

## ***Season's Greetings to all!!***

December has been the most heartwarming month of all! 😊 We are beyond blessed to be a part of such an amazing community. Our staff, families, friends, volunteers, and community members have out done themselves ensuring the residents feel the Christmas spirit. We want to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to each & every person that helped make this month so very enjoyable for our residents. The staff went above & beyond to create Whoville & decked the halls with a Grinch theme. We also purchased our new 9ft tree thanks to the Prairie Centre Credit Union and it is beautiful, the residents love it.

We had many fun events. We started off with a wonderful Christmas party by Anne & Heather, the music and food were a hit. The gifts for each resident were so appreciated. The staff also hosted a party for us, Carol Peters played some Christmas carols while everyone sang along. There was even a surprise visit from Mrs. Clause, she had goodies for everyone. The staff served potluck food and drinks, some family and friends also attended.

The board has started hosting Happy Hour every other Friday at 2:30, and we had the chance to visit with many families & friends, it is becoming quite a popular event. Our pre-Christmas one was a packed house, all the residents & guests dressed in their best/funniest/ugliest Christmas gear, many laughs were had. Please join us for our next one, Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

We had many musical performances this month. Teagan Stusrud blessed us with some singing one Sunday, she did a great job. Sage Rosher brought her music students to entertain, it was thoroughly enjoyed and a big audience. Belva Martin & the Eatonia Community Christmas Choir put on an outstanding performance, our very own Betty King sang her heart out and it was a magical moment. Next up, Amy Knuttila brought her playschool kids over for a Christmas concert, they were as cute as ever & every parent & grandparent in the countryside showed up to cheer them on. Our final party of the month was to honor our December birthday boy, Ted Douglas, 99 years young and doing awesome. The United Church group put on a fantastic party with cake & music by Bryan Swan and friends.

We also enjoyed our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Christmas present Bingo, the residents enjoyed winning gifts, thanks to all those who donated the prizes. Rylan Cocks traveled from Leader to put on a Christmas art class, we are becoming quite the artists. This time we painted the most perfect snowmen. We also enjoyed some relaxing days playing cards and watching Christmas movies.

Christmas day was the greatest!!! A special thank you to all those who bought secret Santa gifts for the residents, because of your generosity each resident was able to open 2 gifts on Christmas morning, as well as stockings for everyone done by the staff. Lots of family and friends were in to visit, we loved seeing everyone.

Our EOL Christmas Raffle was once again a HUGE SUCCESS!!!! We SOLD OUT thanks to the continued support of family, friends & the community.

Our lucky winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> prize-\$1000 Cash donated by Simplot Ag Solutions & Prairie Centre Credit union, won by: Jackie Cooke (Provost)

2<sup>nd</sup> prize-\$500 Cash donated by Eatonia Agencies, won by: Rhonda Nagel (Leader)

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$150 Cattleboss meat package donated by Nutrien Ag Solutions, won by: Toni Theaker (Eatonia)

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & an even better New Year, I hope 2024 brings us all nothing but good health, family, friends & fun. Check out our Facebook page for pictures & information on all our happenings.

All the best,

***We thank everyone who has donated to us in any way!***

Mandy

***We all appreciate it from the bottoms of our hearts!***