



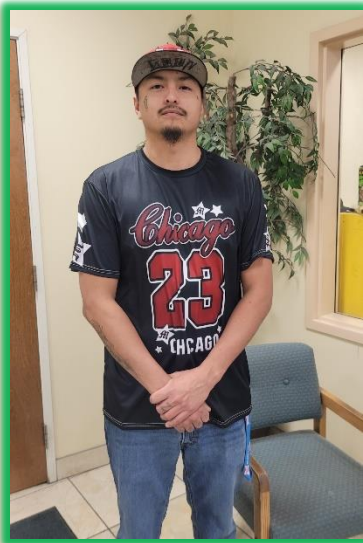
Resident Standouts



Women's Resident Danielle Marceau has been nominated as a Resident Stand Out this month because she is always very positive and does what is asked of her. She is running a very good program and takes accountability. It has been rewarding to watch her grow through the program, as she came in very quiet, but now she is quite the opposite in the best way possible!



Mark Wells (right) is a quiet man, but he stands out because he has shown amazing perseverance. He arrived here in need of work experience and life skills. Mr. Wells obtained a job at Taco Johns and has done extremely well there. He has really stepped up by doing well in his program and taking responsibility for his health. He has not only made all arrangements for medical providers, but he also obtained insurance for himself to help pay for his health needs. This was a very daunting experience, but Mr. Wells took it on and accepted the responsibility. He willingly learns new things so that he can be increasingly self-reliant and responsible. He asks questions and he advocates for himself. Mark Wells is a man who demonstrates what it means to be empowered.



Resident Donovan McDonald (left) is working hard and his efforts have resulted in noticeable results. He has done a great job at addressing the areas he needed to work on. Mr. McDonald also routinely helps his fellow residents out whenever he can. He exudes a positive mental attitude and is always fostering an encouraging atmosphere around the Pre-Release.



James Hoskinson (right) is nominated as a Resident Standout for his wonderful leadership during group sessions. During the groups he is leading by example and being open, honest and forthcoming. He also provides meaningful and insightful feedback to other group members. He has come a long way and has really emerged as someone who is setting a great example. Thank you, James, for making such a positive contribution!



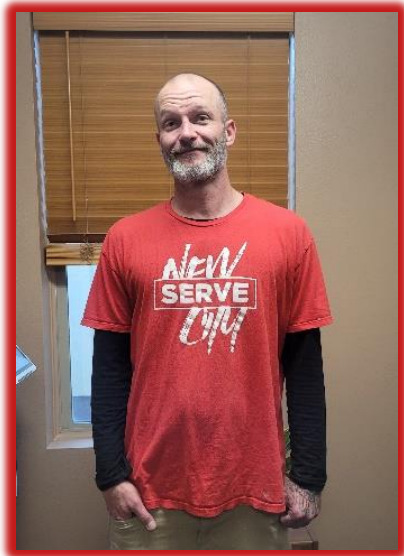
Cankuna Smith (right) has been nominated as a resident standout for his positive attitude and helpfulness with other residents. During visuals, his manager expresses how hard of a worker he is. We are so happy for Cankuna as he continues to progress with us.



Loren Miller (left) has proven himself to be polite, hardworking and managers speak highly of him as well. Please keep running a good program because it is definitely showing how dedicated you are.



Blair Fisher (bottom right) has been nominated for his helpfulness with other residents and his positive attitude. Keep smiling as you do Blair!



Congratulations are in order for West Campus resident Brent Merrifield (left) as he was recently accepted into the Honors Program! *Keep up the great work Brent!*



GENE MUIS – HONORS MEMBER

By Sonja Roberts

After two walkaways from Pre-Releases and ten years in the system, Mr. Gene Muis is all in on taking his life seriously. We couldn't be more proud of Gene's decision to do exactly that as he is one of the newest members of the Honors Program. Congratulations Gene, we are so glad you are here.



Gene grew up in California and his family brought him to Montana. After six months of being here, things with his family took a turn for the worst. This started back in 2013 and he feels he has been playing Russian Roulette with his life ever since. As his family situation decayed, the anger in Gene swelled. His short fuse created a lot of trouble for himself. When asked what has changed for him now, he expressed he has a twelve year old son who is driving his transformation. He wants to be more present for his son, who he sees every week, so that he can start building that relationship.

