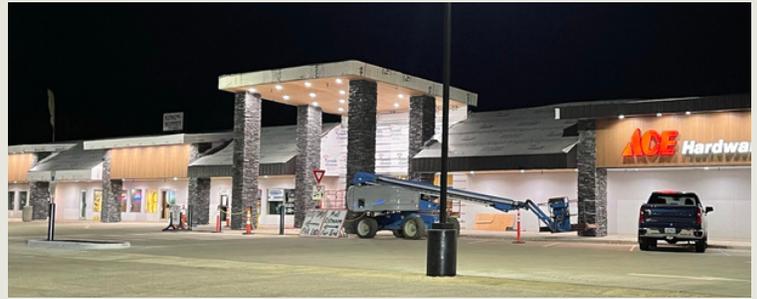




NOVEMBER 2021 | Pictured right to left: Austin Anderson, Donna Hoff and Julia Anderson enjoying nature bingo at Day Supports.

## THINGS ARE COMING TO LIFE AT THE T-REX MALL

Since ABLE, Inc. acquired the T-Rex Mall in fall of 2019, we had a vision to improve the property because of the value it brings to our community as well as employment opportunities for the people we support. It has been an exciting year as the renovations have really come to life! Improvements began with concrete on the west side last fall and continued on with the façade on the rest of the mall. Please drop by and see the changing exterior. While you're here, swing inside to shop our expanded store options such as ABLE Kid Thrift, ABLE Used Furniture with New Tag Thrift and of course our original store, Decades. Other mall tenants also appreciate your continued support during the renovation process. Thank you!



## A warmer home FOR WINTER



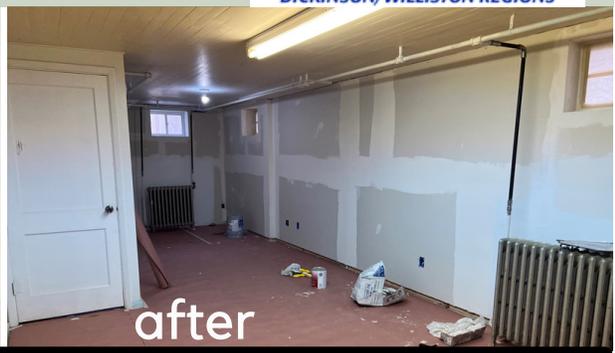
This month we are excited to feature Community Action Partnership. Community Action offers a variety of support services with the goal of improving the quality of life for people. ABLE has helped people utilize Community Action's services such as Heating Assistance, Weatherization, Tax Assistance, Payee services and more. Recently, Greg Privratsky applied for Weatherization services and was able to have his rental home updated to be more energy efficient. He was very grateful for all of the work that they did to the home including providing new insulation throughout, adding some sheetrock in the basement, along with some new doors and windows. It was a much needed facelift! Through it all, the Weatherization crew worked quickly and were very understanding of Greg's specific needs. It was a great experience and as the temperature drops, Greg is very appreciative to have a warmer home.



Before and after pictures: old plaster walls were insulated and covered with sheetrock. Failing basement windows were replaced to keep the cold winter air out.



before



after

# HALLOWEEN MOMENTS



Sarah Steiner enjoyed volunteering at the Haunted Hospital in St. Joes Plaza, pictured above with friends. Below: Stacy Doe & Sarah.

Everyone stopping in Hettinger certainly got a surprise this Halloween! Carrie Beck and Randy Wyman pictured above went all out for their trick or treaters.



## Pumpkin Painting Party

The HOPE group met in October and had a blast getting creative together. Everyone painted a pumpkin or two and were surprised at just how different each one was. They look forward to future fun meetings including their upcoming **HOLIDAY BINGO PARTY** on December 14th.

See sign up info below to RSVP!

Pictured upper left: Eileen Schroeder. Bottom from left to right: Julia Anderson, Clenton Kling, Pat Renner, Curtis Reiter, Amy Belile.



## COMING SOON: OUR HOLIDAY BINGO PARTY

December 14th from 6-7pm at ABLE, Inc. Main Office

call 456-3000 to sign up or use our Outlook calendar

Prizes for every winning bingo.

Maximum 15 people so sign up soon to reserve your spot!



# BOWMAN BUSINESS

Kim Fretheim saw the opportunity to display Repeat Outlet shopping bags at another venue. She contacted Frontier Travel Center in Bowman and the bags are selling like hotcakes!



