



**APRIL & MAY 2026**  
**NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORS**



**Take a look at what is happening around  
The Neighbors of Dunn County!!**

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THE NEIGHBORS OF DUNN COUNTY



# SALAD

## *Luncheon*



- ROMAINE LETTUCE
- GRILLED CHICKEN
- BLUE CHEESE CRUMBLES
- DRIED CRANBERRIES
- CANDIED WALNUTS
- POPPYSEED DRESSING
- DINNER ROLL (GLUTEN FREE OPTION AVAILABLE)



**SCAN  
ME!**

**ORDERS DUE  
FRIDAY,  
APRIL 10TH**

**PICKUP APRIL 22ND**

**10:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**\$10 PER SALAD**

Pick up orders at The Neighbors Central Building. Proceeds go towards cost-free resident engagement in the community.



The Neighbors  
of Dunn County  
Generations of caring since 1892

The Neighbors presents:

# Dunn County Senior Resource Fair

Join us for a senior resource fair featuring organizations found around Dunn County! This event presents an incredible opportunity for older adults, caregivers, family members, and other loved ones to ask questions, fill out paperwork, and find new resources that help with the aging process. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to meet with providers, ask questions, and make sure you're prepared for all things that come with getting older.

**Scan the QR code or visit The Neighbors Facebook for additional updates!**

**04.16.2026**



4:00 - 6:00 PM



2901 Forbes Ave.  
Menomonie, WI 54751

## Partnering Organizations:

- Dunn County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
- Dunn County Meals on Wheels
- Dunn County Veterans Service Office
- Shirley Doane Senior Center
- Powerback Rehabilitation
- Aveanna Home Health
- Home Instead Home Health
- Lakeland Home Health
- Interim Healthcare
- Touching Hearts at Home
- Heartland Hospice
- St. Croix Hospice
- Rellim Senior Day Care
- WESTconsin Credit Union
- & More!



Questions?

Please contact Alyssa -  
astelter@dunncountywi.gov

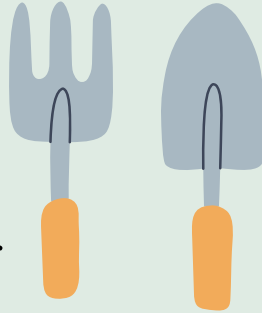
**No cost & no registration needed! Join us in the Red Cedar Bistro in the Central Building!**

# ADOPT A GARDEN AT THE NEIGHBORS



## Adoptable Households

- Tender Hearth
- Eastbrook
- Deerview
- Fireside
- Red Cedar
- Inglenook



We are in search of individuals or groups to help with spring clean up and to adopt the gardens in front of our households for the spring/summer! Our residents love looking out the dining room windows and enjoying the plants and flowers, so we would love to keep them looking nice for them throughout the spring & summer! If you or a group that you are part of would be interested in adopting one (or more) of our gardens, please contact Alyssa Stelter - [astelter@dunncountywi.gov](mailto:astelter@dunncountywi.gov) - for more volunteer details.

# VISITING SPACE REMINDERS

Each Neighborhood has reservable rooms for community gatherings - birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc. If you belong to any local organizations that would like to have their meetings here, we are happy to accommodate. If you would like to reserve a room, please contact the Life Enhancement Staff in your building. Spaces are reserved on a first come, first serve basis.



**East Rooms:**  
Community Room,  
Chapel, Beauty Shop

**Central Rooms:** Community  
Room, Bistro, Training Room,  
Chapel, Beauty Shop

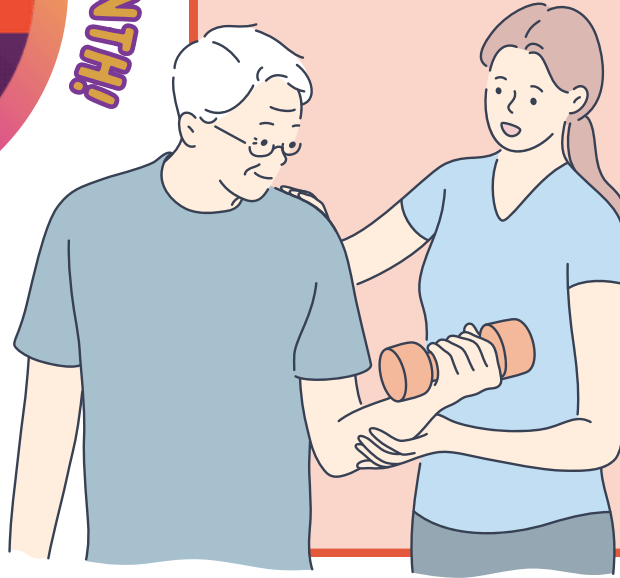
**West Rooms:**  
Community Room,  
Chapel, Beauty Shop



## WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT)?

OT is a science-driven, evidence-based healthcare profession that enables people of all ages to participate in activities of daily living or "occupations", and to live better with injury, illness, or disability.

