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# Liberty Express

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## The Month of March Brings "Luck" To CNVH -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

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As we move into the month of March here at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home, the March calendar is full of activity opportunities for the members to participate in throughout the month. The month of March we celebrate Nebraska Statehood, the Nebraska Veterans' Home Anniversary, Vietnam Veterans Day and Read Across America and many more things.

Some of the facility activities are listed below. Please also refer to your neighborhood calendars for activities taking place in your neighborhoods. Please join us:

**\*Tuesday March 5th and  
Wednesday March 6th at 9:30  
Read Across America Activity  
with Family Suite Learning  
Center Kids - Library**

**\*Thursday March 7th at 10:30  
am- Welcome Tea & Bingo-  
Freedom Hall**

**\*Thursday March 7th  
at 2:30 pm—Root Beer  
Float Social and Mem-  
ber Council Meeting—  
Freedom Hall**



**\*Friday March 8th at  
2:30 pm Ice Cream  
Social and Veterans'  
Home History Presen-  
tation with Nancy Klimek-  
Freedom Hall**



**\*Tuesday March 12th at 2:30  
pm Barista Hour-Freedom Hall  
-sponsored by the ALA**

**\*Saturday March 16th at 2:00  
pm St. Patrick's Day Bingo-  
Freedom Hall-  
Sponsored by Rooted  
In Life Group**



**\*Tuesday March 19th at 2:30  
pm Spring Bingo-Freedom Hall  
-Sponsored by the SAL**

**\*Wednesday March 20th at  
2:30 pm Merrymakers Concert-  
Mark Irvin-Freedom Hall-  
Sponsored by ALA**

**\*Tuesday March 26th at 2:30  
pm Happy Hour and Appetizers  
-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by  
ALA and SAL**

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

Time seems to be flying again! Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring which was consistent with a good number of days in February reaching out positive temperatures in the low 70's however, Mother Nature gave us a sample of 8 degrees F on February 28<sup>th</sup> attesting that winter is still in power.

During the busyness of our work days, our teammates and their supervisors connected together to finalize the 2023 employee performance reviews. This is an important annual activity that allows the teammates to self-review their 2023 work performance as well as to be reviewed by their supervisor. Unlike other years, this particular review took place on a different and new work platform (WorkDay) which constituted a learning curve for us all.

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the National Employee Appreciation Day so please help me congratulate all our employees, whether we call them as such or teammates or public servants. Even March 1<sup>st</sup> is around the corner, this year being a leap year, you need to be patient letting the 29<sup>th</sup> day of February going away before celebrating our employees.

March will be also be the month when the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USVA) will conduct their annual survey checking on our overall compliance with the USVA policies & procedures, Life Safety Code compliance as well as other regulations. In preparation for this survey, teammates are conducting audits, 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



## Member Council Employee of the Month Stacy Wick - Pharmacy

Stacy Wick is the Pharmacy Technician at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home. She began with the Veterans' Home system in Grand Island in August of 2018 and made the transition to the new facility in Kearney. Stacy is hard working and dependable. Please join us in congratulating Stacy for being selected as the Member Council Employee of the Month.

## ***Member of the Month: Patrick Hartley***



Patrick was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Patrick has lived at CNVH for three years. Born in Garden City Kansas, Patrick is the second from the youngest of nine children, and was raised in Colorado.

Patrick served in the Gulf War and the global war on terrorism and was ranked E-6. Patrick was in the Navy for 20 years and the Army for 6 years before going to the Navy. His military duties included Naval Tactical Command Support System II Manager, Journeyman Networking Core, and Information Systems Administrator. Patrick was stationed in Alaska, Italy, Thrapston England, and Iraq.

Patrick enjoys computer games, playing chess, and spending time outdoors during his free time. Patrick's favorite color is green, favorite food is steak and potatoes and favorite coffee is Italian espresso.

When Patrick was asked what do you like best about living at CNVH he stated, “The staff and members are friendly”.

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

## *In Memoriam*

*Ralph Granere*

*Merlin Haberer*

*“Dean” Murray Meyer*

*Glen Lindstrom*

*Larry Doyle*



## ***Music At CNVH: Merrymakers Concert***



***Music was in the air at a recent Merrymakers Concert by Joyce Torchia. Our members always enjoy a good music concert! This activity was sponsored by the ALA.***



## ***Valentine's Concert: The Chengs's***



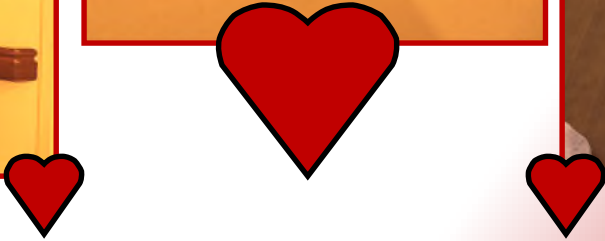
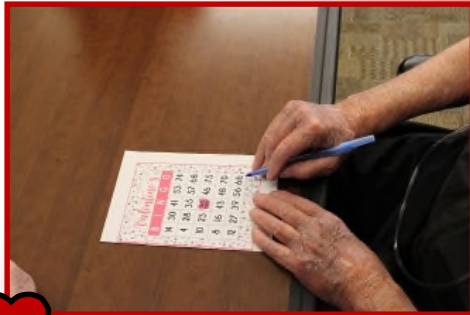
***Members enjoyed a Valentine's Concert with The Cheng's which featured all the great love songs.***

***This activity was sponsored by the ALA.***



# Valentine's Parties with VFW/Cooties and Auxiliary

Valentine's Bingo and sweet breads provided by the VFW/Cooties and Auxiliary made the Valentine's parties extra fun! Members also received a \$5.00 gift from the groups.

