



*The Neighbors*  
of Dunn County

# NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORS

## January, 2021

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of The Neighbors,

As many of you know, The Neighbors received their first round of COVID-19 Vaccinations on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The team at The Neighbors is very happy to report that the vaccination clinic went very smoothly. The Walgreens team did an excellent job facilitating our clinic, and we are very grateful for them.

On the first clinic day, 183 individuals received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. From the first dose there were no significant reactions to the vaccine. There were a few individuals showing mild reactions but most cleared within a day or two. The most common reaction noticed was a sore arm. This also subsided within a few days.

The Neighbors will be having our second vaccination clinic on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time any individual who received the first dose will be receiving their second dose. It will also be an opportunity for any individual who did not receive the vaccine on January 4<sup>th</sup>, to receive their first dose of vaccine. The Neighbors is hopeful that we will have additional individuals receiving the vaccine at the second clinic.

There have been many questions about changes at The Neighbors post vaccination. We are waiting for guidance from our regulatory bodies. Skilled nursing facilities are required to follow both state and federal guidelines. At this point, our regulators have not lessened restrictions, or given any notion on when they might consider doing so. We understand and sympathize with all of our families. At this point, we do not want to speculate or make promises about what our regulators will do. We can assure you all that when we know, you all will know.

Due to how new this vaccine is, there are still many unknowns. At this time the ability to transmit the virus, even if the vaccine prevents you from getting sick, is unknown. This is the primary reason for non-pharmaceutical interventions (masks, social distancing, etc.) still needing to be followed. What is known is that the more people that receive the vaccine when they can, the better. Currently, Dunn County is still “in the red zone” for positivity rates; greater than 10%. The Neighbors hopes that with more people in our county receiving the vaccine this number will decrease and allow for more flexibility with restrictions.

Though the issuance of the vaccine did not automatically bring us back to pre-pandemic life at The Neighbors, it is a huge step in the right direction. We are so proud of all of our Residents and Staff who took the vaccine and are doing their part in ending the pandemic. We strongly encourage all who can, to get vaccinated, and hopefully we can end this pandemic together. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



Sincerely,  
Carmen Flunker  
Community Mentor/Administrator





## News from Dietary:

The Neighbors of Dunn County continues to provide the best homemade meals to each of our residents. We pride ourselves on great food and a wide variety of menu items created to meet the residents' nutrition and hydration needs.

Our full menu consists of breakfast, lunch and dinner. Meals include fresh, homemade soups, plenty of treats, drinks (hot and cold), and snacks between meals leaving everyone happy, full and satisfied.

We are very proud of our partnership with the Senior Meal Program within the ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Center) department. The Neighbors has been providing the noon meals for this program since February 2018.

Bernie Allen joined the ADRC in May 2020 as the Nutritional Program Coordinator and works closely with our Dietitian, Carrie and Dietary Manager, Marcia. The Senior Meal Program caters to seniors 60 years plus and people that are homebound. We currently serve an average of 3000 meals per month in Dunn County. Our numbers are increasing, which speaks volumes to our meal quality and participant satisfaction.

It feels so good to be making a difference in people's lives and our community.

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### **DATES TO CELEBRATE:**

**February 2nd—Groundhog Day**

**February 7th—Super Bowl LV**

**February 12th—Chinese New Year**

**February 14th—Valentine's Day**

**February 15th—President's Day**

**February 16th—Mardi Gras**



## Activity Professional's Week

National Activity Professional's Week is January 24-30, 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Life Enhancement staff for their hard work throughout this past year. COVID 19 restrictions have greatly changed the types of activities we are able to provide to our residents, but our purpose remains constant: to provide an ongoing program designed to meet the interests of and support the physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.

Our new normal is hosting small, socially-distanced groups, visiting in resident rooms, livestreaming from our in-house t.v. channels, and facilitating virtual visits.

The Life Enhancement Department is small, but together we have provided over 70 years of service to the residents at The Neighbors!

