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who stand up
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No Place Like Nebraska!

-Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager

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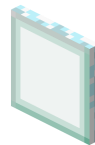
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Salute

There is “**No Place Like Nebraska**”, and we are so fortunate to live in such a great state where people truly care about one another, and **everyone is treated like a neighbor or friend!** Members and staff demonstrate this **caring attitude** every day at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home, as do our many volunteers, families, and other advocates for the facility.



During the last few weeks, this caring attitude was so evident, through the great response to our “**Patriot Celebration**” activities that were implemented to thank our veterans for their sacrifices and to honor them in conjunction with Independence Day. Families, volunteers, and other caring folks provided us with a **great morale boost** through their participation in the special event through our campus. We also received **donations** to provide banana splits, patriotic bingo, pop and popcorn, and a watermelon feed!

Another opportunity to show caring and support is the newly implemented **family/friend window visits** that are pre-scheduled through the windows of the Neighborhood entryways. Members are able to converse with their family through the glass window, with a **portable intercom** system. Activity and Social Work staff provide assistance as needed to facilitate these visits and to clean the area between visits. Members or families wishing to learn more about how to sign up for this service can contact the Activity or Social Work staff.



During this past month we have been able to gradually ease some of the pandemic restrictions, which has resulted in the **re-opening** of the Library, Beauty Shop, Finance Window, Foxhole, and Crafts/Woodshop. It has been so great to see our “**neighbors and friends**” once again enjoying these special leisure activity areas. We have also just resumed some **small group activities** in individual neighborhoods. Everyone is so happy to see and visit with each other at these events!

One of the most important ways to show we care about one another during this pandemic is to make sure that we all **wear our facemasks** when we are interacting with others. Members wishing to leave their rooms and pursue their leisure activities around campus need to remember to wear their masks accordingly. We also need to continue to practice social distancing, and wash our hands frequently! Take care of yourself, and each other!



Activities will continue to be “fluid”, depending on the most current situation with the pandemic. We could possibly “yo-yo” back and forth as conditions change, and these changes will be communicated to everyone as they occur. This month we plan to continue with outdoor fun activities (be on the lookout for a **North American Wildlife Scavenger Hunt** by the lake), as well as create a “**County Fair Fun Week**” (since the local fairs will not be available for us this summer).



We are Nebraskans, and we will **get through this together!!!**



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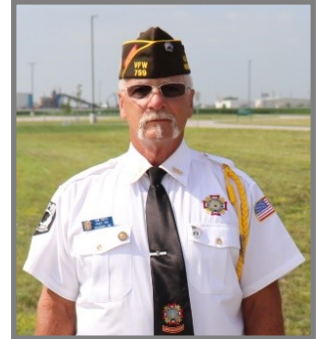
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LOTS OF SUPPORT AND AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE

Members are able to enjoy walking about campus, accessing our library and visiting with other members. From fishing to gardening, movies and lots of talking, it all happens with a mask!

We were very pleased to receive event authorization from the Two Rivers Public Health Department for our mobile **Patriotic Celebration** on June 30th. This event was organized by CNVH volunteer **Kim Deyo**, who is involved in many veterans' organizations in the Kearney community (*photo right*) and the support he rallied for the event was amazing. Thank you Kim!



Members and staff were thrilled to see the long procession of vehicles making their way around our circular drive. Everyone followed the rules, remaining in their vehicles, wearing masks, and social distancing all while cheering us on! Be sure to look at more photos of the event in this issue. The show of support was tremendous and it was very uplifting, inspirational experience.



Uplifting experience - A helicopter circles the home three times before leading the procession.

Recreation and Food Services staff have also worked closely together to kick off the 4th of July celebrations with grilling outside and serving special meals.

Members are now able to work on their projects in Crafts and Woodworking as designated times are scheduled for each neighborhood to enjoy while maintaining social distancing.



We appreciate the ongoing understanding and compliance of our members, families, and staff as we monitor the ever-changing situation closely and lift or re-implement precautions as deemed necessary for everyone's safety.

We are grateful for everyone refraining from coming on campus and continued cooperation with our infection control protocols.



Member of the Month: Bruce Bundy



Bruce Bundy resides in the Foxtrot Neighborhood and served in the U.S. Navy during peacetime. His favorite part of being in the service was that it was exciting, educational and he got to do lots of travel around the Pacific and Japan.

Bruce reports that during his life he has lived all over the state of Nebraska (Gibbon, Miller, Kearney, Lincoln, Omaha, and Hastings) as well as other places out of state including San Diego in California, the Great Lakes in Illinois, and Yokosuka in Japan.

Bruce attended Gibbon High School and Kearney State College. He then went on to Pharmacy College in Lincoln and completed his residency at the UNMC in Omaha, and was a registered Pharmacist for his life-long occupation.

