

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



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Member Council Salute

As we move into November there are many things that we are thankful for here at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home! One of those things is our freedom!

On November 11th we Celebrate Veterans Day! We celebrate all the Veterans that gave so much for so many of us, not only on Veterans Day but everyday here at CNVH! On November 11th we will have special programming take place throughout the day to honor our members.



- Monday November 6th at 2:30 "Root" for Veterans-Root Beer Floats-Freedom Hall-sponsored by the ALA
- Tuesday November 7th at 2:30 Veterans Dollar Day Parties and Gift Distribution in your neighborhood
- Wednesday November 8th at 3:00 Bingo w/UNK Health Science Club-Freedom Hall
- Thursday November 9th at 2:00 Merrymakers Concert with Mike McCracken-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by ALA

- November 11 Veterans Day Programming** includes:
7:30 Special Donuts served at Breakfast-Anonymous Donor
9:30 Quilts of Valor Presentation (Neighborhood Location TBA)
11:00 Veterans Day Parade-downtown Kearney-TB,BP,AM.JB
2:00 Veterans Day Happy Hour and Appetizers sponsored by the Kearney VFW Auxiliary-Freedom Hall-All working

- Member Council Fundraiser Wednesday November 15th (9:00-3:00), Thursday November 16th (9:00-3:00) and Friday November 17th (9:00-1:00), Hearth Room in Juliet
- Thursday November 23rd at 9:00 Thanksgiving Day Party-Freedom Hall

Christmas Decorating will take place after the Thanksgiving Holiday throughout the building.



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





Message from the Administrator

Excellence in Leadership

Kris Hughbanks, our Director of Nursing Services, was recognized by Governor Jim Pillen with the Excellence in Leadership Award. The ceremony took place on October 24th at the Governor’s Mansion in Lincoln, NE. Kris leads a very large department, over 100 teammates. Kris excels in clear and effective communication, which enables real teamwork building. She has excellent customer service skills and she values all people whether members, families, teammates, volunteers or visitors. Kris makes herself available after hours, on weekend or holidays so her staff receive directions in real time.



Due to her vast clinical and visionary leadership experience, she is a model and a resource for all of us. She is always preoccupied of quality improvements, assessing the members at risk of injuries or hazards and formulating proactive and forward thinking interventions that will keep the members safe. Kris is a registered nurse with 38 years of nursing experience including 13 years of management and leadership in healthcare. During these years of service in healthcare, Kris persevered in her personal growth, attaining a Master of Science in Nursing in 2010 followed by a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2017, which makes her not only a highly educated person but also, a valued educator for our teammates. Congratulations, Kris!

The Candy Corn Crew



It has been said that “the strongest teams are forged in fire” however, candy corn does it too! The CNVH Leadership Team found its unique way to pull together and function as one by playing candy corn pranks on the Administrator! Whenever the Administrator is out of his office, febrile planning and activities take place: stashing his desk drawers with candy corn, covering as many office items in candy corn paper wrap, wearing candy corn T-shirts or “paraphernalia”, etc. In other

words, the team identified and accepted **one goal** and **all participated** in generating ideas and ways to accomplish the mutually accepted goal! ***Congratulations to the Candy Corn Crew for becoming a true Leadership Team!***

Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator



Member Council Employee of the Month Jana Fusselman of Crafts

Jana has worked for the Veterans’ Home for 33 years. She works in the Crafts department and is a conscientious hard-working employee that is always to work on time and hardly ever misses a day. Jana daily brings a smile and her jolly personality to work. Everyone enjoys Jana’s laughter and easy going attitude.

Member of the Month:

Margie Cumpston



Margie was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Margie has lived here with her spouse since 2021. Margie’s husband Marlon is a Marine Veteran and served during the Korean War. Margie and Marlon have been married for 56 years and have three children.

