

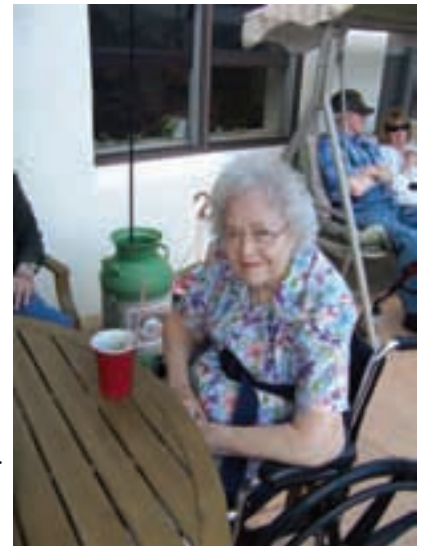
Comforts of Home NEWS

*No act of kindness, no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*

July/August/September 2008

News From Frederic

Spring here and gone already? Seems impossible, but the flowers are in full bloom, trees finally leafed out and yes, the porch once again is the best spot in the house! The last three months have been filled with a whirlwind of happenings. We have celebrated seven birthdays this quarter! The residents enjoyed Mother's Day and Father's Day; the house was filled with family members for both occasions. Frederic Family Days is a weekend filled with activities for both the young and the old; the parade is something the residents really like to watch and many family members join them. This year the family of Myrtle Streed treated everyone to root beer floats! A big thank you to Marilyn and Jerry for your generosity! Frederic Snowmobile Watercross Race is something the residents say you either like or you don't! Maybe it's a generation thing! As many of you have noticed we have said goodbye to some, and welcome some new employees. We wish the best of luck to all those who have moved on. A special wish goes out to our activities director, Lucy Zierke, who retired this spring! Lucy was with Comforts of Home for four years, but in the business for 33 years. We wish Lucy much happiness in this chapter of her life. With July just around the corner, you can bet there will be more good times ahead! From our house to yours, we wish you love, happiness and health.



News from St. Croix Falls

Hello from St. Croix Falls. Summer is finally here! Our flowers and our veggie gardens are doing great. We had radishes and leaf lettuce and a lot of rhubarb. Thanks to Rose Hellige's family for the rhubarb—we made lots of desserts from it. Thanks to Pastor Kevin for the beautiful landscape; residents enjoy it so much. Many activities going on with the celebration of Mother's and Father's Day and Memorial Day. Elizabeth Lee celebrated her birthday in April; Bernice Jensen, Linda Ihrig and Ethel Anderson had May birthdays; and Marge Olson and Leona Maassen enjoyed June birthdays. We've seen a lot of deer in the evening eating out of our bird feeders. We've enjoyed grilling out. Beatrice Johnson and her family went to Superior for her brother and husband's flag raising honoring WWII Vets. The Flag flies outside the Richard I. Bong World War II Heritage Center in memory of the two World War Veterans. We would like to take a moment to say goodbye to Ione Martin—what a great smile, joy and memory we will have of her. To a wonderful family, our deepest sympathy. Until next time, good health and happiness.



If you would like to submit anything for the Comforts of Home Newsletter, please call Rhonda at 800/920-4725.



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News From Hudson

Hello from Hudson. Well, the long awaited warm weather is finally here! Several of our residents have enjoyed soaking up the sunshine, sipping on lemonade and playing shuffleboard on our outdoor patio (we even flew a kite one windy day)! Thanks to the Murilyn Skeath family, we have beautiful flowers and some tomato plants that everyone can enjoy. We truly appreciate their generosity and their labor of love in memory of their mother. We had a few theme parties in the last few months, such as our Luau party where you found everyone dressed in colorful clothing, wearing leis, flowers in their hair and wearing straw

hats. We listened to Hawaiian music, played volleyball, and danced in our grass skirts. For our Mexican Fiesta, we listened to Mexican music, some staff and residents learned to do the Mexican Hat Dance, broke open a pinata, and enjoyed a Mexican meal. We had an afternoon of glitz and glamour with a Senior Prom and fashion show in May. The residents dressed in their best for the occasion. Many residents joined the group of high school students that participated in our prom fashion show. Everyone seemed to enjoy seeing the young and not-so-young model the latest and vintage fashions. We danced, ate cucumber sandwiches and drank a lot of punch. We ended the month of June with a pie and ice cream social. Residents helped make a wide variety of pies and then they helped us eat a wide variety of pies! Thank you to Bill Krubsack for bringing in his wonderful apple pie, it was definitely a favorite. We enjoy seeing family and friends join us for special activities. Please continue to check our activity calendar and watch for upcoming events that are posted in the entry way. We have a country fair day planned in August, Cowboy Jim comes again September 23 at 6:30 p.m., and of course the first Friday of every month at 3:00 p.m. we have a dance with Sharyl and Dave. Enjoy the summer and we hope to see you soon!

