

Letter from Home



From your family at
Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center in Elgin

Keeping it cool in August!

by Brittney Molitor, JMHC activities director

Cheers to August! It appears this month will certainly be bringing more heat! So, we've planned some fun activities in honor of national holidays to help keep our cool.

We'll be making our own ice cream on Soft Ice Cream Day, Lemon Pie Day and Root Beer Float Day! Oh, and don't forget about Smoothie Day and Marshmallow Day, when we'll be making some delicious sweets. Movie evenings are essential, too!

Please feel free to attend our church services on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m., as our amazing visiting pastors will be here every month.

Take a look at our activities calendar and plan to join us for any activities during the month! We welcome visitors and particularly enjoy those who share their time and talents with us!

Keep cool and enjoy your August!

Love, Brittney Molitor



PHOTOS: Residents have had a summer full of fun in July. Some soaked in the sunshine outside and others got some personal pampering during hair care day. Then the crew made peanut butter cookies together. Yum!



AUGUST

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 9 a.m. Church on TV 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Residents' choice	5 10 a.m. Farkle \$ 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Bingo time	6 National Root Beer Floats Day! 10 a.m. Hair/nail care 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Root beer floats	7 10 a.m. Fry bread 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Church with Pastor Mike (communion)	1 10 a.m. Farkle \$ 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Residents' choice	2 10 a.m. Bingo 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Happy hour - snacks and beer	3 10 a.m. Saturday funnies 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Patio time
11 9 a.m. Church on TV 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Patio time	12 10 a.m. Farkle \$ 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Shut the Box	13 10 a.m. Resident council 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Uno	14 10 a.m. Bingo 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Church with Pastor Haberstroh	15 National Lemon Pie Day! 10 a.m. Farkle \$ 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Games and pie	16 10 a.m. Uno 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Bingo	17 10 a.m. Saturday jokes 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Patio time
18 9 a.m. Church on TV 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Residents' choice	19 National Soft Ice Cream Day! 10 a.m. Farkle \$ 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Make ice cream	20 10 a.m. Hair/nail care 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Shut the Box	21 10 a.m. Bingo 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Church with Pastor McClouth	22 10 a.m. Farkle \$ 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 LCR	23 10 a.m. Bingo 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Popcorn and movie	24 10 a.m. Saturday funnies 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Residents' choice
25 9 a.m. Church on TV 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Patio time	26 10 a.m. Uno 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Farkle \$	27 10 a.m. Balloon toss 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Residents' choice	28 10 a.m. Bingo 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Church with Pastor Zimmerman	29 10 a.m. Hair/nail care 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Farkle \$	30 National Marshmallow Day! 10 a.m. Make Rice Krispie bars 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Bingo fun	31 10 a.m. Silly memes 11:20 Devotions 1-2:15 R&R 2:30 Relax on the patio

Welcome!

Welcome to a "Letter from Home," a monthly newsletter for the families of residents at Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center.

The mission of Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center:

Advance the health of the communities with respect and accountability, providing peace of mind close to home.

The vision of Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center:

Strive to be the community choice by providing excellent health care through continuous improvement.

The mission of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation:

Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation, in support of Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center, is to engage and foster health care philanthropy, and provide funds, support and programs to enhance continuous health care excellence for our region.

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There's always something to do at JMHCC, as we celebrated lots of birthdays in July and enjoyed our regular games of Farkle!

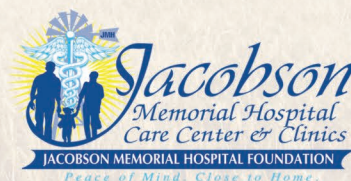


The Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation welcomes donations anytime.

The Foundation board determines where to best utilize funds, so donations can be coupled with other funds to continually improve JMHCC's programs and services.

Make your gift by check to:

JMHF, PO Box 367, Elgin, ND 58533.



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New items providing care, comfort

New hospital beds are being rolled into place, a new bathing system is soaking patients in comforting care and additional lifesaving equipment now rests in the ambulance.

All these items and more are now a reality, thanks to the generosity of those who gave to Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JMHCC) during Giving Hearts Day.

The Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation raised more than \$80,000 during the Foundation's participation in Giving Hearts Day Feb. 8. The one-day online event raised funds to support JMHCC in Elgin to fulfill a "wishlist" of needs.

Now, that wishlist is being fulfilled.

The Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation initially helped fill the wishlist by approving the purchase of a bathing system for \$26,221, using donations from year-round donors. This new system replaces an outdated bathing system, which was showing small cracks.

Ten adjustable patient beds were also on the wishlist. Older styles of beds have not been updated for quite some time and more user-friendly beds were needed. Six new adjustable beds are in place and four more are on their way.

"Staff at JMHCC would like to sincerely thank anyone who donated to assist us in updating our bathing system and hospital beds. These items are used every day by residents and patients, and your donations help us improve our all-around care at the facility. We are very grateful to be supported by our local communities!" says Director of Nursing Jessica "Teddy" Werner.

Another important wishlist item was repairing the wall-mounted aspirator in the emergency room. A portable aspirator was currently being used. That piece of equipment is now repaired and in place.

Ten new recliners have also been ordered for the activities room and patient rooms, and 40 waterproof recliner covers are already in place.

"We thank everyone for the wonderful donations we received to help us put these items in place," says CEO Scott Brooks. "The beds are making a big difference and the residents are excited about the new bathing system."

Another piece of equipment was purchased for the New Leipzig/Elgin Ambulance Service – a RAD-57 EMS package for the detection of carbon monoxide (CO) to prevent CO poisoning.

"It measures the carbon monoxide levels in the blood system," explains Paramedic Cary Kehr. A pulse oximeter measures how much oxygen is in someone's blood, but will show perfect oxygen levels when the patient's blood is actually being affected by carbon monoxide.

"If you have one instance where you use it, it pays for itself," Kehr says.

During fires, the ambulance can monitor firefighters with the equipment to assure they are safe.



"It's a very neat tool and not many ambulances have it," Kehr says.

The Elgin Lions Club donated additional funds to purchase that piece of equipment specifically.

An additional stair chair for the New Leipzig/Elgin Ambulance Service has also been ordered. The stair chair is a device that helps get people out of a house with stairs or tight spaces much easier for the patient and the responders. The second stair chair will go into the second ambulance.

"It's something we use on 50% of our calls, if not greater," Kehr says.

"We couldn't do it without that funding," Kehr says. "It makes it possible. It enables us to expand our level of care to the communities. We couldn't do it without those private donations. It's very much appreciated by all of us."

Several larger donors showed their support during Giving Hearts Day. First International Bank & Trust in Elgin donated a \$12,000 match, and the Elgin Lions Club donated \$12,000. H.A. Thompson & Sons, Bismarck, donated \$5,000, and Dakota Community Bank, New Leipzig, gave \$2,500.

JMHCC continues with fundraising, as larger projects still need funding. Those who wish to still donate are welcome to send a check at any time to JMHF, P.O. Box 367, Elgin, ND 58533. Or donate through the secured site at www.jacobsonhospital.org.

If you have questions about donating, please contact Scott Brooks at JMHCC at 584-2792.