

Liberty Express

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To honor all
who stand up
and speak out
for freedom &
liberty!



Final Fling For Outdoor Events!

-Nancy Klimek, Activity Manager

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September brings us the transition from hot summer days to some of the best autumn weather in the nation, with warm days and cool nights. It reminds of days gone by when we eagerly returned to school with our friends, and of nights under stadium lights on a football field somewhere in the many rural towns of Nebraska! And of course, it also means that our beloved Huskers are returning to Memorial Stadium to continue the tradition of Husker football games on Saturdays!

At the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home, this means that we are implementing some final outdoor activities before the weather turns too cool.

- Everyone is looking forward to our popular **Classic Car & Bike Show** which is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th for the first time at our new facility. We anticipate more than 100 entries which will be parked on the lawn around the lake, so that we can utilize the sidewalks to go and look at each vehicle and visit with the participants. A live DJ will be outside playing 50's/60's music and concessions will be sold at Freedom Hall. All of the money raised at this event will go to the "Staff for Santa" fund so that individualized gifts can be purchased for our members during the holidays.
- More **outdoor fun** is scheduled for Monday, September 9th at 2:30 p.m. for Members to do some fishing in the lake, followed by a campfire & s'mores to conclude the afternoon.



- **Watermelon Feeds** will be held in each Neighborhood on Thursday, September 12th sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, and members can go outside to their courtyards and patios to enjoy this treat (check Neighborhood calendars for times). 
- Members wishing to enjoy a nice evening attending **the UNK football game** on Thursday, September 12th should contact Activity staff to get signed up. 
- The **Sons of American Legion (SAL) Riders** will be riding their bikes here to meet members and partake of **root beer floats** together in Freedom Hall at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 20th. On Saturday, September 21st, the entire SAL Riders group attending a local convention will be driving around the facility's circular drive at about 10:15 a.m. (immediately following the Tailgate Bingo that is scheduled at 9 a.m. that morning).
- Other special events include a "**Constitution Day Bingo & Bell Ringing**" on Tuesday, September 17th, sponsored by the D.A.R., a "**School Daze Bingo**" on September 24th sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, and a "**Oktoberfest Party**" on Thursday, September 26th (all in Freedom Hall). 

In addition, help us cheer on the Husker football team every Saturday, as well as the volleyball team!

GO BIG RED!!!!



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2019 Grow Nebraska State of Nebraska Charitable Giving Campaign

Staff at the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home will be participating in this year's Nebraska State Teammate Charitable Giving Campaign, September 2 through 27.

You may see a variety of "odd goings on" as staff participate in spirit events aimed at fundraising for this years' campaign. So whether it's crazy colored socks, funny hats, or pirates parading through the halls, know that staff are serving beyond the job, fundraising for a great campaign, and providing members with some entertaining moments as they continue delivering excellent care!

Ahoy mateys!
Members are welcome to join staff for some fun on September 19th as we celebrate "Dress and Speak Like a Pirate Day".



Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
TEAMMATE OF THE YEAR





LYNN FICKEN
Schedule Coordinator

Lynn was selected because:

- She goes above and beyond to collaborate with others seeking out innovative solutions to meet challenges.
- She stepped up and stepped in to personally fill gaps that existed in another department.


Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
TEAMMATE OF THE MONTH - JULY



MELISSA LITTLE
Nursing

Melissa was selected because she:

- made sure that a member who was close to death and had no one to be with him, had a constant companionship while he passed.
- has members which speak very highly of her and forms trusting relationships with them.



Member of the Month: Arnie Sperling

Arnie Sperling has been a member of the Veterans' Home since September of 2014 and was selected as the "Member of the Month" by the Member Council.



Arnie was born in Ashton, Nebraska and grew up later in Ord. He served in the U.S. Navy during Peace time and then was called back to active duty for the Korean War. Arnie was a Seaman 1st Class, serving as a boat mate on the U.S.S. Pickaway and U.S.S. Renshaw. He received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Medal, the China Service Medal and the national Defense Medal.

Arnie married Doris and they had four children. He worked for the Department of Roads, driving a maintainer near the Ravenna area for many years. Arnie was a member of the American Legion and the Platt Duetsche in Grand Island.

Arnie's favorites include western movies, doing word searches, Ford cars, whiskey and beer. His daughter states that her dad has been "everyone's best friend" and that if someone needed anything, her dad was the first to help.