Gene feels that his unfortunate decisions leading to his escapes has caused him to spend more time in prison than he should have. He served 4 ½ years for walking away from the Butte pre-release in 2016. Then, in 2019, he walked away from the East campus here at the Center, which led to another 3 ¾ years in prison. According to Gene, he should have been out and done around 2015 if he hadn't messed up by not completing his pre-release programs.

Today, Gene has overcome all of this. One thing that has inspired Gene to turn his life around is that he "found religion" while in prison. Specifically, he believes in upholding the morals of Odinism, including courage, loyalty, respect and honor. This practice is driving his aspirations to find new found glory by doing the right things for himself and to help him become the father he needs to be.

Gene has a great job working for a 24 hour restaurant during the grave yard shift where he has excelled. For example, he was recognized recently for being Employee of the Quarter. He has since applied for a management position, which he hopes will further advance his cause and in which he plans to continue working upon his successful departure from the Center. He is taking his programming here seriously and applying what he learns. His level of professionalism has risen to new heights. He is staying away from the wrong crowds, applying what he learns from his anger management sessions, and overall just staying out of trouble.

Gene, we know your road has not been easy, but we are grateful that you have found a pathway towards a prosperous and honor-worthy life. Please continue to stay the course and we wish you nothing but happiness and success as you plan your future for yourself and your son by continuing to reinforce positivity in your life.

Bret Kuntz - Honors Member

By Sheena Jarvey

Mr. Bret Kuntz, new Honors member, is a person at peace with himself and a man who takes pride in all that he is: Gros Ventre heritage; family man; former Inmate Worker and a person living in recovery. Because the first thing Bret clarified when our interview began was that this was not about him making Honors, although he is rightfully proud of that. This is about providing Bret a platform to emphasize the benefits and beauty of living in recovery. Bret's focus is to give hope and inspiration to all, no matter where a person is in their journey. Living in recovery is not just about being clean, because just not using is not enough. Bret put it this way: "Living in recovery is really living and enjoying our lives."

Bret's mission is to shatter the stigma around addiction. To raise this awareness, we need to change the pre-conceived ideas about who, in fact, addicts are. People who are addicted already have enough guilt and shame. They didn't choose this. No one signed up to live in misery. People genuinely want to live a better life.

Therefore, Bret is adamant that we need to radically change the narrative that addicts are somehow "less than." In fact, Bret emphasized that the most caring, genuine, loving and understanding people are found, "in places like this."

Bret has fought his own addiction battles for 20 plus years, cycling in and out of many treatment programs. He has learned that the desire to be clean is not enough and nobody's recovery is the same. He paused for a moment and then quoted from memory a passage from the NA White Book, "Although all addicts are alike in kind, as individuals we differ in degree of sickness and rate of recovery." As he said, "Addiction is a disease, so we need to keep trying, to preserve, and be pro-active."

So, what does Bret's pro-activity look like? Bret described the work that he does every day.

First, "I take time when I wake up to reflect on my day. I am so grateful to be given another day."

He also incorporates random acts of kindness. "Helping others helps me and encourages me" Bret suggests things we can all do, such as listen to someone or make someone laugh. He continued, "When I was an Inmate Worker, I asked God how to be the most use to others. The answer I got was to talk to people and form relationships."

Also, don't wait. "Your life is happening right now." (The reason Bret dislikes the concept of doing time). "Live right now in the way your life will play out. Take even a small step to be the person you want to be."

Another key feature of success for Bret is a frank acknowledgement that he has the disease of addiction. Bret puts it out there boldly, "My addiction 100% defines me. Because here's the thing: you must learn to live with



the disease. I am defined by making an effort to live in recovery.” He continued, “Addiction is an equal opportunity destroyer. But, on the flip side, in recovery, there are no limitations on what any of us can do.”

