

February/March 2015

GROUP HOME GAZETTE

FREMONT COUNTY GROUP HOMES, INC.

~ ~ Serving Fremont County Families for over 35 years ~ ~

Mission Statement: Fremont County Group Homes' mission is to reunite families and to give youth every opportunity to become healthy and productive.

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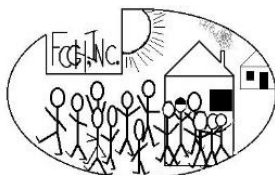


FEBRUARY-MARCH

February, as you can imagine is geared to romance. In fact this month is Creative Romance Month, An Affair to Remember Month (and who can forget that movie), and National Weddings Month. March is National Women's History Month and Red Cross Month.

Among the more notable holidays are:

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| February 16 | Presidents' Day and
Do a Grouch a Favor Day |
| February 23 | International Dog Biscuit
Appreciation Day |
| February 28 | Public Sleeping Day |
| March 4 | Hug a GI Day |
| March 10 | Middle Name Pride Day |
| March 12 | Popcorn Lovers' Day |



GROUP HOME HAPPENINGS

It has been a very busy month for the boys.

We've been swimming at the Aquatic

Center and ice skating. We also went to Thermopolis to swim and, while we were there, we checked out the buffalo and history on the Hot Springs. We went for a drive up to the Sinks, watched the Super Bowl. We've been painting springtime pictures and animal ceramics, and have even gotten into some baking – banana muffins, no-bake cookies and mini blueberry pies.

This month has been a very active one at the girls' home, too. We continue to donate time at the Paws animal shelter, and have been visiting residents at Westward Heights. The girls really enjoy it and it has been a learning process for them on how



to give back to the community. After the big snow, we built snowmen. After that, deer came into the yard and ate the carrot noses off the snowmen. This was exciting, as some of the residents had never been that close to a deer before. The deer have been surrounding the home on a regular basis. We had a couple of warm days and most of the girls were ready to pull out their summer flip flops, but then winter hit again; reminding us that it's not really over. We went out to Red Canyon (a short drive from Lander) and the girls were thrilled to see an enormously huge herd of elk. We baked and decorated cakes for Valentine's Day. We are looking forward to March.

WISH LIST

We are in the process of reorganizing our file storage area and are in need of file cabinets. If anyone has used file cabinets you would be willing to donate, it would be very much appreciated.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you again to all of you who have donated to the Group Homes lately. Our residents have been well taken care of on quite a few days with meals bring brought over, snacks being given, and gifts for the boys and girls being left for them. As staff, we really appreciate your generosity, and we know the residents love it. Some of them have never really received this much attention.

We have had some employee movement and newly-hired employees over the past month, so I would like to introduce everyone to you. Sheila Snyder has moved from a Night Manager to a Resident Manager position in Riverton, and she will be working during the day with Carrie Iiams. Also hired as a Resident Manager in Riverton was Josh Soule. Josh will be working with Brian Tyler. As for Night Managers in Riverton, Jody Hensley and Claudia Duran have been hired to cover these shifts. In Lander, Brittny Keller has been hired to work along with LeeAnn McClung as our two Night Managers. If you happen to reach any of these new employees when you contact the Group Home, please be sure to welcome them to the family. We are so glad to have all of them.

We are in the process of updating our website. If you get a chance, check it out to see all of our employees, activities we are doing as staff and with the residents, and some updated policies.

Thanks again for everyone's commitment to helping Fremont County's youth in need.

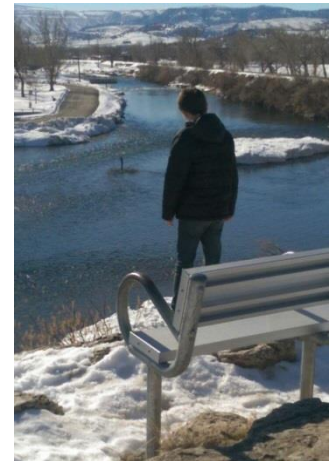
Jeff Verosky

OUR BEST WISHES

Mike Snyder recently left the Group Home to take another job. Mike was a great asset as a Resident Manager at the Riverton home. We will miss him and wish him success at his new company.

GREAT PICTURES

Here are some pictures we took on our trip to Thermopolis.



We are grateful for your caring and generosity!!

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Enclosed is my donation of \$_____to be used in support of Fremont County
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