Prairie Vista VILLAGE

Altoona's Continuing Care Retirement Community

The Village News

Fall Shenanigans

So much has happened this past month, I don't even know where to begin! Denise moved on to her new facility in Marion, Tim has settled into his position here, and I seemed to have suffered from a severe case of Multiple Personality Disorder. I've been Juan Valdez, Denise, Bob, and Lucy VanPelt, all in one month! They say laughter is the best medicine, and I think we've had plenty of that lately! We've had a lot of fun with the "prank war" with the mysterious disappearance of Pedro, missing posters, wanted posters for the possible thieves, and various other signs. Then the appearance of my new sign immortalizing my life advice "Never pet a flaming dog."

I had so much fun playing jokes and having a good time with all the residents this last month. I don't think I have laughed that hard in a while!!

Hopefully you all got a good laugh out of it as well! I'm looking forward to more laughs and shenanigans in the upcoming months!
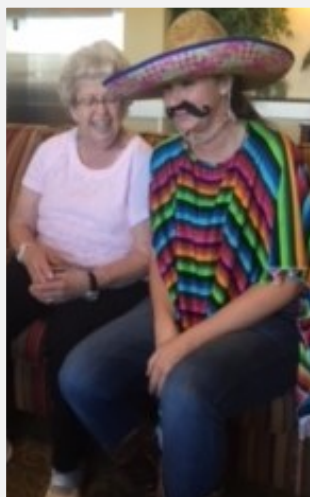
- Andrea

Front Desk Updates

I am going to be changing some of the things around at the front desk and wanted to keep you all updated. With the recent passing of my beloved Assistant, Lydia Bailey, I have decided to move the mail sorter that sits on the front desk to the mail room. Generally, mail without the appropriate apartment number or delivered in the wrong mailbox gets sent to my desk and Lydia would deliver it later. I will now just put these items in the sorter on counter in the mail room. Please remember to check this area to see if you have any mail there! The wooden prayer box on has been moved upstairs to the Chapel. Also, I will be getting a message board at the front desk, so be sure to check it out for daily activities and other important updates. Thanks! - Andrea

Around the Village

(Above) Juan Valdez was in town for National Coffee Day! Resident Jan Van Arkel burst into uncontrollable laughter every time she saw him! (And Juan couldn't help but to laugh too!)

(Above—left) Seeing double? No, it's just Bob and Imposter Bob! Andrea dressed up as Bob for his birthday! *(Above—right)* Imposter Bob poses with Webster the duck in his hilarious Halloween costume!

(Right) Jason Pool of Suncrest Hospice stopped by the coffee shop to serenade some of the residents with an impromptu music session.

(Below) Prairie Vista Prairie Dogs pose with our sister community the Kennybrook Kernels during their beanbag baseball game. *(Left)* Residents were presented with Bob's latest creation of a new beanbag baseball board! Special thanks to Nate for detailing and painting it!
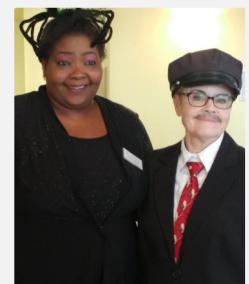
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(Left and Right) Staff poses with Denise dressed as Denise for her last day at PVV. Staff surprised her by wearing her actual clothing!

Fun Days / Dress Up Days

(Left) Farmer Day
(Right) Wear It Pink! Support Breast Cancer Research and Awareness Day
(Below) Pumpkin / Wear Orange Day
(Far bottom) - Halloween photos
Residents are welcome and encouraged to participate in dress up days with staff as well!

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Upcoming Events

- **Doug Karl's Veterans Program**

  November 10, 6:30 PM in the Health Center

- **Dinner at Ankeny Diner**

  November 22, 5:00 PM

- **Jonathan May the Magician**

  November 27, 2:30 PM in the Independent Living Dining Room

- **Beanbag Baseball**

  Home games will be held in the Independent Living Dining Room at 2 PM. Come watch and cheer on the Prairie Dogs!

- **Thanksgiving Dinner**

  A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on 11/23. If residents are having guests, they need to sign up no later than November 10 at the front desk. Guest meals are $10 each

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Time to Celebrate!
November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Wallie True—2nd
Ruth DeKoter—8th
Melvin Visser—9th
Loretta Larsen—13th
Bob Aalbers—14th
Bev George—20th
Ione Anderson—22nd
Roger Mahnke—22nd
Howard Weatherly—25th

If you have a birthday or anniversary you would like acknowledged, please let us know.

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