



# The Eagle



December 2024

Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home, 12505 Harrison Tull Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123

402-595-2180



## ENVH Celebrates the Holidays



Welcome to the  
**Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home**



**Frank D.**  
Air Force

# **THANK YOU**

**to all our donors this holiday season! We couldn't do it without you, and we are so grateful for your generosity.**

Douglas County Sheriff's Office

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# Decorating Town Square



# Home Happenings



Victor T. (left) performed some classic holiday tunes on his golden kazoo for his fellow members, loved ones, and ENVH staff.

The ladies of ENVH had an African Safari experience at the Ladies Tea put on by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary. The gals enjoyed tea and snacks, made their own safari hats (right), and played some 5-card bingo.

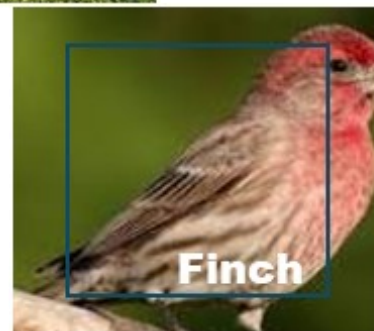


The Joyful Noise Bell Choir (left) from Thanksgiving Church came to perform some festive favorites for members at ENVH.

# Christmas at ENVH



# Garden Corner



Winter is here and the plants have gone to “sleep” until spring. However, these creatures continue to live and inhabit our gardens. As you look out your windows, I’m sure you’ve seen at least a few of these, especially the cardinal and bluejay. Sparrows, too, as they seem to be everywhere and adapt well. Two of my favorites, though, are the Finch and Juco also known as the snow bird. They are smaller and harder to see. But the male’s red plumage around his head and shoulder makes the finch more visible on a snowy limb. You may be able to see the juco and finch perched on top of the dormant flower heads eating on flower seeds. Enjoy these and the other birds who make Nebraska home for the winter.



# Veteran's Memorial Garden Brick Form Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home

Now is the time to purchase your brick to be installed in the Veteran's Memorial Garden at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home.

Bricks may be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one, the name of your organization or business, or you may simply want to thank a veteran!

You may purchase your brick donation using the form below for \$100. There are 14 characters on each line and there are 3 lines on each brick.



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Name of person donating brick: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **American Legion Benson Post 112/Memorial Brick Fund**

*Please provide the exact wording you would like on the brick:*

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Bricks may be purchased by mailing a \$100 check or money order per engraved brick to:

**Benson Post 112, American Legion, P.O. Box 4084, Omaha, NE 68104.**

*Contact Bruce Husted at 402-981-6820 with any questions.*



# *In Memoriam*



**William "Bill" Mikan**  
Air Force  
1941-2024



**Leona Schlunsen**  
Spouse  
1939-2024



**Jerry Snyder**  
Navy  
1948-2024

## Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Dale Powell

### ***Weekly Services***

#### **Sundays:**

9:45 am **All Faith Service**.....Chapel  
10:30 am **All Faith Service**.....Allegiance  
10:45 am **Catholic Communion**.....Chapel

#### **Mondays:**

9:30 am **Devotional Reading**.....Service  
9:50 am **Devotional Reading**.....Allegiance  
1:00 pm **Rosary**.....Chapel

#### **Thursdays:**

9:30 am **Hymns**.....Service  
10:00 am **Bible Study**.....Chapel  
10:30 am **Bible Study**.....Allegiance  
1:00 pm **Catholic Mass**.....Chapel

It was January, 2000 (25 years ago), that I signed up to take some clowning classes that a local clown group was teaching. One of the members of the church that I was pastoring was retiring from clowning and encouraged me to consider taking the classes. The classes taught a number of elements (costuming, make-up, face-painting, balloon twisting, magic, etc.) that relate to clowning. The element that especially caught my interest was balloon twisting. Over the past 25 years, I have had the opportunity to use balloon twisting in hundreds of situations and it is the one element of clowning that I still use. One of the frustrations that goes with making balloon creations is that balloons are SO temporary—sometimes it may even break before the child leaves the event where he received the balloon & the joy of getting the balloon creation can be very short-lived. Therefore, I have attempted to develop Biblical applications of the balloon creations that I share whenever I can—hopefully the application idea will stay with a person longer than the balloon creation will last. For Monday morning devotion times in 2025, I plan to use a different balloon creation each week to help us visualize the lesson to be learned. I hope members will enjoy!

Chaplain Dale Powell



# ★ DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

Todd T. 12/09

Bill B. 12/17

Terri H. 12/21