

To honor all  
who stand up  
and speak out  
for freedom &  
liberty!



# Liberty Express

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## May The "Luck of the Irish" Be Yours This Month! -Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager

The "Luck of the Irish" is upon us during the month of March, and we are lucky to have so many great activities sponsored for everyone's enjoyment!

- **Mardi Gras Party—**  
**Tuesday, March 1st—**  
**2:00 p.m.—Freedom**  
**Hall—Sponsored by the**  
**American Legion Auxil-**  
**iary.** Come join us for an afternoon featuring video clips about Mardi Gras on the big screen, bingo with special prizes, and special treats!

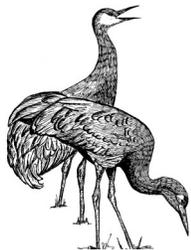


- **Veterans' Home 135th Anniversary & History Presentation—Friday, March 4th—10:00 a.m.—Freedom Hall—** Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager, will be showing a power point program on the big screen about the origins of the Veterans' Home. Refreshments also served.



- **Re-Creation Concert via Live Stream - Tuesday, March 8th—2 p.m.—Freedom Hall.** These talented performers can't come inside the facility yet due to COVID precautions, but they will perform live from their home stage in Pennsylvania, and appear on our big screen.

- **Sandhill Crane Program & Scavenger Hunt—Tuesday, March 15th—2 p.m.—Freedom Hall—**Come and learn



about this amazing migration through central Nebraska. Afterwards, search for the Sandhill Cranes in a Scavenger Hunt, for a chance to win extra prizes!

- **St. Patrick's Day Celebration/Happy Hour—Thursday, March 17th—2 p.m.—Freedom Hall.**—Join us for music, rainbow sherbet, and adult beverages!



- **Antique Tractors Documentary & Popcorn—Monday, March 21st at 2 p.m.—Freedom Hall—**We are celebrating the first day of spring with a salute to Nebraska's farmers, and the vintage tractors they've used to work on the farm and feed our nation!



- **M & M Bingo Party—Thursday, March 24th at 2 p.m.—Freedom Hall—**Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.



- **Merrymakers Concert featuring John Worsham—Tuesday, March 29th at 2 p.m.—Freedom Hall—**Sponsored by the American Legion & Auxiliary.

- **Facility Group Bingos—Freedom Hall—**March 10th at 7 p.m. by the Kearney V.F.W., March 17th at 7 p.m. by the Kearney American Legion, March 26th at 10 a.m. hosted by Battle Grind, and March 28th at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Kearney Elks.



Look at your Neighborhood calendars for more fun activities.

May you all have the  
"Luck of the Irish" and win  
great prizes this month!!



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# Administration Notes

## CELEBRATING *Generosity*



Students from LPAC (Loper Programming Activities Council) at University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) created several banners to thank veterans, which were put on display in conjunction with our “Valentines for Veterans” salute.



Diane Kelly (photo below, at right), Elks Representative for the Central Nebraska Veterans’ Home, presented the facility with two dozen leather gloves to help protect members’ hands when they are self-propelling their wheelchairs.

The Elks sponsor the “Veterans Leather Program” which relies on the charity of hunters across the nation to donate deer hides so they can be turned into professionally-crafted gloves to be distributed to veterans in wheelchairs.



## *Member of the Month: Lynn Delaet*



Lynn Delaet was selected “Member of the Month” by the Member Council. Lynn was born on a farm northwest of Kearney and attended a country school prior to going to high school in Kearney. He was the president of the FFA during his Senior year. Lynn built his own weed sprayer to fit on a John Deere tractor for a special project and worked for the Kearney Weed District.

Lynn married his wife Ann in March of 1952 and then was drafted three years later into the Army. He was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where his wife joined him, and then later he was sent to Munich, Germany. Ann was able to join him for his final 8 months there. Lynn and Ann have four children—one son and three daughters—who have also produced wonderful grandchildren. After the service, Lynn was a parts man at Midway Auto Supply, and then worked at Luth Farm Implement and at Army Helicopter Supply. He became the Store Manager and Sales/Branch Manager for Precision Bearing for 25 years.

Lynn was active in the Presbyterian Church in Lexington where he served as an Elder for one year, as well as volunteering to be an usher, greeter and other duties. When they moved to Kearney, they joined the First United Methodist Church.

Lynn has been active in many clubs including the V.F.W., the Eagles, the American Legion, the Vets Club, and Odd Fellows. He served on many committees in the Central Nebraska Purchasing Group including being President twice and attending District 3 meetings in Lincoln when he was the Co-Chairman.

Lynn’s hobbies include collecting toy John Deere tractors, visiting, and playing cards and games. His favorite foods include homemade ice cream and apple pie. He likes Roy Rogers and Gene Autry movies, and his favorite cars are Chevrolets.

When asked what he liked best about living at the Veterans’ Home, he stated that he likes the couples’ room they reside in, his medical needs being met, the great programs, and that they receive such good care. Congratulations, Lynn, for being selected Member of the Month!

## *In Memoriam*

**Jerome Kolbet**

**Roy Woldt**

**Donald Petersen**

**Larry Colburn**

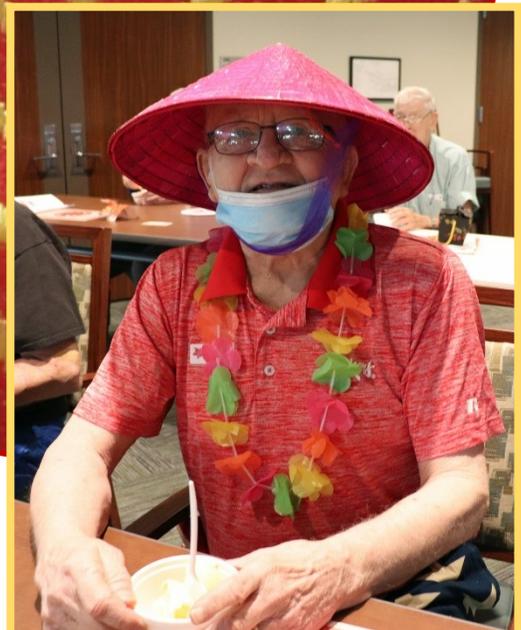
**John Exstrom**



# Chinese New Year Celebration: Year of the Tiger!



*Members enjoyed learning about the traditions of the “Chinese New Year”, where they won special prizes, watched a video featuring a “Lion Dance”, and ate delicious orange sherbet. The party was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.*



# Winter Olympics Celebration Sponsored By A.L. Auxiliary

Members enjoyed celebrating the Winter Olympics that included:

- Olympic Champions featured on the big screen
- "Torch Lighting" ceremony
- Bingo with special prizes
- Hockey competition
- Drumming exercise exhibition
- Presentation of our "champion" Vyphot Keomanivong
- Delicious Klondike Bars





# Valentine Parties Provided Fun For All!



# *Chasing Away the Winter Blues at Fun Activities!*



*Members enjoy participating in a variety of Neighborhood and Facility Group Activities during the winter months. From checkers and board games, to the drum exercise class, to playing Pitch, to attending a “Cheers to our Presidents” Happy Hour—they are chasing away the winter blues by staying active and engaged!*



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Lynn Delaet**

**Member of the Month**



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Kevin Brueggeman**

**Employee of the Month**



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