OT is often called "the ultimate problem-solving profession" because of the creative approach occupational therapy practitioners (OTPs) can take to help people be as functionally independent as possible.  
-American Occupational Therapy Association



## WHAT MIGHT I WORK ON IN OT?

- Activities of daily living (such as bathing, dressing, and eating)
- Adaptive equipment (such as shower chairs, or equipment designed to make daily tasks easier)
- Caregiver and family training
- Planning and making the most of daily routines
- Returning to work, school, and leisure activities
- Techniques to aid in memory, concentration, and executive functioning (e.g., planning and prioritizing, functional cognition)
- Falls prevention and home safety and accessibility

## RIDDLES FROM OUR OT TEAM

1. I am the goal of every session, aiming to make you the boss of your own daily life. What am I?
2. I help you hold a fork, color with a crayon, or button your shirt. I am crucial for writing, but I am not the pencil. What am I?
3. I make impossible tasks possible, taking "can't: and turning in into "can". I work with you to find a new way to do what you love. Who am I?

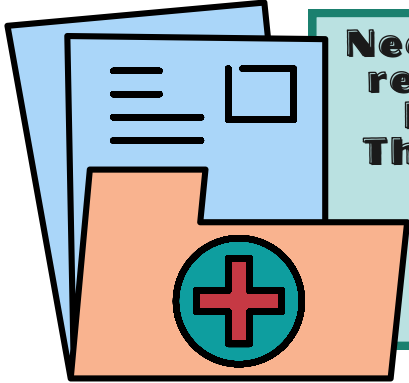
**Thank You**

**MAKE SURE TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS - KATI, LYNNAE, & SAM FOR ALL THAT THEY DO!**

1. Answer: Independence 2. Fine Motor Skills 3. An Occupational Therapist!

# HAPPY HEALTH INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS WEEK!

Health Information Professionals week is an annual celebration held in April (April 18–24, 2026) to recognize the essential role of HIM professionals in ensuring accurate, secure, and accessible patient data. Founded by AHIMA, it highlights behind-the-scenes "data detectives" who support high-quality care, compliance, and technological efficiency in healthcare. Join us in celebrating the incredible work of our health information community as we come together to recognize the crucial role HI professionals play in ensuring that health information is accurate, secure, and accessible.



**Need information from your health records? Contact Sue Mrdutt, our Health Informations Manager! Thank you, Sue, for your 26 years of service & all that you do!**

715-231-4563  
smrdutt@dunncountywi.gov



**THANK YOU!**

**HAPPY ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK!**  
**APRIL 19-25TH**

❖ Thank You ❖

Thank you to Chris, Nicole, and Jo for handling everything from scheduling, and community interactions, to troubleshooting, to ensuring operations run smoothly!

**CHRIS ANDERSON**  
**HR ASSOCIATE**  
**19 YEARS OF SERVICE**



**NICOLE ZOLD**  
**STAFF COORDINATOR**  
**5 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**JO HAYES**  
**RECEPTIONIST**  
**4 YEARS OF SERVICE**



**WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DO OUR ADMIN PROFESSIONALS HELP WITH?**

- Creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere for residents, community members, and staff
- Leading the interviewing & hiring process
- Staff scheduling & other HR duties
- Answering questions, solving problems, and so much more!

# Happy Mother's Day



"A mother's love is more beautiful than any fresh flower." –Debasish Mridha

## MOTHER'S DAY GIFT ORDER

Orders will be distributed throughout the day on Friday, May 8th.

### Order Options

- Small Floral Bouquet (\$5 each)
- Mylar Balloon (\$2 each)

Each order comes with a personalized card. All proceeds go towards cost free resident engagement in the community.



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## LARGE GROUP?

Please reserve a room by contacting the Life Enhancement staff in your building. Rooms are reservable on a first come, first serve basis. We will try to accommodate as many groups as possible with rooms and extra tables in the households.

