

The Messenger

Spring 2026



Wins & Opportunities

It's time to celebrate the wins from 2025 and let you know about opportunities for 2026!

Wins:

- Raised over \$432,000 in donations towards residents' charitable care and resident programs.
- Received a \$100,000 grant from the City of Coeur d'Alene to replace aging, outdated electric panels in The Grove.
- Finished fundraising and purchased a new 14 passenger handicapped bus.
- Completed The Arbor project, a 31-apartment market rate Independent Living building and we have started filling apartments.

Opportunities:

- Apartments are still available in The Arbor Independent Living. For more info call Kayla at (208) 664-8119.
- Need a volunteer who loves crossword puzzles and wants to facilitate a group of residents in Assisted Living working on a giant crossword puzzle. Call Dylan at (208) 664-8119.
- The fundraising focus for 2026 is replacing Memory Care furniture (tables, chairs, recliners). Much of the furniture is over 20 years old and is utilized constantly by residents.



Resident Spotlight

Lennis McLeod recently celebrated her one-year anniversary of living in Assisted Living at Orchard Ridge, an event she joyfully shared with everyone she saw. She spent the day walking the halls, proudly announcing her milestone and expressing how grateful she is to call Orchard Ridge home. What she may not realize is that the feeling is mutual: Lennis is an extraordinary woman, and Orchard Ridge is honored to have her here. Born in 1933, Lennis was the ninth child in her family. She came into the world in a little rock house in Post Falls—a home that still stands today.



She grew up there with her parents, siblings, and grandmother until the Great Depression forced the family to relocate to the Mica Bay area. Later, during her late elementary years, the family moved to Chilco, where Lennis attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse and then walked two and a half miles just to reach the nearest bus stop to get to high school.

Lennis attended high school in Rathdrum, and in her senior year she was offered a probate clerk position. Though her parents were apprehensive about sending their daughter off to the “big city” of Coeur d’Alene to live alone, they recognized the tremendous opportunity before her. To help cover her \$50-per-month rent, Lennis also worked evenings at the local drive-in theater—located where Winco now is, at the corner of Ramsey and Appleway.

It was during this chapter of her life that she met her future husband, the son of her landlord. She laughs when she recalls that he was impossible to track down—working by day and spending evenings in the pool halls. But eventually she caught up with him, and a friendship blossomed. When he returned to Eastern Washington University, the two stayed connected through letters. They married in 1953. He began teaching Special Education at Central Valley East School, and in 1957 they purchased a beautiful home for \$7,800—a home Lennis sold just last year, earning a remarkable return. Together they enjoyed boating, time at their cabin on the lake, and volunteering at “The Little Theater” (now the Lake City Playhouse), whether onstage, backstage, or promoting productions.



Professionally, Lennis continued to thrive. After gaining valuable experience as a probate clerk, she was appointed and then later ran for probate judge in 1963—winning the election and defeating three male candidates. While looking through her scrapbook, we discovered a photo of her signing a bequest for Coeur d’Alene Homes alongside Sup. Arthur Olsen. In 1970 she became a magistrate judge, working primarily with families and juveniles. She often said the hardest part of judging was knowing that every decision brought joy to one party and disappointment to another. Lennis served on the bench for 20 years before retiring in 1983. She and her husband then enjoyed nearly

three decades wintering in Palm Springs.

As a child traveling through town, Lennis frequently passed Coeur d’Alene Homes, and in her mind, it became the place where elders were cared for with respect and dignity. So when she began feeling unsafe living alone, her first thought was Orchard Ridge/Coeur d’Alene Homes. She deeply appreciates the personalized care she receives and the sense of safety and comfort her caregivers provide. Her highest praise? She says she now sleeps beautifully. And we are equally grateful. Orchard Ridge is privileged to care for someone who has contributed so greatly to our community and lived such a rich, meaningful life.

-by Holly Johnson



Spring Fundraiser

Orchard Ridge is thrilled to present its third musical fundraiser this spring! Following the overwhelming success of Assisted Living: The Musical and Route 66, director Lorna Hamilton is back with a brand-new show to benefit the residents of Orchard Ridge. This year's production features an all-female cast performing favorite hits from the 1950s and 1960s, all accompanied by talented live musicians.

