



STROM CENTER NEWS

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LOOKING BACK....LOOKING FORWARD.....



What a year 2021 has been! Actually, for the past 2 years Covid-19 has presented challenges which we could never have imagined...Fortunately, we have weathered many storms and we are now at a place, where even though we can't let our guard down, we are able to cope a bit better. There are **ALWAYS** lessons to be learned through all adversities as well as even finding silver linings such as1) Realizing that we are not alone, we are all in this **together** 2) we realize how **truly resilient** we are and 3) if we choose to do so we are able to think of ways to meet challenges head on instead of giving in to them, which makes us **even stronger**.

I look back at 2021 and count my many many blessings. I know, I know you have heard this before!....but I have a super great staff; persons who consider Strom Center more of a mission than a job. I have witnessed each one go the extra mile many times and each brings unique talents and gifts to Strom.

Strom Center's board members are each very dedicated and active at Strom Center..they bring great ideas to the table and truly realize our center's objectives.

Our Volunteers are *GREAT!* Both in the Thrift Shop and Strom's main programs...we couldn't do what we do to the extent that we do, without their selfless sacrifices....

Annnd real blessings are realized through interaction with visitors and clients....Many, many...have become great friends.

Looking Forward there will be somewhat of a change here at Strom Center... For over 3 decades I have been able to assist clients in many areas as well as carry on the administrative role. But the time has come for me to focus more on the administrative requirements...which by the way are becoming more and more demanding. When persons call for assistance, Lisa Ray (the person at the 'hub' of our center) will be directing them to program staff members. However, I will **ALWAYS** be available to the Staff as a Resource Person as well as someone they can depend on for any advice

or direction concerning client matters....I can honestly say that each one has a great amount of experience as well as knowledge on nearly any issue which might present itself; as well all hold certifications verifying knowledge in many areas. Again....I'm not leaving...just concentrating on programs, funding, and meeting reporting obligations.

During my past 34 years there have been countless changes...but the mission has always remained the same...to do the best we can to meet the needs of all seniors and disabled persons....that mission will **NEVER** change!
What a privilege and honor to be a part of this center and this community...

A Happy and Blessed New Year to All!



Welcome to the World of **ZOOM!!**

By now most persons have heard of the term ZOOM...but may not know what ZOOM is. Thank Goodness for staff member Stephanie Reading who has brought ZOOM into Strom Center's world. When Covid hit, we all tried to think of ways to stay connected to persons who did not feel safe mingling with others and therefore were confined to their homes. Staff member Anne Liby didn't hesitate a minute to help organize and put our "Telephone Assurance" program into place...a program which includes callers and persons requesting a calls to provide a 'connection' and interaction with the outside world. The program has proved to be a real blessing to many....However...we also wanted a way for people to be together even though they couldn't actually be in the same room as others....Hmmmmm....

Back to ZOOM....if a person has a computer, tablet, and or smartphone they **can be in a room with many others** while actually sitting in their own living room. You have the ability to see each other, talk with each other, play games such as bingo together...all by means of a device. Even persons who have land lines can enter in, maybe not seeing others, but still interacting with others at the same time.



Using ZOOM, Stephanie has even set up a **BINGO STUDIO** in her own office. She has creatively added props matching holidays

and events..She is visible to others who have joined her on ZOOM and they play Bingo as if they were all together in an actual room.

Stephanie has instructed many on how to join in ZOOM activities. On Tuesday, **January 18th at 11 AM** she will hold an informational training on how to participate. She will walk participants through the steps and even provide written instructions on the process. We plan to start ZOOM Bingo again in February and hope to have many persons join in the fun. It is EASY, FUN, and a GREAT way to get together and it is totally FREE.

Plans are being made to provide other programs and games through ZOOM.....This is a great time to get acquainted with ZOOM because it is definitely here to stay!

Sign up is not required for the training but would be appreciated so Stephanie knows how many handouts to provide. Call Lisa at 309 734 5677 to sign up. See you on the 18th! If you can't come on the 18th, we can mail step by step instructions to you..

From Thrift Shop Manager, Crystal Vanskike....

2022
Happy New Year

January 2022...

Happy New Year to one and ALL... We are starting off the new year with filling the Strom Thrift Shop with winter items to keep you warm and looking ahead to Valentines Day. Clothing, decorations, and gifts and knick-knacks priced to please!!!

Customer Appreciation Weekend
Friday Jan. 7th and Saturday Jan. 8th
25% OFF Everything in the shop!!!
(Including the seasonal & sale items)

January SALES..
Greeting Cards 5/\$1.00

Manager Sales will be posted on our Strom Thrift Shop Facebook Page.. Please Like, Follow and Share. We also post weather related closings for the Strom Thrift Shop and the Strom Senior Center

Remember..... Items are added daily.....All are washed and ready to wear!!!

We are located in the Strom Center Building, 2nd floor (Elevator available) at 211 South A Street, Monmouth, IL Our hours are Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm and Saturday 8am-2:30pm
Ph. #309-224-8657



SANTA FOR SENIORS....GREAT SUCCESS !!