This is why Bret’s recovery journey is larger than himself. While he acknowledges that “being in recovery benefits me more than I can say,” he doesn’t want it to stop with him. Bret explained, “For each and every person I want success. I want to see everyone make it and have the life they deserve. I am tired of seeing people lost to addiction. My advice is: What have you got to lose by giving recovery a try? My worst day in recovery is better than my best day in active addiction.”

The beauty and the cultural richness of his Native heritage also motivates Bret. But counterbalanced to this is the reality of the desecration and destruction from the crushing weight of history, as well as the subsequent destruction from the weight of addiction. He describes the unique toll this has taken on Native men.

“There is a generation of Native men that have gone missing. The influence of the Native man has been lost. And we need Native men. Society needs Native men; men who are humble and profound and who exemplify quality Traditional values. We need Native men who show up and show responsibility to our communities and to the young people. Native men who are trustworthy, Native men people can count on.”

Bret’s dad is his role model - a hard working family man that others can trust and count on. Other family members know the Gros Ventre language and one of his best friends is a Bundle Carrier who is also fluent in the Gros Ventre language. Bret knows that his people are strong and will persevere, no matter what. His grandmother was full blood Gros Ventre and that tradition carries on in her descendants.

At all times, Bret’s culture is inside of him. His Native culture is infused in all that he is and all that he does. It is infused in his addiction and in his recovery. His Native culture is infused by the way he helps others and supports and affirms their lives. It is infused with the pride of which he does any job he is asked to do. There are no less important jobs, because Bret personifies the concept that, “how you do one thing is how you do everything”. I watched Bret shine in his dedication, grace and humbleness as an Inmate Worker and I watch him shine, also in dedication and humbleness, as a resident. Nothing can diminish what and who Bret is. He shared that a personal goal is to, “Be the best version of myself I can be. I want to be the kind of person that I would want to hang out with. Be better than the day before.” Making Honors gave Bret a voice and his wish for all of us is to be just a little bit better than we were the day before. Bret left us with his final thoughts:

Find the joy of living in recovery. Nothing can diminish who and what you are. Your potential is within you. Go find your strength, your clarity, your value, and live your life.

We are very proud of Bret and wish him and his family continued joy in living a life in recovery.



Honors Member – Brittany Bellrock

By Sonja Roberts

We are so proud of the role model Brittany Bellrock has become during her stay with us here at the Center. Brittany was unaware of how much she enjoys helping take care of people before she obtained her current position at one of our local assisted living facilities. She is really glad she came here as she is doing so much better for herself. She is following the rules, going to work on time, and applying the structure and programming the Center strives to instill. This dedication to her own personal development has led her to becoming one of our latest honors members. Congratulations Brittany!

One of the residents at the facility where Brittany works is deaf, so she is interested in learning sign-language so that she can interact better with them. Brittany is proud of herself for making honors and she is striving to be the best person she can be. She is done with not being held accountable for herself and not following the rules. She finds she is much more suited to taking care of people who need help with basic functions in life. She realizes that she actually cares about people and wants to keep pursuing this avenue for her life.

It never occurred to Brittany that the work she does could be so rewarding. She thought for sure that she would be doing construction somewhere. But, now Brittany has a different outlook on life. She is so proud of herself for getting her life on track. The Center has helped her turn her life around and to be proud of herself for once. Well, Brittany, its not for once any more, its for now and always. We have all the faith in you that you will continue to be the wonderful, generous, caring person you always were. You just needed a little help to see it for yourself.

Brittney's Mom and sister come to visit Brittany and she is hoping to use a 24 hour pass soon to spend some extra time with her sister in town. May you continue to strive in your success here with us and as you prepare for your future. You are doing wonderfully, Brittany!



The Sack Lunch Program: A Collaboration In Restorative Justice

By DeeAnna Briggs and Rev. Dawn Skerritt



Randall Whistling Elk

Returning to the community is difficult for offenders. As staff and community providers, we know this. We understand the stigma, we see the barriers, we feel the frustration. Finding ways to help them reintegrate into the community can be challenging, as the stigma of being an offender can cause the community to second guess welcoming them back. We started talking about how First United Methodist and GFPRC might be able to work together in February 2025. The first resident began working with the Sack Lunch Program (SLP) in May.

