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So Much To Celebrate in February!

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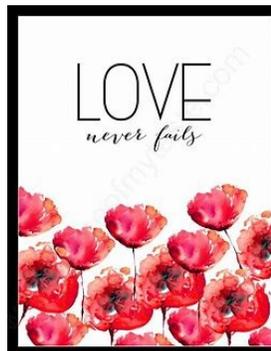
There is going to be lots of things to celebrate in the month of February!

First and foremost, we are celebrating the fact that by the end of the month, all of the members and staff have been given the opportunity to receive both doses of the Pfizer vaccine, in our battle against COVID-19! Follow-up clinics are set up for February 3rd and 24th (as long as our wintry weather cooperates!). We extend a huge "thank you" to the Walgreen's pharmacy team, and to all of the members and staff that have rolled up their sleeves and "rocked the shot"!

February also brings us many other fun events to celebrate.:

- **Groundhog Day**—We definitely hope for cloudy weather on February 2nd so that that silly groundhog fails to see his shadow, and will predict an early Spring!
- **Super Bowl Sunday**—Members can cheer on their favorite team between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on January 7th in this annual NFL tradition of awarding the 1st place trophy to the winning team!
- **Chinese New Year**—It is the "Year of the Ox" for 2021, and fun parties are scheduled to celebrate accordingly!
- **Valentine's Day** is celebrated throughout the week with special parties and hundreds of valentines being delivered through the "Valentines for Veterans" campaign. School children, organizations, churches, and other individuals create and mail valentines to Veterans' Homes and hospitals across the nation!

- **Presidents Day**— Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February 12th and George Washington's birthday is February 22nd, but the official holiday is observed on Monday, February 15th.
- **Mardi Gras**—This holiday kicks off a week of celebration starting on February 16th this year. Often referred to as "Fat Tuesday", the last chance to indulge before giving up that favorite food or snack for the long Lenten season. Neighborhood parties will be scheduled that week for fun festivities!
- **Ash Wednesday**—This is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting, and is considered the first day of Lent, for the six weeks of penitence before Easter.
- **UNL Sports Teams**—We are all celebrating the fact that the Husker Women's Volleyball season is now in full swing, as well as the Husker Men's & Women's Basketball teams. Members can cheer on their Huskers throughout the month, with many of these sporting events being televised, so watch your local listings!



Whew! It is going to be a busy month! These parties and festivities are sponsored by our dedicated volunteer organizations (and implemented by the Recreation Department), and we are so blessed to have such great advocates and donors to our facility! Their loving kindness is amazing!



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CNVH ROCKS THE SHOT AGAINST THE PANDEMIC



Central Nebraska Veterans' Home celebrated their very first COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on January 13th, partnering with Walgreen's for the vaccine. In preparation for the event, a lot of time was spent on planning, obtaining consents, and documentation. Hard work and effort paid off with the day going very smoothly.

Arriving well armed with their vaccine clinic supplies, the Walgreen's team was greeted with some energizing music and staff applause making it a celebratory moment. All hands were on deck with specific assignments to help ensure the event progressed smoothly.



The Walgreen's team took a few minutes to pose for a group photo before setting out to begin the six simultaneous Vaccine Clinics on campus. Members' vaccinations were done before lunch!



Pictured below, a few of our administrative staff posed in chairs for synchronized shots to mark the historic occasion. Go Team!

Members and staff were encouraged to bring their muscle and wear short sleeved shirts providing easy access for Walgreen's staff to administer the vaccine. One staff even wore his "muscle shirt" to show his event spirit, long enough to get the shot, before stepping back to his duties.

After receiving their vaccination, everyone was issued a "I Rocked The Shot" sticker and provided a tasty treat and beverage. The 15 minute monitoring period following the vaccination, provided members and staff some quality time to sit and chat.

We are pleased to report that 95% of members and 77% of staff took the vaccine, while some chose to wait for the second clinic, which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd. We thank everyone for their support and participation!



Members Stay Busy in Spite of the Pandemic— Working on their Craft Projects!



**Busy Hands
Are
Happy Hands!**



Members continue to enjoy their scheduled sessions in the Craft Department—ceramics, leatherwork, woodwork and other fun craft activities. Some have even started working on a County Fair exhibit piece!



