:00 Pub & Popcorn	<b>14</b> 10:30 Bingo!  Independent Supplies Available in Altar Area (word games, puzzles, color- ing, etc)
<b>15</b> 11:15 Worship w/ Richard Fossum  	<b>16</b> <i>Fishing &amp; Flame  Grillin' for  Fathers!</i> A.M. Fishing @ the Dock (weather permitting) Noon: BBQ w/ Dad 2:00 Bingo! Popcorn Cart	<b>17</b> 10:00 Worship w/ Pastor Rhodes 10:45 Balloon Ball  2:00 Catholic Mass 2:45 Hollywood	<b>18</b> 10:00 Dairy Month Devotions  2:00 Life on the Farm Game 4:00 4-H Visit Dairy Month Fun! Popcorn Cart	<b>19</b> 10:00 Devotions 11:00 Rosary  2:00 Summertime Crafternoon: Flip-Flop Door Decor	<b>20</b> 10:00 Manicures  2:00 Music w/ Jim S.  3:00 Pub & Popcorn	<b>21</b> 10:30 Bingo!  Independent Supplies Available in Altar Area (word games, puzzles, color- ing, etc)
<b>22</b> 11:15 Worship w/ Richard Fossum	<b>23</b> 10:00 Devotions 10:45 Monday Moves Exercise 2:00 Bingo! Popcorn Cart & Dairy Month Cheese of the Week!	<b>24</b> 10:00 Worship w/ Pastor Mickelson 10:45 Balloon Ball 2:00 Catholic Mass 2:45 Hollywood	<b>25</b> 11:00 Resident Council 2:00 Word Games *4:30 Early Supper 5:30 Outdoor Concert w/ Rich S. & Shortcake	<b>26</b> 10:00 Devotions 11:00 Rosary  2:00 Let's Roll! Dice Games	<b>27</b> 10:00 Manicures <b>11:00 Outing:  Chippewa  Valley Air  Show (RSVP)</b>  2:00 Music w/ Magnify	<b>28</b> 10:30 Bingo!  Independent Supplies Avail- able in Altar Area (word games, puzzles, coloring, etc)
<b>29</b> 11:15 Worship w/ Richard Fossum	<b>30</b> 10:00 Devotions 10:45 Monday Moves Exercise 2:00 Bingo! Popcorn Cart & Dairy Month Cheese of the Week!	 <p>Happy Birthday to:  Yvonne H. 6/20  Calvin M. 6/22</p>				



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