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December-The End of 2024 at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home -Jessica Modlin, Activity Manager

As we move into the month of December to close out the year 2024, we will be celebrating the holidays with our members and making them feel loved during the holiday season. If you come to the CNVH you will start to see the Christmas decorations going up in preparation for the holidays.

Some of the facility activities that we have planned for the month of December are:

**Monday December 9th at 9:45 Family Suite Daycare Christmas Music and Ornament Making- Hotel Activity Room and at 10:45 Golf Activity Room*



**Monday December 9th at 2:30 Merymakers Concert in Freedom Hall sponsored by the ALA*

**Wednesday December 11th at 2:00 Christmas Program with Glenwood Elementary in Freedom Hall*

**Thursday December 12th at 10:30 Welcome Tea and Bingo in Freedom Hall*

**Thursday December 12th at 7:00 Bingo sponsored by the Kearney VFW in Freedom Hall*



**Monday December 16th at 2:30 Barista Hour and Christmas Cookies in Freedom Hall sponsored by the*

**Tuesday December 17th at 7:00 Christmas Concert with James Hintz sponsored by the ALA in Freedom Hall*

**Thursday December 19th at 7:00 Bingo sponsored by Kearney DAV in Freedom Hall*

**Monday December 23rd at Christmas Parties and Gift Distribution (each neighborhood)*



Christmas Eve Services

**Tuesday December 24th at 10:30 Christmas Eve Lutheran Service in Chapel*

**Tuesday December 24th at 2:30 Christmas Eve Service in Chapel*

**Tuesday December 31st at 2:30 New Year's Eve Happy Hour and Appetizers-with Music Concert "Simmons and May"-Freedom Hall sponsored by the ALA*

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

The Fall claimed November as a true month of autumn but for us, the highlights of the previous month were a couple of visits as well as a couple of important celebrations that took place.

Starting with the visits, a group of select employees of the Central Office, including Director Hilgert, conducted a mock survey of our facility, with the intention to identify “in-house” any non-compliance regulatory issues that could be corrected before the USVA surveyors arrive in March for the annual survey. Also, the State Fire Marshal conducted his annual Life Safety Code survey, which identified minor issues that were corrected immediately, allowing Central Nebraska Veterans’ Home (CNVH) to receive its safe environment certificate for another year.

Speaking of annual surveys, it is important to mention that CNVH received its 2024 full license certification from the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Regarding the celebrations that took place in November, a very important one was Veterans Day on November 11th. On that day, CNVH was honored to organize a celebratory event in Freedom Hall, having guests from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) from Kearney as well as current and former members of the National Guard who celebrated this year 20 years



since their return from the war in Iraq. The administrator read Governor Pillen’s Proclamation for this special day while all flags were flown at the Veterans’ Memorial in honor of those that answered America’s call to service and sacrifice!



A second celebration in November was, of course, the Thanksgiving holiday. Both members as well as teammates enjoyed the traditional Thanksgiving dishes, along with the weather at the facility or at our homes.

If at any time you have any questions for me, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you! - Dorin C. Vaipan, CNVH Administrator



Member Council Employee of the Month Seth Lueck in Business Office

Seth is a hard-working individual during the 2 years that he has been here. He took up the charge to learn everything that Virginia had to teach before she retired and is excelling. He is quick to smile and is always up for a good joke.

Member of the Month: Glenn Petersen



Glenn was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Glenn was born in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area, he grew up in that area. He also lived in North Platte, Nebraska. Glenn attended Chiropractor College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a chiropractor in Minnesota and then moved to North Platte and took over a practice there.

Glenn was in the United States Navy and served during the Korean War. Among his hobbies, he enjoys woodworking, hunting, fishing. He enjoyed traveling to Canada to fish and also enjoyed dancing with his wife. Patriotic colors of red, white and blue are his favorite, while his favorite song is “God Bless America”. He also enjoys books about World War II.

When Glenn was asked what the best things about living at CNVH was, he stated “It’s a good facility and this place has good help.”

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

In Memoriam

Phyllis Baltz

Robert Winter

Larry Mays



Happenings Across Campus

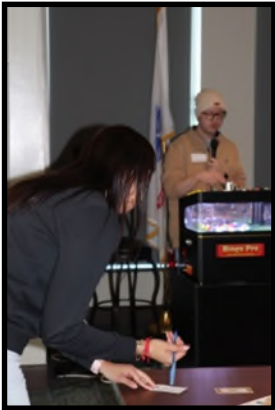
Merrymakers Concert

For the month of November our Merrymakers Performer was Tim. This activity to sponsored by the ALA.



