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June = Summertime Fun Activities!

-Nancy Klimek, Director of Recreation & Volunteer Services

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The month of June in Nebraska officially *kicks off the summer season*. In spite of being in the

middle of a worldwide pandemic last year at this time, we were able to take advantage of the great weather and the beautiful campus, for a variety of programming opportunities. We intend to continue this tradition, during the summer of 2021, since we are still incorporating some of these precautionary measures due to the pandemic.

Our lake is stocked with rainbow trout, large mouth bass, bluegill, and catfish. Members wishing to test their skill against these game fish are encouraged to join us for our **"Outdoor Fun"** adventures scheduled primarily on Fridays (and Wacky Wednesdays upon request). However, those who are able to go fishing independently can **check out fishing poles** and tackle from Recreation staff to fish at their own leisure. We also have a newly donated patio umbrella on the west pier, to help provide additional shade for everyone's comfort as the summer heat cranks up.



The American Legion Auxiliary has donated a wide range of outdoor activity equipment such as **croquet sets, football toss, ladder toss, bean bag (cornhole) toss, remote control cars, kites, rockets, and even a huge telescope!** Members are encouraged to join us for some of these fun outdoor activities, and can contact Recreation staff if they want something set up for use at different times in different locations.



A few of the summertime fun activities schedule in June include:

- **Hawaiian Luau Beach Party**—District 6 American Legion Auxiliary has donated money towards bingo coupons, theme prizes, and refreshments for this annual event. Bravo and Echo Neighborhoods will attend on Monday, June 7th at 2:30 p.m. and Alpha, Foxtrot and Delta will attend on Tuesday, June 8th at 2:30 p.m. "Adult" beverages will be served and the event, with special audio visual programming on the big screen.
- **Merrymakers Musical Concert**—Wednesday, June 16th at 2 p.m.—The American Legion and Auxiliary sponsor these monthly concerts and our June performer is the fantastically talented **John Worsham**. In the tradition of summer concerts around the country, this will be held outdoors (location to be announced).
- **Father's Day Bingo**—Scheduled on June 17th at 2 p.m. for Echo and Foxtrot and June 18th at 10 a.m. for Alpha, Bravo, and Delta.
- **Campfire, S'Mores, & Beverages**—Nothing beats a nice cold drink to go with these delicious treats, so join us on Tuesday, June 22nd at 3 p.m. in Freedom Hall and out on the patio for this summer winning combination!
- **Patriot Celebration Week**—We are planning a variety of special activities during the week leading up to the 4th of July. Watch for announcements regarding fun activities including serving banana splits, a cruise of participants around our campus drive, a fireworks display and more!



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CELEBRATING Generosity

We are truly thankful for the tremendous amount of support shown to Central Nebraska Veterans' Home from individuals, organizations, and communities throughout the State. These donations are bringing out many, many smiles on campus!



The weather was perfect for the debut opening of this umbrella! This large canopy umbrella was donated by the Veterans First Committee to provide some shade on one of our fishing piers for the members' comfort when they are fishing during the heat of the day.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary #14 recently presented Central Nebraska Veterans' Home with a \$300 check to use towards recreation and crafts.

Posing for the photo opportunity were (left to right) CNVH Director of Recreation and Volunteer Services Nancy Klimek, DAV Treasurer John Kenney, CNVH Administrator Vail Oleson, and Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs Director John Hilgert.



Thank you all! We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Member of the Month: Glen Lindstrom



Glen Lindstrom was selected “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Glen was born in Holdrege, and lived his life in a small town to the east of it called Funk. After graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War era and went to basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He trained to drive and shoot the big 76 millimeter guns, and served stateside, receiving the “National Defense Medal”.

Glen married his wife Larillene and raised two sons (Steve, Bryan) and a daughter, Martha Louise. He was a farmer and also raised cattle. Glen enjoyed hunting fowl, pheasants and coyotes. He attended the Freedom Church in Funk, was a member of the American Legion, and served on the Holdrege hospital board for 10 years. Some of Glen’s favorite cars are GMC, Pontiac and Chevy and his favorite food is Ribeye steak. Most of his favorite memories are living on the farm with his wife and family.

One of Glen’s favorite things to do at CNVH is taking long walks outside on our beautiful campus, as well as attending Bible Study regularly. He states the best thing about living here is the great care he receives.