Chuck Ausman - West: [causman@dunncountywi.gov](mailto:causman@dunncountywi.gov)

Quinton Kase - East: [qkase@dunncountywi.gov](mailto:qkase@dunncountywi.gov)

Alyssa Stelter - Central: [astelter@dunncountywi.gov](mailto:astelter@dunncountywi.gov)

## THE NEIGHBORS MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH ORDER

### ON THE MENU

Herb & Garlic Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Buttered Corn  
Fresh Baked Dinner Roll  
Cookies & Cream Pie

Please drop off at The Neighbors Central front desk or mail to 2901 Forbes Ave, Menomonie, WI 54751. Order online using the QR code on this form. You may pay at the front desk, through the mail, or on our website. Orders and payment is due on or before April 29th. Each meal is \$10.00. Lunch will be served May 10th at 12:00 pm. Questions? Please reach out to Alyssa - [astelter@co.dunn.wi.us](mailto:astelter@co.dunn.wi.us).

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YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY MEALS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER? \_\_\_\_\_



The Power  
of Nurses™



## Celebrate National Nurses Week

May 6 – 12, 2026



American Nurses  
Association | Credentialing Center | Foundation

### GRATEFUL FOR YOU

### 5+ YEARS OF SERVICE

- Katja Weix, RN & ADON West- 31 years
- Cathy Wheeler-Hoff - RN & ADON East - 23 years
- Amy Anderson, RN - 14 years
- Rebecca Proudlock, RN & Campus DON - 13 years
- Rebecca Williams, RN & MDS - 11 years
- Jayme Hintzman, LPN - 11 years
- Lisa McCandless, RN - 11 years
- Abby Anderson, RN - 11 years
- Ashley Peterson, RN & ADON Central - 10 years
- Dan Wahl, RN - 8 years
- Kang Vang, RN - 7 years
- Maria Buck, LPN - 7 years
- Rhiannon Stai, LPN - 7 years
- Tanja Gift, RN - 6 years
- Cathrine Boggess, RN - 5 years



The American Nurses Association (ANA) celebrates National Nurses Week from May 6–12, honoring the nation's 5+ million nurses for their vital contributions, expertise, and compassion. The 2026 theme recognizes the 130th Anniversary of ANA, highlighting "The Power of Nurses™" to transform healthcare and make a difference, while encouraging public gratitude and support.



**Make sure to say an  
extra special thank you  
to your nurses this week!**

#### Nursing Fun Facts from West Coast University:

- Nurses average around 60,000 steps per week - the equivalent of around one marathon!
- According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), there are more than four times as many registered nurses (RNs) as physicians in the United States.
- According to the 2022 Gallup poll of honesty and ethical standards, nurses are trusted more than any other profession by the public. In fact, nursing has topped the list every year since it was first included in the poll in 1999, with the exception of 2001, when firefighters deservedly earned the top trust rating in the year of 9/11.
- Florence Nightingale was called "The Lady with the Lamp" and was the inspiration for the iconic symbol of nursing, the oil lamp. During the Crimean War of the mid-1800s, Nightingale would tend to wounded soldiers and made her rounds with an oil lamp



# MOMENTS *in* BLOOM

NATIONAL SKILLED NURSING CARE WEEK® • MAY 10-16, 2026

## HAPPY NURSING HOME WEEK!

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MAY 10TH - 16TH

*"Moments in Bloom" reflects how everyday acts of compassion, connection, and teamwork grow into meaningful experiences for residents, families, and staff. It celebrates the idea that big and small moments, when nurtured, can flourish to help residents live life to the fullest and with purpose. -NSNCW*

### DRESS UP DAYS (W) GREEN (C) YELLOW (E) BLUE

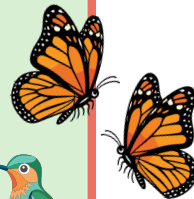
**MONDAY** Dress in your building's color!

**TUESDAY** We're headed to Margaritaville! Dress in tropical attire for a Jimmy Buffett Show.

**WEDNESDAY** Blooms don't happen without a little help. Dress up as a pollinator today!

**THURSDAY** Bloom today by wearing floral prints!

**FRIDAY** Roses are red, violets are blue, we'll be wearing tie dye and you should too!



### LIVE MUSIC

by Todd Anderson as Jimmy Buffett

Tuesday,  
May 12th  
2:00 pm



Red Cedar Bistro



### FAMILY CHILI FEED

Join us for a chili feed on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at The Neighbors! RSVP with the QR code or at The Neighbors front desk to eat with your loved one in their household. RSVPing helps our kitchen prepare for enough people. We appreciate your help in getting numbers!

SCAN ME



*"Flowers not only make our lives better, but they also show us how to bloom together."*  
— Bhuwan Thapaliya

