

OCTOBER, 2012

# 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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## OCTOBER

September is the tenth month of the year. In Latin, *octo* means "eight". October used to be the eighth month of the Roman calendar until 46 BC, but like September, it got bumped two places on the calendar with the addition of January and February

Special days to remember in October are: Name Your Car Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mad Hatter Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> (do you still have your hat you made in October?); the 11th, which is Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day; National Nut Day (as in the kind you eat, or if you prefer, being one); and of course, Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

October's birthstone is either the pink tourmaline or the opal. Legend has it that the Opal will crack if worn by someone not born in October.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Young women are the most vulnerable, but this violence is also carried out against young men, the elderly

and children. One in four women and one in thirteen men will be victims of domestic violence in their lifetime; an average of three women die each day as a result of battering. Even if a child is not the direct victim of violence, living in a violent household can have long-term emotional and psychological effects. These children are more likely to fail in school, are more prone to substance abuse and have more emotional disorders. They are also likely to continue the cycle of abuse and violence in their adult years.

For more information on available help or what you can do in your community, please go to [domesticviolence.org](http://domesticviolence.org) or to [ncadv.org](http://ncadv.org).

## FAREWELL TO STACEY DOERR



After 29 years at the Group Home, I am retiring. I have loved my job – more than a job, a calling. I have experienced some of the best times in my life with the Group Home.

Over the years I have worked with wonderful professionals: school staff, law enforcement, judges, county attorneys, donators, therapists, legislators and exceptional youth (some of whom are now in their 40's) and their families. I couldn't have asked for a more supportive and giving Board of Directors. Elissa Burses, my Board President has been with me these past

29 years. Shannon Horton is the best Associate Director anyone could hope for; all my staff has been the best; Gloria Leadbetter has been the best Office Manager I have had. To all the community individuals and businesses who have generously supported the Group Home, you have been outstanding. I give my heartfelt gratitude and thank you to everyone.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> Shelly Wolfe will start her training as the new Executive Director. Shelly brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and commitment to working with Fremont County youth and their families. She is very excited to start her new position, and we are excited to have her.

### CELEBRATIONS

On October 1, Stacey Doerr will celebrate the completion of her 29<sup>th</sup> year with the Group Home, but has announced her retirement (see previous article). It is a happy and sad time.

Celebrating birthdays in October:

Gabby Kohler	October 2
Shannon Horton	October 22
Sandy Goodman	October 27

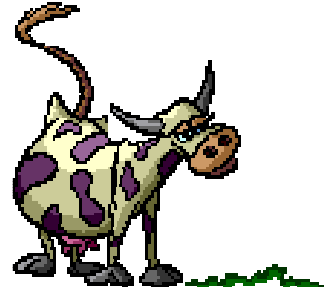
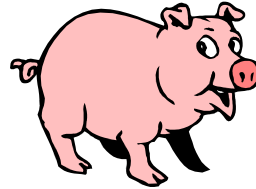


THANK YOU to Heather Morrison of School District #25 who came to our rescue at our recent “Trauma Informed Care” training. Heather provided audio-visual equipment for us when the cord for the projector provided to us by the Holiday Inn would not work with our presenter’s laptop. We appreciate you.

### OUR FREEZERS ARE FULL!

We want to thank both Conoco-Phillips and Encana Oil & Gas for their wonderful contributions toward the feeding of our youth and the huge relief to our food budget.

Conoco-Phillips donated a pig and Encana Oil & Gas donated a beef. Each was purchased at the Fremont County Fair. We are very grateful to both of these companies for their continued, generous support of the Fremont County Group Homes and the services we provide to the youth of Fremont County.



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### SWEEPING INTO TOWN

The day before Halloween, a man was at the checkout stand of the local supermarket, when he noticed a broom leaning against the end of the counter. He picked it up and went out to see if he could find the couple that had checked out just ahead of him.

He caught up with them as they were getting into their vehicle.



“Pardon me,” the man said to the woman, “did you by any chance forget your broom?”

“No,” she replied with a smile, “we came by car.”

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