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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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## FEBRUARY

February, most appropriately is American Heart Month and Creative Romance month. Groundhog Day has passed (with six more weeks to winter being forecast by a small, furry, hibernating rodent), but February also has many other great holidays to celebrate:

The 14<sup>th</sup>, of course is Valentine's Day when we remember those we love; the 16<sup>th</sup> is Do a Grouch a Favor Day – I expect many favors from all of you readers. As if you didn't have enough candy on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the 19<sup>th</sup> is National Chocolate Mint Day; and another of my favorites is No Brainer Day on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

2012 is Leap Year. Every 4 years in order to balance the calendar to the rotation of the earth around the sun, we add an extra day to the calendar. Do you know that a person born in 1952 will celebrate his or her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

## SUPER SUPER BOWL PARTY

We had a great Super Bowl party here at the Riverton boys' home. Thanks to everyone who donated the tons of goodies that we stuffed ourselves with. We had lots of laughs, jokes and some good spirited "betting" on the game.

## FOOD NEWS

Have you heard about Bountiful Baskets? Well, it's a co-op of volunteers, and they have a website where you can order fresh fruits and vegetables, whole-grain breads, and many other food items on their website for a very reasonable cost.

We at the Fremont County Group Homes have implemented the Bountiful Baskets into our food program. We are very pleased with the quality of 100% organic breads, vegetables and fresh fruit we receive. This program teaches our kids the importance of fresh fruit and vegetables in their daily diet. You never know what you're going to receive when you order; in fact there are sometimes things in the basket we never heard of. This gives the chance for the kids to learn about something new and how to prepare it.

However, you have to be fast in placing your orders. The ordering for our area opens at noon on the Monday before the Saturday pickup. This week, they were sold out in Fremont County by 12:20.

The Bountiful Baskets co-op is strictly volunteer, which will help our kids realize helping and working together is what makes anything easier to accomplish. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your organization.

## HELLO TO:

Cory Grosgebauer, who joined our Group Home family three weeks ago. Welcome, Cory!

## EMPLOYEE PROFILE



Betty Porter was raised in Riverton Wyoming and graduated from Riverton high school. She has two degrees in health care from CWC, and was a substitute school teacher. Betty lives on the same family farm that has been in her family for four generations. She has three amazing daughters MiKayla, 23 Courtney, 21 and Chelsey, 18, and her first grandchild was born just last month. Betty has been involved with the youth of Fremont county as an active 4-H Leader for over 26 years and is a lifetime FFA Alumni member. "I am always looking for ways to further my education and expand my knowledge. In my spare time I enjoy working with livestock, riding horses, hunting, camping, and fishing. I have previous experience working in a group home setting. I have run my family business as secretary/treasurer for over 22 years. I truly enjoy working at the Group Home. Watching the kids make positive changes and knowing I am a small part of it is such a gratifying endeavor. Seeing them build self-confidence and gain the courage to turn their situations around is encouraging for them and inspiring for myself. It is not only beneficial but extremely rewarding. I strongly believe the youth of today are the future of tomorrow."

## BE MY VALENTINE

Are you looking for a creative way to tell that "special someone" how you feel? Then try some of these:

### Puppy Love:

Valentine, O Valentine

I'll be your love and you'll be mine  
We'll care for each other, rain or shine  
And in 90 years, we'll be 99.

### Want him to pop the question?

Plenty of love  
Plenty of kisses  
Hope someday  
To be your Mrs.

### For the Vegetarian

You may not "carrot" all for me  
The way I care for you.  
You may "turnip" your nose  
When I plead with you.  
But if your "heart" should "beet" with mine  
Forever "lettuce" hope  
There is no reason in the world  
Why we "cantaloupe"

### And then a "green" Valentine:

If you won't be my Valentine  
Then give this back to me.  
I believe in recycling,  
So help me save a tree.

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he replied. That evening the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled, "The Meaning of Dreams".



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