

STROM CENTER NEWS

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Happy 106TH Birthday **LOIS PAULSON!!!**

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...to one of the most remarkable ladies ever! **LOIS PAULSON** will be celebrating her 106th, yes 106th Birthday on September 19th. In 2017, when Lois turned 103 we wrote in the *Strom Center News* the following:

“Strom Center is extremely fortunate to be on the receiving end of Lois’s generosity as she has volunteered in the Strom Thrift Shop for years, as well as in other areas of the center. She deflects attention away from herself and focuses on others. She is a role model ...a true blessing, indeed.” Well, the same can be said today. But she not only has a wonderful presence at Strom Center, she is also a pillar in the Heritage Bible Church, where she regularly attends. She is dearly loved and cherished by so many....Thank You, Lois...for who you are and the example you are to all of us!!

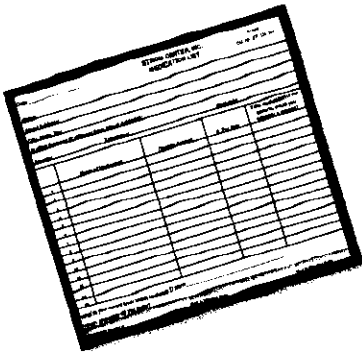


Lois, pictured above, taken recently at her church home....

Pictured on the right: Betty Goff, Lois’ daughter and Lois at her 103rd Birthday Party at Strom Center>>>>>>>

Her daughter Betty referred to Lois in a writing as the ‘Queen ‘ of their family.....a well-deserved title... Lois cherishes her family, children and grandchildren





YELLOW Medication Forms are Available!!

Already, Strom Center is receiving many many Yellow Medication Forms in anticipation of the upcoming Medicare D Open Enrollment Season, which runs from October 15- December 7th. As persons who are familiar with Strom Center's enrollment process know, we number the forms as they come in; when we receive confirmation of the plans, we then make appointments in the order in which the forms were received. In the upper right hand corner of the Yellow Medication Forms, are the initials of each of our staff members:

CM: Carol McCrery
KF: Kathy Ferrenburg
EP: Erica Pence
LM: Lynda (Accardo) Melvin
SR: Stephanie Reading

You may circle the staff member who has assisted you in the past, or whom you wish to help you, or leave it un-circled if you welcome any staff member to assist you. However, you can be assured that ALL STAFF members are SHIP certified and have years of

experience in guiding clients through the maze of choices available.

Why do we stress the word 'YELLOW forms'? And why are we accepting ONLY the Yellow Medication Forms?? The answer is that when over 1100 forms are turned in each Enrollment Season, they are easier to spot...that is why we won't accept white copies, or any other type of listing of medications. Enrollment Season, as many have witnessed is extremely busy; any way we can make it more stream-lined for staff and clients benefits all involved.

Yellow Medication Forms may be picked up in our front entry-way...just step in, take however many you need, completed forms may be dropped off in the front entry-way (envelopes are available to protect privacy), or mail them back to Strom Center. Henderson County residents may pick the forms up at our senior center in Oquawka, **410 Schuyler Street, Thursdays**, and either drop the completed forms back on Thursdays to the Oquawka site, or send them back to Strom Center in Monmouth.

By the way, hopefully, we will soon be resuming hours at our **Oquawka site at 410 Schuyler Street**. You may call 309 734 5677 to check to see if and when we are open.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU...to all who are respecting our safety processes at Strom Center. We have a doorbell in the inside front foyer, once it is rang a staff member will take your temperature, and ask a few questions to ensure all is ok to enter. Masks are a must, but we have a good supply if you happen to forget yours.....



A message from Thrift Shop Manager, Crystal Vanskike....

Strom Thrift Shop News Corner

September 2020

The weather is starting to get cooler in the mornings so its time for the Thrift Shop to change up..

We have recently went to a Fall/Winter schedule...