Congratulations, Arnie, on being selected as our "Member of the Month"!



In Memory



LOWELL KOHTZ



**World War II
Army Air Corps Veteran
Member Since: 2019**

"Break down the walls, and let Heaven in.....Somewhere in Forever, we'll dance again!!!"

Nebraska State Fair Entry Results

Members that won blue ribbons at the county fair had their items entered into the *Nebraska State Fair* and received the following recognition:

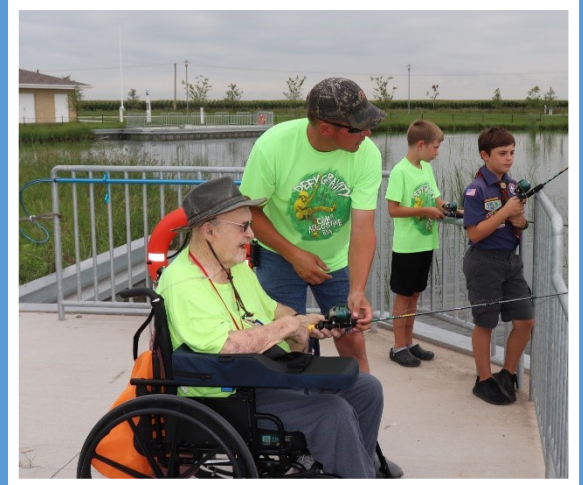
- **Larry Bennett** - Bear w/Bow Bank - **Honorable Mention**
- **Verna Brunkhorst** – Squirrel - **5th Place**
- **Donald Buettner** - 1 Pair Quail - **2nd Place**
- **Gary Capellen** - Skull w/Snake - **4th Place**
- **Jim Chapman** - Jesus w/Cross - **Honorable Mention**
- **Glen Decker** - HHV Clock - **Honorable Mention**
- **Cora Foglesong** - Jesus at Door - **3rd Place**
- **Howard Hoselton** - Husker Rock Light - **Honorable Mention**
- **Betty Johnson** - Cherub Basket - **Honorable Mention**
- **Kyle Lantz** - Praying Hands/Rose Plaque - **4th Place**
- **Ada Maul** - Bear Bank - **Honorable Mention**
- **Donald Mostek** - Doves in a Heart - **4th Place**
- **Donald O'Connell** - Leather Purse - **2nd Place**
- **Harry Potter** - Football Clock - **4th Place**
- **Thomas Prasch** - HHV Clock - **Honorable Mention**
- **Robert Ruby** - Owl Night Light - **5th Place**
- **Trajanka Sanders** - Crochet Doily - **2nd Place**
- **Trajanka Sanders** - Table Runner - **1st Place**
- **Jose Trejo** - Monkey Bank - **5th Place**
- **JoAnn Vodehnal** - Pair Siamese Cats - **Honorable Mention**



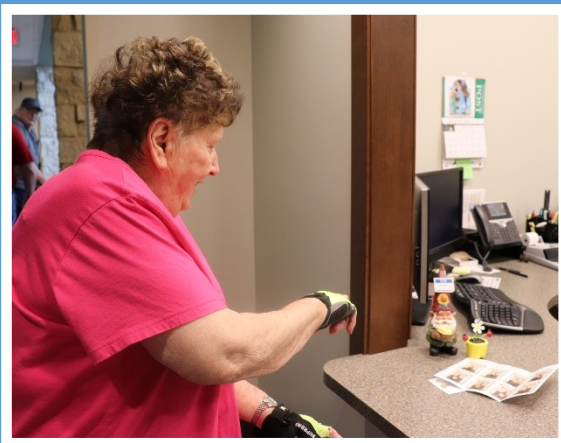
Summer Fun Activities!



*Fishing Fun
With The
Boy Scouts!*



Kool Aid, Kool Aid, Tastes Great!



*Members Rounded Up Those Pesky
Garden Gnomes!*



Picnic Fun With District 6 American Legion and Auxiliary Volunteers!



Slicing Melons, Grilling Burgers, and Making Deviled Eggs!



Lots of Fun & Laughter!



Fair Time Activities at C.N.V.H.!

Members might not all be able to go on our bus outings to attend the local County & State Fairs, so we brought some aspects of the fair directly to the Veterans' Home campus!

