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# Fairbanks Pioneer Home News

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## Welcome

In March we welcomed a new resident. Help us welcome Geneva “Jenny” Lawrence-Burch to the Fairbanks Pioneer Home. Please stop by and say ‘hello!’ and learn something new about your new neighbor♥

## March in Review

March sure came in like a lion and went out like a lamb this year. We welcome spring with snow that is Fairbanks for you! Due to the recent Coronavirus, or COVID-19, we have had to make the hard decision to close our doors to all visitors. We are doing activities very differently. It is our hope that we will be able to continue to offer some type of activity to help eliminate loneliness and boredom.

Our most popular activities are being modified to accommodate space between residents. We already have had two sessions of Hallway Bingo and they have been huge hits! We will continue to try and experiment with various activities for the month of April. We are in the process of getting a mobile version of the Little Store going. Hallway Sing-a-long and Hallway Fit for Life are also in the works.

We are still brainstorming ideas for our residents. We have been delivering to our residents, puzzles, craft supplies, coloring supplies, etc. We are also diligently working on our ability to have residents Skype with their family and loved ones. We will hopefully have that resolved next week!

To further our efforts in protecting those that live and work here, we have been screening

staff when they report to work. We are also disinfecting common areas twice per shift to minimize the spread of germs. We have also had all staff review practices in handwashing, the proper way to put on/take off gloves, gowns, and face masks. While these are part of their normal duties, they all demonstrated these skills with confidence.



**Gathering residents for Hallway Bingo!**



**Ginny patiently waiting for the games to begin!**

## **Staying in touch**

If you want to send cards, letters, notes, words of encouragement, photos, etc., you can scan or take a picture and email them to Valerie Robancho at [valerie.robancho@alaska.gov](mailto:valerie.robancho@alaska.gov) and we can print and give them to your love one.

## **How people can help our residents**

To our volunteers or anyone that wants to help our residents out, here are a number of ways to help out our residents:

### **Alaska Caring Notes:**

This is an initiative to encourage children who are home from school to take time to write notes, upload a drawing, or send a video to residents in nursing homes around Alaska. The website is here:

<https://www.ashnha.com/alaska-caring-notes/>

### **Performances (video & audio recordings):**

If you would like to record a performance and send it to our residents, please contact Valerie Robancho at [valerie.robancho@alaska.gov](mailto:valerie.robancho@alaska.gov) or 458-2243.

## **Looking for donations**

### **Recreation supplies:**

- Coloring books
- Non-toxic markers
- Coloring pencils packs
- Word search books
- Crosswords & puzzle books (large print)
- DVD's (musicals, animals, sing-alongs, military, westerns)

### **Food items:**

- Full size candy bars & sodas (Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, root beer, ginger ale, etc.)



## **Happy Birthday!**

Ellen "Ruth" May – April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Harold Mitchell – April 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Carol CanterMoore - April 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Flora Demoski – April 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Timothy "Robbe" Gilbertson – April 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Michel Read – April 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Lois Burgess – April 17<sup>th</sup>  
 JoAnn Johnson – April 21<sup>st</sup>  
 William "Pete" Bostick - April 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Beverly Prince – April 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Richard "Dick" Lord - April 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara Clark – April 29<sup>th</sup>

## **In Memoriam**

In March we lost our dear resident and friend Cerene "CJ" Paul. We will miss our beloved resident. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers.♥

### **Contact Information**

| <b>Name</b>             | <b>Phone Number</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Angie: Administrator    | 458-2225            |
| Augustine: Food Service | 458-2230            |
| Housekeeping            | 458-2258            |
| Val: Activities         | 458-2243            |
| Andy: Maintenance       | 458-2227            |
| Bobbie: Social Work     | 458-2250            |