This year's Santa for Seniors was a huge success as it benefitted over 160 seniors and disabled persons in both Warren and Henderson Counties. Strom Center and Security Savings Bank partnered to ensure persons had gifts on Christmas. Very generous persons took 'coded' tags from the Christmas Tree at Security Savings, shopped for, bought and wrapped presents to provide Christmas presents.

Our thanks go out to Security Savings Bank, the many individuals, businesses, clubs, and families who donated money to go towards 'extras' as well as those persons who took the tags. We also thank the staff and volunteers who delivered presents. LISA RAY deserves a BIG thank you for distributing applications, creating the tags, and organizing the program....(she is one efficient lady!).

Pictured are staff and volunteers getting ready to deliver Santa for Seniors presents: L to R: Stephanie Reading, Lisa Ray, in front Shirley Caldwell, behind is Crystal Vanskike, Lynda Melvin, Anne Liby, Carol McCrery, Kathy Ferrenburg.





JANUARY BINGO DATES AT STROM CENTER IN MONMOUTH...

Tuesday, January 11th at 1 PM & Tuesday, January 25th at 1 PM

Refreshments and drink are available....Cost is only 25 cents per card

JANUARY TRIAD



On Thursday, January 13th at 1 PM the Warren County Triad meeting will be held at

Strom Center. Speaker for the program will be Executive Director of the Monmouth Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Kinzer. We look forward to learning more about the Chamber and how it greatly impacts our community.

The Warren County Triad is made up of Senior Program providers, Law Enforcement, as well as Seniors and all others interested in senior topics.

The main goal of TRIAD is to make seniors aware of scams as well as keeping them updated on issues relating to the senior population. Questions are encouraged. There are no dues nor sign-ups required. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments are served following the meeting.



The CREATOR
PATTY SCHWASS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Although we have several very disappointed persons who really wanted the beautiful throw created by **PATTY SCHWASS**...the lucky name drawn at our Christmas party was **JOAN BENNETT!**

Thank you so much to Patty for yet again donating a beautiful hand woven throw at Christmas to be raffled.

And Congrats to Joan!



THE WINNER !!
JOAN BENNETT

Hopefully this Strom Center News will arrive early enough for persons to be reminded of the New Year's Day Potluck at noon. Bring a dish to pass... Plates, silverware, cups/glasses will be furnished. After enjoying a delicious meal, Bingo will be played. Great way to start the New Year!!

Christmas 2021 at Strom Center



SANTA FOR SENIORS ELVES

STROM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



SECURITY SAVINGS BANK SANTA FOR SENIORS 'ELVES' L to R: SUSAN GILLILAND, KONSTANZE FOWLER & JANINE O'DANIEL



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JANUARY 2022 EVENTS

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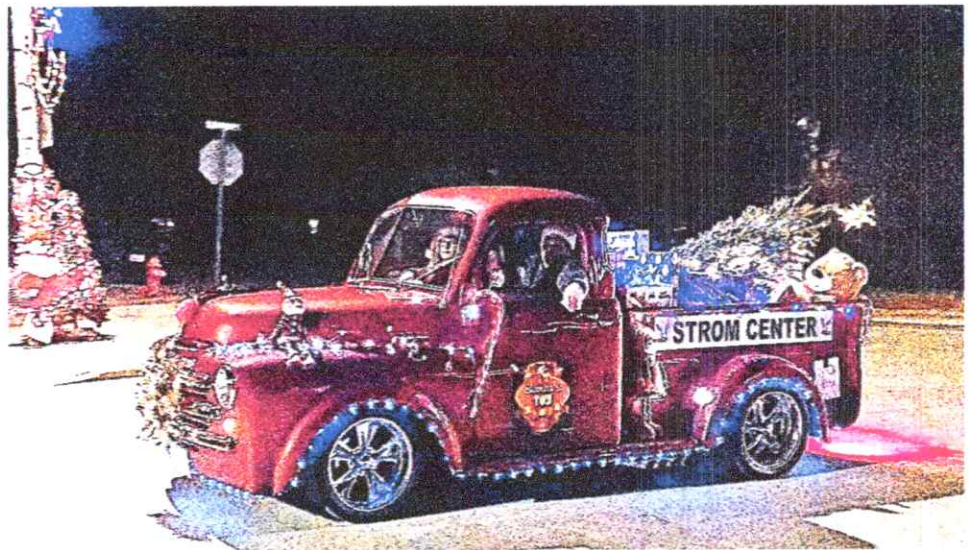
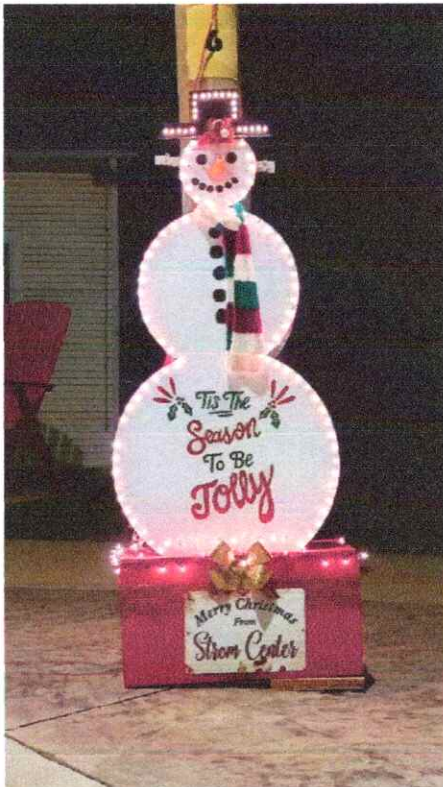
STROM CENTER'S