“Looking back, I’m not sure either one of us thought it would be the wonderful collaboration that it is when we started...because we didn’t know what this was actually going to look like. There were some learning curves for everyone, as we learned what working together and supporting each program would mean. Now, here we are seven months later. Eight residents have worked side-by-side with volunteers at First United Methodist Church to provide thousands of sack lunches to the unhoused community in Great Falls,” explains DeeAnna Briggs, GFPRC.

The church also supports the residents in tangible ways. They provide lunches for the volunteers when they are there working, have assisted with clothing needs when possible, have provided moral support and encouragement when needed, and have been a safe landing spot when the stressors of re-entry have weakened resolve. The church staff and volunteers are a significant connection point for residents, helping to bridge between the world of Corrections and the community.

"One of the blessings in disguise is this program offers a window. Though it was unintentional, the volunteers have access to both people who are thriving in life and those who are really struggling. I have found that this window into the lives of others is helping motivate positive behavior, positive attitude and positive response. I have been personally blessed to witness the growth of a few people that DeeAnna has sent our way." Rev. Dawn Skerritt, Pastor at First United Methodist Church.

Resident Teigen Hettick agrees, “At first, I didn’t know what to expect. Then, I started to get to know people more and more. Now, it’s no longer required for me to attend, but I still go every week. I enjoy it. The people have helped me grow closer to God and give back to the community. Pastor Dawn’s amazing. Talking to her is a completely judgement-free zone. People in churches can hold you accountable in ways that push you away from God. With Pastor Dawn, she holds me accountable in a way that brings me closer. It’s a God thing. She’s helped me stay true to the Bible instead listening to Gurus. Hollie (the church Office Manager) is super welcoming and respectful. It’s helped me a lot.”

Giving back to the community is a cornerstone of Restorative Justice. It’s part of the key understanding that growing, healing, and giving back is a significant part of successful treatment and re-entry.

“The best part about participating in the SLP is just being in a supportive and encouraging environment. Being able to support people who are experiencing struggles that, at one time or another, most of us have faced is really impactful. It’s internally satisfying and it has given me the opportunity to see myself in a different light. I want to continue the volunteer

work, along with my job, after I leave the Pre-Release. What's the saying from AA: To be of service to others is to be of service to yourself," comments Dani Jo Burshia on her experience.

It doesn't take long for residents to realize what a different type of experience this is once they begin working. Daniel Lamere just began with the SLP and states, "For me, it helps me get back in touch with my higher power. It helps me give back to the community after taking from it for so long. I'm thankful for being in the program. It's something I want to continue as a part of Aftercare when I leave the Pre-Release."

As the program grows, we are excited to continue to find new ways in which GFPRC and First United Methodist can work together for the benefit of our residents and the community. Currently, there are a total of 16 two hour shifts that we are working to fill Monday-Thursday. Participation in the Sack Lunch Program is open to all residents, however, a referral form must be completed by the resident and their CTS. Forms can be submitted to DeeAnna Briggs on East Campus. Rev. Skerritt approves referrals that match her program's needs and DeeAnna assists with scheduling.



Residents Expressing the Joy of the Holiday Season!

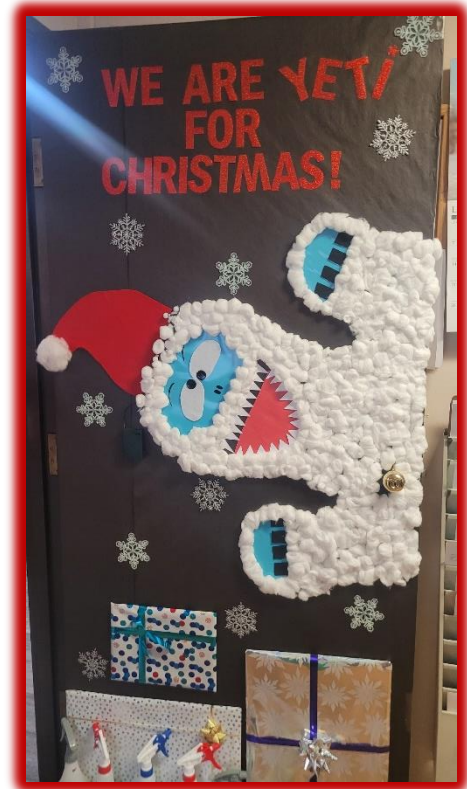
Phillip Wells (left) and Ron Bromlie (right) decorating the West Campus Christmas tree!



