



Dove Healthcare

April 2025 Newsletter · Dove Healthcare - Fennimore

SAVE THE DATE!

Come to our Resident Council's silent auction fundraiser May 2 - 16! You'll find a variety of themed gift baskets to bid on with **all proceeds supporting the Resident Council** and the purchase of a **Tovertafel Magic Table**.



The magic table is "a projector that transforms any surface into an immersive, interactive game. This care tool supports care teams in providing person-centered care at any

time of the day and helps to manage behavioral symptoms associated with dementia. With up to 40 games, there's something for everyone." (source: <https://eugeria.care/professionals/the-tovertafel-magic-table>)

Stay tuned to our Facebook page and May newsletter for details on the themed gift baskets that you'll find at the silent auction. *Thanks for stopping by to support our Resident Council!*



Happy Birthday to our Residents!

Bev C - April 1
John L - April 9
Joan R - April 23
Joanne - April 23

Congratulations to Jim Robison! April Employee of the Month



Jim is part of our environmental services team and has made a big impact on quality of life for our residents.

One resident shared, "Jim always has a smile and is always willing to lend a hand. He works very hard, and we are lucky to have him."

Administrator Emily Pierce added, "Jim is very deserving of this recognition. He comes in every day with a great attitude and does an amazing job keeping Dove Healthcare – Fennimore looking its best. His willingness to help, attention to detail, and above all, his kindness make him a great member of our team. We truly appreciate all of his hard work!"

Jim responded, "My favorite thing about working here is interacting with the residents. I love working with our great team because they are very friendly and helpful. Thank you for voting me Employee of the Month. I really enjoy working here."



National Volunteer Week April 21-27

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers at Dove Healthcare - Fennimore! Our volunteers take the time to put smiles on our residents' faces, and it takes a caring person with a kind heart to do what they do. We are so fortunate to have these wonderful individuals in our community.

To our volunteers, thank you for everything you do! It is greatly appreciated by residents, families, and employees.

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Meet our 2025 Recipients of the \$2,500 Sandy Rasmussen Scholarship

We are excited to announce the recipients of Dove Healthcare's 8th Annual \$2,500 Sandy Rasmussen Scholarship Award. **Congratulations to Destiny Pichla at Dove Healthcare - Regional Vent Center and Spencer Herrick at Dove Healthcare - Bloomer!**

Destiny & Sandy



Sandy & Spencer



This scholarship was created in honor and appreciation of Sandy Rasmussen, a dedicated, hard-working, and compassionate employee of Dove Healthcare – Rutledge Home for over 50 years! Sandy served in a variety of roles over the years, from resident assistant to nutritional services director. She has also served her community through countless hours fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association and American Cancer Society.

Scholarship Committee Chair Kena Luzinski shared, "Destiny and Spencer emulate Sandy's compassion and energy. We are honored to be able to help them advance their education and career in healthcare."

Destiny, a CNA and medication aide, is enrolled in the nursing program at Northwood Technical College, while **Spencer**, an LPN, is completing the nursing program at CVTC. Both have achieved Dove Healthcare's signature **HomeGROWN** status during their time with us.

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Director of Nursing Ashley Spaeth had this to say about Destiny, "Destiny is very competent of her job duties and continues to challenge herself and grow. She is a CNA, CNA mentor, and medication aide. Destiny demonstrates compassion for our residents, a clear sense of responsibility, excellent organizational skills, and has gone above and beyond her duties."

Nurse Case Manager Kari Engelstad had this to say about Spencer, "Spencer is kind, outgoing, and eager to learn. He is hard working and very well liked by his peers and the residents. In addition to his impressive work ethic, Spencer is a natural leader and a humble employee. He has a great attitude and is always willing to help out a fellow co-worker."

We are so grateful for everyone that took the time to apply for this scholarship. Dove Healthcare is blessed with bright, talented individuals.

welcome
TO THE TEAM

New Employee Spotlight!



Brandon Fordney is one of the newest members of our nutritional services department. He comes to us with two and a half years experience as a cook. Brandon enjoys playing games with his brother, traveling to Florida, and technology. He has been a great addition to our team at Dove Healthcare - Fennimore!



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April is Occupational Therapy Month

Article by Emily Erickson, regional assistant director of rehabilitation, and Amy Scribner, rehabilitation director and COTA at Dove Healthcare - Spooner.

The American Occupational Therapy Association defines occupational therapy (OT) as the only profession that helps people across the lifespan do the things they want and need to do through the therapeutic use of daily activities.

The profession was born in 1917, the same year the U.S. entered World War I. The sudden need for rehabilitation of soldiers from physical injuries and shell shock was formative in occupational therapy falling under the umbrella of physical medicine, as well as mental health.

Through the process of evaluation, assessment, and interventions, occupational therapists help their patients overcome limitations and restore independence in the activities that matter most to each individual patient.