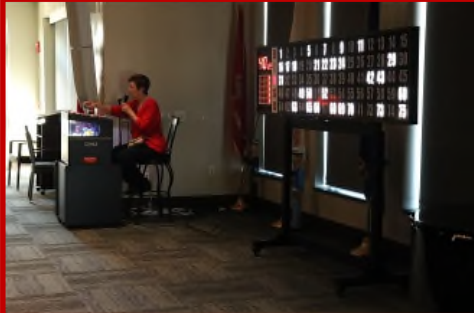


## District 10 ALA Valentine's Party



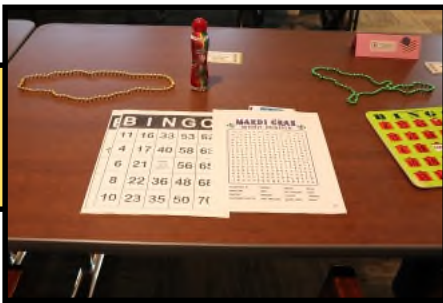
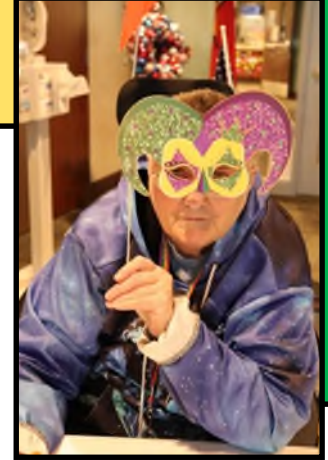
The members enjoyed the District 10 American Legion Auxiliary Valentine's Party!

District 10 ALA was the sponsor for the activity and also provided 5 door prizes for the members to win!



# Mardi Gras

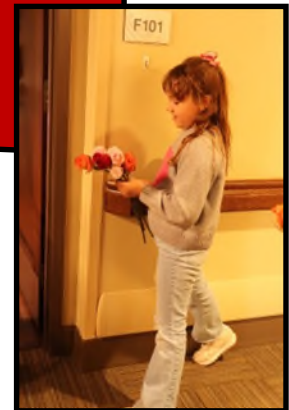
*The UNK Health Science Club came out to help members celebrate at a Mardi Gras Party sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.*



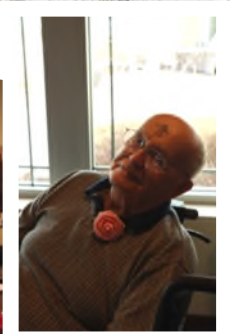
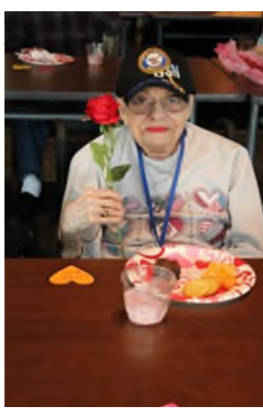
# Valentine Roses

*For Valentine's Day, the Discovery 4-H Club provided roses to every member that lives at CNVH!*

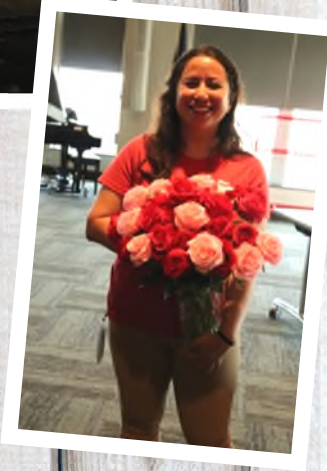
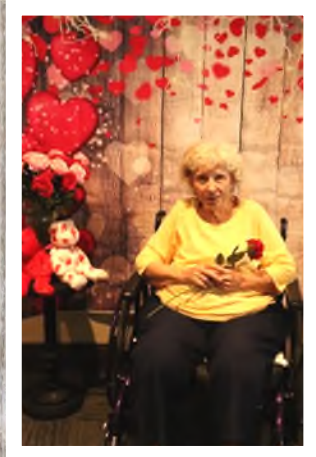
*The roses brought smiles to the members faces!*



# Valentine Social



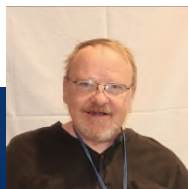
The Valentine Social sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary was a fun occasion with a love-ly photo booth, very rose-y dispositions and some festive snacks!



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Patrick Hartley**

**Member of the Month**



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Stacy Wick**

**Employee of the Month**



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