Congratulations, Glen, on being selected “Member of the Month”!



In Memoriam

Melvin Reiss

Jose Trejo

Arnold Sperling

Val Stauffer



Tailgate Bingo & Happy Hour = Winning Combination!



A "Tailgate Bingo Party" in celebration of the Husker Spring Football Game was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Members learned fun facts about various Husker football players, as they won Husker prizes and coupons, and drank a beer—Go Huskers!



A generous monetary donation from the Sons of the American Legion has provided delicious beverages and snacks at the various "Happy Hours" and other events where alcohol is now being served as part of the festivities. Lots of fun and laughter being shared!





Cinco de Mayo Festivities!



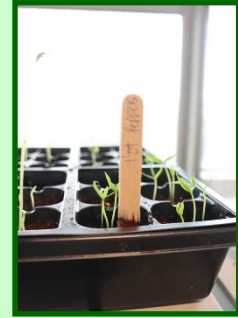
A monetary donation from the Military Order of the Purple Heart was utilized to implement Cinco de Mayo parties. Members enjoyed sipping on Margaritas, and munching on churro donuts and nachos, while watching a Mariachi band and dancers perform on the big screen in Freedom Hall.

Informational flyers were also distributed to give everyone some additional insight regarding the historic significance of this special day.

Green Thumb Gardeners!



Members have enjoyed watching their seeds grow in the mini-greenhouses located in each Neighborhood that were donated by the American Legion Auxiliary.

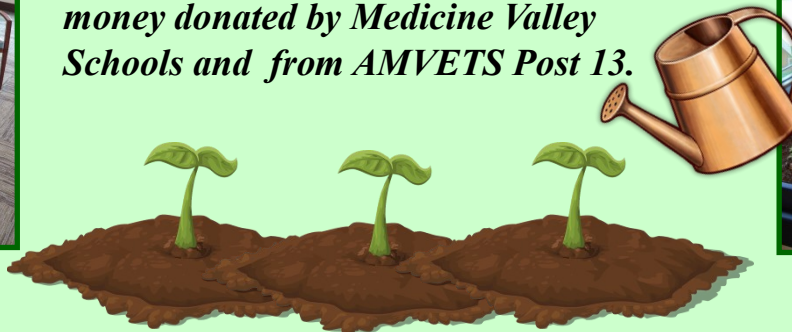


Special thanks to Allen Modlin for assembling the eleven new portable outdoor planters!

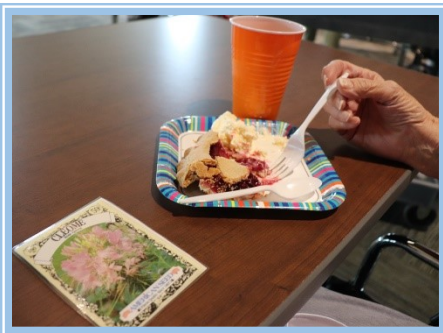
Members are now busy transplanting their seedlings into these outdoor planters, and can't wait for the beautiful flowers to bloom and vegetables to grow!



The planters were purchased from money donated by Medicine Valley Schools and from AMVETS Post 13.



Spring Tea Sponsored by Custer Co. ALA



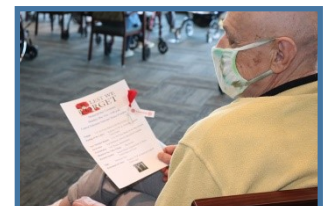
Members were treated to pie and ice cream, along with a musical video featuring the band, *Alabama*, for the Spring Tea festivities.



Memorial Day Observances . . . To Honor & Remember



Memorial Day featured a special ceremony with some modifications due to COVID-19 precautions. Members gathered in Freedom Hall where they could observe portions of the ceremony both on the large screen theatre, as well as through the windows to see the participants. The Kearney V.F.W. & American Legion Color Guard posted Colors, Kim Deyo served as the guest speaker, and McKenzie Deyo played Taps.



The American Legion Auxiliary provided poppies for the ceremony, which were attached to the program.



The "White Table" display was placed on exhibit in the Hearth Room for the week leading up to Memorial Day and through the holiday, to pay tribute to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to our Nation and our freedom.



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Glen Lindstrom

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Ken Jensen

Employee of the Month



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