

NARI National Community Service Achievement Award

Nomination for NARI of Madison – 2024/2025

I am proud to nominate my chapter for the 2024-25 NARI National achievement award for Community Service. Our chapter took on two community service projects this year (2024), our first being a refresh of the landscape and outdoor area at a skilled nursing facility in Evansville, WI and our next one partnering with NARI Madison member, Logan's Heart and Smiles for putting up a fence for a family in need in our area that has special need children. Let me tell you a little bit about both projects.

Evansville Manor Landscape Project

5/18/2024

This is actually our second visit to Evansville Manor, a skilled nursing facility in our area. Our first visit in 2023 consisted of tackling the front entrance to the facility and managing the rugged, forgotten landscape projects and paint refresh at the home. In 2024 our crews came back for a day of giving back. This year, we tackled their outdoor resting spot and gazebo area. This area had been neglected for years causing overgrown flower beds, weeds too numerous to count and general disarray of this area that should be a relaxing spot to chat with loved ones. This year's goals & task list included: install pollinator plants, install a new flowering tree, reduce mowing maintenance with new beds, install a temporary watering system, and plant a bunch of tomato, pepper, edible flower, and herb plants in the host of pots and planters existing around the outdoor gazebo. It was fun finding a matching Prairie-fire crabapple tree that we could install opposite of the existing one, and enhancing existing raised beds with hardy native pollinator plants will be a wonderful addition to the space. We cleaned up some of the sidewalk crack weeds and also added some mulch rings around a couple of existing structures and trees. It was a job well done and we couldn't have done it without our NARI of Madison member volunteers. We had a great write up in the local paper showcasing the project as well. The residents even came out at the end of the day and enjoyed the new landscape and gardens that we planted! All volunteers were NARI Madison members and their kids and all materials were donated by NARI Madison members as well.





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Edgerton Hospital named in top 20

Edgerton Hospital and Health Services has merited a 2024 Top 20 Best Practices in Patient Satisfaction designation from the National Rural Health Association (NRHA).

Edgerton Hospital was ranked in the Top 20 for patient satisfaction among all critical access hospitals in the U.S. This ranking is determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health, based on data compiled in the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance Index, specifically the patient satisfaction domain.

The National Rural Health Association considers Edgerton Hospital to be an exemplar of best practices in all of rural health care.

Edgerton Hospital and Health Services CEO Marc Augsburger credited his staff for this recognition. "We are honored to receive this award from the National Rural Health Association regarding our practices in patient care, quality, and satisfaction. I'm so proud of our staff. This award is a reflection of our team's dedication to providing



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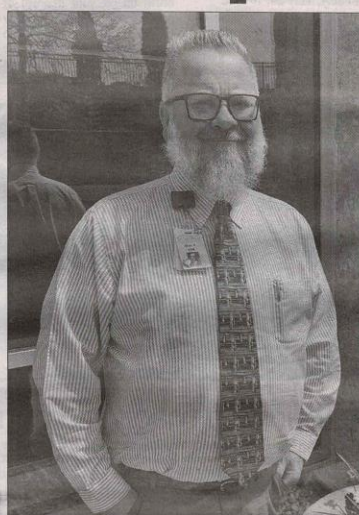
Above: The main entrance to Edgerton Hospital. Right: Edgerton Hospital's President and CEO Marc Augsburger poses for a picture.

patient focused care each and every day."

Edgerton Hospital will be recognized by the National Rural Health Association, along with the other Top 20 facilities designated as best practices in the categories of quality and patient satisfaction, at the NRHA's 2024 Critical Access Hospital Conference, in Kansas City, Mo., in September.

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 20,000 members. The association's mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues. NRHA membership consists of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

Edgerton Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital. The hospital serves the communities of Edgerton, Milton, Whitewater, and surrounding communities. Founded in 1923, the facility offers inpatient, outpatient, surgical, diagnostic, emergency, urgent care and rehabilitation services. For additional information about Edgerton Hospital, please visit www.edgertonhospital.com.



Evansville Manor given a better outdoor space



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This year's goals and tasks at Evansville Manor included planting tomato, pepper, edible flower, and herb plants in the existing pots and planters around the outdoor gazebo.

Events for Memorial Day in Evansville

Evansville will be celebrating Memorial Day with a number of events over the weekend.

On Saturday, May 25, at 9 a.m. there will be the placing of the American flags on the Veteran graves at the Maple Hill Cemetery by Boy Scouts, American Legion Post 35, VFW Post 6905, and volunteers.

On Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m. there will be a parade from the corner of First and Main which will go east on Main and north on Cemetery Road to Maple Hill Cemetery.

After the parade, there will be a ceremony at the cemetery

by American Legion Post 35, VFW Post 6905, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, EHS band, and Middle School band. The guest speaker will be Dave Collins, United States Army veteran.

Next will be "Rally in The Alley" at the VFW building after the ceremony at the cemetery. Food, drink, plus karaoke by Nick Allen and live music featuring Dan Reilly will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will also be a silent auction during the "Rally in The Alley" at the VFW building hosted by the American Legion Post 35 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A group of NARI – the National Association of the Remodeling Industry – of Madison chapter members enhanced and cleaned up and an outdoor courtyard space for the Evansville Manor, a skilled nursing facility in Evansville.

