

The Maple Ridge News

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Gorgeous Grandma Day

Tuesday, July 23rd is the next official Gorgeous Grandma Day or take a significant woman who is 50 or older for a day out. Take her to lunch at her favorite restaurant, have a picnic in a sunny park, make it a ladies day with mani and pedicures, simply enjoy ice cream cones together or give her a call if she lives a long distance away.

This is also a good time to remember your loved ones with favorite memories you can share with family members or refresh your memories while looking through a family album.

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Letter from the Administrator

Hello Maple Ridge Care Center Friends,

My name is Jennifer and I am very excited to announce I am the new administrator of Maple Ridge Care Center. I graduated from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire May 25th 2019 with a degree in Health Care Administration with an emphasis in Long-Term Care. I am originally from Green Bay WI (Go Pack Go) and moved to Eau Claire in 2015 when I began college. I have three brothers and two sisters, putting me at the second youngest. Along with this I have three nephews and one niece. My youngest brother plays football at Minnesota State Mankato making me a huge Mavericks football fan. I spend most weekends outdoors with my family and friends. A fun fact about me is I have a pet llama named Kusco.

My passion for long term care was discovered while volunteering at nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout high school, working as a Dietary Aide, and completing my CNA course. I was previously the Administrator in Training at Spring Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center where I received an exceptional amount of training. During my time with Spring Valley I got the opportunity to lead three leadership projects. The areas I diligently studied were increasing retention and employee satisfaction, improving overall dining experience for residents' staff and visitors, and analyzing a possible transition from a skilled nursing facility into a community based residential facility. Although it was tough to leave my previous position, I am very excited to call Maple Ridge Care Center my new home.

Feel free to stop in and say hello!

Sincerely,
Jennifer

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Jennifer Gossen, Administrator

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Happy Birthday

Best wishes to our staff and residents celebrating birthdays this month.

Residents:

Lanny F. 7/1

Russell E. 7/5

Richard H. 7/5

Romamay R. 7/5

Carol S. 7/9

Daniel L. 7/11

Maxine S. 7/24

Emma H. 7/26

Staff:

Helena Weierbach 7/6

Nancy A. Stellrecht 7/13

Christina Camp 7/15

Kennadi S. Walker 7/15

Marsha Lawson 7/21

Stephanie Osborn 7/26

William H. Wolf 7/31

Job Postings

CNA's – (All Shifts)

CSA – (PT/Casual)

RA's – (Casual)

Dietary – (2 Part-Time)

Photo Highlights



7 of our residents got to attend Breakfast on the Farm



Congratulations Sally on your retirement and thank you for all of you have done for our facility, you will be missed!



Residents enjoy time at the Spring Carnival

Resident of the Month: William J. B.

Bill B. was born in Ashland, WI, on March 14, 1944 to William and Pearl B. He had a brother Wayne who lived in Chippewa Falls, and sister Janet who lived in Duluth. Both of Bill's siblings have passed away.



As a young man, Bill went to school in Drummond, WI, at an integrated school district. He was one of five town kids who could walk to school. He loved it a lot and his fondest memories were learning to ski at Telemark in Cable during 6th grade and playing clarinet in the 8th grade band. He was chosen to go to Badger Boys State by the VFW which was an honor. In 9th grade, he had a solo ensemble for band and choir.

There were only 104 students in the entire school system so when he played basketball during senior year and the team went to Madison, it was a big occasion. They played Green Bay West and Beloit and they played hard! They lost but they still felt that it was a big accomplishment.

After graduation, Bill attended Superior UW State College for four years with a double major in Music and a minor in History. He started college in 1962 and graduated in 1967. Because he was in the ROTC program with the Drum and Bugle Corps, he had many adventures. One time he played for presidential candidate John F. Kennedy who was campaigning in Duluth at the DECC. Another time the corps went to the World's Fair in New York and won the national championship.

After college graduation, his career

began in Norway, MI, where he taught for five years and coached basketball and tennis. He later moved to Ashland, WI, and got a job at a drugstore for a couple of years. Along the way he directed and sang in the church choir. He also sang in a quartet as the bass for 5 years mostly at church but sometimes at a bar.

Bill married and had 2 children but, sadly, the marriage didn't last. His work moved to Ondossagon, WI, where he taught music, band and choir grades 1-12. Ondossagon School was in a rural district and has since closed. He moved to Eau Claire, sang in the church choir and worked a job for the Insurance of Teachers.