Left to right: Kim Peplinski & Kim Fretheim recently restocked bags at Frontier Travel Center. Daniel Morland refreshed the display at Bronson's Marketplace, where bags for sale have been offered since Bronson's opened.



MDU, thanks for buying so many rags from our rag business over the years! Pictured: Andrew Bertsch and Chris Johnson from MDU-Cedar Hills Wind with Randa Peterson

Shoppers have been flocking to the Repeat Outlet store for their Thursday sales. Sierra Ballard came up with the idea to showcase a specific product for each weekly sale. She photographs sale items and advertises on the

ABLE Bowman Facebook page and by word of mouth. If you want to stay up to date on what the store is offering, "like" their page now!



Shawn Mauer, Jason Andersen, Kay Fletcher, Lynne Nygaard and Ron Bosch are shown "stuffing" goodie bags with candy for Halloween. Bowman ABLE anticipates 300-400 kids for the annual Trick or Treating on Main Street event!

## In Honor of Kevin

In August, a golf tournament was held in Bowman in honor of Kevin Bagley. Kevin was a big supporter of ABLE, Inc. He and his wife, Janel, sold us the first two lots to help us get started in securing land for the Bowman Landing apartment building. We then were able to purchase the other two lots from Bowman Glass (Dusty and Lora Miller) and Tom's Auto Body (Tom and Julie Lockert). ABLE, Inc. then donated this land to Lutheran Social Services.

Kevin knew everyone at ABLE, was a Fireman who checked fire extinguishers for some of the guys not living at Bowman Landing, and often just stopped in to visit.

We were honored that the \$3755 proceeds from the golf tournament were donated to ABLE, Inc. Thank you for thinking of us! We also would like to thank Chad and Robin Welch, who organized this event. Kevin Bagley is greatly missed by his friends at ABLE, Inc. and will be forever remembered.



# A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hi Readers,

COVID continues to dominate.

I recently sat with many of our employees who are not vaccinated for COVID to hear their concerns. It was my pleasure to get to know each team member better. I am so impressed with the level of compassion and talent. We have such excellence!

Currently, I take comfort that most of the people supported by ABLE, Inc. have missed the devastation of COVID. Employees, too, have survived albeit many have been very sick.

Still, COVID has disrupted our lives in so many ways. Some people have been quarantined multiple times. Some people's families have had to take time off from work to support their family member because of being a close contact. Most recently, one of the people we support lost a parent to COVID, sending them reeling.

We continue to take precautions which include wearing masks and testing weekly for employees and people supported. **Additionally, we continue to encourage the vaccine as it is the best way we know how to keep people safe.** Please take time to listen to Dr. Blanchard's 30-minute video on our website under the COVID page ([www.ableinc.net/covid-19-vaccine-information.html](http://www.ableinc.net/covid-19-vaccine-information.html)). He was an emergency room physician in Dickinson for many years. He provides excellent education.

Please take care as we navigate this very dangerous virus. -Mary Anderson, Executive Director

## MAKING MEMORIES



On left: Recently, Shirley Lund provided a temporary safe haven for a loose dog in her neighborhood while she attempted to locate its owners. After several snacks and happy pats on the head, the dog was released to the animal shelter and its owner found.



On right: Abra Safratowich and Sarah Steiner at Prairie Knights.



Curtis Reiter at Happy Rock Farm with the alpacas.



Above: Susan Schaefer, Stacy Doe, Sarah Steiner, & Dallas Germann at the Out of the Darkness 5K walk. Below: Sarah Steiner & Ray Rykowski enjoyed a trip to Fargo/Minneapolis.



Pictured above: Elaine Wyman is back to baking joined by JoAnne Riederer.

# Joe Zent

October 6, 1948 – August 9, 2021

**Fall: Its Beauty and Time of Giving Thanks, and a reminder of what is to come: Christmas.**

**A reminder of Joe, who embodied the season.**

**Your memory is still present, Joe, and it will be so strong this Christmas Season:**

- You treasured the Joy of the Season**
- You marveled at the Lights of the Season**
- You delighted at the Gifts of the Season**
- You loved the magical Spirit of the Season**

**You will be deeply remembered and missed this Christmas. Our love is with you.**

**We will See you in the Lights,**

**Hear you in the Music, and**

**Feel your presence at the sight of every Santa.**



**By: the Staff at 4th Avenue**

## Repeat Outlet

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