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GRANDE SPIRIT FOUNDATION

The Newsletter for the Family & Friends of the GSF



NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS: EMBRACING 2026 TOGETHER

Welcome to a brand-new year! As we turn the page to January 2026, we celebrate the beauty of a fresh start and the "new beginnings" that await our entire Grande Spirit Foundation family. This is a time to embrace a clean slate, letting go of the past and looking forward with optimism. Whether it is picking up a new hobby, setting fresh wellness goals, or simply enjoying the crisp start of a new calendar, we are excited to walk into this bright chapter alongside you.

Our community thrives on the energy of renewal, and this year is all about growth and togetherness. We invite you to join us in making 2026 a year of deeper connections and vibrant spirits within our lodges. Let's fill these coming months with new stories, shared laughter, and the warmth of friendship that makes GSF a true home. Here's to a year of health, happiness, and the exciting journey that starts today!

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HERITAGE LODGE EVENTS

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT DECORATING



Heritage Lodge residents painted beautiful wooden Christmas ornaments for the festive season!

EMT STUDENT VISIT

We welcomed EMT students from Northwestern Polytechnic to Heritage Lodge for vital sign checks and meaningful visits. We are so grateful for their time, as our seniors truly enjoyed these new connections and the focus on wellness as we step into a brand-new year.



CRAFTS

Residents recently gathered for a joyful afternoon of crafting handmade cards for family and friends. It was a wonderful way to celebrate new beginnings and the spirit of the season through creativity and laughter.

PLEASANT VIEW LODGE EVENTS

SRRA CLASS VISIT

The SRRA Grade 1/2 class is thrilled to paint Christmas ornaments with the residents. As they use bright paints, the room is full of joy. This activity helps everyone express their creativity and build friendships between the young and old. The residents love spending time with the kids, sharing stories and laughter. Everyone leaves with happy memories and a stronger holiday spirit.



WREATH DECORATING

To keep the festive spirit alive here at PVL, we're embarking on a delightful and creative journey where residents can craft their own personalized wreaths. Each resident will have the opportunity to unleash their creativity and design a unique wreath, transforming ordinary materials into extraordinary holiday masterpieces.

BEAN BAG TOSS

Laughter and friendly banter filled the air as residents gathered for an afternoon of bean bag toss, with lots of good nature teasing to throw off the opponents!



STE MARIE CLASS CHRISTMAS VISIT



The Grade 1/2 class from Ste. Marie has begun visiting the residents at PVL. Each resident is paired with a "little buddy" from the class. During their visits, these young students not only bring joy but also engage in creative activities by crafting alongside their buddies. The children take on the role of instructors, guiding their new friends through the steps of making these delightful crafts

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING



All the hard work is truly rewarding when you can enjoy snacking on your creations afterward. Residents kick off the week of Christmas on a delightful note by decorating delicious gingerbread men, adding a festive and flavorful touch to the holiday season.



WILD ROSE MANOR EVENTS



ASPEN GROVE SCHOOL

Students from Aspen Grove and Penson School visited to deliver handmade cards to our residents. These bright smiles and thoughtful gifts brought great joy to everyone at the lodge.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The talented students from **Holy Cross Catholic School** visited us for a special Christmas performance. The beautiful music and energy brought so much joy to everyone at the Foundation.



SONGS OF THE SEASON

We were honored to host a Hutterian Choir for a stunning Christmas carol performance. Their harmonious voices filled the room, providing a peaceful and moving experience for all in attendance.



WILD ROSE MANOR EVENTS

GIFTS OF KINDNESS

London Drugs coordinated the Stocking Campaign, through which generous individuals across the Peace Region selected a name from the tree and thoughtfully purchased gifts for that person. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved, as these meaningful donations brought many smiles to our residents and made the holiday season at the lodge truly special.



COOKIE DECORATING WITH RE/MAX

We had a delicious afternoon of cookie decorating with guests from the Re/Max Group! Residents had a wonderful time getting creative with frosting and sprinkles while enjoying great conversation with our community partners.

MAGICAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER



Our Candlelight Dinner was a spectacular evening filled with warmth, laughter, and community spirit, highlighted by a wonderful performance from our guest musician, Steven Cassell. Residents enjoyed his live music and festive melodies, which provided the perfect backdrop for our celebration as they were treated to a delicious feast of Chinese food within the elegant atmosphere of the beautifully decorated lodge.



OTHER EVENTS FROM: WILDROSE MANOR

CRAFTS

embraced the spirit of the season through a variety of creative projects, including handcrafted birdhouses and festive snowmen. The lodge was filled with joy as everyone gathered to design personalized Christmas cards to share with family and friends. These craft sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for residents to showcase their artistic talents and connect with one another as we head into the new year.



UGLY SWEATER PARADE

Our Ugly Sweater Parade was a highlight of the season, bringing a wave of laughter and festive "new beginnings" energy to our halls. Residents showcased their most creative and colorful holiday attire, with standout designs featuring everything from shimmering tinsel to jolly Santa faces. It was a wonderful afternoon of community spirit as everyone gathered to cheer for one another and celebrate the joy of the new year in the most fun and festive way possible.



PIONEER LODGE

DECEMBER EVENTS

CHRISTMAS WREATH

Our residents had a fantastic time making Christmas wreaths! A huge shout-out to Donna for providing and leading this enjoyable and creative activity. The wreaths turned out beautifully.



STENCILED HANGERS

We created stenciled door hangers, and the residents truly enjoyed the creative process, adding their own personal artistic flair and being blown away by the beautiful results.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

Our residents are thoroughly enjoying the 12 Days of Christmas gift giveaway and the excitement of special guest visitors. You truly never know who might stop by at Pioneer Lodge!



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PIONEER LODGE EVENTS



From all of us at Pioneer Lodge, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas!



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LAKEVIEW LODGE EVENTS

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: A SEASON OF CELEBRATION



Our lodge was filled with vibrant energy and talent during a series of spectacular evening performances that brought our community together. We were honored to host a diverse array of guests, including the Bezanson Highland Dancers, the Grande Prairie Filipino Association, and representatives from the County of Grande Prairie. The musical atmosphere was further enriched by a soulful Guitar Trio and The Generational, while the Clairmont School Grade 4 students brought youthful joy to their visit. Throughout these visits, residents and guests alike shared in the fun of singing favorite songs, playing engaging games, and enjoying delicious treats. It was a wonderful celebration of community and intergenerational connection that left everyone with lasting memories.

RESIDENTS RALLY FOR A SPECIAL CAUSE



In a heartwarming display of community spirit and generosity, the residents of the Lakeview Lodge came together to support a very special cause. Through their dedicated efforts, we successfully raised over \$2,000 for Baby Maverick and his family. This incredible contribution reflects the compassion of our residents and their commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others as we look forward to the new year.

LAKEVIEW CRAFT

Our residents have been busy embracing their artistic sides with several delightful winter craft projects. The lodge was filled with festive cheer as everyone gathered to create beautiful, intricate paper bag snowflakes that now brighten our common areas. In addition to these snowy decorations, residents showcased their painting skills by creating charming hand-painted gnomes on canvas, each with its own unique personality. To add a splash of color to the season, we also spent a joyful afternoon crafting vibrant flowers from pipe cleaners, bringing a touch of handmade "bloom" to the winter days.



LAKEVIEW LODGE EVENTS

WHEEL OF GIVING



CHRISTMAS KARAOKE



CHRISTMAS GRINCH



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