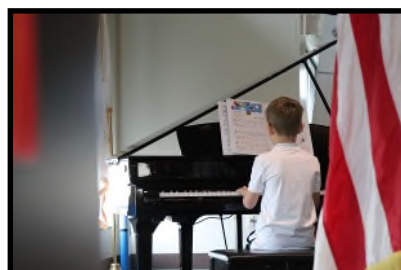
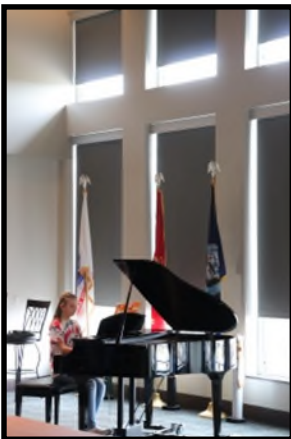
Bingo with McCain Foods

The members enjoyed playing bingo sponsored by McCain Foods. The patriotic cookies they served were delicious!



Piano Recital

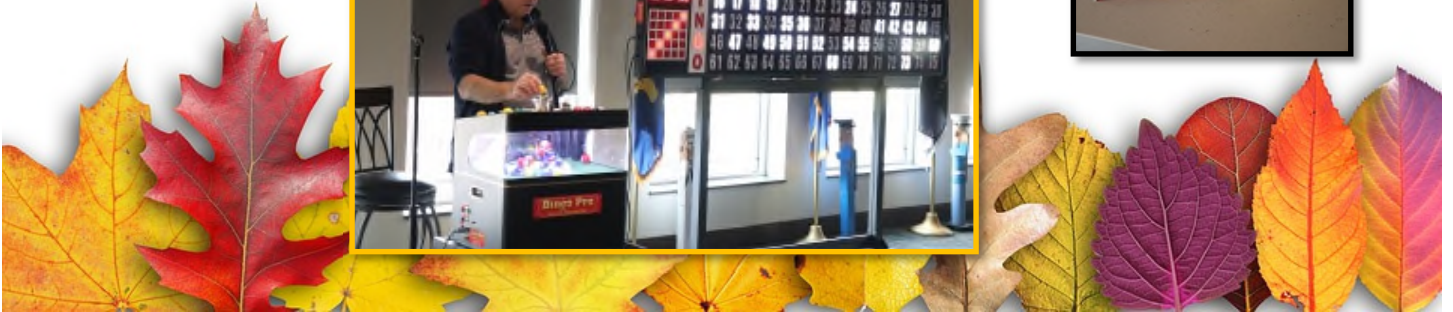
An afternoon of piano music was presented by Sue Springer's piano students.



Happenings Across Campus Continued

Thanksgiving Bingo

The members enjoyed playing an afternoon of bingo and winning some Thanksgiving Fun prizes! This activity was sponsored by the ALA.



Turkey Trot Scavenger Hunt

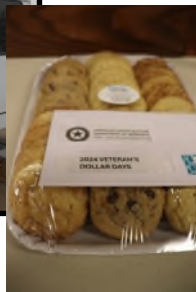
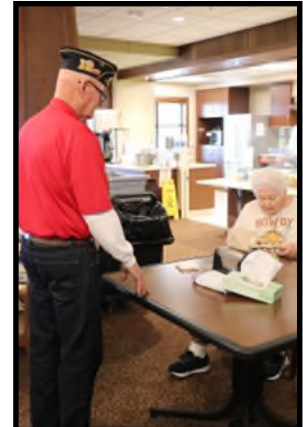
The members enjoyed a Turkey Trot Scavenger Hunt. The turkeys heard what was in store for them on Thanksgiving Day and they disguised themselves in order to not get cooked! The members enjoyed locating them throughout the building.



Veterans Day Celebration

We celebrate our veterans every day of the year, but in November we have some extra celebrations to honor our veterans here at CNVH!

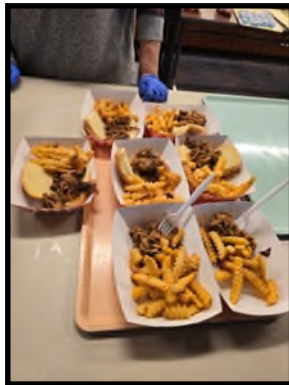
The week of Veterans Day there were many activities taking place and Veterans Dollar Days was one of those (which was sponsored by the American Legion Family). The members enjoyed playing bingo and were served cookies from Eileen's. The American Legion Family gave the veterans a letter thanking them for their service and a gift.



The members had the opportunity to ride on the CNVH bus in the Veterans Day Parade.

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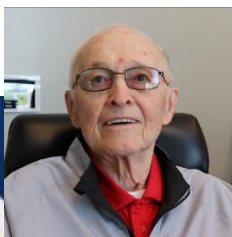
On Veterans Day we had a Veterans Day Celebration with a Ceremony followed with a Happy/Soul Hour that was sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary.



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Glenn Petersen

Member of the Month



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Seth Lueck

Employee of the Month



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