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GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION MONTHLY DIGEST

The Newsletter for the Family & Friends of the GSF



EASTER BLESSINGS AND BLOSSOMS OF HOPE

This year marks a significant milestone for the Grande Spirit Foundation as we proudly celebrate our 65th anniversary. For more than six decades, we have remained committed to supporting and empowering youth through meaningful programs, strong partnerships, and a deep sense of community. This anniversary is a time to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and thank everyone who has walked alongside us.

As we honour this legacy, we also welcome the message of Easter 2025. It is a season that reminds us of renewal, resilience, and hope. These values are deeply woven into the work we do every day.

We are excited to share the stories, moments, and continued impact that reflect the spirit of the GSF. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

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65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION

HERITAGE LODGE



Heritage Lodge celebrated Grande Spirit Foundation's 65th anniversary on Friday, April 11 with special guest Chris Thiesen, members of GSF's finance team, cake, balloons and goodie bags for everyone. Residents had a great time looking at the GSF newsletter on fun facts that took place 65 years ago.

LAKEVIEW LODGE

GSF 65th Anniversary. Many came for cake and swag! we even had a chance to connect virtually with other sites!



PIONEER LODGE



Residents at Pioneer Lodge celebrated Grande Spirit Foundations 65th Anniversary with a live stream with all the other lodges within Grande Spirit.

They enjoyed a visit from Grande Spirit Foundation board member, Tanya and Grande Spirit Foundation Director of Operations, Shari.

Residents ate cake, drank punch, opened gift bags provided by the foundation, and had a great visit

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WILDROSE

Wildrose celebrated the 65th Anniversary with some of the amazing board members! These guys donated their time to serve cake and give a wonderful speech on what Grande Spirits is all about.

Happy Birthday Grande Spirits!!

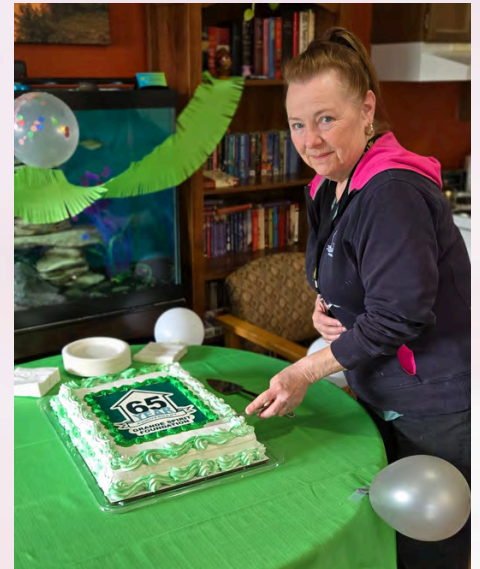


JAMES MANOR



James Manor celebrated Grande Spirit Foundation's 65th anniversary on Friday, April 11

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LAKEVIEW

APRIL EVENTS

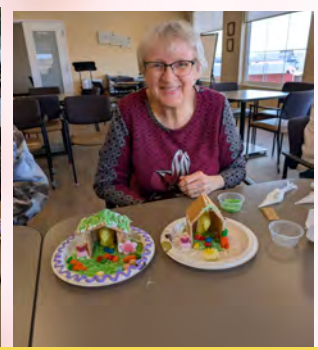
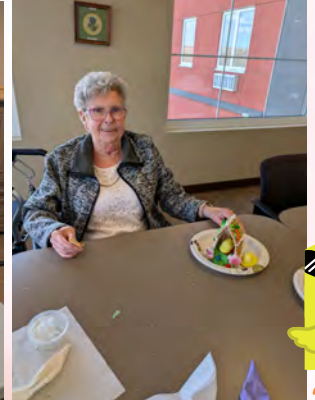
ABSTRACT SELF-PORTRAIT WORKSHOP

Residents recently enjoyed a fun and expressive Abstract Art Self Portrait Workshop where no experience was needed. With creativity flowing and plenty of laughter, everyone painted unique and colorful pieces. Local artist Helena joined the session and impressed all with her vibrant portrait, adding inspiration to a joyful afternoon.



BUILD A BARN YARD FOR YOUR PEEP!

Residents had fun building sweet little cottages for their Peep marshmallows using graham crackers, icing, and candy. A cheerful spring craft full of creativity!



LAKEVIEW

APRIL EVENTS

EASTER CHEER ALL AROUND AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT

Winners of our Easter Egg Hunt!
Look at all the bunnies—what a fun and festive celebration!



Residents got into the festive spirit with fun Easter and spring decorations! Bunny ears, cheerful signs, and lots of smiles filled the halls as everyone proudly showed off their seasonal flair. A joyful way to welcome the season and spread some Easter cheer!

EASTER SOCIAL

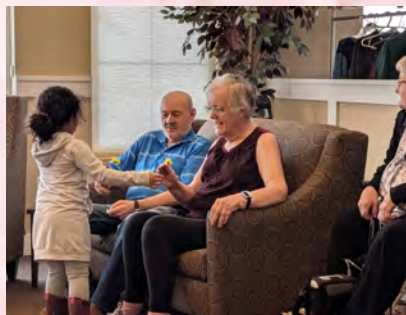
We served cookies and Iced tea and had a nice visit before easter.



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HEADSTART KIDS SHARE SONGS AND SMILES

HeadStart children visited the seniors, singing songs, drumming, and spreading joy. The room was filled with laughter as the kids performed and handed out flowers, creating heartwarming moments for everyone.

NO-SEW SOCK BUNNY CREATIONS!