Margie was born and raised in Broken Bow, and grew up on a ranch in rural country north of Broken Bow. Margie attended the School of Cosmetology at Hastings Beauty Academy after graduating from high school. She was the proud owner of a beauty salon in Broken Bow until 2016 and one in Callaway until 2021.

Margie enjoys crafts, crocheting, playing cards, bingo, playing Mexican train, playing the clavino and spending time with family.

When Margie was asked what do you like best about living at CNVH she stated, “It is the next best thing when you can no longer take care of your life!” Margie also enjoys the Craft Department, the activities, the friendships that they have made here and the safe environment.

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

In Memoriam

Alice Sheets

Gary Wendelin

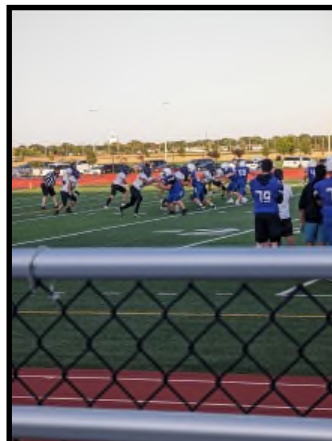
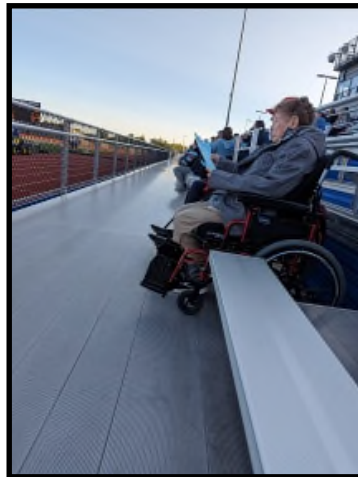
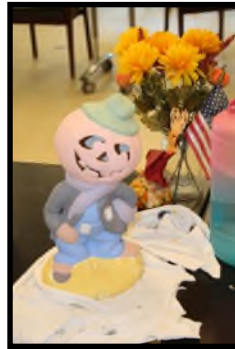
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Happenings Across Campus



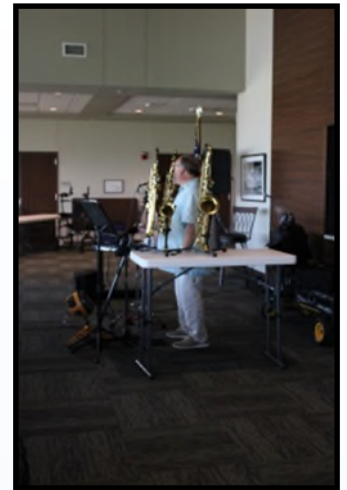
For the month of October, members enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the month. Fall outings, fall bus tours, and fall time crafts were some of the highlights. Would you believe, we even had a therapy llama come see us!



Merrymakers Concert



Music to our ears at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home...the performer for September was Tim Javorsky. This was sponsored by the ALA.



Trick or Treat at CNVH



Members enjoyed a Trick or Treat event at CNVH this year. The members enjoyed seeing all the kids and grandkids of members and staff in their costumes and passing out treats.



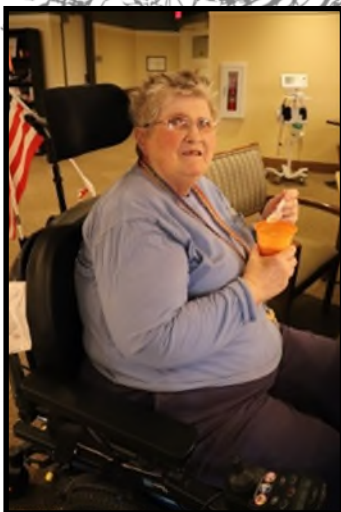
More Trick or Treat at CNVH



Halloween at CNVH



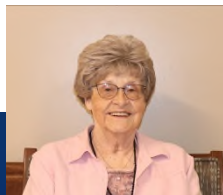
The neighborhoods had Halloween Parties in the neighborhoods, which were sponsored by the ALA.



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