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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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## MAY

Did you know that May has two Memorial Days? The first was on the 9<sup>th</sup>, known as Lost Sock Memorial Day. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Twilight Zone Day (I feel like I'm there every day, so it wasn't such a big deal to me); and the 20<sup>th</sup> is Be a Millionaire Day – that's one I don't want to miss.

Of course, the 13<sup>th</sup> was Mothers' Day and we hope that all you Moms had a great day.

Memorial Day is the 28<sup>th</sup> this year. Did you know that Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day? It originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers. Fallen Southern soldiers were honored by the ladies organizations and schoolchildren when they decorated Confederate graves. Each region had its own date, but most were in May. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in wars. Memorial Day has also become a day for more general expressions of memory as people visit the graves of deceased relatives.

In some rural areas in the South, notably in the mountains, Annual Decoration Days for

particular cemeteries are held on a Sunday in late spring or early summer.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEE

Angela Hancock recently began working as our new Resident Manager at the Lander Girls' home, replacing Marilee Marrow. Angela is currently a Riverton Resident. She has 9 years of experience working with at-risk youth at the Cathedral Home for Children in Laramie. Angela is a great addition to our staff and we wish her well.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

The County Commissioners recently paid a visit to the Lander home to take a tour, have lunch and be updated on our services. We are all pleased to see that the Group Homes will be going back to providing Non-secure Detention services, something we had provided for years before the detention center was built. At the time we provided this service, we were housing 15 youth a year.

How Non-secure Detention works is the Group Home provides one placement at each home, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to youth who in the past would have been placed in detention. Within 48 hours of placement, there is a hearing to determine further needs of the youth. For example, they could return home with recommendations from the Group Home based on our assessment and observation; or they could be placed in our crisis component

that provides services, such as individual and family counseling, educational support (as always, with youth placed at the Group Home, we support their education either by getting them enrolled in school, working with the school for success or working with homebound services at the Group Home), parent support, therapy groups, substance abuse screening, depression screening and individualized service plans. The time frame for these services can be for a few days up to 30 days, always with the aim of reuniting the families.

Youth who have violated their court orders or committed crimes that, as adults, would be a felony will still be placed in detention, but this is a small number and will reduce the cost to the County from its current funding levels.

The Board and staff at the Group Home are happy to return to providing Non-secure Detentions services to the youth in Fremont County. In the last two months, we have served 4 youth.

### RIVERTON HOME

It's spring, and the boys have been working hard to get our yard up and going. This includes making sure our irrigation ditches are free of debris. This year, Betty bought some beautiful plants for the office and the house. They have really improved our home.

### CONCERT

Our office manager, Gloria Leadbetter and Elissa Burlson, Board President, are both members of the CWC Concert Choir. Recently there was a concert at CWC that included the Bell Choir, the CWC Concert Band and the Concert Choir. Our boys and staff attended the concert and everyone just loved it. I heard that Elissa and Gloria both have beautiful voices.

### A SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to say a special "Thank you" to Pastor Doug Hill and Pat Horton for helping to arrange our Stress and Youth presentation at the United Methodist Church in Pavillion this past week. Fremont County Group Homes has received a grant to provide services in the Pavillion area. This brief presentation explained the services we can offer as well as how our bodies physically react to stress. We will be holding future presentations focused on teaching youth how to cope with the stresses in their life. If you are interested, or want further information, please contact Joey Edinger at (307)349-0996 or email her at [joeyedinger@msn.com](mailto:joeyedinger@msn.com)



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