Christmas Door Decorating Contest



Congratulations West Campus
Winner: **Tiffany Thurston**



Congratulations Women's Campus
Winners: **Ana Loncar and Ruth Coles**



Congratulations East Campus
Winner: **Dawn Cooper**

Residents Expressing the Joy of the Holidays!

Thank you to all who joined in to decorate your doors as we had the most participation ever, especially on the Women's Campus! It really is incredible to see!!



Staff Holiday Spirit!



Staff Holiday Spirit!



Expressing a huge shout out and Thank You to Joe Marten for everything you did for the Staff Christmas Party and for organizing the Door Decorating Contest!!





THE INSIDE WELLNESS MONTHLY



ISSUE #12 – HEALTH & WELLBEING EDITION

BY: RN HUNTER – HEALTH & EDUCATION TREATMENT TEAM



IT'S DECEMBER, WHICH MEANS SANTA IS DOING HIS YEARLY CHECKS—WATCHING WHO'S BEING NAUGHTY, WHO'S BEING NICE, AND WHO'S TAKING GOOD CARE OF THEMSELVES! AS YOUR NURSE, I'M HAPPY TO TEAM UP WITH SANTA THIS MONTH TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THE BEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF IS YOUR OWN HEALTH.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE, SO BUNDLE UP WHEN YOU HEAD OUTSIDE AND STAY IN IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL. A WARM DRINK, GOOD REST, AND STAYING HYDRATED CAN GO A LONG WAY IN KEEPING YOU ON SANTA'S "NICE LIST"—AND IN KEEPING YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM STRONG.

THIS SEASON CAN ALSO BRING EXTRA STRESS, ESPECIALLY AS YOU PREPARE FOR BIG CHANGES AND NEW BEGINNINGS. REMEMBER: TAKING A FEW MINUTES FOR DEEP BREATHING, JOURNALING, OR TALKING THINGS OUT IS NOT BEING SELFISH—IT'S GIVING YOURSELF A GIFT THAT SANTA FULLY APPROVES OF.

SO, AS YOU MOVE THROUGH DECEMBER, THINK ABOUT ONE SMALL "PRESENT" YOU CAN GIVE YOUR FUTURE SELF: MAYBE A HEALTHIER HABIT, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, OR SIMPLY KINDNESS TOWARD YOUR OWN PROGRESS. SANTA AND I WILL BOTH BE CHEERING YOU ON. STAY WARM, STAY HEALTHY, AND STAY ON THAT NICE LIST!

RN HUNTER



ROBIN CASTLE LEAVES HER MARK

By Sonja Roberts

Everyone here deserves a 2nd, 3rd and 4th chance and we all as staff need to believe in each and every one of them so that they can believe in themselves. These are Robin Castle's, LCPC, first remarks when asked what has the Center meant to her. Robin will soon be leaving our ranks to embark on a brand new chapter in her life. While not retiring completely, the idea of doing exactly what she wants when she wants is at the forefront of her mind and something which she has most certainly earned.

Robin has been at the Pre-Release for 5 ½ years and has focused on having no preconceived ideas based on charges or how residents got here. She feels like she could have been here herself based on some of the shenanigans she got into in the '70's. Once, she and her friends stole a semi filled with beer, which ultimately ended up closing down the Going to the Sun Road. So, she easily could be in someone's chair here. Robin gets along with the residents and feels like she is a kicked back kind of counselor who can relate.

One thing that has surprised Robin is the number of people who have been sexually abused and the amount ensuing trauma that has affected them. The trauma then leads to people using drugs and alcohol to numb their pain; these are the things Robin helps people to work through. Think of a balloon on your belly, she says, that gets filled with *stuff* and *stuff* and *stuff*. You have to find a way to eek out the *stuff* or it explodes in forms such as violations of the law and drug and alcohol abuse. The balloon has to be emptied. If you don't start to do the work to empty your balloon, it will explode.

