Great River Homes, INC.

River Drive

January Newsletter

This year is off to a great start! Christina, Amy, Mike, and Trevor started a new program called Fresh Start through Gunderson Clinic and they are all enjoying it so far. Learning how to live a healthy lifestyle is so important! Bowling continues to be a favorite form of exercise on Tuesdays, along with everyone's daily routine exercises. Everyone loved seeing the movie Migration in Winona. A great movie about a family of ducks that went out to explore new places even though the dad was initially scared to leave the home pond. A fun adventure movie. Our 12th Street friends hosted a couple of game nights that are always fun and appreciated! We also went to see our very own staff Addy perform in a dance competition. The home front was a bit of a dusty mess for a couple of weeks while the house was updated with new flooring! It looks wonderful. The clients and staff worked hard packing, unpacking, and cleaning up.

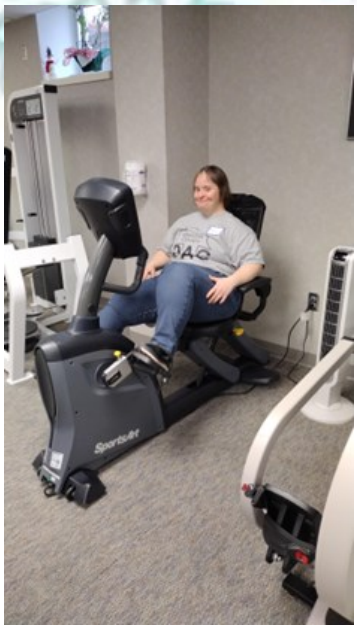
Miss Amy went on a date with her boyfriend Ben. Dinner at Applebee's and a movie in Red Wing.

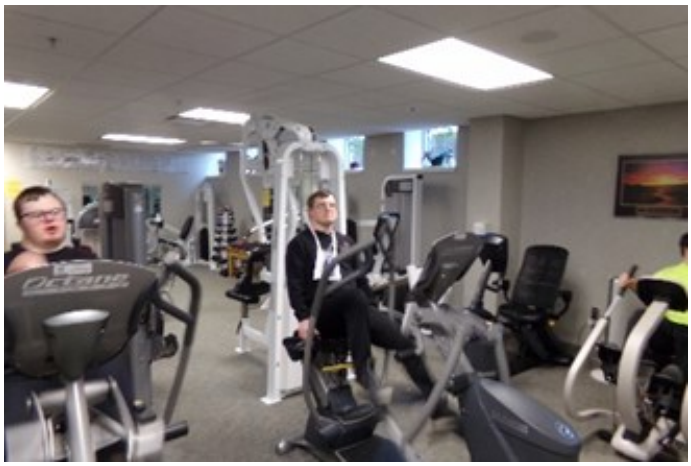
Mike proudly walked his sister Deb down the aisle for her wedding. Family is very important to all of us here at River Drive. It was an honor and blessing to be able to do that for his sister.

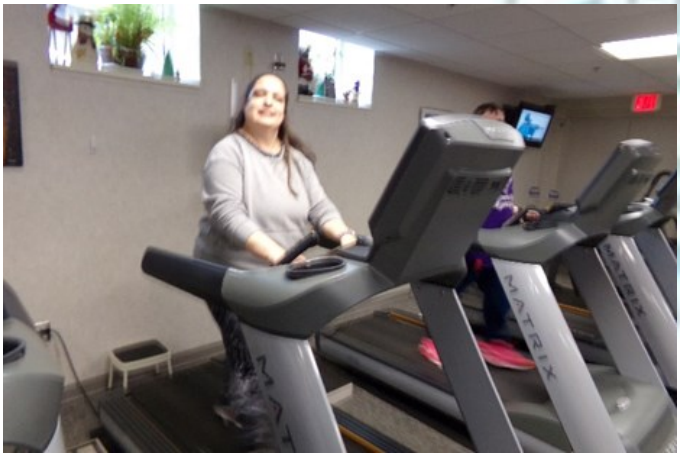
Christina has a new baby doll named McKenna. She loves her very much and McKenna is getting to know all the grandmas and grandpas here at River.

