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Goudie Gazette Community News



HEPRTbeats

Congratulations to our Monthly Draw winners!

Asmeret (Nursing)
&
Susan (Nursing)

They have received a \$25 gift card for displaying peopleCare Values! Thank you for all that you do!



The next Resident
Council meeting will be
held on Tuesday
January 28th in the
2nd floor lounge. All
residents are welcome!

In Loving Memory

Murray M.

Betty S.

Howard H.

Our deepest thoughts & sympathies go out to the family & friends.

Hairdresser

Looking to get in touch with our hairdresser Louise? POA's can email

louisepeoplecare@gmail.com



Anne K. Josephine S.

Living the peopleCare Values

Growth

We embrace change and maximize every opportunity for our people and our organization

Special Events

Wheel of Fortune!

January 6th @2:00pm

Tea Party

January 9th @2:00pm

Entertainment with the Synchronicity Duo

January 13th @2:00pm

Breakfast Club (Sign Up)

January 17th @8:30am

Pop 'N' Popcorn Social for National Popcorn Day!

January 19th @2:00pm

Memorial Service

January 21st @10:30am

Catholic Mass

January 22nd @10:30am

January Birthday Party with Kevin Coates

January 24th @2:00pm

Resident Council

January 28th @9:30am

Joke of the Month

How do kids get to school in January? *By Icicle!*

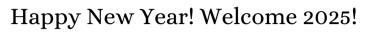


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Verda E. Jan 1st
Edo M.- Jan 1st
Gail F.- Jan 4th
Selby A.- Jan 11th
Marlene S.- Jan 11th
Marion F.- Jan 12th
Dimitrios K.- Jan 14th
Karen A.- Jan 20th
Aljoz S.- Jan 26th
James Z.- Jan 31st



From the Desk of Florin



I hope everyone enjoyed this joyous holiday season with special memories along your families and friends.

Throughout the month, our staff was busy setting up Christmas celebrations enjoyed by residents, families and team members. The team did an amazing job with all the Christmas decorations that brightened up the home throughout the season.

We would like to say a special thank you to all the donations and gifts received from various community donors, families, and friends showing their appreciation for all we do.

Remember all the good memories you have made and know that your life will be so full of wonders in the coming year.

On behalf of the entire team at AR Goudie we are wishing you and your family a Joyful, Bright, Healthy, Prosperous and Happiest New Year ahead.

Looking forward to our new expansion. Happy New Year 2025! Florin Perte

Chaplain Chats with Cynthia

Happy New Year! What are your thoughts for 2025! It is so hard to believe those babies born when we turned the century and millennia are now university students and out in the world! As the old saying states, "where does the time go?" Time is such an interesting concept. It can be slow when you are a child waiting for Christmas Eve, it can be quick when you are dreading the dentist appointment.

This year, will you begin to look inward? Who are you in your life? As I work in spiritual health care, I see many people who truly are unaware of their own spiritual health. Spiritual health touches every part of our life. Whether you find the sacred space in church, synagogue, or mosque, or maybe in the yoga studio or in nature, we are all spiritual beings finding our way through time.

Integrating spirituality into your daily life is a matter of awareness and understanding of spirituality itself. I love visiting with the people here and find many of the folks I visit love reminiscing about their lives and their time on this earth. The third trimester of life is a time of reflection and looking over our shoulder. It can be joy filled and it can be painful. I love sharing both experiences. How will you flourish in 2025? To flourish is to bloom and blossom, to grow luxuriantly, thrive, achieve success! Now is the time to count your blessings, plant a fresh seed, and maybe let something die that is not serving you.

The Mexican proverb, "They tried to bury us, they didn't know we were seeds!"

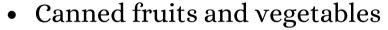


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Beyond Ourselves Food Bank Drive

AR Goudie is proud to support the Waterloo Region Food Bank this January! Food donations support the 1 in 8 households in our community struggling to afford to put food on table. While we're grateful for all food donations we receive, the Waterloo Region Food Bank has provided a list of high needs items that is listed below. These items can be dropped off in the boxes in the Grand Hall.



- Canned meats and fish
- Dry beans and pasta
- Hot and cold cereal
- Individually packed snacks (granola bars, apple sauce, pudding cups)
- Jam/fruit spread
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Rice







Friends & Family Open House!



Christmas Photoshoot!



Christmas Morning at AR Goudie!





"Our Street" Lighthearted Short Stories



By: Volunteer "Maggie B"

Melanie sat in the peace and warmth of the chapel. She should have been paying attention to Father O'Brien's sermon, usually it was pretty good, but she was lost in earlier morning events.