Robin generously offers to residents sketch books, appointment books, colored pencils, and notebooks for journaling that they can carry in their pockets. She also offers lanyards for keys and fidget spinners, among other things. She admits that some people can't turn their brains on until they stop seeking for a way to harness their nervous energy. She explains that sketching and creativity are therapeutic stress relievers.

When asked what will Robin miss at the Center, she says she will miss the residents. She explained that everyone has to be sober, so all of the residents are really nice and great to work with. Most want a different life from their past, they want a different future.

Robin came here because she was working with children and sexually abused children and it became overwhelming. She had to get out of her private practice because she was getting referrals daily and she couldn't emotionally keep working with the kids. She started to realize that those children were becoming the adults she works with today.

She suggests you can break the cycle if you get to kids early, as they need years of counseling and reprogramming, but it can be done. Most of the adults she works with have never acknowledged their trauma. They are 30 years old and still have trauma in their background that they have never worked through.

She finds that sometimes residents are not able to become prosperous adults because they are stuck in the trauma of their past. Then, they get stuck in the DOC cycle of jail, treatment, pre-release, release – repeat. Of course, it is not intentional. But, everyone makes choices. Many choose to go back “home” to where the cycle begins. They return to where they’ve used, their family uses, where they have a reputation to be a certain way and the cycle begins again.

Robin encourages residents to go somewhere new and start fresh. She recommends for residents to build a solid Coat of Armor and then go back and visit your family and friends when your internal foundation is strong. Having a spiritual background helps to be successful in this endeavor by helping you to build that Coat of Armor against going back to the same cycle.

Counseling helps, Robin believes. Robin hears the same background time and time again and it becomes repetitive. She will continue to work part-time and is thinking of helping juvenile delinquents. She feels this will potentially bridge the gap for those who have suffered an abusive childhood by helping them to make an effort to stop the cycle in its tracks, before it becomes the self-destructive, barely rehabilitated, repeat cycle that so many adults find themselves in. She wants to help them before they get too far along in their self-sabotage.

When she leaves the Center, Robin is moving to Lewistown where her daughter and her daughter’s family live. She plans to work part-time as well as volunteer at the Women’s Center. She wants to empower women to get on with their lives despite their abuse and trauma.

Robin has a 10 year old granddaughter and 15 year old grandson in Lewistown and she has an 18 year old grandson who lives in Great Falls with his Dad. The 15 year old does motocross and recently went to San Bernardino for an event where he came in 2nd. The 18 year old comes to the daughter’s ranch often to visit on the weekends. Robin is excited to be able to spend more time with all of them.

Robin is also excited to get her new Subaru with all the bells and whistles. So, she will continue to work part-time to pay for it instead of dipping into her savings. Her birthday is December 23rd and she remembers her daughter when she was little running up to her after a Christmas time church service and saying, “You were almost Jesus!” Her daughter is now 41 and her only child. This is not the first time that Robin has expressed to me, that no one in their right mind after having a child and all of the associated pain and agony, would go through that a second time. Never again! Now, she is thrilled to be making this transition to move to Lewistown, which she just found out is the “Snow Hole” of Montana. So much for moving south to the warmth she admits.

We wish you nothing but joy and peacefulness in your future. We are grateful for the many lives you have touched here at the Center and the lives those people have gone on to make a positive impact on. May we all have learned from your commitment to helping people break the cycle so that we may successfully continue on in this endeavor.

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2025 Commitment to Excellence Winners

Here at the Great Falls Pre-Release Center, the Commitment to Excellence award is the highest recognition that is bestowed upon a staff member by his or her peers. This year's recipients are as follows.



Steve Hurd (left) has proven himself to be an effective and efficient Compliance Officer with a fantastic attitude, which he has done for the Center for 3 years. He has an excellent work ethic and believes that he should perform all tasks to the best of his ability. This is evidenced by his advancement to a leadership position, as he frequently works as a Shift Lead or Shift Manager. Steve is an excellent role model for staff and residents. He shows that you can excel at your job while still being friendly and professional.