OT is helpful in the treatment of:

-stroke	-spinal cord injury
-traumatic brain injury	-developmental disabilities
-cerebral palsy	-low vision
-Parkinson's	-amputation
-orthopedic conditions, including rotator cuff tear /repair, carpal tunnel syndrome, tendonitis, and arthritis.	



Benefits may include:

- **maintaining or regaining** the ability to perform daily tasks such as bathing, dressing, eating, and personal hygiene
- **learning** how to use recommended adaptive equipment to increase independence with self-cares
- **strengthening** fine and gross motor skills, **improving** coordination and mobility
- **assisting** with fall prevention through environmental modifications and recommendations (i.e. decluttering a space to make it easier to maneuver through, getting rid of throw rugs to decrease the chance of a walker getting caught up on it)
- **completing** home assessments to determine the need for equipment at home, such as a bath bench or toilet riser
- **improving** or maintaining a caregiver's health and wellness by increasing a care receiver's level of independence with transfers, standing, cares

For more information, contact Regional Director of Rehabilitation Angella Niblett: 715-723-9348, ext. 1243



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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

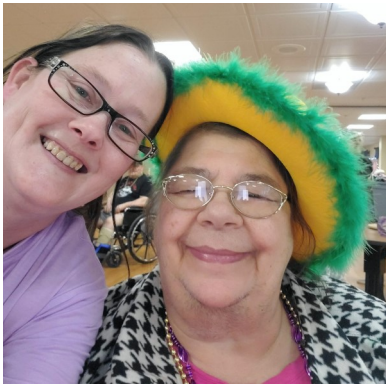
above and beyond in their work during your time with us.



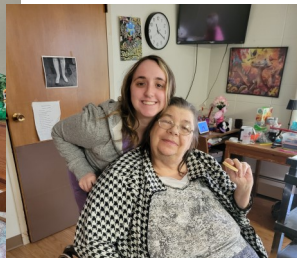
Scan QR code, or visit dovehealthcare.com/recognize today. Please be specific and briefly explain how the employee went above and beyond. Did they exceed the needs of a resident?

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.

March Memories!



*Thank you to the
**Plum Valley
Boosters 4H Club**
for spending a fun
day working on
crafts with us!*



*A special shout of thanks to
**Amanda Degenhardt and her
daughter, Kayla, from Girl
Scout Troop 5417** for stopping
by to surprise us with a donation
of Girl Scout cookies. Thin Mints,
Samoas, and more ... we got
them all! Thanks so much!*







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.

April Recreation Calendar 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>HAPPY ARBOR DAY</p>	 <p>Happy Easter</p>	<p>April Fools Day 1 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 April Fools 2:00 Bulletin Boards</p>	<p>2 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Resident Council</p>	<p>3 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Easter Garland 2:00 Happy Hour/Lou Oswald 3:00 Communion</p>	<p>4 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Food Committee</p>	<p>5 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Handprint Paper Lilies 2:00 Pressed Flower Lilies</p>
<p>6 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Travel Time 1:00 Rosary 2:30 Manicures</p>	<p>7 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Bingo</p>	<p>8 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Pin the Tail on the Bunny 2:00 Birdhouses</p>	<p>9 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Triominos</p>	<p>10 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Easter Foam Craft 2:00 Happy Hour/Randy Plunkett 3:00 Communion</p>	<p>11 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Sock Bunnies</p>	<p>12 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Casino Games 2:00 Baking</p>
<p>13 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Palm Sunday Service 1:00 Rosary 2:30 Easter Word Games</p>	<p>14 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Bingo</p>	<p>15 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Sing-A-Long</p>	<p>16 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Activity Planning</p>	<p>17 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Happy Hour/The Guthries 3:00 Communion</p>	<p>18 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Easter Baskets</p>	<p>19 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Easter Scattergories 2:00 Decorating Easter Eggs</p>
<p>20 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Easter Service 1:00 Rosary 2:30 Easter Reminiscing</p>	<p>21 Earth Day 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Bingo</p>	<p>22 National Picnic Day 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Earth Day Handprints 2:00 Dirt Cups</p>	<p>23 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Kings Corners</p>	<p>24 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Easter Egg Bocce 2:00 Happy Hour/Chris Ross 3:00 Communion</p>	<p>25 National Arbor Day 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Arbor Day Trees</p>	<p>26 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Trivia 2:00 Garbage</p>
<p>27 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:00 Hymns 1:00 Rosary 2:30 Manicures</p>	<p>28 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Bingo</p>	<p>29 International Jazz Day 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Wheel of Fortune 2:00 May Day Baskets</p>	<p>30 10:00 Morning Exercise 11:30 Devotions 2:00 Reminiscing</p>			<p>The recreation calendar is subject to change based on resident needs, interests, and current infection control guidelines.</p>