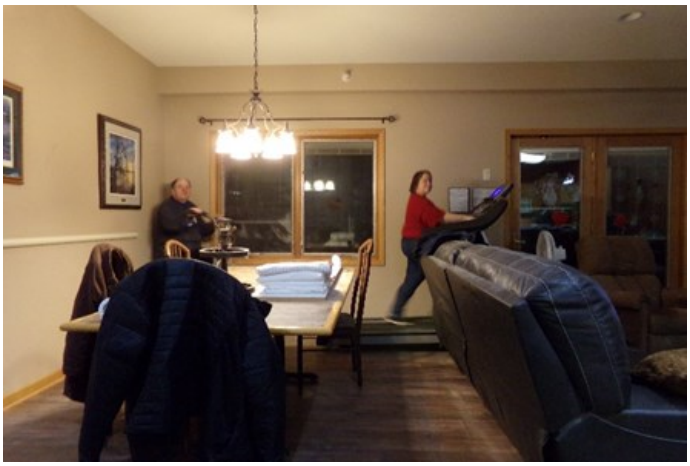
Trevor went to his brother's for a weekend and enjoyed sporting games with his family. Last month he also went to Wisconsin Dells with his family!

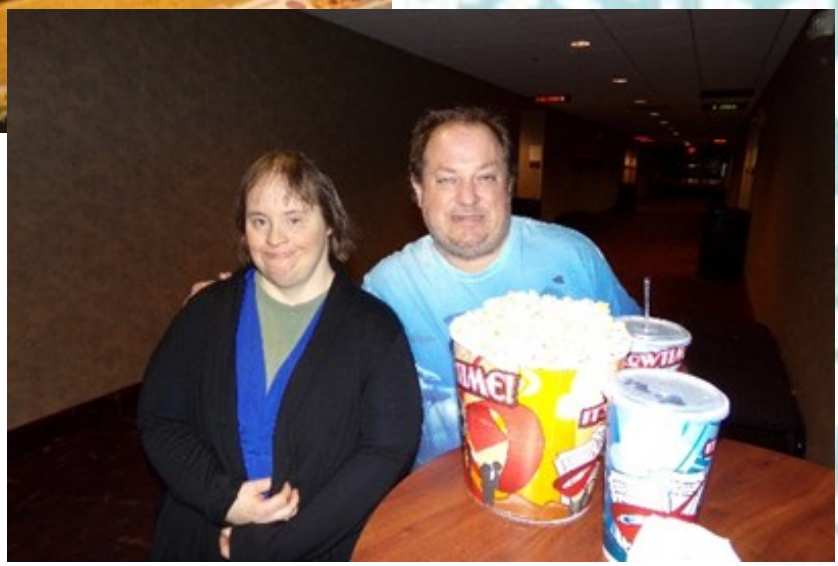
Christina, Mike, and Trevor enjoyed some delicious pancakes at the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in Plainview, after church at St. Felix. Mike has also become a member at St. Felix in Wabasha. They enjoyed meeting and chatting with many new people in the Plainview community.











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.

To be effective and successful in whatever one does, a sustained and vigilant focus on the fundamentals is indispensable. One of the most famous quotes from the world of sports is attributed to Legendary Green Bay Packers coach, Vince Lombardi. After the Packers lost a key football game, Coach Lombardi started practice by sharing with the team of seasoned, professional football players: “Gentleman, this is a football.” An indispensable, vigilant focus on fundamentals helped the Packers achieve a championship season as they won the title game by the score of 37-0.

A sustained and vigilant focus on fundamentals is indispensable as the team at 14th seeks to support Christina, Amy, Mike, and Trevor as they develop a wide spectrum of skills and seek to live their best life.

The vigilant focus on fundamentals starts very early in orientation as team members review the “Direct Support Professional Code of Ethics”. The Code of Ethics includes fundamental principles such as person-centered support, promoting physical and emotional well-being, integrity, confidentiality, justice, respect, relationships, self-determination, and advocacy. Upon completion of orientation, vigilant attention to fundamentals is sustained and serves as a foundation for the content of discussion at team meetings, during training sessions, and throughout daily life.

Even though some of us may be Vikings fans, through a sustained and vigilant focus on fundamentals, we seek to emulate the success of Coach Lombardi’s teams who went on to win five championships in seven years and never had a losing season.

Jerry McMillin

Development and Education Manger