Bill remarried after meeting Marilyn. They've been married for 39 years and have one daughter. He loved taking the children camping including his two older children, Marilyn's two children from a previous marriage, and their child together. He said that he loved it that they would tent camp, go fishing, sit around the campfire and sing of course.

After giving up the insurance job, Bill moved to Spooner where he took a job with the Shell Lake School District for three years. That is where he started the Community Choir which he participated in for 30 years. He felt that he should quit teaching, so he worked for T&T Tool Company in the shipping and receiving department for 23 years before retiring from punching time clocks.

After retirement, Bill continued with the Community Choir and directed community theatre plays and musicals in Ashland and Shell Lake.

A favorite hobby of Bill's is playing

golf. He is also an avid Badger, Brewer and Green Bay Packer fan. He has been to all three stadiums for games.

Bill was diagnosed with ALS about three years ago. He gave up directing the Community Choir when standing became a problem. The last performance he directed was a song written by Dan Kantor (Robert and Kappy Kantor's son).

Bill says the biggest influencer in his life is his wife. He is very proud of her accomplishments and of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

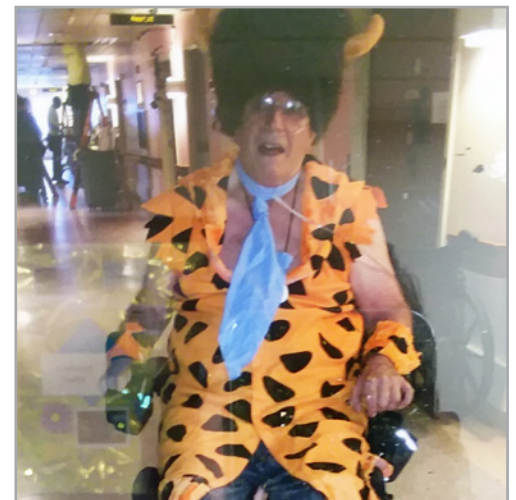
Aside from his wife, Bill says he could never pick just one person who had the most influence over him; he says so many people helped guide him down the right path.

Bill is very understanding of the other residents and so appreciative of the staff at Maple Ridge Care Center. He says that he feels that they have always been there for him.

Music has always been a big part of his life and that is what he hopes to be remembered for in the community.

Thank you, Bill, for sharing your life and your story with us!

~Jan Lauterbach



July 25: Wine & Cheese Day

The basic rule about pairing food with wine is that one shouldn't overpower the other. Simply put, strong cheeses should pair well with strong wines, while mild cheeses would go well with mild wines. When it comes to cheese and wine pairing, the best guide is one's taste. If it seems good, then it must be a good match. In a matter of time, you can be an expert cheese and wine matchmaker.

Friendly Staff / Visiting Hours

Maple Ridge welcomes visitors at all times, but quiet hours are enforced during 8:00pm-5:00am to ensure a home-like and comfortable environment for our residents. We ask that if you do visit at this time to keep volumes low and/or to visit in one of our sitting areas if your loved one shares a room with another resident.

Maple Ridge staff can be reached 24 hours a day at 715-635-1415, or use the directory below for specific questions.

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Tracy McNitt	
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Theresa Jensen	
Director of Nursing	635-1356
Teresa Thoms	
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YEE HAW!

To all the employees of Maple Ridge Care Center & The Villas at Maple Ridge We need us a posse to help us celebrate "The Spooner Rodeo" & The 4th of July

So, saddle up and ride on over to the outdoor patio for an employee Potluck cookout and appreciation for all your hard work!

Round Up is at 10:30 AM at the Lazy "MRCC" Ranch Patio on July 10th, 2019



Ya'll mosey on over for some

Rootin'-tootin' fun

Sharpshootin' Wolf is grillin up some vittles!

A sign-up sheet will be in the breakroom

Sure hope that you can do-si-do on over for some boot stomping fun.

Yeehaw!!!!



Please dress up and wear your finest Rodeo gear or anything patriotic (Red, White & Blue) on Wed, July 10th. We will have prize drawings during the cookout! (every employee will have their name put in for a chance to win!) We sure hope you can make it!

Thank you for your hard work & teamwork providing the best care for our residents at Maple Ridge Care Center & The Villas at Maple Ridge.



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We'd love to talk to you about your business start-up or expansion. Call Tracy Knutson at 715-635-1430 or email us at TKnutson@carriagehealthcare.com. We'll set up a tour & discuss options to fit your plan. Learn more at SpoonerBusinessCenter.org.