



7/2 - RITA RADDE
7/23 - KAY MORAN
7/28 - JOANNE JACQUES



6/30 - CHERYL VOELZ
7/26 - KATHLENE FLAATA

**GETTING TO KNOW..
JOAN HARPEL**



Joan Harpel moved to Grand Meadows in September of 2025 from her home in Glencoe. She was born in St. Paul, attended St. Paul Central High School & the University of MN. She married Jim Harpel on July 1, 1983 and has been blessed with three sons: Paul Harpel (wife Koreen), Scott Frazier, Eric Harpel (Nicole), seven grandchildren: Christopher, Andrew, Morgan, Allie, Jake, Sydney & Derek; and three great-grandchildren: Marek, Kira & Josephine. She enjoyed a career as a stewardess for American Airline in NY, also worked for McLeod Coop Power & Harpel Bros. Inc. part-time for over 25-years. Her favorite hobbies are crocheting, knitting, playing games on her laptop & visiting with family. We're happy she has joined our family at Grand Meadows!



August Birthdays

- 8/1 - Stephanie Lopez
- 8/2 - Marisol Mendoza Vazquez
- 8/3 - Kathleen Holland
- 8/3 - Shirley Vergin
- 8/7 - Breanna Heldt
- 8/11 - Kylie Hill
- 8/14 - Mikaylin Goetze
- 8/14 - Harriett Bergs
- 8/14 - Marisol Ignacio-Manzanarez
- 8/23 - LuAnn Harms
- 8/24 - Eileen Dittmer
- 8/26 - Rachel Ohland
- 8/26 - Islam Barrera-Ramirez
- 8/28 - Arlene Torgerson
- 8/30 - Ambrosia Hansen

GRAND MEADOWS MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Executive Director
- Operations Manager
- Director of Nursing
- RN Care Manager
- RN Care Manager
- Support LPN
- Maintenance Director
- Meaningful Days Coordinator
- Health & Wellness Director
- Administrative Support
- Director of Dining Services
- Janelle Kellermann
- Angela Templin
- Mikaylin Goetze
- Briana Starrett
- Kathleen Holland
- Sandy Voelkel
- Islam Barrera-Colin
- Sara Brown
- Sara Fasching
- Sandra Chaplin
- Angie Wilkerson

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Celebrating August

Read a Romance Month

Golf Month

Family Fun Month

Root Beer Float Day

August 6th

Purple Heart Day

August 7th

Bargain Hunting Week

August 10-16th

Vinyl Record Day

August 12th

Social Security Day

August 14th

Senior Citizen Day

August 21st

Kiss and Make Up Day

August 25th

Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day

August 28th

Eat Outside Day

August 31st

**GREETINGS FROM JANELLE KELLERMANN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Greetings everyone! We are sad to see Michele Mackenthun retire after 17 years but, we are welcoming Angela Templin as our new Operations Manager! If you see her in the halls, please give her a warm welcome and wish Michele a happy retirement. We will have podiatry coming on August 5th. If you or your loved one are not signed up, please see someone at the main office. A friendly reminder to avoid late payment fees, please pay your bill by the first of each month.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: BRIANA

Briana Starrett joined our nursing team in July coming from Adara Home Health as an RN Care Manager for Grand Court and 1st Floor. She was born in Hutchinson graduating from Hutchinson High School and Ridgewater College, completing her RN degree in 2021. She & her husband, Klayton were married in 2021 and have a 13-month old son, Rutger. They also have a dog, Miley (age 5), two cats Max (age 6) and Nikko (age 4) rounding out their family. Her favorite way to spend her free time is reading and playing with her son. Briana feels that everyone has been so kind and that it feels like a family here at Grand Meadows. We're so excited to have her on our team. Please give her a friendly hello if you see her!

NURSING NOTES, MIKAYLIN GOETZE, RN | CNS

Transportation Services:
We recently reviewed our resident surveys and noticed that many residents mentoned assistance with transportation to medical appointments. We are reminding everyone that the nurses are able to assist you or your loved one with clinic appointment scheduling and arranging transportation as needed. Some transportation services may include an out-of-pocket cost, but can be arranged through services such as ACC Midwest, Waters Edge, A2B Transport, and Trailblazer. If you are interested, please see the main office or reach out to the nurses.

Wishing you a safe and healthful August! :)



KITCHEN KORNER BY ANGIE WILKERSON, DIRECTOR OF DINING SERVICES
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE BARS



INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a 9x9 inch baking pan, or line with parchment paper.
2. In a large bowl, mix melted butter and brown sugar until combined. Beat in egg and vanilla.
3. Stir in flour, baking powder, and salt, then fold in chocolate chips.
4. Spread the dough evenly in the prepared pan and bake for 20-25 minutes, until golden brown. Let cool before slicing.



HEALTH & WELLNESS BY SARA FASCHING, H&W DIRECTOR AND SARA BROWN MEANINGFUL DAYS COORDINATOR:

Time sure flies when we are having fun! It's hard to believe we are already to August. It reminds me of the time spent preparing for the county fair. The hard work training the cattle, sewing under my mother's watchful eye and practicing my homemade ice cream demonstration.

- Some of the activities we have planned for August are:
- Viewing of First Evangelical Lutheran's Silent Stories video on August 2nd at 2:00 PM in the Lounge.
 - Music by Duke Zecco on Aug. 12th at 2:30 PM.
 - Music by Allen Carlson and August birthday celebration on August 17th at 2:30PM.
 - Daisy Watercolor Painting Tutorial on August 24th at 3:00 PM.
 - This month's lunch outing to Neisen's Bar & Grill on August 27th. Please sign up in the office if you want to join us.
 - Lastly our Dietary team is planning some favorite fair treats for Fair Day held on August 31st along with live entertainment by Mark Milner.

