

STROM CENTER NEWS

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STROM CENTER TO REOPEN!!!

Strom Center is very happy to announce that we will be re-opening our center on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 9 AM. Hours are 9 AM – 4 PM daily, Monday through Friday.

Certain for re-opening are as follows:

1. Signs will be posted on the entry doors include health questions of possible Covid-19 exposure and health safety facts
2. Hand sanitizer will be available and encouraged upon entering the Main Area.
3. Persons entering the Main Area will be required to wear face coverings...(Strom has masks free of charge upon request)
4. Social Distancing will be required.
5. A limit of 45 persons in the Main Area will be enforced
6. Social Programs will be limited to those where the above conditions can be met.
7. Programs such as Bingo and Exercise classes will be set up with social distancing requirements.

We very much appreciated everyone's cooperation on the above. Our hope is that with that cooperation we will be able to maintain a safe environment for all.

Even though we are re-opening for socializing, staff will continue to assist persons **ONLY BY APPOINTMENT...NO WALK-INS, please!** (Call 309 734 5677 to make appointments). Staff will continue to sanitize offices following appointments and utilize desk shields for everyone's safety. Staff will consistently sanitize all areas throughout the days.

STROM CENTER'S RE-OPENING PLANS FOR OUR OQUAWKA SITE IS PROJECTED FOR MAY.....Be watching in our May edition of Strom Center News for details!

**Reminder from Tina Conard, Warren County Clerk/
Recorder & Election Authority...**

The Consolidated Election is to be held in Warren County on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. The entire Public Notice regarding the election is on Strom Center's Entrance Bulletin Board. However, the phone number for questions regarding the election is 309 73 4612.





What....BINGO EVERY WEEK?????

The answer is YES !! All seniors and disabled persons will have the choice of playing BINGO at our center in Monmouth AND / OR to play it on ZOOM.

For persons coming to Strom to play, remember to wear your face masks and we will be social distancing...

Dates and time for each:



- **Bingo at Strom:** Tuesday, April 13th from 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 27th from 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM

ZOOM BINGO

- Tuesday, April 6th from 1:00 PM– 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 20th from 1:00 PM– 2:00 PM

Registering is required for Zoom Bingo by calling Strom 309 734 5677 by April 1st so that Bingo packets can be delivered to participants. Zoom can be played by landline phone, cell phone, laptop, tablets...call Strom if you need additional information about Zoom Bingo.

IMPORTANT NEWS

For Persons enrolled in Indy Medicare D Plans..

Unfortunately, both Indy Medicare D Prescription Drug Plan contracts have been terminated and therefore persons with those plans can expect the following to occur:

Effective March 22nd through March 31st, claims will not be processed but there will be coverage though a program called Li-Net during those dates. Also, during those dates, persons will be assigned a new Medicare D plan by CMS, for an April 1st start date. BUT persons are allowed to choose a plan themselves for an April 1st start date.... If that choice is not made BEFORE April 1st and new plan which will take effect on May 1st is allowed but only UNTIL APRIL 30th!!

What is Strom Staff doing to help during this transition? Staff are attempting to contact each person for whom Strom staff enrolled in the Indy plans. If, by chance there has not been a communication and re-enrollments provided, you still have until the April 30th deadline to choose another plan that would best provide the most cost effective plan that cover your prescriptions.

THIS IS ONLY FOR PERSONS ENROLLED IN THE INDY MEDICARE D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS AND DOES NOT IMPACT ANY OTHER MEDICARE D PLANS.

BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE QUILT TO BE RAFFLED...



Pictured above and right, Anne Liby and the beautiful quilt she is donating for upcoming raffle.



ANNE LIBY is offering a beautiful handmade quilt to be raffled at Strom Center. The outside frame is brown with beautifully counted-cross stitched orange floral centers which match the back orange color. The size is generously measured at 61 inches wide by 82 inches long.

The quilt may be viewed in our Main Area (and as has been printed in this newsletter...Strom Center is open as of April 5th...) for all to see.

Cost of raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on July 2nd. You need not be present to win. Proceeds will go toward emergency assistance for seniors and /or disabled persons.

THANK YOU, ANNE for such a beautiful donation!



DISCOUNTED LAB DRAW

The Warren County Health Department located at 240 South Main Street, Monmouth, IL, is offering Discounted Lab Draws during the month of April, 2021.

There is a \$60 lab fee which includes: Full Lipid Panel, Hemoglobin A1c, Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, and Complete Blood Count.

PSA screening is \$25.

This lab work is by appointment only. Call (309)734-1314, ext. 3 to set up an appointment. Clients will need to fast for these labs, so nothing except water for 12 hours prior to your appointment. Please bring either cash or check for payment.

A copy of your results will be mailed to your home, and can be faxed to your primary care provider upon request.

TINA BARMAN...is retiring! Many persons in this area are familiar with a super compassionate person...TINA BARMAN, who has been with Alternatives for 35 years. Tina has visited seniors in setting up needed services, ensuring that programs are in place and provided a whole host of other areas of assistance for many...and *always* with a smile on her face. We are going to miss her, but wish her the very best in her retirement.