In Memoriam

Andy Dunn





Hot Meals on Cold Wintry Days Provided by a Donation from the Kearney Elks!



Members have been enjoying delicious homemade chicken noodle soup on these wintry days, as well as Kentucky Fried Chicken for special meals provided through a donation from the Kearney Elks. They are looking forward to their next special treat!

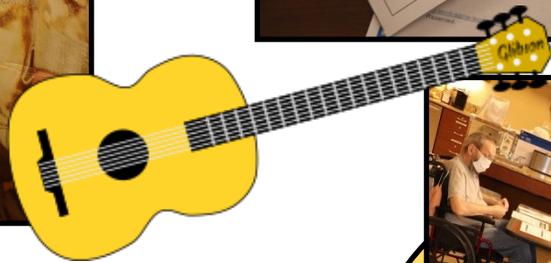
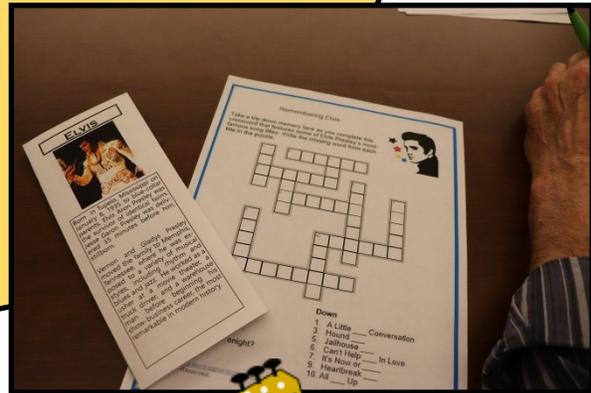
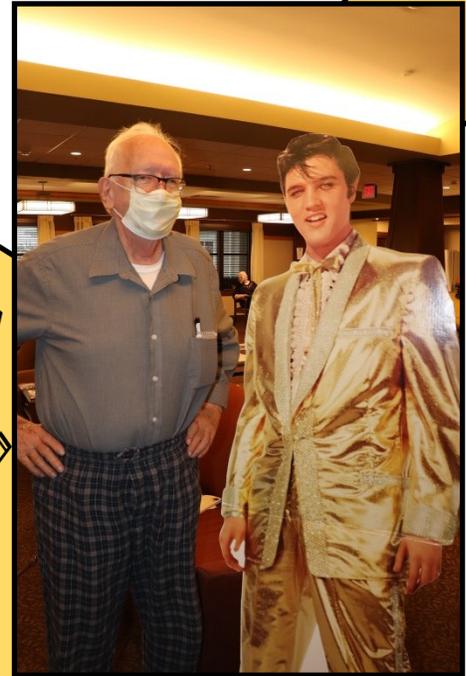


January = Great Time to Take an “Ocean Cruise”!



The Kearney Elks also sponsored an “Ocean Cruise Party” in January. Members set sail for warmer climates, playing fun games for prizes and coupons, and enjoyed some “bubbly” and hors d’oeuvres. The party concluded with a viewing of original episodes of “The Love Boat” TV show. A great way to chase away the “Winter Blues”!

Elvis' Birthday Party Celebration!



Members enjoyed celebrating Elvis' birthday with a special party sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary featuring an Elvis Love Song Bingo, prizes, word games, and refreshments!



Kicking Off The New Year!

Everyone celebrated the conclusion of 2020, and greeted 2021 at the New Year's Eve parties sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.



Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager, even dusted off her old saxophone to provide some live music for the parties, and everyone joined in to sing "Auld Lang Syne."

Happy New Year 2021



The Central Nebraska Veterans' Home was selected as the recipient of a special monetary donation from the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at UNK. This organization had set a goal to ship 450 Military Support Packages to those serving in the Armed Forces overseas during the holidays, which they achieved. The remainder of the money raised was designated to go to providing each of the Members at C.N.V.H. with a special gift, which included a sturdy cinch bag filled with fun items. It was a very special surprise during the dreary month of January!



CNVH Member Council Honors:
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