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liberty!



# Liberty Express

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## Seasons Are Changing at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

As we move into the Fall season members will have the opportunity to go on a Autumn Fall Bus Tour go see the leaves changing colorings and harvesting being done in the fields.

Our October Facility Programming will kick off with:

- Tuesday October 1st at 7:30 pm **Bingo** –Freedom Hall-sponsored by Broken Bow VFW 
- Friday afternoons at 2:30 pm we will be having **Shuffleboard Tournaments** in the Golf Hub activity room-sponsored by the ALA
- Tuesday October 8th at 2:30 pm **Apple Pie and Ice Cream Social**-Freedom Hall-sponsored by the ALA 
- Saturday October 12th **UNK Homecoming Parade** (we will be riding in the parade, please let your Activity Specialist know if you would like to ride on the bus.) Leave time will be announced to members signed up.
- Tuesday October 15th at 2:30 pm **Happy Hour and Appetizers**-Freedom Hall-sponsored by the ALA

- Monday October 28th at 9:30 am **Family Suite Preschool Halloween Fun (trick or treating and games)**-Freedom Hall



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

*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

Well, the Fall is here after a hot summer! Of course, we welcome a more cooled season with temperatures that allow us to enjoy the outdoors. And not only us but also, those that get busy in the harvest season. In fact, all those teammates that commute to/from the surrounding communities have noticed the abundance of combines, tractors with trailers and semi-trucks animating the fields.

About a year ago, I shared with you that Central Nebraska Veterans' Home (CNVH) embarked into a two-year pilot project with US Veterans Affairs regarding the provision mental healthcare services (MH) to those veterans in need of such care. The pilot program is going very well, uses telemedicine as connecting equipment between the veteran and the geriatric Psychiatrist. From the beginning of the program, 37 veterans benefited of these needed services. As a reminder, in this pilot program there are four State Veterans Homes (SVH) including CNVH. The other three SVHs participating are the Norfolk Veterans Home, the Maine Veterans Home – Bangor and the New Hampshire Veteran's Home in Tilton.

On September 2, 2024 it was the 79th Victory Japan Day and with that occasion, we recognized our World War II member Milton Hawkins (photo to the right), who fought on the Pacific front. Congratulations Milton!



On September 3, 2024, we received the visit of Amy Miller who is part of the Disability Rights Nebraska (DRN). DRN is a federally designated protection and advocacy system for people with mental disabilities living in the State of Nebraska. Amy toured CNVH, this being her first visit here, and she was impressed with the size of the building, how up-to-date the equipment and the facility is and how friendly and knowledgeable the teammates are.

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 MANDY TREW in FOOD SERVICES

Mandy is a true team player. She started as a Cook and transferred to a Server, however she has helped out cooking on many occasions to help the team. She has many times filled in at other shifts when there is a need. She is a great prankster and cares deeply for the members and her coworkers!

## ***Member of the Month: Anthony Garrelts***



Anthony was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Anthony has lived at the home for 4 years. Anthony is the oldest of six siblings. Anthony was born and raised in Kearney, Nebraska.

Anthony served in the United States Army for 9 years. During his time in the service he was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, Germany and South Korea. Anthony spent 2 one-year tours in South Korea. Anthony received the Korean Defense Medal for his service in South Korea. Anthony also served in the Desert Storm and received the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

In Anthony’s spare time he enjoys spending time working in the craft department making ceramics. He also enjoys doing latch hook rugs, reading, doing daily devotions and bible studies. Anthony enjoys watching DVDs and watching Husker and Loper volleyball.

