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November-We Are Full of Thankfulness

-Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

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!

Special program will be taking place throughout the day to honor our members!

Veterans Day Events

10:00 a.m.

Room-to-Room Card Deliveries and Roses

12:00 p.m.

Veterans Day Steak Dinner


served by our Dietary Department

2:00 p.m.

Veterans Day Celebration

Ceremony with guest speaker. This will be followed with Happy Hour and Appetizers from Sam Que BBQ sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary.

Here are some other facility activities that will be taking place throughout the month.

- Monday November 4th at 3:00 **Merrymakers Concert** with Tim Javorsky sponsored by the ALA in Freedom Hall
- Thursday November 7th at 10:30 **Welcome Tea and Bingo** in Freedom Hall 
- Tuesday November 12th at 2:30 **Veterans Dollar Days Parties and Gift Distributions**-all neighborhoods sponsored by the Department of ALA
- Monday November 18th at 2:30 **Happy Hour and Appetizers** sponsored by the ALA in Freedom Hall
- Saturday November 23rd at 2:00 **Sue Springer Piano Students Recital** in Freedom Hall
- Tuesday November 26th at 2:30 **Thanksgiving Bingo** sponsored by ALA in 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

Excellence in Leadership Award

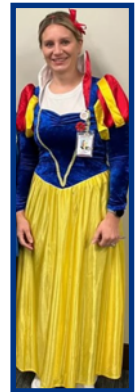
On October 11th, Governor Jim Pillen held a very important annual ceremony at his Mansion in Lincoln, NE: the Annual Excellence in Leadership Awards, where he acknowledged and awarded select employees from all State agencies.

For 2024, Donita Vieth is the recipient of this prestigious award that was awarded by the Governor to an employee from Central Nebraska Veterans' Home (CNVH)! As a reminder, Donita is the HIPPA Compliance Officer and the Health Information Manager for over 11 years. Her responsibilities were increased beginning with the COVID Pandemic when she was also asked to oversee the Nursing Scheduling Office, role that she presently continues to have. As a long-time employee, she takes great pride in the work she and her teams complete. Her role is integral to the success of maintaining current medical records and adequate staffing in Nursing. Donita serves by example. Staffing can change at a moment's notice, and she begins proactively looking at schedules and trying to fill every vacancy. At times when both schedulers left for other positions, Donita has stepped up to the plate so there were no gaps in the staffing needs. She works closely with the House RNs so they have the latest information enabling them to be successful in their roles. The way she serves by example is only a small part of who she is and what she believes. Her heart is huge, and she has such a passion for excellence in care. We are truly fortunate to have Donita on our team, as she exemplifies the core values of NDVA and CNVH. Congrats, Donita!



Another event that took place in October was the Influenza Vaccine Clinic offered to our members and employees by the Two Rivers Public Health Department. Yes, the flu season is right around the corner, so we better have our immunity developed by then!

October is the month that ends with a celebration expected by us all, whether children or adults, members or teammates: the Halloween with its decorations, costumes and Trick or Treat events! You will see in the next pages photographs immortalizing some of our teammates and their children roaming through the CNVH's hallways trick or treating but I want to make sure you understand that not only our own employees were eager to participate but some contractors too. Do you recognize the person wearing the "Snow White" costume?



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 RACHAEL ELLER in FOOD SERVICES

Rachael Eller, a Dietitian at CNVH, is dedicated and hard working. She brings a wealth of knowledge and consistently goes above and beyond to accommodate the members. She cares deeply for the members and her coworkers. Wishing you a heartfelt congratulations and well deserved recognition. You are truly appreciated!

Member of the Month: Elizabeth “Betty” Lambert



Betty was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Betty has been here at CNVH for almost a year. Betty was born in Columbus, Nebraska and has been stationed in many different states. Betty joined the United States Army right after High School. She was a draftsmen illustrator.

In Betty’s free time she enjoys reading books, art, sports, board games and watching movies. Betty’s favorite color is blue and yellow. Her favorite books are *The Hobbit* series, and *War and Peace*. Favorite foods are lasagna, tacos, Mexican and Italian food.

When Betty was asked what the best things about living at CNVH was, she stated “friends, convenience, the care and the food.”

In Memoriam

Hugh Miner

Dale Hild



Happenings Across Campus

Shuffleboard Tournament



Friday afternoons were lively with participation in a shuffleboard tournament. There was a lot of competition for the tournament and many laughs! This activity was sponsored by the ALA.



Apple Pie and Ice Cream Social



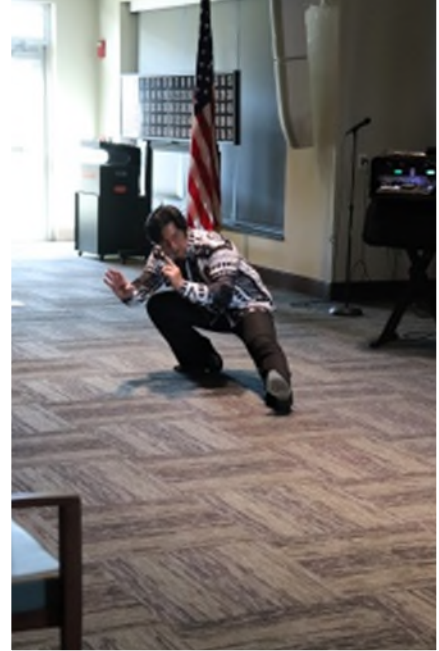
The members enjoyed a wonderful slice of warm apple pie and some ice cream at this Social.

This activity was sponsored by the ALA.





Music To Our Ears Merrymakers Concert



For the month of October our Merrymakers Performer was Bill Chrastil. The members enjoyed an afternoon of music with Bill.

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Halloween Festivities

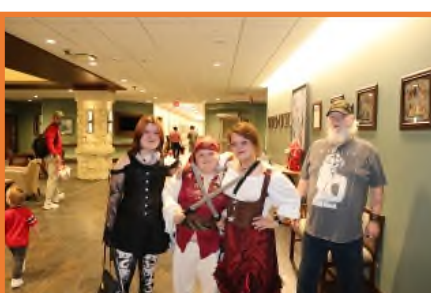
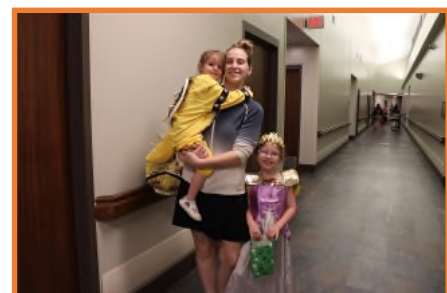
The members enjoyed a morning with the preschool kids from Family Suite Preschool. The kids enjoyed playing some Halloween Games and also trick or treating with the members!



Trick or Treating at CNVH



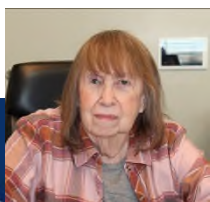
The members enjoyed the evening seeing all the kiddos dressed up in their costumes and handing out candy. The trick or tricking was open to families of members and staff.



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Elizabeth Lambert

Member of the Month



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Rachael Eller

Employee of the Month



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