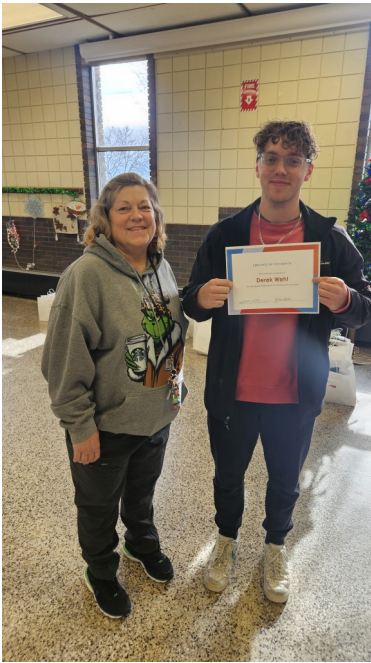


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Movie Madness



Derek Wahl & Michelle Fischer

For the month of December Derek Wahl was selected as the employee of the month. Derek Has gone above and beyond by showing he is flexible to change and always being positive with the residents. If you see Derek around please congratulate him!



During Christmas break our residents got to go off campus and rent out an ENTIRE theater in Mitchell. They got to enjoy some tasty popcorn and drinks while watching the new movie “Wonka.” Many residents came back with full tummy’s and singing some new tunes. Thank you to the activities committee and School for helping coordinate this opportunity for our residents.



John's Corner



Johnathan Trunkey
Executive Director

2024 is going to be another great year of serving South Dakota youth and their families! Looking back on 2023, APA experienced a lot of great achievements and overcame some significant challenges. One of those key achievements was the amount of youth that successfully graduated from our program. Another massive achievement was our ability to increase our Polaris Program census for the first time in several years. Another great achievement was the expansion of services to include a day school. These were just a few highlights of 2023. As we look forward to 2024, our focus is on building new partnerships, increasing our capacity to serve youth, and pursuing innovative ways to increase our impact on South Dakota. We have a great team, and I cannot wait to see what we accomplish in 2024!



“Happy New Year! May the coming year bring you joy and success! Wishing you a prosperous New Year filled with happiness and new opportunities.”

Did someone say TACOS?

To kick off our 7 days of Christmas, we started it out with a bang. We had Chihuahua's food truck come in for the All-Staff Christmas Party. Even with the chilling weather that did not stop our employees from standing in line to enjoy some hot fresh tacos! Our Staff got to choose from Tacos, Quesadillas, or the Quesa-Birria. The Quesa-Birria was the star of the show with over 40 orders put in! A huge thank you to the café and Chihuahua's for making this happen!



GOATS GOATS GOATS



Our furry little friends made their arrival last week! Let's welcome Pepper Jack, Milky Way, Chocolate, and Oreo. While they settle in, please don't enter their pen, don't worry you can still go peek! Please remember to be kind and courteous!



7 days of Christmas

Coffee with the fancy
syrups? Then to top it
off Donuts!



Christmas
Goodies for the
last day!

Staff got to scratch
away and hope
they got lucky!



Christmas Break

During Christmas break the activities committee planned a bunch of fun activities for our residents to partake in. Our residents got to play bingo, decorate their own stockings, decorate and bake Christmas cookies, and did a little Christmas singing! Dax even got into the Christmas spirit with his cute “On the nice list” Christmas sweater!



Christmas Continued



Memorial Bench

Our memorial bench for a beloved teacher, Steve Messer that has passed away has made its arrival. With the kind donation from the family we were able to design and pick a bench in his memory. Thank you to all that helped get this done! Huge shout out to maintenance for getting the bench installed into a place for all to enjoy!



ALL-STAFF MEETING

Jan 23rd at 9:30am



T. Krueger

J. Koch

A. Wilson

M. Vaverka



J. Koch – 9 Years

J. Thiry – 6 Years

N. Walker – 2 Years

M. Sampson – 1 Year



Angela Medrano– Therapist Intern

Alexis Wilson– FT YDS