The performers and crew members are donating their time and talents out of genuine generosity and a shared commitment to Orchard Ridge's mission: ensuring residents receive exceptional care, no matter their financial situation. Their dedication makes this fundraiser truly special.

To add to the fun, several senior-service businesses have contributed raffle baskets to help raise additional funds, and Thrivent has generously provided support for concessions throughout all three performances. And don't let the word "volunteer" fool you—this will be a top-quality, thoroughly entertaining show, filled with humor, heart, and unforgettable music. It's a performance you won't want to miss, and your attendance helps support a meaningful cause.

Come enjoy great music, good laughs, and the joy of giving back!



Presents:

The
**MARVELOUS
WONDERETTES**

**CAPS
AND
GOWNS**



A fundraiser
benefiting
Orchard Ridge's
Residents

A delightful and nostalgic jukebox musical featuring the four-girl group The Wonderettes (Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy) performing at their 1958 high school prom and later at their 10-year reunion.

Kroc Center

For Tickets Visit:
www.kroccda.org
(208) 261-2388

FRI. APRIL 10: 7PM
SAT. APRIL 11: 2PM
SUN. APRIL 12: 2PM

\$30/Ticket

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The Arbor Ribbon Cutting

The Arbor Independent Living celebrated its official ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 13, welcoming more than 100 guests to mark this exciting milestone. Former Administrator Mike Grabenstein offered a heartfelt blessing over the ongoing mission of Orchard Ridge, setting a thoughtful tone for the event.

Luke Russell expressed gratitude to Gordon Longwell for his unwavering dedication to The Arbor project and announced that the community room will be named in honor of Gordon and his wife, JoAnn. Guests also enjoyed guided tours of the new apartments—much to the delight of those who have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to move in.

All of us at Orchard Ridge are hopeful that The Arbor will become yet another meaningful way for us to bless and care for seniors in our community.



Flowers for someone you love...



Every spring we look forward to planting flowers around the campus and making it beautiful for residents, staff, and visitors to enjoy! You can join us by honoring your loved one with a flower tribute! A donation of \$35 helps to purchase flowers and your loved one's name will be displayed among the flowers to commemorate your gift all through the summer months.

Please fill out the portion below and mail back to us in the envelope with your gift.

In Honor/Tribute to: _____

From: _____

Payments can be made with cash, check or credit card. Please make checks payable to Orchard Ridge.
Online donations can be made at www.theorchardcda.org.



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Gifts given in memory or honor of....

- Steve Allen by Doneda Allen
- Gerry Bauerle by Greg & Susan Bauerle
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- Marion Keating by Karen Cook
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- Kristy Thode by Doneda Allen
- Casey Wild by Sandra Wild
- Jackie Zanck by Karen Chuday
- Don Ziegler by Doneda Allen

In 2025, over \$119,775 was donated in Memorial Gifts!

Residents who need charitable care will go on receiving it due to the generous gifts in memory of loved ones, leaving a living legacy! Another great option for leaving a legacy is through an endowment. Orchard Ridge has endowment funds at Innovia and the Idaho Community Foundation, which we hope to grow and help support residents for many years to come.



Member Churches

American Lutheran Church-
Newport
Anthem Hayden
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Canvas Church
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Community United Methodist
First Presbyterian Church
First Lutheran Church-Sandpoint
First Lutheran Church-Spirit Lake
Lutheran Church of the Master
New Life Church
Our Savior Lutheran Church-Pinehurst
Peace Lutheran Church
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A service provided by the Orchard Ridge Volunteers

In an effort to raise funds for charitable care at Orchard Ridge, the Volunteers provide the service of organizing and managing your estate sale for the cost of a suggested donation.

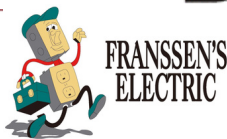
Services Include:

- Inventory
- Advertising & Signage
- Pricing
- Conducting Sales
- Sorting

Enjoy peace of mind and share in the generated revenue, with the added blessing of knowing you are supporting a good cause!

For more information contact Holly at Orchard Ridge (208) 664-8119

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