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# Liberty Express

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## The Month of February Brings Joy to Our Members! -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

The month of February is full of activities that will bring joy to the members!

Here are some of the Facility Activities that will be happening in February. Please refer to your neighborhood calendars for neighborhood specific activities:

Thursday February 2nd at 10:30 a.m. Welcome Tea & Bingo-Freedom Hall

Wednesday February 8th we will be **Celebrating National Pizza Day**-Special Treat will be served with your lunch.-All Neighborhoods, this is sponsored by the DAVA of Nebraska



Thursday February 9th at 10:00 a.m. Merrymakers-Mike McCracken (Instrumental Concert)-Freedom Hall-sponsored by the ALA

Sunday February 12th at 2:00 p.m. Valentine Parties and Gift Distribution with VFW/Cooties and Auxiliary, please refer to your neighborhood calendar for the location for your neighborhood party.

Monday February 13th at 2:00 p.m. The Cheng's-Freedom Hall the sponsor for this activity is ALA.



Tuesday February 14th at 2:30 p.m. Valentine's Social-Freedom Hall the sponsor for this activity is Veterans of the Midlands Foundation.

Tuesday February 21st at 2:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Bingo Party-Freedom Hall the sponsor for this activity is ALA.

Thursday February 23rd at 3:00 p.m. Happy Hour and Appetizers-Freedom Hall the sponsor for this activity is ALA and SAL.

Saturday February 25th at 10:00 a.m. Valentine's Bingo Party and Social-Freedom Hall the sponsor for this activity is District 10 AL and Auxiliary.



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## Message from the Administrator

Time seems to be flying! We just crossed into 2023 and January is already over! The Buffalo County's COVID-19 Transmission Rate was less than high in the past 2 weeks for the first time in a year's time. That allowed our teammates not to wear a mask in the member care areas if that was their choice, if they had been vaccinated against Influenza and they were at least 10 days after their last COVID-19 positive episode. Even though this is temporary until a future COVID-19 outbreak or the county's transmission rate going high again, it was well accepted by all our teammates, like a long time dream coming through!

We had bitter cold days in December that damaged some piping installations as well as pushed the heating equipment beyond the max capacity. It seems that the cold weather will linger longer than expected, especially in Nebraska, regardless of what Punxsutawney Phil's prediction would be. We have though a wonderful crew of teammates that will cover shifts during the harsh weather times, so the members' care is not affected.

March will be the month when the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs (U.S.V.A.) will conduct their annual survey checking on our overall compliance with their policies and procedures as well as other regulations. In preparation for this survey, teammates from our central office conducted on January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> a mock survey, helping us to identify regulatory issues that need corrected or improved.

If at any time you have any questions for me, feel free to contact me by email or by phone. Thank you!

Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator

## Fun In the Craft Department!



**Margie was the WINNER**  
for guessing the right  
number of candies in the  
jar in Crafts.  
**She won a snowman!**



## ***Member of the Month: Ellamae Moseley***

Ellamae Moseley was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Ellamae has made CNVH her home since moving from GIVH on January 16th of 2019. When she admitted in 2010 it was with her husband Russell who then passed away in 2011. They were blessed with three children Steve, Jim and Bradley and spent her married life in Broken Bow, Nebraska. Ellamae’s husband was in the Navy and served in WWII. Ellamae and Russell met and got married when he returned from the service.



Ellamae was born at Genoa and was raised around Broken Bow, Nebraska. She was one of 12 children. Ellamae’s siblings stayed close to each other through the years. She attended Kindergarten through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Country School outside of Broken Bow area. Ellamae said one day her brother came to school and said “we’re at war”. Ellamae went to work for the Ordinance plant in Grand Island where she became a non-commission service woman. In later years, after the war (WWII) she continued to work at the Munitions Plant as a Telephone Operator. Ellamae enjoys music by Bing Crosby, crocheting, reading her bible, and watching football. She enjoyed watching the sports that her boys were in also when they were growing up. Her favorite color is lavender and favorite food is homemade soup. Her favorite memory is when she went to meet her sister who was not expected to live after birth, her dad received a call the next day asking what they should feed this baby. Ellamae and her dad rushed to meet her sister which was a twin.

When asked what the best thing about living at CNVH was she stated “I really like the social interaction I get from everyone.” Congratulations, Ellamae on being selected “Member of the Month”!

## *In Memoriam*

**Joseph Skibinski**

**George Huey**

**Martin Pierson**

**Don Wolfe**

**Larry Prowett**

**Ada Lynne Maul**

**Elwood “Lynn” DeLaet**



## Bingo



**Members enjoy playing bingo at CNVH!  
This bingo was sponsored by the Kearney Elks.**

## Outings



**The members enjoyed an outing to a Men and Women's UNK Basketball Game and also a Storm Hockey Game!**



## Pet Visits on Campus

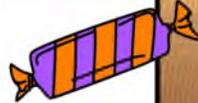
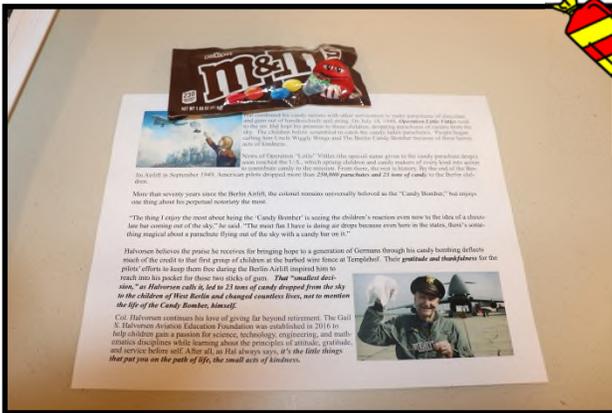


**Our members love it when pets come and visit us here at CNVH! If your family has a pet that they would like to bring with them to visit you we just need a copy of the shot records and a photo.**

**Please send an e-mail with this information to [Heidi.Darby@nebraska.gov](mailto:Heidi.Darby@nebraska.gov) or you may bring copies to the facility in person.**

# Fun Activities Across Campus.....

## CANDY BOMBER BINGO



**The members enjoyed the Candy Bomber Bingo Party and enjoyed winning some candy! This event was sponsored by the ALA!**

## HOMEMADE SOUP



**Yummy!**

**Members enjoyed homemade "Chicken Noodle," prepared by the Recreation staff! This activity was sponsored by Michael and Billie Gregg! The members said that the soup was yummy!**

## Chinese New Year Bingo Party



*The members enjoyed playing bingo and receiving the red envelope to see what they won! This activity was sponsored by the ALA!*

## Gingerbread Houses



*Members enjoyed some late holiday activities due to changes on the calendars because of Covid. They enjoyed decorating gingerbread houses!*





**CNVH Library features**  
**“Blind Date with a Book”**  
**In the month of February, stop by and**  
**‘check out’ this special display!**



**The rules are simple:**

- 1. Check out a wrapped book.**
- 2. Take it home and unwrap it.**
- 3. Show it your favorite spots to read.**
- 4. Fill out the “Rate Your Date” and turn it in to be entered to win a prize, turn in by Wednesday March 1st!**



**Happy Reading!**



The CNVH Library has many things to offer to our members! We have books, movies, CDs, audiobooks, and records just to name a few things. We have items that can be checked out to you also such as radios and DVD players. There will be staff available in the Library for assistances on Wednesdays from 10:00-12:00 and 1:30-2:30.

If you need assistance outside this time please see your Activity Specialist!

**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Ellamae Moseley**

**Member of the Month**



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Acacia Robinson**

**Employee of the Month**



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