# HOPE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE, INC. JUNE 2018 HOSPICE HAPPENINGS

Thanks to all of our volunteers for all their hard work. Our patient care percentage for the month of April was 7.8%

#### TO ALL THE FATHERS OUT THERE



#### ENJOY YOUR DAY, YOU HAVE EARNED IT.

Hope Hospice participated as a vendor in the 5th Annual "Independence Your Way" event which was held in Ladysmith for Rusk Co. residents on May 24, 2018. This event featured various vendor booths, presentations by area businesses and a free lunch. The goal was for residents to learn about different community resources available to those in Rusk Co. while maintaining as much of their independence for as long as possible.

Tick bites are generally without symptoms and are harmless. A bite may leave a small red bump, which is normal, and can become infected if not cleaned properly. If a person is allergic to tick bites, there may be pain or swelling, a rash, burning, blisters, or even difficulty breathing, says healthline.com.

Some ticks do carry diseases. These diseases, if transmitted to humans, can cause flu-like symptoms, such as nausea, fever, headache, vomiting or muscle aches. Some tick-born diseases include Lyme disease, Colorado tick fever, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Although rare, these diseases are serious and require medical treatment, reports WebMD.

Ticks are small, eight legged bugs that live outside and feed on human or animal blood. Ticks prefer warm, moist areas of the body such as armpits, groin or scalp. Once a tick has bitten a host, it remains attached to the body while feeding and can stay there for days or weeks. It is important to remove a tick as soon as possible to avoid infection or disease. Use tweezers to grab the tick near its head and pull gently without squeezing it. Carefully wash hands and the tick bite area with warm, soapy water. Seek medical treatment if any unusual symptoms appear within a few days or weeks of a tick bite, instructs Mayo Clinic.



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June 16 thru June 23, 2018 is Nursing Assistant week. Thanks to all of our Nursing Assistants, we couldn't do it without you.

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE A CNA IF:

- 1. You can set speed records for AM/PM care and still do it very well.
- 2. You feel naked without rubber gloves on and bags in your pockets.
- 3. You've told a confused patient your coworkers name and told them to just give a yell if they need anything.
- 4. Your last work "party" consisted of paper plates, tons of finger food all served over the ice chest in the pantry or in the utility room.
- 5. You would like to maim the inventor of the call bell.
- 6. You know what a hopper is and know what it's used for.

- 7. Almost everything is amusing.....once you get a break.
- 8. Your hands have been places you never thought possible.
- 9. You can deliver in-services as needed to the confused person in the incontinence products aisle at the drug store.
- 10. Strangely enough and to the horror of friends and family, you find you really like your job. When it's all said and done, you see the appreciation in your patient's eyes and you come back for more. Cause you know it isn't all for the money.

## **TRIBUTE TO A CNA**

Of all the gifts God made To care for all the sick Your special role portrayed The reason you were picked

Your role was heaven made So very long ago The Angel's sang with pride To see God's love bestowed

And every Angel knows The radiance of this gift That God Almighty gave They see it shift to shift



As in your heart of gold Your comfort healing hearts At every patient's side God's love you do impart

> To honor your hard work A treasured prize was made It sits in Heaven's home On shelves all made of jade

Of all the gifts God gave For patient's to get well Your heart of gold has won Truly a Prize Nobel Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Invites Family Members & Caregivers to the Spring 2018 Service of Remembrance

> Date / Time: Monday, June 18, 2018 @ 2 PM

Location: Rusk County Memorial Hospital Chapel 900 College Ave. W., Ladysmith

OR

Date / Time: Tuesday, June 19 2018 @ 2 PM

Location: The West Millpond Gazebo Centennial Parkway, Medford

**Refreshments Provided** 

Please RSVP by June 15, 2018 by calling Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. If you would like a ride, please let us know when you RSVP.

> Phone: 715-748-3434 (Medford) 715-532-0173 (Ladysmith) 877-375-0919 (Toll Free)

### **OUR MEMORY GARDEN FACELIFT HAS BEGUN**



























Steve Livigni, husband of one of our Hope Hospice patients, was able to go on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Never Forgotten Honor Flight on May 21, 2018. I was honored to accompany Steve, as his "guardian," on this trip. Steve was 1 of 99 Vietnam War veterans, along with 1 WWII veteran, who were honored for their service to our country.

The airplane left CWA, in Mosinee, at 7:00 a.m. and landed at Ronald Reagan Airport, Washington DC, at 9:45 a.m. We hit the ground running, seeing the Vietnam, Korean, WWII, Pentagon, and Air Force Memorials, along with Arlington National Cemetery, including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We departed Washington, DC at 8:00 p.m. and landed in Mosinee at 10:00 p.m.

Steve kept commenting how incredible it was to see all the memorials, plus the constant display of support given by people everywhere. It was moving to witness the trip's impact on the veterans themselves as they experienced gratitude for their commitment and sacrifice.

It was a long, very full day...but one that will not be forgotten!

David Clements, Chaplain Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.