RECOGNITIONS...

V.O.P.A. February Winners.....

Week #1: Winner: DONNA SMOCK Answer: LITTER
Week #2: Winner: BEV VANRIPER Answer: POCKET
Week #3: Winner: DONNA SMOCK Answer: PICKLE
Week #4: Winner: DONNA SMOCK Answer: DESSERTS
GRAND FINALE: BEV VANRIPER

March Newsletter Assistance: SHIRLEY CALDWELL

Strom Thrift Shop News Corner April 2021

Welcome to 

Our first month back at regular hours went *great*... We were and are happy to see our Thrift Shop family, regulars & new friends alike... Thank you for all the kind words on the changes we've made at the shop.. We appreciate it!!!

Sales are a little different month... We are putting ALL the clothes on a 25% discount every FRIDAY AND SATURDAY in April: (9th & 10th) (16th & 17th) (23rd & 24th) and the 30th
All washed and ready to wear!!!!

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION SALE is April 2nd and 3rd 25% OFF EVERYTHING including the backroom !!

The sales floor racks are filling up with summer apparel for the whole family, washed and ready to wear... Shelves and displays are loaded with spring items: flowers, planters, vases and indoor/outdoor décor... Furniture is being added to the backroom (as space allows)...

Items are added daily.... Watch for upcoming Special announcements and sales... On our Face book page... Strom Thrift Shop

Strom Thrift Shop, 211 South A, Monmouth Ill. 61462 Phone: 309-224-8657

Open Monday thru Friday 8 AM – 4 PM & Saturday 8 AM- 2:30 PM

- Masks and social distancing...
- Stop at top of 2nd floor landing to be processed in, temping and using hand sanitizer

HENDERSON COUNTY SENIORS PAGE...

It is amazing and truly admirable the many 'grass-roots' movements which have taken place in Henderson County...movements which were the thoughts and dreams and later actions by few that have grown to impact so many. One of the many dreams which became a reality is the **Henderson County Food Pantry**.

In the spring of 1983 the Henderson County Food Cellar was established and was named such as its location was in the basement of Oquawka's Town Hall. It was the earliest food pantry in Henderson County.

A move was made in 1987 to the Housing Authority building at 204 West Mercer Street in Oquawka. For the next 33 years the Housing Authority graciously provided space for the food pantry to continue serving persons from all of Henderson County.

The Henderson County Food Pantry made another move the week of March 16, 2021 when it moved from the Housing Authority building to 230 Schuyler Street in Oquawka, IL. The location is easily recognized by a large red chair in the yard, a gift from Former Mayor Robert Eldridge.

The Henderson County Food Pantry is open from 1 PM to 3 PM on Monday and Thursday afternoons. The following Income Eligibility Guidelines are in place:

- A household of 1 with monthly income of \$1967 or less
- A household of 2 with a monthly income of \$2658 or less
- Households with more than 2 persons increase accordingly.

Perishable food items vary on a monthly basis but staple foods are readily available. Persons interested in helping as a volunteer are urged to call 309 867 2872



Henderson
County Food
Pantry's
present
location: 230
Schuyler Street,
Oquawka, IL

*Thank you to GARNETT PIRTLE for this valuable and informative information and
Strom Staff Member Lisa Ray for pictures*

APRIL 2021 Events

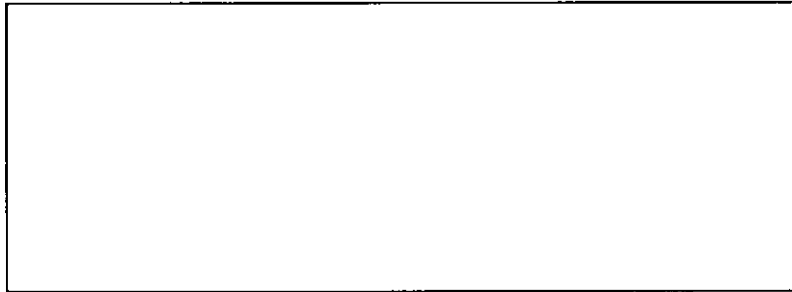
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 Strom Center, Oquawka will be open in May... More details in May, 2021 Strom Center News.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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211 South A Street, Monmouth, IL 61462

Henderson County Site: 410 Schuyler Street, Oquawka, IL 61469

Fax: 309-539-4256 Toll-free: 833 856 9624

Strom Center Monmouth Site: 309 734 5677

Strom Center Oquawka Site: 309 536 2558 (Please call Strom Monmouth site for appointments 309 734 5677)

Carol Neal McCrery, Director

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Strom Center does not discriminate in admission to programs or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act; the U.S. Civil Rights Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Employment Act; and the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have a right to file a complaint with the Illinois Department on Aging. For information call 800-252-8966 (Voice and TDD) or contact Programs and Services Manager at Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging at 800-322-1051.

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