- Sally Rocque, Life Enhancement Mentor for the campus, has a degree in music therapy and has been in her position for 22 years.
- Chuck Ausman, Life Enhancement Coordinator for West, has a degree in recreational therapy and has been employed with Dunn County for 37 years.
- Quinton Kase, Life Enhancement Coordinator for East, is a registered music therapist and has been here for almost 11 years.
- Diane Person, part-time Life Enhancement Assistant, has been working in activities here for 5 years.
- Samantha Behling joined our team in August, 2020 as a Limited Term Life Enhancement Assistant to help facilitate outdoor visits.



This year, the Life Enhancement Department is offering the following items for delivery to the residents on Friday, February 12th.



## **Valentine Balloon Bouquets—\$5.00**

Balloon Bouquets consist of one 18” heart-shaped mylar and two latex balloons.

## **Singing Valentines—\$1.00**

We will sing the selected song and hand your loved one a chocolate kiss! Please choose your favorite Valentine from the selections below:

**Singing Valentine Selections**—lyrics are provided on following page:

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| 1. All My Lovin’              | 8. I Walk The Line             |
| 2. Blue Skirt Waltz           | 9. Kiss An Angel Good Morning  |
| 3. Can’t Help Falling in Love | 10. Let Me Call You Sweetheart |
| 4. Forever and Ever           | 11. Waltz Across Texas         |
| 5. Have I Told You Lately     | 12. You Are My Sunshine        |
| 6. Hey Good Lookin’           | 13. You Are So Beautiful       |
| 7. I Love You Truly           | 14. You’ve Got a Friend        |



## **Box of Assorted Chocolates—\$10.00**

A 15 piece box of assorted chocolates including 5 truffles, 5 Caramels with Sea Salt, and 5 creams from The Chippewa Candy Shoppe.

## **Flowering Plant-\$15.00**

4" Blooming Plant (in Valentine Colors) with a festive heart pick and Valentine ribbon from Lakeview Floral.



## **Bouquet of Flowers—\$20.00**

Fresh flower bouquet in pinks, purples & whites including carnations, mums and roses with a festive heart pick

Please make checks payable to: **Sugar Bowl Fund**

Please mail check and order form to:

**The Neighbors of Dunn County  
Life Enhancement Dept.  
2901 Forbes Ave.  
Menomonie, WI 54751**

**CANDY AND FLOWER ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

**VALENTINES ORDER FORM:**

\_\_\_ Balloon Bouquet Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Singing Valentine # of Song \_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Box of Chocolates Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Flowering Plant Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Bouquet of Flowers Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sender: \_\_\_\_\_

Message on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SINGING****VALENTINE SELECTIONS:**

**1. All My Lovin' (as sung by The Beatles)** – Close your eyes and I'll kiss you. Tomorrow I'll miss you. Remember I'll always be true. And then while I'm away, I'll write home everyday and I'll send all my lovin' to you. I'll pretend that I'm kissing the lips I am missing and hope that my dreams will come true. And then while I'm away, I'll write home everyday and I'll send all my lovin' to you. All my lovin', I will send to you. All my lovin', darlin' I'll be true.

**2. Blue Skirt Waltz** – I wandered alone one night till I heard an orchestra play. I met you where the lights were bright and people were carefree and gay. You were the beautiful lady in blue. I was in heaven just waltzing with you. You filled me with strange delight, then softly you stole away. I dream of that night with you, lady, when first we met. We danced in a world of blue. How can my heart forget? Blue were the skies and blue were your eyes just like the blue skirt you wore. Come back, blue lady, come back. Don't be blue anymore.

**3. Can't Help Falling In Love (as sung by Elvis Presley)** – Wise men say only fools rush in, but I can't help falling in love with you. Shall I stay would it be a sin if I can't help falling in love with you. Like a river flows surely to the sea, darling so it goes. Some things are meant to be. Take my hand, take my whole life too for I can't help falling in love with you.

**4. Forever and Ever (as sung by Perry Como)** – Forever and ever my heart will be true, sweet heart forever I'll wait for you. We both made a promise that we'd never part. Let's seal it with a kiss forever my sweet-heart. Let by-gones be by-gones forever. We'll fall in love once again. So let's tell the world of our new love divine. Forever and ever you'll be mine.

