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Autumn Changes Begin! -Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager

Harvest, Husker football and volleyball games, colorful leaves, and Halloween are all indications that autumn has arrived in the state of Nebraska!

Members will get the opportunity to see the changing colors of the leaves in the area, as well as view the farmers working on the harvest in the fields, by participating in **countryside bus tours** this month. Contact your Activity staff if you are interested in signing up for these tours. During our "Harvest Time" bingo and melon feed recently, the vast majority of those in attendance indicated that they had worked in the fields to harvest produce in their younger days, and it is always interesting to see how the modern new equipment is utilized to accomplish this task now! We also have a documentary film in our library collection about harvesting machinery, so contact Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager, if you'd like to check this out to view.



Husker football and volleyball is in full swing, and their games are listed on your Neighborhood Activity calendars. We often don't get confirmation of the times or stations airing these games until closer to the date, so be sure to watch for updates so that you can cheer on our "Big Red" teams!

Halloween is always a fun time of year, so get prepared to attend our "Boos & Brews" Halloween Party on Thursday, October 28th at 2 p.m. We won't be able to have our traditional "Trick-or-Treat" night here due to the Pandemic, but we'll still have fun at this party!



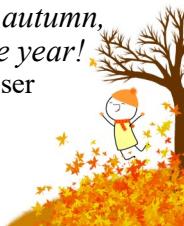
Now that the weather is cooling and less predictable, we will be transitioning into our **Fall/Winter programming** in lieu of outdoor activities. We hope to implement more "Neighborhood" based activities designed to meet the unique needs and interests of individuals that reside in our Neighborhoods. This includes such things as baking activities (check your calendars for when apple pies will be baked and served in your Neighborhood!), utilizing equipment such as our "Touch & Play" game screens, virtual reality headsets, Wii video games, movies and popcorn, and other fun activities. If you have **suggestions on activities** you'd like to see scheduled in your Neighborhood, contact Activity staff!

Since it is impossible to predict what changes or restrictions (either implemented or lifted) could occur in the upcoming months, we appreciate **everyone's ongoing patience** as we continue to steer through this Pandemic. We may need to cancel, relocate, reschedule or even add events to the calendars, all based on current conditions. We will strive to get these changes communicated to everyone as soon as they occur. In the meanwhile, we hope you sit back and enjoy the glorious moments in Autumn!

Autumn

When the trees their summer splendor
Change to raiment red and gold,
When the summer moon turns mellow,
And the nights are getting cold;
When the squirrels hide their acorns,
And the woodchucks disappear;
Then we know that it is autumn,
Loveliest season of the year!

-Charlotte L. Riser



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Member Talent Showcased

Members at Central Nebraska Veterans' Home created many beautiful pieces of artwork to enter into the local fairs. Everyone is encouraged to view the pieces that competed in the Nebraska State Fair and are now on display in the Juliet Hearth Room display case. Please congratulate these individuals for their accomplishments and winning entries! We also want to recognize the teaching talents of our teammates in the Craft Department for assisting and mentoring our members in learning how to create such beautiful art forms!



Save the Date: Veterans' Memorial Nearing Completion

Members and teammates have been watching the progress of the ongoing construction of the "Central Nebraska Veterans' Memorial", which is nearing completion. A Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for November 11, 2021 at 2 p.m. in conjunction with the Veterans' Day holiday. Please "save the date" so you can join us for this special event!



Member of the Month: Cliff Arnold

Cliff Arnold was selected as the “Member of the Month” by the CNVH Member Council. Cliff was born in Omaha and has three siblings. After completing high school, he went into the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, where he achieved the military rank of Staff Sergeant. His specific duties were working in the Control Tower at the Travis AFB in California, and he received the National Defense Medal and Good Conduct Medal.



Cliff’s family includes Bonnie (his wife), and two daughters, a son, a stepdaughter and a stepson. Cliff worked for a canteen vending service with 23 routes, as well as doing maintenance jobs for apartments, and accounting.

He was a member of the American Legion, Sertoma, Saddle Club, Liederkranz, and Riverside Country Club. He attended Lutheran worship services. His favorite leisure interests include baseball, basketball, football, cards, watching movies, and putting together jigsaw puzzles. He enjoys dogs and his favorite pet was Pepe. Cliff was also an avid coin collector.

Cliff likes to listen to spiritual and classic country music, with his favorites being Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson. He enjoys the outdoors, watching birds and gardening. Cliff spent many hours in his woodshop at home, making lots of toys for his children.

Cliff’s favorite foods are chocolate cake, ice cream, jello, and potatoes and gravy. Congratulations, Cliff, for being selected “Member of the Month”!



In Memoriam

MARY “LOUISE” RADNEY



Classic Car Display Evokes Many Memories



Everyone has special memories tied in with the different vehicles they've owned or ridden in during their life. Members enjoy reminiscing and sharing stories about their favorite cars, and admiring all of the work done on these old classics.

Special thanks to those who volunteered their time and vehicles for this great display!

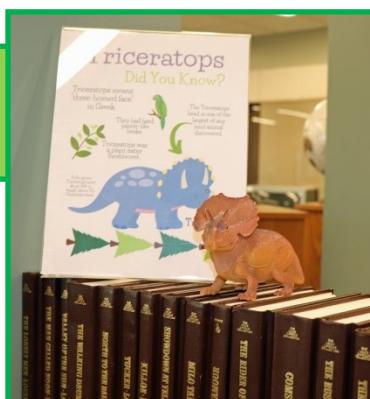


Dinosaur Party & Scavenger Hunt

Sponsored By The American Legion Auxiliary



Members enjoyed a “Prehistoric Time” at the Dinosaur Party that featured a documentary about the dinosaur era, learned that dinosaurs tasted like chicken (courtesy of the air fried chicken dino bites—LOL!), grazed on a stupendous stegasauras salad, found dino eggs filled with prize coupons, and played bingo with special prizes. A couple of T-Rexes crashed the party, and afterwards they had several days to participate in the Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt. Fun times compliments of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Nebraska!



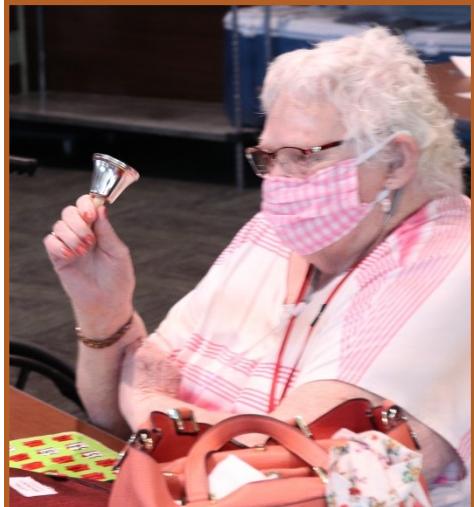
Oktoberfest Polka Party!



Members enjoyed live music from the “Polkaholics” Band, along with delicious Kolaches & adult beverages at the Oktoberfest Party sponsored by the Kearney Elks.



Eating Melons, Ringing Bells, & Dancing!



Members enjoyed participating in the “Harvest Time Bingo & Melon Feed” sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, during which they also watched a documentary about the history of farm harvest machines. (Top photos)

Members joined the Nation in ringing bells in celebration of Constitution Day, with the bingo also sponsored by the D.A.R. (Middle photos)

Merrymaker performer Tim Jivorsky played his saxophones for the monthly concert, which provided great listening and dancing music! These concerts are provided by the American Legion & Auxiliary. (Bottom photos)



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Cliff Arnold

Member of the Month



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Heather Bellinger

Employee of the Month



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