

Valentine's Day King and Queen Crowned

By Nate Behrends
Evening Activity Coordinator

February was eventful, as we celebrated both Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day. On Groundhog Day we played a fun game for residents—they had the opportunity to smash staff on the head as we poked our heads up through our "groundhog holes." We also watched the movie Groundhog Day. To celebrate Valentine's Day, we had dinner and a show featuring love songs in the dining room. On Friday, Feb. 13 we crowned our Gardenside Valentine king and queen: Bruce Grummert was crowned king, and Mary Ann Klecan was crowned queen.

We had some great entertainment during February. Bill Chrastil returned bringing his show to an always receptive crowd. David Berman, a Merry Maker Performer, brought to us by Dreamweaver Foundation, brought his show to Gardenside for the first time, doing a great job of taking the crowd on a musical memory journey. Several residents were able to attend the Fairbury Community Concert Association March entertainment at the high school, which was a show by magicians/illusionists.

We enjoyed pizza day, chocolate day and banana bread day in February. We took some bus rides as weather permitted. Show and Tell gave residents a chance to show some special things. And we enjoyed some favorites such as Bingo, Old Glory, ladder ball and other games. For evening activities, TV Games has become a favorite, along with trivia and Jingo.

March marks the return of Mary Link, a Merry Maker Performer, brought to us by Dreamweaver Foundation. We will also have JRG returning with his whimsical accordion to entertain us. Thank you to all of our performers. Music definitely soothes the soul.

Bus rides will become more frequent as the days become warmer. We are planning a St. Patrick's day party for March—as well as observing some fun days such as national chip dip day. Toward the end of March we will begin preparing for Easter as we begin to dye eggs and do other Easter preparation activities.

Until next time.



JCH&L Gardenside Valentine King and Queen 2026
Bruce Grummert and Mary Ann Klecan

SPEAK OUT! Participant Recognized

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Mary Sasse holds the shirt she received as part of the SPEAK OUT! program.

Admissions

- Stanley Buckow, Feb. 3
- Maxine Ward, Feb. 4
- Shirley Eggert, Feb. 5

Birthdays

- Vivian Belding, March 3
- Don Richardson, March 20
- Idonna Gaston, March 24

Deaths

Gardenside was saddened by the deaths of 5 residents in the past month. Our sympathy is with the families of:

- Mary Jo Moyer, Feb. 1
- Maxine Ward, Feb. 6
- Virgil Wasserman, Feb. 10
- Stanley Buckow, Feb. 14
- Shirley Eggert, Feb. 18

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Activity, restorative get updates

Thank you again for your patience with many facility updates that we have done in the last year. We know that updating the activity and restorative rooms has meant some shuffling and changing plans, and some extra activity in the day room. We appreciate everyone's patience as we finish up these rooms.

We still plan to paint and install new flooring in the dining room. This project will be starting later this week. As you can imagine, it will take a little creativity and planning—and more patience—for us to get this accomplished. Thank you in advance!

Thank you

A big thank you to Bruce Grummert who recognized I was having a stroke and called for help. And a grateful than you for the fast response that has enable me to make such a good recovery. All of the therapists have been patient and good to me. Thank for all the prayers and words and thoughts for me during this ordeal. Thanks to Arla and Louie for all the trips to Lincoln.

Janis Westerhoff

Results of the most recent state survey are available on the east side of the wall by the Activity Room.

Nurse staffing hours are posted west of the nurses station.

Pretty activity calendar goes here

Menus go here

If you would like to join us for a meal, please let us know a few days in advance by calling 402-729-6849 so we can plan for food and space. Regular meals are \$5 (tax included) and holiday meals are \$10 (tax included.) You will pick up meals and pay for them in the JCH&L cafeteria.

Entertainment brings smiles



We love entertainment! Clockwise from top left, Rita and Keith Snyder enjoy some music; Linda Bundy entertains in the day room; David Berman was our Merry Makers entertainer in February; Nate Behrends sings love songs for our Valentine's Dinner; Bill Chrastil entertains in the day room; Staff dance with Faye Francis.

Groundhog day fun



Playing "whack a groundhog" are, top, from left: Mark Schmidt, Elva smith, Mary Adkins, Keith Snyder participate, watched by Bruce Grummert, Dona Glenn, Idonna Gaston, Carol Hart, Rita Snyder and Janice Slater.

Bottom, from left: Nate, Keith Snyder, Don Mahlman, June Weichel, and Bev Ieseburg take a turn.



Whacking "groundhog" brings smiles



Top, from left: Mary Ann Klecan, Bev Leseberg, and Idonna Gaston try to whack Nate.



Bottom, from left: Elva Smith, Bruce Grummert, June Weichel, Janis Westerhoff, Don Mahlman, Jack Weserhoff and Mary Ann Klecan.

Show and Tell



Top, Bruce Grummert shows one piece of his Kansas City Chiefs memorabilia. Middle, Wayne Franzen shows Jack and Janis Westerhoff his yearbook. Bottom, Janis shows a calendar she created in her craft club.

Top, Wayne shows Pauline Hynek a ceramic cat teapot his grandmother gave him. Middle, Don Mahlman shows a model of his truck as Mark Schmidt and Morgan look on. Bottom, Wayne helps June Weichel show her hand-painted wedding photograph. Mark Schmidt looks on.

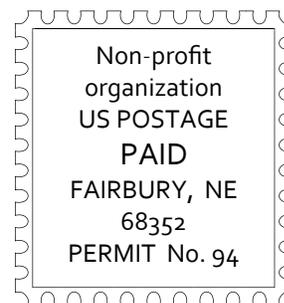
Valentine's day Celebrated



Gardenside provided some Valentine treats for our residents to share with their spouses. Top, Norris and Jan Gold; Middle, Mike and Janice Slater; Bottom, Keith and Rita Snyder.

Enjoying Valentine's Day: Top, Don and Connie Mahlman; Middle Bruce Grummert, Janis and Jack Westerhoff, Idonna Gaston and Norris Gold. Bottom, Nate shows the Valetine cake to Janis and Jack Westerhoff.

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Special thanks

JCH&L Gardenside sends special thanks to the Dwain Compton Foundation and Mitch Zabokrtsky for generous donations to the activities department. These donations help us to plan fun and engaging entertainment and activities for our residents and their families.

We also want to thank the volunteers who come to help at Gardenside. The St. Michael's Altar Society comes monthly for Bingo and brings treats, as well. Kitty DeBoer comes monthly with Jane Campbell for Coffee with Kitty, and then again for Bible Study. Pastor Ken Hart offers regular worship services.

We have a group of volunteers who come in monthly to prepare this newsletter for mailing! Thank you to Sandra Busing, Linda Bales, Bonnie Preston, Jane Pretzer and Mary Elaine Smith!



Helen Keen and staff member Tiffany dance to music by one of our entertainers.