Our residents had a blast making adorable no-sew sock bunnies just in time for Easter! With simple supplies and lots of laughter, each bunny came to life with its own personality. A fun and festive afternoon full of creativity and joy!



PIONEER LODGE APRIL EVENTS

BOWLING TRIP



Residents at Pioneer Lodge were joined by residents from Dieppe Manor and James Manor on a fun afternoon bus trip to HJ's Family bowling center! Residents enjoyed going out for the afternoon to enjoy 5 pin bowling with snacks, drinks, and good people!

PAINTING WITH BRENDA



Pioneer Lodge residents enjoyed painting watercolor landscapes with their teacher Brenda.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

IN PIONEER LODGE



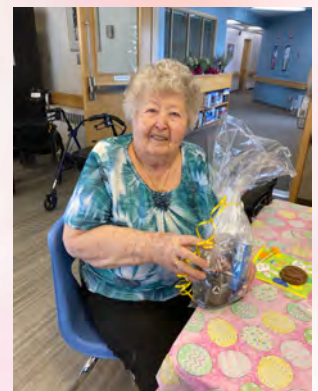
Pioneer Lodge celebrated all those residents whose birthdays were in March. Good music, dancing, cake, and door prizes.

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EASTER CELEBRATION

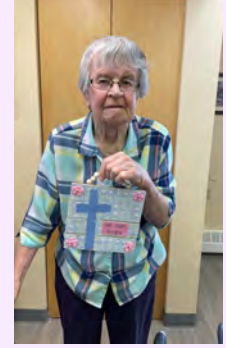
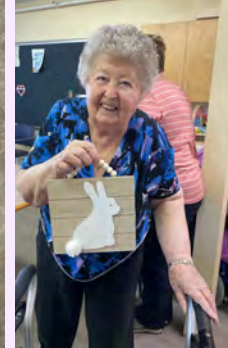


Residents at Pioneer Lodge had fun celebrating Easter by listening to music, eating snacks, and having some drinks! Lots of laughter and some dancing! Door prizes were won by 2 lucky residents.

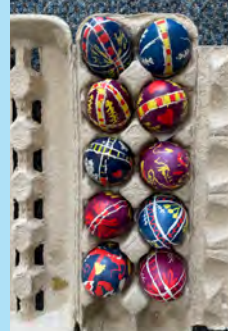


EASTER SIGN CRAFT

Residents at Pioneer Lodge enjoyed making Easter Signs to hang on their doors. It was an afternoon filled with creativity!



UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG DECORATING



Rose and Mike Shmyruk stopped by Pioneer Lodge to teach a class in Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating. The residents had fun learning how to melt the wax on the eggs in different designs and then dye them in layers. The finished products turned out great!

Wildrose Events

Easter Garden

The seniors created a beautiful Easter garden to display in their window, bringing a touch of spring and warmth to the season. It's a cheerful reminder of renewal and the brighter days ahead. #Spring #WarmSunshine

"Even the smallest one can change the world" - Peter Rabbit Cotten tail



Easter Party – The residents enjoyed some fun games will enjoying easter snacks!!





Wildrose

Social Hour

The residents enjoy a refreshing drink called raspberry mojitos with a fun snack called Birds' nests "Bird Nests? Why would I want to eat a bird's nest lol" one resident said, Once they tried it, they enjoyed this tasty chocolate treat.

We had a special guest Jamie Soles singing some special hits over the years! Like Rocket Man and walk the line.

Thanks for a great performance Jamie!!

" Feeling down? Just "nest"le into good vibes!!

Why do birds make terrible secret agents? They always "nest" up the mission!



PLEASANT VIEW

LODGE APRIL EVENTS

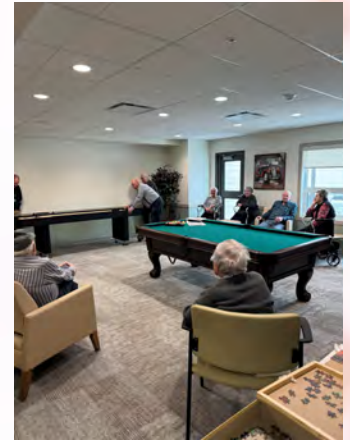
HOLE IN ONE GOLF GAME

Instead of going out to the golf course, we brought the course to them. We call it the hole in one golf game. Residents show off their putting skills and aim to try and get a hole in one.



SHUFFLE BOARD

The new shuffleboard table has transformed into a social hub. The laughter and smiles and of course the many ooo's and ahhh's happen during all the games from the audience and the players.



EASTER BUNNY CRAFT

Hop into Easter fun with our delightful bunny craft! Residents at Pleasant View Lodge brought their creativity to life by adding their own unique flair to their bunnies.



TIE DYE EASTER EGG DECORATING

We decided to try a new fun way of decorating easter eggs, using tie dye. Each and every egg turned out unique and full of color. May have got some colorful hands in the process but it was all worth it in the end!



HERITAGE LODGE EASTER EVENTS

EASTER CELEBRATION IN HERITAGE



Easter at Heritage was filled with an Easter egg hunt and a delicious snack. A thoughtful resident organized an Easter gift exchange with many wonderful Easter presents which brightened many of our resident's day.



A few men from Heritage also enjoyed going to Pioneer Lodge to play a few games of pool bringing back fond memories

EASTER BUNNY VISIT AT HERITAGE LODGE

Residents of Heritage Lodge were delighted by a special visit from the Easter Bunny! It was a wonderful morning filled with smiles, laughter, and warm conversations, creating cherished memories for everyone.

