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MAY FLOWERS



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Tulip	Easter lily	Rose	Petunia
Marigold	Hydrangea	Crocus	Daffodil
Dahlia	Hyacinth	Poppy	Begonia
Sunflower	Amaryllis	Lilac	Orchid
Peony	Hibiscus	Daisy	Zinnia

Celebrating May

Gardening for Wildlife Month

Personal History Month

Global Health and Fitness Month

World Laughter Day
May 1

African World Heritage Day
May 5

148th Kentucky Derby
May 7

Mother's Day (U.S.)
May 8

World Belly Dance Day
May 14

International Learn to Swim Day
May 21

Buy a Musical Instrument Day
May 22

Memorial Day (U.S.)
May 30

Resident Interview



This month, our resident interviewee is Lena Sanson. Read on to learn more about Lena!

Where are you from?
I am from Oregon originally. I moved when I got married to the Midwest and settled mainly in Dodge Center, Minnesota. I've lived all over the United States and Canada.

Tell us about your family.
I have 1 boy and 5 girls. They live all over – Florida, Tennessee, North Dakota, and Minnesota. I have 21 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

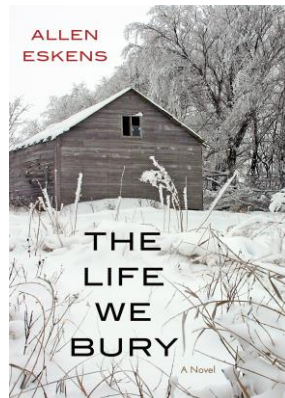
What did you do for a living?
We were pipeliners. We put in gas pipeline. My husband did this for around 30 years. We made friends all over the United States and Canada.

What is a fun fact about yourself?
I enjoy people. I love to have friends. I like helping people. I love to travel. I've had a lot of scary things happen to me in my lifetime and am very thankful to be alive!

If you were stranded on an island and could only bring 3 things with you, what would you bring?
1. My iPad to play games
2. All my friends to play Bingo
3. My house

May Book Club

***The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens**



College student Joe Talbert has a writing assignment to interview a stranger and write a brief biography. With deadlines looming, he heads to a nearby

nursing home to find a subject and meets Carl Iverson. Carl is a dying Vietnam veteran – who has been medically paroled after spending thirty years in prison for rape and murder. As he writes about Carl's life, Joe cannot reconcile the heroism of the soldier with the despicable acts of the convict. Along with his skeptical female neighbor, Joe throws himself into uncovering the truth.

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If you are interested in joining our monthly book club, please see Kelsey for more information.



May Birthdays



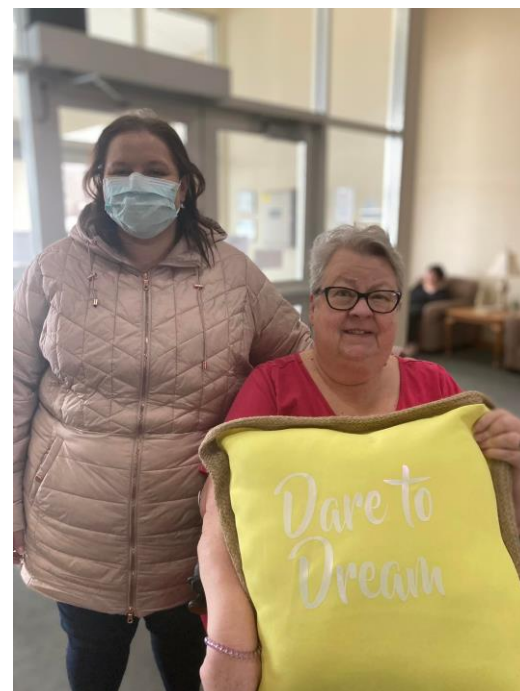
Doris Callard - May 1st

Wil Mohlis - May 7th

Janis Smith - May 20th

Dare to Dream

Our Dare to Dream recipient for the month of April was Brenda. She got tickets for a Minnesota Twins baseball game with her daughter, Kelsey. Go Twins!



May Outreach



**Paws and Claws
Humane Society**

In May, we will begin a collection drive for Paws and Claws Humane Society in Rochester. Paws and Claws exists to provide protection and shelter for abandoned or lost companion animals. They also work hard to seek adoptive homes for the animals in their care and strive to educate the public on the problem of animal overpopulation and responsible companion animal care.

They are taking donations of new and GENTLY used pet supplies. In addition, they have a specific wish list available at the front desk. We will have a collection box in the lobby for all donations. Thank you for considering how you can help this impactful organization!

Referral Bonus



Receive \$500 off for 3 months of rent if you or a family member refers a new resident to Prairie Meadows. Contact Sherri for more information!



Caught Red Handed

When you 'catch' a Prairie Meadows staff member going the extra mile, please fill out a 'Caught Red Handed' flyer to ensure they know how much their efforts to be **R**esponsive, **E**nthusiastic and **D**evoted are appreciated. Submit these flyers to Sherri, so they can be posted, and the team member be recognized.

In April, we recognized Korie, one of our Resident Assistants. She was given a gift certificate to get a tattoo. Thank you, Korie, for taking such good care of our residents!