Hours of Operation are:

Friday and Saturday 9am to 1pm

By appointment ONLY

Masks Required

No on under 18 admitted

We reserve the right to limit the number of customers per appointment .

Appointments can be made by calling 309-224-8657 or online through our Strom Thrift Shop Facebook Page.

We are currently NOT accepting any drop-off donations...

We are filling the racks with Hoodies, sweatshirts, flannels and other warm items...

******We will be CLOSED on September 4th and 5th in Observance of Labor Day**

Follow our Facebook Page “**Strom Thrift Shop**” for any and all updates and Special Sales... That includes announcing when we will be bringing back our **Customer Appreciation 25% off** weekend....

Thank you to all for the encouragement to keep our little piece of the community going... We look forward to the day when we are back full force.
#weareallinthistogether



INTRODUCING VOPA ... FROM HOME!



For persons who have attended Strom Center over the years, you are aware of our on-going V.O.P.A. (Very Observant Person Award) weekly quiz. Each day we put up a clue and at the end of 5 days persons could guess the answer and win a prize. Well, we are now doing some ‘tweaking’ making this open to those at home. Each day, Monday through Wednesday, you can call Strom Center 309 734 5677 and hear a clue. On Thursdays there will be a clue plus a bonus clue. On Fridays, you may call in 309 734 5677 and give your answer.

Do you have a computer???

Email Strom Center at StromCenter4Us@Gmail.com and put your name on our VOPA list. You will receive a clue each day Monday – Wednesday, and a clue plus a bonus clue on Thursdays. You may then email your answer to Strom at StromCenter4Us@Gmail.com by Fridays.

All persons with correct answers will have their names put in a hat and one will be drawn. That winner receives a gift card to a local business.

By the way, Strom Center is open from 9AM – 1 PM so if you are ‘playing’ by phone, make your calls within those hours.

TELEPHONE ASSURANCE PROGRAM REMINDER....

Each month, Strom Center News highlights our Telephone Assurance Program....and each month we receive more requests for persons interested in either receiving or making daily/ weekly/ or other phone calls....

Volunteer callers make phone calls to persons who would like to receive a phone call daily, weekly, or however often. There is no cost to the program and it is a super great way for persons who are living alone, or even in an assisted living or nursing home, or who is a caregiver and needs to visit with someone to have contact with a caring person. *During the current pandemic, it is more important than ever to keep in touch with others...this program has proved to be a huge blessing to so many...*

If you wish to be a caller or if you wish to receive a call, please let Anne Liby, our program staff person know. Her email address is:

AnneLiby.StromCenter@gamil.com and her phone number is 309 221 6263.

RECOGNITIONS:



August Newsletter Assistant: **SHIRLEY PETERSON**

Mind Explorer Winners:

Warren County: **MARILYN PERRIN** Henderson County: None

submitted

Word Challenge: **"I Love Summertime"** Winners.....

Warren County: **MARILYN PERRIN** Henderson County: **JUDY ROESSLER**

A FEW REMINDERS..... STROM CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

- HOURS DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID19 THREAT ARE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9 AM - 1 PM.
- WE ARE TAKING APPOINTMENTS ONLY....PLEASE CALL 309 734 5677 FOR AN APPOINTMENT
- ALL PERSONS ENTERING STROM WILL HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE TAKEN AND MUST WEAR A FACIAL COVERING. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A MASK, ONE WILL BE PROVIDED .

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION!!

For Immediate Release:

August 25, 2020

Jesse White Announces One-Year Extension of Driver's License Expiration Dates for Seniors Age 75 and Older

New expiration date will be one year from current 2020 expiration date

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the expiration date for valid driver's licenses held by Illinois drivers who are 75 years of age or older has been extended for a period of one year past the licenses' current 2020 expiration date. As a result, drivers age 75 and older with a 2020 driver's license expiration date do not need to visit a facility to renew their driver's license until shortly before their birthday in 2021.

"I am mindful of the heightened risks associated with seniors contracting COVID-19, and that is why I have authorized this important change during this challenging and unique time," said White.