From carnival games & bingo, to cotton candy & funnel cakes, to 4-H animals and a dog show, everyone had lots of fun this month! Special thanks to our local 4-H youngsters and Good Samaritan Pet Therapy participants for sharing your animals with us! There were many special moments and connections made!



SEPTEMBER 2019

FACILITY RECREATION CALENDAR

Computer Lab
Available 24/7
In Library & Dens



**FOXHOLE
OPEN**

Monday—Sunday



LIBRARY HOURS

Open 24/7 for Member Access!

CHECK OUT TIMES
MONDAY—THURSDAY
1:00PM-3:00PM

FRIDAY
8:00AM-10:00AM

We invite you to come
enjoy what your Library
has to offer!



**Craft/Ceramics
Shop Open**
Monday Wednesday Friday
&
Open Every 3rd Saturday
of the Month
Woodshop Open
Monday-Friday



Additional Activities available in each Neighborhood

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9—1 Fox Hole Fun 9:30 All Faiths Service— Chapel	2 Labor Day Holiday TBA—State Fair Outing 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Open Arlene Hansen	3 2:00 Country Gospel Concert featuring Stan Pullman— Freedom Hall—ALA 7:00 Bingo—Freedom Hall— Dist. 10 AL & Aux—NK	4 TBA—Wednesday Wellness Walks	5 9:30 Welcome Bingo & Tea— Freedom Hall—JB 2:30—Member Council—Golf Activity Room Dennis Scott	6 10:30—Mass—Chapel—JM 2:30—Lutheran Service—Chapel - JM Tedd Johnson	7 9—1 Fox Hole Fun 2:30—Huskers at Colorado —Fox TV—Fox Hole & All Homes
8 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Fun 9:30 All Faiths Service— Chapel 1:00—3:00 p.m.—Classic Car & Bike Show—Lake Area— All	9 2:30 Fishing, Campfire & S'Mores—Lake & Freedom Hall Courtyard	10 2:00 Merrymakers—The Links—Freedom Hall—ALA Walter Kreeger	11 TBA—Wacky Wednesday	12 TBA—Watermelon Feeds—All Neighborhoods—ALA TBA—UNK Football Game Outing—JB BP	13 10:30 Mass -Chapel -BP 2:30 Lutheran Services- Chapel- BP Harold Ziegenbein	14 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Fun 10—Tailgate Bingo— Kearney ALA - JM 7:00—Huskers vs N Illinois— FS1—Fox Hole & All Homes
15 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Fun 9:30 All Faiths Service Chapel Walter Moore	16 10:30—Rosary—Chapel— Catholic Daughters 7:00—Bingo—Kearney D.A.V.—Freedom Hall—HD Leonard Poppert	17 2:00 Constitution Day Bingo & Bell Ringing at 3 p.m.— Freedom Hall—DAR	18 TBA Wednesday Wellness Walks	19 2:00—Mocktails & Music—Old Duffers String Band?	20 TBA—Ageless Aviation Flights NK BP TF 10:30 Mass -Chapel - JB 2:30 Lutheran Services Chapel JB 3:00 S.A.L. Motorcycle Meet & Greet & Rootbeer Floats— Freedom Hall Andy Dunn	21 8:00-noon & 1:00-4:00 Craft Dept. Open 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Fun 9:00—Tailgate Bingo—LS 10:15—S.A.L. Motorcycle Parade Around Campus—LS TBA—Huskers at Illinois
22 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Fun 9:30 All Faiths Service— Chapel	23 Duayne Robley	24 2:00—“School Daze” Bin- go—Freedom Hall—ALA	25 TBA Wacky Wednesday	26 2:00 Oktoberfest Party— Freedom Hall—	27 10:30 Mass -Chapel—LS 11:00 Food Committee Meet- ing—Golf Activity Room 2:30 Lutheran Service— Chapel—LS	28 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Fun 10:00 Tailgate Bingo— Kearney ALA—KH TBA Huskers vs Ohio State
29 9:00—1:00—Fox Hole Fun 9:30 All Faiths Church Chapel	30 TBA Monday Madness! Ed Bright					

CNVH Member Council Honors:

Arnie Sperling
Member of the Month

CNVH Member Council Honors:

Cheryl Husak
Employee of the Month



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss



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