In addition to being a Quaker of the Lincoln Friends Meeting, he has been involved in the Hastings Kiwanis, the Nebraska Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and is a member of the Democratic Party.

Bruce has sisters in Kearney, Emporia (Kansas), and Riverside (California) and a brother in New York City. He also has numerous nieces and nephews in the Kearney and Gibbon area.

Bruce enjoys reading, genealogy, watching television programs and has had a long time fascination with cars. His favorite color is red. He states that all of the friendly members and employees are his favorite thing about living at CNVH .

Congratulations, Bruce, on being selected by the CNVH Member Council as our “Member of the Month”!



In Memoriam

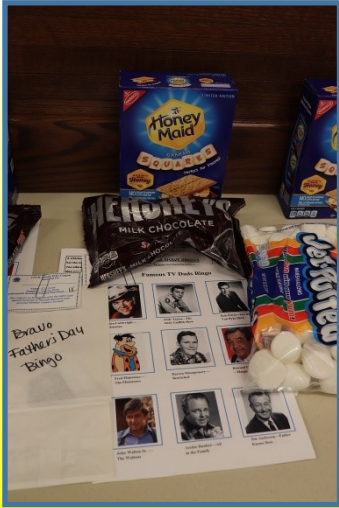
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Don Sturgeon

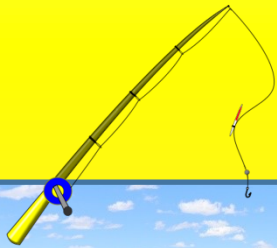


Summertime Fun!

For Father's Day, the guys received a "Secret Stache" of goodies, and everyone played "Famous TV Dad Bingo" and ate S'Mores!



Members watched a segment on Burma Shave signs and tested their luck at Road Trip Plinko!



Fishing is good and we've been catching lots of Bass and Rainbow Trout!



Members are being treated to deliciously grilled burgers and hotdogs for great summer meals!



Golf cart rides are one of our favorite summertime activities!

Gradually Easing Pandemic Restrictions



Families can now sign up for a scheduled window visit during which they can utilize an intercom system to converse with their loved one through the Neighborhood entry window.



Members are once again relaxing in the Library now that it has reopened. Browsing for reading material, selecting greeting cards, and checking out the many musical CD's—Great ways to spend their leisure time!



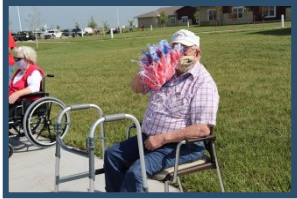
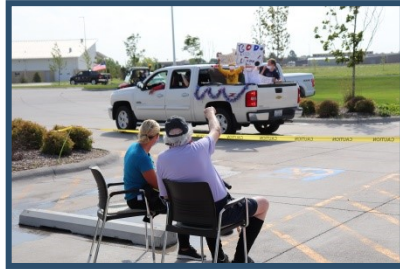
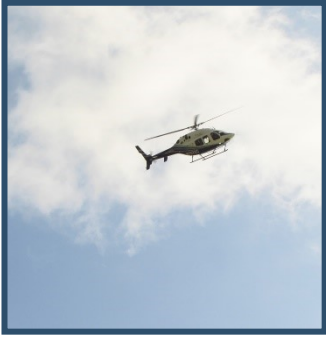
Members were getting some "long locks" from going several months without a haircut, so they were glad to hear that the facility's beautician could return to offer services again!



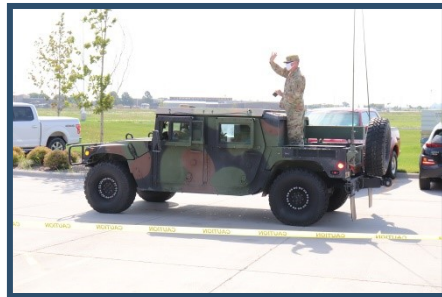
Another favorite spot has reopened (each Neighborhood is scheduled a specific time)—Crafts and woodshop! Always a popular activity!



Patriot Celebration— Thanking Our Veterans!



Families, Volunteers, First Responders, & Advocates All Took Time To Thank Our Veterans For Their Service, As We Kicked Off Our “Patriot Celebration



Patriot Celebration Week at CNVH

*Celebrating our Nation's Freedom
& Saluting Our Veterans!*



*Week of 4th of July Filled
With Fun Activities!*



*Banana
Splits!*



*Patriotic Music,
Popcorn & Pop!*



*Watermelon
Feed!*



*Patriotic
Bingo!*



CNVH Member Council Honors:

Bruce Bundy

Member of the Month

CNVH Member Council Honors:

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Employee of the Month



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