Breakfast had been routine, homemade scones with fresh fruit and coffee. John had even made his first attempt at making coffee in the percolator his mom had given them for Christmas. When he went outside to clean the snow off the walkway she began to tidy the kitchen. She washed up the dishes, everything but her mug of coffee as she hadn't really had a proper drink from it. Next, she swept up a spill of flour that had found it's way to the floor. The linoleum felt sticky, so she pulled out the mop and pail to give it a quick wash. Things had gone smoothly up to that point, but it was when she started to put everything away, things went off the rails. She was carrying the mop and pail toward the garage when she noticed her mug of coffee sitting on the end table. It was still hot and fragrant and inviting. She moved the mop over to the hand carrying the pail and took a sip from her favourite mug.

That was when it happened. The mop lashed out at the mini-Christmas tree sitting on the end table. In offence the tree smacked the table lamp who caught off guard, went down for the count. Melanie lunged to rescue the lamp spilling her hot coffee over a set of books that sat watching the debacle. Then, there was a strange moment of quiet. Melanie exasperated stated, "At least the bucket didn't spill!" Then she looked down, wondering why her socks were wet. No, the bucket hadn't tipped over, that was because she was standing in it. It took a while to set the room right again – mopping, drying, stashing away the mop and pail and finding a dry pair of socks. When John came in from dealing with the new fall of snow she was standing beside the end table empty coffee cup in hand. "How did you like my coffee?" he innocently asked.

The sermon rolled on, something about caring for the homeless. Melanie began to chuckle more and more. She had begun to see the absurd side of her morning adventure. John elbowed her hoping to quiet the increasingly loud giggles coming from his usually composed wife. Under his breath he muttered, "As long as I live I'll never understand women!"

"It's better to laugh than to cry".. attributed to Suzette Francis



JANUARY

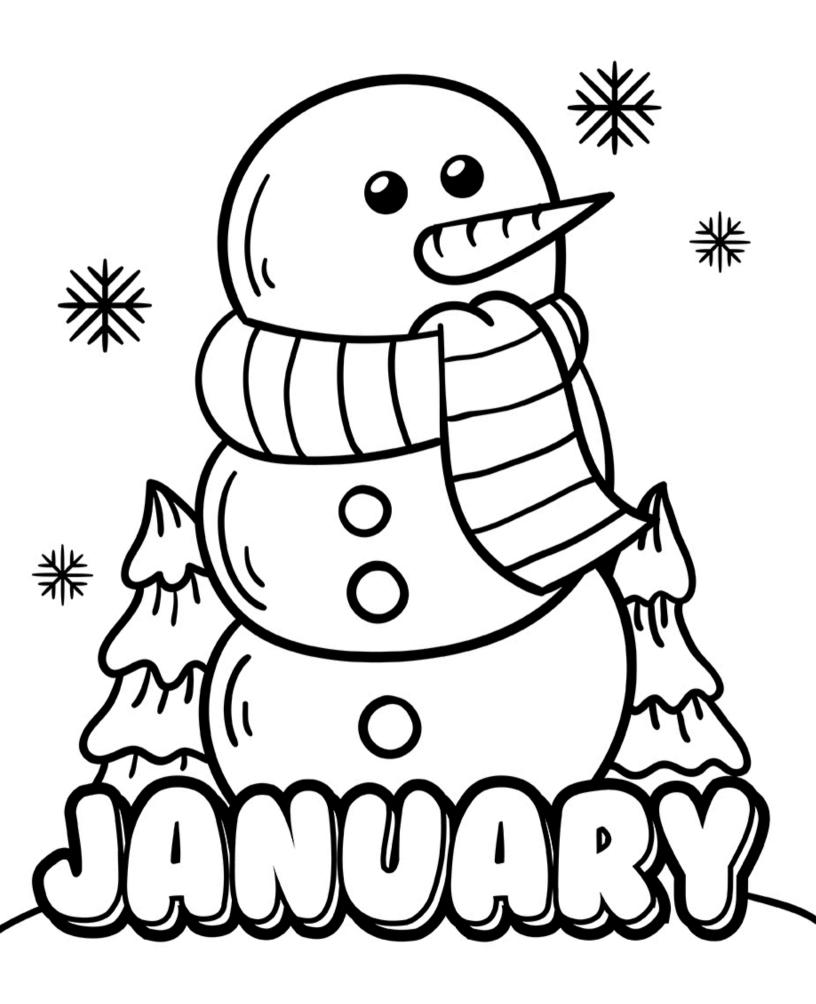


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NEW YEAR WISHES BELLS MEMORIES JANUARY
BUCKET LIST
FAMILY
HAPPINESS

HEALTH BLESSINGS



Administration

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For other service providers like dietician or social work, please contact the appropriate manager.



peopleCare is here for you!

peopleCare recognizes that we cannot thrive without the hard work and dedication our employees make every day in all our Homes. Please remember all of the programs that peopleCare has to assist you in your personal lives, educational pursuits and employee recognition! If you are unfamiliar with any of the following, please speak to your manager:

- Employee Assistance Program
- Education Assistance Program
- HEARTbeats Rewards & **Recognition Program**
- Disaster Relief Fund

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