



The Eagle



February 2018

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**NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL
COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED IT'S
THE ONLY THING THAT EVER DOES.**

Margaret Mead

Far too often people think that there is nothing they can do to improve a situation or make a change. They say, "What can I do? I'm just one person." Well, as the quote cited above illustrates, that one person can join with another, and then another. What one person may not be able to accomplish, a group can.

When people come together and speak with a united voice, positive change can happen. Not only can they achieve concrete results, they can experience the benefits of developing closer relationships with each other and a stronger sense of community.

A nursing home family council that is run by family members can be a powerful force for improvement in a nursing home. Many councils across the country have been able to increase the quality of life and well-being of their loved ones through their work.

WHAT IS A FAMILY COUNCIL?

A family council is a self-led, self-determining group of consumers - families and friends of nursing home residents - that: Works to improve the quality of care and quality of life of the facility's residents; and provides families with a voice in decision-making that affects them and their loved ones.

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Welcome to the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home

Admit Date	Name	Neighborhood
Feb. 8	Telford McCracken	Dedication
Feb. 23	William Inness	Service
Feb. 26	Harold "Tom" Bratton	Dedication



Family councils can: Act on concerns and complaints affecting nursing home residents; Support families; Communicate with the nursing home administrator and staff; Serve as a sounding board and advisory body on new ideas and improvements; Advocate for positive change within the facility and the long term care system; Educate and inform families about issues relating to residents, the nursing home and the long term care system and sponsor activities that benefit all residents.

A family council is not: a support group, a family night or a volunteer group
Many voices are stronger than one. The power of a lot of people working together is enough to make changes, whereas one person can often do very little.

PHILOSOPHY OF A FAMILY COUNCIL:

Family councils strive to work in partnership with the nursing home administration and staff to solve problems and ensure that residents receive the best possible care.

President of ENVH's Family Council: Jean Funkhouser

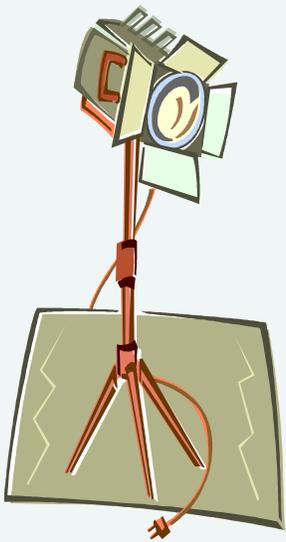
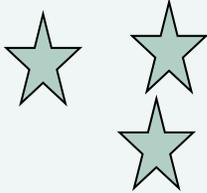
Meetings are held every month on the 2nd Thursday, starting at 10:00 am.

February Birthdays

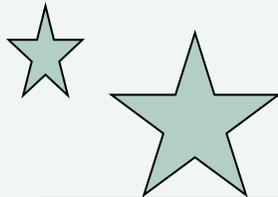
Feb 01	Bernard Mullen	Service
Feb 11	Gaylene Hansen	Motivation
Feb 14	Ivan "Ike" Stern	Motivation
Feb 16	Elwood Eastberg	Allegiance
Feb 17	Duane Williams	Dedication
Feb 20	Howard Isbrandtsen	Motivation
Feb 20	Roland Leavitt	Service
Feb 21	Arleen Curtis	Motivation



Employee of
the
Month
February 2018



Jenny Sampson
Housekeeping



Jenny Sampson, Housekeeping, Employee of the Month of February, 2018: Ambition, Committed, Remarkable, Positive, Self-Motivated, Eager-Teacher to new staff—No job too big or small. She takes initiative—sees a problem, tackles it and makes it better. She performs her work cheerfully. Takes new members under her wing—Dependable, reliable, she exceeds expectations. In a recent outbreak of rashes—she organized the tub rooms that were in a shamble—above and beyond the scope of her job. Hire a 100 more just like her.

Member Spotlight
We are shining a spotlight on.....

**Thank you for your
service to the United
States of America**



**We are honored to
serve those who
served!**

- Ross Pirruccello.....Allegiance
- Richard Riggs.....Dedication
- Robert Broghammer.....Motivation
- Leonard Divis.....Service

The overall shape is that of the Pentagon, the hub of the armed services.

The five gold stars represent the branches of service, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

The flag is the symbol of our country for which our veterans served.

The eagle another symbol of our country reminds us to be ever vigilant while providing care for our veterans and their spouses.

And, the rose symbolizes the spouses of our veterans.

Roger Hill

Creator of the TFBH/ENVH logo



The canteen accepts credit cards – minimum charge of \$2.50.

The ENVH canteen hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays until further notice.

Monday through Friday hours will remain the same.

Family Council Corner:

This is a wonderful group of family members who meet at the Home on the **2nd Thursday** each month at **10:00 a.m.**

They discuss many issues concerning members and their families. They are a good support system for each other.

