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Salute

As we move out of the month of April and into May there are many activities that will be taking place at the facility.

In the month of May we will have a special emphasis on paying tribute to our fallen veterans at the end of the month.

A special Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for Friday May 26th at 10:30 at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Memorial site here on campus. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved inside the facility to the Chapel.



Poppy Day Friday May 26th-9:30 am-3:00 pm-ALA-Juliet Building Hearth Room- Members and teammates will have the opportunity to obtain a poppy (donations appreciated).



Here is just some of the facility activities for the month of May. Please refer to your neighborhood calendar for the remaining facility activities and also activities scheduled in your neighborhoods.

Tuesday May 2, 2023 at 2:00
Merrymakers-Mark Irvin
-Freedom Hall-AL and
Aux



Wednesday May 3, 2023 at
10:00-12:00 Kick off
Party-Memorable Mothers
of Literate and Film-
Library



Monday May 15th
at 2:00 Mother's
Day Bingo-Freedom
Hall-ALA



Tuesday May 30th at 2:00 Mys-
tery Bingo- Anony-
mous Donor-Freedom
Hall



*Location of activities
may change depending on if
there is a covid outbreak status
in the building. Posters will be
posted of any changes.*



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Message from the Administrator

As I mentioned in my last article, March was the month when the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs conducts their annual survey checking on our overall compliance with their policies and procedures as well as other regulations. We had 6 surveyors that conducted their survey on site over five days. This is a change from the last surveys when, due to COVID restrictions, the annual survey was conducted virtually via a video camera.

We had a few deficiencies and we are working on corrective action plans (CAPs) to address them, but it is important to share two major statements by the surveyors: There were no concerns related to members' care or broken systems, and the care and overall atmosphere in the building are significantly improved since 2021. Thank you to all of you that were working diligently to make these significant improvements for the benefit of our veterans and members!

The weather is warming up day by day, the bitter cold winter is just a memory now, so go ahead and prepare for outdoor activities. Of course, don't forget that we are in Nebraska so weather may take a turn and powerful storms may impact our areas. So stay vigilant!

It is good to note and be thankful that Buffalo County's COVID-19 rates are getting lower, which doesn't require mandated use of masks, both for members and team-mates. Of course, in the event of an outbreak, we will follow policy requirements on the use of Personal Protective Equipment, which includes mask usage.

I would like to point out to three important events taking place in May: May 8th is the 78th anniversary of the World War II's Victory Day in Europe (the VE Day) so please congratulate any of the veterans that served on that front! The week of May 15th – 19th is the National Nursing Home Week and I hope weather will allow us to celebrate it with burgers! May 29th is the Memorial Day and we will plan a formal celebration by the Memorial Monument on Friday the 26th, weather permitting.

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

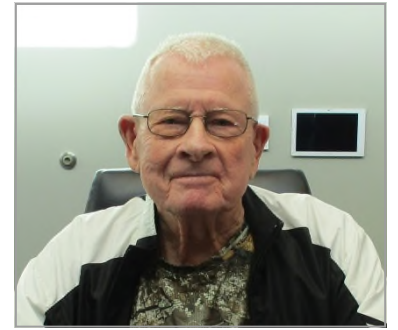
Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator

**National Nursing Home Week
May 15-19**

**To each of our members and their
families...Thank You
for choosing CNVH!**



Member of the Month: ***James Carman***



James was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. James recently moved into CNVH. James was born in Hamilton County and was raised in Merrick County around the Central City, Nebraska area. James attended college at UNK and received his Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice.

James is a United States Army Veteran and served in the Cold War. His military duties were a Paratrooper. James received a parachute badge and good conduct medal. Following his time in the service he worked for the North Platte Police Department for 26 years and he was the Lincoln County Sherriff for 8 1/2 years.

James enjoyed in his free time golfing, fishing and hunting. James also enjoys woodcarving. Some of James favorite things are: favorite color-red, favorite food-lasagna, favorite movie-Forrest Gump, favorite song-Tennessee Waltz, favorite memory is his wife Paula of 63 years of marriage.

When asked what the best thing about living at CNVH was he stated “The wonderful care I receive”!

