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Salute

The September calendar is full of exciting things for the members to participate in and enjoy!

The weather has been hot here at CNVH but the members are still enjoying their time outside when there is a break in the heat.

Our September Facility Programming will kick off with:

- **Trick Roping On The Wild West Show— Wednesday September 7th—2 p.m.— Freedom Hall—** Come check out the fascinating show put on by Nebraska Humanities and sponsored by the DAV Department of Nebraska.

- **Merrymakers Concert— Kim Eams—Thursday, September 8th—10:00 a.m.—Freedom Hall—** Enjoy wonderful music at this morning concert, sponsored by the ALA.



- **Tailgate Bingo— Saturday, September 10th—10:00 a.m.—Freedom Hall—** Come down and enjoy Tailgate Bingo with the District 10 ALA.



- **Stan Pollman Gospel Music Concert—Tuesday, September 13th—2:00 p.m.—Freedom Hall—** Come down and enjoy beautiful music. This activity is sponsored by the ALA.

- **Marching Bands—Middle School, and KHS—Wednesday, September 14th—4:15 p.m.—** The bands will start at Patriot Park and will march outside around our circular drive so members can enjoy watching from the front patios of their neighborhoods. Students will be playing their best for you!



- **Oktoberfest Party— Tuesday, September 27th—2:00 p.m.—Freedom Hall—** Our Oktoberfest party will be filled with music and treats!



It was announced at Member Council's September 1 meeting in Freedom Hall, that the contract for our Medical Director position had been filled!



We are pleased to have Dr. Rebecca Wester of HOMAHA Senior Care Inc. as our new Medical Director along with her team of APRNs to help provide 24/7 medical services for our members.



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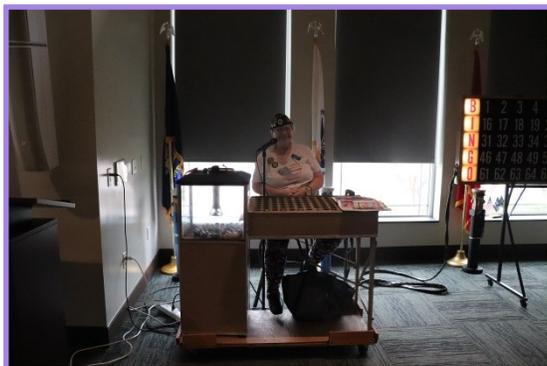
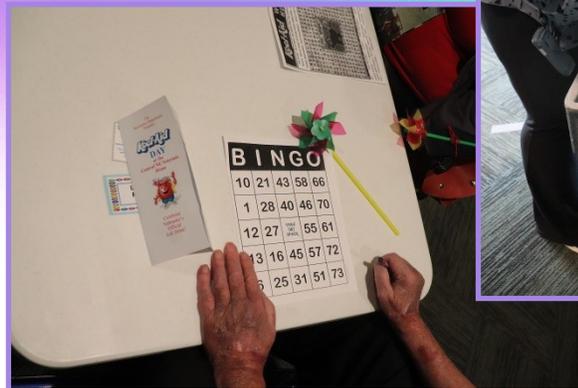
Kool-Aid Bingo and Kool-Aid Stand



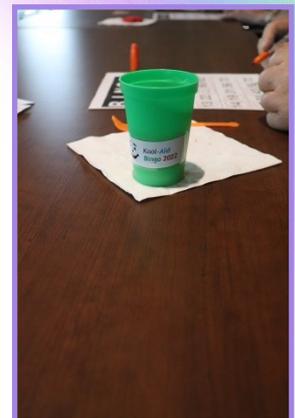
Kool-Aid cookies from Eileen's Cookies were a hit with the members!



"Kool-Aid, Kool-Aid Tastes Great! Kool-Aid, Kool-Aid Can't Wait!"