This month: February 8, 2018

Next month: March 8, 2018

Please plan to join them and to see what it's all about.

Family Council President: Mrs. Jean Funkhouser

For more information, please contact Social Services by asking for Kari, Lynda or Paul

Ombudsman's Corner:

Ombudsmen are dedicated to enhancing the lives of long term care residents.

Ombudsmen:

- Advocate for residents' rights and quality care
- Educate consumers and providers
- Resolve residents' complaints
- Provide information to the public

ENVH's Ombudsman:

Beth Nodes



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:

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

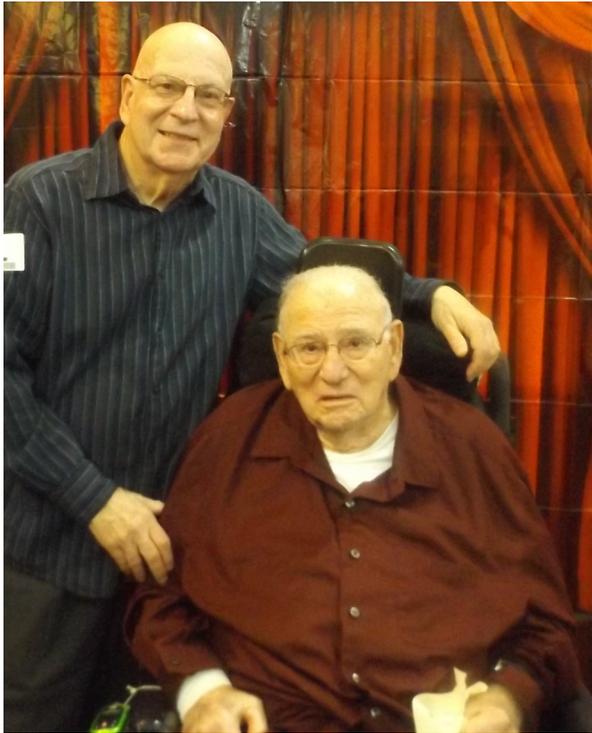
Benson Post 112, American Legion, P.O. Box 4084, Omaha, NE 68104.

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



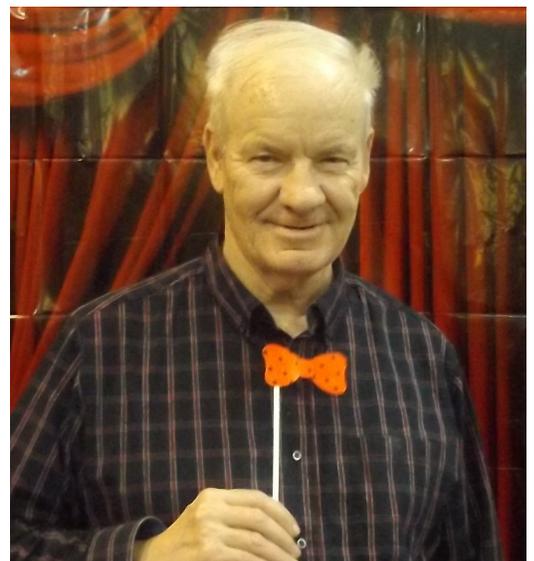
Happy
Valentines'
Day!

Feb 14, 2018



Photos of
members and
their loved
ones.

A special lunch
was served
which includ-
ed fresh
shrimp cock-
tail, prime rib,
and two types
of dessert.





King and Queen Valentines' Day 2018

Below Left: Jean and Lowell Johnson (before the crowning)

Right: Tammy Weston, Administrator with the couple and their new crowns.
Congratulations!





In Loving Memory of:

Darrell Erdman

Dennis Lightell

Leland Shire

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain

Dale Powell

Weekly Services are held in the Chapel
(unless stated otherwise)

Sundays:

9:45 a.m. All Faith Service

10:45 a.m. Catholic Communion

Mondays:

9:30 a.m. Devotional Reading
(held in Service)

10:00 am Devotional Reading
(held in Allegiance)

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Memorial Services will be held as
necessary on the first Thursday of each month.

1:00 p.m. Catholic Mass

Fridays: 10:00 a.m. Rosary

Over the past 13-14 years in chaplain work, I've had the opportunity to meet a lot of older people, some with amazing life stories and some with sad life stories. Someone has said, "Strong people rarely have an easy past." In those people I've met with amazing stories, there was often some challenges and hardships that were overcome along the way. As we raise our children and then observe our grandchildren and great grandchildren, we can easily wish for them an easy life, one without hardship and heartbreak. But, when we think about it, we down deep know that they will need hardship and heartbreak to help mature them into the people we would hope they become. So maybe a better prayer would be that they learn to trust in the Lord in every part of life which is the secret behind a strong and mature person.