The NARI of Madison chapter sets out each year to complete two volunteer-based projects meant to give back to the communities they serve. This year John

Gishnock III of Formecology LLC, an Evansville-based landscape design build and care company, thought it would be a good idea to bring NARI a volunteer project proposal to complete round two at the Evansville Manor. NARI of Madison and Formecology LLC completed a landscape cleanup and plant installation for the front of the Manor in 2023.

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Rocking at Rock Valley

At the Rock Valley Conference Meet on Friday, May 10, the Evansville Boys Track Team earned the Rock Division Championship Trophy. Notable Blue Devil performances at the Conference Meet on both the boys and girls side included – 1st Place: Boys 4x800; 1st Place: Tanner Zastoupil, Discus; 2nd Place: Rosemary Gallagher, 3200m; 2nd Place: Rachael Klitzman, Triple Jump; 2nd Place: Noah Demi, 400m; 2nd Place: Dawson Kopf, 110m hurdle; 2nd Place: Alex Seufferer, Pole Vault; 3rd Place: Rachael Klitzman, Long Jump; 3rd Place: Dawson Kopf, 300m hurdle; 3rd Place: Jer Novia Hermanson, 400m. Congratulations to these athletes.

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Special thanks to Melissa Gishnock, Robin Pernot, and Sam Hrdlicka for helping. Also many thanks go to the NARI family members including Gina Richardson and her son Owen, Kim DiMaggio and her son Pookie, Rob Car-

ey, Susan Thompson, Carrie Benton, Kara Gishnock and niece Megan Freymiller.

Thanks to the Evansville Manor for the excitement and hospitality they shared. Hopefully they love their "green" new outdoor space.



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A trellis at the Evansville Manor helps beautify the outdoor space.

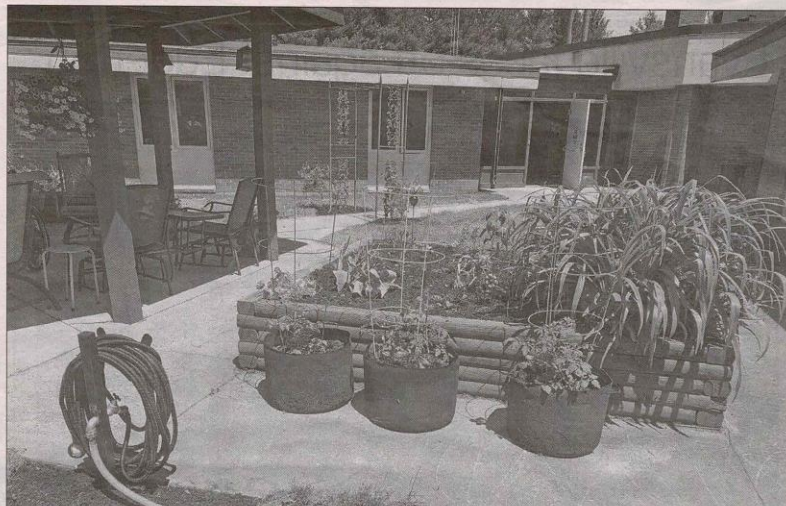


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John Gishnock III of Formecology LLC, an Evansville-based landscape design build and care company, thought it would be a good idea to bring NARI a volunteer project proposal to complete round two at the Evansville Manor, improving the outdoor space.



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Residents at Evansville Manor are excited to view the changes made to the outdoor area.

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A group from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry of Madison chapter members enhanced and cleaned up an outdoor courtyard space for the Evansville Manor, a skilled nursing facility in Evansville. It is one of two volunteer-based projects they do each year to give back to the communities they serve.

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Fenced-in Backyard Project

6/8/2024

In June, we partnered with our local non-profit member, Logan's Heart and Smiles, who build accessibility and safety modifications for children with disabilities. This can include wheelchair ramps, fencing, bathroom adaptations, therapy installations, and other custom projects. Together we gathered volunteers and materials to complete a safety fencing project for 5-year old twins who are on the autism spectrum. Both children are flight risks, so they weren't able to use their backyard as much as they would like in fear that the kids would run off. As Dad said "if they (his kids) are out of arm's reach they are too far away." Our team got to work side-by-side with Logan's Heart and Smiles crew and had volunteers show up for a day long project of completing this task. We worked together to layout the fence, digging both manually and with a power auger to set posts, assembling the fence and gates, building an enclosure around the AC unit to keep curious fingers away, and relocating plants that were now in the fence line. Over lunch we were joined by Logan's Heart and Smiles Ambassador Noah, who uses a wheelchair due to Cerebral Palsy and he talked with us about Logan's and the impact Logan's has on children and families living in Wisconsin. We were able to provide a peace of mind for the family so their kids could enjoy the outdoor space without the risk of leaving the yard. The enclosed yard also allows the twins to have a safe area to expend their energy and get regulation, providing them and their caregivers with an overall calming, healthier life.

The father of the family sent this note about the project:

"Logan's Heart and Smiles and the volunteers from NARI changed the entire trajectory of our family in one day. We have two special needs kiddos, both flight risks, and we could not use our backyard safely. We've lived here five years and never played outside. In one day, 10 volunteers, led by Joe and Angela, changed everything. What a difference people we didn't even know made. Now our backyard is an enclosed, safe space and our kids love playing outside every day. Incredible joy for our kids, peace of mind for us, and a wonderful gift to our family."

Our members were ecstatic to complete this project for such a deserving family.

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