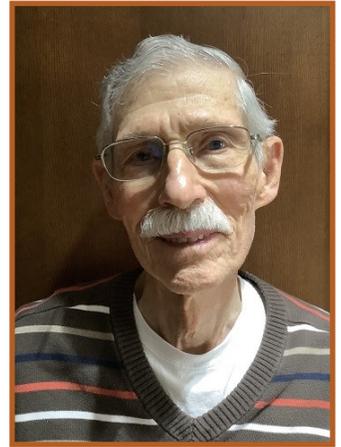


Members had eight different flavors of Kool-Aid to pick from and able were able to try different flavors if they wished. This event was sponsored by the ALA!



Member of the Month:

John Finkner



John Finkner was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council.

John was born on a farm southeast of Lincoln. Throughout his life he lived in the Lincoln, Hastings, Omaha and Minden area. He also lived in Idaho for a time.

John attended med school at UNMC and did an internship with Bryan Hospital. John was an M.D. in Minden for 50 plus years.

John was in the Navy and is a World War II veteran. John’s military rank was a pharmacist’s mate, 3rd class. He was stationed in Idaho and also in Hastings, Nebraska.

John used to enjoy hobbies such as hunting waterfowl, pheasants, and quail. John also enjoyed fishing, camping and golf. John used to spend time playing bridge and now enjoys playing dominoes.

John’s favorite thing about living at CNVH is the private rooms, the chapel and Chaplain on staff, and the friendly and helpful staff that work here at the home! Congratulations, John, on being selected “Member of the Month”!

In Memoriam



Robert Ingram
Delmar Meidinger
Darwin Grooms



The Vietnam Wall

The Vietnam Wall traveled to Kearney in August. The Wall was at Patriot Park across from the Veterans' Home and members that wished to view The Vietnam Wall were escorted across the street to spend some time in quiet reflection.



The Wall That Heals has more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and honors the millions of Americans who served during the Vietnam War .

Nation Of Patriot Ride

The motorcycle riders from Nation of Patriot Ride drove around our facility in August and waved to the members as they passed by on their way to Grand Island! The members loved seeing the bikes and also honoring the meaning of the *Nation of Patriot Ride*.



The Nation of Patriot Ride is a ceremonial passing of one American Flag through all 50 states. The tour spans 15,000 miles and it takes 115 days to complete. The tour was created to honor all of the United States military. The goal of the ride is to raise awareness for the needs of these American heroes and to gather financial support that helps disabled veterans and families.

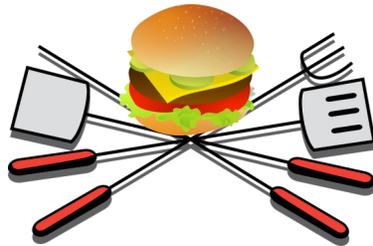
Happenings across the facility...



Grilling Hamburgers



The members enjoyed grilled hamburgers for lunch in August!



Drumming

Exercise Class

Members enjoy grooving to the music during drumming class.



Member Council and Military Care Package Fundraiser



Staff were happy to support the Member Council's fundraiser for military care packages with suggested donations towards bags of fresh hot popcorn!

Tailgate Bingo

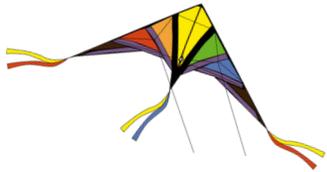
The members played some *Tailgate Bingo* as they waited for the Husker game to start!



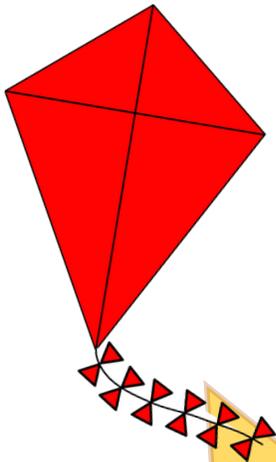
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Baking Time



Flying Kites



New Wheelchair Golf Cart



Members enjoyed ice cream and Eileen's cookies! The sponsor for this event was the District 6 ALA and Auxiliary.

We were able to purchase a wheelchair golf cart thanks to a wonderful donation to the CNVH Recreation Department!

CNVH Member Council Honors:

Member of the Month

John Finkner



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Employee of the Month

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