



# Mile Bluff Times

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## National Hospital Week promotes message of healing

America's hospitals are positive, vital places that promote health and well-being. That's the message healthcare facilities across the country are voicing as they celebrate National Hospital Week 2008.

"Hospitals are all about healing," commented Mile Bluff's Director of Public Relations, Kathy Behnke. "All our staff members have one mission, and that is to help people get well!"

Excellent healthcare starts with excellent people. During National Hospital Week, May 11-17, hospitals from coast to coast united in a celebration of professionalism, dedication, and compassion – human qualities that keep our system of care and caring at the forefront of medicine. This year's theme, "Where healing happens every day," honors the men and women who help make America's hospitals the best in the world.

Keeping healthcare in a positive light is part of the tradition of National Hospital Week, a celebration of care that dates back to 1921. The idea that began as a simple open house in Chicago spread across the country and helped change the perception about hospitals from places of illness to places of healing. Today, National Hospital Week is the nation's largest healthcare celebration, and Mile Bluff had a number of great events planned.

### **Rural Health Ambassador Award**

*Monday, May 12 at Hess Memorial Hospital*  
Kathy Marose, RN was recognized by the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative for her outstanding dedication to the health of the community.

In 2007, the Master Gardeners Club donated a yucca plant to Mile Bluff's community healing garden, and is looking forward to further participation in the project.



### **Health fair**

*Thursday, May 15 at the Necedah Family Medical Center*

The fair included free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, cholesterol testing, risk factor appraisals, refreshments, and door prizes.

### **Community healing garden celebration**

*Friday, May 16 at Hess Memorial Hospital*

To close out National Hospital Week, a celebration was held in Hess Memorial Hospital's lobby waiting area. The event focused on this year's theme – Where healing happens every day – by introducing Mile Bluff's community healing garden. Many came to join in on the fun, check out the garden, learn about

volunteer and donor opportunities, and enjoy refreshments.

Mile Bluff is currently looking for volunteers to help with the planning and upkeep of the garden. Individuals and groups from the community are encouraged to get involved to help provide a place of serenity for those looking for healing. If you would like more information on how you can be involved with the community healing garden, call Kristy at 608-548-0399.

*Mile Bluff Medical Center...*

*Where healing happens every day!*

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