There are approximately 147,000 drivers age 75 and over with expired or expiring driver's licenses in 2020. Letters are being sent to drivers that qualify for this extension. The letter should be kept with the qualifying driver as further proof of the one-year extension. In addition, driving records on the Secretary of State's computer system have been updated to show the new 2021 expiration dates for qualified drivers, and law enforcement agencies both state and nationwide have been notified of the extended expiration dates.

In addition to being 75 of age or older, the driver must have a valid license; drivers who are suspended or revoked do not qualify for the one-year extension.

White is reminding all other drivers that expiration dates for driver's licenses/ID cards and license plate stickers have been extended until Nov. 1, 2020. As a result, expired documents will remain valid until Nov. 1 so customers under age 75 do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather.

For those customers who must visit a facility, face masks are required. In addition, these customers are asked to be patient due to heavy volume and to be prepared to wait outside in various types of weather. This is due to social distancing, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services – such as renewing license plate stickers – from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will avoid waiting in line at a facility.

Illinois law gives the Illinois Secretary of State the authority to extend driver's license expiration dates by up to one year.



MIND EXPLORER

'Mind Explorers' is a monthly feature of STROM CENTER NEWS. Answer the questions and turn them in or mail them in by the 20th of the month.

The person with the highest number of correct answers will be recognized in our next Monthly Newsletter.! (The winners will be drawn). This month's quiz is "JEOPARDY! (Category:Sounds like)" with a difficult-o-meter rating of 8.5+.....!!!

1. This famous city sounds like what an aimless person might do. What is

2. This term of endearment sounds like the name of an animal. What is : _____
3. This item you use in baking sounds like something grown in a garden. What is: _____
4. To pull something sounds like a body part. What is a : _____.
5. This kind of cracker is also a weight. What is a: _____
6. This powerfully built animal sounds like member of a group of fighters. What is a: _____
7. This passenger's cost to ride sounds like a place of entertainment. What is a: _____
8. This eerie sound sounds like a small stream of water. What is a : _____
9. This sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power sounds like something you might say to a baby. What is a: _____
10. These truths sound like an office machine. What are: _____

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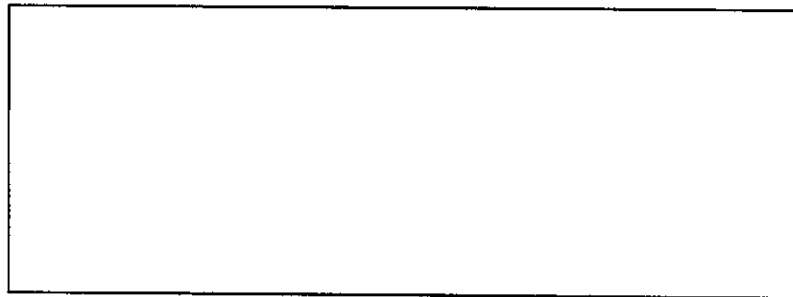
Answers to the Previous Mind Explorer (Winner is named on Recognition Page!)

1. The name of this game could also mean "scratch or grope around with one's fingers to hold on to something": **SCRABBLE**
2. The name of this game could also mean "sweet area": **CANDY LAND**
3. The name of this game could also mean" unimportant chase": **TRIVIAL PURSUIT**
4. The name of this game is also the name of President Nixon's pet: **CHECKERS**
5. The name of this game also means "hint": **CLUE**
6. "The exclusive possession or control of the supply of or trade in a commodity or service" is also the name of this game: **MONOPOLY**
7. Could these be Asian supermarket employees? **CHINESE CHECKERS**
8. This board game is full of sloping channels and inclines: **CHUTES AND LADDERS**
9. The name of this game could also be the utterance of a repentant person: **SORRY**
10. Possibly this game, invented in 1964, would interest kids who want to be doctors. **OPERATION**

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Carol Neal McCrery, Director

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