

September Newsletter 2026

As the seasons begin to change, we're taking every opportunity to enjoy the sunshine. September in Enderlin is always a special time as our community comes together for Sunfest, a celebration of sunflowers and the beauty they bring. Just as the sunflower turns toward the light, it's a reminder for all of us to embrace our own light and let it shine.

This fall also brings an exciting change for Maryhill. Effective **October 1, 2026**, our licensed capacity will increase from **42 to 46 skilled nursing beds**. To accommodate this growth, a couple rooms in our west wing will be converted back to semi-private rooms. Families can be assured that we will continue to offer the larger private rooms in the west wing that many residents have come to enjoy.

Throughout September, our team will be connecting with residents and families to confirm room preferences and discuss any desired room changes. We will make every effort to accommodate requests based on availability and will establish waiting lists when necessary. Please see attached private room rate differential increases coming October 1st as well! As always, thank you for allowing us to care for your loved ones. We are grateful for your trust and remain committed to providing a welcoming home, comfortable accommodations, and the highest quality care possible.

Front Entrance Improvements: Security, Technology & Guest Experience

We are excited to share that Maryhill is making several improvements to our front entrance aimed at enhancing both security and the visitor experience. Thanks in part to funding from a **Federal Homeland Security grant**, we are upgrading our door access and security systems with new technology designed to better protect our residents, staff, and visitors. This project comes at the perfect time, as portions of our previous system had reached the end of their service life and replacement parts were no longer available. In addition to these security enhancements, we are currently **piloting a new front entrance reception desk**. Our goal is to have the desk staffed **Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, providing a welcoming first point of contact for visitors and families. We hope this added presence will make it easier for guests to find assistance, receive directions, and feel welcomed when they arrive. As we continue to invest in our facility, our focus remains on creating a safe, secure, and inviting environment for everyone who calls Maryhill home. We look forward to the benefits these improvements will bring to our residents, families, staff, and visitors.

Hair Care: We currently offer beautician services two times per month for haircuts, colors, and perms. Starting in September, Shelby Braaten will be covering for Marty who is unavailable. If you would like to be on the list for services, please contact Aubrey Mark, scheduling coordinator. Thank you for your understanding during this time as we put a plan in place for coverage.

Fall Vaccination Clinic Coming Soon

Maryhill plans to offer Flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccinations in October. Families and responsible parties will receive additional information and consent forms as the clinic date approaches. Residents who have already received an RSV vaccine generally do not need another dose at this time. Thank you for helping us keep our residents healthy throughout the upcoming respiratory illness season.

Upcoming Events:

🐾 Buffalo Alice - September 15th

We are excited to welcome Buffalo Alice to Maryhill from 1pm to 5pm for great music! We will be selling Sloppy Joe Basket during this time for \$10.00 and will be hosting a bake sale while supplies last. Families and community members are encouraged to stop by, enjoy a great meal, and enjoy the concert. We look forward to an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and community spirit.

CHECK OUT MARYHILL'S FACEBOOK PAGE!!!

We are on Facebook! Search for SMP Health - Maryhill. Like us and follow our page to stay up to date with pictures and posts of our daily happenings and special events!

Operational Update – Change in Personal:

We are pleased to announce that **Alison Frueh** will be joining the Maryhill team as our new **Admissions & Social Services Coordinator** beginning **August 31st**. Alison will serve as the primary point of contact for residents and families regarding admissions, care conferences, discharge planning, and social service needs. We are excited to welcome Alison to Maryhill and look forward to the support and guidance she will provide for our residents and their loved ones. **UPDATE: Her Office is Located off the West Family room on the Left Side!**

In Our Loving Memory... We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those who were part of our Maryhill family and have passed away this past month. We treasure the memories shared with them and pray for comfort and peace for their loved ones during this time of loss. They will always be remembered with love and care.

Tommie Shaw – James West – David Heintzleman

Stay healthy and God bless,
Bailyn Hildestad, CEO/Administrator