Dawn Pierce (right) has performed her duties in an outstanding manner, with an excellent attitude, for the past 4 years. Dawn is an excellent role model for staff and residents as she is always friendly, professional and caring.

Under her leadership, her department has received glowing reports from State and Federal inspectors. Whenever tours are given to visitors, this section of the facility always receives positive comments. Dawn has received numerous compliments on her work from the Board of Directors, staff, and community members who come to the center.



Ray McClelland (left) has advanced to become the head of a very important section of the GFPRC. His area of focus is of vital importance as it helps to provide a high level of community safety and facility security. During his 6 year tenure, Ray has proven to be very efficient and hard working. He performs his duties so well that it has been said that he is the best person the Center has ever had in this position. High praise indeed! Not only does he manage his department in an outstanding manner, he is always available to help others whenever needed. His team first attitude is clearly evident and it helps to make him a valuable member of the team.

Sonja Roberts (right) has helped lead the GFPRC through some dramatic transitions since joining the team 2 years ago. She has taken on this task with professionalism and a dedication to the center and staff. Sonja not only led the Center through these transitions, she also has taken on some new duties after other employees have left and she does so with a smile and an outstanding attitude.





We wish you a blessed, fulfilling retirement Mr. Jeff Barnhart! Thank you for your legacy here at the Center. You are missed!

Thank you Brenda Demers for organizing the going away event. We appreciate you!

Fairwell Jeff!!

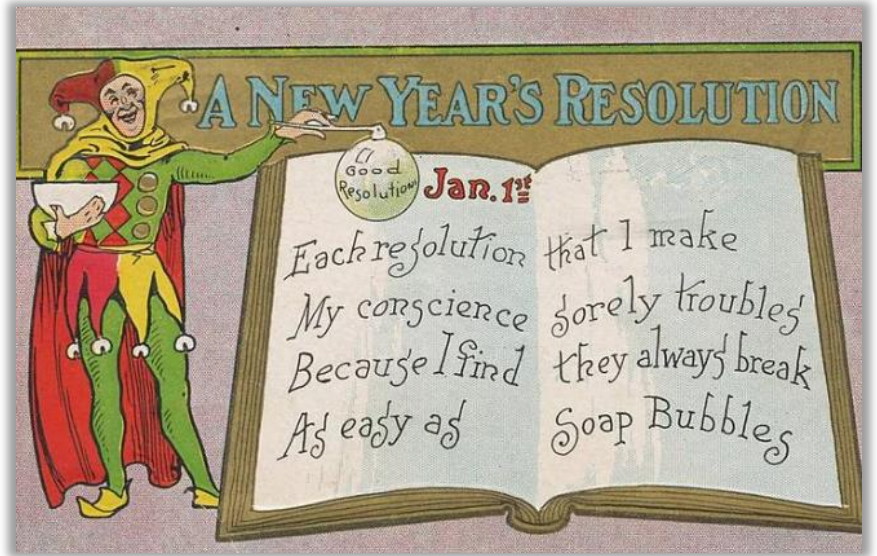


Thank you Charlie Martin, for going out of your way to think of us during this busy time of year!



Ray's Trivia and Fun Facts to Know Spotlight

New Year's traditions have ancient roots, from a 4,000-year-old practice of making promises to gods to the tradition of kissing at midnight, which is believed to bring good luck in love. Internationally, celebrations vary widely, from eating 12 grapes at midnight in Spain to smashing dishes on doorsteps in Denmark for good luck. Today, many people set resolutions, though a majority struggle to keep them, with a large number quitting by late January.



Traditions and origins

Ancient beginnings: The practice of making New Year's resolutions dates back over 4,000 years to the ancient Babylonians, who made promises to their gods.

Julius Caesar: The current January 1st New Year's Day was established by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. to honor Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, who had two faces looking to the past and future.

Kissing: The tradition of kissing at midnight originated from ancient superstitions about ensuring good luck in relationships for the year ahead.

The Times Square Ball: The iconic Times Square ball first debuted in 1907, and the current version weighs nearly six tons and is covered in 2,688 Waterford Crystal triangles.

