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# Liberty Express

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## August-Creating Moments of Joy With The Members -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

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The August calendar is full of activities for members to find moments of joy at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home.

The summer has been hot but the members have still been enjoying the beautiful campus we have! All of the patios in the homes have shade structures that the staff utilize to have safe outdoor activities.



This is a great opportunity to remind everyone to be sure to apply sunscreen before going outside, wear long sleeve shirts when possible and wear a hat. Be sure to stay hydrated this summer and drink plenty of water. Don't forget the bug spray too! Sunscreen and bug spray are located at the Control Points and staff will be happy to assist with applying them as needed.



Be sure to watch for the excessive heat signs on the neighborhood doors when the heat index is above 90. We encourage you to stay inside or limit your outside exposure during these times.

While there are facility activities scheduled, we also have many neighborhood activities for members to enjoy. So please refer to your neighborhood calendars for more information.

Among August activities, here are some highlights:

**-Monday August 12th at 2:30 pm Ice Cream Social-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by Anonymous Donor**

**-Tuesday August 13th at 10:30 Good Grief Recovery Group-Chapel**

**-Tuesday August 13th at 2:00 Merrymakers Concert with Dave Eames-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by ALA**

**-Monday August 19th at 2:30 pm Kool Aid Day Bingo and Kool Aid Stand-Freedom Hall-Sponsored by ALA**

**-Thursday August 22nd at 2:30 pm Happy Hour, Appetizers, and Live Music with "Simmons and May"-Freedom Hall-ALA**

*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

The month of July started well, celebrating the Independence Day, with the traditional fireworks that covered the skies above Central Nebraska Veterans' Home (CNVH) for the joy and entertainment of our members and veterans. We are grateful to the Kearney Elks Club who covered the costs as well as to Kearney Fire Department who were in-charge of the fireworks display.

Also, in July I attended the quarterly Veterans Homes' Team meetings (VHT) as well as the Veterans Homes' Board meeting (VHB), which took place at the Western Nebraska Veterans' Home in Scottsbluff, NE.

The Board meeting was focused on approving the new applications of Nebraska veterans applying to be placed in one of the four State Veterans' Homes (SVHs) as well as on reviewing the quarterly operational reports of each of the four SVH. As a novelty, for the first time in the history of the state veterans' homes in Nebraska, qualifying veterans of the Nebraska National Guard are eligible to apply for admission in any of the Nebraska State Veterans' Homes.

The VHT meetings focused on addressing plans of improvements, meant to successfully support the operations of the SVHs in the years to come. Such discussed topics were:

- A Request For Purchase (RFP) was drafted for the replacement of the current Nursing Call Light System at CNVH.
- Updating select policies and procedures that will support the care and safety of our members.
- Plan for upgrading the existing computers which will enable our teammates to perform well in their jobs.
- CNVH and other SVHs will benefit soon of the in-house presence of a State Service Officer who would be able to address inquirers about the available benefits for veterans as well as helping out with the veterans application process.

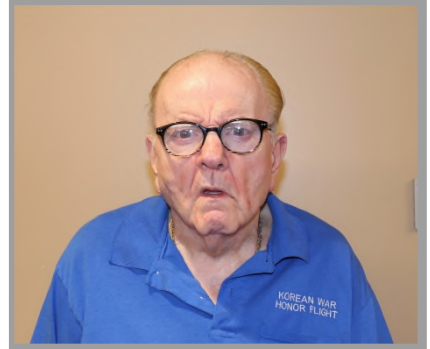
If at any time you have any questions for me, feel free to contact me by email or by phone. Thank you! Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator



## Member Council Employee of the Month ANDIY SCHROEDER in Food Services

Andiy Schroeder joined CNVH in May of 2023 and serves as a Supply Technician working in the Fox Hole Canteen. You've most likely already experienced her wonderful customer service when visiting the Fox Hole. She greets everyone with a smile and is always helpful. Shh...don't tell anyone...she's a great dancer too!

## ***Member of the Month: Mike Wolf***



Mike was selected “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Mike has lived here at CNVH since 2020, but previously lived at the Norfolk Veterans’ Home and came to CNVH to be closer to his family. Mike has four daughters and one son. Mike was born in Fairfield and grew up on the farm until he joined the service. After the service he returned to the farm.

Mike is a Korean War Veteran and Served in the United States Air Force. He finished his services as a Sergeant, stationed in the Philippines and Thailand.

Mike was a Baker at Great Grain Bakery in Hastings and farmed with his father on the family farm raising cattle and pigs in Fairfield. Mike enjoys fishing, working in the woodshop and ceramics, playing bingo, horseraces and gardening.

When Mike was asked what do you like best about living at CNVH he stated, “I like it here and will be here forever”.

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

## ***In Memoriam***

**Melvin McCray**

**Delbert Kotas**

**Jimmie Spellman**

**Robert Crosby**

**Arthur Fritson**



# CNVH Carnival



The members enjoyed a morning of fun carnival games in Freedom Hall. The carnival ended with pie in the face to the staff that received the most votes! The staff that had the most votes were Dave our Social Work Director, Brandon Delta Activity Specialist and Stephanie Alpha Activity Specialist.



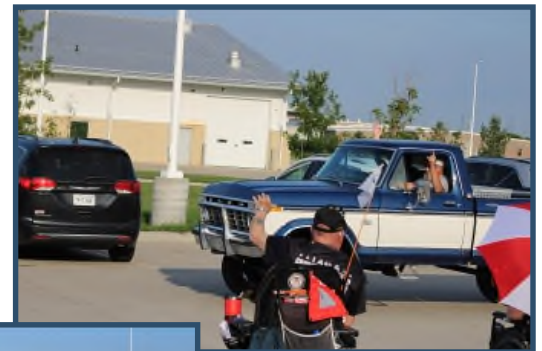
# Buffalo County Fair 4-H Open Class

Some members entered pieces to the fair and all received first place ribbons and one piece received a Grand Prize Ribbon! All the pieces will be sent to the State Fair this month. The members also had the opportunity to go and look at the open class exhibits.



# Kearney Cruise Night

*Members enjoyed the watching classic cars and reminiscing as vehicles cruised around campus during the Classic Car Cruise Night Parade at CNVH.*



*Cruising through the years at CNVH!*



# Music To Our Ears

## Music Concert with James Hintz



*The members enjoyed a afternoon of music provided to us by James Hintz. This was an ALA sponsored activity.*



## Merrymakers Concert

*For the month of July our Merrymakers Performer was Bill Troy. The members enjoyed an afternoon of music. This activity was sponsored by the ALA.*



# Happenings Across Campus

## Nation of Patriots Flag Handoff

Members enjoyed the ceremony seeing the motorcycles arrive on campus.



## Banana Splits

Who doesn't like a banana split? The ALA sponsored banana splits the week of the 4th of July. The members enjoyed every bite of them on a hot summer day!



## Bingo at CNVH

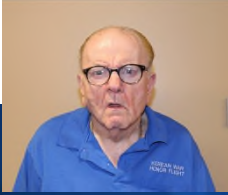
Through out the month the members we play a wide variety of bingos sponsored by different organizations. In the month of July we had bingos that were sponsored by Kearney VFW, Kearney American Legion, and Kearney Elks.



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Mike Wolfe**

**Member of the Month**



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Andrea “Andiy” Schroeder**

**Employee of the Month**



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