In Memoriam



Connie Lungrin
Larry Dahlstedt
Frank Eurek
Kyle Lantz
John Morrissey
Vernon Erikson
Kenneth Maschka
Donald Marshall





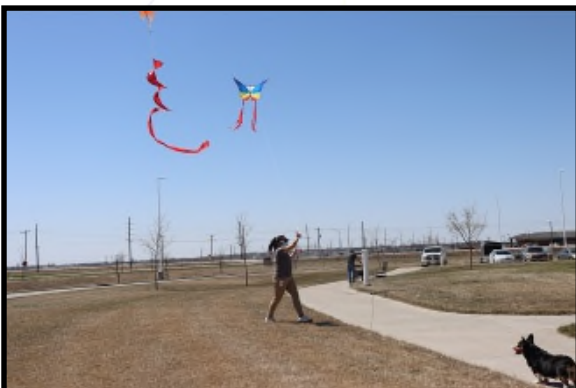
Bingo and Music



Members enjoyed a Saturday with music and bingo with The UNK Newman Center Students! They had a great time at this activity!



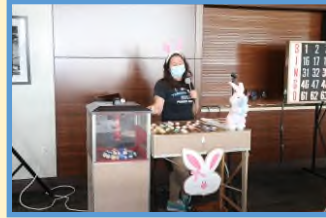
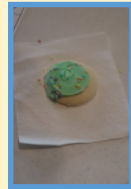
Kite Flying



April is National Kite Month and it was celebrated with members one sunny afternoon while flying kites outside in the fresh air!

Fun Activities Across Campus.....

Easter Bingo



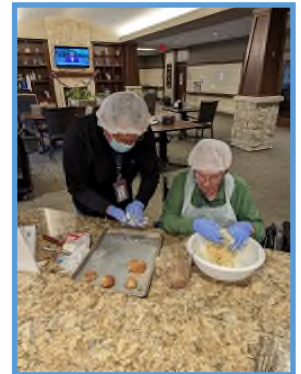
Members enjoyed playing Easter Bingo and selecting a lucky Easter egg to see what they won! This activity was sponsored by the ALA!



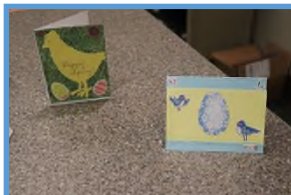
Baking Time



Members ate up this delicious activity - baking cookies!



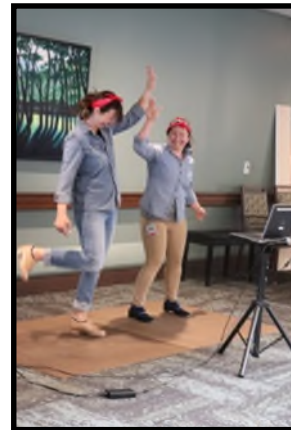
Library



For the Month of April the Library topic was *“Reading With My Peeps”!* The members enjoyed checking out the collection that they could check out from the library!



2023 Variety Show



The 2023 Variety Show was filled with great talent and performances! The Show was complete with staff, members, volunteers and family members performing for everyone! There was a wide variety of acts, including jokes, music, dancing and dog tricks! Smiles and applause were abundant!

Thank you to all for your participation!



Volunteer Recognition Supper

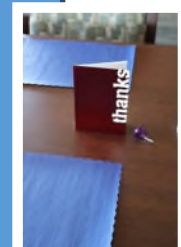
In recognition of National Volunteer Week, CNVH showed appreciation by hosting a thank you dinner for local volunteers.

A pasta dinner was served and around 25 volunteers attended. The evening was filled with gratitude and humor. This was an excellent opportunity for our volunteers and staff to spend time together reminiscing over the past year and looking ahead to the future.

Volunteers play a significant role in our facility and we are grateful for every minute they are willing to give. Depending on their preferences and skills, volunteers serve in a variety of ways. Some volunteers help with our evening bingo activities, some come throughout the week to assist with other activities. Whether they are playing chess with a member, reading the paper, helping in the wood shop or playing cards, they all bring so much joy to our home.

Here's to another year of welcoming volunteers in to our home. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and sharing your time with our members, please contact Heidi Darby.

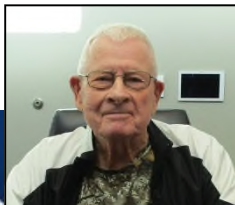
Email: Heidi.darby@nebraska.gov or call 308-865-3473.



CNVH Member Council Honors:

James Carman

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Lisa Sedlak

Employee of the Month



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