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

## *In Memoriam*

*Brenda Wedige*

*Robert Niemann*

*Kerry Hoffard*

*Rolland Koertner*

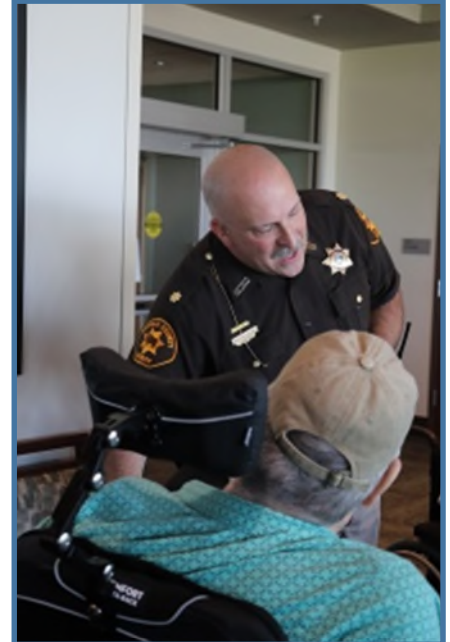
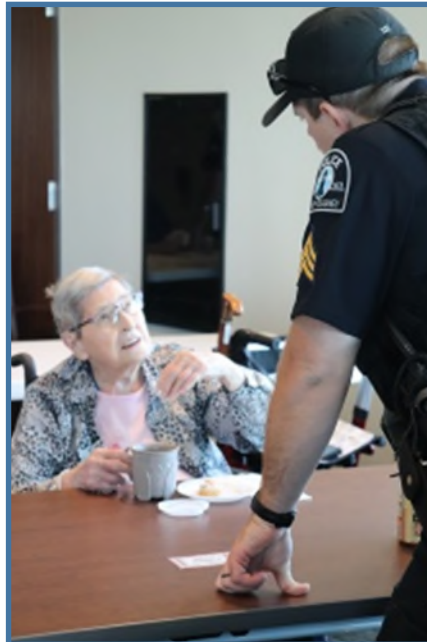
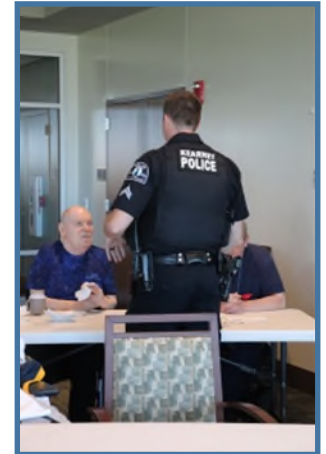
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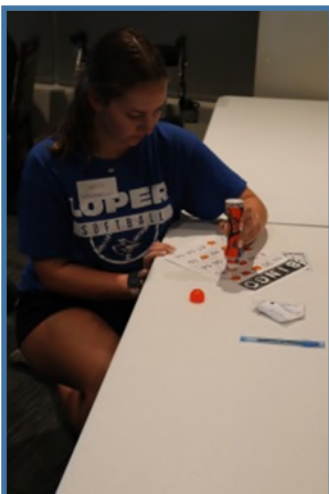
## Happenings Across Campus

### ***Barista Hour with Kearney Police Department and Buffalo County Sheriffs' Office***

Members enjoyed an afternoon with the Kearney Police Department and the Buffalo County Sheriffs' office having coffee and visiting. This activity was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.



### ***Bingo with UNK Health Science Club***



We were excited to welcome back the UNK Health Science Club. Members enjoyed an afternoon playing bingo with them.



# Happenings Across Campus

## Oktoberfest

*Oktoberfest Party was celebrated with cold beverages and kolaches! The kolaches were made by Ktown Bakery. The members enjoyed them and said they were delicious. This activity was sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.*





## Merrymakers Concert Music To Our Ears



For the month of September our Merrymakers Performer was **Kim Eames**. The members enjoyed an afternoon of music with Kim. This activity to sponsored by the America Legion Auxiliary.

## POW/MIA Table



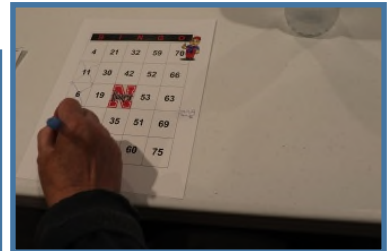
The POW/MIA Table was on display in the Hearth Room for members and staff to take a moment and reflect on its special meaning.



# Fall Time Activities



*The fall season means football season is here. The members enjoyed playing a Post Game Husker Bingo and also attending a Kearney High School Football game against Lincoln. The weather was perfect for a night out on the field.*



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Anthony Garrelts**

**Member of the Month**



**CNVH Member Council Honors:**

**Mandy Trew**

**Employee of the Month**



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