HENDERSON COUNTY SENIORS



CONGRATULATIONS!!!...To GENE RAY and MARY ALICE HUNTOON. Both were selected by the Stronghurst Village Board as Grand Marshalls/ Shining Stars for the 2021 Stronghurst Christmas Parade. They were selected for “their long-time commitment and dedication to our village.”

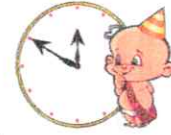
Strom Center participated in both the Oquawka Christmas Pole Decorating Contest and the Annual Christmas Parade. We are so excited to announce we won 1st Place in the Pole Decorating Contest and 2nd Place in the Parade!! Shout Outs to **KEVIN JOHN** and **SCOTT RAY** for cutting and assembling our pole along with **LISA RAY** and other Staff members and to **BRIAN** and **MELINDA CLARK** for representing Strom Center with their vintage truck. We are blessed to have the support from our communities for our senior programs!! **Thank you again to Kevin, Scott, our Lisa , Brian and Melinda!!**



JANUARY BINGO DAYS IN OUR OQUAWKA HENDERSON CENTER:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH. TIME: 1 – 3 PM. EACH PERSON IS ALLOWED UP TO 4 CARDS FREE; 25 CENTS FOR EACH ADD'L CARD. REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED DURING THE AFTERNOON.

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 "New Year But Not Forgotten Oldies" with a difficult-o-meter rating of 8.0...!!

1. From 1956 through 1970, David Brinkley co-anchored NBC's top-rated nightly news program with co-host: _____
2. In the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" who played the role of the boss, Lou Grant? _____
3. "A little dab will do ya" was the tune used in ads for this men's hair styling product: _____
4. In the "Perry Mason" show, what actor played Perry's often called on detective? _____
5. This set of books, published from 1766-2010 and found in many homes, became obsolete with the growing rise of the internet: _____
6. First opening in 1879 and offering items for 5 to 10 cents, this chain of stores eventually closed in the 1960's as Walmart, Kmart, and Target came on the scene: _____
7. In "The Lone Ranger" tv series, what was the name of Tonto's horse? _____
8. In the 1950's, what was the name of the headwear boys wanted after the Davy Crocket series became popular? _____
9. In 1959, after a long battle in court, the name of "Carter's Little Liver Pills" was changed to: _____
10. His name at birth was Archibald Alec Leach, but his movie fans knew him as: _____

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

1. In the "Twelve days of Christmas", on the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:

FIVE GOLDEN RINGS

2. What were the 3 gifts brought by the Wise Men? **GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, MYRRH**
3. According to Popular Mechanics, in the year 1950, the most popular board game was: A) Sorry, B) Operation, or C) Candy Land: _____

4. According to Guinness Book of World Records, what Christmas song has sold the most singles? **WHITE CHRISTMAS**

5. Originally written in Latin as Adeste Fideles, we know this favorite Christmas song as : **COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

6. Which 3 of Santa's reindeer names start with the letter "D"? **DASHER, DANCER, DONNER.**

7. Who first sang, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"? **JIMMY BOYD**

8. Who was the famous author of the beloved "A Christmas Carol" story? **CHARLES DICKENS**

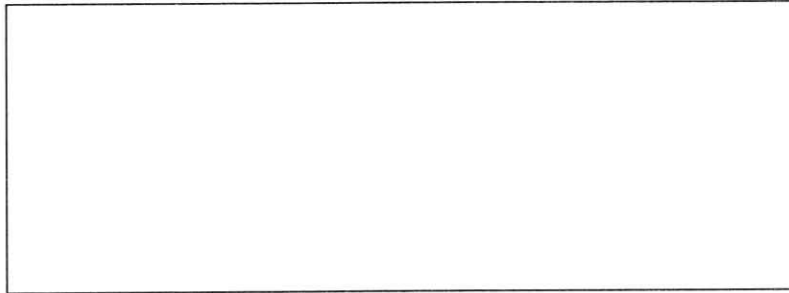
9. Linda, Lulu and Loretta made cookies for the Christmas party. Lula made 57 chocolate chip cookies, Loretta made 1/3 as many cookies as Lula, and Linda made twice as many as Loretta. How many cookies did the 3 women make altogether? **114**

10. Unscramble these letters to find something seen at Christmas time: EANYCENTVISIT 2 words): **NATIVITY SCENE**

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Carol Neal McCrery, Director

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