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GROUP HOME GAZETTE

FREMONT COUNTY GROUP HOMES, INC.

~~Serving Fremont County Families for over 30 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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DECEMBER

December is Bingo Month and Write a Friend Month.

Days worth remembering: Pearl Harbor Day on the 7th; National Chocolate Covered Anything Day on the 16th. Also remember that the Mayan Calendar ends on the 21st, and if we're still around we can celebrate Christmas on the 25th and National Bicarbonate of Soda Day on the 30th.

Bicarbonate of Soda (commonly known as baking soda) is really remarkable. It not only is for cooking, but can neutralize acid, smother fires, and help with indigestion. It is used in toothpaste, it is a scrubbing agent, it removes tarnish from silver, controls fungus growth, absorbs odors, and is a drain cleaner when used with vinegar. Bicarbonate of soda was used by the ancient Egyptians as a soap and used in the 1800's on fishing boats to prevent freshly-caught fish from spoiling.

CELEBRATIONS

Brenda Flodin, Overnight Staff at the Riverton Home had a birthday this month on the 4th. Happy Birthday, Brenda, we hope it was great.

WE SAY GOODBYE

After 26 years, Dave Goodman has moved on from the Group Home. Thanks for a wonderful job; we'll miss you.

We also said congratulations to Gabby Wood (nee Kohler) on her recent marriage, but then said "goodbye" as she left the Group Home; we also send best wishes to Angela Hancock as she pursues a new career.

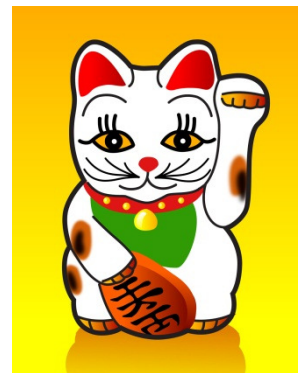
And of course, a farewell to Stacey Doerr after 29 years as our Executive Director.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

The Group Home gives a warm welcome to our new employees, Mile Salmans and Theresa Manasco who are replacing Gabby and Dave in the Riverton home. Marilee Marrow has returned to us to take Angela's place in Lander. And Shelly Wolfe is our new Executive Director.



All of these people bring new ideas to the Group Homes, and we look forward to working with them.



ODE TO DEBBIE WEED'S FRY BREAD
BY A.C.

Debbie Weed's fry bread is:

- Better than George Washington cutting down the cherry tree.
- Better than Abe Lincoln freeing the slaves.
- Better than Independence Day (4th of July).
- Better than Thanksgiving & Christmas.
- Better than George Washington crossing the Delaware.
- Instead of 100%, it's 101%.
- It's the bomb!

CHRISTMAS AT THE GROUP HOME

Each year at Christmas we try to teach our girls about "giving" as well as "receiving". We always go to the Angel Tree at Central Bank and Trust, and each of our girls gets to pick a tag to give a gift to a needy child. This has always been very inspiring. We also make tons of Christmas cookies and take plates of cookies to those people who are special to our girls; school personnel, law enforcement, judges and social workers to name a few. The girls deliver the cookies personally when at all possible. And lastly, we are "adopting" someone special to surprise with a small gift for all of the Twelve Days of Christmas. We think this will be especially fun for the girls as they will be able to "sneak" the gifts to our special recipient, and we think they will like the "sneaking" as much as the "giving". Merry Christmas to you all from the Girls and Staff in Lander.

Believing in the Spirit of Christmas giving, the boys have decided that they are going to participate in the Angel Tree project in Riverton as well this year. We are truly proud of all our kids.

THE PERFECT GIFT

Freddie and John were fortunate enough to have season tickets for the Broncos. They could not help noticing that there

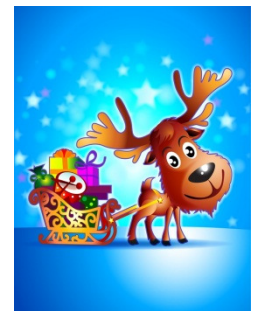



was always an empty seat next to them and they had a friend who would love to buy a season ticket, especially if all three could have seats together.

One half-time Freddie went to the ticket office and asked if they could buy the season ticket for the empty seat. The official said that unfortunately the ticket had been sold. Nevertheless, week after week the seat was still empty.

Then on December 30, much to Freddie and Eddie's amazement the seat was taken for the first time that season. John could not resist asking the newcomer, "Where have you been all season"? "Don't ask," he said, "the wife bought the season ticket back last summer, and kept it for a surprise Christmas present."

*A Very Merry
Christmas and
Happy New year
to everyone.*



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