



Maplewood of SAUK PRAIRIE Health & Rehab Campus

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50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

A WALK THROUGH TIME

They say it takes a village to raise a child. A similar adage could be made when referencing commerce; it takes a community to support a business. The Sauk Prairie and surrounding areas have embraced Maplewood for 50 years. We would like to shout our thanks from the rooftops! Without this support, we would not be able to serve those who need rehabilitation, assisted living, memory-care, or long-term care.

Maplewood of Sauk Prairie was founded in 1971 when 7 community members, from a wide variety of occupations, offered an alternative nursing home. At that time, the other local choice was the nursing-home wing in the hospital located in Prairie du Sac. Tom Kraemer was the first administrator, and Betty Lochner was one of the first Directors of Nursing.

Fifty years ago, it was popular to go to a beauty parlor for a weekly wash and set, hang the laundry out on a clothesline to dry, participate in card clubs, and never miss Sunday church services. Things that simulated a typical day-in-a-life were incorporated into the design of Maplewood. A beauty salon, laundry services, chapel, lounge/bar, activity room, and a limo at Maplewood were included features; as well as all aspects necessary for nursing care.



Tom Kraemer, administrator



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Cutting-edge approaches are something Maplewood has prided itself on. Today, many of the avant-garde ideas started 50 years ago are still in place. Residents enjoy an on-site, licensed beautician (who gives scalp massages prior to a set, perm, or cut), the ability to have their laundry done, and a plethora of activities to engage both the mind and body. Within the facility, you will find a chapel (a dedicated worship room), a lounge where drinks are served during "Happy Hour", and a touring vehicle to get out and about in the community. Innovative for the time were the spring-loaded tables, which hang from the ceiling, allowing easy access for those in wheelchairs when eating and playing games. These adjustable tables easily raise to the ceiling and are out of the way, allowing the same room to be used for entertainment and meetings.

Maplewood is a safe, appreciative audience and encourages community members to showcase their talents. Residents have enjoyed cheerleaders cheering, dance squads showcasing routines, Madrigal and Solo Ensemble performances, 4H and school plays such as Tower Rock's "Weeds" production, games played with the Builder's Club, trick-or-treaters, church groups, activities with daycares, clubs, and local businesses, carolers, "how-to" talks, car shows, pet parades, entertainers, and numerous other events.

In 1977, just 6 years after Maplewood opened its doors, repair work was needed due to an unusual event. A circus was in town, and Barbara, one of the elephants helping set up the big top, became startled and bolted from the park. After trampling through backyards, gardens, and clotheslines, she encountered the corner of Maplewood where the South and East Wings meet. Not ready to be apprehended, Barbara forged ahead, breaking through the physical therapy window, going down the West Wing's hallway, then out the door facing south. She destroyed walls and ceilings. Fortunately, a majority of residents were in the dining room at the time, and no one was hurt. To commemorate this event, there are elephant crossing signs and a large elephant statue in the center of the building.

Maplewood has prided itself on being an up-to-date, well-cared for facility.

1977: Repair after elephant went through the building.

1984: Addition to increase the number of rooms.

1999: Assisted-Living, called Maplewood Village, was added to the campus.

1999: Addition to increase the front office space.

2006: 26 new, private rooms were added.

2019: Major addition and renovation with a designated rehabilitation wing and room conversion, making most of them private. Restoring health so one can return home is the goal for those receiving rehabilitation care as an out-patient or an in-house resident. The redesign included a separate entrance for easy drop off and pick up, state-of-the-art equipment, and a new therapy gym. Care can be provided for respiratory infection, IV therapy, wounds, respiratory pneumonia, sepsis, cellulitis, stroke, surgical rehabilitation after pacemaker replacement, abdominal surgery, joint replacement, fall or fracture, and to increase strength and balance.

Maplewood has had the honor of helping many people throughout its 50-years of service including:

Alice Graf: the librarian at the Prairie du Sac Library for over 40 years. She owned a stately home called The Graf House at 393 Water Street in Prairie du Sac. After she passed, the house turned into a bed and breakfast for a few years.

Tom Every | "Dr. Evermor": metal artist, who left his mark in numerous places including the House on the Rock and Evermor's Art Park on Hwy 12, which houses the "Forevertron".

Milly Zantow famous for the saying, "Waste is not waste until it is wasted", established the first recycling center and is known as the pioneer of plastic recycling.

Edna Koenig | "The Bird Lady": fed, offered shelter, and rehabilitated 101 species of birds on her one and a half acre parcel at 215 Jackson Street, Sauk City.

Luella Cork: sister to Jacob Leinenkugel of the Leinenkugel Beer company, Chippewa Falls, WI. Jacob learned his craft from their German-born father who started a brewery in Sauk City.

Dr. Gibbs Zauft: initiated the building of a hospital in Prairie du Sac and established a doctor's office, called



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Prairie Clinic, with Dr. Paul Bishop. He played basketball and baseball for the Badgers, and, when residing at Maplewood, was visited by Green Bay Packer Mark Tauscher.

We are thankful for all those who have touched our lives throughout the years. Some have been featured in a series of throwback videos found at facebook.com/maplewoodofsaukprairie. Others have added to its rich history; yet have not been showcased. It doesn't diminish the role so many have played to help shape Maplewood into the outstanding health and rehabilitation center that it is.



Partnering with the River Arts Center enabled Special Consensus to perform at Maplewood.

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