**5. Have I Told You Lately That I Love You (as sung by Lulu Belle and Scotty)** – Have I told you lately that I love you? Could I tell you once again somehow? Have I told with all my heart and soul how I adore you? Well darling, I'm telling you now. This heart would break in two if you refuse me. I'm no good without you anyhow. Dear, have I told you lately that I love you? Well darling, I'm telling you now.

**6. Hey Good Lookin' (as sung by Hank Williams)** – Hey good lookin', whatcha got cookin'? How's about cookin' somethin' up with me. Hey sweet baby, don't you think maybe we could find us a brand new recipe. I've got a hot rod Ford and a two dollar bill and I know a spot right over the hill. There's soda pop and the dancing's free, so if you wanna have fun, come along with me. Hey good lookin', whatcha got cookin'? How's about cookin' somethin' up with me?

**7. I Love You Truly** – I love you truly, truly dear. Life with its sorrows, life with its tears fades into dreams when I feel you are near for I love you truly, truly dear.

**8. I Walk The Line (as sung by Johnny Cash)** – I keep a close watch on this heart of mine. I keep my eyes wide open all the time. I keep the ends out for the tie that binds. Because you're mine, I walk the line. I find it very very easy to be true. I find myself alone when each day is through. Yes, I'll admit that I'm a fool for you. Because you're mine, I walk the line. As sure as night is dark and day is light, I keep you on my mind both day and night. And happiness I've known proves that it's right. Because you're mine, I walk the line. You've got a way to keep me on your side. You give me cause for love that I can't hide. For you I'd even try to turn the tide. Because you're mine, I walk the line.

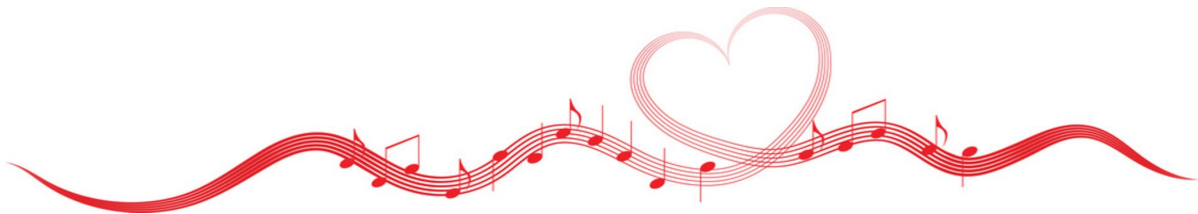
**9. Kiss An Angel Good Morning (as sung by Charley Pride)** – Whenever I change to meet, some old friends on the street they wonder how does a man get to feel this way? I've always got a smiling face any-time and any place and every time they ask me why I just smile and say: You've got to kiss an angel good morning and let her know you think about her when you're gone. Kiss an angel good morning and love her like the devil when you get back home.

**11. Waltz Across Texas (as sung by Ernest Tubb)** – When we dance together, my world's in disguise, like a fairyland tale that's come true. And when you look at me with those stars in your eyes, I could waltz across Texas with you. Waltz across Texas with you in my arms, waltz across Texas with you. Like a story-book ending, I'm lost in your charm and I could waltz across Texas with you.

**12. You Are My Sunshine** – You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away. The other night dear as I lay sleeping I dreamed I held you in my arms. When I awoke, dear, I was mistaken, so I hung my head and I cried. You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.

**13. You Are So Beautiful (as sung by Joe Cocker)** – You are so beautiful to me. You are so beautiful to me, can't you see? You're everything I hoped for. You're everything I need. You are so beautiful to me.

**14. You've Got A Friend (as sung by James Taylor)** – When you're down and troubled and you need a helping hand and nothing, oh nothing is going right. Just close your eyes and think of me and soon I will be there to brighten up even your darkest night. You just call out my name and you know, wherever I am, I'll come running to see you again. Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you've got to do is call and I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah. You've got a friend.



## USED BOOK SALES

Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold our used book sale last fall, but we hope to hold one this Spring (most likely outside under a tent). We will keep you informed when we set a date. In the mean time, if you have books you would like to donate, we are still accepting donations at any time. Questions can be directed to Sally at 715-231-4589.