Other unique celebrations

Kiribati: The island nation of Kiribati is the first country to see the New Year because of its position on the International Date Line.

Denmark: People in Denmark smash broken china on friends' front doors to wish them good luck.

Greece: Greeks hang onions on their doors, and in a pie served at midnight, a coin is hidden for the person who finds it to receive good luck.

International Space Station: The first New Year celebrated in space by the ISS crew was in 2000.

Philippines: Filipinos eat twelve different round fruits at midnight to symbolize good luck.

Resolutions

Popular resolutions: Top resolutions include weight loss, getting organized, saving money, and staying healthy.

Failure rate: About 23% of people quit their resolutions by the end of the first week, and 43% by the end of January.

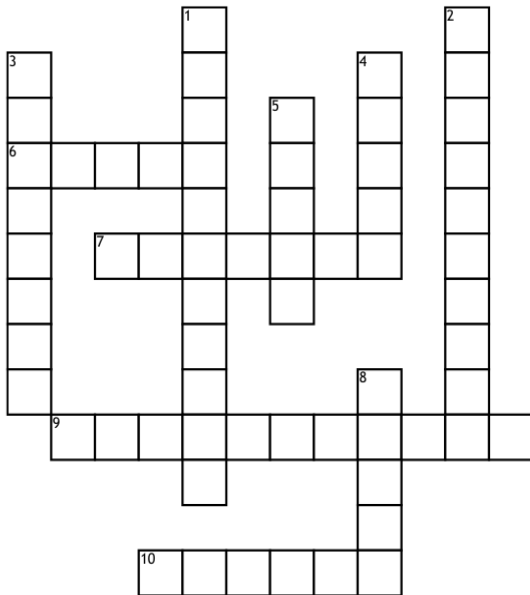


Ray McClelland

Fun and Games

Name: _____ Date: _____

Happy New Year



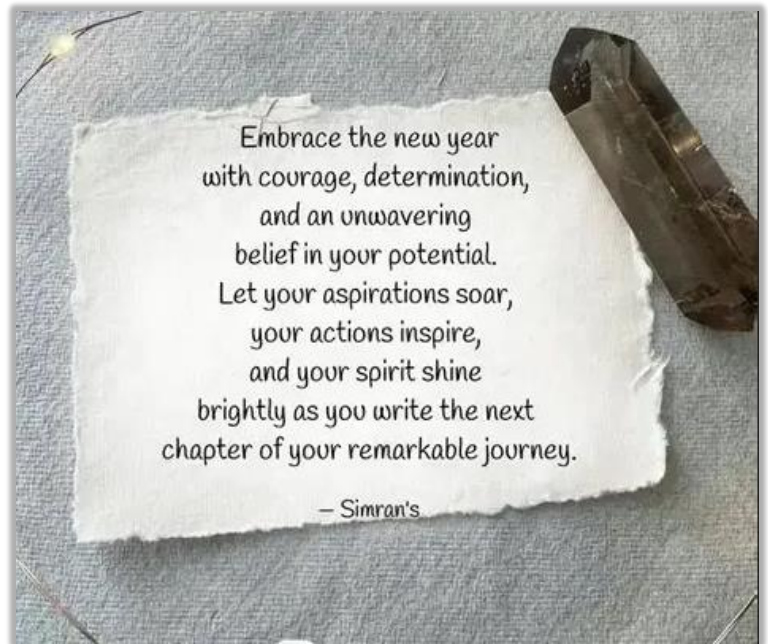
Across

- 6. People ___ and have fun on New Year's eve
- 7. There are lots of ___ on New Year's eve
- 9. People often make ___ at this time
- 10. Many parties include ___

Down

- 1. The new year is a time for ___

- 2. It's a time for ___
- 3. You celebrate New Year's at the stroke of ___
- 4. Some people exchange ___ on New Year's day
- 5. There's usual lots of good ___ on New Year's eve
- 8. Some people exchange ___ on New Year's day



Embrace the new year
with courage, determination,
and an unwavering
belief in your potential.
Let your aspirations soar,
your actions inspire,
and your spirit shine
brightly as you write the next
chapter of your remarkable journey.

— Simran's

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