Great River Homes, Inc.

613 Circle Drive

February Newsletter

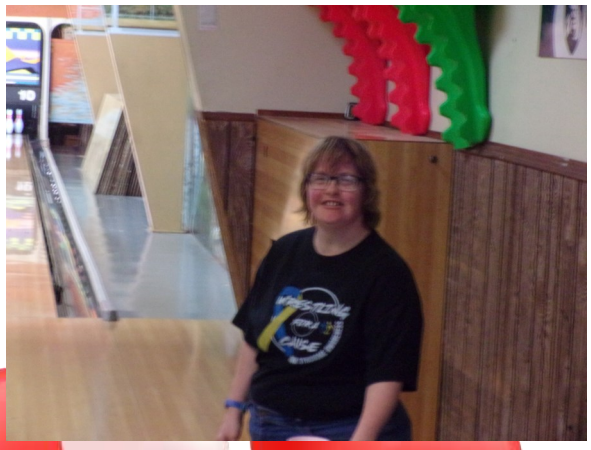
Love is in the air, and February brought us moments of joy, celebration, and community spirit. Love filled the air on Valentine's Day, and our residents embraced the festivities. Special shoutout to Katy's sister for the thoughtful Valentine's Day present, creating a heartwarming moment. On February 23rd and 24th, downtown Wabasha came alive with the Grumpy Old Men Festival. Residents witnessed the brave Grumpy Plungers take a chilly dip in the Mississippi River. The unusually warm weather added a unique twist to the festivities, creating an unforgettable experience. Residents gathered to enjoy Super Bowl Sunday, cheering for their favorite teams, and even dancing and singing during the halftime show. It was a day filled with camaraderie, good food, and lively entertainment. Exciting news! Our community received a fresh look with new wood flooring in the house. A wonderful change that adds a touch of modernity to our living space.

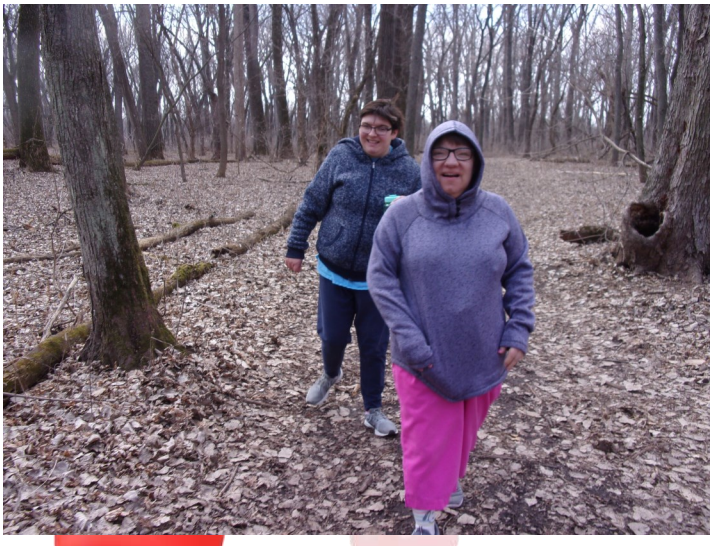
Jenny's Adventures: Jenny had a day off from work, enjoying a movie at Wide-Spot Auditorium and later treating herself to ice cream at DQ. Bowling, Olympic swimming, a trip to Plainview for the 2024 PEM Youth Wrestling Extravaganza-Raising Down Syndrome Awareness and a leisurely walk to visit a friend made Jenny's month eventful.

Paige's Birthday Extravaganza: February marked Paige's birthday month, and celebrations were in order. From dinner at Applebee's to a bowling alley supper, Paige enjoyed delightful moments with housemates and peers. Watching the Super Bowl halftime show, attending a Cinderella play in Red Wing, and savoring a big burger added to her memorable experiences.

KayRine's Creative Ventures: KayRine celebrated a housemate's birthday at Applebee's, showcasing her creative side with a newly assembled terrarium in her room. A picturesque ride to Hudson, Wisconsin, a movie night, and a visit to Aktion Club in Lake City highlighted KayRine's diverse month.

Katy's Heartwarming Moments: Katy enjoyed a sweet surprise from her sister on Valentine's Day and embarked on a walk in LeVee Park, Red Wing. A downtown stroll for exercise, watching the Grumpy Plungers, and a ride to Alma, WI, added to Katy's February adventures.





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This newsletter segment will hopefully help you learn more about Great River Homes, Inc. Here, we'll discuss agency processes, things that affect us, and ways you can help.

Cleary defined boundaries are vital for establishing mutual understanding and maintaining harmonious relationships. Many of us are familiar with the fact that the Rio Grande River forms much of the boundary between Mexico and the Texas. What many of us in the Midwest may not realize is that due to flooding and erosion, the course of the Rio Grande River has often changed over the decades. One of the more significant changes in the course of the river led to more than 600 acres of Mexico suddenly being located on the American side of the Rio Grande. The ever-changing course of the Rio Grande has led to confusion regarding boundaries and associated disagreement between the two nations.

What is true geographically and politically is also true in human services; Clearly defined professional boundaries are vital for establishing mutual understanding and maintaining harmonious relationships. Team members strive to maintain clear and consistent professional boundaries as they interact with and support Jenny, Paige, KayRine and Katy. There are many factors team members need to consider as they maintain professional boundaries including sharing of personal information, use of nicknames, types and purpose of touch, tone of voice, avoiding keeping secrets, accepting gifts and favors from individuals, clothing choices, avoiding spending unscheduled time with individuals, and providing behavior support in a non-emotional, professional manner. If professional boundaries are allowed to erode, confusion and associated disagreements will occur. "Be Friendly, but not a Friend" encapsulates the concept of professional boundaries.

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