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Memorial Medical Center

Neillsville, Loyal, Greenwood

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Assisted Living Project Continues

Last year, Memorial Medical Center-Neillsville announced it was making plans to add Assisted Living to its spectrum of senior care services. Assisted Living would be offered as an additional option to the Health & Rehabilitation facility, Home Health, and Country View Apartments.

“During successive community meetings, the public voiced support for the assisted living project, but agreed there is still a need for a nursing home here. New construction was not an option, financially, so we downsized the number of nursing home beds, and used the remaining building space for assisted living. We were nervous about the downsizing, but seventy beds are sufficiently meeting our needs,” explained Scott Polenz, CEO of Memorial Medical Center.

The process of opening MMC’s Assisted Living involves developing plans with an architect and having those plan approved by the State of Wisconsin. The design plans have been submitted to the State, and are currently pending approval. Once approval is received by Memorial Medical Center, construction will commence.

During this waiting period, smaller remodeling projects are moving forward in the Assisted Living, done primarily by Memorial’s maintenance staff. Local businesses have been hired to cut a new building entrance and work on plumbing. Within the coming weeks, electric and drywall workers can begin their work. Parking lots and sidewalks will be the final projects.

The Assisted Living facility will have 10 single rooms and 1 double-occupancy room. Currently there are 12 individuals on the waiting list. Memorial Medical Center still hopes to open the assisted living facility in 2009, but the timing depends on the state’s approval and follow-up survey.

The Health & Rehabilitation facility is also undergoing improvements. The front porch/entrance will soon transition to a three-season porch, making it more usable throughout the year for residents and guests. The initial wave of landscaping efforts is nearly complete, with all 12 memory gardens and benches all in place.

“We continue to be extremely cost conscious. Community members, organizations, and our employees have contributed over \$76,000, which includes sponsoring every assisted living room, all memory gardens, and the three-season enclosed porch. People have taken a lot of pride and ownership throughout this,” commented Polenz.

Both Assisted Living and Health & Rehabilitation facilities welcome new residents. The Health & Rehabilitation has immediate openings, and the assisted living continues to add people to the waiting list. To inquire about living at the Health & Rehabilitation, please contact Memorial Medical Center’s Social Services department at 743-3101 X163. To be placed on the Assisted Living waiting list, please contact Theresa Hawley at 743-8449.

A community meeting has been scheduled to communicate the progress and future goals of Memorial Medical Center’s senior care services: Wednesday, August 26th from 5:30-7pm. Invitations will be mailed and posted in newspapers, but anyone interested in attending is encouraged to contact Janet Schmidt at 743-8454.

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