News From Menomonie

Hello from Menomonie! We have a full summer planned. We started with the 4th of July booth at Freedom Days. Thank you, Karen Markey from Hudson, for helping out! Staff and tenants enjoyed the day at the park getting some sun. We had iced coffee and a game for the kids to play and a barbecue after for all who helped! Tenants gave out lots of information. Our next event will be our first family picnic. We have karaoke planned and lots of games for all ages. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass along with the recipe. The picnic will be held on August 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Finally, to end the summer and start fall, we are planning our first Oktoberfest for October 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As always, we end our months with a birthday party for each tenant with a birthday that month. Baby Chase Dooley was born July 4 to the proud parents of Perin and Rob Dooley. Well, that's all for now. Have a great summer!



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News from Baldwin

Baldwin has been staying busy; we have been enjoying a summer filled with flowers, fresh vegetables and strawberries from our gardens. We just love picking the fresh fruit and vegetables and eating them right from the garden. We are very proud of our successful planting. We have plans to double our garden next year. Our favorite events have been the June Bug Days Parade this year, the Comforts of Home garage sale, and the live entertainment that visits frequently. Our family picnic is soon arriving on August 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with live entertainment and games. Feel free to stop and enjoy the good food, good company and entertainment. Activities have been a ball! We spend most of our time outside, reading and watching our flowers grow. We enjoy the afternoon book readings with our activity director, Heidi. The last book we read was *Where the Red Fern Grows* which everyone enjoyed. On July 4 we grilled our brats, hot dogs and hamburgers and ate them with fresh watermelon and cold salad. Yum!! In the afternoons, we have been playing cribbage, checkers and painting fingernails with the ladies. We have a few birthdays coming up: in July, Andrew Warren and in September, Barbara Rudesill, Evelyn Hill and Patricia Bess. Each month we have a birthday celebration with cake and ice cream. The residents really enjoy that afternoon. We all enjoy when family comes to visit and share in the celebrations with us. We all hope you have a wonderful summer and enjoy the sunny days. From all of us in Baldwin, we wish you good health and more beautiful days.

News From Chippewa Falls

Well, the weather has been stormy and very nice at times. We try to go out and enjoy it as much as we can. Today we enjoyed the weather and sat outside together and had popsicles. One of our residents, Nellie Jacot, said "I haven't had a popsicle in 90 years, the last one was when I was six." She liked it. Four of our residents went to see "The Bee Movie" and enjoyed watching all the children. On July 15th we are having our resident picnic at Irvine Park. We will be having watermelon, sandwiches and chips. Irvine Park also has a wonderful animal zoo with bears, deer and a buffalo herd. Sadly, we lost two of our residents, Lucille Hurtgen and Crystal Nelson. Our thoughts are with their loved ones at this time. Hope all is well with you and yours.

In Riverside one of our tenants planted six tomato plants and they already have tomatoes that are golf-ball size. We've been playing bean bag toss on the patio. High score this week goes to Esther Harley. She is good! The tenants at Riverside are all enjoying our new parakeet donated by Perin Dooley. Riverside is having a family picnic on July 18. The theme is Hawaiian and everyone is wearing leis and bright shirts. Fun times for all who attend!



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"Mom has the best love and care - they treat her like family!"
Dorothy Hayes Family

News from River Falls

It seems that summer finally made it to Wisconsin! Tenants, families and staff alike seem to be enjoying our beautiful surroundings and getting lots of time outdoors. We have planted a garden and are anxiously awaiting fresh tomatoes for our salads and sandwiches. We have also been doing some fishing in the pond and often sit on the patios and in the gazebo to catch some sun and fresh air. Tenants have enjoyed planting flowers, watering and tending to them and watching them blossom. Independence Day was celebrated all day long. First we had a cookout with grilled brats, burgers and all the works. That evening the tenants and guests gathered around a fire at dusk on the back patio. Everyone enjoyed the warm summer evening complete with roasted marshmallows and s'mores. Our second building opened on June 25. It is a cheerful, sunny home with lots of great areas for socializing. We are pleased to be able to serve even more family members and friends of the River Falls community with this higher-acuity care setting. We will specialize in caring for residents with Alzheimer's disease or other types of memory loss. Please stop in for a tour or call Amy with any questions at 715-426-4924. The St. Croix County Memory Walk will be held in New Richmond at The Deerfield on Saturday, September 20, 2008. We plan to have a team of families, friends and staff who are interested in raising funds to support the Alzheimer's Association. Money raised is used locally for support groups, educational offerings, Helpline and care management. Join us!

