

The Manorette February 2025



Jeanne Goetzinger -Uno Cards!
Jean Trucano-Stuffies
Carleen Fisher-Videos
Pat Calhoun-Flowers, magnets, canvas
Mary Ann Hunzeker-Stuffed Animals

Thank you to everyone who has donated items or your time to Pioneer Manor!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



Please Send a Card To:
26-Adele Holsinger

**We hope you have a
Wonderful day!**



Activities News

Well, we are one month down in 2025! Winter hit and we have had some beautiful snow and very, very cold temperatures. In January we added some extra afternoon activity choices on certain days, and it has been going very well. We also brought back drumming, and everyone was very happy about that!

There was a lot of yucky sickness going around but we are making it through!

February will bring us some more new activities and a bunch of fun! We would really like to encourage anyone who has a talent or maybe a hobby that they would like to share to let us know. Also, to all our residents if there is something that you would like to do or try just let one of the activities team know!



February is a sweet month for candy lovers, with both Bubble Gum Day and Gumdrops Day celebrated within weeks of each other. Bubble Gum Day falls on the first Friday of February, while Gumdrops Day is February 15. Both holidays highlight the history and fun behind these popular treats.

Bubble gum has a surprisingly long history, dating back to ancient peoples who chewed natural substances like tree resin. Modern bubble gum, however, was invented in 1928 by Walter Diemer, a young accountant at the Flier Corporation. Diemer accidentally created a formula for gum that wasn't too sticky and could stretch—perfect for blowing bubbles. It was famously pink because that was the only dye available at the time. Bubble gum became an instant hit, and today, Americans chew an average of 100 pieces each year.

Gumdrops, on the other hand, have been around since at least the 19th century. These chewy, colorful candies are often used to decorate cakes and gingerbread houses. While their exact origin is debated, the gumdrop's sugary coating and fruity flavors have made them a long-standing favorite. The candy was so beloved that a NASA spacecraft was even named *Gumdrop* in the 1960s.

Both gum and gumdrops have made their mark in popular culture and candy aisles for decades. Bubble gum is often linked with childhood, and gumdrops remain part of festive traditions. Furthermore, gumdrops paved the way for other popular gummy candies like gummy bears and gummy worms. Interestingly, while we celebrate these sugary delights, February is also Gum Disease Awareness Month, a reminder to enjoy sweets in moderation and prioritize dental care.

These candy-themed holidays offer a chance to indulge, reminisce, and enjoy the playful nature of bubble gum and gumdrops. Whether you prefer blowing bubbles or savoring a sugary gumdrop, February is full of reasons to celebrate these nostalgic treats.

Dietary News

New Alternate Menu-You can choose this instead of the main meal

For Residents Only!

1. Soup and Sandwich

2. Hamburger/Cheeseburger w/lettuce & Pickles

3. Grilled Cheese

4. Cold Cereal:

Frosted Flakes, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, All-Bran

5. Salad:

Side Salad or Chef Salad

Celebrating February

Canned Food Month

Time Management Month

Black History Month

Pancake Week February 17–23

Groundhog Day February 2

Thank a Mail Carrier Day February 4

Bagel and Lox Day February 9

Galentine's Day February 13

Valentine's Day February 14

International Sword Swallower's Day February 22





Valentine's Day, celebrated annually on February 14 has its origins in both ancient Roman traditions and Christian history. The day is named after Saint Valentine, a figure whose identity remains somewhat mysterious due to the existence of multiple saints with this name. The most popular legend suggests that Saint Valentine was a Roman priest who secretly performed marriages for young couples during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who had banned marriages to build a stronger army. Saint Valentine was eventually imprisoned and executed, becoming a martyr for love.

The holiday also has roots in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. This pagan festival involved fertility rituals and celebrations of love. In the late 5th century, Pope Gelasius I replaced Lupercalia with a Christian feast day honoring Saint Valentine, aligning it with the church's values.

The association of Valentine's Day with romantic love emerged during the Middle Ages, particularly in England and France. It gained popularity in the 14th century, partly due to the works of poets like Geoffrey Chaucer, who linked the day to courtly love in his writings.

By the 18th century, Valentine's Day had evolved into a celebration of love and affection between romantic partners. People began exchanging handwritten notes, flowers, and small tokens of affection. With the advent of mass production in the 19th century, Valentine's Day cards became a widespread tradition, popularized in England and later in the United States.

Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated worldwide, with expressions of love ranging from gifts of chocolates, flowers, and cards to elaborate displays of affection. While its modern incarnation is heavily commercialized, the holiday continues to embody themes of love and connection.



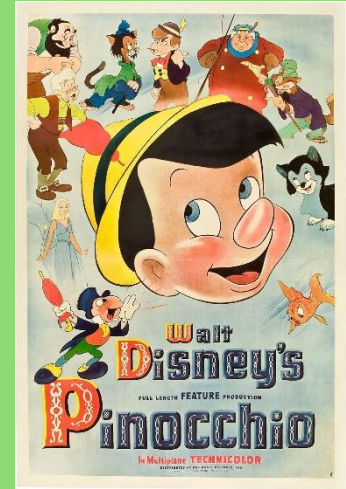
How do I love thee? Let me count
the ways. I love thee to the depth
and breadth and height My soul
can reach.

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

A Nose for Lies

On February 23, 1940, Walt Disney released *Pinocchio*. In honor of the wooden boy who could not tell a lie without his nose growing, enjoy the quiz below. Do you know which statements are true and which are false?

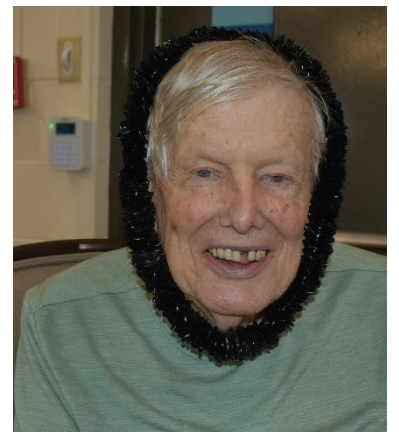
1. Pinocchio was created by Geppetto.
2. Jiminy Cricket serves as Pinocchio's conscience.
3. The Red Fairy helps Pinocchio learn right from wrong.
4. Moby is the name of the whale in the film.
5. Pinocchio is turned into a real boy at the end of the movie.

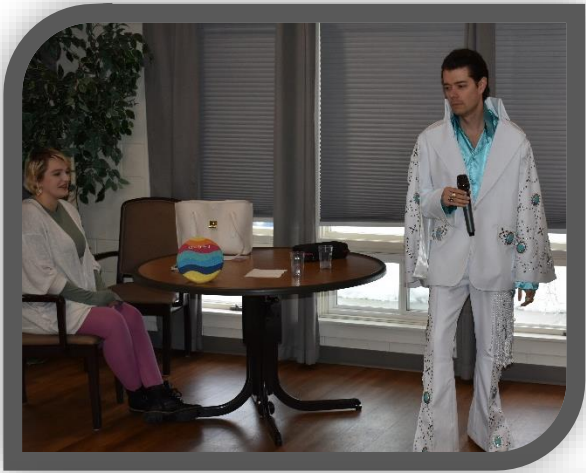


ANSWERS: 1. True: Geppetto is the kindhearted woodcarver who creates Pinocchio. 2. True: Jiminy Cricket guides Pinocchio as his conscience throughout the story. 3. False: The Blue Fairy plays a significant role in teaching Pinocchio important life lessons. 4. False: Monstro is the giant whale that Pinocchio and Geppetto encounter. 5. True: Pinocchio becomes a real boy after proving his bravery and honesty.



We are thrilled to recognize Daniela Sledge as Employee of the Month. Over the past three years, Daniela has consistently gone above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional dedication and compassion in her care for our residents. Her positive attitude and unwavering commitment set her apart, and she continually maintains a busy, productive work ethic while fostering a warm, supportive environment for everyone. Daniela's excellence in both service and attitude is truly inspiring, and we are grateful for her outstanding contributions to our team and residents.









In Loving Memory

Vivian Ainslie

July 30, 1930 — January 13, 2025



Vivian Mae Ainslie, age 94, was called into her eternal home on Jan. 13, 2025, while residing at Pioneer Manor Nursing Home, Hay Springs, NE. Vivian was born on July 30, 1930, at St. Onge, SD to Emmett Glenn & Ayles (Blundell) Gowin. Vivian and her family lived in South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska while growing up. At one time the family lived on her Great Grandparents Iversen's homestead south of Chadron.

Vivian attended school in Sundance (WY), Hemingford (NE) and graduated high school in Hay Springs in 1948. She met Walter Arthur Ainslie on a blind date, and they were married on Sept. 19, 1948, in Chadron. They happily welcomed daughters Marcine Karen in 1950 and Glenda Jean in 1952. The family lived most of their life on the Otto Anderson farm southwest of Hay Springs. Vivian always had a large garden from which she happily shared the bounty she produced as well as canning hundreds of jars of veggies and fruit. Vivian also raised chickens. Her girls dreaded being awakened at dawn by her cheery voice saying, "Time to dress chickens." Vivian was often in the fields and helping with other farm work. She was active in the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries, two extension clubs and the Eastern Star. In later years she belonged to the United Methodist Church. Vivian was an excellent cook and frequently served guests her delicious foods. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, quilting and she sewed many clothes for herself and her daughters. After they moved to town, Vivian had a department store. Vivian had an incredible memory and could tell you whose birthday it was on any given day. She enjoyed playing cards and games with anyone. Her biggest joy was her family. Before residing at Pioneer Manor, she spent many hours playing cards with and visiting residents.

Vivian is survived by daughters Marcine (Gary) Peters of Bedford, TX and Glenda (Louis) Carlson, Hay Springs, grandchildren Michelle & Karla of Texas Brad of Alliance & Mandy of Hay Springs, 7 great grandchildren, sister Peggy (Louis) Fedler, sister-in-law Lillian Blomquist and many other relatives and friends.

